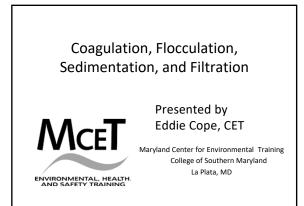
Coagulation, Flocculation, Sedimentation, and Filtration

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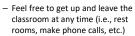


Process Training Session

• Before class starts, please sign in on the attendance sheet

During class, please:

 Asks questions as we discuss water treatment processes



• After class, please fill out a class evaluation form

Ice Breaker

• Before we start, let's introduce ourselves.

– Name,

- What do you do, and
- What are your training needs?

Water Treatment - Overview

- All Surface Water Treatment Plants:
- ✓ Are subject to Surface Water Treatment Rule (SDWA, Subpart H) requirements for:
 - ➤ Filtration
 - ➤ Disinfection
- Are dependent on coagulation, flocculation, (sedimentation) and filtration techniques to meet drinking water standards
- ✓ Are subject to Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule requirements for Cryptosporidium removals

Introduction Definitions

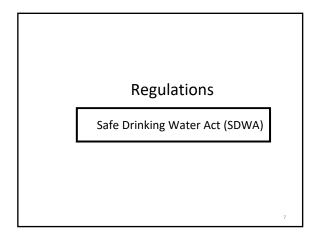
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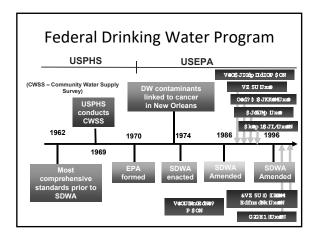
- COAGULANTS

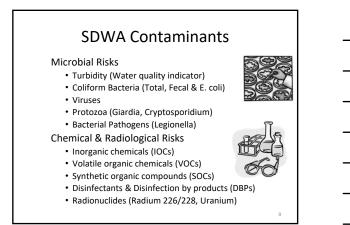
 Chemicals used to produce unstable particles and to react with turbidity to form larger particles. One can use more than one coagulant e.g., metal (Al or Fe) salts and high charge density polymers. Both are coagulants or dual coagulants.

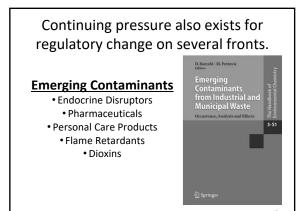
- FLOCCULANT AIDS

- High Molecular Weight Organic Polymers
- Role is to Bridge Particles Together into Larger Floc Particles; May Also Strengthen Floc
- FILTER AIDS
 - High Molecular Weight Organic Polymers
 - Role is to Bridge Particles to Filter Grains or to Previously Retained Particles within Filter Bed











Federal Rules

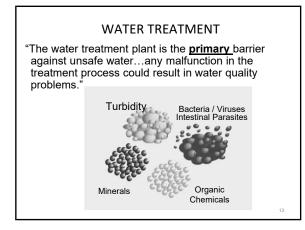
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- Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR 1989) Surface water sources must receive filtration and disinfection

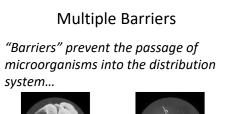
 - ▶ Finished water turbidity standard of \leq 0.5 NTU Concentration and time (C x T) requirements for disinfection
- Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rules (ESWTR - 1998 - 2006)
 - ▶ Finished water turbidity standard of \leq 0.3 NTU
 - > Benchmarking / profiling for Cryptosporidium removal

http://www.epa.gov/safewater/

Water Treatment
Overview





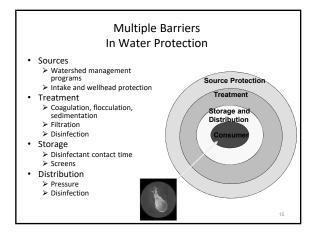




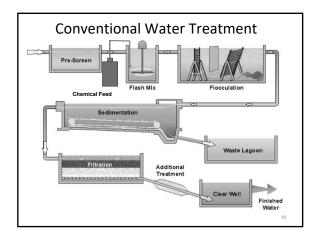


Cryptosporidium

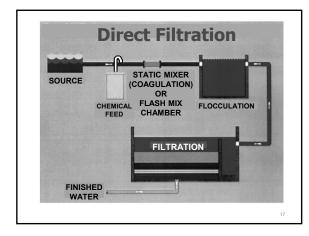
Giardia

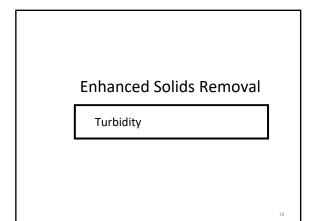












Bench-top Turbidimeter

• Measurement of "cloudiness" in the water

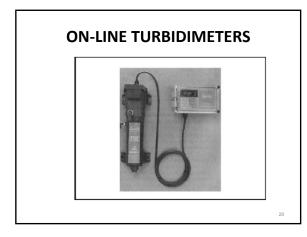
• Expressed in NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units)

 Basis for regulatory compliance and process control

• Turbidimeters must be calibrated to maintain accuracy



Primary Standards



Classes of Microorganisms: The Microbial World Viruses: smallest (0.02-0.3 µm diameter); simplest: nucleic acid + protein coat (+ lipoprotein envelope)

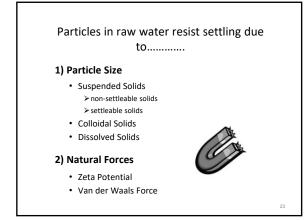
Bacteria: 0.5-2.0 µm diameter; prokaryotes; cellular; simple internal org.; binary fission.

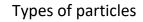
Protozoa: most >2 μm - 2 mm; eucaryotic; uni-cellular; non-photosynthetic; flexible cell membrane.; wide range of sizes and shapes; hardy cysts and oocysts; flagellates (*Giardia* sp.), amoebae, ciliates, sporozoans (*Cryptosporidium* sp.) and microsporidia.

Cryptosporidium parvum oocyst

		all Particles
	0	
ABLE 4-1 Natural se	ettling rates for small particle	
Particle Diameter, mm	Representative Particle	Time Required to Settle in 1-ft (0.3-m) Depth
		Settleable
10	Gravel	0.3 seconds
1	Coarse sand	3 seconds
0.1	Fine sand	38 seconds
0.01	Silt	33 minutes
		Considered Nonsettleab
0.001	Bacteria	55 hours
0.0001	Color	230 days
0.00001	Colloidal particles	6.3 years
0.000001	Colloidal particles	63-year minimum

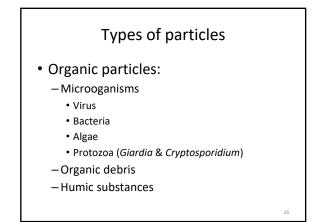






Inorganic

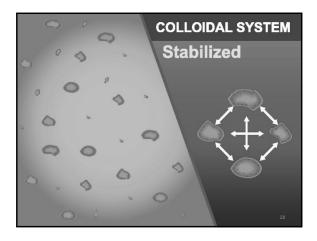
- Clays
- Metal oxides and hydroxides
 - Al(OH)₃ floc in coagulation
 - $Fe(OH)_3$ floc from oxidation of FeII & coagulation
 - MnO₂ from oxidation of MnII
 - SiO₂ (silica)
- Carbonates
 - CaCO₃ and CaMgCO₃



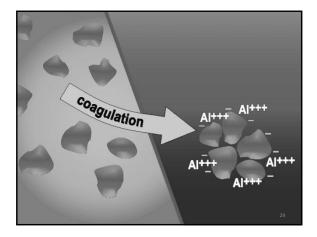
Water Treatment	
Coagulation	

Coagulation – Process Description

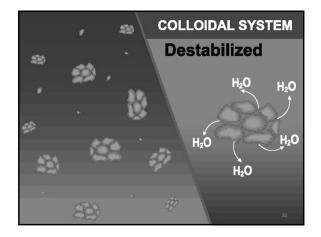
- Adding and rapid mixing of chemical coagulants into the raw water.
- The process of adding a chemical or combination of chemicals to neutralize the electrostatic charges on suspended particles in raw water so that they will attract to form larger particles.













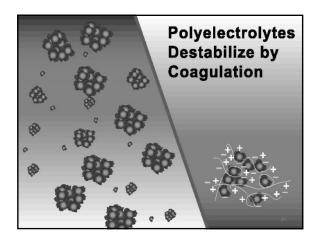
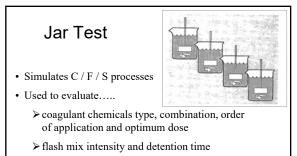




TABLE 4-2 Common coagulation chemicals			
Common Name	Chemical Formula	Comments	
Aluminum sulfate	Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃ · 14(H ₂ O)	Most common coagulant in the United States; often used with cationic polymers	
Ferric chloride	FeCl ₃	May be more effective than alus in some applications	
Ferric sulfate	Fe2(SO4)3	Often used with lime softening	
Ferrous sulfate	Fe2(SO4)3 · 7H2O	Less pH dependent than alum	
Aluminum polymers	_	Include polyaluminum chloride and polyaluminum sulfates	
Cationic polymers	_	Synthetic polyelectrolytes; large molecules	
Sodium aluminate	Na2Al2O4	Used with alum to improve coagulation	
Sodium silicate	Na ₂ O \cdot (SiO ₂) _x	x can range from 0.5 to 4.0; ingredient of activated silica coagulant aids	



- \succ flocculator speed and detention time
- ≻ Settling velocity (for sedimentation basin)

Jar Test



- Should be conducted....
 - ➤ using raw water as sample
 - whenever there are changes in raw water quality (turbidity, color, pH, alkalinity, temperature)
 - \succ at least once per day
- Modified version of of jar test should be conducted in-plant to verify results

pH and Alkalinity Tests



- Should be conducted on raw water and in conjunction with jar test
- Indicates if pH / alkalinity needs to be adjusted for improved coagulation
- Requires pH meter, burette, and ${\rm H}_2 {\rm SO}_4$



Effects of pH & Alkalinity on Coagulation

Aluminum and Ferric based coagulants.....

- react better in waters within a certain pH range and alkalinity range.
 - ≻Alum: 5.5 7.5
 - ➤ Ferric: 5.0 8.5
- require adequate alkalinity for optimum coagulation
 > Alum: 1 mg/L converts 0.5 mg/L of CaCO₃
 > Ferric: 1 mg/L converts 0.75 mg/L of CaCO₃
- are very acidic and will reduce pH / alkalinity

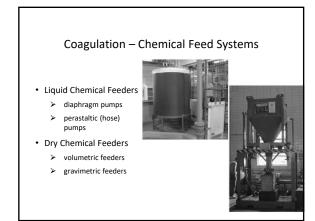
Effects of Water Temperature on Coagulation

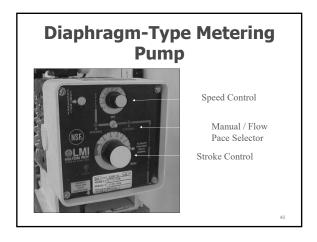
- Warm Water = Improved Coagulation
- Cold Water = Reduced Coagulation

Effects of **Turbidity** on Coagulation

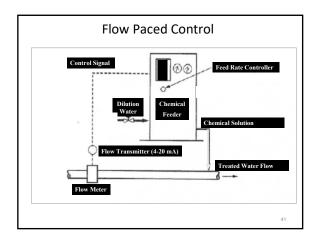
- Low turbidity
 - \succ Sometimes difficult to form a proper floc
 - More coagulant may be needed
 - \succ Coagulant aid / weighting agent may need to be applied

- Fluctuating turbidity
 - ≻ coagulant dose must be adjusted





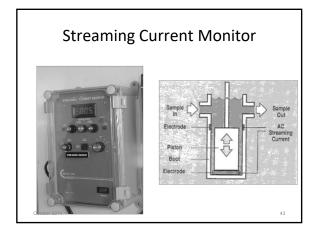




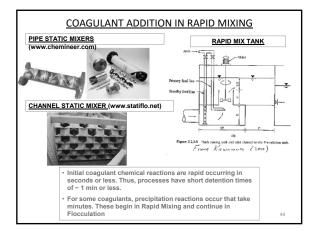


Degree of coagulation with different zeta potential ranges			
	Average Zeta Potential	Degree of Coagulation	
	+3 to 0	Maximum	
	-1 to -4	Excellent	
	-5 to -10	Fair	
	-11 to -20	Poor	
	-21 to -30	Virtually none	
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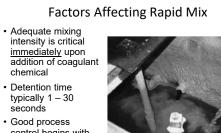












control begins with regular monitoring of the raw and settled water quality



Poor mixing intensity

Safety Factors – Chemical Feed Systems

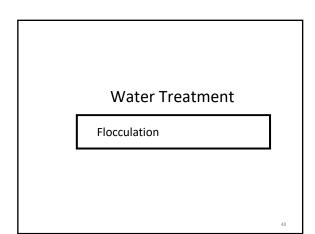
- Hazard Communication Program & MSDS
- · Alum and Ferric based chemicals have a very low pH (acidic)
- Sodium hydroxide has a very high pH (basic)
- Incompatible chemicals if mixed together in concentrated form can generate tremendous heat and cause an explosion.
 - ≻Examples: dry alum and quicklime
- · Liquid polymers spilled on floor presents falling hazard
- · Proper storage and handling of chemicals is critical

Safety Factors – Chemical Feed Systems

- Chemical storage areas:
 Kept dry
 - Kept dryWell ventilated
 - Heated (where liquid chemicals are stored)
 - Used only for the storage of chemicals
 - Secondary containment provided
 - "Incompatible chemicals" stored separately

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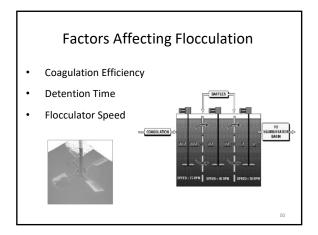
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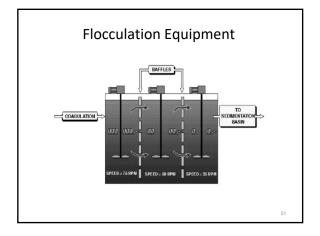
Flocculation – Process Description

 Gentle stirring of the water (after coagulation has been accomplished) to bring suspended particles together so that they will form larger, more settleable clumps called floc.

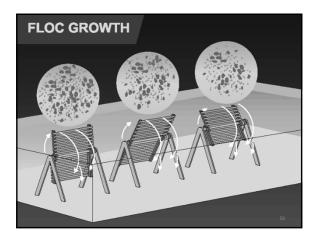
- Detention time typically 10 30 minutes
- Flow through velocity typically 0.5 1.5 ft/sec



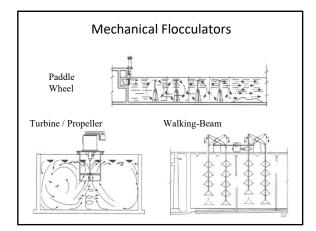




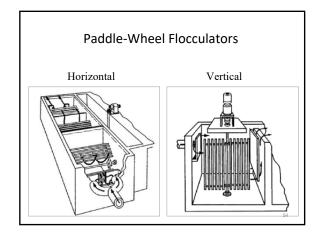












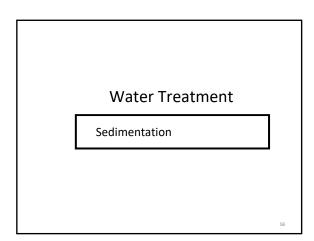


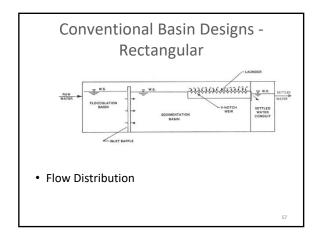
Flocculation – Operational Considerations

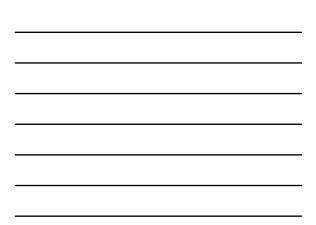
- Floc building in size / density through the process
 - Paddle speed adjusted to prevent shearing or settling of the floc
 - > All paddles intact and all flocculators operating
 - > Look for indicators of short circuiting
 - > Speed adjusted as temperature (water density) changes

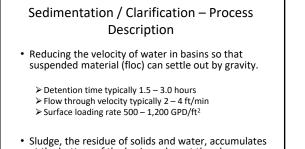
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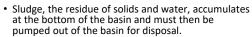
> Adequate number of units in service

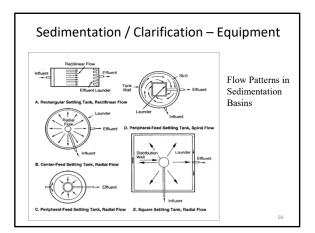




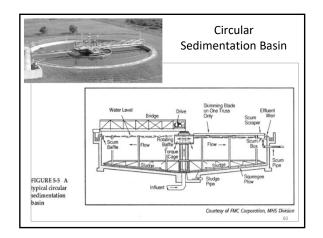




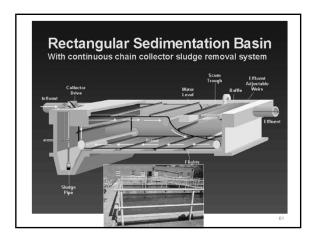




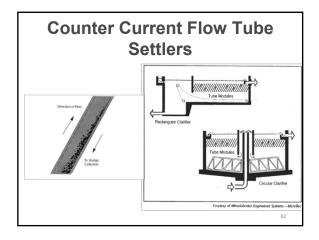




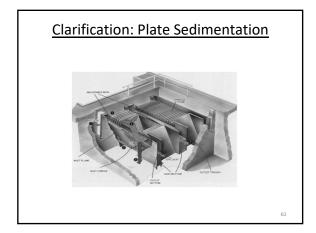


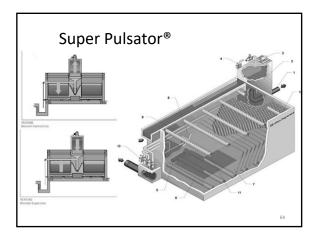














How Does Solids Contact **Clarification Work?**

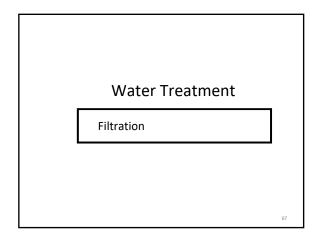
- Particles in Water are Pulsed Into Contact with Floc in the Sludge Blanket
 - Agglomeration of particles
 - Can intercept particles
- · Key is to Balance Floc Size and Density with the Upflow Velocity
 - Controlled in multiple stages

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Performance Goals - Sedimentation

- Turbidity ≤ 2 NTU 95% time when source turbidity > 10 NTU
- Turbidity \leq 1 NTU 95% time when source turbidity \leq 10 NTU
- Factors affecting sedimentation
 - Efficiency of C/F Processes
 Detention Time

 - Surface Loading Rate
 - Weir Overflow
 - Temperature
 - Density Currents • Wind
 - Sludge Build-up



Filtration

Process Description

Removal of suspended matter by passing the water through a granular porous medium such as sand, anthracite coal, or a membrane.

- Overall Goals:
 - Surface Water Treatment Rule (SWTR)
 > Surface sources must receive filtration and disinfection
 > Finished water turbidity standard of 0.5 NTU
 - Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR)
 Finished water turbidity standard of 0.3 NTU
 Benchmarking / profiling for Cryptosporidium removal

Approaches to Filtration

- Filtration by Granular Media
 Conventional Treatment
 Direct Filtration
 - ➤Slow Sand Filtration
- Diatomaceous Earth Filtration
- Bag and Cartridge Filtration
- Membrane Filtration
- Reverse Osmosis (RO)

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Filtration Process Variables

• Filter media

- Grain size
 Shape
- Density
 Composition
 Porosity

- Filtration RateAllowable Head Loss
- Liquid Characteristics (e.g., temperature)

Filtration Process Variables (cont)

- Influent Characteristics
- Suspended solids concentration
- Particle size
- Particle charge

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Water Filtration Media

Filter Efficiency

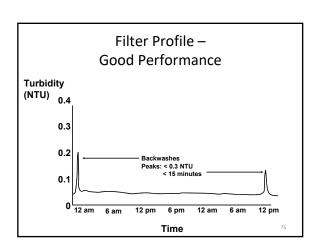
- Filter media qualities
 - Effective size
 - Uniformity coefficient
 - Specific gravity

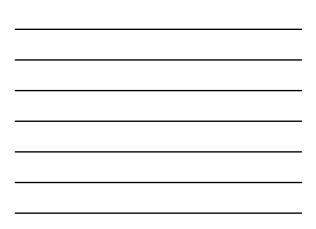


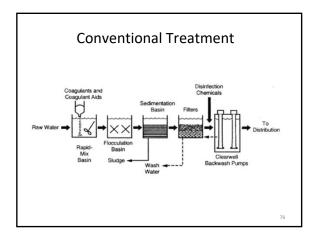
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Filter Media

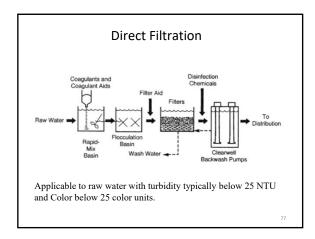
- A sand filter bed with a relatively uniform grain size can provide effective filtration
- Dual media filter beds usually use anthracite and sand
- Multimedia filter beds generally use anthracite, sand, and garnet
- Advantages of dual and multimedia filters are: – Higher filtration rates
 - Ability to filter a water with higher turbidity
 Possibly longer filtration runs



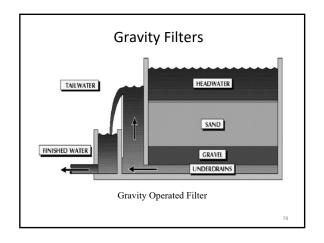




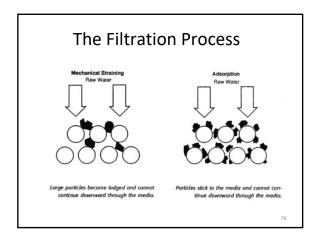




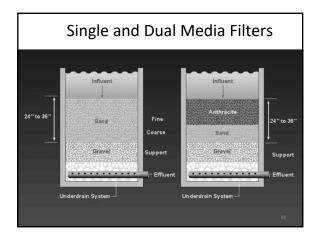




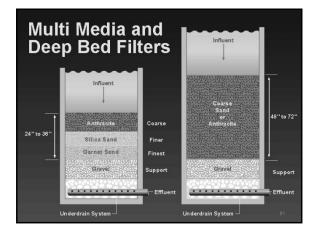




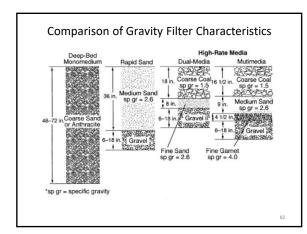












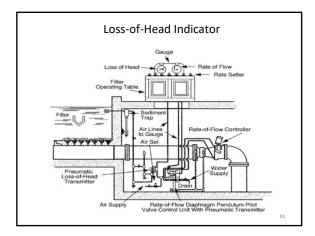


Comparison of Gravity Filter Characteristics			
<u>Characteristic</u>	Slow Sand Filters	Conventional Rapid Sand Filters	High-Rate Filters
Filtration Rate:	0.05 gpm/ft ²	2 gpm/ft ²	3-8 gpm/ft ²
Media:	Sand	Sand	Sand and Coal or Sand, Coal, & Garne
Media Distribution:	Un-stratified	Stratified	Stratified
Filter Runs:	20-60 days	12-36 hours	12-36 hours
Loss of Head:	0.2 feet initial to 4 feet final	1 foot initial to 8 or 9 feet final	1 foot initial to 8 or 9 feet final
Amount of Backwash Water Used:	No Backwash	2-4% of water filtered	6% of water filtered



Filter Flow Control Equipment

- Loss-of-Head Indicator
- Rate-of-Flow Controller
- On-line Turbidimeter





Rate-of-Flow Controller

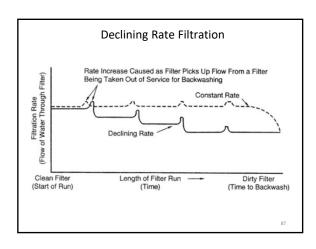


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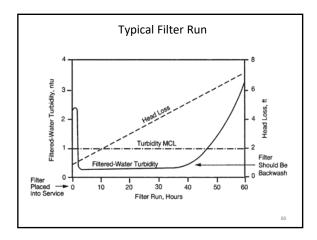
Constant Rate

Utilizes Rate-of-Flow Controller

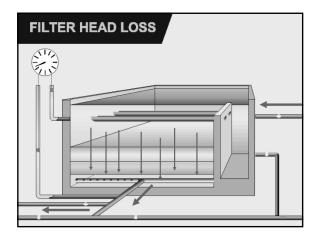
- Declining Rate
 - ➢ Does not use Rate of Flow Controller



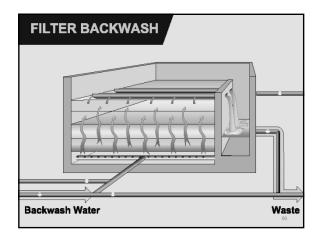




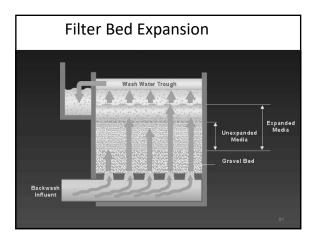




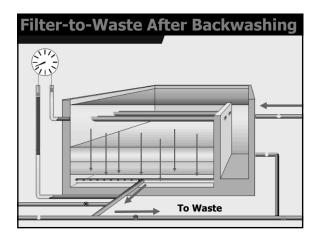


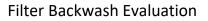




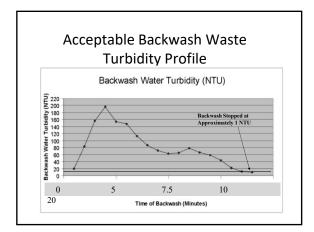




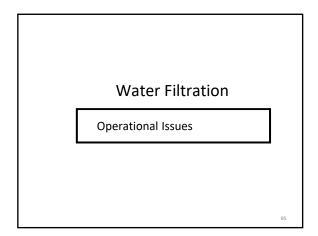




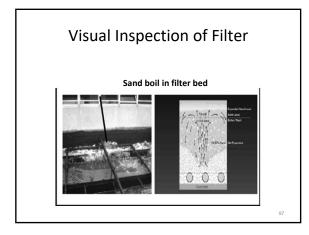
- Watch the backwash
 > Boils (uneven flow distribution)
 - Media carryover
 - ≻Clarity of wash water (turbidity)
- Observe filter media following backwash ≻Cracks and evenness







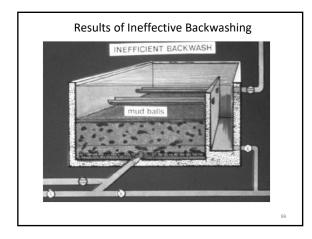


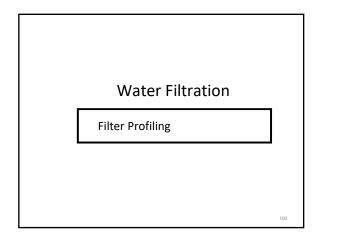




Results of Improper Backwashing

- Turbidity Breakthrough
- Short filter runs
- Air binding
- Mudball formation
- Filter bed shrinkage
- Gravel displacement
- Damage to underdrains
- Media loss







• Filter Backwash Recycling Rule (FBRR)

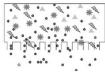
- Reduces risks from recycling contaminants removed during filtration
- Affects systems that recycle spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant, or liquids from dewatering

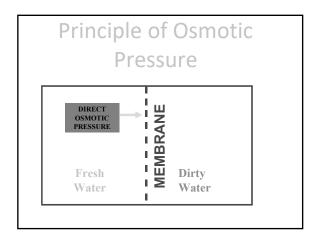
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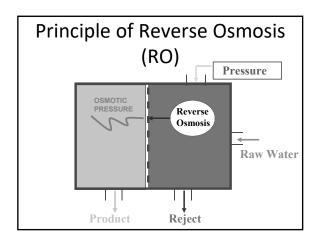
Membrane Filter Technology

- A membrane is a thin material that has pores (holes) of a specific size
- Membranes trap larger particles that won't fit through the pores of the membrane, letting water and other smaller substances through to the other side











OSMOTIC PRESSURE

osm pres = 1 psi /100 mg/L OF TDS (divalant rich waters)

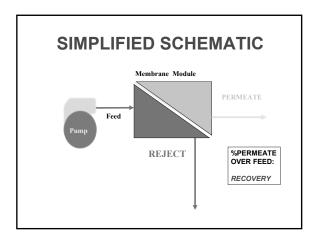
osm pres = 1.2 psi /100 mg/L OF TDS (salt NaCl waters)

DEFINITIONS & TERMINOLOGY

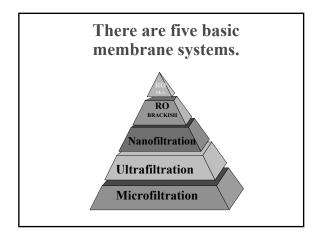
RECOVERY: (PERMEATE FLOW / FEED FLOW)*100

FLUX: PERMEATE FLOW / MEMBRANE SURFACE AREA GALLONS PER SQUARE FOOT PER DAY (GFD)

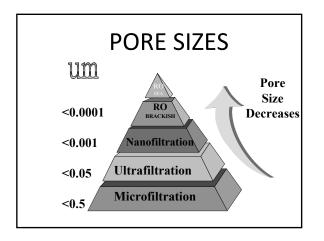
CONCENTRATION POLARIZATION: CONCENTRATION INCREASE AT THE IMMEDIATE SURFACE OF MEMBRANE



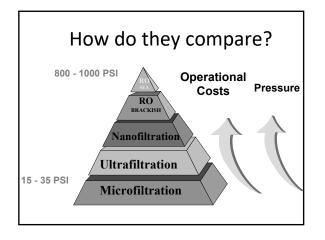




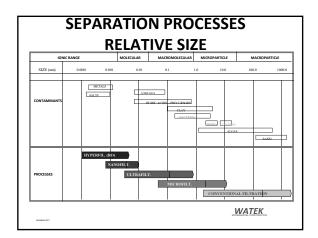












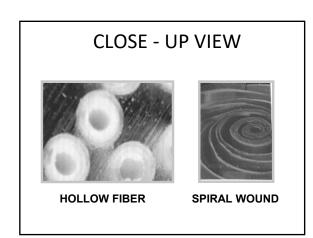


MEMBRANE COSTS				
TYPE	PRESSURES psi	EQUIPMENT COST \$M/MGD	O&M COST \$/KGAL	WATER COST \$/KGAL
MF	10- 30	0.5 - 1	0.3 - 0.4	0.4 - 0.6
UF	20- 75	0.5 - 1.1	0.3 - 0.6	0.4 - 0.7
NF	80 - 150	0.8 - 1.2	0.4 - 0.7	0.6 - 0.9
BWRO	200 - 700	0.9 - 1.5	0.8 - 1.5	1.0 - 2.0
SWRO	700 - 1200	2.0 - 6.0	2.0 - 4.0	2.0 - 4.0



PACKAGED IN DIFFERENT CONFIGURATIONS

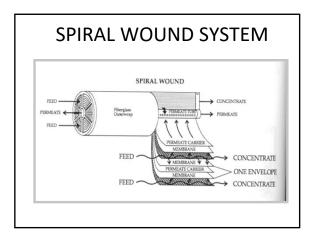
- SPIRAL WOUND HOLLOW FIBER
- TUBULAR
- PLATE & FRAME
- CERAMIC & DISCS
- IMMERSED / SUCTION



Membrane Materials

- Cellulose Acetate (CA)
- Poly(ether)sulphone (PS or PES)
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Polyamide (PA)
- Polyvinylidienefloride (PVDF)
- Combinations
 - ► Thin film composites (TFC) e.g. PA on PS
 - ► Mixtures as solutions or matrices e.g. PVDF +CA

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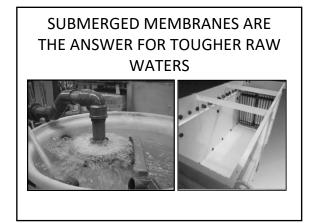
RO/NF Equipment

- Membrane elements
- Pressure vessels
- RO Skids
- Feed pumps
- Piping
- Instrumentation
- Pre/Post treatment

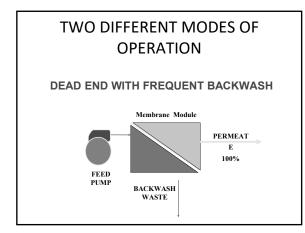




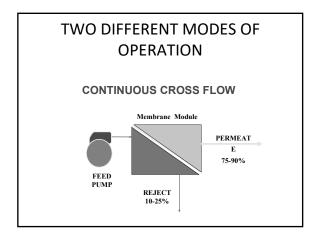




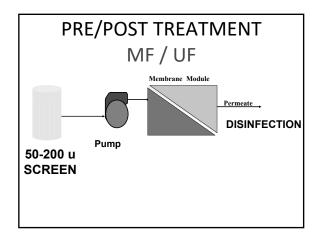




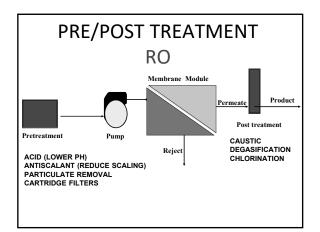




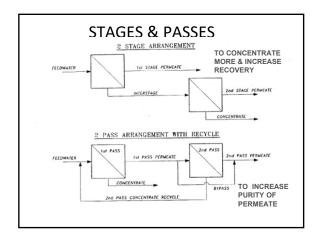




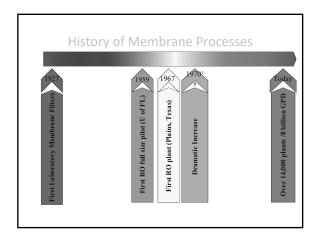




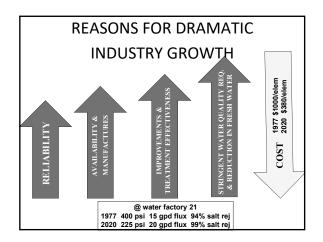














OTHER REASONS FOR GROWTH

FRESH WATER SOURCES LONG DISTANCE AWAY

NATIONAL SECURITY/CONFLICTS/INDEPENDENCE

(22 COUNTRIES DEPEND ON OTHERS FOR WATER)

NON-SMART GROWTH (50% POP. INCREASE IN FL/TX/CA IN NEXT 20 YEARS)

SOMETIMES CHOSEN BECAUSE OF SMALL FOOTPRINT & AESTHETICS



CURRITUCK, NORTH CAROLINA

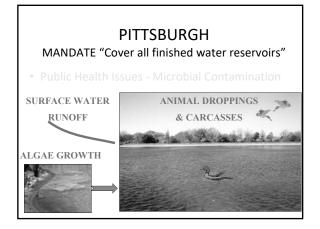


0.2 MGD EXPAND TO 0.5 NF SOFTENING W/ CONV TO BW RO 90% RECOVERY 155 PSI



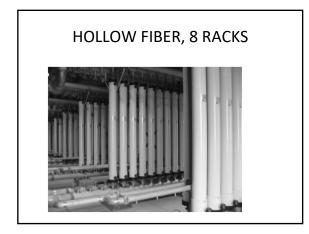
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA 12 MGD EXPAND TO 20

3-4 MGD SKIDS NF SOFTENING 90% RECOVERY 155 PSI, W/BWRO CONVERSION PLANNED





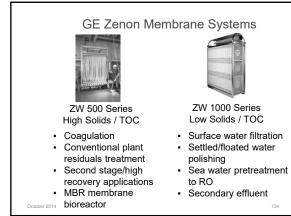




VERO BEACH, FLORIDA



6 MGD EXPAND TO 10 3-2 MGD SKIDS LOW PRES. BWRO 85% RECOVERY 175 PSI

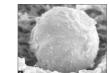


UNIQUE FEATURES OF MEMBRANES

- IT IS A BARRIER
- IT IS MODULAR
- EASY TO OPERATE
- CAN BE MADE ATTRACTIVE

CHALLENGE TESTS IN MF & UF PILOT TRIALS HAVE SHOWN SUCCESS BEYOND PENDING REGULATIONS





Giardia Cysts

Cryptosporidium Oocysts

