

Before We Begin Look Over Handouts HO1 PC for WW Operators Parts 1 & 2 32 pages HO2 PC Worksheets with Examples 24 pages HO3 BNR/ENR Selector Setup 2 pages HO4 Process Performance Standards 1 page HO5 AS Operator Skill Set Survey 2 pages HO6 Workgroup Problem No7 4 pages HO7 Workgroup Problem No8 3 pages

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# Today's Class What to Expect

- Course is intended for Intermediate Level WWTP Operators of Activated Sludge Processes
- New WWTP Operators will also benefit but may not be able to pass Post Exam and receive 10.5 hours of credit. But will receive 7 hours of credit.

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# What We Will Cover Worksheets used for calculating operational parameters then comparing them to Process Performance Standards.

- A short math review
- Worksheets for Aeration Basins & Selectors
  - MLSS and MLVSS pounds
  - Organic Loading Rate (OLR) and F/M  $\,$  Ratio  $\,$
  - Sludge Age and Sludge Volume Index (SVI)
  - Solids Retention Time (SRT)

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 Operational parameters and Design Standards used for Process Control and

• Use of Regional Standards (10 States) to evaluate Activated Sludge Processes and their final clarifiers.

What We Will Cover

- Google "10 States Standards Wastewater"
  - 2014 10 States Standards (current edition)
  - MD 2021 Wastewater Design Guidelines
  - <u>A. S. Process Performance Standard</u>s

Troubleshooting.

# What We Will Cover

- Worksheets for Final Clarifiers
  - Detention Time (DT)
  - Surface Overflow Rate (SOR)
  - Surface Loading Rate (SLR)
- Worksheet Example
  - Solids Loading Rate (SLR), ppd/Sq. Ft.
- Process Control for Smaller WWTPs
- Process Control for Larger WWTPs
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# Part 1 Activated Sludge Process Performance Standards

- Performance Standards for Aeration Basins
  - Detention Time (DT)
  - Organic Loading
    - -Organic Loading Rate
  - –Food to Microorganism Ratio (F/M)
- -Sludge Age (SA and MCRT vs. SRT)
  - MCRT Mean Cell Resident Time
  - SRT Solids Retention Time

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# Part 1 Activated Sludge Process Performance Standards

What We Will Cover

 Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) and Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR)

Example Calculations for using Process

Typical 5-Stage Bardenpho Process

Post Test Exam (20 questions)

Selector Setup

**Control Worksheets** 

Course Evaluations

- Performance Standards for Secondary Clarifiers
  - Detention Time (DT)
  - Weir Overflow Rate (WOR)
  - Surface Overflow Rate (SOR)
  - Solids Loading Rate (SLR)

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# Part 1 Activated Sludge Process Performance Standards

- -Activated Sludge Processes
  - Conventional Activated Sludge
  - Extended Aeration and Nitrification
  - Sequencing Batch Reactors
  - BNR and ENR
  - Discussion of Process Control

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# Part 1 Activated Sludge Process Performance Standards

- -Performance Standards
  - Used by Engineers for Design and Review of Activated Sludge Processes
  - Defines an Activated Sludge Process
  - Provides Guidelines and Operational Targets for Process Control

# Part 2 Process Control Worksheets

In Part 2 we'll discuss the use of Process Performance Standards and other Process Control Tools commonly used by Operators of Activated Sludge Plants.

Process Control Worksheets will be provided to reduce classroom emphasis on math and allow for a greater focus on Process Control.

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# Aeration Basins and Selectors

- Process Control Parameters for Aeration Basins and Selectors
  - Detention Time in Hours
  - -Organic Loading Rate
  - -Food to Microorganisms (F/M) Ratio
  - -Sludge Age
    - SA Sludge Age
    - MCRT Mean Cell Resident Time
    - SRT Solids Retention Time

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# **Detention Time (DT)**

- The average time a gallon of water remains in specified tank, basin, or process
- Capacity divided by flow
- A measurement of hydraulic loading on a given tank or basin.
- Used for aeration basins, BNR basins, clarifiers and other units.

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# **Aeration Basins and Selectors**

- Detention Time (DT) (continued)
  - DT is in hours for basins and clarifiers
    - Influent flow (or forward flow) is used
    - In sludge re-aeration basins return sludge flow is used, which is the influent flow to these basins

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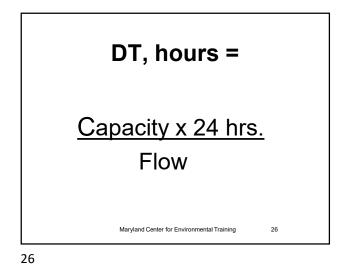
# **Process Performance Standards**

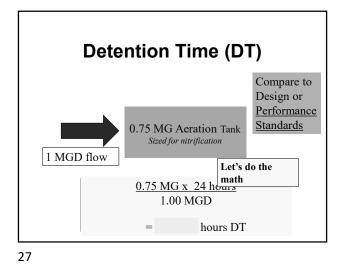
- Detention Time (DT) (continued)
  - DT for Aeration Basins will range from 1 to 24 hours (flow-thru process)
    - DT is one of the parameters used to identify or classify activated sludge processes.
    - Operators usually use Average Daily Flow (ADF) and will compare DT to plant design criteria

Process Performance Standards

- Detention Time (DT) (continued)
  - -High-Rate Processes 1 to 5 hours
  - Conventional 6 to 8 hours
  - -Nitrifying basins 12 or more hours
  - Extended Aeration Basins around 24 hours

Remember the process must Nitrify before it can De-Nitrify.





Detention Time (DT) Compare to Typical BNR ENR Selector Selector 1 MGD flow 0.075 MG x 24 hours 1.00 MGD = hours DT

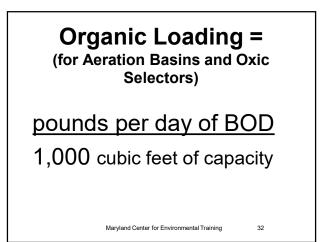
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# Detention Time for Aeration Basins and Selectors

- Detention Time (DT) (continued)
  - As a troubleshooting and process control tool, Operators will calculate DT for aeration or selector basins and compare it to plant design or industry standards
  - Used to define mode of operation such as Conventional vs. Nitrification vs. Extended Aeration

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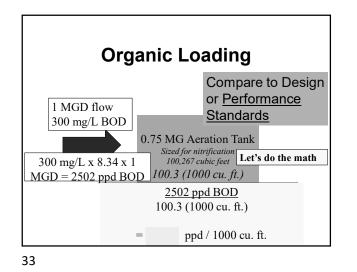
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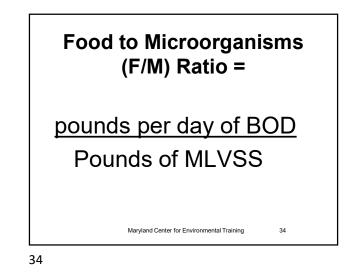


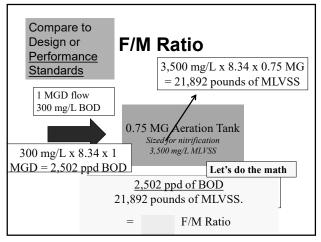
# Organic Loading and F/M Ratio

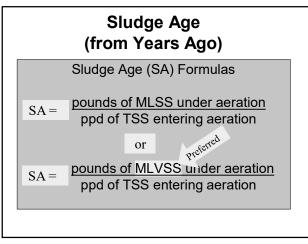
- Aeration Basins and Oxic Selectors are also sized or classified by Organic Loading
  - Pounds per Day of BOD/1000 cu. ft.
- and F/M Ratio
  - Pounds per Day of BOD / # <u>MLVSS</u>

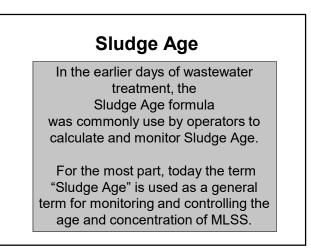
(MLVSS) - Mixed Liquor Volatile Suspended Solids

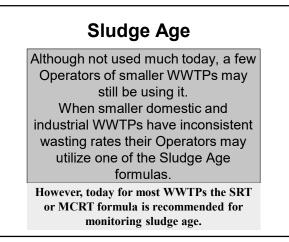












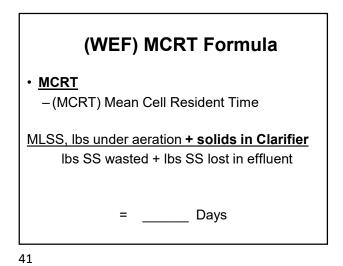
Mean Cell Retention Time (MCRT) and Solids Retention Time (SRT) Formulas

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# MCRT vs. SRT

- For years now the SRT and MCRT formulas have been confused and/or considered the same.
- In Maryland, MDE uses the ABC Formula Sheet which defines SRT and MCRT as both using aeration and clarifier capacity.
- New WEF manuals are defining SRT and MCRT as shown here.

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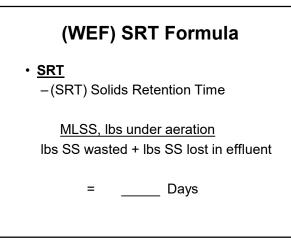
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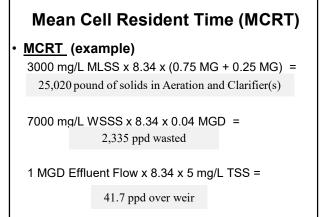
# Example WWTP

1 MGD Flow Aeration Capacity 0.75 MG Clarifier Capacity 0.25 MG MLSS 3,000 mg/L WSSS 7,000 mg/L @ 0.04 MGD 5 mg/L Effluent TSS

Let's use the above information to calculate both MCRT and then SRT.

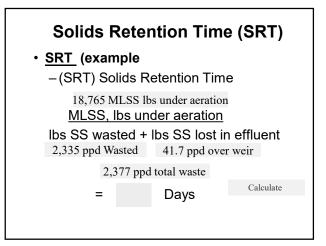
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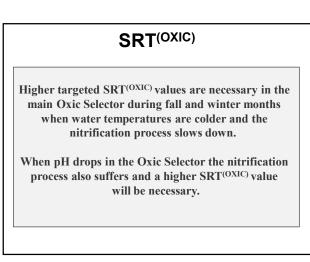


# Mean Cell Resident Time (MCRT) • <u>MCRT</u> (example) - (MCRT) Mean Cell Resident Time 25,020 pound of solids in Aeration and Clarifier(s) <u>MLSS, lbs under aeration + solids in Clarifier</u> lbs SS wasted + lbs SS lost in effluent 2,335 ppd wasted 41.7 ppd over weir 2,377 ppd total waste Calculate = Days

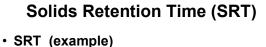
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3000 mg/L MLSS x 8.34 x 0.75 MG = 18,765 MLSS lbs under aeration

7000 mg/L WSSS x 8.34 x 0.04 MGD =

2,335 ppd wasted

1 MGD Effluent Flow x 8.34 x 5 mg/L TSS =

41.7 ppd over weir

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# SRT(OXIC)

• SRT(OXIC)

- (SRT) Solids Retention Time =

MLSS, lbs OXIC Selector lbs SS wasted + lbs SS lost in effluent

Industry Publications (WEF and others) are recommending the use of a SRT<sup>(OXIC)</sup> Formula to monitor and optimize the Nitrification Process (within BNR/ENR plants).

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# SRT(OXIC)

- For BNR/ENR Processes an Oxic SRT allows for tighter control and the ability to determine an Operating SRT for nitrification.
- An Operating Oxic SRT in a BNR/ENR plant will vary with pH, Temperature, and D.O. and will also allow the comparison of Operating SRT to BOD:N ratio and other plant specific parameters.

# SRT<sup>(OXIC)</sup>

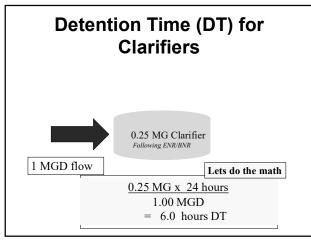
- pH lower than 7.0 may require a longer Operating Oxic SRT
- Nitrification may require a longer Operating Oxic SRT when D. O. is less then 2.0 mg/L
- A longer Operating Aerobic SRT will typically be necessary during winter months.

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- Secondary (or Final) Clarifiers
  - Detention Time in Hours
  - -Weir Overflow Rate (WOR)
  - -Surface Overflow Rate (SOR)
  - -Solids Loading Rate (SLR)

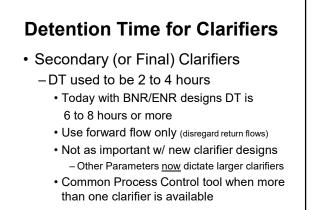
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# Detention Time for <u>Primary</u> <u>Clarifiers</u>

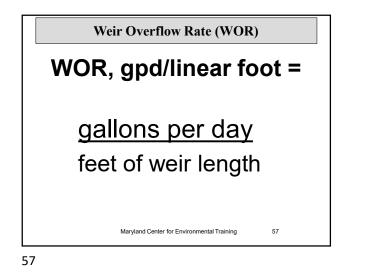
- On the other hand, the Detention Time of Primary Clarifiers should be monitored more closely.
- Especially in ENR Processes having several selectors (Anaerobic, Anoxic, and Oxic) that consume BOD.

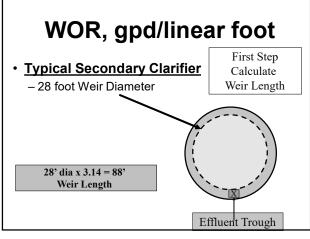


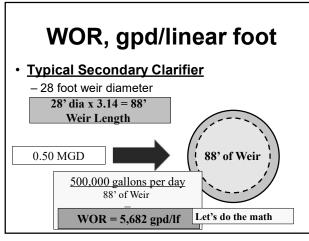
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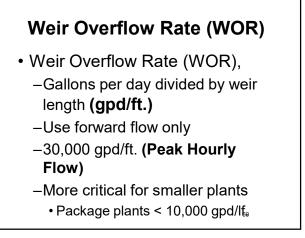
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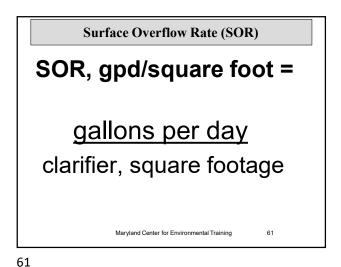
- Excessive Primary Clarifier DT will result in more BOD ending up in the Primary Sludge.
- Keeping Primary Clarifier detention times around 2 hours is recommended for ENR plants to help reduce the amount of a clean carbon that will need to be added.

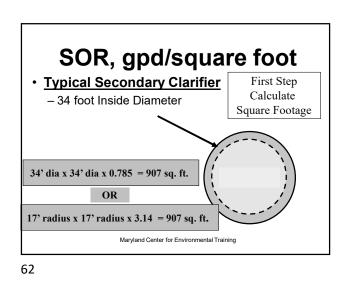


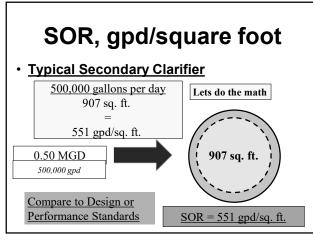


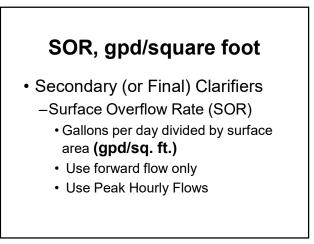




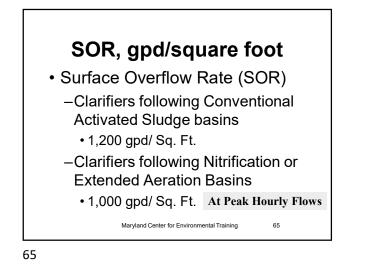


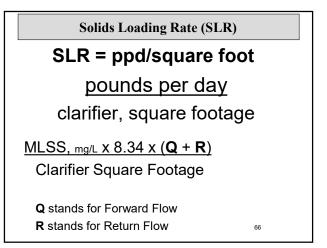




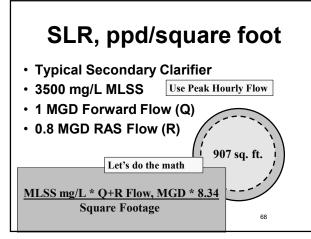


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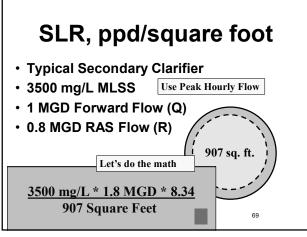
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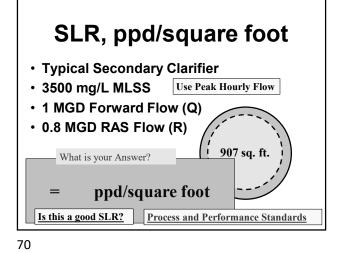
# Secondary (or Final) Clarifiers

- Solids Loading Rate (SLR)
  - Pounds of solids per day divided by surface area (ppd/sq.ft.)
  - Use forward flow and return flows along with mixed liquor concentration to calculate pounds
  - Calculate using "Peak Hourly Flow" for both Q and R

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Solids Loading Rate (SLR) Clarifiers following Conventional Activated Sludge basins 50 ppd/ Sq. Ft. (Peak Hourly Flow) Clarifiers following Nitrification, Extended Aeration Basins, or (BNR/ENR) **35 ppd/ Sq. Ft. (<u>at Peak Flows</u>)** 

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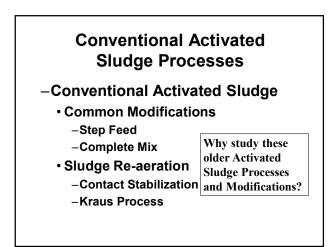
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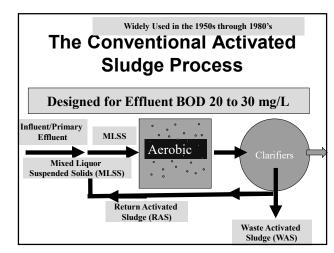


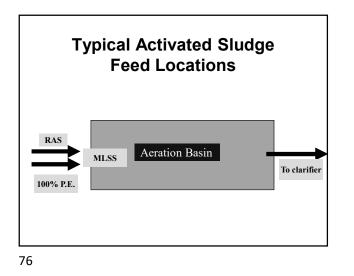
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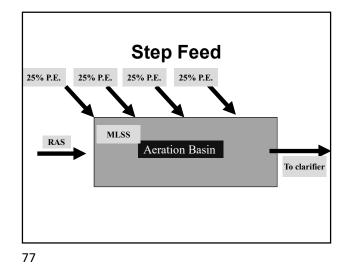
- -10 States Standards
  - MDE 2021 Wastewater Design Guidelines
- Commonly accepted Standards
  - Water Environmental Federation MOPs
  - Engineering References
  - Sacramento Manuals
  - EPA Manuals

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 Step Feed

 Process Control Advantages

 • Provides more control over F/M within basin

 • Feeding P.E. at forward locations retains solids in aeration. Providing a lower SLR.

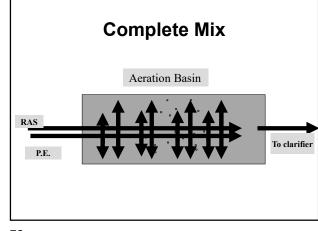
 • Allows for a more evenly distributed oxygen environment

 • Helps control bulky sludge

 • Helps prevent rising sludge in clarifiers

 • Reducing solids loadings on clarifiers

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# Complete Mix

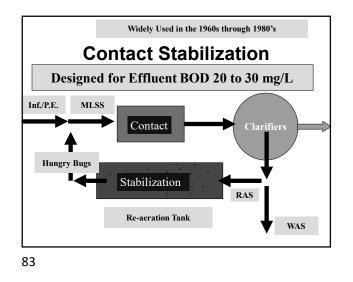
#### **Process Control Advantages**

- · Evenly distributes F/M Ratio within basin
- · Helps control bulky sludge
- Helps prevent rising sludge in clarifiers
- Today, mixing technology is often used to achieve the advantages of Complete Mixing of Mixed Liquor, Primary Effluent, and Dissolved Oxygen.

Step Feed and Complete Mix

## Applications

- Operators can adopt to existing plants to address loading issues and deficiencies. Can also help with hydraulic and organic peak loadings.
- Often incorporated in advanced treatment technologies such as Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR), Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR), and Enhances Nutrient Removal (ENR).

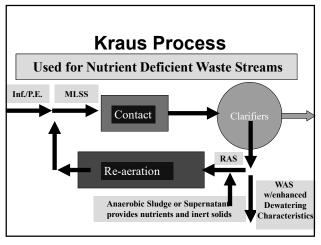


# Contact Stabilization (Sludge Re-aeration) Process Control Advantages • Protection against solids wash out (clarifiers) as a result of high (peak) flows.

- Protection against toxic loads

   Solids in the Stabilization basin are protected from short duration toxic loads
- BOD Uptake rate is high (bugs are hungry)
   Can operate in a slightly higher F/M range

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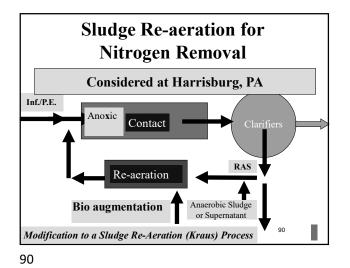


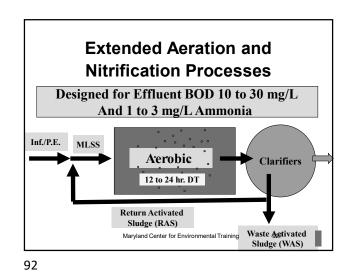
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Applications

- Unless modified, Contact Stabilization processes do not "Normally" nitrify very well (as with other Conventional processes).
  - Suitable for Pre-treatment of high organic wastewater.
  - High ammonia levels in the effluent



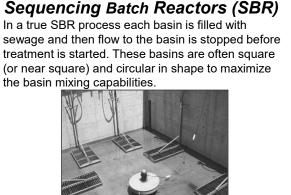


# **Extended Aeration and Nitrification Processes**

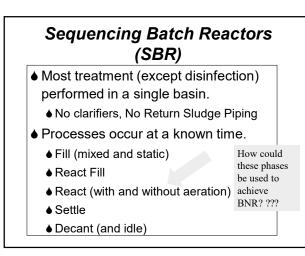
## **Advantages and Applications**

- Sized large enough for nitrification and additional BOD removal.
- Produces 20 to 30 percent less sludge than conventional systems.
- Often utilized in BNR and ENR upgrades.
- A lot operational reference material is available.

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# Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR)

As the name implies, the SBR process is a sequencing batch treatment process. However not all of the processes referred to as SBR are both "sequencing" and "batch" in nature.



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Other SBR basins are long and narrow to allow inflow to continue during treatment and (in some cases) even during the decanting process. Baffling is usually installed on the influent side and decanting takes place as far away from the incoming flow as possible.



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# Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBR)

- PLC based controls
- If designed well for mixing, can be set up to remove BOD, Nitrogen, and some
- Phosphorus.Often good for
- Smaller systems.



# Activated Sludge Performance Standards

# For Sequencing Batch Reactors

States are developing performance standards for Sequencing Batch Reactors. In most cases where SBR are utilized for domestic wastewater treatment the Nitrification or Extended Aeration Process Performance Standards will apply.

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# SBR Operating Guidelines

- Basin Size
  - Total basin (reactor) size needs to be equal to 1.2 to 2.0 times the average daily flow.
- Basin depth
  - ♦ 10 to 20 feet with 1.5 to 2 feet of freeboard
- ♦ 2 or more basins are normally required
  - Dual basin systems are usually designed for short-term operations with only 1 basin in service

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# SBR Operating Guidelines

- Number of cycles per day
  - ♦ 2 to 6 with 4 to 6 most frequently used
  - Longer cycle times better for nutrient removal
  - ♦ 4.5 cycles per day rotates dual basins on a daily basis
    - ♦ Tuesday 10 am basin 1 starts settle phase
    - ♦ Wednesday 10 am basin 2 starts settle phase

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# SBR Operating Guidelines

- ♦ Operating Parameters
  - ♦Typically, Extended Aeration Range
    - ♦F/M Ratio 0.05 to 0.10 lbs. BOD/day/lb. of MLVSS (some operators use MLSS)
    - •Lower FM Ratios are common due to over sized basins
    - ♦Sludge Age or SRT 15 to 45 days

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# SBR Operating Guidelines

- Operating Parameters
  - ♦SBR are also used in high organic loading applications such as wastes from canneries and dairies.
    - ♦F/M Ratio would be higher and Sludge Age or SRT would be shorter.

# SBR Operating Guidelines

- Operating Parameters
  - ♦ To calculate F/M, SA, and SRT in SBR basins with varying aeration depths, pounds under aeration must be back-calculated to the Low Water Level which is usually the end of decant or decant stop level.
  - Provides a consistent starting point to evaluate day to day operations.

# Stormwater Mode

As flows increase following a major rain event, the SBR basin will fill faster in the allotted time.

If a high level indicator or switch is activated early in a treatment phase the PLC controls will advance to Stormwater Mode of Operations.

At that time phases and cycle times are shortened until flows drop back to normal. Controls are usually in place to ensure that both basins will not discharge at the same time.

Operators should verify proper stormwater operations on a routine basis.

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Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) and Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR)

A brief introduction

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# What is considered Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR)

- Conventional Nutrient Uptake Rate is considered:
  - parts Total Nitrogen
  - part Total Phosphorus
  - Removed for every 100 Parts of BOD
- Any Biological Nutrient Uptake Rate greater than this would be considered BNR

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# **BNR and ENR Terms**

- Selectors (by Definitions)
  - -Aerobic or Oxic
    - Available D.O.
  - -Anoxic (true)
    - Defined as 0 D.O. but with Nitrates
  - -Anaerobic (true)
    - Defined as 0 D.O. and 0 Nitrates

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# **BNR and ENR Terms**

Aerobic, Anoxic, and Anaerobic <u>Selectors for flow-thru</u> processes are created by adding basins or compartments where aeration, mixing, and recycling flows options are utilized (or not utilized) to achieve desired results. The more flexibility an operator has in this area the better.

# **BNR and ENR Terms**

Aerobic, Anoxic, and Anaerobic <u>Selectors for SBR</u> processes are created by adjusting phase and cycle times and cycling air and mixing off and on to achieve desired results. Mixing is critical to optimize results.

# **BNR and ENR Terms**

# Aerobic (Oxic) Zone

- -Typical aeration basins
  - 1.5 to 3.0 mg/L D.O.
- -10-hour DT minimum
- per MDE for ENR processes such as the 5 stage Bardenpho process

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# BNR and ENR Terms

- Anoxic Zone
- Mixing (no air)
  - Operators target 0.1 mg/L to 0.3 mg/L D.O.

<u>True Anoxic Conditions</u> is no Dissolved Oxygen. However, that is impractical to maintain under normal operations.

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# BNR and ENR Terms

# **De-Nitrification?**

- Anoxic Conditions
  - -De-nitrification bacteria
  - -Bacteria will consume the Oxygen in
    - NO<sub>3</sub>-N and NO<sub>2</sub>-N Primary Source of O<sub>2</sub>
    - Nitrogen escapes as N<sub>2</sub> gas

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# BNR and ENR Terms

# The Nitrification Process consumes?

Oxygen and Alkalinity

Key information for process control.

# In the **De-nitrification Process**:

Two thirds of the oxygen consumed in the nitrification process is released during the de-nitrification process and about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the consumed alkalinity is

and about 1/2 of the consumed alkalinity is also released.

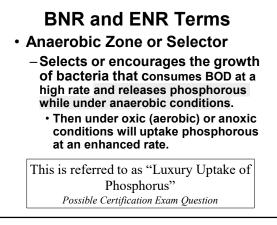
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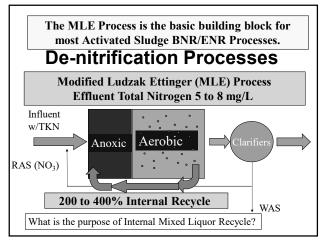
# **BNR and ENR Terms**

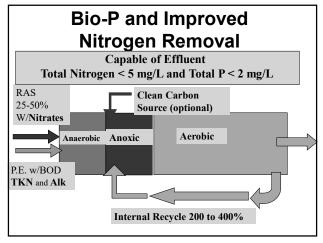
# Anaerobic Zone (Bio-P Removal)

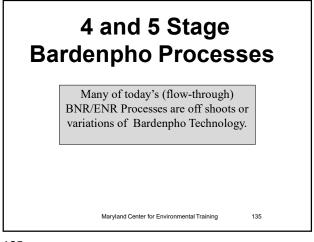
- Operators target < 0.1 mg/L D.O.
- Operators target < 5 mg/L Nitrates

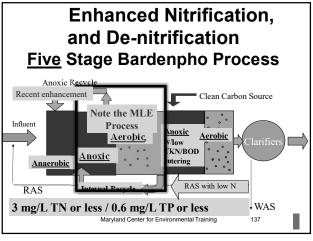
<u>True Anaerobic Conditions</u> is no Dissolved Oxygen and no available Nitrates. However, that is impractical to maintain under normal operations.

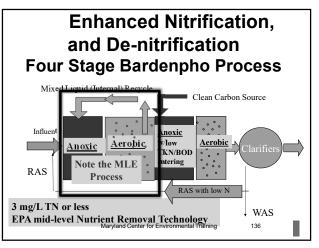


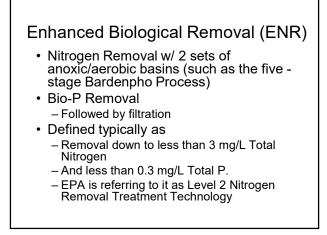












# SBR and BNR Performance

 Many SBRs have adapted well to BNR operations. Specifically, well with denitrification.



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# SBR and BNR Performance

- The use of ORP has been very effective for Nitrogen Removal in SBRs.
- Denitrification ORP Range
  - ♦ 100 mV to + 100 mV
- Nitrification ORP Range
  - ♦ + 125 mV to + 350 mV
  - ORP range for Nitrification may vary slightly depending on process and operational goals

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# SBR and BNR Performance

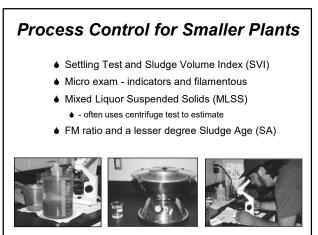
 According to recent publications, the SBR phases namely anoxic, anaerobic and aerobic in single tank reactor design of SBRs showed effective biological nutrient removal (BNR) > 90%.

# SBR and BNR Performance

- Most SBRs can do a limited amount of Biological Phosphorus Removal. By utilizing ORP controls.
- ♦ Bio-P ORP Range
  - Extend Air-off cycle to drop ORP to 200 mV
  - Take care to avoid septic conditions.

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# Process Control Larger Plants Settling Test and Sludge Volume Index (SVI) Micro exam - indicators and filamentous Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS) Mixed Liquor Volatile Suspended Solids (MVLSS)

FM ratio and SRT/MCRT
 Why would smaller plants
 prefer not to use SRT/MCRT

# Before Changing Operations

Look for 2 or 3 additional witnesses:

- ♦ Alkalinity? ♦ GSA and/or SRT/MCRT

♦ Settleometer (fast/slow/clarity/floc)

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# When Flows and Loadings Fluctuate Daily, Weekly, or Seasonally

#### **Balance Out Loadings**

- Add dog food! 1 to 2# dry dog food for each 1,000 gallons of influent lost on weekends or holidays.

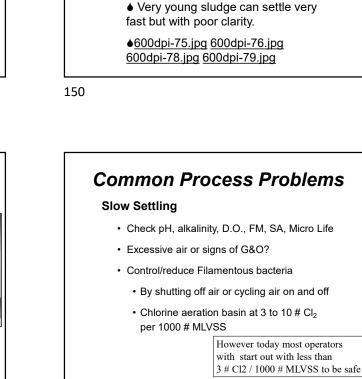


-Add alkalinity

-Add nutrients

Dry dog food works well for small plants. Most brands will float making it somewhat time released.

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bacteria.

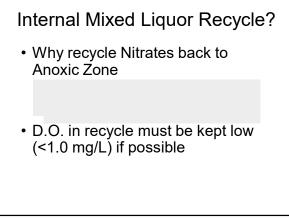
Slow Settling Sludge

Very old sludge or too many solids

Most often caused by filamentous

Often caused by Young Age

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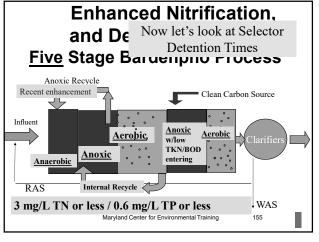


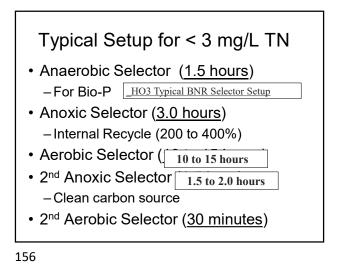
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Why an add a Carbon Source?

# Carbon Source

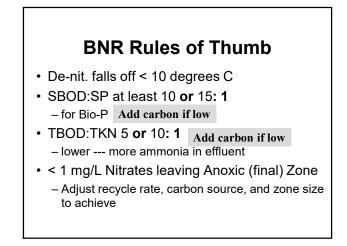
- Is necessary when upstream processes depletes most of the available (organic) carbon
- Anaerobic and Anoxic Zones in addition to Aerobic Zones all require an organic carbon source
- Methanol and Micro-C

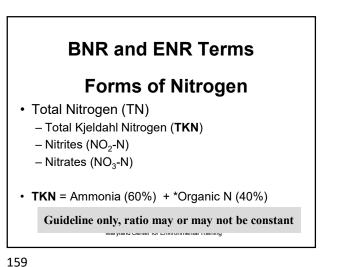


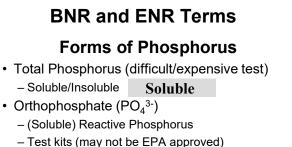


Monitoring Nitrification and Denitrification Processes

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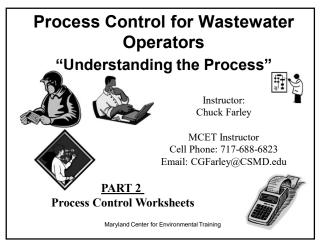




- $-(PO_4^{3-})/3.07 = P$  (soluble)
  - Some Test kits will read out as P (soluble)

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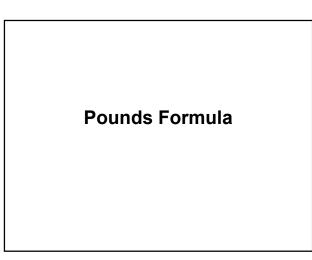
# Outline for Part 2 Pounds Formula Square/Rectangular Tanks – area & vol. Circular Tanks – circumference, area & vol. Calculate Pounds Under Aeration Understanding Flows Detention Time (DT) Weir Overflow Rate (WOR) Surface Overflow Rates (SOR) Solids Loading Rate (SLR)

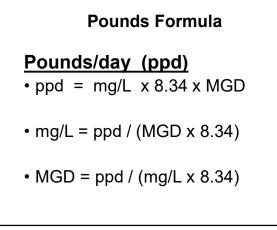
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# Outline for Part 2

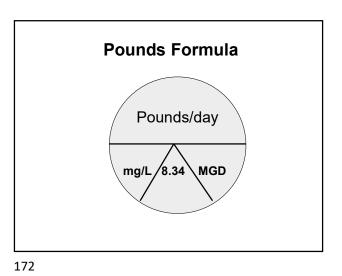
- Solids Loading Rate (SLR)
- Organic Loading Flow-Thru Aeration Basins
- Sludge Age, SVI, and SRT
- Process Control Parameters for SBRs
- Back-Calculating MLSS Pounds to "Low Operating Level"
- F/M Ratio and Sludge Age for SBRs
- Sludge Volume Index (SVI) for SBRs
- Solids Retention Time (SRTO for SBRs
- Workgroup Problems No. 7 and No. 8

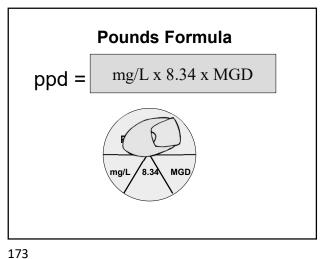
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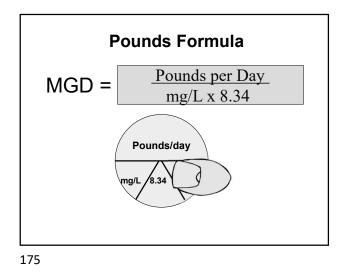


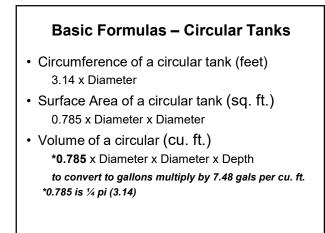


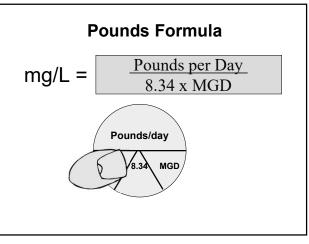


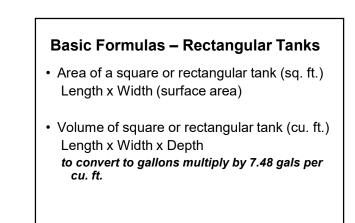


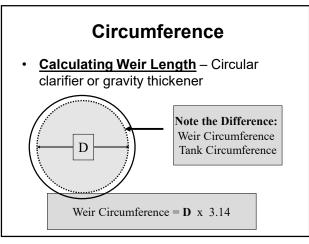
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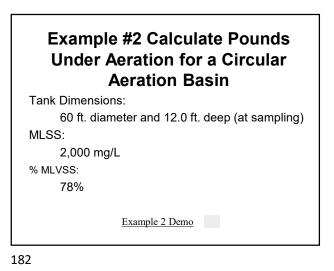






# Calculate Pounds Under Aeration

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Understanding Flows

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# Example #1 Calculate Pounds Under Aeration for a <u>Rectangular</u> Extended Aeration Basin

Tank Dimensions:

60 ft. long by 20 ft. wide and 12.0 ft. deep Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS): 3200 mg/L

% Mixed Liquor Volatile Suspended Solids (MLVSS) \$85%

Example 1 Demo.xls

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# **Process Control Parameters**

- Understanding Flows and Detention Time
- Clarifier Loading Rates
  - Weir Overflow Rate (WOR)
  - Surface Overflow Rate (SOR)
  - Solids Loading Rate (SLR)
- Organic Loading Rate (OLR) and F/M Ratio
- Worksheet example
   #5 Flow-Thru OLR and F/M Ratio

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**Flow Rates** 

What do the following have in common?

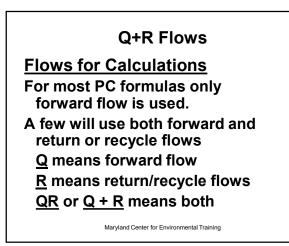
1 MGD 694 gpm 1,000,000 gpd

They all represent the same Flow Rate

Average Daily Flow (ADF) vs. Peak Flow Rates ADF is the total flow and the average flow rate for a given day or on a monthly or annual basis. Peak Flow is the highest sustained (or hourly) flow.

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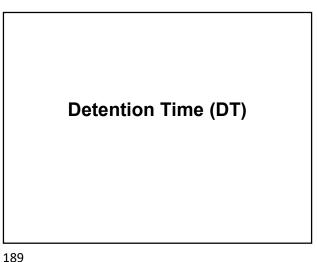
# Average Daily Flow (ADF) vs. Peak Flow Rates Peak Factors are typically 2.5 to 4.0 times ADF. MDE Design Requirements

MDE requires for new plants to use the follow Peaking Factors:

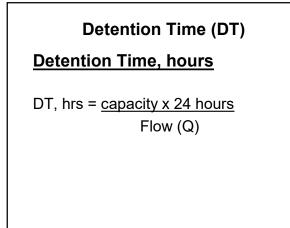
- > 0.0 to 0.25 MGD design plants use 4 x Design Capacity
- > 0.25 to 16 MGD design plants use 2.67 x Design Capacity
- ➢ Over 16 MGD design plants use 2 x Design Capacity

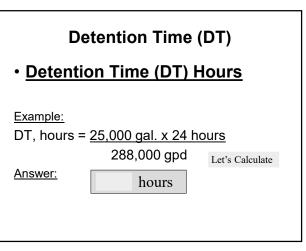
Question to think about. Why larger Plants have lower Peaking Factors?

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# **Clarifier Loading Rates**

Weir Overflow Rate (WOR), gpd/ft

Surface Overflow Rate (SOR), gpd/ft<sup>2</sup>

Solids Loading Rate (SLR),  $ppd/\,ft^2$ 

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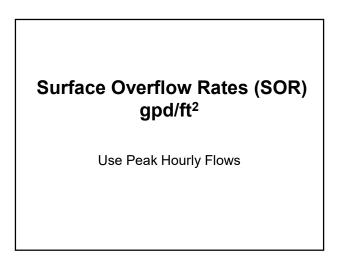
# Weir Overflow Rate (WOR) gpd/ft

Use Peak Hourly Flows WOR becomes critical with smaller WWTPs

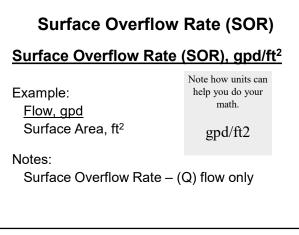
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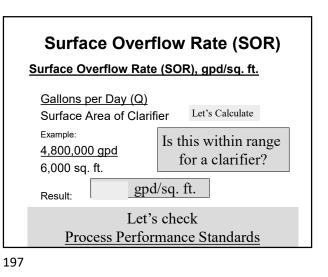
Weir Overflow Rate (WOR) Weir Overflow Rate (WOR), gpd/ft.	
<u>Gallons per Day (Q)</u> Feet of Weir Length	
<sup>Example:</sup> <u>450,000 gpd</u> 210 ft of Weir	Let's Calculate
Result: gr	od/ft
Let's check <u>Process Performance Standards</u>	

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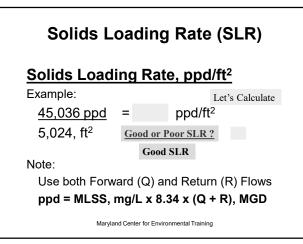


# Example #4 Secondary Clarifiers Surface Overflow Rate (SOR)

Average Flow to Clarifier No. 1: 750,000 gpd Peak Flow Rate: 2,000,000 gpd Circular Clarifier: 45 ft. tank diameter

Example 4.xls

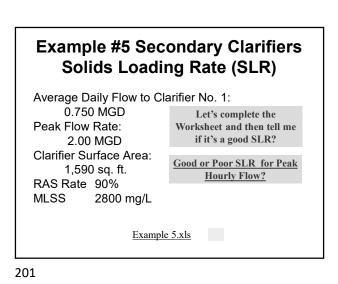
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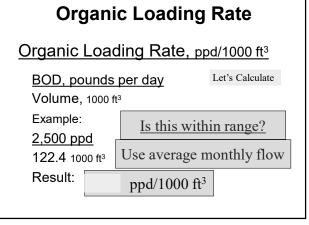
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Organic Loading Flow-Thru Aeration Basins 2 ways of calculating Organic Loading Organic Loading Rate F/M Ratio



# **Organic Loading Rate**

Organic Loading Rate, ppd/1000 ft3

- Daily and Monthly Average ppd BOD are used
- If PPD BOD peaks exceed 4 times the Daily Average
  - Continue to Monitor Peak BOD Loadings
  - -Make operational changes as necessary

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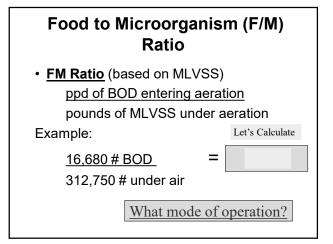
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# Food to Microorganism (F/M) Ratio

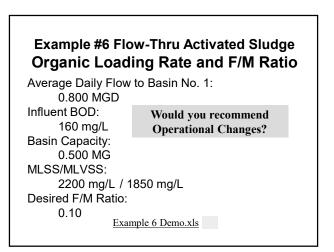
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6 or 7 days after sample was taken.

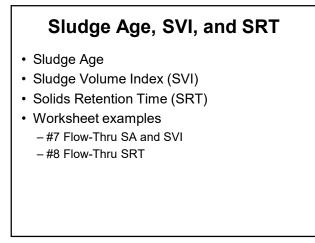
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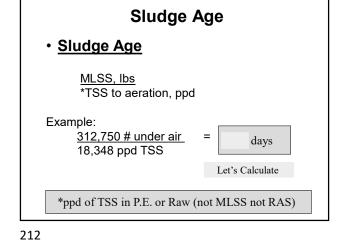


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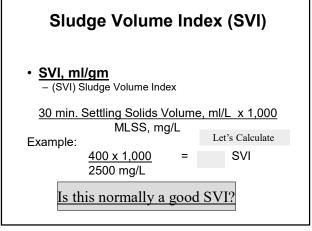


# Sludge Volume Index (SVI)

Typically run on a daily or shift basis.

Measurement of MLSS Settleability and Density.

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# Example #7 Flow-Thru Activated Sludge Sludge Age (SA) & Sludge Volume Index (SVI)

Flow Rate to Basin No. 1: Influent TSS: Basin Capacity: MLSS/MLVSS: 30 min. settling test Desired SA Desired SVI 0.800 MGD 160 mg/L 0.500 MG 2200/1850 mg/L 300 ml/L 10 days 100

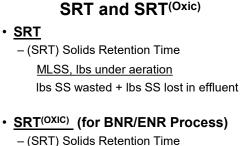
Example 7 Demo.xls

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# Example #8 Flow-Thru Activated Sludge Solids Retention Time (SRT)

Effluent Flow (for Basin #1): 0.800 MGD Effluent TSS: 5 mg/L Basin Capacity: 0.500 MG MLSS: 2200 mg/L Waste Sludge: 11 gpm Waste Sludge Suspended Solids (WSSS): 6,500 mg/L Desired SRT: 11.0 Days\

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MLSS, Ibs Oxic Zone or Selector Ibs SS wasted + Ibs SS lost in effluent

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# Process Control Parameters for Sequencing Batch Reactors

- Back-Calculating MLSS Pounds to "Low Operating Level"
- F/M Ratio and Sludge Age for SBRs
- Sludge Volume Index (SVI)
- Solids Retention Time (SRT)

# Process Control Parameters for Sequencing Batch Reactors

- Worksheet examples
  - #9 SBR Calculating Pounds
  - #11 SBR F/M Ratio, SA, and SVI
  - \_#12 SBR Solids Retention Time (SRT)

F/M Ratio and Sludge Age for Sequencing Batch Reactors

First Step Back-Calculating MLSS Pounds to "Low Operating Level"

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# Using F/M Ratio and SA for Sequencing Batch Reactors • Measure depth of basin at time of sample

- Measure depth of basin at time of sample
- Then Convert to #MLSS or #MLVSS at "Low Water Level"



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# Using F/M Ratio and SA for Sequencing Batch Reactors

An SBR that operate at variable depths throughout the treatment process, will normally return to the same "Low Water Level" at sometime within each cycle. This is usually the depth of the basin immediately following the Decant Phase.

Back calculating pounds under aeration to the "Low Water Level" allows for a constant F/M and SA.

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# Back-Calculating MLSS pounds to "Low Operating Level"

- ♦ MLSS at sampled Depth = 2000 mg/L
- Sample Depth = 12.0 feet
- ♦ Low Water Level (LWL) Depth = 9.5 feet
- Conversion factor (CF) = 12.0/9.5 = 1.263
- ♦ 2000 mg/L x 1.263 = 2526 mg/L
- ♦ 2526 mg/L is the "Low Operating Level" MLSS
- Use 2526 mg/L and the capacity of the basin at "Low Water Level" for determining pounds of MLSS or MLVSS. Then use as you normally would for SRT, FM, and Sludge Age calculations.

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## Example #9 Sequencing Batch Reactor Calculating Pounds Under Aeration (Square or Rectangular Basins)

Dimensions: 90 feet long by 80 feet wide 9.5 feet LWL MLSS/MLVSS: 2500 mg/L / 1850 mg/L Depth of Basin at Sampling: 14.5'

Calculate for Basin No. 1

Example 9 Demo.xls

# Example # 11 Sequencing Batch Reactor Food To Microorganisms (F/M), Sludge Age (SA), and SVI Flow to Basin No. 1:

0.750 MGD Influent BOD: 180 mg/L Influent TSS: 170 mg/L Settling Test: 480 ml/L at 60 minutes MLSS: 2,500 mg/L Pounds of MLSS/MLVSS at LWL: 16,282 / 12,049 as calculated in Example #9

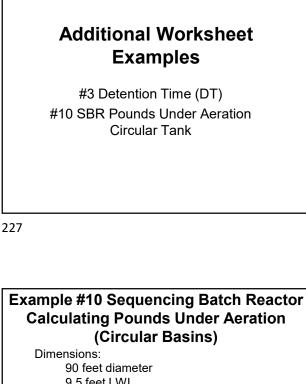
Example 11 Demo.xls

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# Example #12 Sequencing Batch Reactor Solids Retention Time (SRT) Effluent Flow (Basin #1): 0.750 MGD Effluent TSS: 6 mg/L MLSS at LWL: 16,282 pounds Waste Sludge (rate): 160 gpm

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Wasting time:	24 mins./cycle	
Cycles per day:	5	
WSSS:	6,500 mg/L	
Desired SRT:	14.0 Days	
Example 12 Demo.xls		

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Calculating Pounds Under Aeratio (Circular Basins) Dimensions: 90 feet diameter 9.5 feet LWL MLSS/MLVSS: 2500 mg/L / 1850 mg/L Depth of Basin at Sampling: 14.5'

# Example #3 Detention Time

Average Flow: 504,000 gpd Peaking Factor: 3.0 Circular Clarifier: 42 ft. diameter and 12.0 ft. average depth <u>Example 3.xls</u>

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# **Workgroup Problems**

- Workgroup Problem No. 7
- Workgroup Problem No. 8
- Start at 2:45 pm to complete both

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# Workgroup Problem No. 7

Process Control for Flow-thru A. S. WWTP

- Nitrifying Activated Sludge WWTP Calculating F/M Ratio, Sludge Age, SRT, and SVI for Basin No. 2
  - Two basins are in service (Basins Nos. 1 and 2)
  - Worksheets Used: <u>Use\_HO6 Workgroup Problem No7</u>
  - #6 Flow-Thru OLR and F/M Ratio for Workgroup Problem No. 7
  - #7 Flow-Thru SA and SVI for Workgroup Problem No. 7
  - #8 Flow-Thru SRT for Workgroup Problem No. 7

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# Workgroup Problem No. 8

Process Control for Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR)

- SBR F/M Ratio, Sludge Age, and SVI
- Two SBR basins are in service
- Calculate F/M Ratio, SA, and SVI for SBR Basin No. 2 Use HO7 Workgroup Problem No8
- · Worksheets Used:
  - #10 Calculate Pounds under aeration for Workgroup Problem No. 8
  - #11 Calculate F/M Ratio, SA, and SVI for Workgroup Problem No. 8

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# **Class Closeout**

- Course Evaluation (Survey)
   Link will be provided
- Post Test
  - Link will be provided
- Email Instructor at <u>CGFarley@CSM.edu</u>
- To obtain Excel files for all 12 Worksheets and for answers to Examples and Workgroup Problems.