

WASTEWATER TREATMENT ANALYSIS

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This project leverages Power BI analytics, real-time data integration, and statistical simulations to monitor, analyze, and optimize wastewater treatment performance.

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The project aims to collect, analyze and interpret trends of water treatment in different regions using Predictive Analytics & Simulation Regional Performance Comparisons, Flow Rate & Treatment Efficiency Correlation:

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

This project focuses on analyzing and visualizing wastewater treatment performance by monitoring Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD), and Flow Rate across different regions. Using Power BI, the data is processed and presented to assess the efficiency of wastewater treatment plants and identify trends, anomalies, and opportunities for improvement.

OBJECTIVES:

The key objectives of this project include:

- 1. Evaluating wastewater treatment efficiency by tracking influent and effluent levels of TSS and CBOD.
- 2. Identifying trends and patterns in pollution levels across different areas.
- 3. Ensuring compliance with regulatory limits (e.g., TSS permit limit of 30 mg/L).
- 4. Detecting anomalies and inefficiencies in specific regions or time periods.
- 5. Integrating real-time data for continuous monitoring and predictive analytics.

SCOPE OF THE PROJECT:

Data Sources: Effluent quality reports, sensor data, and historical records.

Key Metrics Monitored:

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) concentration (mg/L)

Carbonaceous BOD (CBOD) concentration (mg/L)

Flow Rate (MGD – Million Gallons per Day)

Percentage Removal Efficiency (%)

 Geographic Coverage: Multiple regions, including Bidhipur, GTB Nagar, Model Town, Urban Estate, Defense Colony, etc.

Tools & Technologies:

Power BI for interactive dashboards and trend analysis.

DAX Formulas for calculated measures and simulations.

Real-time data integration via IoT sensors, SQL databases, or API connections.

PROBLEM

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IDENTIFIED ISSUES:

Water pollution is a significant environmental challenge, and wastewater treatment plants play a crucial role in ensuring that industrial and domestic effluents meet regulatory standards before being discharged into natural water bodies. However, several challenges arise in monitoring and optimizing treatment performance:

√Inconsistent Monitoring & Data Gaps:

Manual reporting and delayed data analysis can lead to inefficiencies in detecting high pollutant levels in wastewater.

√Non-Compliance with Environmental Regulations:

Many regions have strict TSS (Total Suspended Solids) and BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) limits, and exceeding these limits can result in penalties and environmental damage.

√Lack of Real-Time Insights for Decision Making:

Traditional wastewater monitoring relies on periodic lab testing, which delays corrective actions when pollution levels rise. A real-time, interactive dashboard is needed for proactive management.

√Variability in Treatment Efficiency Across Regions:

Different areas have different levels of pollutant loads, and some wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) perform better than others. Identifying these variations can help optimize treatment strategies.

√Limited Predictive & Simulation Capabilities:

Without predictive analytics, wastewater treatment plants cannot forecast future pollution levels based on influent trends. This can lead to unexpected treatment failures or inefficiencies.

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DATA ANALYSIS AND TRENDS:

April	FLOW			TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS					CARBONACEOUS BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND				
2024	(MGD)		INFL	EFFLUENT (mg/L)		% REMOVAL		INFL	EFFLUENT (mg/L)		% REMOVAL		
PLANT	ACTUAL	12-M RA	PERMIT	(mg/L)	ACTUAL	PERMIT	ACTUAL	PERMIT	(mg/L)	ACTUAL	PERMIT	ACTUAL	PERMIT
MODEL TOWN	205	208	275	105	8	30	94%	85%	105	6	25	96%	85%
URBAN ESTATE	110	112	170	196	13	30	94%	85%	182	15	25	92%	85%
ADARSH NAGAR	143	135	200	91	7	30	95%	85%	109	4	25	97%	85%
JALANDHAR CANTT	47	50	85	115	< 6	30	> 97%	85%	110	4	25	97%	85%
MODEL HOUSE	100	94	110	166	7	30	97%	85%	91	6	25	95%	85%
MAQSUDAN	98	94	120	177	14	30	93%	85%	141	11	25	92%	85%
DEFENCE COLONY	212	212	310	160	11	30	93%	85%	126	11	25	91%	85%
RAMA MANDI	30	30	60	149	4	30	97%	85%	135	5	25	96%	85%
FRIENDS COLONY	91	83	100	135	7	30	96%	85%	127	5	25	97%	85%
GTB NAGAR	67	65	80	124	< 4	30	> 97%	85%	128	3	25	98%	85%
BIDIPUR	116	102	150	198	6	30	97%	85%	170	4	25	98%	85%
KARTARPUR	22	22	45	102	< 4	30	> 96%	85%	96	3	25	97%	85%
AJIT NAGAR	35.7	33.3	39.9	178	12	30	94%	85%	124	10	25	93%	85%
SHAHLENCI AVE	36	31	60	151	5	30	97%	85%	111	5	25	97%	85%

KEY ANALYSIS:

√Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and CBOD Trends:

- The sum of TSS and CBOD varies across different locations, showing fluctuations in treatment efficiency.
- Some areas have higher TSS or BOD concentrations, indicating lower treatment efficiency or higher pollutant loads.
- Sharp drops or spikes in TSS removal efficiency suggest possible anomalies or inefficiencies in certain treatment plants.

✓ Average TSS and CBOD Levels:

- The average TSS concentration is 13.37 mg/L, which is well below the permit limit of 30 mg/L.
- The CBOD concentration is 0.91 mg/L, which also indicates good treatment performance.

✓Flow Rate Analysis:

- The first flow rate is recorded as 0.85 MGD (Million Gallons per Day).
- Variations in flow rate can impact treatment efficiency, and monitoring these fluctuations helps in optimizing operations.

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EFFICIENCY GAPS AND PERFORMANCE ISSUE:

Variability in Treatment Performance Across Regions:

- Some regions show higher TSS and BOD levels, meaning the treatment plants there are not performing as efficiently as others.
- Inconsistencies in pollutant removal indicate that some areas may need additional treatment capacity, process improvements, or better maintenance.

■ Non-Compliance Risks in Some Locations:

- Although the overall average TSS is within permissible limits, some areas may still experience short-term spikes that can result in non-compliance with regulations.
- Early identification of potential violations through real-time monitoring can help in preventing environmental damage and regulatory fines.

☐ Lack of Predictive Insights & Proactive Measures:

- Without predictive analytics, treatment plants react to issues only after they occur.
- Simulating future influent loads can help plants prepare for peak pollution periods and ensure continuous efficiency.

Impact of Flow Rate Variations:

- Fluctuations in influent flow rate can affect treatment efficiency.
- Higher flows can lead to reduced treatment time, lowering pollutant removal efficiency.

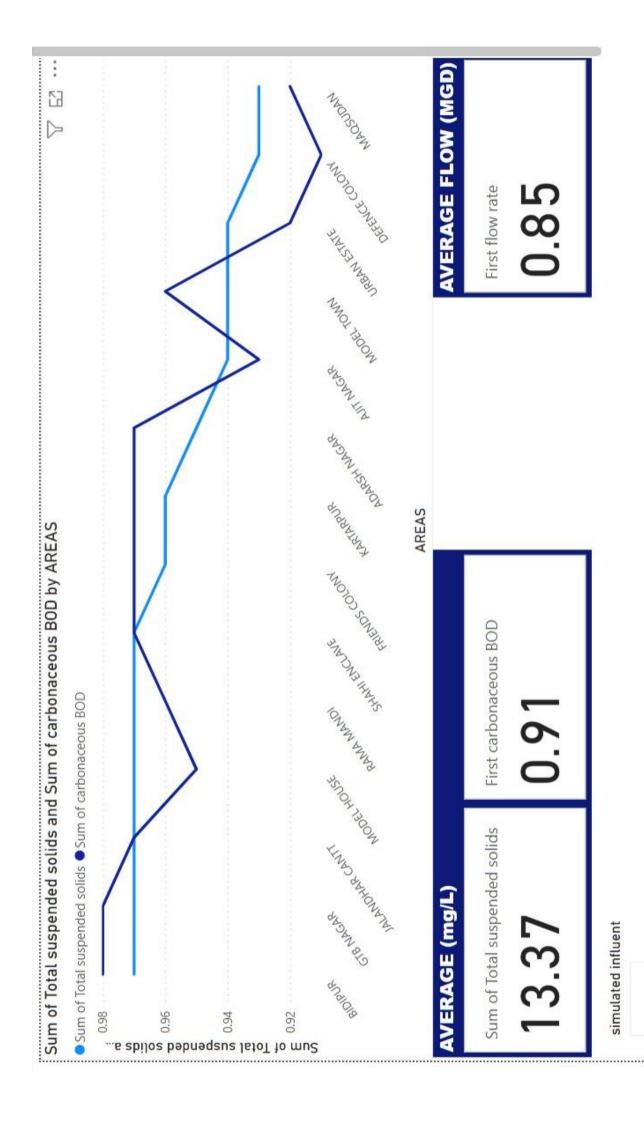
ROOT CAUSE:

□ Operational Challenges:

- 1. Insufficient treatment capacity in some areas leading to poor pollutant removal.
- 2. Equipment inefficiencies or maintenance issues reducing the performance of treatment plants.

□ Environmental & Regulatory Risks:

- 1. Failure to meet compliance standards in some locations can result in penalties and harm the ecosystem.
- 2. Seasonal variations in pollution levels (e.g., rainy seasons may cause dilution, affecting treatment processes).



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USE OF POWER BI TO SOLVE THE ISSUE:

□ Problem:

- Inconsistent treatment efficiency across different areas.
- Difficulty in tracking Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Carbonaceous BOD (CBOD) compliance.
- Risk of regulatory violations due to sudden pollutant spikes.

- The Power BI dashboard continuously tracks TSS, CBOD, and flow rate trends, giving an instant overview of treatment efficiency across locations.
- If any treatment plant shows deviation from the permit limits, alerts can be triggered to take corrective actions.
- Real-time visualization helps operators quickly identify problem areas and act before violations occur.

□ Outcome:

- Treatment plants can respond faster to pollution spikes and prevent environmental damage.
- Informed decision-making reduces the risk of compliance failures.

FINAL IMPACT AND BUSINESS ISSUE:

	Real-time	insights =	Faster	responses to	issues.
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- ☐ Predictive analytics = Better future planning.
- ☐ Regional analysis = Optimized treatment processes.
- ☐ Flow rate correlation = Improved efficiency under all conditions.
- ☐ Automated compliance tracking = Lower risk of violations.

By leveraging Power BI, real-time integration, and statistical simulations, this project transforms wastewater treatment from a reactive to a proactive process—ensuring higher efficiency, lower costs, and environmental sustainability.

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OVERVIEW OF DASHBOARD:

This Power BI dashboard presents wastewater treatment performance data across different areas. The key metrics being tracked include:

- Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
- Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD)
- Flow Rate (MGD Million Gallons per Day)

The analysis focuses on how these metrics vary by location and their overall impact on water treatment efficiency.

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

Trends in Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Carbonaceous BOD

- The blue line (TSS) and dark blue line (CBOD) show a fluctuating trend across different areas.
- The general trend suggests that TSS levels decline in some areas while CBOD remains relatively stable.
- Some spikes and dips indicate areas with either high or low treatment efficiency.

□ Insight:

- · Certain areas may have higher pollutant loads or inefficiencies in treatment processes.
- A detailed investigation can pinpoint whether process optimizations or infrastructure upgrades are needed in specific locations.

Average Values of Key Parameters

TSS Average: 13.37 mg/L
CBOD Average: 0.91 mg/L
Flow Rate Average: 0.85 MGD

□ Insight:

- The TSS and CBOD averages appear within acceptable limits, but local variations may indicate inefficiencies at specific treatment sites.
- The flow rate of 0.85 MGD suggests a relatively stable influent volume, but variations in treatment efficiency must be monitored.

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Area-Specific Variations

- Certain areas show a significant drop in TSS and CBOD levels, indicating effective treatment processes.
- Others have higher pollutant levels, requiring closer monitoring.

□ Insight:

- Areas with higher residual pollution may need process optimizations, increased aeration, or better chemical dosing.
- The data provides a basis for targeted interventions at underperforming treatment sites.

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- √What's working well?
- ✓ The average TSS and CBOD levels indicate general compliance with expected standards.
- ✓ The flow rate is stable, which helps maintain treatment efficiency.

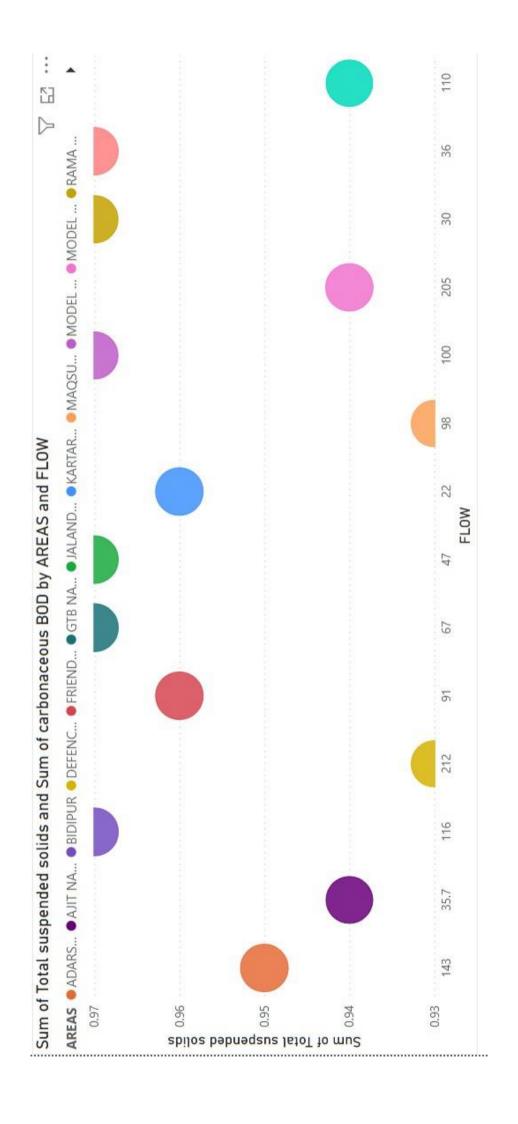
⚠ Areas of concern:

☐ Some locations show higher pollutant levels, suggesting inefficiencies in treatment.

☐ Sudden dips/spikes in TSS and CBOD may indicate equipment failures, inconsistent influent quality, or seasonal variations.

■ Next Steps:

- 1. Investigate high TSS areas to determine the cause of inefficiencies.
- 2. Optimize treatment parameters (e.g., adjust aeration, chemical dosing).
- 3. Use predictive analytics to simulate how pollutant loads change over time.
- 4. Monitor real-time fluctuations and set up alerts for sudden changes.



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OVERVIEW OF DASHBOARD:

This bubble chart visualizes the relationship between:

- Total Suspended Solids (TSS) levels (Y-axis)
- Flow rate (X-axis)
- Different areas (color-coded bubbles)
- Bubble size represents relative impact (possibly volume or another factor)

KEY OBSERVATIONS:

TSS vs. Flow Correlation

- The TSS levels range between 0.93 to 0.97 across different flow rates.
- No clear linear correlation between flow and TSS, suggesting other factors influence TSS levels.

□ Insight:

Higher flow does not always mean higher TSS, meaning treatment effectiveness varies by area.

Area-Specific Variations

- Some areas with low flow (e.g., 22, 36, 35.7) still have relatively high TSS values, indicating treatment inefficiencies or localized pollution issues.
- Some high-flow areas (e.g., 212, 205) have moderate TSS values, suggesting better treatment efficiency in those regions.

□ Insight:

- Areas with low flow but high TSS might need improved filtration, sedimentation, or aeration processes.
- Investigating plant efficiency in high-flow areas could uncover best practices for optimization.

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Bubble Sizes and Variability

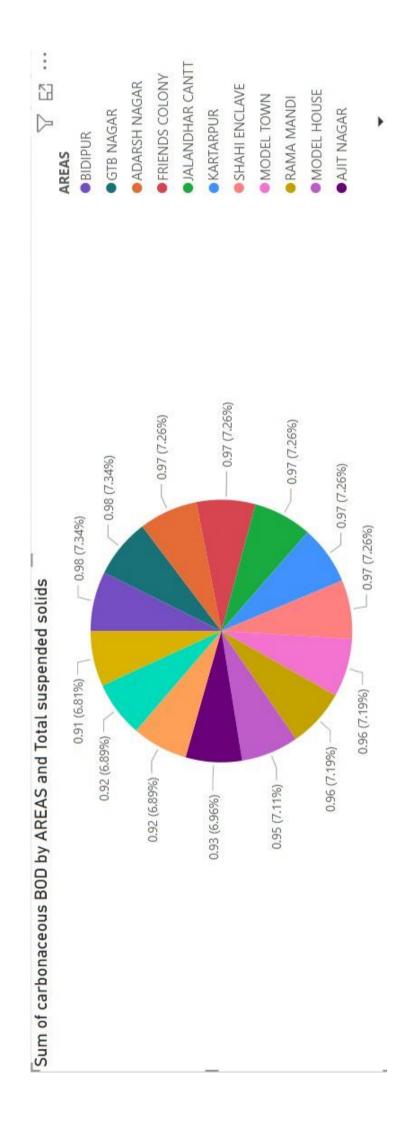
- Larger bubbles represent areas with a bigger impact (e.g., higher pollutant load or population density).
- Smaller bubbles indicate lower impact or less significant variation in TSS levels.

□ Insight:

- Larger bubbles in high TSS zones may require urgent attention due to their greater environmental impact.
- The variation in bubble sizes suggests unequal distribution of pollutants, possibly due to industrial discharge, urban runoff, or different treatment facility capacities.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ✓Investigate areas with low flow but high TSS to determine inefficiencies.
- ✓ Monitor treatment performance in high-flow areas to replicate success in underperforming areas.
- √Use predictive modeling to assess whether seasonal variations affect TSS levels.
- ✓ Conduct real-time monitoring of flow and TSS levels to set alerts for anomalies.



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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS:

This project focused on analyzing Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (cBOD), and Flow Rates across various areas. The goal was to monitor water quality, detect pollution trends, and assess treatment efficiency. Using data visualization and performance metrics, we identified variations in pollutant levels and potential inefficiencies in wastewater management.

INSIGHTS:

TSS and cBOD Trends:

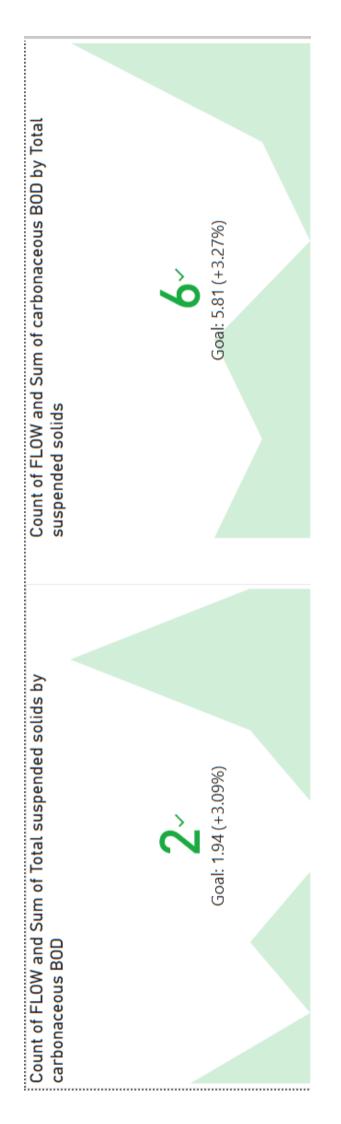
- There are variations in pollutant levels across different areas, with some exceeding expected thresholds.
- Slight deviations from set goals (~3% higher in some cases) indicate possible inefficiencies in the water treatment process.

Impact of Flow Rates:

- Flow rates influence pollutant concentrations. Higher flow areas tend to have more fluctuations in TSS and BOD levels.
- Areas with higher pollution loads may require additional treatment measures.

Potential Causes of Variations:

- Industrial discharge, seasonal effects, and treatment inefficiencies may be contributing factors.
- Some locations may need better filtration, aeration, or chemical treatment adjustments.



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KEY OBSERVATIONS:

First Chart:

- Metric: "Count of FLOW and Sum of Total Suspended Solids by Carbonaceous BOD"
- Actual Value: 2
- Goal: 1.94
- Performance: +3.09% above the goal
- This means the flow and suspended solids levels are slightly higher than expected, but within an acceptable range.

Second Chart:

- Metric: "Count of FLOW and Sum of Carbonaceous BOD by Total Suspended Solids"
- Actual Value: 6
- Goal: 5.81
- Performance: +3.27% above the goal
- The total carbonaceous BOD levels are exceeding the goal slightly, indicating a higher-thanexpected organic pollutant load.

IMPLICATIONS:

Performance Above Goal:

- Both values exceed their goals, meaning flow, suspended solids, and cBOD levels are higher than planned.
- The increase is small (around 3%), so it may not be alarming yet.

Potential Concerns:

- If this upward trend continues, it may indicate an increasing pollution problem.
- A rise in total suspended solids (TSS) and carbonaceous BOD suggests that wastewater treatment systems might be under pressure or that pollution sources are increasing.

Possible Causes:

- Increased industrial discharge or wastewater inflow.
- Seasonal variations (rainfall, temperature changes affecting BOD decomposition).
- Potential inefficiencies in water treatment facilities.

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IMPLICATIONS:

Predictive Analysis:

 ML models can predict future pollution levels based on trends, helping authorities take preemptive actions.

Anomalies in TSS and BOD levels can be detected in real-time, preventing potential environmental hazards.

Simulation-Based Optimization:

Different treatment strategies were simulated to identify the most effective way to reduce

pollutants.

What-if analysis was used to understand how changes in flow rates affect pollutant concentration.

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Software & Tools Used

Data Analytics & Visualization

Microsoft Power BI for data visualization.

Python (Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-Learn) for machine learning analysis.

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