



## Wastewater Treatment

- Quantity
- Characteristics
- Degree of Treatment → Discharge Norms/  
→ Use Requirements
  - Inland waters
  - Groundwater
  - Wetlands
  - Estuaries, Ocean/Sea
  - Residential/Industrial/Horticulture/Agriculture

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## Environmental Quality & Environmental Pollution

### Dimensions

- Physical
- Chemical
- Physicochemical
- Biological

Physical, Chemical, Physicochemical and Biological Dimensions may be assessed for three different phases of the Environment .... Solid, .... Liquid, .... And Gaseous.

Solid Phase is represented by Rocks and Soil, .... Liquid Phase is represented by Water, .... and Gaseous Phase by Air

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## Water – Pure/Impure and Contaminated/Polluted

- Water gains chemical characteristics of aesthetic, health, biological and economic importance by dissolving and suspending materials.
- The type, magnitude, and interactions of these materials determine whether water will have taste, odor, or in general potable or not, and whether it will be corrosive, or acceptable or harmful for a particular use, etc.

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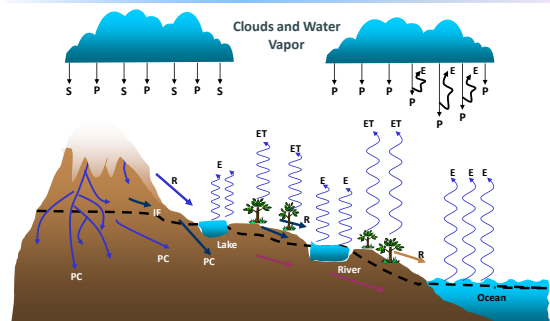
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## Schematic Representation of the Hydrologic Cycle

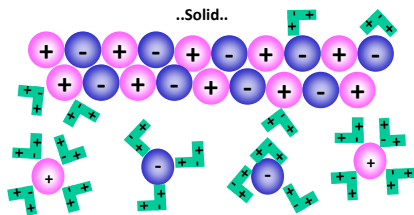


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The Ability of Water to Dissolve Ions



**Note :** The oxygen end of the water molecule is attracted to positive ions and the hydrogen end to negative ions. The ability of water to dissolve ions accounts for the presence of inorganic constituents in natural waters. The behaviour of ions in solution, however, is a complex subject.

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Water – Origin and Sources of Impurities

Origin: Atmosphere

Ionic and Dissolved		Gases
Positive ions	Negative ions	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )
Hydrogen (H <sup>+</sup> )	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> )
	Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )	Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )
	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> )	Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )
		Suspended
		Dust, pollen

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Water – Important Chemical and Biological Impurities

Origin: Contact of Water with Soils, Rocks and Minerals

Ionic and Dissolved			Colloidal
Positive ions	Negative ions		
Calcium (Ca <sup>+2</sup> )	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )		Clay
Iron (Fe <sup>+2</sup> )	Carbonate (CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-2</sup> )	Suspended  Clay, silt, sand and other inorganic soils	Silica
Magnesium (Mg <sup>+2</sup> )	Chloride (Cl <sup>-1</sup> )		Ferric oxide
Potassium (K <sup>+</sup> )	Fluoride (F <sup>-1</sup> )		Aluminum oxide
Sodium (Na <sup>+</sup> )	Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-1</sup> )		Magnesium dioxide
Zinc (Zn <sup>+2</sup> )	Phosphate (PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-3</sup> )		
	Hydroxide (OH <sup>-1</sup> )	Gases	
	Borates (H <sub>3</sub> BO <sub>3</sub> )	Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	
	Silicates (H <sub>2</sub> SiO <sub>4</sub> )		
	Sulfate (SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-2</sup> )		

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Water – Origin and Sources of Impurities

Origin: Decomposition of organic matter in the environment

Ionic and Dissolved		Colloidal
Positive ions	Negative ions	Vegetable coloring matter, organic wastes
Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> )	Chloride (Cl <sup>-</sup> )	Gases Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> ) Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> ) Hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S) Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> ) Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> ) Nitrogen (N <sub>2</sub> ) Oxygen (O <sub>2</sub> )
Hydrogen (H <sup>+</sup> )	Bicarbonate (HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	
Sodium (Na <sup>+</sup> )	Hydroxide (OH <sup>-</sup> )	
	Nitrite (NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	
	Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> )	
	Sulfide (HS <sup>-</sup> )	
	Organic radicals	
Suspended		
Organic soils (topsoil), organic wastes		

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Water – Origin and Sources of Impurities

Origin: Living organisms in the environment

Colloidal	Suspended
Bacteria, algae, viruses, etc.	Algae, diatoms, minute animals, fish, etc.
Gases	
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	
Carbon dioxide (CO <sub>2</sub> )	
Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )	

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Water – Origin and Sources of Impurities

Origin: Municipal, industrial, and agricultural sources and other human activity

Ionic and Dissolved		Colloidal
Positive ions	Negative ions	Inorganic and organic solids, coloring matter, chlorinated organic compound, bacteria, worms, viruses
Inorganic ions, including a verity of heavy metals	Inorganic ions, organic molecules, color	
Suspended		Gases
Clay, silt, grit, and other inorganic solid; organic compounds; oil; corrosion products; etc.		Chloride (Cl <sub>2</sub> )
		Sulfur dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )

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Sources of Bicarbonates, Sulfates, and Chlorides of Calcium, Magnesium, and Sodium Found in Natural Waters

Constituent	Source
Calcium Bicarbonate $\text{Ca}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	Dissolution of limestone, marble, chalk, calcite, dolomite, and other minerals containing calcium carbonate
Magnesium Bicarbonate $\text{Mg}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	Dissolution of magnesite, dolomite and dolomitic limestone, and other minerals containing magnesium carbonate
Sodium Bicarbonate $\text{Na}(\text{HCO}_3)_2$	White salt commonly known as baking soda, typically a manufactured product; also present in some natural waters
Calcium Sulfate $\text{CaSO}_4$	Minerals such as gypsum, alabaster, and selenite

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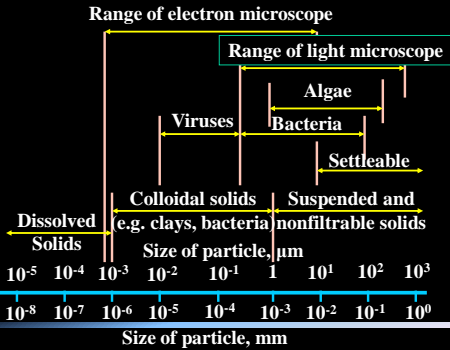
Constituent	Source
Magnesium Sulfate $\text{MgSO}_4$	Heptahydrate from $(\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O})$ commonly known as Epsom salt or when found in the salt beds or mines, as epsomite; monohydrate from $(\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O})$ occurs in a variety of minerals as a double salt with potassium chloride, potassium sulfate, etc.
Sodium Sulfate $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$	Salt lakes, salt beds, caverns, etc., decahydrate from $(\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O})$ is known as Glauber's salt
Calcium Chloride $\text{CaCl}_2$	Natural brines, salt beds, etc., and a by product of the chemical industry
Magnesium Chloride $\text{MgCl}_2$	Anhydrous forms found in natural brines, salt beds, etc.
Sodium Chloride $\text{NaCl}$	Salt beds, Salt lakes, connate waters, other natural brine

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Particle sizes in W & WW



Water or Aqueous Systems

Solid Dispersed phase can be classified into three groups

Soluble or Dissolved (Solution or Molecular Dispersion)	Colloidal (Colloidal Suspension)	Coarse (Coarse Suspension)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Size <math>&lt; 10^{-9}</math> m (1 nm)</li><li>Molecules or atoms</li><li>Optically non-resolvable</li><li>Stable Dispersed Phase</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Size: 1 – 500 nm</li><li>Ultra microscopically resolvable</li><li>Electron microscope size <math>&lt; 0.5 \mu\text{m}</math></li><li>Microscopically resolvable</li><li>Size: 0.5 – 20 <math>\mu\text{m}</math></li><li>Stable Dispersed Phase</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Size <math>&gt; 20 \mu\text{m}</math></li><li>Can be seen</li><li>Can be easily separated/filtered</li><li>Unstable Dispersed Phase or Unstable Dispersion</li></ul>

Dispersed phase can't be separated from dispersion phase easily, say be settling, filtration, etc.

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Water Quality Parameters

- Various characteristics of water are used to assess water quality.
- Characteristics of water are generally assessed through a number of water quality parameters and these parameters are classified in a number of ways. Most often they are grouped as physical, chemical, and biological. The other way is to classify them in two groups i.e. GROSS & SPECIFIC parameters

GROSS PARAMETERS are focused on measuring a common effect, influence or impact due to presence of one or several or many species or substances.

SPECIFIC PARAMETERS on the other hand are necessary when individual physical properties or chemical entities or biological species such as toxic ion or organic compounds or biological species is of concern and, as such, are used to describe water quality as it applies to particular use.

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Water – Judgement or Basis of Assessment

Concept of Beneficial Uses of Water

- There are several beneficial uses of water, and since each use of water has an individual set of constraints, an absolute definition of water quality can not be made.
- The basic concern in establishing water quality criteria for various beneficial uses are:
  - (1) Safety,
  - (2) Aesthetic, and
  - (3) Economic.

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Domestic) and Quality

- **Safety** →
  - **Biologically Safe** → means absence of disease causing organisms (i.e. Pathogenic Organisms). Examples of organisms which cause some of the commonly known water born diseases.
  - Cholera → *Vibrio coma* or *Vibrio cholera* → Bacterial disease
  - Typhoid → *Salmonella typhosa* → Bacterial diseases
  - Bacillary dysentery → shigellosis → Bacterial
  - Dysentery → *Entamoeba histolytica* (Amoebic dysentery) → Protozoan
  - Infectious hepatitis (Jaundice) ----- Viral disease
  - Poliomyelitis ----- Viral disease

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Domestic) and Quality

- **Chemically Safe** → No toxic chemical should be present
  - Example: Heavy metals like Pb, Hg, Cd, Zn, Cu, etc.
  - Radioactive chemicals.
  - Common elements →  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  → in high concentration causes indigestion (laxative effect)
  - $\text{NO}_3^-$  If > 100 mg/l → infant illness called methemoglobinemia (in low acidity nitrate reducing bacteria thrive)
  - $\text{NO}_3^- \rightarrow \text{NO}_2^-$  → combines with hemoglobin (competes with  $\text{O}_2$ ) Blue baby disease.
  - Fluoride → mottling of teeth/bones become weak → Excessive concentration extracts  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ .  
→ Dental carries, decay → (Low concentration of F).  
→ Optimum concentration  $\cong$  1-1.5mg/l.
  - Trihalomethanes →  $\text{CHX}_3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{CHBr}_3$ ,  $\text{CHCl}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{CHBr}_2\text{Cl}$  → mutagenic.

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Domestic) and Quality

- **Aesthetics**: Absence of colour, odour, taste, turbidity → which can be perceived by human senses.
- **Economic**: More hardness → more soap consumption (earlier); → scale formation and corrosion.
- More iron → staining of cloths, rusting, clogging, etc.

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Industrial) and Quality

- Water is an important raw material.
- Process Water → used in the production of the industry e.g. boiler water → high quality → scale /corrosion → DO.
- Product Water → food industry → biologically safe
- In Rayon Industry → Fe content → stains the rayon (low grade yarn is produced)
- Tannins → due to tanneries in Kanpur.
- Cooling Water → need not be high quality.
- Service Water → washing, etc.

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Agricultural) and Quality

- Concerns
  - Health hazard → workers and consumers (major concern)
  - Soil sickness → chemicals, pH, acidity, etc.
  - Salinity.
- Total concentration of salts → conductivity or TDS.
- Relative proportion of sodium to other ions → sodium hazard to crop → high Na replaces  $\text{Ca}^{++}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{++}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ , etc.
- Excessive bicarbonate ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) → Precipitation of Ca, Mg in the root zone of crops
  - Residual Sodium Bicarbonate (RSB) =  $[\text{CO}_3] + [\text{HCO}_3] - [\text{Ca}] - [\text{Mg}]$ ; meq/l
- Toxic chemicals → Boron content.

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## Water – Beneficial Uses (Live Stock) and Quality

- Drinking water for animals → Biologically and chemically safe → Human and animal Safety
  - Disease transmission → TB
- Economic loss if cattles are not healthy.
- Aesthetic → Not much important → Turbidity and colour → Not a problem
- Test should not be bad.

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Water – Beneficial Uses (Fish Culture) and Quality

- Concerns
  - Temperature
  - DO > 5 mg/l
  - Turbidity → Photosynthesis is affected → Less food for fish → affects the food chain
  - Toxic chemicals

Water – Beneficial Uses (Recreational Use) and Quality

- Concerns
  - Aesthetic → Very important
  - Disease causing
    - organisms → skin diseases → mainly fungal.
    - Chemicals → Irritation of nose and eyes.

Water

Water Sources

- The two principal sources are ground or surface water. Depending on the hydrology of a basin, the levels of human activity in the vicinity of these source, and other factors, a wide range of water quality parameters can be encountered. One major distinction is based on the level of the dissolved salts (Total Dissolved Solids, TDS)
  - Fresh waters are those sources with TDS < 1000 mg/l
  - Brackish waters are those which have TDS > 1000 mg/l and can be used under special circumstances for specific uses with adequate treatment up to (say) 10,000 mg/l
  - Finally the most abundant source, the Ocean or Sea water, contains approximately 35,000 mg/l dissolved salts and consequently requires demineralization prior to use.

Understanding Water Quality Parameters

- What or Definition or Concept
- Why or Significance or Importance
  - From the Point of View of Beneficial Use → Aesthetic, Safety and Economic Considerations
  - From the Point of View of Conveyance & Treatment
- How or Principle and Method/Technique or Procedure

Physical Environment – A Dispersion System

Gaseous → Air  
Liquid → Water  
Solid → Soil and Rocks

Environmental Systems

Types of Dispersions

Dispersion Medium	Dispersed Phase	Type of Dispersion
Gas (Air)	Solid	Aerosol
Gas (Air)	Liquid	Mist
Liquid (Water)	Solid	Solution and/or Suspension
Liquid (Water)	Liquid (Oil)	Emulsion
Solid	Solid	Solid Gel
Solid	Liquid	Gel

Air (Gas), Water (Liquid) and Soil/Rock (Solid) Dispersion System

- In dispersion system particles of one phase are dispersed throughout a medium that is in a different phase.
- Dispersion may be a two-phased system or a three-phased system.
- Composed of a dispersion medium and a dispersed phase.
- Dispersion medium is a continuous medium in which the dispersed phase is distributed throughout.
- Dispersed phase is the phase that is composed of particles that are distributed throughout the Dispersion Medium.
- **Dispersed phase is discontinuous whereas Dispersion Medium is continuous.**

Wastewater Characteristics

Wastewater produced in domestic setting,

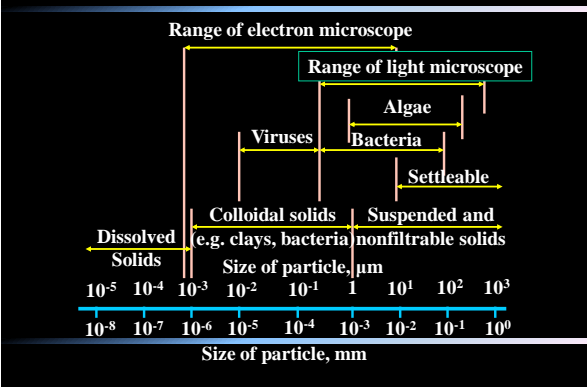
1. Black water: Toilet waste  
(mainly Organic Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorus, microorganisms)
2. Grey water: Kitchen waste, bathing and cleaning waste  
(mainly organic C, N and P, surfactants, salts, dirt, grit, other solid waste)

Domestic Wastewater (Sewage) = Black water + grey water

Wastewater/Sewage → Water + ?

Constituents	Part of	Solids	Parameter	Action
Inorganics (Na, K, Ca, Mg, NH <sub>4</sub> <sup>+</sup> , Fe, Mn, Cu, Cd, Ni, ...; OH <sup>-</sup> , CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , Cl <sup>-</sup> , SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> , NO <sub>2</sub> <sup>-</sup> , NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> , PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> , ...)	TDS	FDS	TDS	None
Organics (Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorous, .....)	TSS	FSS (Specific Gravity > 2.5)	TSS	Screening/ Settling
		VSS Specific Gravity ≈ 1 (Microbes & Non-Microbial)	TSS	Primary Settling
			TOC/BOD/ COD	Conversion to CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O, Microbial Mass and Settling/ Micro-Filtration
			NH <sub>4</sub> -N	" + → NO <sub>2</sub> & NO <sub>3</sub> -N
			TKN	" + → NH <sub>4</sub> -N → NO <sub>3</sub> -N → N <sub>2</sub>
	TDS	VDS (Non-Microbial)	PO <sub>4</sub>	Conversion to Microbial Mass

Particle sizes in W & WW



Environmental Systems

Types of Dispersions

Dispersion Medium	Dispersed Phase	Type of Dispersion
Gas (Air)	Solid	Aerosol
Gas (Air)	Liquid	Mist
Liquid (Water)	Solid	Solution and/or Suspension
Liquid (Water)	Liquid (Oil)	Emulsion
Solid	Solid	Solid Gel
Solid	Liquid	Gel

Wastewater Characteristics

Wastewater → Water + Waste

Domestic Wastewater (Sewage) = Black water + grey water (Sullage)

Organic Carbon = BOD<sub>5</sub>  
BOD<sub>5</sub> added by permanent population = 50 g /capita/d  
BOD<sub>5</sub> added by temporary population = 25 g /capita/d



Microbes  
Chemicals → Acids, Bases, Insecticides, Pesticides, Antibiotics, etc.  
N + P

TSS & TDS → Organic (VS → VSS + VDS; BOD/COD; N & P) & Inorganic (FSS + FDS)

## Wastewater Quality

In 2023:	In 2053:
BOD <sub>5</sub> added = 50(9870) + 25(1500) = <b>531 kg/d</b>	BOD <sub>5</sub> added = 50(12300) + 25(3000) = <b>690 kg/d</b>
Average Flow: 531 kg in 1.47 ML = <b>361 mg/L BOD<sub>5</sub></b>	Average Flow: 690 kg in 2.46 ML = <b>281 mg/L BOD<sub>5</sub></b>
Assume: BOD <sub>5</sub> : N (as N) : P (as P) on wt. basis) = <b>100: 10: 2</b>	Assume: BOD <sub>5</sub> : N (as N) : P (as P) on wt. basis) = <b>100: 10: 2</b>
Av: BOD <sub>5</sub> = 361mg/L; TKN = 36.1 mg/L (as N); Total-P = 7.2 mg/L (as P)	Av: BOD <sub>5</sub> = 281 mg/L; TKN = 28.1 mg/L (as N); Total-P = 5.6 mg/L (as P)
Commercial wastewater is assumed to have the same characteristics as domestic wastewater	Commercial wastewater is assumed to have the same characteristics as domestic wastewater

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## Wastewater/Sewage Treatment

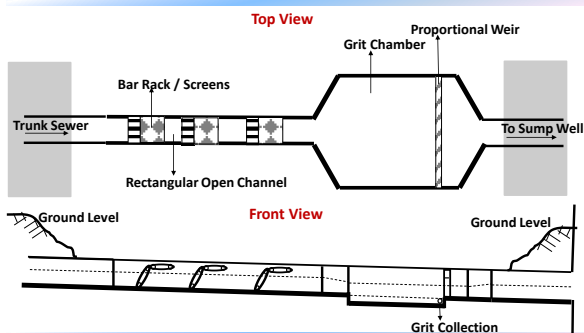
	Wastewater → Water + Waste
Preliminary Wastewater Treatment	<b>Bigger Solids (Fixed &amp; Volatile Solids)</b> +
Primary Wastewater Treatment	<b>Coarser &amp; Heavier Solids (FSS)</b> +
Secondary Wastewater Treatment	<b>Coarser but Lighter Solids (VSS)</b> +
Tertiary Wastewater Treatment	<b>Finer &amp; Lighter Solids (Colloidal &amp; Dissolved; VSS &amp; VDS)</b> +
	<b>Other Dissolved Solids (VDS &amp; FDS)</b>

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## Preliminary Wastewater Treatment

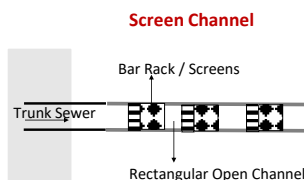


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## Preliminary Wastewater Treatment



### Screen Channel Design

Velocity in screen channel should be > 0.6 m/s (self-cleansing velocity)

$$q_1 = 0.30 \text{ m}^3/\text{s};$$

Choose:

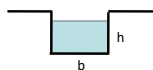
$n = 0.013$ ;  $S = 0.002$ ;  
 $b = 0.70 \text{ m}$  (same as trunk sewer dia.)

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## Preliminary Wastewater Treatment



$Q$  = Design flow  
 $b$  = Channel width  
 $h$  = depth of flow  
 $S$  = channel slope  
 $A$  = flow cross section  
 $V_H$  = flow velocity

Assuming rectangular channel,  $R = (b \cdot h) / (b + 2 \cdot h)$ ;  
 $A = b \cdot h$ ;

$$q_1 = A \cdot V_H = (1/n) \cdot A \cdot (R)^{2/3} \cdot (S)^{1/2};$$

Choose  $h$  such that  $q_1 = 0.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ;  $h = 0.504 \text{ m}$   
 $V_H = q_1 / (A) = 0.850 \text{ m/s}$ ;  $V_H > V_{scr}$  hence okay

Checking for  $q_2$ :

$$q_2 = A \cdot V_H = (1/n) \cdot A \cdot (R)^{2/3} \cdot (S)^{1/2};$$

Choose  $h$  such that  $q_1 = 0.15 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ;  $h = 0.298 \text{ m}$   
 $V_H = q_2 / (A) = 0.720 \text{ m/s}$ ;  $V_H > V_{scr}$  hence okay

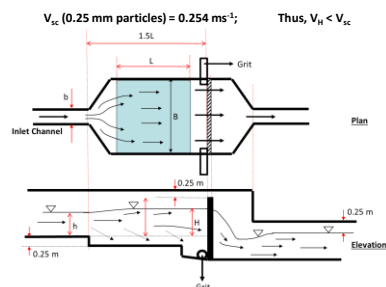
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**Grit Chamber:** To remove inorganic particles up to 0.25 mm in diameter



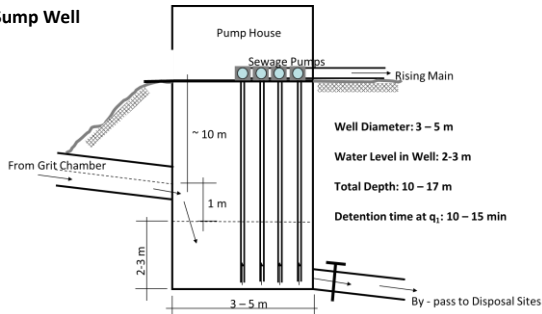
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### Sump Well

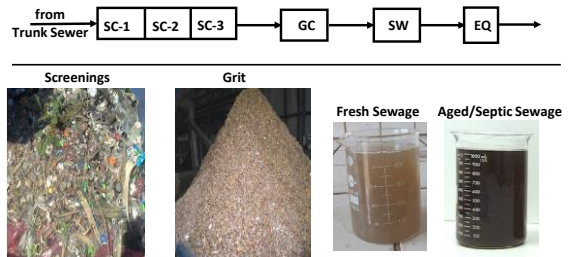


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## Equalization Tank (Flow Equalization)

Time of Day	Flow	Cumulative Volume	Time of Day	Flow	Cumulative Volume
0-1	0.9Q	0.9Q.n	12-13	1.3Q	10.9Q.n
1-2	0.7Q	1.6Q.n	13-14	1.2Q	12.2Q.n
2-3	0.5Q	2.1Q.n	14-15	1.2Q	13.4Q.n
3-4	0.4Q	2.5Q.n	15-16	1.1Q	14.5Q.n
4-5	0.3Q	2.8Q.n	16-17	1.1Q	15.6Q.n
5-6	0.3Q	3.1Q.n	17-18	1.1Q	16.7Q.n
6-7	0.4Q	3.5Q.n	18-19	1.1Q	17.8Q.n
7-8	0.7Q	4.2Q.n	19-20	1.2Q	19.0Q.n
8-9	1.1Q	5.3Q.n	20-21	1.3Q	20.3Q.n
9-10	1.6Q	6.7Q.n	21-22	1.3Q	21.6Q.n
10-11	1.4Q	8.1Q.n	22-23	1.2Q	22.8Q.n
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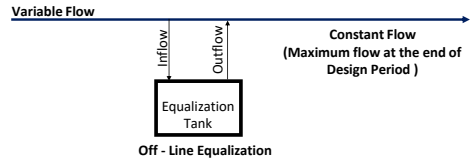
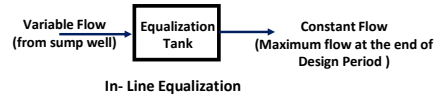
$Q$  = Maximum Flow,  $m^3/h$ ;  $n$  = duration, hr

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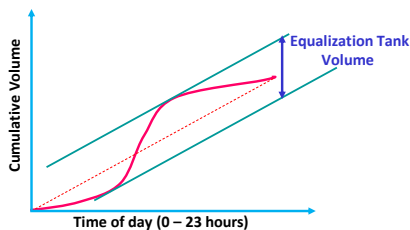
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