

Title 22 Filtration and Disinfection: A New Conditionally Accepted Treatment Technology Saves Over \$100 Million

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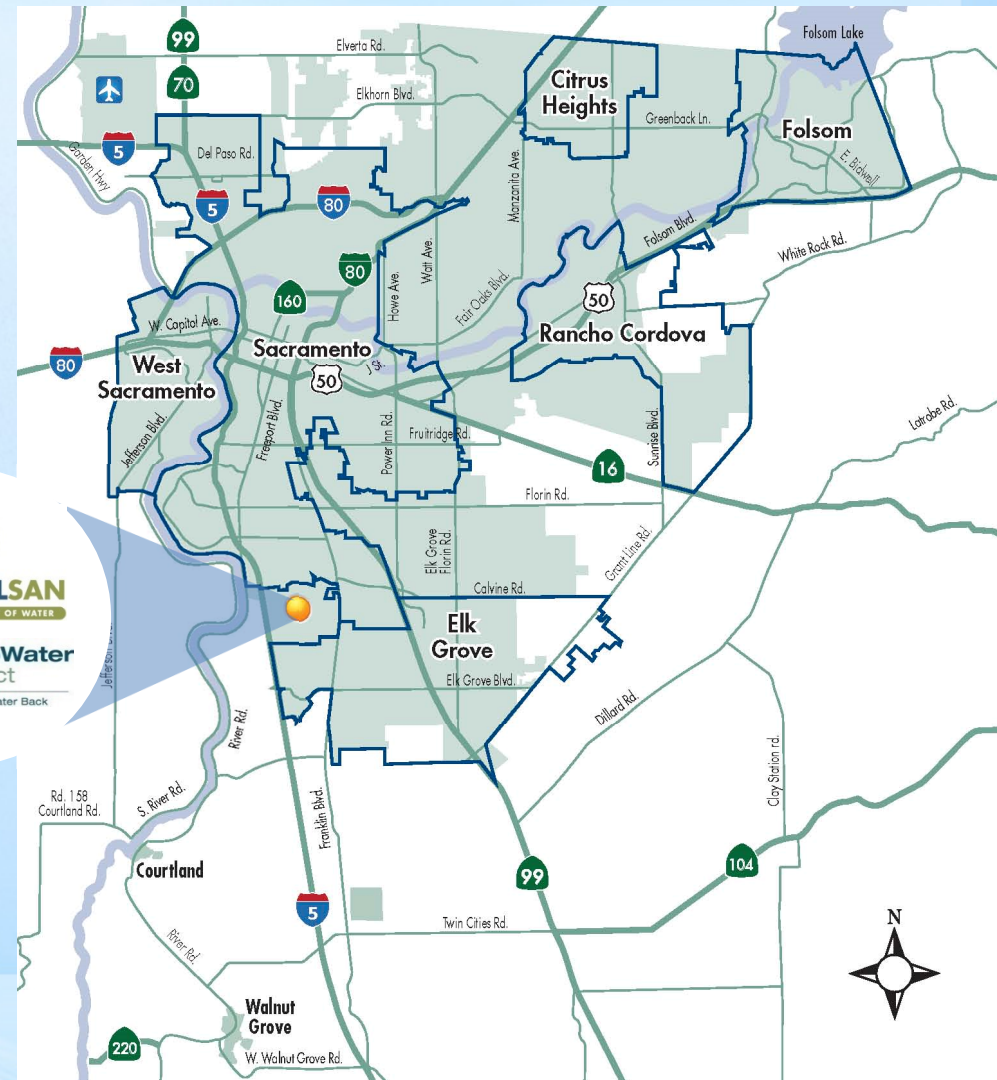
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- **Introduction**
- Objectives/Efforts to Date
- Pilot Facility Overview
- Testing Protocols and Results
- Saving of Over \$100 Million
- Applicability to Other Facilities

Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant

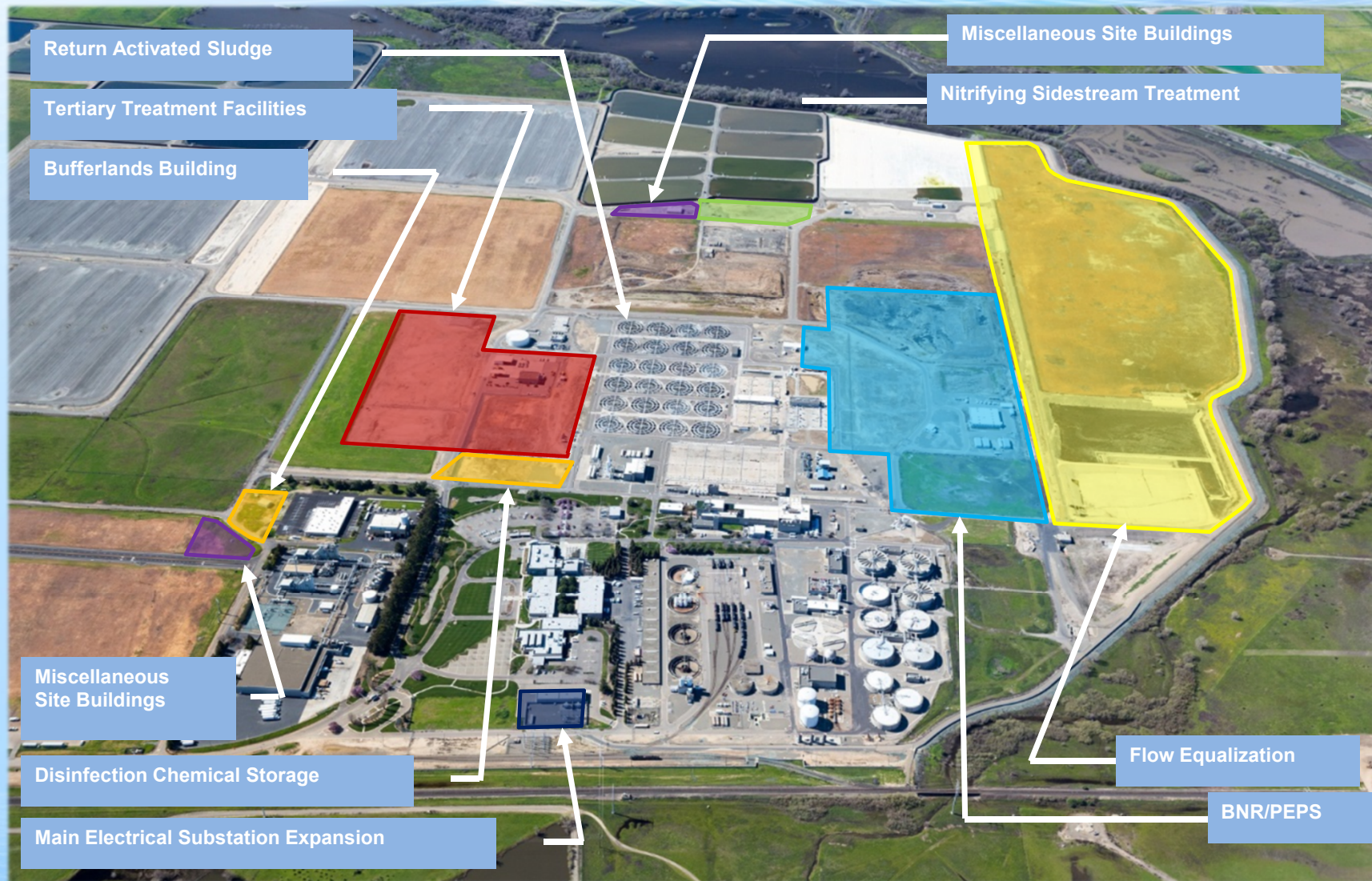
- It serves approximately 1.4 million residents over 383 square miles in the greater Sacramento Region (Residential, Industrial, and Commercial)
- 111 miles of gravity interceptor
- 58 miles of force mains
- 181 MGD (Dry Weather)
- 217 MGD (Peak Dry Weather)
- 330 MGD (Equalized Max Daily)



Project Driver - NPDES Permit

- NPDES Permit issued by Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board on December 9, 2010
- Required significantly higher treatment to remove ammonia, nitrates, and further reduce pathogens in the treated water.
- Replacement of pure oxygen activated sludge process with BNR process and California Title 22 filtration/disinfection
- Estimated in range of \$1.5 to \$2.1 billion, with additional annual maintenance costs
- The EchoWater Project consists of over 20 discrete projects ranging in size from \$1 million to \$414 million in construction costs
- The compliance dates are May 2021 for nutrient removal and May 2023 for Title 22 facilities

Overview of EchoWater Project



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Objectives of the Demonstration Program

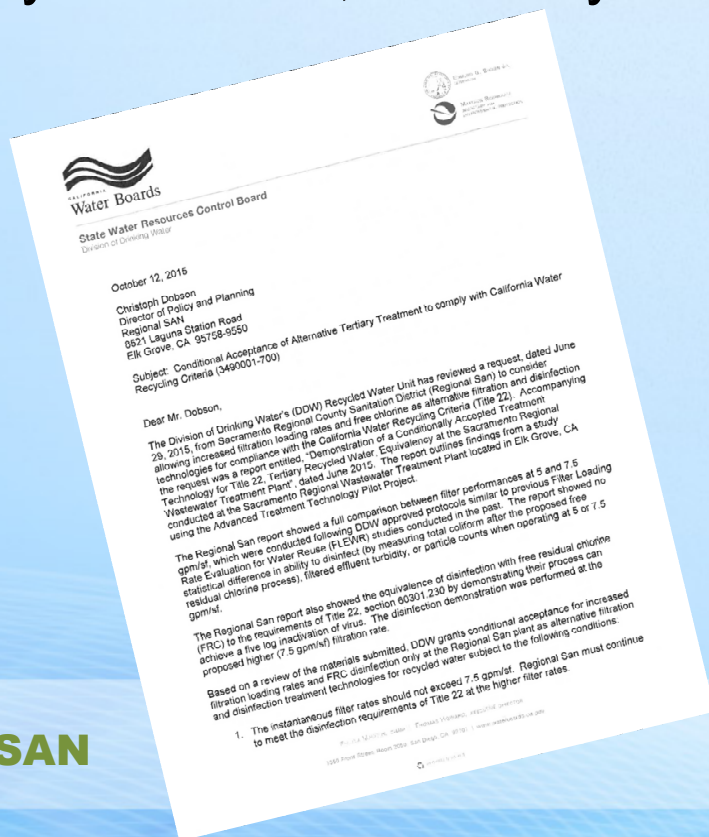
- Demonstrate Title 22 Equivalency
- Achieve a Conditionally Accepted Treatment Technology (CATT) status for the Regional San technology
- Demonstration is done on a specific wastewater source

Efforts to Date

- Draft Protocol Submitted for Department of Drinking Water (DDW) Review in April 2014
- DDW Drinking Water Program Recycled Water Committee met May 8, 2014 and provided comments to draft protocol
- Regional San issued final draft for Alternative Technology Demonstration testing on Sept 23, 2014
- Demonstration test was conducted from August 2014 through October 2014
- Submitted Final Conditionally Accepted Treatment Technology (CATT) Report in June 2015

Efforts to Date

- Received Official CATT Acceptance Letter from DDW on October 12, 2015
- Title 22 Report for the Production Distribution, and Use of Recycled Water, February 2017



How Long Can It Take?

- Draft Protocol Submitted (April 2014) to
- Received CATT Acceptance Letter from DDW October 2015
- 18 months
- Pilot takes time to design and build

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Pilot Aerial

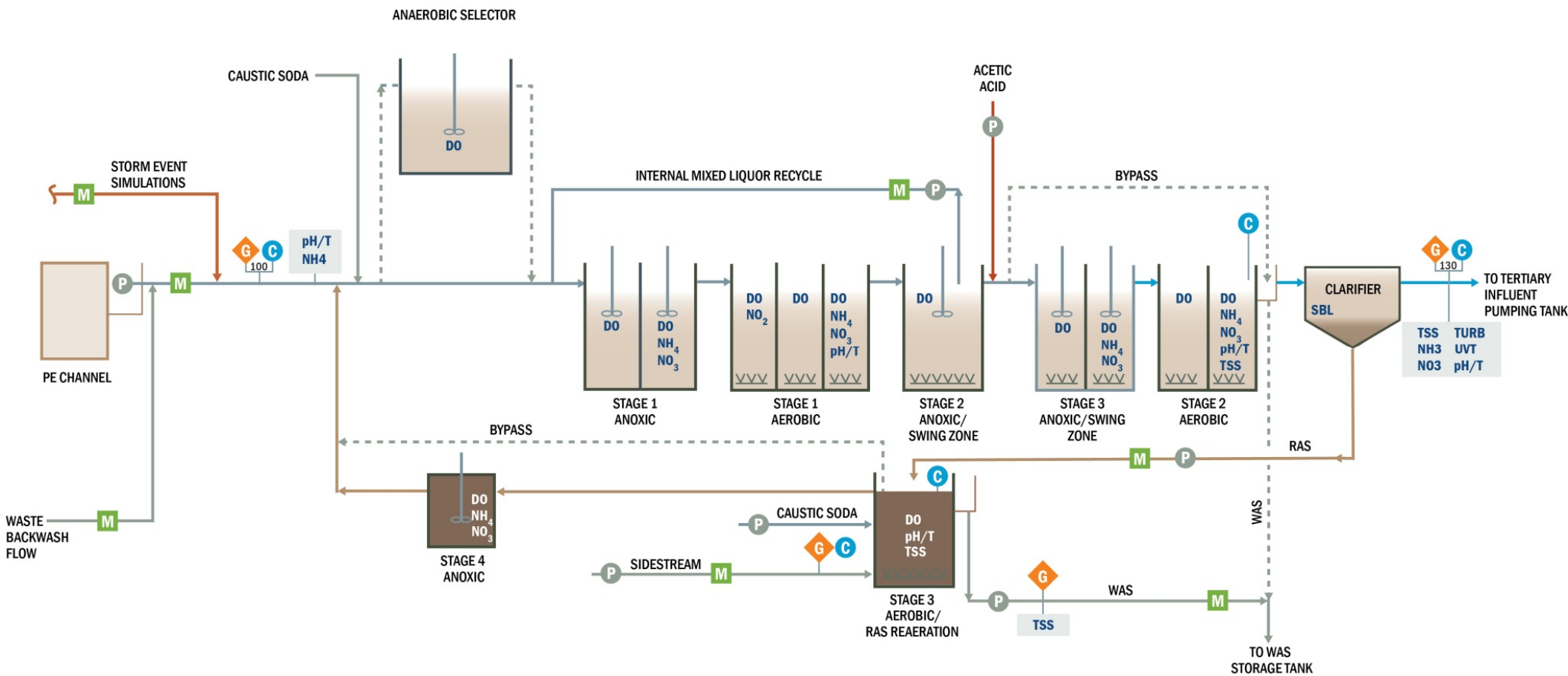


Advanced Treatment Technology Pilot

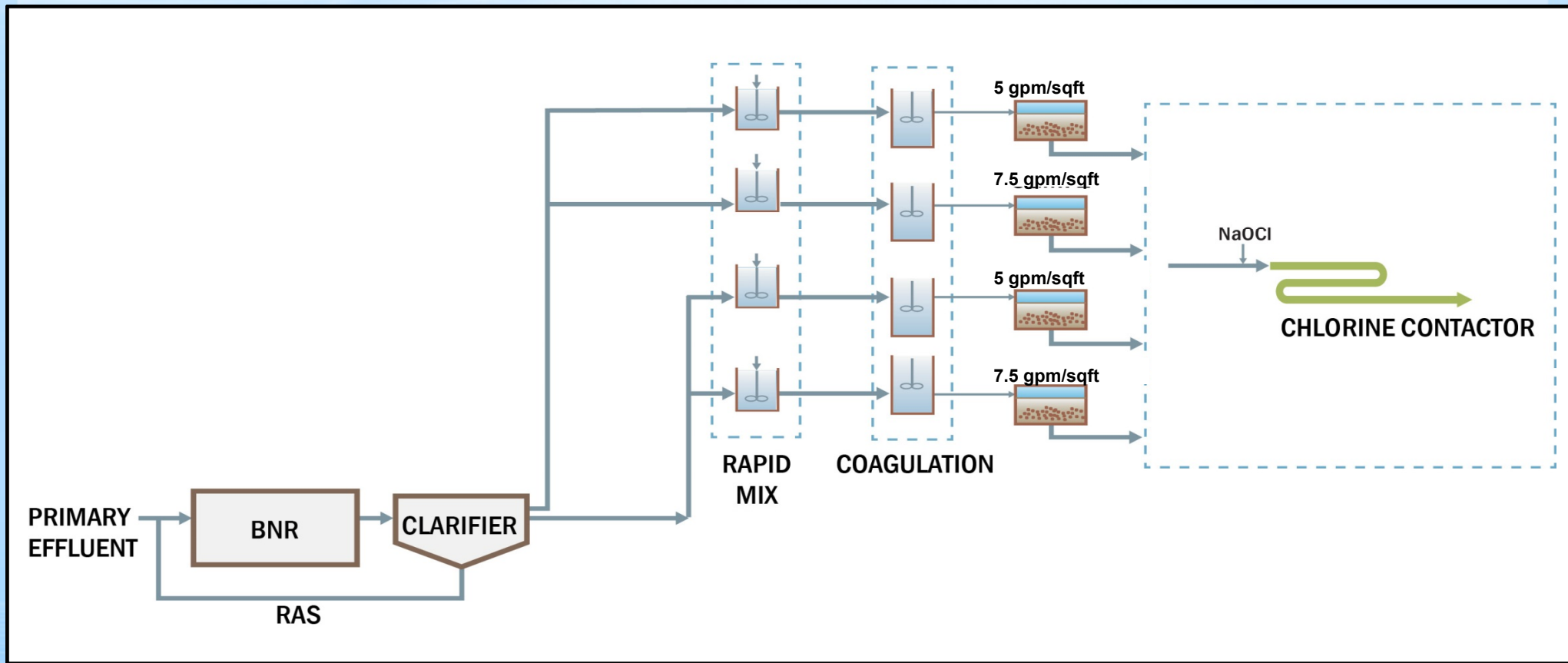
- Sufficient scale (0.25 MGD Average Flow to 0.5 MGD Maximum Capacity)
- Operated by licensed wastewater operators
- Complete SCADA system
- Pilot influent mimics main plant influent flow
- Filters operated at 5 and 7.5 gpm/ft²
- Chlorine contactor operated at constant flow of 13.6 gpm with online control of chlorine residual



Pilot Flow Schematic (BNR)



Tertiary Treatment Schematic



Granular Media Filtration



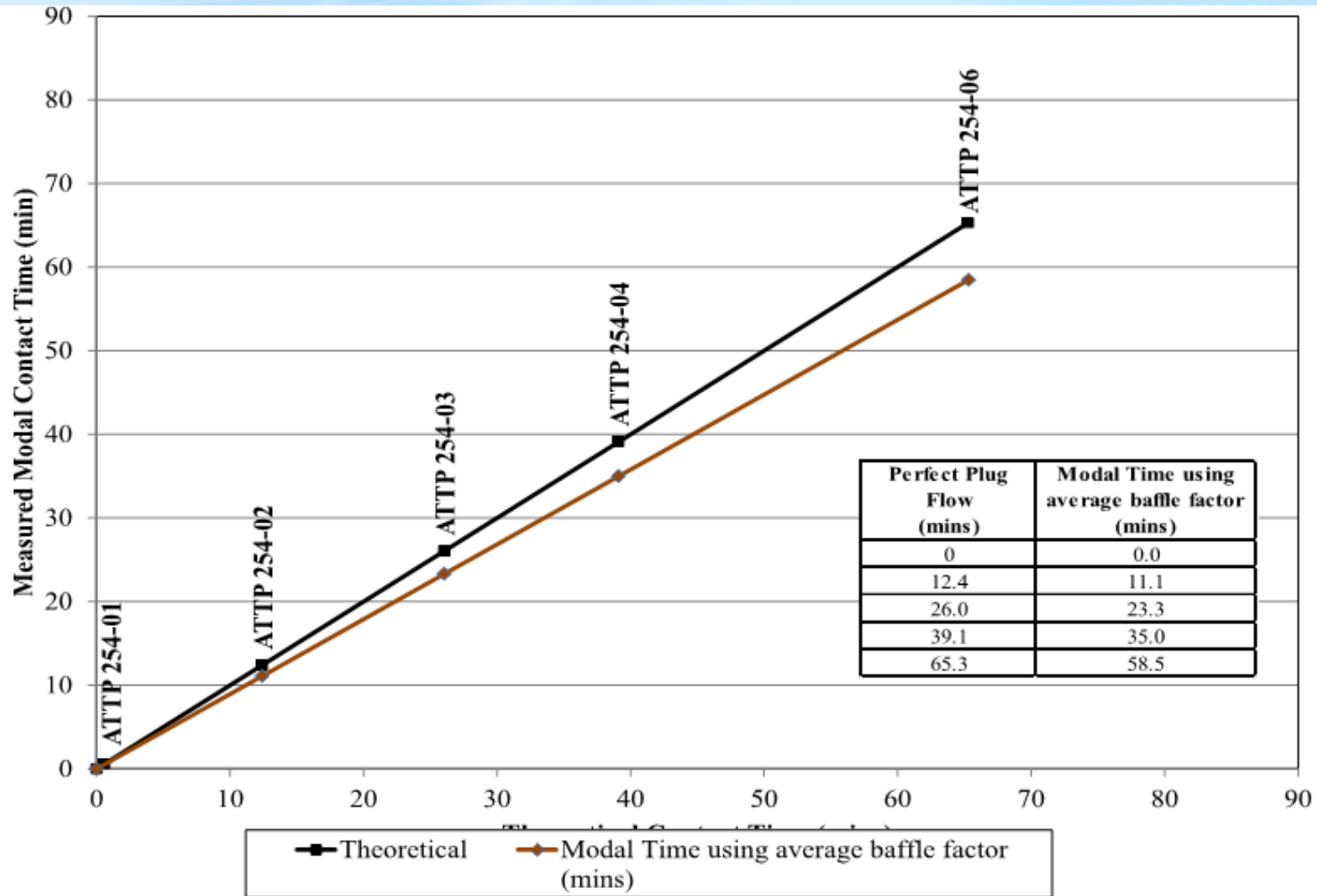
- Each filter 2 ft diameter
- 4 ft of anthracite, 1 ft of sand
- Operate at constant head (8') with a backwash initiated at 10'
- Typical 97 percent recovery

Chlorine Contactor

- 200' length serpentine reactor
- Maximum 120 minute modal contact time
- Multiple taps to test from



Modal Contact Time



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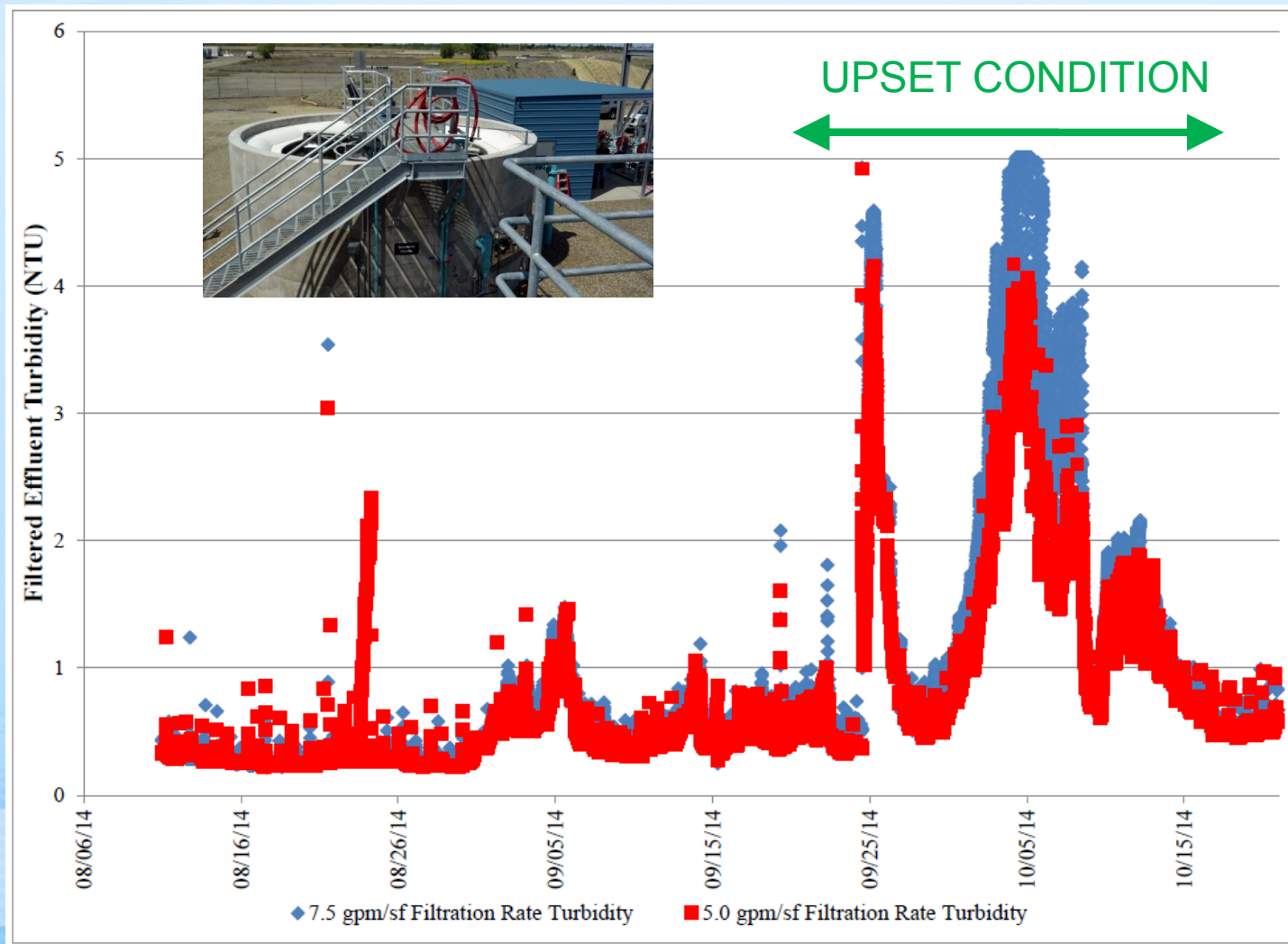
Summary of Demonstration Program

Use the pilot to demonstrate DDW Title 22 Equivalency.

- Filter Performance
 - Continuous operation of the granular media filter units at a rate 5 and 7.5 gpm/ft² in a dual/mixed media gravity filtration system
 - §60301.320 filtered wastewater requirements for turbidity.
 - An average of 2 NTU within a 24-hour period;
 - 5 NTU more than 5 percent of the time within a 24-hour period; and
 - 10 NTU at any time.
- Stated requirements vs. real requirements

Summary of Demonstration Program

Filtered Effluent Turbidity operating at 5 and 7.5 gpm/sf



Summary of Demonstration Program

Continuous Filtered Effluent Turbidity Statistics at 5 and 7.5 gpm/sf

| | Filtration at 5 gpm/sf | Filtration at 7.5 gpm/sf |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sample Count | 20,699 | 20,699 |
| Average | 0.78 | 0.95 |
| Minimum | 0.22 | 0.22 |
| Maximum | 4.92 | 5.01 |
| Median | 0.51 | 0.59 |
| Standard Deviation | 0.73 | 1.01 |
| 95 Percentile | 2.39 | 3.53 |
| 5 Percentile | 0.24 | 0.25 |

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- Disinfection with Free Chlorine
 - 5-log virus reduction
 - Total coliform limits
 - 2.2 MPN/100 mL, as a median of the last 7 days;
 - 23 MPN/100 mL, in more than one sample in any 30-day period;
 - 240 MPN/100 mL, at any time.

Demonstration Testing Plan – Virus Challenge

- Each week (8/12/14 through 10/21/14)
- MS2 solution injected into the filtered effluent upstream of the chlorine dosing location



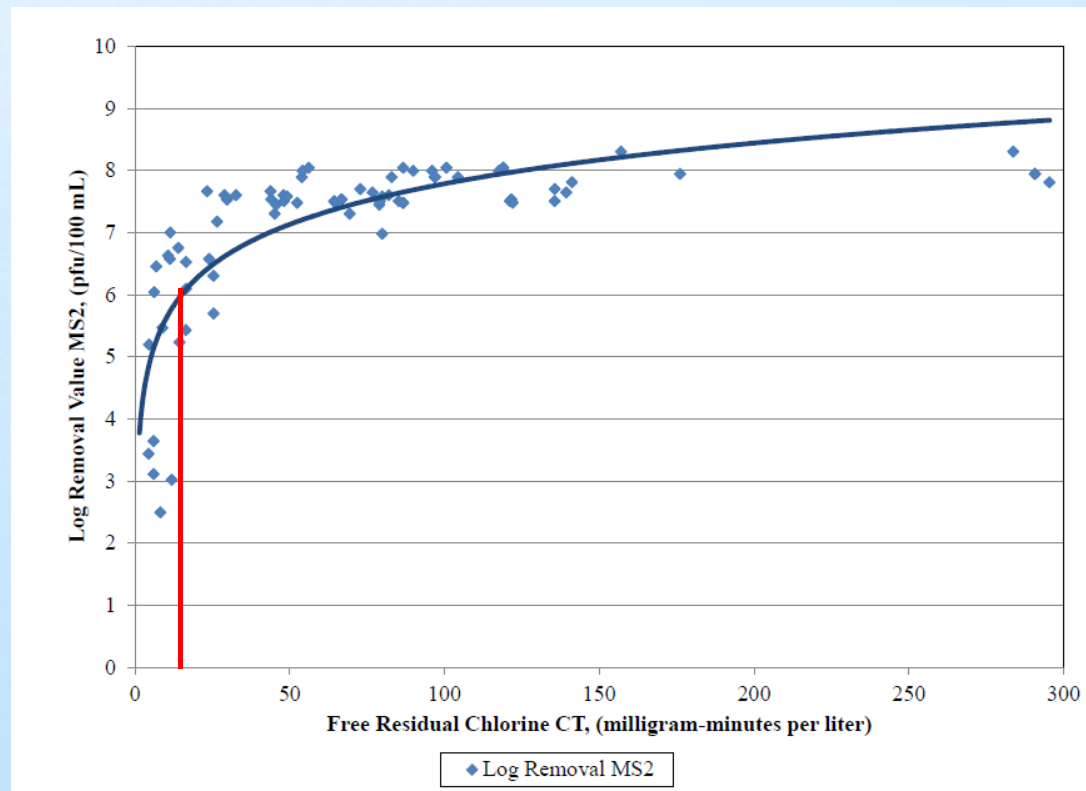
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- Three samples were collected from the inlet to the chlorine contactor (before chlorine injection)
- Two other taps along the contactor



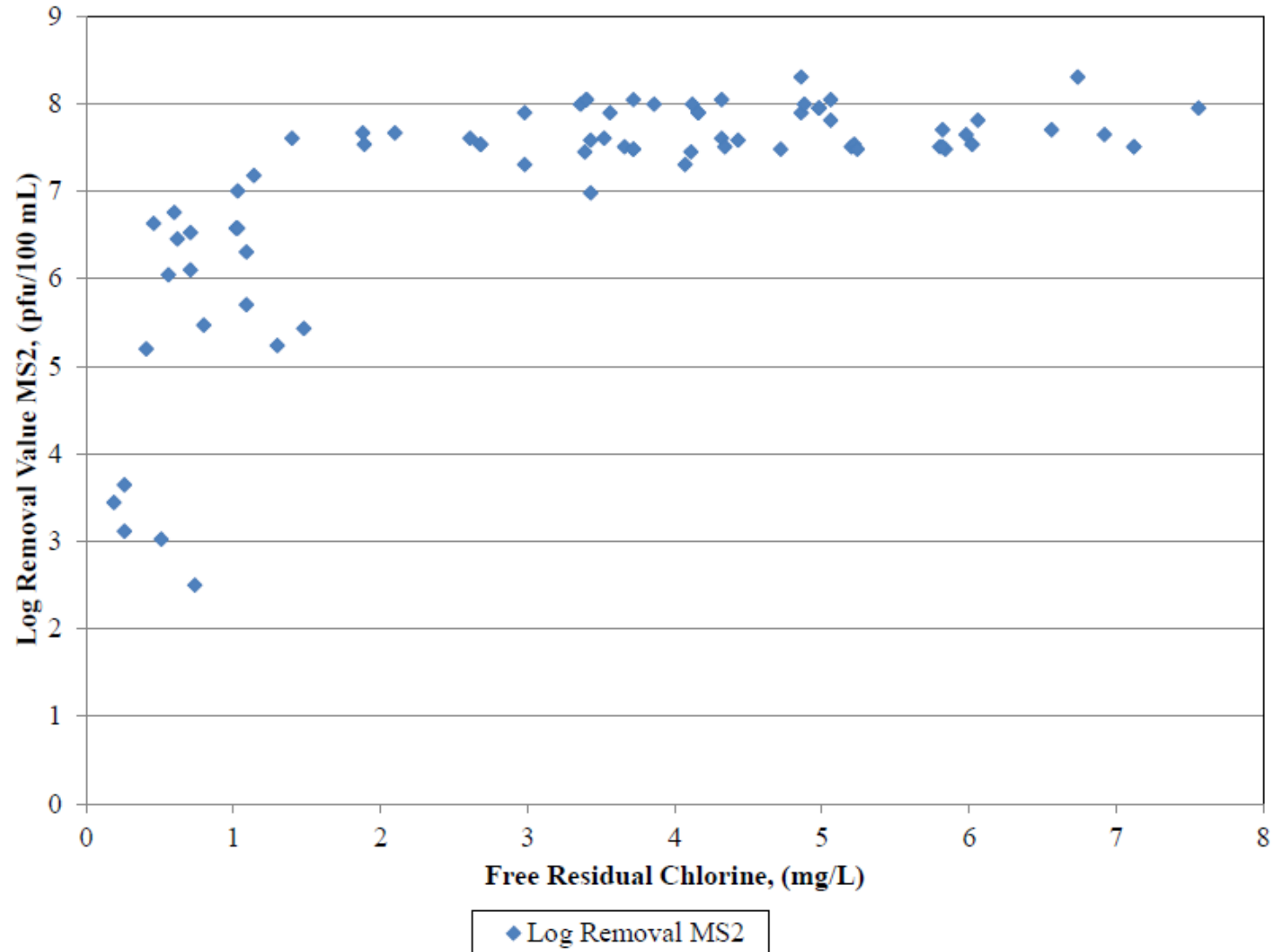
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- Chlorine residual,
- Modal contact time, and
- CT value to ensure 5-log virus inactivation and compliance with the Title 22 total coliform limits



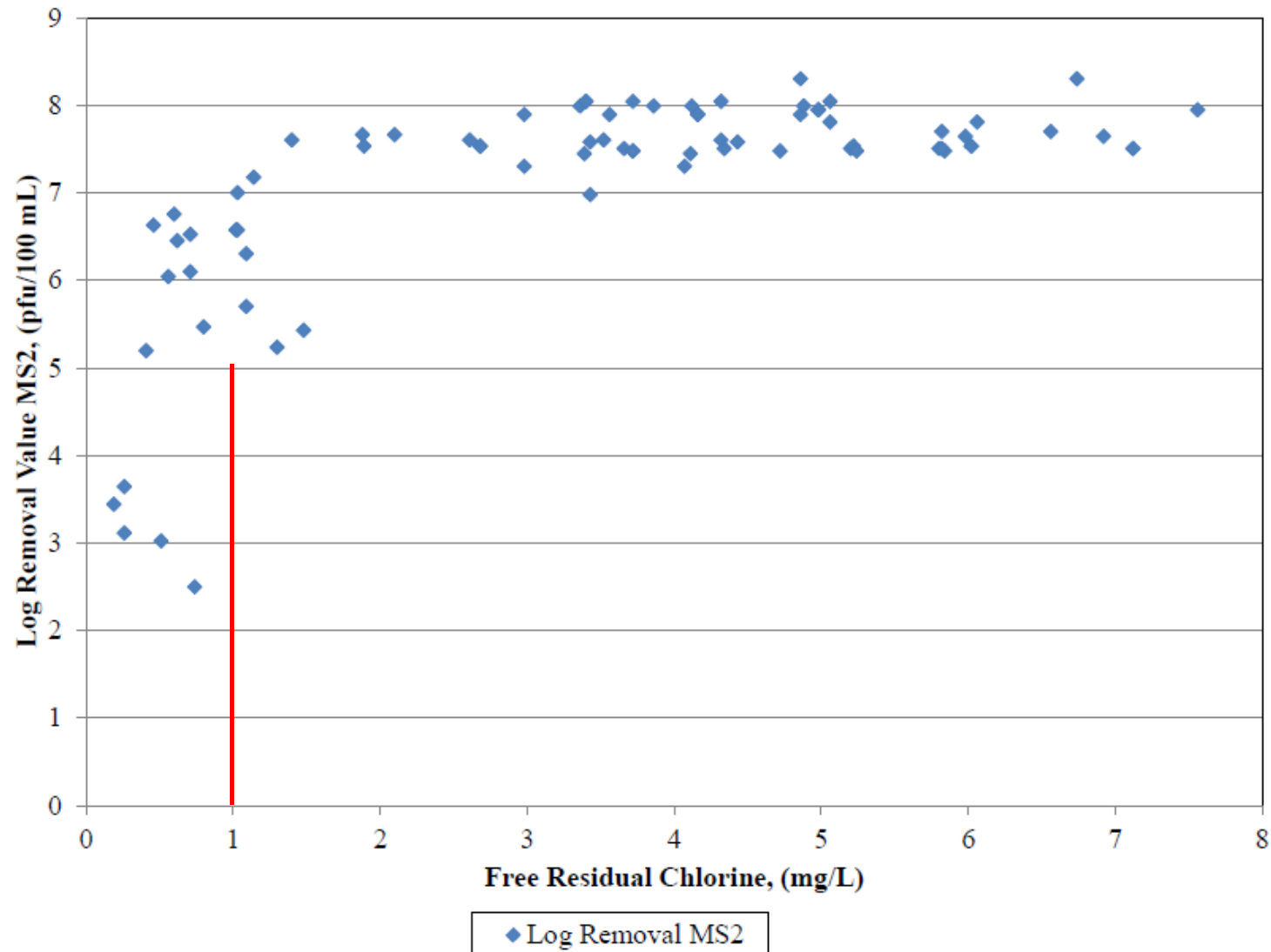
Variable Chlorine Demand & Breakpoint Chlorination

- Ammonia reached chlorine contactor
- At times the FRC dropped below 1 mg/L because breakpoint chlorination exceeded dosing.



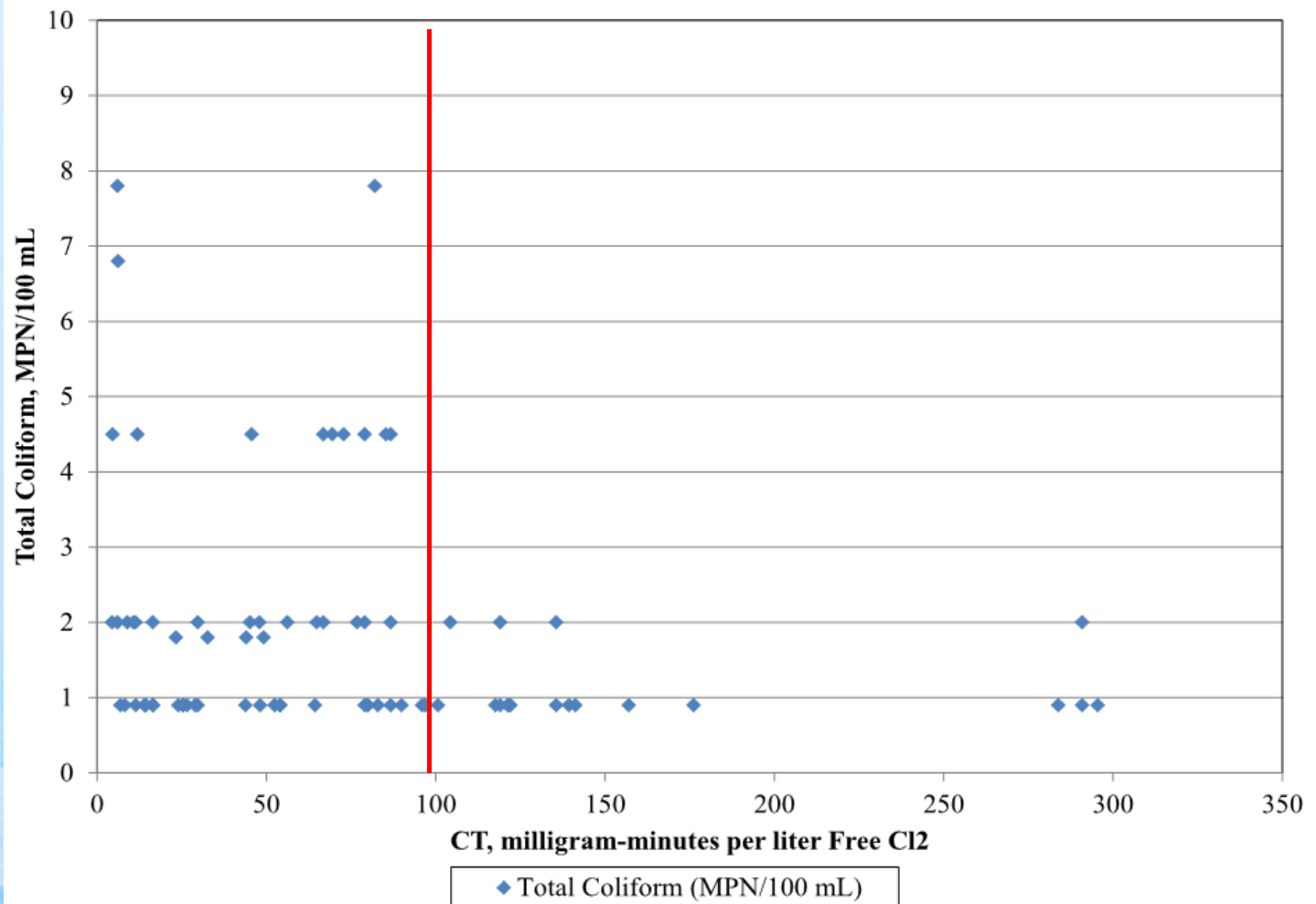
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- A FRC greater than 1 mg/L created 5 log removal of MS2
- CATT letter requires a minimum FRC of 1.3 mg/L for virus



Total Residual Chlorine CT and Total Coliform

- Total coliform disinfection to meet 2.2 total coliform (MPN/100 mL)
- At FRC CT above 100 mg•min/L.



Chlorine Dosing Control

- Two control strategies,
 - Ammonia analyzer and
 - Two chlorine analyzers (upstream and downstream)
- First Strategy
 - One chlorine analyzer near the entrance (3 to 5 minutes)
 - One chlorine analyzer near the effluent (120 minutes)
 - Effluent chlorine residual process value compared to the set point
 - If the process value was less than the set point,
 - then the set point at the influent location was increased
 - using a proportional-integral derivative (PID) control loop.
 - Compound cascade loop
 - Full scale plant will also respond to changes inflow.

Chlorine Dosing Control

- Second Strategy
 - If NH_3 concentration measured above 0.5 mg/L
 - Then initial metering pump set point is adjusted by a multiplier
 - 10:1 ratio of chlorine to NH_3
 - add additional 8* mg/L of chlorine
 - Continuously adjust based on a compound cascade loop



DDW Conditional Acceptance

- Turbidity:
 - An average of 1.5 NTU within a 24-hour period;
 - 2.5 NTU more than 5 percent of the time within a 24-hour period;
 - 5 NTU at any time.
- Maintain FRC CT 162.5 mg•min/L
- Maintain a minimum free chlorine modal contact time of 30 minutes
- Maintain a minimum FRC concentration of 1.3 mg Cl₂/L

Plan for Full Scale Implementation

- Filtration Unit Process Capacity
 - Based on a firm 217 mgd, at 7.5 gpm/sf, with at least one filter cell out of service for maintenance, and up to three filter units in backwash.
- Disinfection Unit Process Capacity
 - FRC CT above 162.5 mg•min/L,
 - Minimum FRC 1.3 mg/L (when flows are low)
 - Modal contact time 46 minutes
 - FRC 3.6 mg/L (at peak wet weather flow)
 - Baffling factor of 0.8 – confirmed by CFD and tested by tracer study
- Control Strategies and Analyzers
 - Ammonia analyzers to monitor filter effluent
 - Upstream chlorine analyzer (3 minutes into DCB flow path)
 - Downstream chlorine analyzer

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Saving of Over \$100 Million

- GMF Costs could be reduced by going from 5 gpm/sf to 7.5 gpm/sf
 - Saving of greater than \$53 million
- DCB costs were reduced by going from 90 minute modal contact time to 46 minute modal contact time
 - Saving of greater than \$47 million

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Applicability to Other Facilities

- DDW has previously accepted 7.5 gpm/ft² filtration rates for tertiary recycled water
 - Monterrey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency,
 - Delta Diablo Sanitation District, (received waiver)
 - City of Santa Rosa Laguna Treatment Plant (received waiver)
 - Regional San (received CATT)
 - Others.....

Applicability to Other Facilities

- Reasons for lower CT with Free Chlorine:
 - Does your upstream biological process remove ammonia and nitrite reliably?
 - Free chlorine achieves better disinfection than chloramines at much lower CT values
 - Others have demonstrated free chlorine will work
 - Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (SDLAC), San Jose Creek East Water Reclamation Plant (SJCEWRP).,
 - Regional San,
 - Others

Questions?

