

As Built Report Effluent Water Treatment Plant (EWTP-WTC) Modifications

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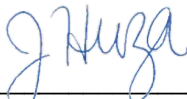


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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 SITE LOCATION AND ACCESS

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (Agnico Eagle) is operating the Meliadine gold mine located approximately 25 km north of Rankin Inlet, and 80 km southwest of Chesterfield Inlet in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut. The site is located on the peninsula between the East, South, and West basins of Meliadine Lake (63°01'23.8"N, 92°13'6.42"W). The area is accessible from the all-weather gravel road linking the Meliadine mine site with Rankin Inlet.

A general location plan for the project is shown in Figure 1.

1.2 SITE FACILITIES

The current mine plan focuses on the development of the Tiriganiaq gold deposit which will be mined using both conventional open-pit and underground mining operations. Current mining facilities to support the Mine include a plant site and accommodations, tailings storage facility, waste rock storage facilities, ore storage pads, process plant, power plant, maintenance facilities, water management treatment plants and supporting infrastructures.

Such infrastructures include water retention dikes, berms, culverts, channels, collection ponds, pumping stations, fresh water intake and water treatment plants are required to manage water during pre-production, operation, and interim mine closure.

1.3 PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

As required by the Water License A (No. 2AM-MEL1631), this report summarizes the construction and commissioning work associated with the Effluent Water Treatment Plant (EWTP) in the Water Treatment Complex Building (WTC). Included in this report are:

- A description of the Process;
- Documentation on field decisions that deviate from the original plans;
- Building location; and
- Photographs.

The present report does not present the construction of the WTC building which is summarized in the approved as built report 6526-694-132-REP-002. Note that the construction activities are mainly focused on mobilization of the EWTP equipment into a new building (the WTC).

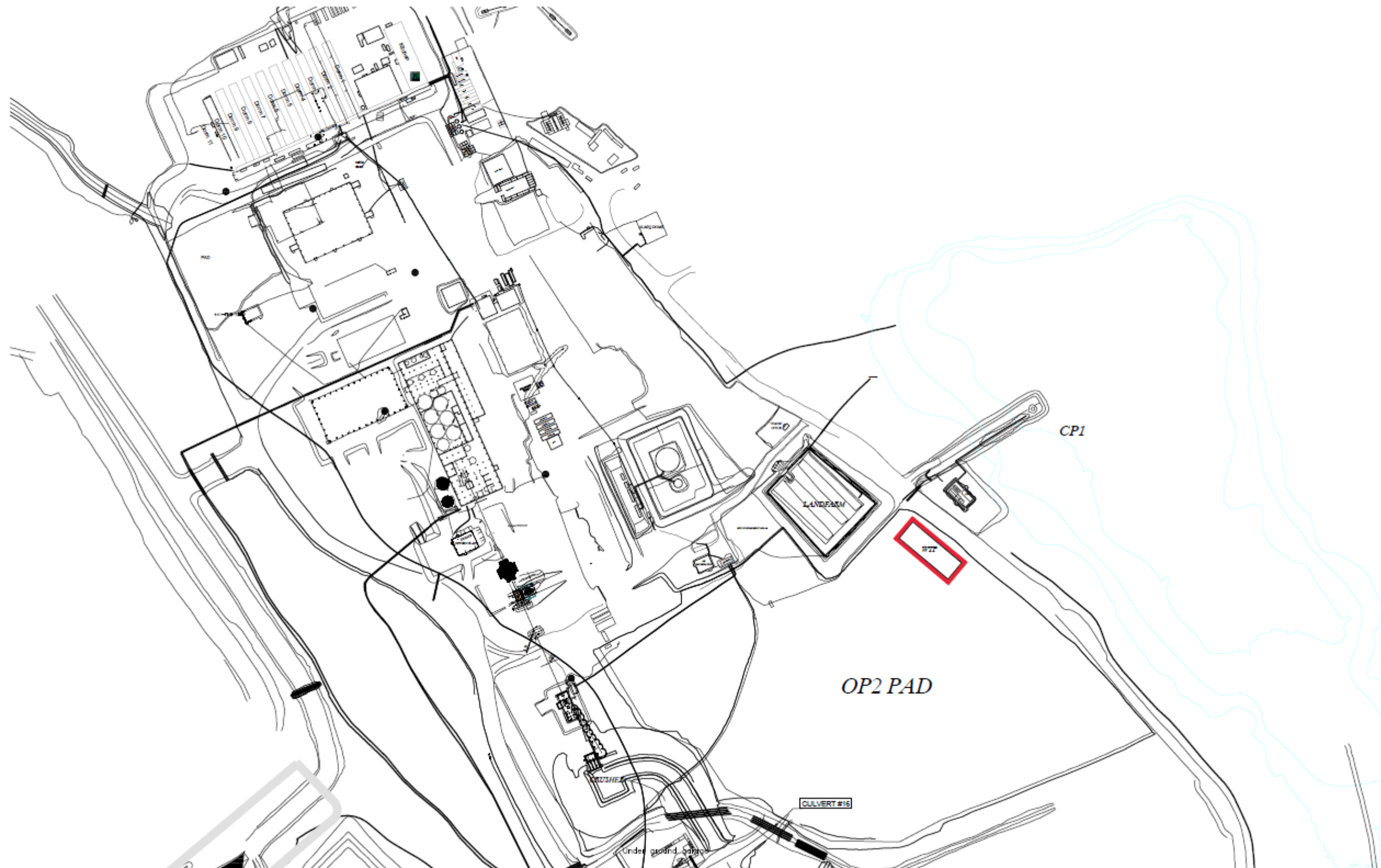


Figure 1 : General location plan

2 PROCESS DESCRIPTION

2.1 EFFLUENT WATER TREATMENT PLANT (EWTP)

The purpose of the EWTP (ACP-700R) is to remove TSS from the influent water pumped from CP1. The equipment has an operational range of 6,250 to 28,000 m³/d.

The first treatment component consists of one Actiflo[®] clarifier with two (2) recirculation lines and two (2) hydrocyclones. The Actiflo[®] can be operated with one (1) or two (2) lines, depending on the influent flow rate and TSS content. The hydrocyclone overflow is sent to the Multiflo for sludge thickening. The Multiflo overflows by gravity into a tank which is then pumped into the raw water Actiflo[®] inlet pipe for recirculation. The principal purpose of the Multiflo is to decrease the amount of water in the sludge. This unit does not contribute to the efficiency of the system to reduce dissolved chemical parameters within the water effluent. The Actiflo[®] overflow is designed to meet the Type A License final effluent discharge criteria for TSS concentrations. The final effluent is monitored for pH, turbidity and flow rate, which are monitored continuously.

The treatment concept is presented in Figure 2. The P&ID can be found in Appendix A.

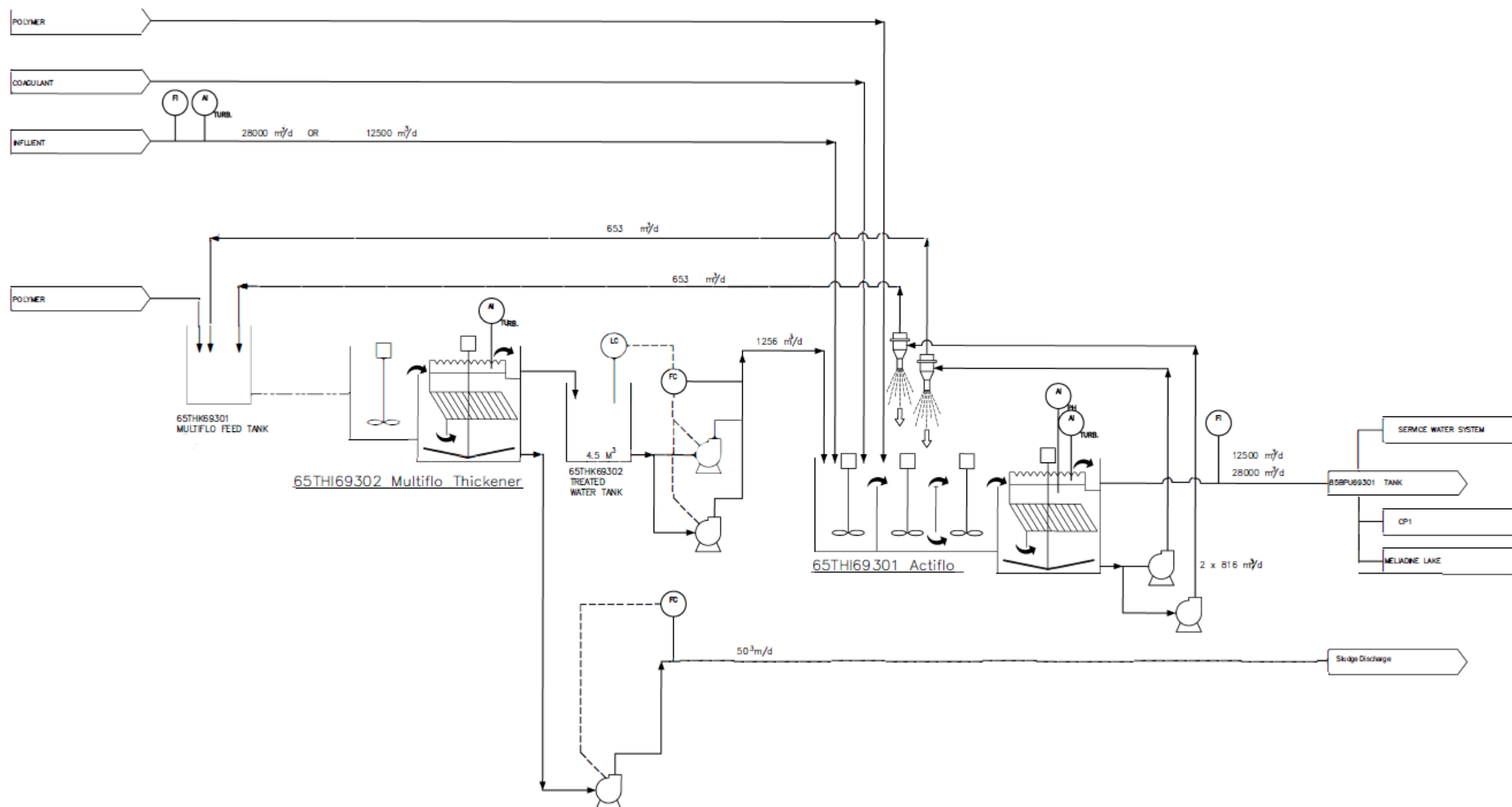


Figure 2 : EWTP Overall Process Concept

2.2 ACTIFLO®

The Actiflo® clarifier uses sand ballasted settling, a high rate coagulation/flocculation/sedimentation process. In the coagulation basin, TSS are destabilised under the action of the coagulant and start to form small aggregates (also called flocs). The coagulant is a trivalent soluble metal compound, usually iron or aluminium, which will cause coagulation when it reaches a certain concentration. Once the coagulant has performed the destabilising effect, it will precipitate as a metal hydroxide and will participate in the formation of the aggregates. Water then flows into a second tank called the injection tank. There, micro-sand and polymer (anionic or cationic) are added. The polymer acts as a flocculant aid, binding the destabilised solids together with the micro-sand particles by forming polymer bridges. The micro-sand provides a large contact area for floc attachment and acts as a ballast, thereby accelerating the settling of the flocs. From the injection tank, water flows into the maturation tank where flocs formed in the previous stage agglomerate and grow into high density flocs known as micro-sand ballasted flocs. Water then overflows to the settling section of the tank, and with the help of the lamella system, a solid-liquid separation is achieved resulting in clarified water exiting from the system via a collection trough or weirs. The clarified water is monitored for pH, turbidity and flow rate prior to final discharge. The flow rate signal is also connected to a flow totalizer.

The flocs settle in a portion of the system where they are collected by a rake mechanism. A proportion of the unit's design raw water flow is continuously withdrawn from the clarifier and pumped to a hydrocyclone system which separates the micro-sand from the sludge. The recovered micro-sand is reused in the process. A small quantity of the micro-sand is not recovered by the hydrocyclones and remains within the sludge. The lost micro-sand needs to be replaced periodically by adding more to the process. After micro-sand separation, the sludge is sent to the Multiflo clarifier, from which the supernatant water is recirculated to the head of the Actiflo® unit. This step results in densification of the sludge.

2.3 MULTIFLO®

The sludge extracted from the Actiflo® is transferred to the Multiflo to increase the sludge solid content. The Multiflo is a compact clarification system using a flocculation reactor and enhanced lamella settling. The sludge enters the first tank section called the flocculation tank, where an anionic or cationic polymer is added. The polymer binds the suspended solids by forming polymer bridges and the flocs agglomerate and grow into high-density flocs settle quickly to the bottom of the unit. In the settling zone, the efficiency of the settling is further increased by the use of the lamella tubes. The sludge is collected at the bottom of the settling tank, under the lamella tubes. The sludge produced will be extracted, while the supernatant water will flow to a transfer tank and pumped to the Actiflo®. Sludge produced in the Multiflo® system will be pumped into the saline storage ponds.

2.4 REAGENTS

Two (2) types of polymers as well as a coagulant are used to treat the water that flows through the Actiflo®, each is supplied by a dosing system that is adjusted according to the influent flow rate. One cationic and one anionic polymer are used. Treated water from the Actiflo® is used for the mixing of the reagents. The water used for chemical preparation is sourced from the treated water tank. For Polymer preparation, water is heated with two heater units.

3 CONSTRUCTION AND COMMISSIONING SUMMARY

3.1 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The construction of the EWTP was conducted between January 2021 and the end of April 2021. The commissioning started in April 2021 and was completed in July 2021. Construction and commissioning were completed according to the milestone dates shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Construction and Commissioning Milestone

Activities	Timeline
Start Construction (equipment moving)	January 17 th 2021
End main construction (equipment at their place, pipe and electrical done)	April 24 th 2021
End of Cold commissioning	May 9 th 2021
End of wet commissioning	May 19 th 2021
End of hot commissioning	June 1 st 2021
End of process commissioning & construction (process stable, chemistry adjusted, complete minor piping modifications)	July 10 th 2021

3.2 FIELD DECISIONS THAT DEVIATE FROM ORIGINAL DESIGN

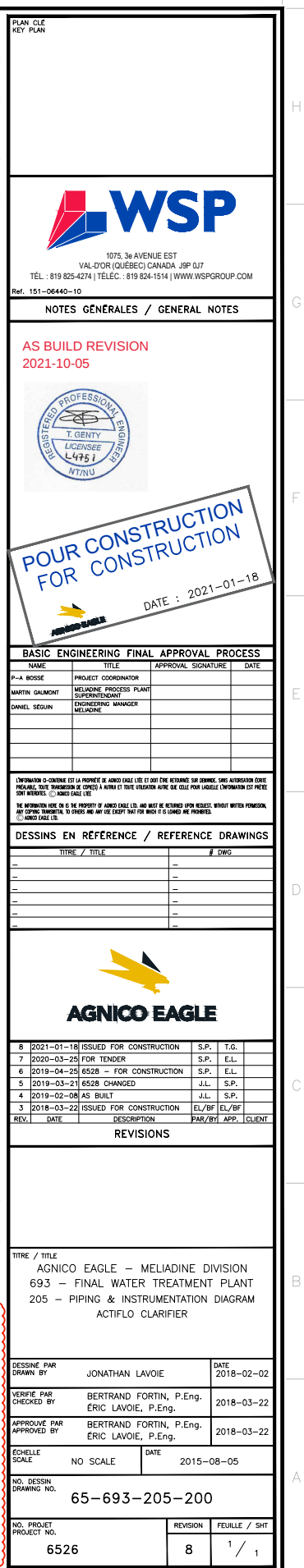
No major variation from the original design were noted during the construction of the building. Minor piping modification occurred to adjust to the field situation.

3.3 AS BUILT DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

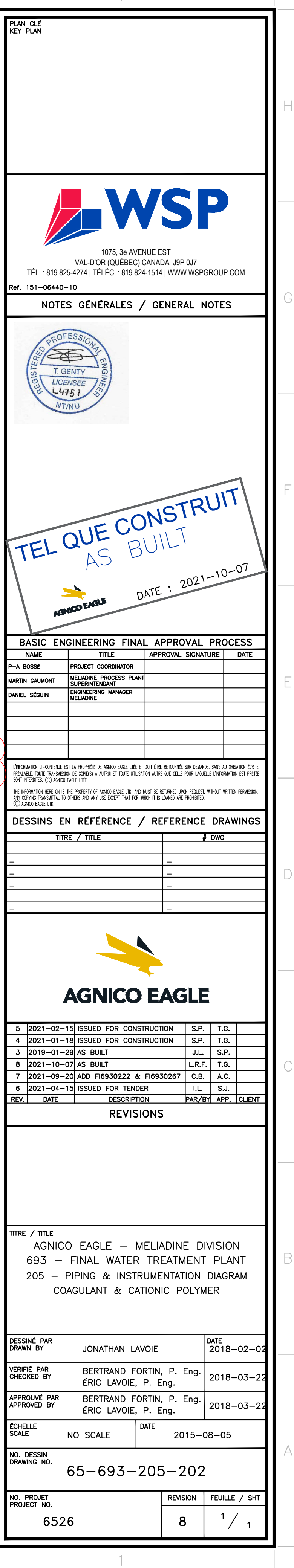
As-built documentation is presented in Appendices A and B:

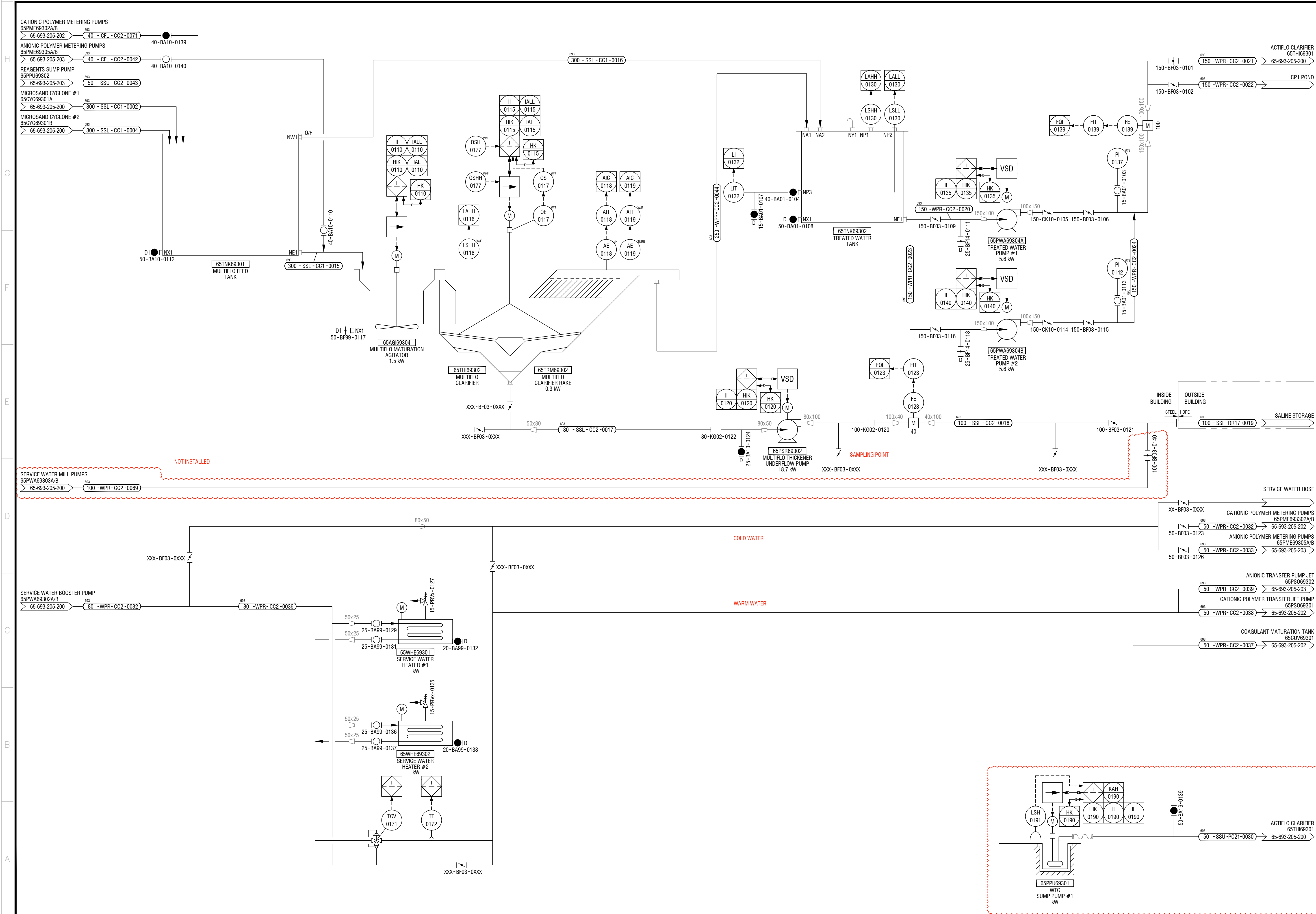
- As Built Drawings;
- Photographs.

APPENDIX A – As built drawings









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NOTES GÉNÉRALES / GENERAL NOTES

**TEL QUE CONSTRUIT
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BASIC ENGINEERING FINAL APPROVAL PROCESS

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XX-BF03-0000	---
CATIONIC POLYMER METERING PUMPS 65PME69302A/B	---
50-WPR-CC2-0032	65-693-205-202
50-BF03-0123	---
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50-WPR-CC2-0033	65-693-205-203
50-BF03-0126	---

ANIONIC TRANSFER PUMP JET 65PSO69302	50-WPR-CC2-0039	65-693-205-203
CATIONIC POLYMER TRANSFER JET PUMP 65PSO69301	50-WPR-CC2-0038	65-693-205-202
COAGULANT MATURATION TANK 65CUV69301	50-WPR-CC2-0037	65-693-205-202

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REVISIONS

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MULTIFLO CLARIFIER

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APPENDIX B – Photographs

Construction



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Feed Line and treated water line





Hydrocyclones



Multiflo



Coagulant skid



Polymer Skid



Polymer Skid



Safety Shower, sump, compressor, HMI



Service water pumps



Treated water pumps



Automatic valve (CP1 or Meliadine Lake)

