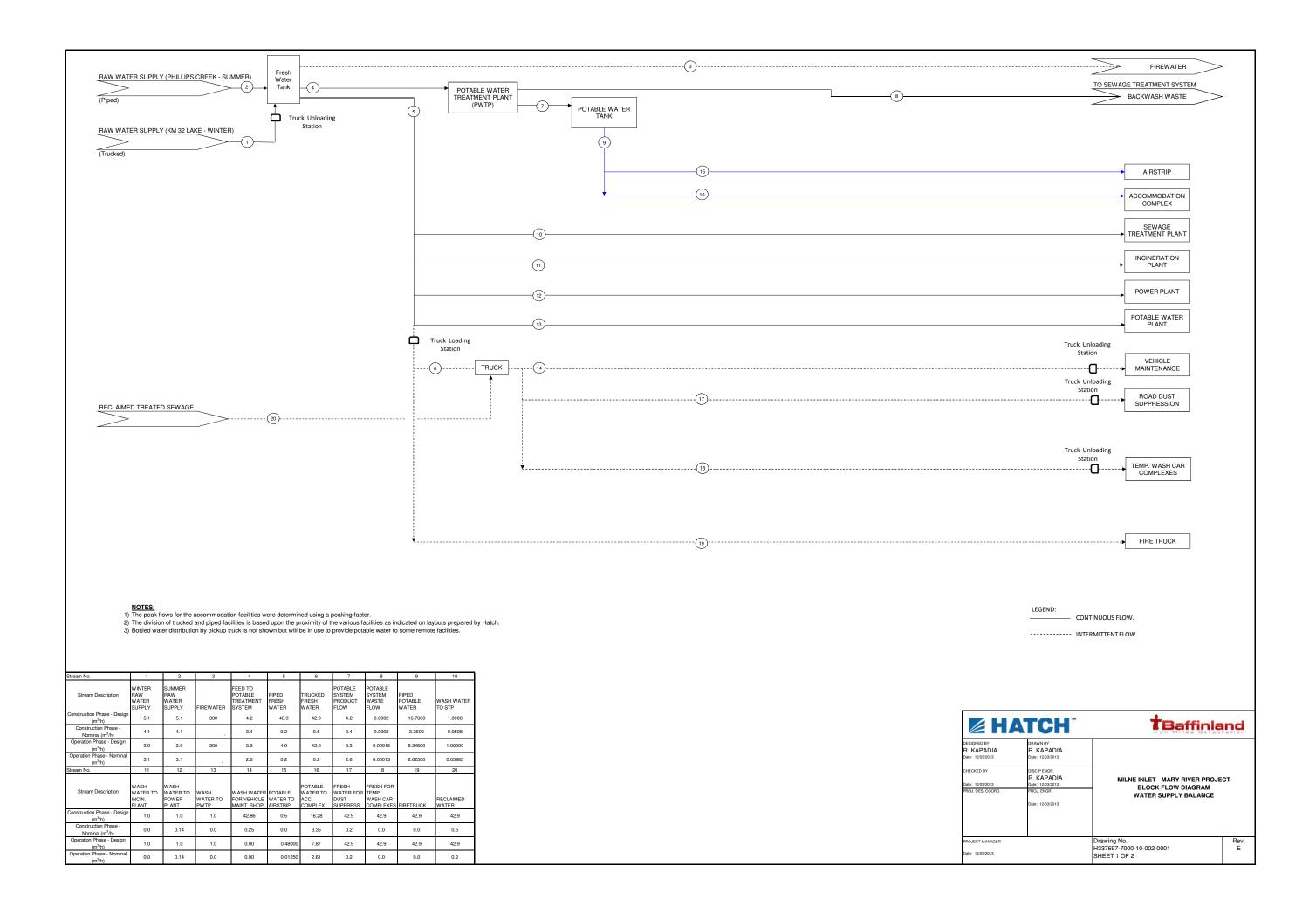
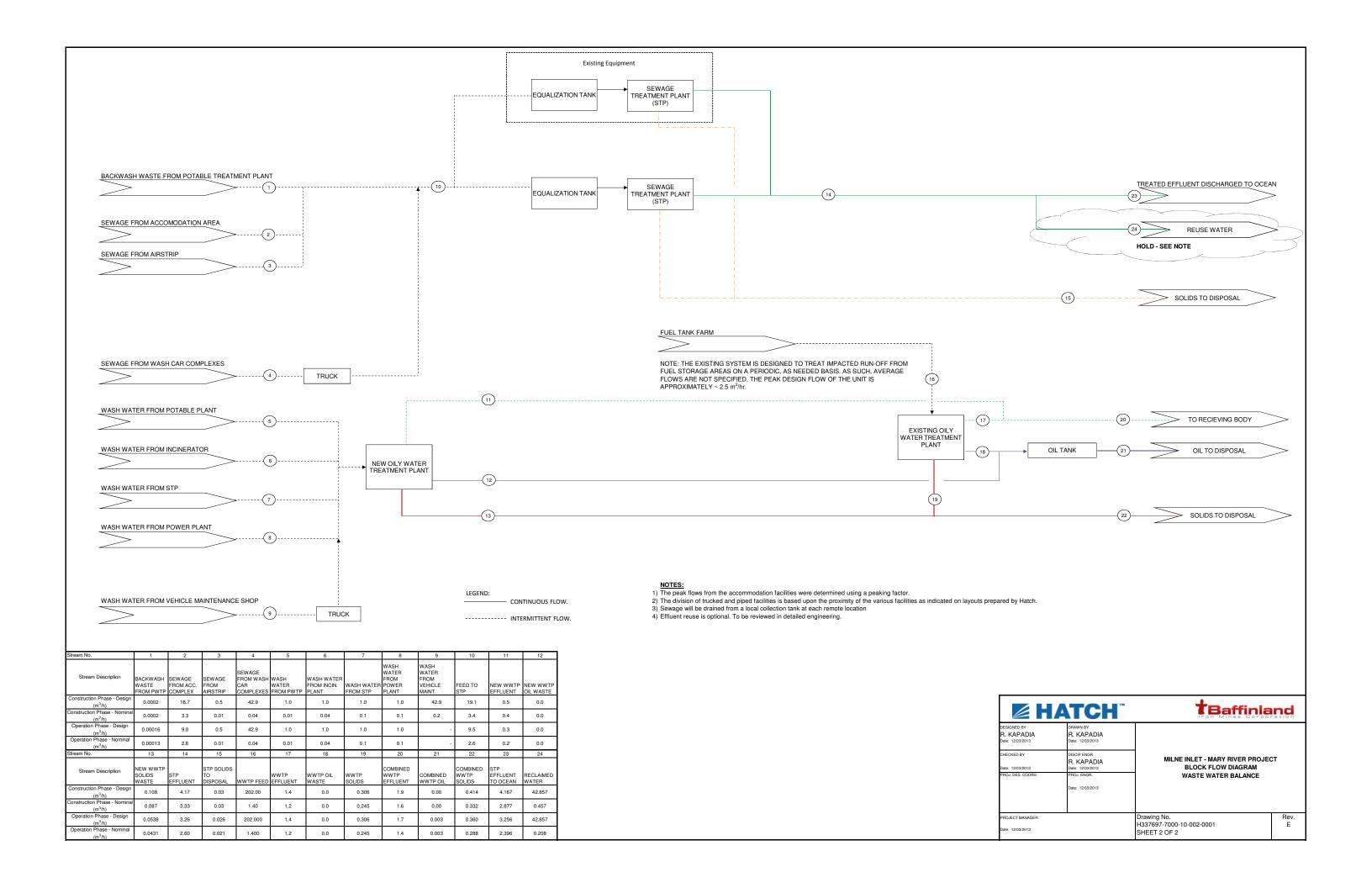


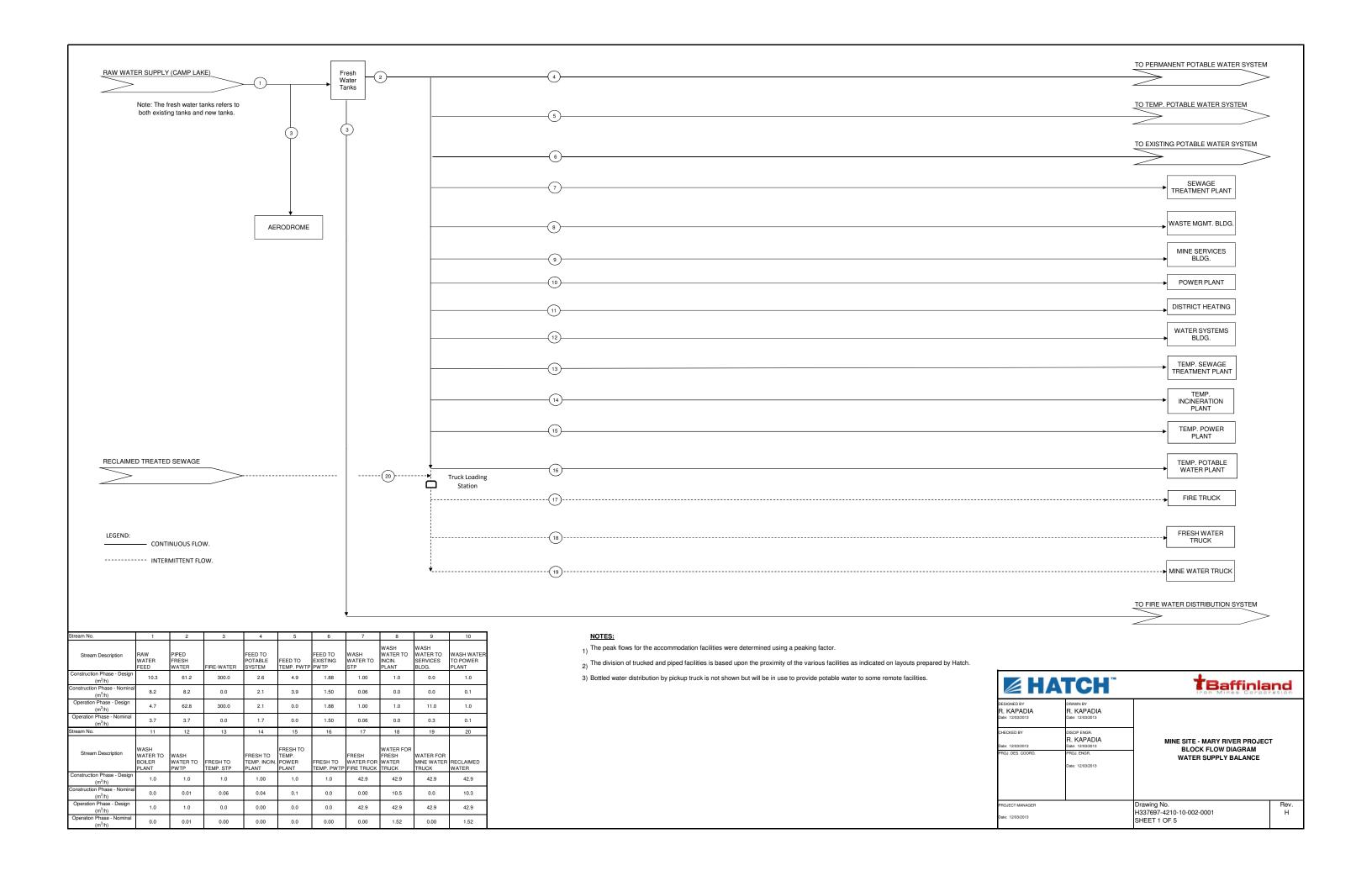


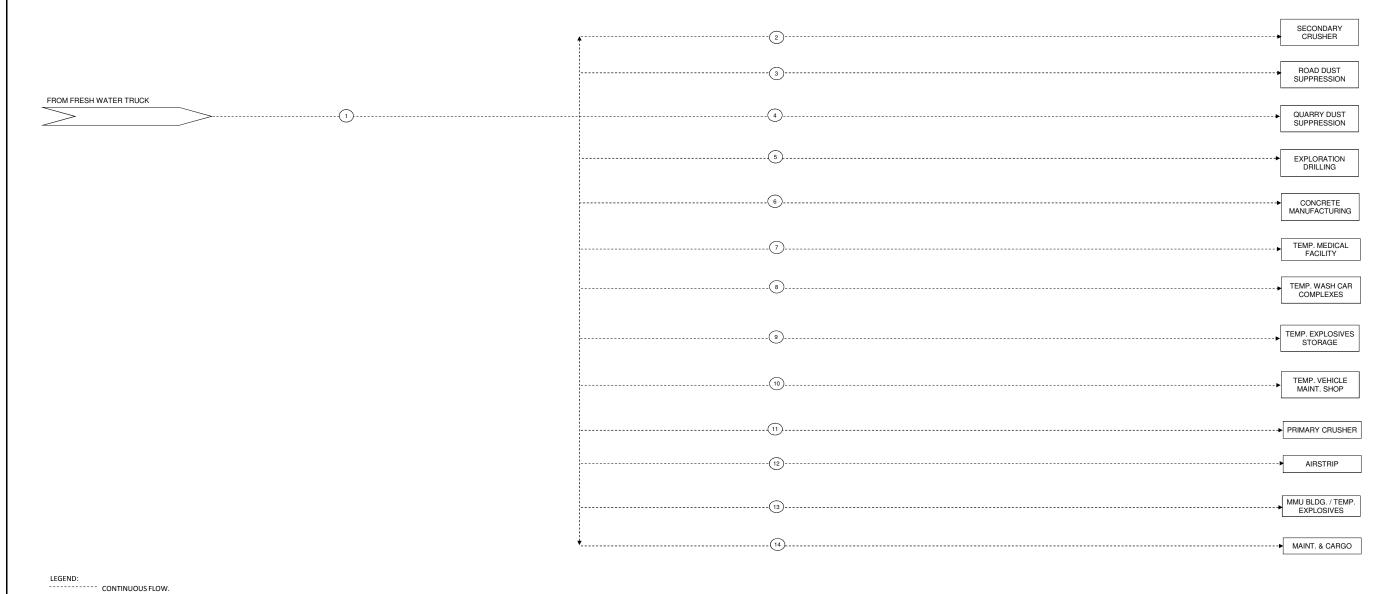
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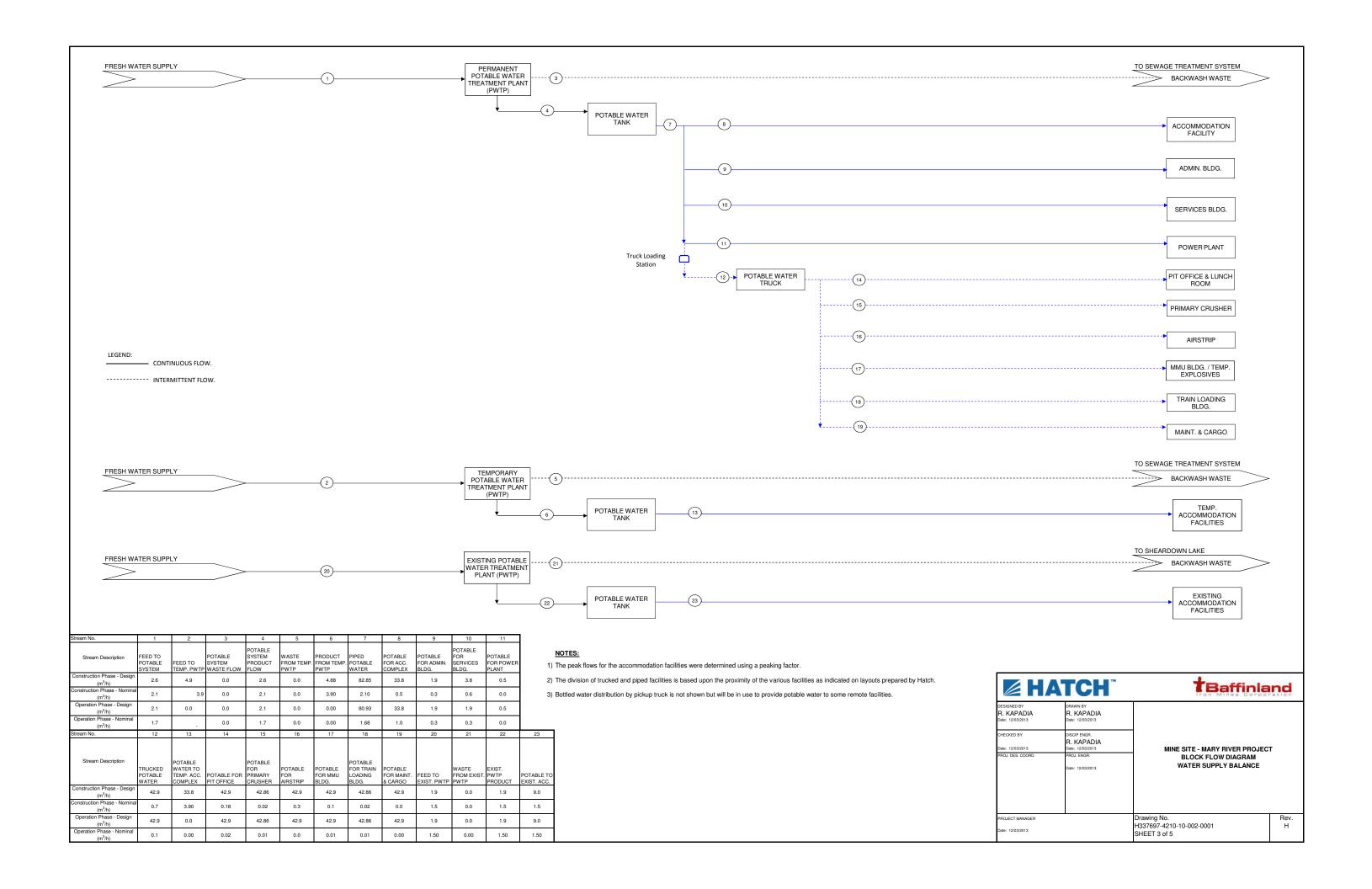
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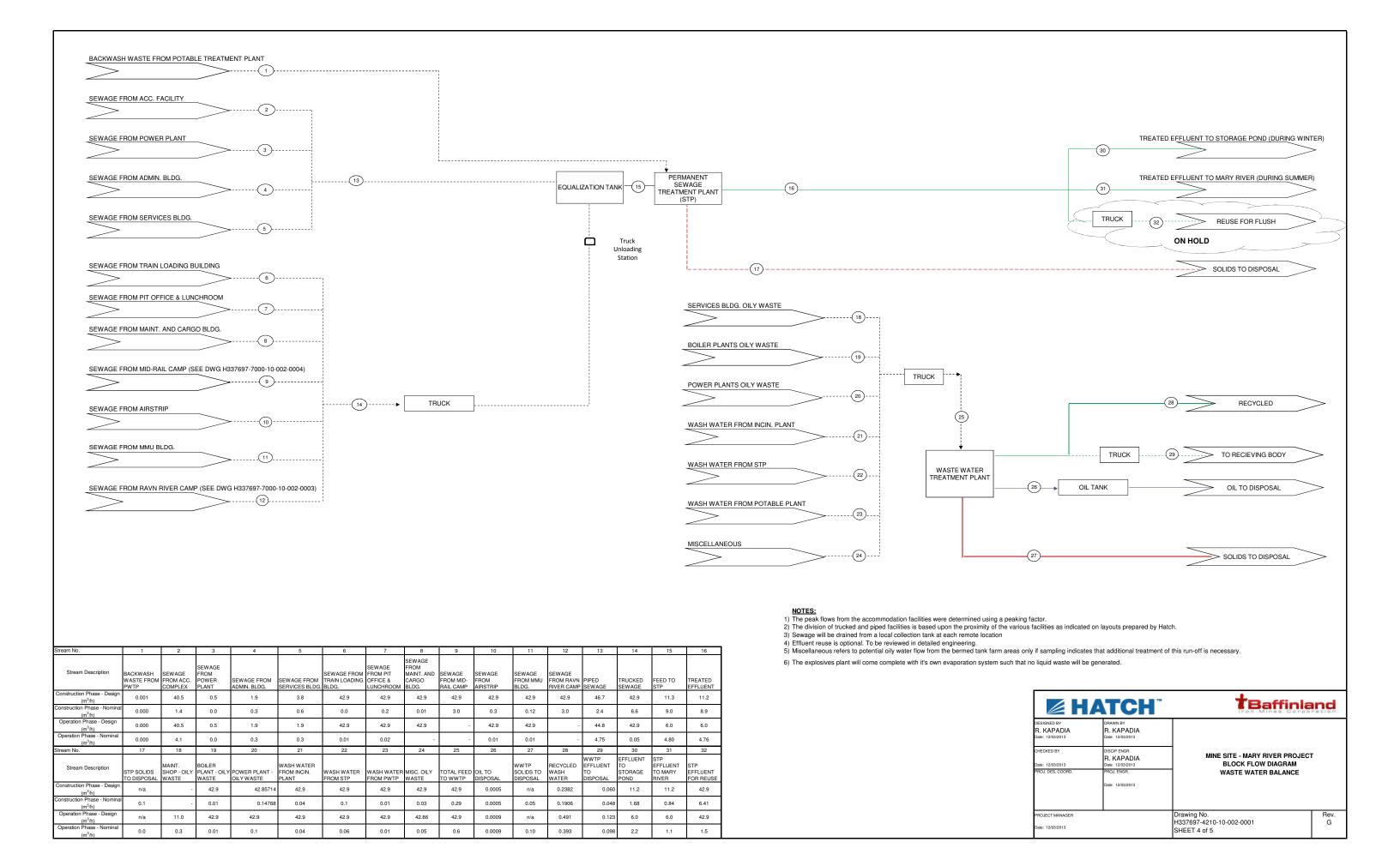
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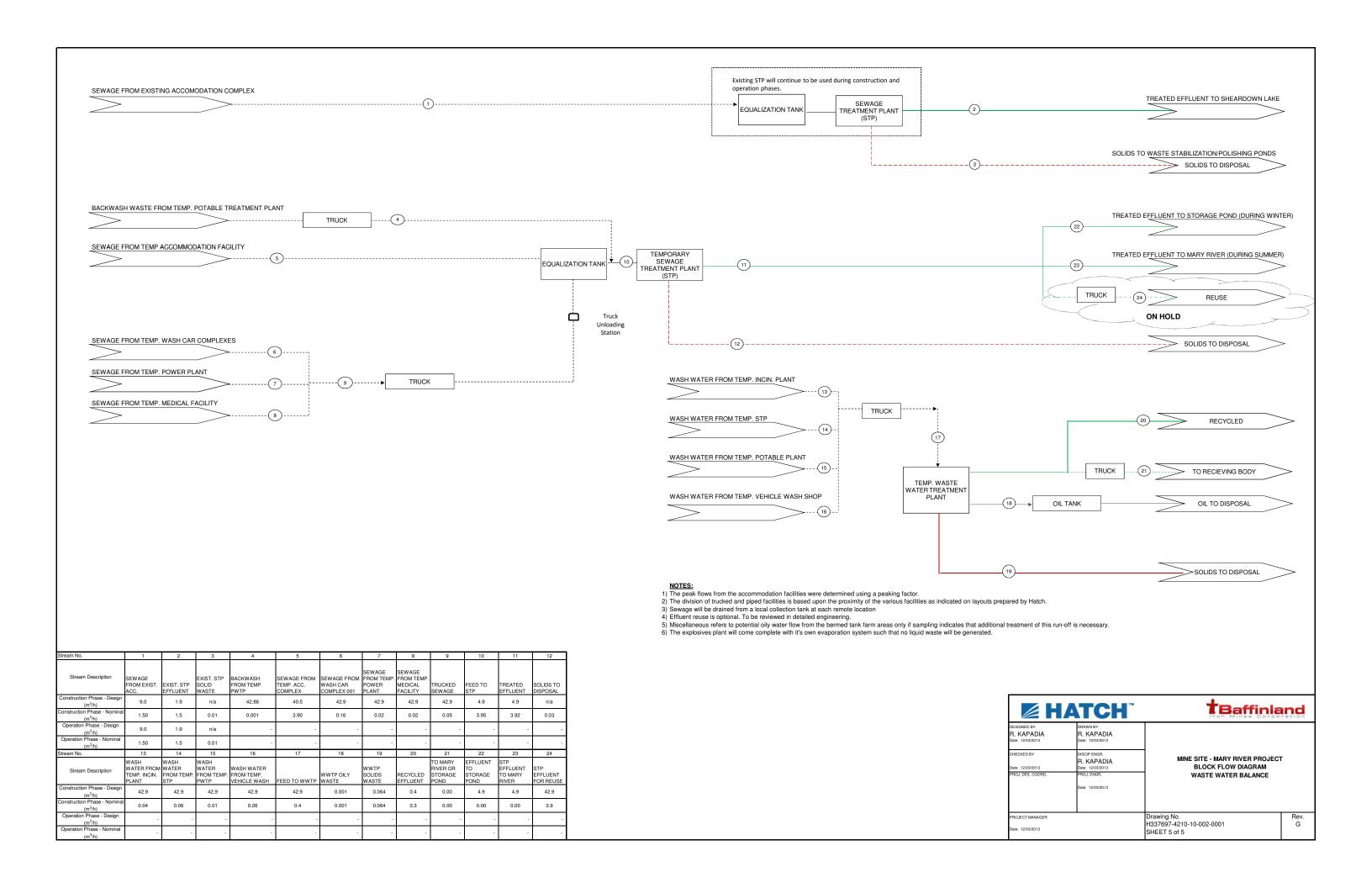
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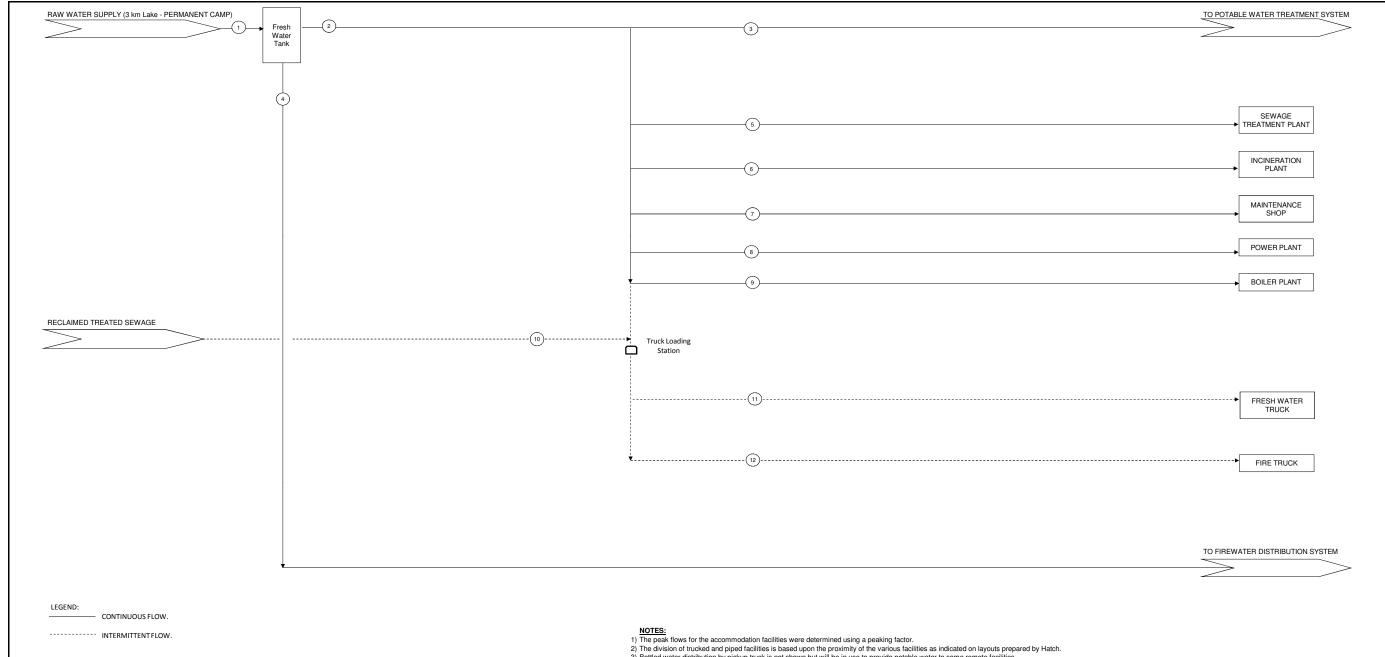
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Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	10.5	0.0	0.4	-	8.2	0.8	0.1
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	-	-	-
Operation Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	1.5	0.04	0.4	-	-	-	-
Stream No.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Gream Description	FRESH FOR TEMP. WASH CAR COMPLEXES	FRESH FOR TEMP. EXPLOSIVES	FRESH FOR TEMP. VEHICLE MAINT. SHOP	FRESH WATER FOR PRIMARY CRUSHER	FRESH WATER FOR AIRSTRIP	FRESH WATER FOR MMU BLDG.	FRESH WATER FOR MAINT. & CARGO BLDG.
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.01
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	-	-	-	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
Operation Phase - Nominal	_	_	_	0.05	0.16	0.84	0.01

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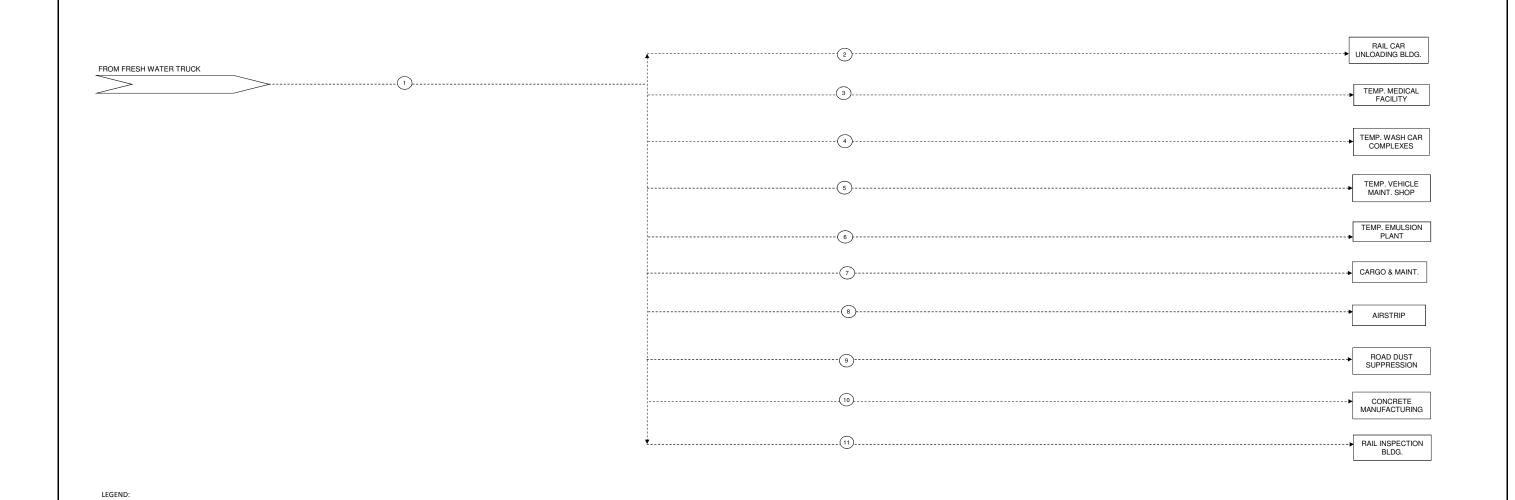




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Stream Description	RAW WATER SUPPLY	PIPED FRESH WATER	FEED TO PWTP	FIREWATER	WASH WATER TO STP	WASH WATER TO INCIN. PLANT
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	6.5	10.6	6.6	300.0	1.0	1.0
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	5.2	5.2	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	7.1	21.6	6.6	300.0	1.0	1.0
Operation Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	5.7	5.7	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stream No.	7	8	9	10	11	12
Stream Description	WASH WATER TO MAINTENACE SHOP	WASH WATER TO POWER PLANT	WASH WATER TO BOILER PLANT	RECLAIMED WATER	TRUCKED FRESH WATER	FIRE TRUCK WATER
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	0.0	1.0	1.00	42.86	42.9	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	0.0	0.1	0.01	2.54	3.0	0.00
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	11.0	1.0	1.00	42.86	42.9	42.9
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Stream No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	FROM FRESH WATER TRUCK	FRESH WATER TO RAIL CAR UNLOAD	FRESH TO TEMP. MEDICAL FACILITY	FRESH TO TEMP. WASH CAR		FRESH TO EMULSION PLANT	FRESH TO CARGO & MAINT. BLDG.		ROAD DUST	FRESH FOR CONCRETE	FRESH FOR RAIL INSPECTION BLDG.
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	3.01	0.01	0.0	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.9	0.1
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	42.9	42.9	-	-	-	-	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9	42.9
Operation Phase - Nominal	0.33	0.01	0.04	-			0.01	0.01	0.13	_	0.12

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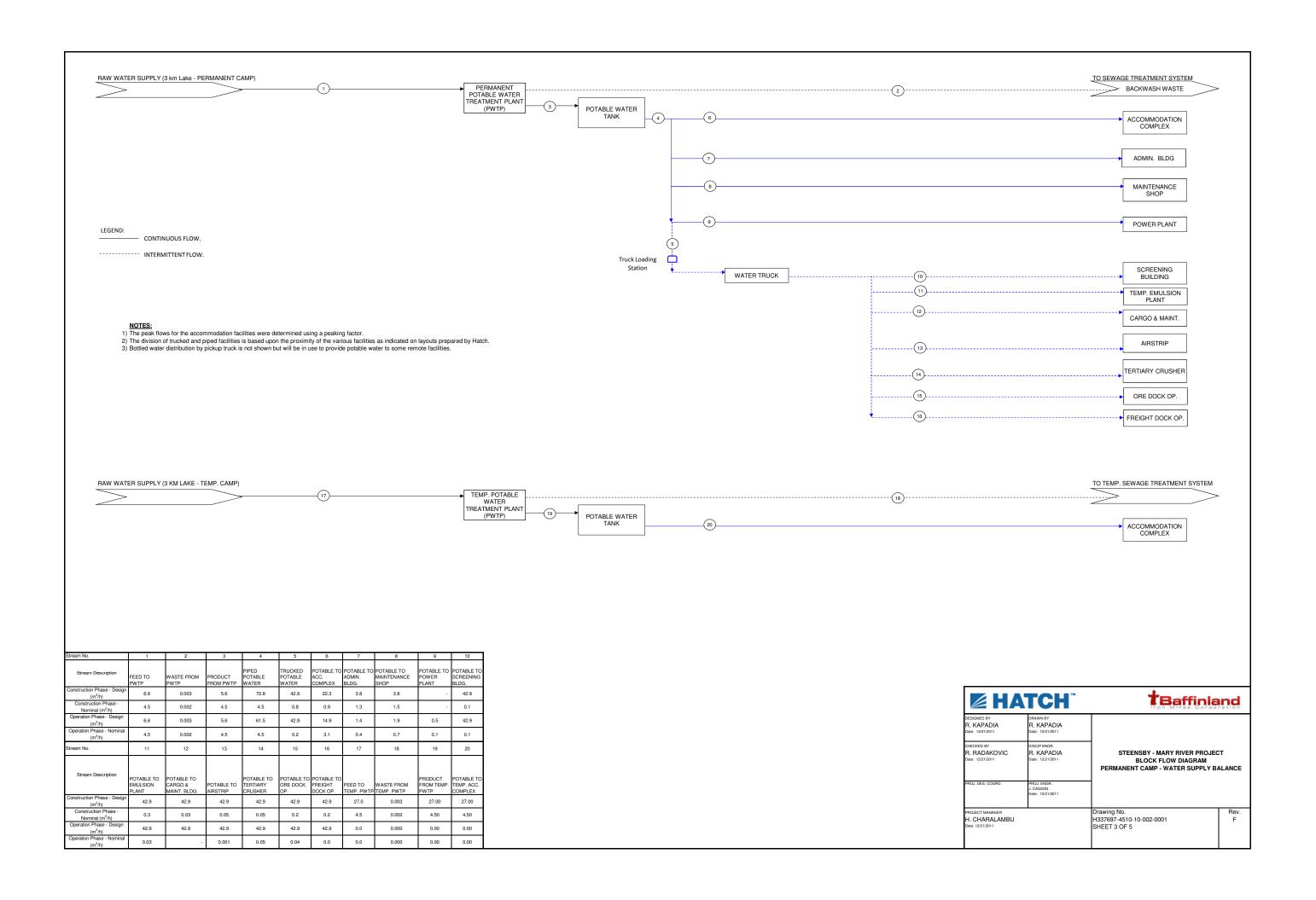
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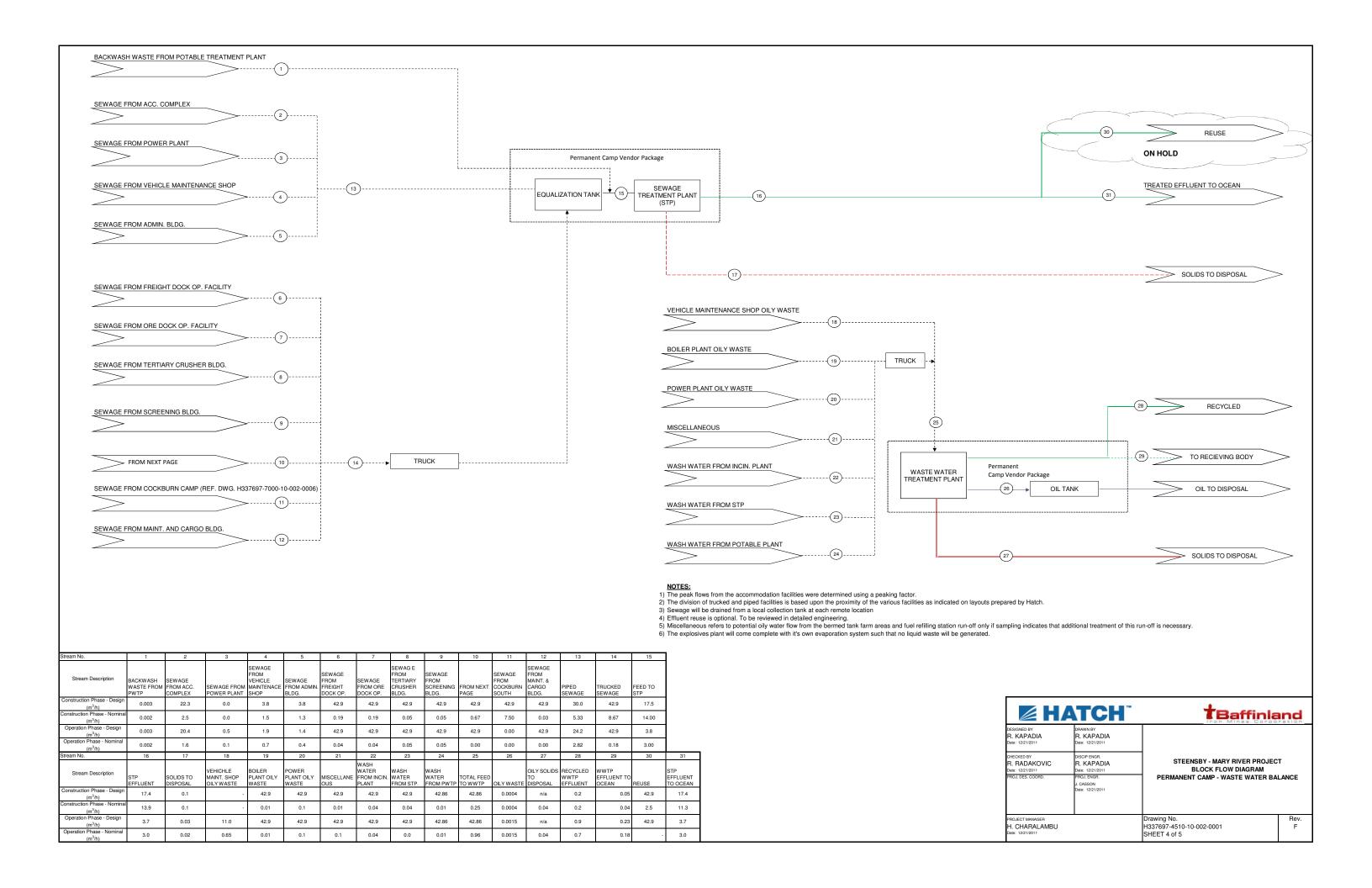
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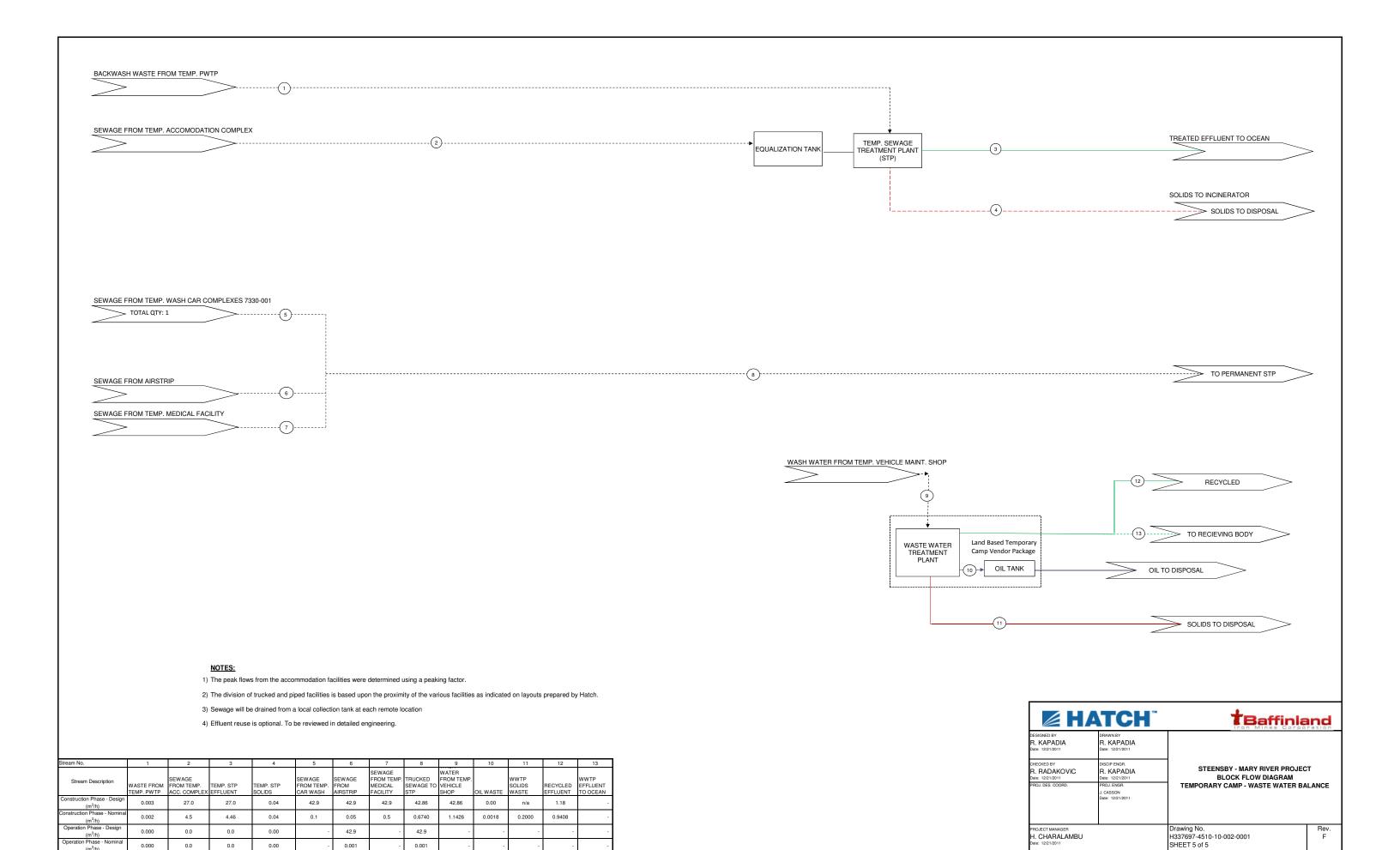
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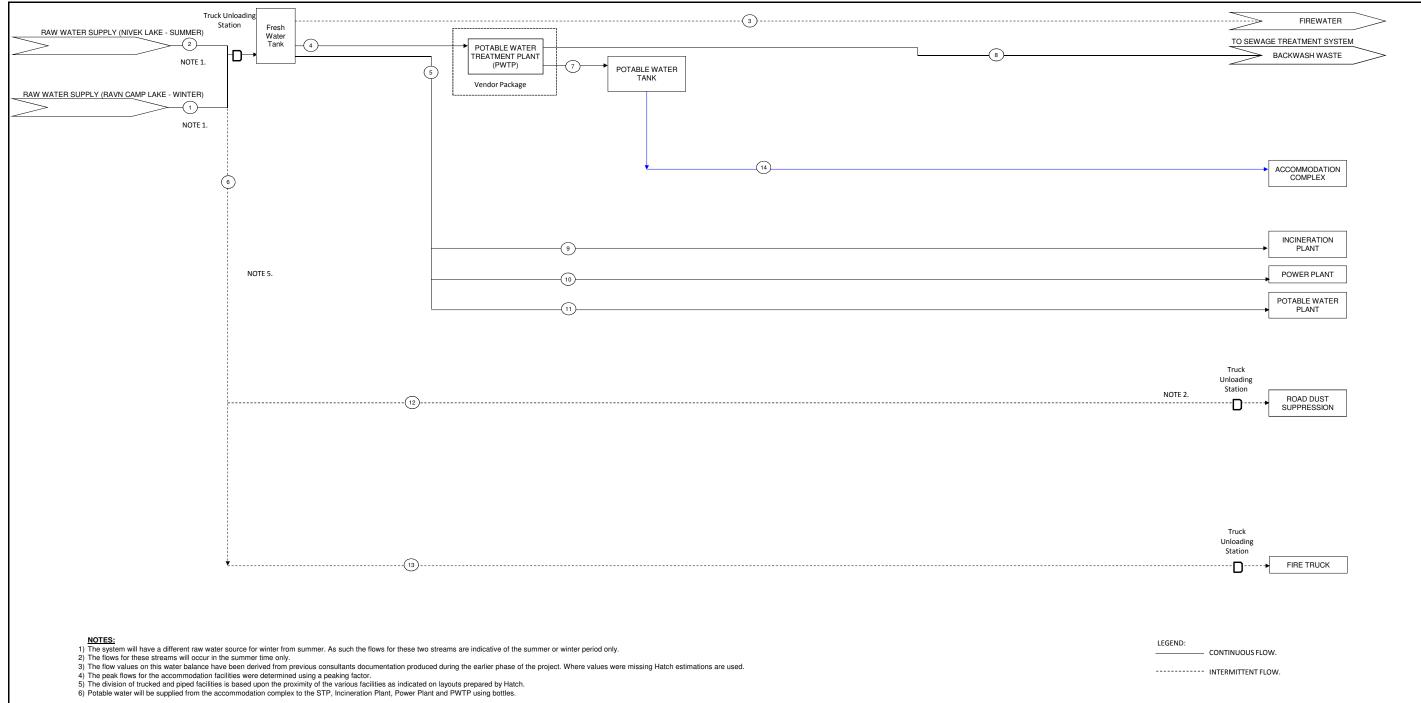
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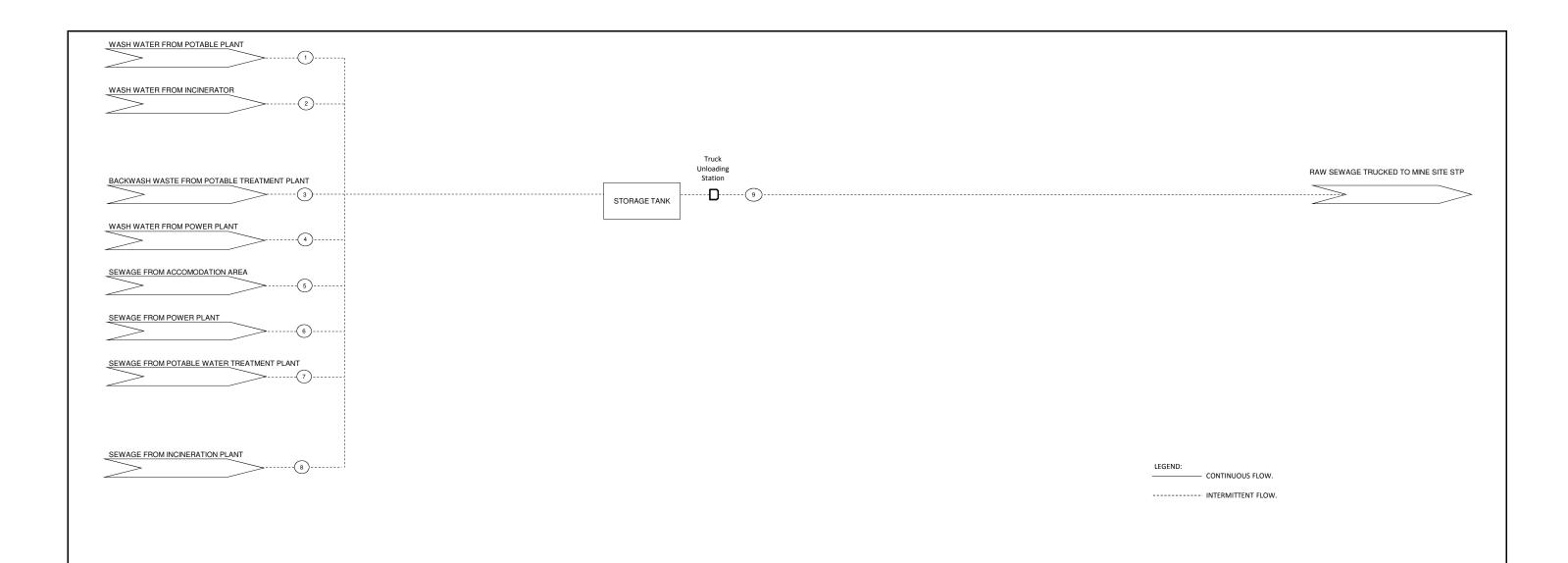






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Stream Description	WINTER RAW WATER SUPPLY	SUMMER RAW WATER SUPPLY	FIREWATER	FEED TO POTABLE TREATMENT SYSTEM	PIPED FRESH WATER	TRUCKED FRESH WATER	POTABLE SYSTEM PRODUCT FLOW
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	42.9	42.9	300.0	2.8	10.2	42.9	2.8
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	3.3	3.3	-	2.8	0.4	0.1	2.8
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stream No.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Stream Description	POTABLE SYSTEM WASTE FLOW	WASH WATER TO INCIN. PLANT	WASH WATER TO POWER PLANT	WASH WATER TO PWTP	ROAD DUST SUPPRESS	FIRETRUCK WATER	POTABLE WATER TO ACC. COMPLEX
Construction Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	0.002	3.4	3.4	3.4	42.9	42.9	21.3
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	0.001	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-	2.8
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation Phase - Nominal				-			

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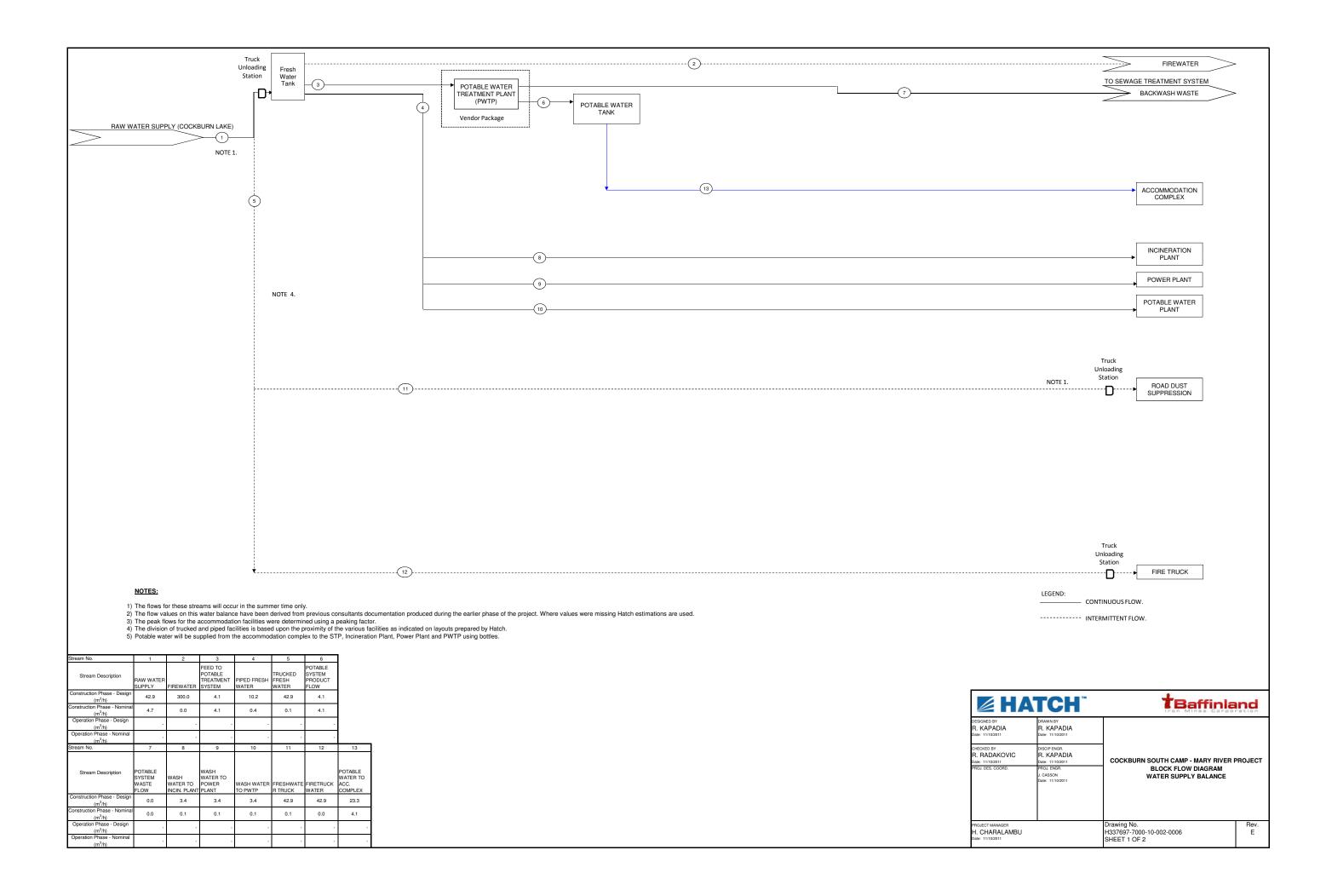


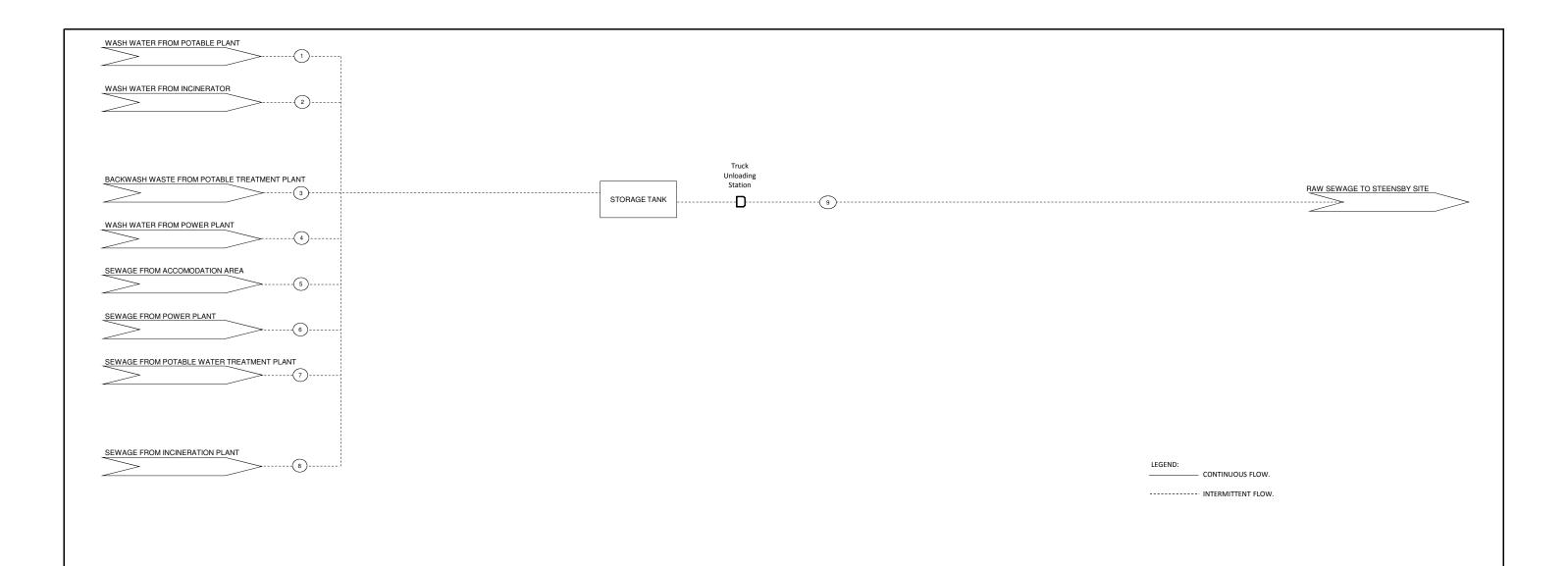
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	POTABLE PLANT	WATER FROM INCIN.	WASTE STREAM	POWER PLANT	
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	3.4	3.4	0.002	3.407	
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	0.1	0.1	0.001	0.142	
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	
Operation Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	
Stream No.	5	6	7	8	9
Stream Description	SEWAGE FROM ACC. COMPLEX	SEWAGE FROM POWER PLANT	SEWAGE FROM PWTP	SEWAGE FROM INCIN. PLANT	RAW SEWAGE TO MINE SITE STP
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	24.40	0.02	0.02	0.01	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	2.39	0.02	0.02	0.01	2.9
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	-
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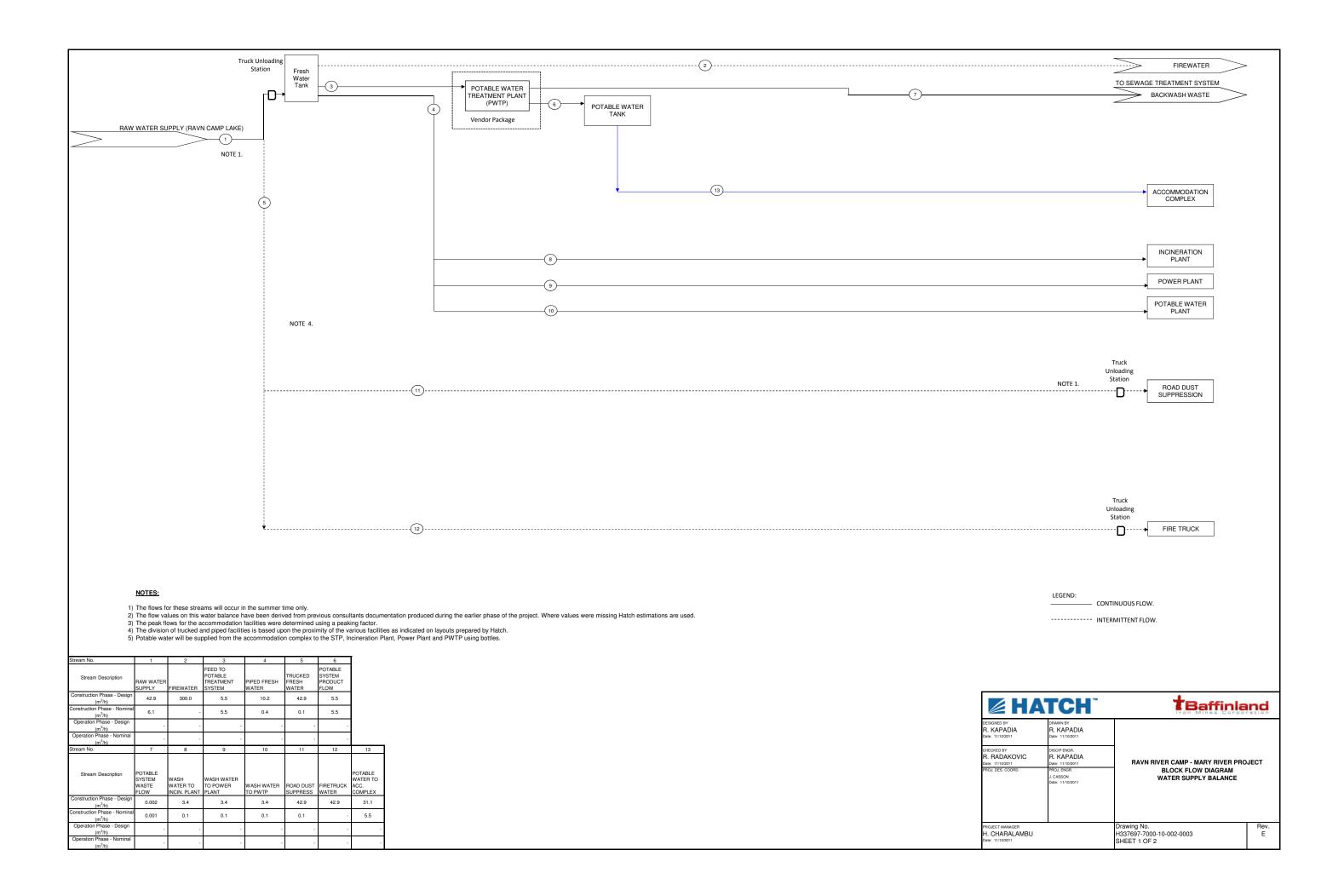


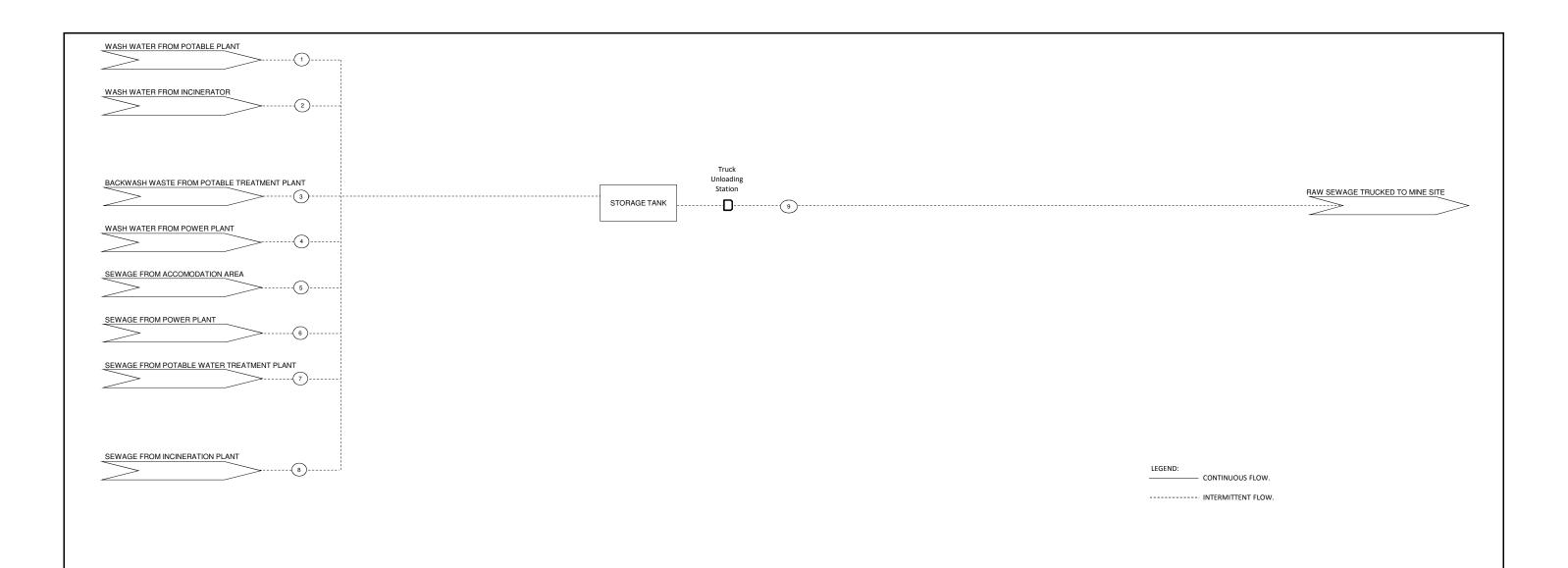


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   Effluent reuse is optional. To be reviewed in detailed engineering.

Stream Description	WATER FROM POTABLE PLANT	WASH WATER FROM INCIN.	PWTP BACKWASH WASTE STREAM	WATER FROM POWER PLANT	
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	3.4	3.4	0.001	3.4	
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	0.1	0.1	0.001	0.1	
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	
Operation Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	
Stream No.	5	6	7	8	9
Stream Description	SEWAGE FROM ACC. COMPLEX	SEWAGE FROM POWER PLANT	SEWAGE FROM PWTP	SEWAGE FROM INCIN. PLANT	RAW SEWAGE TO STEENSBY
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	26.70	0.04	0.04	0.02	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	3.78	0.04	0.04	0.02	4.3
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	_
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Stream Description	FROM POTABLE PLANT	WASH WATER FROM INCIN.	BACKWASH WASTE STREAM	FROM POWER PLANT	
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	3.4	3.4	0.0017	3.4	
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	0.1	0.1	0.0014	0.1	
Operation Phase - Design (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	
Operation Phase - Nominal (m <sup>3</sup> /h)	-	-	-	-	
Stream No.	5	6	7	8	9
Stream Description	SEWAGE FROM ACC. COMPLEX	SEWAGE FROM POWER PLANT	SEWAGE FROM PWTP	SEWAGE FROM INCIN. PLANT	RAW SEWAGE TO MINE SITE
Construction Phase - Design (m³/h)	35.60	0.05	0.05	0.03	42.9
Construction Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	5.76	0.05	0.05	0.03	6.3
Operation Phase - Design (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	-
Operation Phase - Nominal (m³/h)	-	-	-	-	-

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## **APPENDIX D – Sewage Plant Sample Manual**





# newterra MicroClear<sup>TM</sup> MBR Wastewater Treatment Plant OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

System:	newterra Standard MBR WWTP (MC-75)
Location:	Alberta, Canada
Client:	
Project:	Sample
Rev.:	0
Date:	March 14, 2013





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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this manual is to provide necessary information for the Installation, Operation and Maintenance of the equipment.



The newterra MicroClear <sup>™</sup> MBR wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) functions optimally if the operating procedures described in this manual are followed. If you have any questions after reading through this manual, please contact newterra ltd.

- This O&M Manual must be kept on-site and available to employees at all time.
- It is IMPERATIVE that employees read the manual BEFORE working in the plant.
- Employees' attention has to be drawn to the Health and Safety in Section 2 of this manual.

WARNING: Failure to comply with the instructions provided in this manual can cause equipment & property damage or severe personal injury, and will render the warranty null and void.



#### 2.0 SAFETY

- 1. This manual **must** be read thoroughly before system installation and operation.
- 2. Installation and servicing **must** only be carried out by suitably **trained or qualified** personnel.
- 3. Normal safety precautions must be taken.
- 6. The electrical wiring **must** be carried out by **licensed** electricians.
- 7. Installation of piping should be carried out by licensed plumbers.
- 8. For safety of service technicians, avoid trees or shrubs larger than two meters in close proximity to the plant buildings.

#### **DEFINITION OF SAFETY AND WARNING SIGNS**



#### ATTENTION SYMBOL

Special attention is required to ensure compliance with instructions concerning correct operating sequences to prevent damage to the plant or its function.



#### **GENERAL WARNING SIGN**

This symbol accompanies all important instructions or warnings associated with risks of injury as well as damage to equipment.



#### **CRITICAL WARNING SIGN**

Warns against an unsafe situation or practice associated with severe injury as well as damage to equipment.



#### Responsibility for Safety

#### **Management:**

Management is responsible for providing a safe working environment. This is accomplished partly by:

- ➤ Ensuring that all facilities and equipment are built and maintained in accordance with the appropriate safety standards
- Providing adequate funds for equipment and plant maintenance
- Establishing, promoting, and enforcing a safety policy
- Establishing a safety training program

#### Worker:

- To develop a positive and professional attitude towards safety.
- To avoid mistakes caused by indifference to safety, poor work habits, lack of attentiveness, rushing the job, failure to observe established safety procedures and poor physical condition.



Remember the "ABC" of accident prevention: ALWAYS BE CAREFUL!!!

In addition to "being careful", it is the responsibility of all workers to:

- ✓ Work in accordance with established safety procedures
- ✓ Follow the established safety rules
- ✓ Wear appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Report all accidents, no matter how minor
- ✓ Report potential safety hazards
- ✓ Participate in safety programs



#### Plant Safety - Simple Rules to Follow

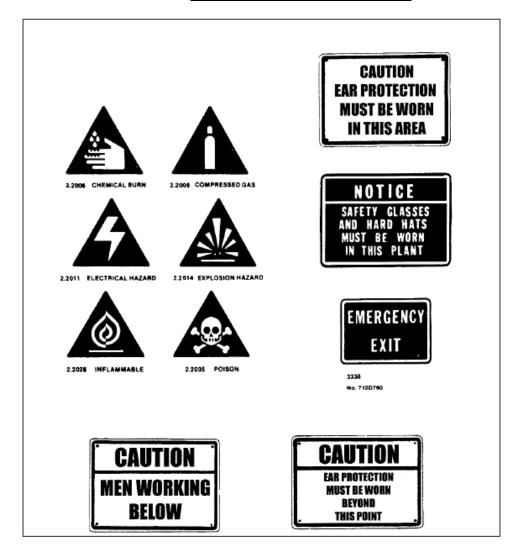


## Common sense plays a very important part in the safe operation of any type of plant!

- Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment at all times. This may include protective clothing, goggles, rubber gloves, hard hat, steel-toed shoes.
- ➤ Keep walkways clear of snow and ice, and loose objects such as pails, shovels, tools, etc.
- > Clean up spills of oil, grease, chemicals, or other substances immediately.
- ➤ Keep all tools and similar equipment clean, in good condition, and properly stored when not in use.
- Replace all manhole covers, access trap doors, etc. as soon as possible. Erect a safety barrier if it is necessary to leave the opening uncovered.
- > Use the proper tools when removing or replacing a manhole cover.
- Wear a safety belt whenever there is the possibility of falling even a short distance, or when working over water.
- Lock out and tag electrical equipment before working on it or the associated equipment
- > Ensure that moving machinery is properly guarded. Wear ear protection in noisy environments.
- ➤ Ensure that fire-fighting equipment is in good working condition.



#### **Hazard Warning Signs/Symbols**





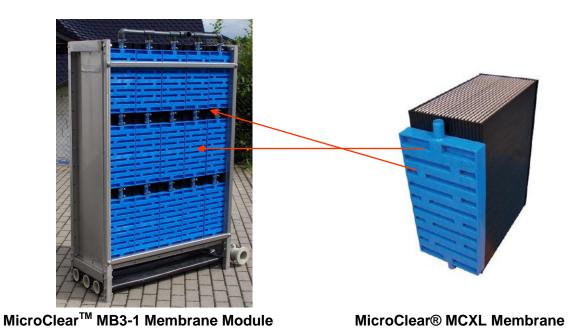
#### 3.0 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN BASIS

The newterra MicroClear<sup>™</sup> Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) Wastewater treatment Plant (WWTP) is designed to meet effluent discharge criteria of BOD < 5 mg/L and TSS < 1 mg/L.

#### newterra MicroClear<sup>™</sup> MBR (MC-75) Specification

Design loading	unit	Value
Design Hydraulic Load	m³/d	75
Organic Load	[kgBOD/d]	30.0
Ammonia Nitrogen Load	[kgNH <sub>4</sub> -N /d]	4.88
Phosphorus Load	[kgTP/d]	0.75
Membrane Bioreactor		
Design Capacity - Effective Volume	$m^3$	36.45
Hydraulic Retention Time (HRT)	h	11.66
Sludge Age	d	15
Activated Sludge Return Ratio	-	3 - 5 x
Design flux (average)	LMH	18
Min design operating temp	°C	15
MicroClear® MB3-1 membrane modules		
MB3-1 modules in MC-75 MBR	nr	2
MCXL cassettes in each MB3-1 module	nr	15
Total Area of each MB3-1 module	$m^2$	105
MB3-1 Module Dimension (L x W x H)	m	1.3 x 0.7 x 1.85
Housing materials		Stainless steel
Effective Volume of each Individual Membrane Tank	m3	4.049
MicroClearTM MCXL membrane cassette		
Membrane Material		Polyethersulfone (PES)
Individual Cassette Area	$m^2$	7
Pore Size	μm	0.04
Cut Off	kDalton	150
Filtration Pressure	bar	0.1 - 0.25
Backwash Pressure	bar	0.07 - 0.1
Cassette Dimension	m	0.416 x 0.209 x 0.490





#### newterra MicroClear<sup>™</sup> MBR WWTP SPEC SHEETS

Parameters	Unit	Value
Total design population	person	300
Average water usage	L/person/day	250
Average design flow (ADF)	m³/d	75
Peak hourly flow	m³/h	12.5
Duration of peak flow	h	5
Maximum frequency of peak events per day	time	2
Ambient temperature	°C	Min 40°C, Max. + 40 °C
Water temperature for biological treatment	°C	Min. +7 °C, Max. + 35 °C



#### Influent Wastewater/Treated Effluent Characteristics:

Parameters	Unit	Influent	Effluent
рН	s.u.	6 - 9	7 - 9
Fat, Oil, Grease (FOG)	mg/L	< 30	-
Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)	mg/L	400	< 5
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	350	< 1
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	mg/L	70	-
Total Ammonia Nitrogen (TAN)	mg/L	65	-
Total Phosphorus (TP)	mg/L	10	-
Fecal Coliform / E-Coli	CFU/100mL	-	< 200*
Alkalinity (assumed)	mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	> 200	-
Total Dissolved Solids(TDS)	mg/L	< 1,200	-

<sup>\*</sup>after UV disinfection



#### **Prohibited Items**

The raw wastewater should not contain any of the following substances:

- Hydrocarbons lubricants, gasoline, diesel, etc.;
- Paints, solvents, silica, silicones and polymers;
- Antibacterial solutions, and products with quaternary ammonia;
- Large quantities of chemicals such as water softener, disinfectants, strong acids & alkalis, pesticides or photographic chemicals;
- Silicone based de-foamers;
- Non-biodegradable solid waste (plastic, rubber products, disposable diapers, etc.);
- High amount of metals, such as iron, magnesium, calcium, barium and strontium.



TOXIC MATERIAL SHOULD NOT BE THROWN INTO THE DRAIN.



The raw wastewater should also comply with the following compatibility chart. The lipophilic substances concentration must be lower than **50 mg/L**.

### MicroClear<sup>™</sup> Membrane Compatibility Chart

Group	Substances	SP-Type Membrane
Chlorinated solvents	Methylene Chloride, Chloroform, Carbon Tetrachloride, Chlorobezene, Trichloroethane (<1%)	
Esters	Ethyl Acetate, Butyl Acetate, Butyl Acrylate (<1%)	
Ethers	Ethyl Ether, Polyethylene Oxide (<1%)	
$H_2O_2$	<2000 ppm	++
Inorganic acids	HF, HCI, H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	pH 0 - 14
Ketones	Acetone, Methyl Ethyl Ketone	
NaOCI	100,000 ppmxh	++
Organic acids	Sulfamic Acid, Formic Acid, Oleic Acid, Sulfonic Acid, Acetic Acid, Acrylic Acid, Latic Acid	pH 0 - 14
Phenols		
Silicones		
Alcohols	Ethanol, Butanol, Isopropranol (<50%)	+
Aldehydes	Formaldehyde (<1%)	++
Alkali		pH 0 - 14
	Dimethyl Formamide, Dimethyl, Acetamid Dioxane, N-Methyl, Pyrrolidone, Tetramethyl Acetamide	
Aprotic Solvents	Benzene, Toluene, Xylene, Anthracene, Naphatalene, Gasoline	
Aromatic hydrocarbon	Methoxyethanol, Ethoxyethanol, Buthoxyethanol	?

 $\overline{(++ = \text{Very good}, + = \text{good}, - = \text{fair}, -- = \text{not recommended})}$ 





#### **Removal of Oily Materials**

The wastewater must pass through a grease trap (or similar facility for grease/fat removal), if there is kitchen usage onsite. The large amount of oil and fat from food preparation in the camp kitchen can harm treatment facility (e.g., clogging pumps and piping and cause foaming in the aeration tank). To avoid membrane failing, maximum FOG (fats, oil, and grease) concentrations should not exceed 30 mg/L.



#### 4.0 PLANT INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, AND TESTING

The **newterra** MicroClear<sup>TM</sup> MBR WWTP is a packaged plant which comes complete with containerized inlet screen tank, equalization tank, aeration tank, membrane tank and a UV disinfection system. The plant is housed inside multiple 40-ft modified high-cube shipping containers - completely pre-assembled, pre-piped, pre-wired and pre-tested, ready for a quick site installation and start-up. The standard containerized design also allows for modular expandability, portability and quick deployment, particularly beneficial features for work camp applications.

#### **4.1 Site Conditions Requirements**

- Installation site for the **newterra** MicroClear<sup>TM</sup> MBR WWTP should be close to the sewer drain and have a sufficient power source (refer to Electrical Drawings in **Appendix A**).
- Location must permit easy access for equipment capable of transporting, offloading, and handling of the designed loads.
- There should be adequate space around the containers for safe operation and maintenance.
- The firm base (foundation) must be built to support the full operating weight of the plant to prevent buildings from shifting and pipe/electrical conduit connection failure - pilings or rig mats are recommended.



The firm base for the container must be level and must be capable of supporting the operating weight.

WARNING: Always check with the local utility companies for the location of water lines, electrical and telephone cables, or any additional hazards below grade, prior to excavation. Failure to do so could result in severe bodily injury or death.



#### 4.2 Inspection upon Delivery

The **newterra** MicroClear<sup>™</sup> MBR WWTP is carefully manufactured, checked, and tested at the manufacturing plant. All equipment is pre-wired, pre-piped, mounted inside the enclosures and factory tested. Upon receiving the system, please perform the following:

- Place the containers onto the prepared firm base to avoid sagging, equipment vibration, and shifting. When lifting the containers, ensure that lifting equipment is clear of overhead obstructions such as power lines, trees or rooftops. Be careful during this procedure!
- Be careful when offloading the containers to prevent damage to the internal pipe work.
- Check the containers for any signs of shipping damages.
- Inspect the containers to ensure that no components or parts are missing (refer to the Packing List). Also, inspect for visual damage of the tanks, pumps, blowers, piping, and control panel.
- If the containers, equipment inside and any parts shipped loose are free of damage, proceed with the installation.

For any damages or loss of equipment, please notify newterra ltd. at (800) 420-4056 immediately.



# 4.3 Plant Initial Set up

WARNING: The installer must ensure that the installation site is safe from hazards. These could include excavations left open overnight, debris left lying around, and tanks & equipment not properly blocked. Provisions must be made to eliminate the potential hazards by roping off and proper shoring around the excavations, cleaning up at the end of each workday, and proper storage of equipment. Failure to do so could result in severe injury or death.

Enclosure Shipping Weights, Dimensions and Connection Specifications

Estimated Dry shipping weight for each enclosure	BLD-7901 – 25 000 lb BLD-7902 – 37 000 lb
Dimensions	BLD-7901 - 8' x 40' (2.44m x 12.2m) BLD-7902 - 8' x 53' (2.44 x 16.15m)
Influent supplied head pressure	3.0 m (10')
Treated effluent discharged head pressure	1.5 m (5')
Inlet pipes	2 - 2" PVC inlet pipe with 2" flange connection.
Discharge pipe	2" PVC discharge pipe with 2" NPT connection.



# **Enclosures Specifications:**

System Enclosures	newterra MicroClear <sup>™</sup> MBR WWTP consists of (2) cMET certified, built to NEC standards, enclosures.
Enclosures #1 (BLD-7901)	Room #1 - Class 1 Div 2 Contains Inlet Screen Module with Rotary Brush Screen (SCR-201) and screen discharge tank with pumps.  Room #2 - General Purpose Contains Membrane Tanks, Permeate withdrawal system, membrane tank blowers, control panel, UV lights, aeration tank blowers, chemical injection system and control & power panels.
Enclosures #2 (BLD-7902)	General Purpose Contains the equalization tank with blowers and pumps and aeration tank with pumps.

Verify site power per system design criteria.

# **System Electrical Specifications:**

System Power	480-V, 3-Phase
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Main Disconnect / FLA Amperage	200 A / 98 A
Panel Approval and Classification	cMET certified to cUL 508A
System Approval and Classification	cMET (GP) & C1D2
Telemetry Setup	Included (Static IP required by customer)

# Please refer to the as-built electrical drawings in Appendix A of this manual.



Only trained and certified electricians should make the electrical connections.



#### **Installation Instructions:**

- 1. Ensure system is placed on a level surface.
- 2. Connect all interconnecting piping.
- 3. Remove hatch covers from the interconnecting ports.
- 4. Place containers tight against each other with the interconnecting ports lining up.
- Connect electrical power to the Main Switch Panel located inside the enclosure (BLD-7901, General purpose room) 3 phase, 480 V from available source ensuring correct phase rotation.
- 6. Terminate all electrical connections between buildings.
- 7. Ensure that proper electrical grounding and lightning protection is available.
- 8. Switch Main Switch Panel's isolator to the ON position.
- 9. Check all internal lighting and heating for correct operation.
- 10. Install packed external lighting into brackets above the doorways, route the cables to the inside of the containers through the ports provided and plug into sockets provided (check for correct operation).
- 11. Ensure that a potable water supply is available (used for hydraulic testing during startup, membrane cleaning, washing hands and for performing onsite testing).
- 12. Ensure availability of an emergency eyewash station and personal protection equipment.
- 13. Verify membrane modules are secure within the membrane tanks i.e. verify wheel chocks are in the correct location and that there is no lateral movement (less than an inch) of the membrane modules on the wheel tracks in the tanks.



# 4.4 Plant Initial Testing

The newterra MicroClear<sup>TM</sup> MBR WWTP (except the membrane modules) undergoes electrical and leakage tests in our manufacturing facility prior to shipment; however, fittings could shift during shipment, so it is our standard practice to perform plant initial testing including **dry and hydraulic tests.** 

# 4.4.1 Dry Test

The following tasks have to be performed **before** potable water is introduced into the system:

- Ensure that all tanks are clean and free of any dirt or debris (this is to prevent obstruction or damage to the piping, pumps, and membranes).
- Ensure that all connections have been provided and joints have been tightened.
- Check the placement of the air diffuser in the equalization tank (TNK-301) and the aeration tank (TNK-501) if incorrectly positioned, proper adjustment has to be performed.
- Ensure that a functional check of the electrical and control system has been performed (please refer to the newterra Pre-commissioning Test Checklist presented in Appendix B).

## 4.4.2 Hydraulic Test

The hydraulic test is performed using potable water to:

- Check for and fix any leakage;
- Check the setting of level switches/transmitters;
- Check the hydraulic flow through the plant;
- Check if all the ancillary equipment and controls of the plant function as per design;
- Recalibrate instruments (if applicable);
- Perform clean water test on membranes.







## **Performing the Hydraulic Test**

- Fill the system with potable water, run the pumps and check for any signs of leakage.
- Perform electrical and instrumentation (E&I) functional checks and adjustment of level switches if required.
- Turn on the air blowers B-301 and B-302 for the equalization tank and blowers B-501 and B-502 for aeration tank, and check for:
  - Buoyancy of air diffusers and if this occurs, empty the tank and fix;
  - Air leakages: if this occurs, tighten up the fittings;
  - Manually check water temperature and DO (dissolved oxygen): with a hand-held DO meter and adjust air flow to keep it up to 0.5 – 1 mg/L for equalization tanks (TNK-301) and 2 - 3 mg/L for aeration tanks (TNK-501); check the DO readings on the touch screen.
  - DO Control System: check automatic ON/OFF of Aeration Tank air blowers at low and high settings of DO without the return of aerated water from the membrane tanks to aeration tanks, and record blower ON/OFF duration.

## Membrane Tanks (TNK-601 / TNK-602):

- Enable membrane operation.
- Start the pumps P-501/P-502 and fill the membrane tanks with potable water.
- Start the air blowers B-601/B-602 and check for an even distribution of air across the membrane filter area and air bubble uniformity above the membrane module/cassette.
- Check hydraulic flow pattern through the membranes and between membrane module/ cassette and tank wall.
- Start the permeate (vacuum) pumps P-701/P-702
- Record the vacuum (TMP) on gauges PI-701/PI-702 [for clean water could be 0.05 to 0.07 bar (20" to 29" WC)].
- Record water temperature and dissolved oxygen with a hand-held DO meter.
- Gradually increase the permeate flow while recording the vacuum (TMP) on the gauges up to the anticipated peak wastewater flow.



Caution: Once wetted, the membrane should remain wet, and not be allowed to dry out to prevent irreversible damage to the membrane.



# 5.0 OPERATION of newterra MicroClear<sup>™</sup> MBR

MBR (Membrane Bioreactor) treatment technology is an effective combination of an activated sludge biological treatment process with MicroClear MBR membrane filtration technology. The MBR operates at MLSS concentrations between 8,000 to 15,000 mg/L.

This section provides a brief description of the treatment process and how it is controlled. Most of the equipment in the **newterra** WWTP can be operated in either manual or automatic mode. The system is designed to always run in auto mode. The manual option is provided mainly for maintenance purposes. Equipment and instrumentation identification numbers are referenced from the **Process & Instrumentation Diagram** and **System Layouts** presented in Appendix A.

# **Automatic Operation**

The PLC-based control system is the default operation mode for the **newterra** MicroClear<sup>TM</sup> MBR. The system operates as a programmable computer that:

- Receives analog and digital input signals from the switches and transmitters being controlled:
- Processes this information using the structure and rules entered into the program;
- Generates outputs that control the equipment turn equipment OFF or ON.

Under normal operation, all switches are set in the AUTO position on the HMI.

All alarms are visually indicated on a beacon stack on the roof of the exterior of the container:

- Green System OK
- Green Flashing System Auto Restart
- Red Solid Warning Alarm
- Red Flashing Critical Alarm
- No Light Loss of Power

The MBR will always remain in auto run mode, unless the kill switch is pressed or power is down.

The MBR will automatically restart after power failure.

All high high level alarms (identified as LSHH on P&ID) indicate a critical situation for imminent tank overflow and could result in pump(s) shutting off to avoid overflow situations and requires immediate operator attention.



# **Manual Operation**

The manual mode of operation is provided for maintenance purposes and for emergency operation of the plant in the unlikely event of a failure of the automatic control system (default operation mode). Operators <u>must be present when equipment is operated in the manual mode</u>.

A HAND-OFF-AUTO (H-O-A) switch is provided on the touch screen of the control panel for each PLC controlled motor. The HAND position on the switch allows the equipment to be operated in the manual mode. For safety reasons, a motor in the HAND position will only run for two minutes before it will be automatically stopped.

# 5.1 WWTP Design/Control Narrative

The plant is comprised of 2 buildings: BLD-7901 and BLD-7902. The main control panel is located in the General Purpose room 2 of building BLD-7901.

## 5.1.1 Buildings/Utilities

# Power Supply

A power monitor has been installed in the main power distribution panel to ensure proper power and phase rotation is delivered to the system.

#### **E-STOP**

An emergency stop button, wired to a common system kill circuit (KILL-7901), is located at the main control panel in Room 2 BLD-7901 and at the entrances of Room 1 BLD-7901 and BLD-7902

## **Building Temperature Control**

For building BLD-7901 (Room #1- Screen Room), temperature is controlled manually. The operator is required to set the desired building temperature set point in °F at the temperature switch (TSL-7911). If the building temperature falls below the temperature switch setting the wall mounted electric heaters (H-7921 and H-7931) will turn on. The building room is also equipped with a low low temperature switch TSLL-7911. The operator must manually set the low low temperature limit set point. **CAUTION:** The temperature switch units are in °F.

For building BLD-7901 (Room #2) and BLD-7902 the building heat is controlled manually at the local thermostats for the wall mounted electric heaters.

#### **Alarms**

If the building temperature in BLDG-7901 Room 1 drops below the low low temperature set point, the low low temperature switch (TSLL-7911) will trip and after a delay of 15 minutes a building low low temperature alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon light will illuminate.



If the building temperature in BLDG-7902 drops below the low low temperature set point, the low low temperature switch (TSLL-7922) will trip and after a delay of 15 minutes a building low low temperature alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon light will illuminate.

## **Building Ventilation**

Exhaust Blower B-7901 provides constant ventilation for the Inlet Screen Module and Building BLD-7901 Room #1 (Electrical Classification – CLASS 1/DIV2 area). The air from the blower is passed through a heat recovery system prior to discharging outside. The blower vents air at a rate of ~12 air changes per hour. This blower runs at all times to ensure the requirements of the electrically classified location is met.

A single exhaust fan (F-7921) is located in BLD-7902. The purpose of the fan is to prevent the building temperature from climbing higher than desired room set point temperature. The desired room temperature must be set by the operator using at the building high temperature switch TSH-7911 (°F). If this switch is tripped the exhaust fan will run until the temperature drops below the set point.

NOTE: The fan is to be used primarily during the summer months - freezing cold air in to the building can lead to condensation/potential freezing risks for critical pieces of process equipment.

#### **Alarms**

If the blower motor stops running, a critical alarm signal will be sent to the HMI from the PLC and the flashing red beacon light will illuminate.

#### **Building Sumps**

BLD-7901 Room 1 is equipped with a sump reservoir and sump pump P-7901. In the event the high high sump level switch is tripped P-7911 will be turned on and water will be pumped to the Equalization Tank. The pump will continue to pump 15 seconds after the high high condition clears.

P-7911/P-7912/P-7921 are controlled by local piggy back high level switches (LSH-7911/LSH-7912/LSH-7921 which turn each respective pump on. The floor water is pumped to the equalization tank (TNK-301) or Aeration Tank (TNK-501).

Note: The PLC program will turn off P-503 (Aeration Tank Re-circulation Pump) in the event the high high level switch associated with sump pump P-7922 turns on.

#### **Alarms**

Each sump is equipped with a High High level switch that if tripped generates a warning alarm that is visible on the HMI and causes the red beacon light to illuminate.



#### **5.1.2 Wastewater Influent**

#### Flow Control

Refer to Section 3.0 for system design capacity.

## Flow Rate Monitoring and Volume Totalizer

The wastewater piping to the Inlet Screen Module (SCR-201) is equipped with a flow transmitter (FT-301) which is used to measure the influent flow rate and provides a signal to the PLC to track the overall volume through the system. FT-301 is used to turn on the screen when flow is detected.

#### 5.1.3 Screen Module

A screening process is provided to remove hair, and fibrous materials from wastewater supplied from the Lift Station and includes:

- A rotary brush (SCR-201) and screen with 2-mm perforation openings
- Burlap Bags for screening collection
- Discharge tank (TNK-201) for collection of the screened wastewater.
- External pumps (P-201 & P-202) to transfer screened wastewater to equalization tank (TNK-301)
- Overflow drain to container sump

## Rotary Brush Control

The rotary brush (SCR-201) rotates when flow is detected by the flow-transmitter (FT-301) on the influent pipeline. If the flow rate is between 10 GPM to 50 GPM the PLC will turn the screen on for 2 minutes every 30 minutes. If the flow rate is 50 GPM or higher, the screen will run continuously.

#### **Alarms**

In the event the SCN-201 motor trips off on overload an alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon light will flash.

#### Discharge Pump Control

The screen discharge tank (TNK-201) has two (2) external pumps (P-201Duty, P-202 Standby). After the completion of 4 cycles the standby pump will run for 1 cycle. A cycle refers to the amount of time it takes to empty TNK-201 (cycling between LSH-201 and LSL-201). Both pumps are equipped with a discharge pressure indicator (PI-201, PI-202).

#### **Alarms**

In the event the screen tank discharge pump motor current switch trips an alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon light will flash.

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# Level Control

If the screen clogs, the rotary brush basin will start to fill and will eventually trip a level switch (LSHH-201).

#### **Alarms**

If the LSHH-201 level switch is tripped an alarm will be generated and will remain visible on the HMI until the alarm condition has cleared. The red beacon light will flash for the duration of the alarm.

The screen discharge tank (TNK-201) is equipped with a low level switch (LSL-201) which turns off the screen discharge tank pump (P-201/P-202) and a high level switch (LSH-201) that turns on the screen discharge tank pump.

If tripped, the high level switch (LSHH-202) will send a signal to the PLC which will cause the influent isolation valve to close. The system will indicate an alarm on the HMI and the red flashing light will illuminate. Operator intervention is required in the event of this alarm.

# **5.1.4 Equalization Tank**

*Function*: Buffers influent variable flow to prevent concentration fluctuations in (i.e. BOD, TSS etc.) through the MBR treatment system.

Screened wastewater is received by one Equalization Tank (TNK-301) located in building BLD-7902. The effective volume is 18.9 m³, providing a hydraulic retention time of 6 hours. TNK-301 contains 8 fine bubble air diffusers for mixing and assisting the elimination of potential odour. The equalization tank (TNK-301) contains a magnesium anode which acts as the tank ground and will be sacrificially eroded as a means of prolonging the tank life.

# Coarse Air Diffuser Control

Blowers (B-301, B-302) supply air to the coarse air diffusers installed in the bottom of the equalization tank. The blowers run at the same time. A pressure indicator (PI-301) and switch (PLS-301) is installed on the discharge side of the blowers.

#### **Alarms**

If the blower air pressure drops below set point, the low pressure switch (PLS-301) will trip and a low pressure alarm will be activated through the PLC. The flashing red beacon light will illuminate.

## Temperature Control

The EQ tank is heated via an electric immersion heater (H-301). Temperature in the tank is controlled via a local thermostat.

Recommended temperature setting – 10°C to 15°C



#### **Alarms**

If the Temperature Switch Low Low (TSLL-301) is tripped an alarm signal will register on the HMI and the flashing red beacon light will illuminate.

The Level Switch Low Low LSLL-301 is installed to protect the immersion heaters and if tripped will shut the tank heater off and initiate and alarm signal from the PLC.

## Transfer Pump/Level Control

The equalization tank (TNK-301) has two (2) external pumps (P-301, P-302) with one of the pumps acting as a standby. P-301 operates for 4 cycles, P-302 for 1. This pump transfers the wastewater from the equalization tank (TNK-301) to the aeration tank.

A level transmitter (LT-301) is used to indicate the liquor level in the equalization tank (TNK-301). As long as the level in the tank is above set point the PLC will allow the operation of either EQ tank discharge pump (P-301 or P-302). If the high level in the EQ tank is met the screen tank supply pumps will be turned off.

#### **Alarms**

The Level Switch High High (LSHH-301) if tripped will send a signal to the PLC to warn of imminent overflow in the equalization tank (TNK-301).

## 5.1.5 Aeration Tank (Biological Treatment)

Function: Oxygen is added to the wastewater to ensure microorganism concentration is at optimum levels to metabolize contaminants. (i.e. oxidation of carbonaceous BOD; nitrification (conversion of TKN to NO<sub>3</sub>-N)).

One aeration tank (TNK-501) located in BLD-7902 has an overall effective volume of 28.35 m³, providing a hydraulic retention time of 9 hours. TNK-501 receives wastewater from the equalization tank and return flow from the membrane tanks. Blowers supply air to the submerged fine-bubble diffusers to ensure biological oxidation (aeration) and to keep solids in the water suspended. Mixed liquor is constantly re-circulated from the bottom of the tanks to the top through spray nozzles. This recirculation process is in place for foam suppression. A caustic and alum chemical metering system is in place to ensure regulation of aeration tank water pH and phosphorus levels.



# The Aeration tank is equipped with:

- Level, temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen (DO) monitoring and control equipment.
- 2 electric immersion heaters to keep the temperature of the biological process above 15-20° C.
- Blowers (B-501, B-502) equipped with VFD's supply air to the fine-bubble air diffusers in (TNK-501).
- Tank recirculation pumps (P-503)
- Tank discharge pumps (P-501, P-502) to membrane tanks (TNK-601, TNK-602)
- Chemical Metering System caustic dosing pumps (P-6101) and alum dosing pumps (P-6102)

#### **Alarms**

## **Temperature Control**

The Aeration tank is heated via 2 electric immersion heaters (H-501/H-502). Temperature in the tank is controlled via a local thermostat.

Recommended temperature setting – 15°C to 20°C

#### **Alarms**

If the Temperature Switch Low Low (TSLL-501) is tripped an alarm signal will register on the HMI and the flashing red beacon light will illuminate.

The Level Switch Low Low LSLL-501 is installed to protect the immersion heaters and if tripped will shut the tank heater off. An alarm signal will register on the HMI and the flashing red beacon light will illuminate.

#### Discharge Pump/Level Control

The aeration tank (TNK-501) has two (2) external transfer pumps (P-501, P-502). Pump P-501 transfers wastewater to membrane TNK-601 and P-502 transfers wastewater to membrane tank TNK-602.

Level transmitter (LT-501) indicates the liquor level in the aeration tank (TNK-501). As long as the level in the tank is above set point the PLC will allow the operation of both Aeration Tank discharge pumps (P-501 or P-502).

The aeration tank discharge pumps (P-501/P-502) have pressure indicators (PI-502/PI-503) to measure discharge pressure. The discharge pressure can be used to determine an estimation of the flow rate based on the pump curve.



#### **Alarms**

If the Level Switch High High (LSHH-501) is tripped an alarm will register on the HMI, the flashing red beacon light will illuminate and the equalization discharge pumps will be shut down or disabled from running for the duration of the high high level condition.

## Dissolved Oxygen Control

The Aeration Tank is equipped with a dissolved oxygen (DO-501) sensor. The PLC is programmed to ensure the level of DO remains above 2mg/L. If the level of DO falls below the set point value a 4-20 mA signal is sent to the VFD (VFD-501) that controls the speed of the blowers (B-501, B-502). The speed of the blowers is regulated to maintain the DO at set point level.

#### **Alarms**

In the event the Dissolved Oxygen level set point cannot be achieved within 15 minutes of the detection of the level being outside of the set point range a low DO alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon warning light will illuminate.

#### pH Control

A chemical dosing pump (P-6101) is provided to inject sodium hydroxide into the aeration tank to maintain the pH at desired pH set point. If the pH measured by pH probe (PH-501) falls below set point, the PLC will turn the pump on for 30 seconds, turn the pump off for 30 seconds and repeat this cycle until tank pH has regained desired set point. The pump stroke must be set by the MBR system operator.

#### **Alarms**

In the event the pH level set point cannot be achieved a low or high pH alarm will register on the HMI and the red beacon warning light will illuminate. The system will continue to adjust and achieve set point pH throughout the duration of the alarm.

# Phosphorus Concentration Control

A chemical dosing pump (P-6102) is provided to inject alum (aluminum sulfate). Alum is used to remove phosphorus from the influent. The alum dosage rate is manually set locally at the metering pumps by adjusting the pump strokes. MBR system operator must determine what the dosage rate needs to be and manually set the stroke at the pump and enter influent flow rate setpoint through the HMI.

# Foam Suppression

The aeration tank is equipped with an external pump (P-503) and a spray nozzle system for foam suppression. The pump (P-503) has a pressure indicator (PI-504) measuring its discharge pressure. The flow is controlled by opening a manual gate valve installed in the foam suppression line. The foam suppression line is equipped with a de-ragger unit to prevent spray nozzles from plugging.



## Sludge Concentrator Supernatant Return

Supernatant can be returned to the Aeration Tank if the MBR system is operating in conjunction with a Sludge Concentrator System. Supernatant will be returned as long as the Aeration Tank level is below the High Level set point. The PLC will shut down P-503 for the duration of the return cycle.

#### Sludge Removal

A sludge removal port has been provided, off of the recirculation line for the Aeration Tank. The manual isolation valve must remain closed at all times. Provisions have been made in the PLC for future sludge removal options. When sludge is being removed P-503 will stop running.

#### 5.1.7 Membrane Tanks

**Function:** Mixed liquor filtration and supplemental biological oxidation.

Each membrane tank contains one MicroClear<sup>™</sup> submerged membrane module (membrane cassettes are complete with stainless steel housing and permeate piping with header). Each tank is equipped with air diffusers for the purpose of scouring the membranes to assist in the prevention of clogging.

Mixed liquor from the membrane tanks (TNK-601, TNK-602) is constantly recycled back to the aeration tank (TNK-501) by external pumps (P-601, P-602) to maintain even biomass inventory within the aeration tank and membrane tanks. Each of the respective pumps (P-601, P-602) are equipped with pressure indicators (PI-603, PI-604) to measure the discharge pressure of the pumps.

The membrane tanks are also equipped with gravity overflow lines that recycle mixed liquor back to the aeration tanks.

Positive Displacement pumps (P-701, and P-702) draw the water through the membranes under a low vacuum of 0.07 to 0.2 bar.

The vacuum transmitters (VT-701, VT-702) indicate trans-membrane pressure (TMP). Calculated permeability is displayed on the touch screen.

#### Permeate Discharge Pump/Level Control

The tanks contain high level switches (LSH-601, LSH-602) which activate the permeate pumps (P-701, P-702) to start pulling permeate out of the membrane tank. Each of the permeate discharge pumps (P-701, P-702) will run continuously as long as the high level switch (LSH-601, LSH-602) in the respective membrane tank (TNK-601, TNK-602) is activated.



There are two vacuum set points for the permeate withdrawal system:

- Normal vacuum rate to pull the clean water out at a preset flux rate (typically 18 LMH).
  Permeate withdrawal requires a vacuum of 0.07 to 0.2 bar (28" to 80" WC) at the
  membrane tank discharge. This vacuum is transmitted by VT-701, VT-702 and indicated
  locally at PI-701/PI-702.
- If the equalization tank level is higher than the high level set point for more than 5 seconds, permeate pumps P-701, P-702 start increasing the vacuum, to the secondary vacuum set point level, by increasing the pump motor frequency through the variable frequency drives (VFD-701/VFD-702). The MBR will run at a higher flux to keep up with the incoming water.

#### **Alarms**

If the Level Switch High High is tripped a signal is sent to the PLC followed by a level high high alarm which informs the operator of an imminent overflow. It also shuts off the aeration tank pumps (P-501/P-502) to prevent more mixed liquor from entering the membrane tank.

# Permeate Flow Control/Monitoring

FT-701/ FT-702 are used to measure the effluent flow from each membrane tank.

## Blower Control

The membrane air scouring blowers (B-601 to B-605 for TNK-601 and B-606 to B-610 for TNK-602) are connected to the air diffusers in the membrane tanks (TNK-601, TNK-602) respectively. The blower's operate 24/7. The common air line to the membrane tank is equipped with a discharge pressure indicator (PI-601/PI-602) and a pressure switch (PSL-601/PSL-602).

Each blower is also equipped with an electrically actuated three-way valve (MV-601, MV-602) to direct the flow of air through medium air diffusers or coarse air diffuser. Under normal operation, air is directed through the medium air diffusers at the base of the membrane housing.



Blower for scouring air must be on 24/7, as failure of air supply can lead to clogging of the air diffusers and membranes.



#### **Alarms**

If the pressure switch (PSL-601/PSL-602) is tripped a signal will be sent to the PLC which will generate an alarm indicating a potential blower malfunction which will cause the corresponding membrane permeate tank discharge pump to stop. This interlock is in place to prevent damaging the membranes. The flashing red beacon light will illuminate. The permeate pumps will automatically restart when the low pressure condition is cleared.

## Relax Cycle

After every 9 minutes of permeate flow the permeate discharge vacuum pumps (P-701, P-702) will stop and the electrically actuated solenoid valve (SV-701/SV-702) will open. The resulting removal of vacuum in the system allows the membranes to relax for 1 minute.

The duration of the relax time is adjustable by changing the set point on the HMI screen to meet the particular plant operating conditions.

# **Coarse Air Diffuser Cycle**

If the level switch high in the membrane tank (LSH-601, LSH-602) has not been reached in 30 minutes (i.e. permeate has not been pulled for 30 minutes, MV-601/MV-602 will change direction to allow air flow to the coarse air diffusers. Changing where air enters into the membrane tank (TNK-601, TNK-602) changes the direction of scouring, helping remove debris on the membrane cassette. The air will be directed to the coarse air diffusers for the time interval set point entered through the HMI. The duration of the coarse air diffuser cycle time is adjustable up to 15 minutes, by changing the set point on the HMI screen to meet the particular plant operating conditions.

#### **Membrane Backwash Cycle**

When necessary conditions have been met the backwash tank sump pump (P-801) will be activated, P-701/P-702 shut off and the backwash supply valves MV-701/MV-702 open, to allow the reversal of flow over the membrane surface.

During the entire backwash cycle, the scouring of the membranes is continuous. Air blowers (B-601 & B-602) supply air to the fine air diffusers placed beneath the membrane modules.

Note: Maximum head required for backwashing is one meter.

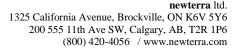
The duration of the backwash cycle is adjustable by changing the set point on the HMI screen to meet the particular plant operating conditions.

## **Backwash Tank**

The backwash tank (T-801) has 3 level switches (LSL-801, LSH-801, LSHH-801). When the low level switch LSL-801 is tripped this indicates a low water level in the backwash tank. Solenoid valve (SV-801) will open to fill the tank to the high level switch (LSH-801).

#### **Alarms**

LSHH-801 indicates imminent overflow. An alarm signal will register on the HMI and the flashing red beacon light will illuminate. Operator intervention is required.





## **CIP Cleaning**

Note: At design flow when the membrane discharge vacuum exceeds 0.2 bar (80" WC), as transmitted by VT-701, VT-702 and indicated locally at PI-701, PI-702, it is necessary to take the membrane tank offline for CIP cleaning. [Please note: 1 bar = 401.65 inches].

# 5.1.8 Disinfection System

The MBR permeate lines are run through UV systems for final effluent disinfection. Each disinfection system consists of two high intensity UVmax Lights (UV-751/ UV-752) installed in series. The UVmax lights provide disinfection with a UV dosage of 40 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> and a flow rate of 303 L/min. **NOTE: The UV system cannot be energized without being full of water.** 

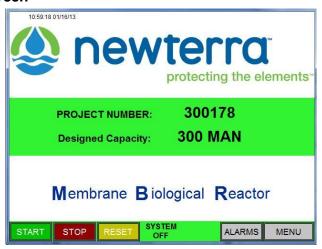


# 5.2 Control System Touchscreen Operation

Note: The screenshots in this section may not be identical to this system and are presented for example only.

The MicroCleaTM<sup>®</sup> MBR system is designed to be fully automatic. The following pages provide a description of the control system. Since the unit operates through a touchscreen, press the screen in an area where a button or text appears.

#### 5.2.1 Main Control Screen



#### **System Operation**

- (SYSTEM ON/SYSTEM OFF) Indicates whether the system is currently in the RUN mode or turned off
- START button puts the system in RUN mode
- STOP button stops the system operation
- RESET button is used to clear alarms after they have been addressed
- Some equipment continues to run even after the STOP button has been pressed, however the E-STOP button (located on the panel front) will stop all equipment

#### **Alarm Indication**

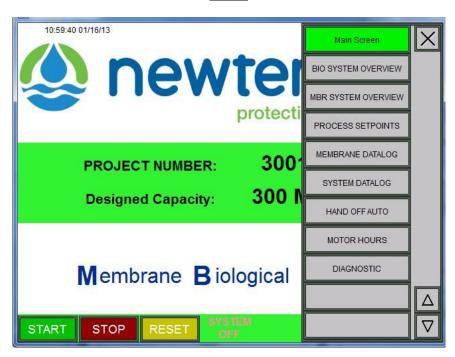
- When the ALARMS button is flashing red, it indicates an alarm is present in the system.
   Press the ALARMS button to be routed to the alarm screen.
- To clear alarms, first press the yellow RESET button then press the flashing ALARMS button. Finally press the CLEAR ALL button to clear the alarms.



#### 5.2.2 Menu Screen

- When the MENU button is pressed, it shows a list of individual screens with a scroll bar as shown below.
- To go to any of the listed items, touch the icon.
- To go back to the main screen, touch the X button.

# <u>Menu</u>





#### 5.2.3 Process Screens

The main process screens are accessed from the main menu by pressing either the "Bio System Overview" button or the "MBR System Overview" button.

On the main process screens, switches are displayed as **grey** when **OFF**, **green** when **ON** and **RED** when in alarm condition.

- LSHH level switch high high
- LSH level switch high
- LSLL level switch low low
- TSLL temperature switch low low
- LSL level switch low
- PSL pressure switch low

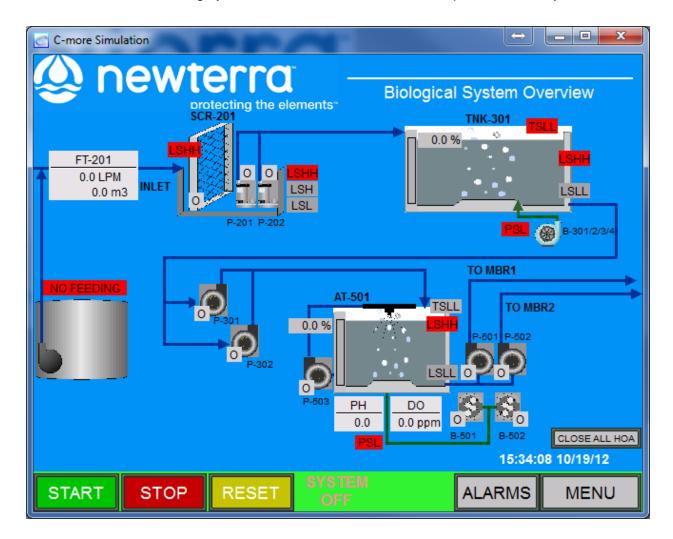
Individual devices can be monitored and controlled from the process screens.

- The letter indicated beside a device shows the current operational status of that device (H for hand, O for off, A for automatic).
- Touching a device on the process screen will open an HOA popup for that device.
- Devices are shown in green if they are currently running.



# On the Biological System Overview screen:

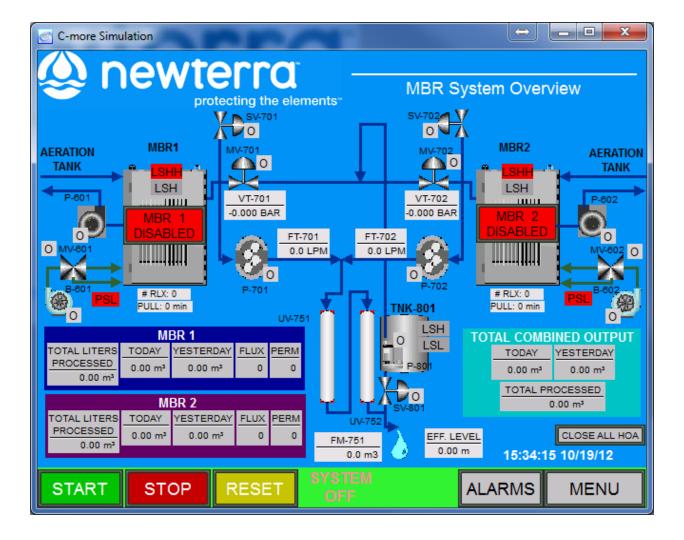
- Inlet flow is displayed.
- Tank levels are displayed in % for the equalization and aeration tanks.
- Screen module is displayed
- Dissolved oxygen and pH are displayed for the aeration tank.
- The waste receiving system is shown on this screen if it is present in the system.





# On the MBR System Overview screen:

- Permeate flow and vacuum are indicated for both membrane trains.
- The number of relaxes performed in the current cycle is displayed.
- The time on the current pull cycle is displayed.
- A summary of the membrane performance for each train is displayed.
- Turbidity will be displayed if the system is equipped with a turbidity transmitter.

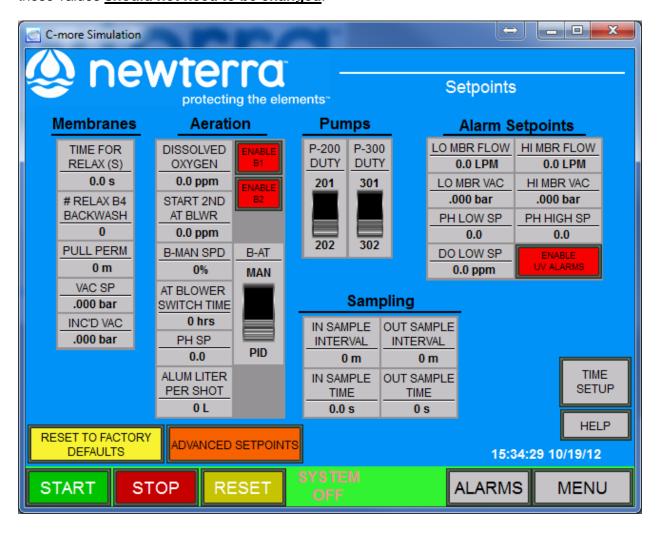




## 5.2.4 Process Setpoints

The Setpoints screen is accessed from the main menu by pressing the "Process Setpoints" button.

This screen allows optimization of the system operation. Once the system is correctly set up, these values **should not need to be changed**.



See the table on the following page for a description of the setpoints.



Process Location	Setpoint	Description		
Membranes	TIME FOR RELAX	Setpoint for the amount of time the membrane relaxes between pulls, in seconds.		
	# RELAX B4 BACKWASH	Setpoint for the number of relaxes before a backwash is triggered.		
	PULL PERM1	Setpoint for the amount of time (in minutes) the system pulls permeate from TNK-601 before relaxing.		
	PULL PERM2	Setpoint for the amount of time (in minutes) the system pulls permeate from TNK-602 before relaxing		
	VAC 1 SP	Setpoint for the vacuum in TNK-601 (in BAR) the system will put on the membrane under normal operating conditions.		
	VAC 2 SP	Setpoint for the vacuum in TNK-602 (in BAR) the system will put on the membrane under normal operating conditions.		
	INC'D 1 VAC	Setpoint for the vacuum in TNK-601 (in BAR) the system will put on the membrane when the system is experiencing a high flow (typically controlled by a high level in the EQ tank).		
	INC'D 2 VAC	Setpoint for the vacuum in TNK-602 (in BAR) the system will put on the membrane when the system is experiencing a high flow (typically controlled by a high level in the EQ tank).		
	DISSOLVED OXYGEN	Setpoint for the amount of dissolved oxygen in ppm in the aeration tank.		
	START 2ND AT BLWR	Dissolved oxygen setpoint for starting the second aeration tank blower.		
Aeration	B-MAN SPD	Manual adjustment of the aeration tank blower speed.		
Aeration	AT BLOWER SWITCH TIME	Setpoint for switching between aeration tank blowers under normal operation. The switch time is usually 500hrs.		
	PH SP	Setpoint for the pH level in the aeration tank.		
	ALUM LITER PER SHOT	This setpoint is for the liters of influent flowing into the system that will trigger one dose of the alum metering pump. The dosage rate of the pump is set manually on the metering pump.		

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Process Location	Setpoint	Description				
	LO MBR FLOW	If the discharge flow is below this setpoint for more than 5 minutes, an alarm will be initiated.				
	LO MBR VAC	If the vacuum on the membrane is below this setpoint for more than 60 seconds, an alarm will be initiated.				
	PH LOW SP	If the pH in the aeration tank is below this setpoint for more than 15 minutes, an alarm will be initiated.				
Alarm Setpoints:	DO LOW SP	If the dissolved oxygen in the aeration tank is below this setpoint for more than 15 minutes, an alarm will be initiated.				
	HI MBR FLOW	If the discharge flow is above this setpoint for more than 5 minutes, an alarm will be initiated.				
	HI MBR VAC	If the vacuum on the membrane is above this setpoint for more than 60 seconds, an alarm will be initiated.				
	PH HIGH SP	If the pH in the aeration tank is above this setpoint for more than 15 minutes, an alarm will be initiated.				
Receiving (If Applicable):	INFL. ON TIME	This setpoint determines how long (in minutes) the pump in the receiving station pumps liquid to the MBR system.				
	INFL. OFF TIME	This setpoint determines how long (in minutes) the pump in the receiving station is off for before pumping liquid to the MBR system again.				
	WASTE VOL	The % daily flow to be wasted				
Wasting (If Applicable):	SLUDG REM. V	This displays the volume remaining in the sludge settling tank (TNK-901) below P-902 after the decanted water is pumped back to the MBR system.				
	CALCULATED WASTE VOL	The calculated waste volume shows the calculated volume of sludge that is planned to be wasted over the next 24 hours. It can be set to A which automatically calculates the volume to waste and M which will allow the operator to enter a manual volume.				



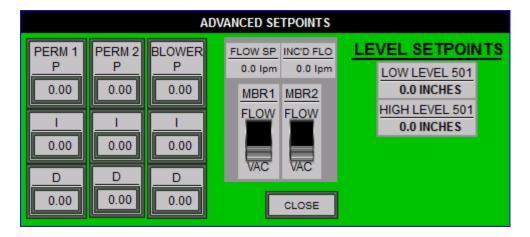
## 5.2.5 Screen Accessed Through The Set Up Screen

There are several buttons across the bottom of the Setpoints screen:
Reset to Factory Default, Advanced Set Points, Sludge Wasting,
Level SW Setup, Temp Setup and Time Setup.

**RESET TO FACTORY DEFAULTS** – Pressing this button will reset all process and alarm setpoints to the default values set at the factory.



**ADVANCED SETPOINTS** – Pressing this button will open the advanced setpoints screen. The advanced setpoints screen is password protected and these values should not be required to be modified under normal system operation.



Starting from the left hand side of the screen, the three columns contain the PID control sequence used for permeate pump 1, permeate pump 2 and the aeration tank blowers.

The right hand side of the screen is used to modify the MBR permeate removal rates. These values should only be modified under the direction of a **newterra** engineer to prevent damaging the membranes.



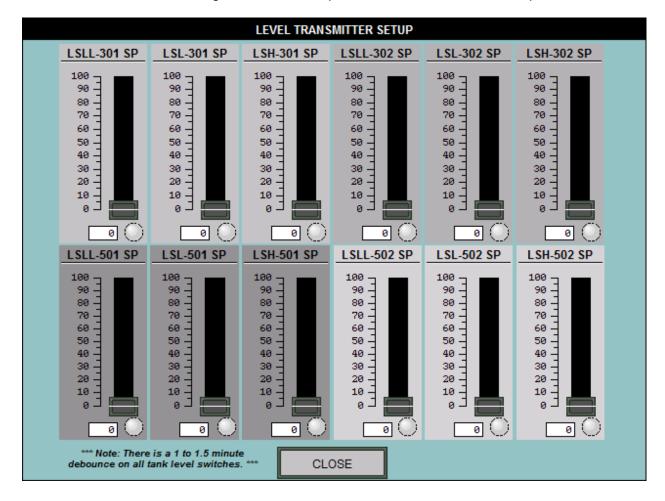
**DUTY SELECTION** – Pressing this button will open the Select Pump Duty screen.



This screen gives you the ability to select which pump is on duty and which pump is on standby. Please note that the pump on duty runs four (4) times more than the pump on standby.



# **LEVEL SW SETUP** - Pressing this button will open the Level Transmitter Setup screen.

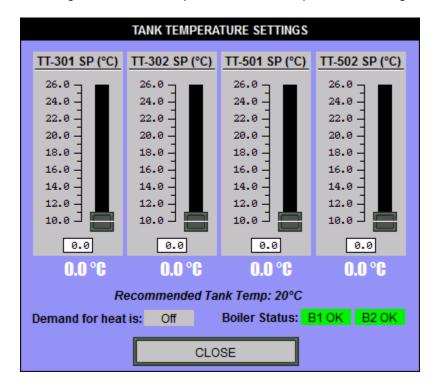


The level switch setup is used to control the level transmitters for both the aeration and equalization tanks. The levels for low, low and high can be set for each tank using the appropriate control. Note: If the indicator light is on, this means the tank level is above set point.

The scale is in % and 100% will correspond with approximately 74" of liquid depth.



**TEMP SETUP** – Pressing this button will open the Tank Temperature Settings screen.



The temperature setup is used to control the temperature for both the aeration and equalization tanks. Current tank temperature is displayed at the bottom of each temperature scale bar. Demand for heat status and boiler/heater status is also displayed.

**TIME SETUP** Pressing this button will open the PLC Time Adjustment screen.

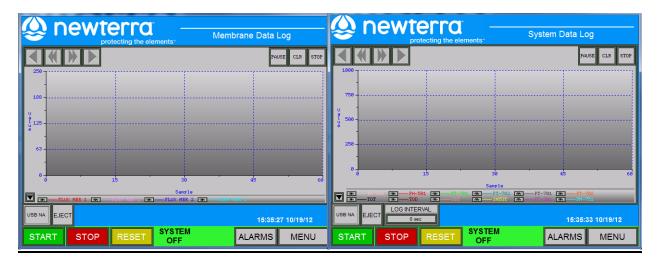


The PLC Time Adjustment is used to set the time on the PLC. Date change settings take effect after 1AM.



# 5.2.6 Membrane Data Log and System Data Log

The data log screens are accessed from the main menu by pressing either the "Membrane Datalog" button or the "System Datalog" button.



- This system is setup with an extensive data log system to keep a history of the performance. It shows real time datalog of critical process operating parameters.
- This information is saved on a USB Stick that is located on the front of the control panel.
- The LOG INTERVAL setting determines how often data points are stored. The factory default setting is 600 seconds.
- The operator can control which variables display on each screen by pressing the eye next to the variable in the list below the graph.



# 5.2.7 System HAND / OFF / AUTOs (HOA's)

The Hand / Off / Auto screen is accessed from the main menu by pressing the "Hand Off Auto" button.

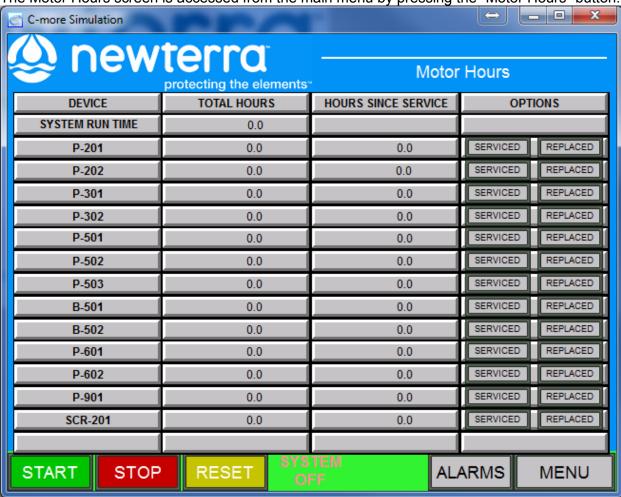


- Each PLC controlled motor or valve in the system has a Hand/Off/Auto (HOA) Switch to control its operation. This screen displays all the system HOA's.
- For normal operation, all switches should be in the AUTO (A) position.
- The HAND (H) position of a switch is used for testing and troubleshooting of the system. As a safety precaution to prevent damage to equipment, the equipment will operate for two minutes in hand mode and will then return to the OFF (O) position.



#### 5.2.8 Motor Hours

The Motor Hours screen is accessed from the main menu by pressing the "Motor Hours" button.

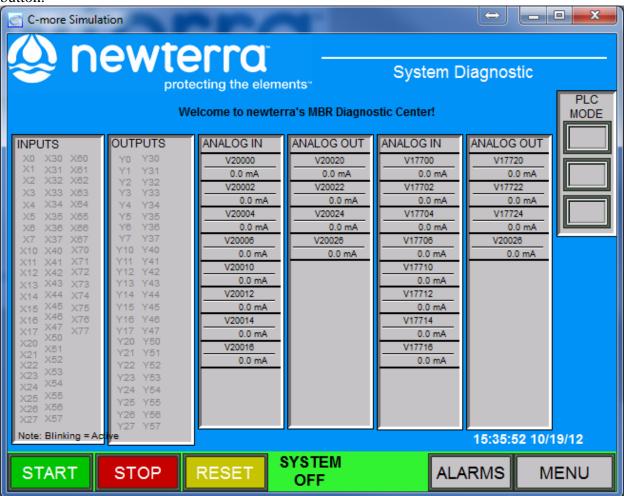


• This screen shows the total number of hours that each motor has run. When the SERVICED button is pressed, it resets the hours since service to zero (0). When the REPLACED button of a motor is pressed, it resets the total hours to zero (0).



# 5.2.9 System Diagnostic Screen

The System Diagnostic screen is accessed from the main menu by pressing the "Diagnostic" button.



- This screen shows the status of each PLC input and output signal in the system as well as the mode that the PLC is in.
- The PLC screen is generally used for trouble shooting when speaking to a newterra representative.
- It is tested and programmed by **newterra** engineers, and modification can only be made by **newterra** engineers.



# **5.3 ALARM TROUBLESHOOTING LIST**

Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C100	PLC ALM	СР	SHUTDOWN PLC Fault	FLASH	Please contact newterra - PLC problem	Please contact newterra -PLC problem
C101	PWR FAIL ALM	СР	WARNING, Power Fail	FLASH (Green)	Power has failed to the unit	Press Reset
C102	LAHH-301	EQ Tank	Level Alarm High High, EQ Tank	FLASH	Investigate if pump P-301, P-302 has failed, or system is receiving higher than design level, or membrane is fouling	Replace pump, divert flow, perform mem- brane chemical cleaning
C103	TALL-301	EQ Tank	Temperature alarm low low	FLASH	Check if the EQ tank heater (H-301) are operating normally. Check temperature setpoint.	Replace EQ Tank Heater
C104	LALL-301	EQ TANK	Low Low Level Alarm	WARN	Check for level transmitter operation or upstream pipe obstruction or pump failure.	Clear obstructio n or repai/ replace faulty equipt
C105	BCKWSH FILL FAIL	BACKWASH	Backwash tank failed to fill	WARN	This alarm only comes on when SV-801 and P-701/702 are running and LSH-801 is not on for 15 minutes	Check if SV-801 works
C106	LAHH-501	AERATION TANK	High High level alarm in Aeration Tank	FLASH	Check pump P-501 for failure.	Replace pump P-501.



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C107	LALL-501	AERATION TANK	Low Low Level Alarm	WARN	Check for level transmitter failure or upstream pipe obstruction or pump failure.	Clear obstruction or repair/ replace faulty equipt
C110	TALL-501	AERATION TANK	Low low temperature alarm in Aeration Tank	WARN	Check setpoint temperature. Check the hydronic water heating system to ensure it is working	Adjust set point temperat ure. Repair hydronic water heating system.
C111	PHAL-501	AERATION TANK	Low pH Alarm	WARN	Check if caustic injection system is working and or needs refill. Check if the pH probe is fouled or if the probe requires calibration.	Replace caustic injection system or refill. Clean pH probe. Calibrate pH probe.
C112	PHAH-501	AERATION TANK	High pH alarm	WARN	Check if caustic injection system is malfunctioning or if PH probe is calibrated or fouled	Replace caustic soda injection. Calibrate pH probe or clean sensor.



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C113	DOAL-501	AERATION TANK	Dissolved Oxygen Alarm low	WARN	Investigate if there is septic smell & check the mixing pattern. If system smell septic with no uniform mixing, air diffuser might be clogged, blowers may not work or plant is overloaded. Ensure DO probe is calibrated and clean	Increase aeration rate to maintain DO above 1.5 mg/L, or replace clogged diffuser, or change blower, or calibrate or clean DO probe.
C114	TALL-7901 ALM	BLDG-7901	Low low Temperature alarm for building	WARN	Check if electric heaters have failed or if BLDG door is open	Repair or replace heater(s) if required.
C115	P-301 FAIL	EQ PUMP	Pump P-301 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-301 for failure.	Replace pump P-301
C116	P-302 FAIL	EQ PUMP	Pump P-302 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-302 for failure.	Replace pump P-302
C117	P-501 FAIL	AERATION TANK	Pump P-501 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-501 for failure.	Replace pump P- 501
C120	P-503 FAIL	EQ2	High high temperature alarm in EQ Tank 2	WARN	Check the heating loop valve to tank 302. Check temperature setpoint.	Replace valve
C121	P-502 FAIL	AERATION TANK	Pump P-502 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-502 for failure.	Replace pump P-502
C122	OLA-B-501	EQ AERATION	Blower motor tripped off on overload.	WARN	Check blower air line equipment and blower motor.	Replace faulty equip- ment.



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C123	OLA-B-502	EQ AERATION	Blower motor tripped off on overload.	WARN	Check blower air line equipment and blower motor.	Replace faulty equip- ment.
C125	FLTA-701	VFD PERM1	VFD Fault	Flashing	Check VFD fault and Pump	Replace pump and VFD
C126	FLTA-702	VFD PERM2	VFD Fault	Flashing	Check VFD fault and Pump	Replace pump and VFD
C127	PAL-601	MEMBRANE TANK 1	Pressure Alarm low on air inlet to Membrane Tank 1	FLASH	Check if blower B- 601 has failed.	Replace blower if required.
C130	PAL-602	MEMBRANE TANK 2	Pressure Alarm low on air inlet to Membrane Tank 2	FLASH	Check if blower B- 602 has failed.	Replace blower if required.
C131	LAHH-601	MEMBRANE TANK 1	High High level alarm in Membrane Tank 1	FLASH	Check pump P-601 for failure.	Replace pump P-601.
C132	LAHH-602	MEMBRANE TANK 2	High High level alarm in Membrane Tank 2	FLASH	Check pump P-602 for failure.	Replace pump P-602.
C133	VTAL-701	PERM 1	Low vacuum alarm on permeate line from MBR1	FLASH	Check for vacuum leak or pump failure.	Repair and replace as required.
C134	VTAH-701	PERM 1	High vacuum alarm on permeate line from MBR1	FLASH	Check for closed valve on permeate side or check membranes for severe fouling.	Open valve or clean mem-branes.
C135	VTAL-702	PERM 2	Low vacuum alarm on permeate line from MBR2	FLASH	Check for vacuum leak or pump failure.	Repair and replace as required.



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C136	VTAH-702	PERM 2	High vacuum alarm on permeate line from MBR2	FLASH	Check for closed valve on permeate side or check membranes for severe fouling.	Open valve or clean mem- branes.
C137	FTAL-701	PERM 1	Low permeate flow alarm on permeate line from MBR1	FLASH	Check for closed valve or permeate pump failure	Open valve or repair/ replace permeate pump.
C140	FTAH-701	PERM 1	High permeate flow alarm on permeate line from MBR1	FLASH	Check for vacuum leak and operation of permeate pump	Repair and replace as required.
C141	FTAL-702	PERM 2	Low permeate flow alarm on permeate line from MBR2	FLASH	Check for closed valve or permeate pump failure	Open valve or repair/ replace permeate pump.
C142	FTAH-702	PERM 2	High permeate flow alarm on permeate line from MBR2	FLASH	Check for vacuum leak and operation of permeate pump	Repair and replace as required.
C143	PWRAL-8201	MCP1	AC Power Loss to MCP1	FLASH	Check system power.	Repair as required.
C145	P-201 FAIL	SCREEN PUMP	Pump P-201 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-201 for failure.	Replace pump P-201
C146	P-202 FAIL	SCREEN PUMP	Pump P-202 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-202 for failure.	Replace pump P-202
C147	B-305 FAIL	EQTANK	Blower B-305 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check blower for failure. Check breaker.	Replace blower B-305



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C150	SCN-201 FAIL	SCREEN	Potential screen paddle wheel motor failure.	FLASH	Check screen paddle wheel motor for failure.	Replace paddle wheel motor.
C151	B-7901 FAIL	AIR EXCHANGE	Potential blower failure	FLASH	Check motor breaker	Turn breaker on
C152	KILLA-SYS	System	This alarm comes on when the E- Stop button is engaged	FLASH	Inspect E-Stop buttons.	Pull out E-Stop Switch
C155	LAHH-7922	FLOOR SUMP	Sump Pump P-7922 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-7922 for failure.	Replace pump P-7922
C156	LAHH-201	SCREEN DISCHARGE	High high level alarm in Screen Module discharge tank.	FLASH	Potential discharge tank pump P-201 P-202 failure	Replace pump.
C157	LAHH-202	SCREEN DISCHARGE	High high level alarm in Screen Module discharge tank.	FLASH	Potential discharge tank pump P-201 P-202 failure	Replace pump.
C160	LAHH-7911	SUMP BLDG 7911	Sump Pump P-7911 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P- 7911 for failure.	Replace pump P-7911
C161	PAL-301	EQ TANK	Pressure Alarm low on air inlet to EQ Tanks	FLASH	Check if blower B- 301 or B-302 have failed.	Replace blowers if required.
C162	PAL-501	AERATION TANK	Pressure Alarm low on air inlet to EQ Tanks	FLASH	Check if blower B- 501 or B-502 have failed.	Replace blowers if required.
C164	UVA-751 ALM	PERM 1	UV-light UV-751 has failed	WARN	Check if UV lamp has failed	Change UV lamp
C165	UVA-752 ALM	PERM 2	UV-light UV-752 has failed	WARN	Check if UV lamp has failed	Change UV lamp



Alarm Code	Alarm Name	Alarm Location	Alarm Description	Beacon Status	Troubleshooting Recommendation	Remedy Action
C166	UVA-BOTH	PERM1 and PERM2	UV-light 751 and UV-752 have failed	WARN	Check if UV lamp has failed	Change UV lamp
C171	BACKWASH1 FAILED	BACKWASH	Backwash to TNK-601 Failed	WARN	Backwash did not complete – system skips backwash	Check function of back-wash pump and valve.
C172	BACKWASH2 FAILED	BACKWASH	Backwash to TNK-602 Failed	WARN	Backwash did not complete – system skips backwash	Check function of back-wash pump and valve.
C173	WWR-101 ALM	WASTE WATER RECEIVING STATION	Alarm received from WWR.	WARN	Go to WWR control panel to determine what alarm has been initiated.	Respond accordingly.
C174	SDW-901 ALM	SLUDGE CONCENTRATOR	Alarm received from SC.	WARN	Go to SC control panel to determine what alarm has been initiated.	Respond accordingly.
C176	LAHH-7912 ALM	SUMP BLDG 7912	Sump Pump P-7912 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P- 7912 for failure.	Replace pump P-7912
C177	LAHH-7921 ALM	SUMP BLDG	Sump Pump P-7921 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P- 7921 for failure.	Replace pump P- 7921
C203	P-601 FAIL	MEMBRANE TANK 1	Pump P-601 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check pump P-601 for failure.	Replace pump P- 601
C204	P-602 FAIL	MEMBRANE TANK 2	Blower B-602 has potentially failed	FLASH	Check blower for failure. Check breaker.	Replace blower B-602

### **5.4 PLANT START-UP**

## **Mechanical & Electrical Start-up Procedure:**

- 1. If the system is being started for the first time, work your way through the **newterra** Pre-Commissioning Test Checklist presented in AppendixB of this O&M Manual.
- 2. If the kill switch on panel (red mushroom shaped button) is pulled out, then push it in to confirm that the MBR system is off.
- 4. Push the reset button on the operator interface to reset all alarms.
- 5. Make sure there are no obstructions over any moving parts, for example a jacket laying on a belt drive.
- 6. Put all hand/off/auto switches to Auto.
- 7. Pull the kill Button (red button on panel) out to start the process.
- 8. Push the start button on the Operator Interface.

## **Process Start-up:**

## Seeding

The procedure for determining the amount of seed sludge required for process start-up, and methods for seeding the system are as follows:

Calculate the volume of seed sludge required to ensure that there is a minimum of 3,000 mg/L MLSS in the membrane tank. The volume of seed sludge required can be calculated with the following formula.

$$V_s = \frac{3000 \times V_t}{MLSS_s}$$

V<sub>s</sub>: Total volume of seed sludge for aeration and membrane tanks (m<sup>3</sup>)

 $V_t$ : Total volume of aeration and membrane tanks (m<sup>3</sup>)

 $\textit{MLSS}_s$ : MLSS concentration of seed sludge from a similar treatment system (mg/L)

- 2. Arrange for delivery of fresh seed sludge from an activated sludge system employing a suspended growth type process. If it is possible, obtain seed sludge from a facility treating a similar wastewater and operated with similar processes (nitrification etc).
- Drain the water used for clean water testing from the reactor, if the returned activated sludge (MLSS<10,000 mg/L) is used. Do not drain the water after clean water testing, if the dewatered sludge is used.



- 4. **Screen all seed sludge with the 2 mm basket screen** before the sludge is transferred to the aeration or membrane tanks **to remove gross solids and rags and hair**.
- 5. Remove grit from the screen if required.
- 6. Once the tanks are fully seeded in aeration tank and membrane tank is turned on, the system can start to work. Do not waste sludge, as membrane filtration continues, until the MLSS in the aerobic or membrane tank becomes concentrated to the targeted concentration. The system will be started at a reduced design flow/loading initially per newterra start-up schedule.
- 7. Foaming may occur during start-up, which is normal. However, after a period of time (1 week), the foam should disappear. Foaming can be addressed by water spraying, food based defoamer (silicone based defoamer is strictly prohibited) addition, or aeration minimization in the membrane tank.
- 8. If a defoamer is required, contact **newterra ltd**. for recommendation of an acceptable antifoaming agent and dosing quantities.
- 9. Process start-up and adaptation periods can last for two or three weeks.

### **Seeding with Dry Cultured Bacteria**

When fresh activated seed sludge is not available, **newterra** can supply dry cultures bacteria (a consortia group of different kinds of bacteria) for start-up. In order to reach the desired 2,000 to 3,000 mg/L MLSS to prevent premature membrane fouling, substrate addition can be carried out for a week or so. The procedure for seeding the system is as follows:

- 1. Introduce site flows into MBR
- 2. Once site flow reaches the Aeration Tank, dry bacteria is to be added on a daily basis into Aeration Tank (TNK-501) as per following:
  - 40 lb (18 kg) 1<sup>st</sup> Day
  - 40 lb (18 kg) 2<sup>nd</sup> Day
  - 20 lb (9 kg) 3<sup>rd</sup> Day
  - 20 lb (9 kg) 4<sup>th</sup> Day

Co-substrate can be added to the EQ tank as food source for speeding up the start-up process if needed. Please consult newterra Ltd.

Quantities of dry bacteria and procedure of seeding will be confirmed by **newterra** technical representative during commissioning / start-up period.





It is advisable to start the MBR system with a minimum MLSS concentration of 3,000 mg/L to minimize foaming. The seed sludge should come from a plant which has a screen of 2 mm. It is critical to screen the seed sludge with 2 mm perforated screen prior to seeding for membrane protection.



No untreated wastewater should enter the membrane tank. Make sure wastewater is completely biologically treated before it gets to the membrane tank



### 5.5 SYSTEM OPERATING GUIDELINES AND MONITORING

### 5.5.1 Operating Guidelines

The operators are expected to run the MBR system at all times in accordance with the maintenance, operational procedures and details specified in this manual. The following two tables provide operating parameters that can be easily maintained, and define the range of operating values.

There may be situations where the system needs to operate outside of the conditions covered in this manual. If these conditions develop, please consult newterra ltd. to discuss operation and methods to optimize performance.

Generally, the following points can be used to operate the MBR system properly:

- 1. The MBR system is designed to treat wastewater from the work/mining camp with specified influent characteristics.
- 2. Never operate the MBR tank below the minimum membrane submerged level. It is necessary to maintain a minimum of 250 mm liquid level above the membrane aggregates to ensure they are wet at all times and to allow for proper filtration.
- 3. Always supply the required amount of air for scouring to the membrane module
- 4. Always filter wastewater at or below design flow rate.
- 5. Periodically, relax the membranes by ending filtration while allowing the membrane aeration scour to operate continuously and initiate backwash operation during membrane relaxation (default relaxation mode preset in PLC permeation continues for 9 min and stops for 45 sec, and backwash the membrane).
- 6. Always operate the MBR in accordance with the parameters listed in the following tables.
- 7. Clean the membranes in-place with a dilute chemical in accordance with Section 6.1.



**Membrane Filtration Operational Conditions** 

Parameter	Recommended Value	Notes
Diffuser Relaxation	10 minutes/day	Effluent filtration must be turned off, blower shuts down for 10 mins/day
Relax Time	1 min/10 min	Filtration must be off and blower are operating continuously
Backflusing	60 cycles	Built-in backwash mode during relaxation mode
In-situ backwash (with or without chemicals)	240s/60 cycles	Requires 60L to fully backwash one MB3-1 moduleActual time may vary pending membrane fouling severity. If chemicals are used, refer to Membrane Cleaning Section 6.1.
Avg Flux Rate	15 LMH (9 gpd)	Average flux rate with permeation 9 minutes out of 10 minutes
ТМР	> 0.2 bar (2.9 psi)	Membranes to be cleaned once the TMP exceeds 0.2 bar (2.9 psi)

# **MBR - Recommended Biological Operational Conditions**

Parameter	Recommended	Range	Notes
MLSS (mg/L)	10,000	8,000 – 15,000	Never operate the membranes if MLSS < 3,000 mg/l. Sludge wasting should be undertaken as required to maintain target MLSS
Temperatur e (°C)	15 - 35	10 – 35	Avoid sudden changes in temperature.  Minimum operating temperature is 15 °C
pH (s.u.)	6.8 - 8.5	6.0 – 9.0	Membrane aggregate can handle a change in pH, however it is recommended to keep pH between 6.8 - 8.5
DO (mg/L)	≥ 2.0 (in aeration tank)	0 – 8.0	This can be maintained by adjusting the volume of air supplied to the aeration tank
Viscosity (mPa-s)	Not applicable	0 – 300	_
F:M (kg BOD/kg MLSS/d)	0.1	0.03 – 0.2	F:M = [Flow (m³/d) x BOD conc (mg/l)] / [Process volume (m³) x MLSS conc (mg/l)]
F:M (kg COD/kg MLSS/d)	0.15	0.05 – 0.3	F:M = [Flow (m³/d) x BOD conc (mg/l)] / [Process volume (m³) x MLSS conc (mg/l)]



## 5.5.2 Sampling

To ensure accurate system monitoring and the validity of laboratory test data, samples must be collected as outlined below. These are only recommended guidelines. It is imperative that scheduled testing protocols are performed in compliance with local regulatory agency requirements. Composite samples of the MBR systems may need to be sent out to a certified laboratory for testing, based on the local regulatory requirements.

## Monitoring and Testing Requirements

Legend: D = daily; W = weekly; M = monthly; AR = as required.

Parameter***	Influent	Aeration Tank	Membrane Tank	MBR Effluent
Flow rate	D (PLC)			D (PLC)
Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG)	AR			AR
Alkalinity	AR			
Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)	W			W
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	W			W
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen / Total Nitrogen (TKN / TN)	М			AR
Ammonia Nitrogen(NH <sub>3</sub> -N)				AR
Nitrate Nitrogen (NO <sub>3</sub> -N)				AR
Total Phosphorus (TP)	W			W
Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS)			W	
Mixed Liquor Volatile Suspended Solids (MLVSS)			AR*	
Temperature		D (PLC)		
рН	AR	D (PLC)		W
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)		D (PLC)		
Filterability			W	
Turbidity				AR**
Fecal Coliform / E-Coli				W

<sup>\*</sup> If MLVSS /MLSS ratio of a minimum of 0.7 is detected, MLVSS testing can be done periodically, on an "as required" basis.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The effluent should be routinely checked for any signs of problem. Normally, the effluent is reasonably clear, colourless, and odourless. If the effluent becomes turbid, testing should be carried out required.

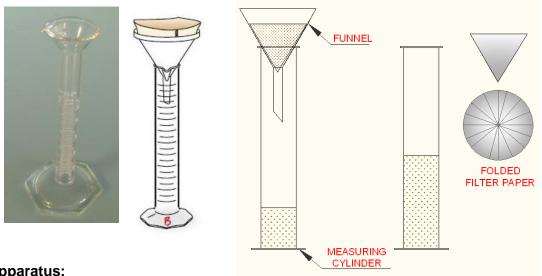
\*\*\* Explanation and definition of abbreviations, acronyms and terms used in the manual are presented in **Appendix D**.



## **Filterability Test**

The objective of the filterability test is to evaluate the condition of the working biomass. This is assessed by measuring the volume of filtrate passing through the filter paper. If filtrate is greater than 10 mL/10 min, then biomass filterability is acceptable; however, if it is less than 10 mL/10 min, modifications to the plant operating condition are required to prevent premature membrane fouling.

## **Laboratory Glassware and Filter Paper**



## **Apparatus:**

- Filter paper distributed by newterra Ltd.. Model # NO5C18.5CM);
- Funnel (75 mm diameter recommended);
- 2 50 mL graduated cylinder;
- Stop watch.

### **Measurement Procedure:**

- 1. Pleat filter paper by folding in half, quarters etc.
- 2. Line the funnel with pleated filter paper and place the funnel in the graduated cylinder.
- 3. Collect 50 mL of activated sludge sample in a beaker and stir.
- 4. Pour the 50 mL sample into the funnel.
- 5. Start timer when the first drop of water filtered through the filter paper.
- 6. After 10 minutes of filtration, record the level of filtrate in the graduated cylinder.

Filterability (FT)	Action	State of urgency
> 10 ml	Excellent, no action req'	
5 - 10 ml	Tweak process operation	
< 5 ml	Process adjustment req	Contact newterra ltd.

## 5.5.3 Record Keeping

An essential component of quality control in any facility is sound record keeping. A log book covering the entire treatment system performance should be maintained, updated, and readily accessible to all operators. The log book should be used to record observations, set point alterations, and unusual conditions.

For each wet chemistry parameter analysis, a separate work-sheet has to be prepared. Work-sheet data for at least the previous year should be kept for possible consultation.

The second step in quality control is to train all operators to follow an established procedure for each test.

Identical samples should be periodically tested for any parameter by different operators, and the variability among results should be compared. Consistent variability in results may lead to the technique improvement of operators.

Duplicate analysis of a sample should also regularly be done.

And, split samples should regularly be sent to an outside accredited laboratory and analysis results should be compared with those done in-house.



In addition to summary sheets, it is highly recommended that data should be entered into prepared Excel spread-sheets. Spread-sheets greatly aid in the data presentation and manipulation, and would be of immeasurable value when report writing is required.

## 5.5.4 Process Trending

Other than pre-planned process changes or major upsets, process modifications should be based on trends shown in the process data. A trend is nothing more than an indication of real change in a process parameter over time. A trend chart is simply a graph of data being trended.

As the graph changes, upward or downward trends are detectable. Smoothing trends by graphing the 3-, 7-, or 30-day average of the data allows the trend to be shown more clearly. Because the individual data point may be questionable, the actual value of data point are less important compared with the trend regarding the process monitoring.

Trend graphs are a part of the Excel data spread-sheet; the operator can trend and analyze many parameters in just a few minutes in order to assess process performance. When a trend is identified, its indication to the process can be evaluated, and corrective action may be carried out, if needed. Statistically, the more data points there are in a trend chart, the more reliable the trend.

## 5.5.5 Troubleshooting Chart

### **Process Issues:**

### **Aeration and Membrane Tanks:**

APPEARANCE	COMMENTS	CONDITION	Remedy
Wastewater with chocolate brown color,			
little or no foaming	Plant is properly adjusted	Good operation	None
	Influent inhibition/biomass	Excessive	Check the quality and contents of the flow into the MBR unit for any abnormal or prohibited
Excessive white foam	toxicity	foaming	substances
accumulating over the liquid surface		Excessive	Check the flow rates, BOD/COD loading, MLSS concentrations (F:M ratio) and reduce flow/loading accordingly and/or increases MLSS
	System overloading	foaming	concentration.



			Normal - continue
			operation, increase
			MLSS; ensure sprayer
			pump is running at all
			time, may also use
			approved defoamer if
		Excessive	required (consult
	Plant start-up	foaming	newterra Ltd).
			Increase aeration rate
Black or dark brown			and keep it between 2
color of wastewater		Insufficient	and 3 mg/L, waste more
Color of wastewater	Aeration rate is too low,	aeration or	sludge, increase feed
	and/or plant is under loaded	MLSS is too high	rate if required
Tanks contents are black		No rising air -	Check for
and no mixing taking		blower not	electrical/blower failure.
place	Blowers failure	running	Replace blower
			Check the maximum flow
			and BOD loading rate to
			the MBR unit to see
Unpleasant odor from			whether it is within the
the MBR system			normal limits as per
the WIDK System		Blower and air	design specification.
		piping are not	Ensure good order of
	Mechanical/electrical/process	operating	mechanical/electrical
	failure	correctly	components.

Permeate:

APPEARANCE	COMMENTS	CONDITION	Remedy
		Clear permeate	
Clear	Process stabilizes	with no particles	None
	Cross-contamination of	Permeate has fine particles or	Isolate problematic membrane permeate line. When time permits open problematic membrane system and visually inspect the individual membrane
Turbid or dirty	the permeate	turbid	sheets

Mechanical / Electrical Issues:

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Problem	Possible Cause	Remedy					
	Air intake is blocked	Clean intake screens on blower housing. Check air filter on blower for blockage					
		Check discharge line and vent line visually					
Indicator light at the	Air discharge or vent line	or with drain cleaning equipment for					
control panel is on.	is blocked	obstructions					



	MicroClear® MBR is	Determine cause of flooding (e.g., line
	flooded	obstruction, high flows, etc.) and fix  Determine if blower failure was caused by
		an obstructed intake or discharge line.
		Investigate overheating (i.e. internal
		thermal overload protection), short- circuiting, or other electrical failure, and
		mechanical failure (i.e. bearing failure) and
	Blower has failed	correct.
	Obstruction in the	Visually check the inlet pipe leading to the
	incoming sewer	MBR , or with drain cleaning equipment
	Obstruction in the	Check the permeate piping and later field
	discharge from the MBR system	piping visually or with drain cleaning equipment
	- dyotom	Check the operation of pump as per pump
	Pump has failed	manufacturer's specifications
		Check the maximum flow rate to the MBR
Wastewater is backing	Flow rate to the MBR is	system to see whether it is within the
ир	too high	normal limits as per design specification.
	Membrane fouling	Check membrane modules; may require cleaning
		Check sludge depth in both Aeration and
	Tank requires cleaning	Membrane Tank to see whether it is below the required levels. If the depth is too great,
Wastewater is backing	and/or pump out is	have the tanks pumped out and, if
up	required	necessary, cleaned.
		Check the maximum flow and BOD loading
	Blower and air piping are	rate to the MBR unit to see whether it is
	not operating correctly	within the normal limits
		Check the quality and contents of the flow
Unpleasant odour from		into the MBR unit for any abnormal or
the MBR system	System is overloaded	prohibited substances
Blower/pump not	Motor overload Fuse blown	Electrician to check Electrician to check
working	Power failure	Electrician to check
	Kill switches are	
	mistakenly pushed	Ensure kill switches (on control panel/wall)
System not in run mode	in/power failure	are not pressed. Electrician to check.



## 6.0 System Maintenance



ATTENTION: MAINTENANCE SHOULD BE PERFORMED ONLY BY TRAINED PERSONNEL!

When providing maintenance or cleaning the plant, avoid direct contact with wastewater, organic materials, etc.

Always wear protective clothing, e.g. waterproof, protective gear, boots, and gloves to keep these materials from body. Wear face and eye protection as required by health & safety protocols and standards, especially when handling chemicals.

# CAUTION: Shut off all electrical power before working on the mechanical or electrical equipment.

The system should be routinely checked for any signs of operational problems. Such problems could include, but are not necessarily limited to, abnormally high peak flows, unpleasant odour, and diffuser clogging, and so on.

### **Plant Visual Checks**

Noise	During normal operation, there is a uniform humming sound at the plant. In case of an unusual noise, it could be an indication that the blower needs maintenance or repairs.
Smell	The MicroClearTM MBR is an aerobic system. During normal operation, the system has an earthy smell similar to that of a well-maintained compost pile. If other odours are noticed, the aeration process may not be operating or the system has been overloaded. Check the DO manually and the blower to verify proper operation.
Sight	Normally, the effluent is reasonably clear, colourless, and odourless. If the effluent becomes turbid, there is a pin hole in the membrane or a leakage in the piping. Take the unit out of operation and investigate.



# Schedule for Routine Operation and Maintenance Checkups (if Applicable)

Location	Item	Day	Week	Month	Quarter	Year	Comments
HEADWORKS	Inspect and maintain grease trap in the kitchen of the work/mining camp		х	X*			*Kitchen grease trap(s) should be checked weekly and cleaned monthly to ensure proper performance.
	Inspect lift station with sump pumps		Х				
	Remove grease from lift stations and top of PC tank		Х				
PROCESS	Perform visual check	Х					Refer to Plant Visual Checks
	Check for proper wasting to sludge system		Х				
	Record permeate flow rate	Χ					
	Record DO in the aeration tank	Χ					
	Record pH in the aeration tank	Χ					
	Record vacuum pressure at the membranes	X					Normal range: 0.07 – 0.15 bar (28" -61" WC)
Note: When the	e vacuum at the membranes reaches	0.2	bar/	2.9 ps	sig/8	o" WC	C), stop the
	d perform recovery cleaning (please						
MECHANICAL & PROCESS	Inspect membranes and permeate withdrawal system		X				1 hour
	Clean and calibrate the DO sensor			Χ			1 hour
	Inspect and maintain valves & fittings for leaks		Х				
	Clean manually Fine Screen and direct solids to primary settling/sludge holding tank		Х				may require daily cleaning during start-up (subject to PI502 reading)
	Membrane in-situ cleaning				Χ		2-4 hours
	Remove membrane module for mechanical cleaning and inspection					Х	Drain membrane tank. Roll out membrane cassette. Remove membranes and inspect. (1 -2 days)
	Visual inspection of air bubbles in the equalization, aeration and membrane tanks		Х				Replace diffusers if big uneven bubbles/high turbulence is found.



Location	Item	Day	Week	Month	Quarter	Year	Comments
MECHANICAL & PROCESS	Remove, inspect and maintain diffusers in equalization, aeration					Х	This involves a complete draining
	and membrane tanks  Pump out solids collected in the primary settling/sludge holding tank for offsite disposal				Х		of tanks (1-2 days)
	Check and record UV instrumentation: % Transmissivity vs required minimum; Remaining Lamp Life; Total Days of Operation		х				
	Inspect and maintain pump bearings			Х			
	Check blower operation (if vibrating)		Х				
	Check time clock setting		Χ				
	De-ragger (foam suppression unit)						may require daily cleaning during start-up
	Inspect functionality of baseboard heater				Х		
	Check ventilation systems for container					Х	
ELECTRICAL	Check electrical leads				Χ		
	Inspect and maintain breakers, fuses, resets and anodes			Х			
	Check motor mounting bolts			Χ			
	Clean dust away from electric motor			Х			
	Check PLC and control panel functionality		Х				



## De-ragger operation and maintenance cleaning

Please refer to the drawing presented in Appendix A of this O&M Manual.

De-ragger is part of the anti-foaming system which is provided in the system for foam suppression in the aeration tanks. The main purpose of a de-ragger in this system is to avoid the spray nozzles clogging by catching fibres and other impurities found in the recirculation water pumped through the system.

De-ragger is simple equipment consisting of a PVC clear pipe, a nylon bristle brush installed in the pipe, and a fernco coupling for quick disconnection. During the water spraying process the brush (with a sliding fit in the pipe) catches fibres and other impurities.

When the de-ragger is filled with impurities, perform maintenance as follows:

- Turn off P-502 / P-503 operation.
- Open drain valve and drain the content to a 20-L pail.
- Disconnect fernco coupling.
- Remove brush and rinse with clean water.
- Close the drain valve and reassemble the fernoo coupling
- Make sure all connections are tight
- Turn on P-502/P-503.

# Submersible pumps installation and operation

- All piping is adequately supported, so as not to impart any piping strain into the pump.
- Pump discharge piping is equipped with quick disconnect fittings (camlocks) to allow quick pump removal.
- Before pump removal press the OFF switch to disconnect the power.
- After, secure the lifting device (chain or rope), disconnect the camlock, and start lifting the pump

### 6.1 Membrane Cleaning

### 6.1.1 Maintenance Cleaning - Chemically Enhanced Backwash (CEB).

A maintenance cleaning is the backwashing of the MicroClear® membrane filter with chemical solution from the backwash tank at a maximum pressure of 0.1 bar (1m of water). It is advisable to conduct a CEB operation once every quarter to minimize the membrane pore blocking. The CEB operations need to be conducted if permeability drops quickly below 100 LMH/bar.





Chemical cleaning is only to be carried out by qualified and trained personnel! Chemicals can lead to serious injuries. Always wear protective glasses, clothing and gloves. Obey the safety data sheet of the chemical manufacturer!

For better cleaning performance, it is recommended:

- Potable water (permeate is acceptable if potable water is unavailable)
- Water temperature is above 20 °C (better cleaning efficiency if water temperature ranges from 20 to 30 °C)

## **Procedure**

Note: Only clean / backwash one membrane tank at time.

## Step 1: Cleaning with (sodium hypochlorite

Typically - 3L/ MCXL cassette; MB3-1 contains 15 MCXL cassettes → 3L x 15 = 45L

- 1) Hit the disable membrane button on the screen (you need to hold it for over 3s to disable the membrane filter). Make sure scouring air is OFF.
- 2) Ensure that the Backwash Tank (T-801) is filled with tap water/ permeate (until LSH is ON).
- 3) Add NaOCI into the Backwash Tank (T-801) to a concentration of 200 mg/L (0.02% as free chlorine). Volume of NaOCI required can be calculated with the following formula:

$$V_{x} = \frac{V_{m} \times 0.02}{C_{s}}$$

*V<sub>m</sub>*: Volume of backwash tank (Gallon, or Litre)

C<sub>s</sub>: NaOCI concentration (%)

Vz: Volume of NaOCI required (Gallon, or Litre)

- 4) For backwashing, pump (P-801) is activated. The pump will transfer chemical solution through the valve (PV-701,PMV-702) and redirects the flow back into the suction line of the permeate withdrawal and purges the membranes (inside out principle).
- 5) Soak the membranes in NaOCI solution for 2 -3 h.
- 6) Enable MBR operation to its normal operation mode by holding the enable MBR button for longer than 3s.



- 7) Check permeability. Normal permeability after cleaning: 150 to 300 LMH/bar.
- 8) Repeat the CEB operation with chlorine concentration of 500 mg/L (0.05% as free chlorine) if normal permeability is not achieved.

Note: Membranes have a maximum active chlorine tolerance of 100,000 ppm.h over the entire life time.

Step 2: Cleaning with Citric Acid – only required in case of inorganic fouling caused by the high hardness.

1) Repeat the above steps with 0.2% citric acid solution instead of bleach.

## 6.1.2 Membrane Recovery Cleaning

The membrane recovery cleaning is compulsory to be done once a year. On certain occasions, membrane cassette may need to be inspected for membrane integrity (suspect of membrane deterioration, membrane permeability performance does not recover after the cleaning, etc.).

Operation of MBR system will need to be stopped during membrane recovery cleaning.

For better cleaning performance, it is recommended:

- Potable water is used
- Water temperature is above 20 °C (better cleaning efficiency if water temperature ranges from 20 to 30 °C)

## **Procedure**

Note: Disable operation of the dedicated membrane tank that needs to be cleaned by pressing the disable membrane button the screen)

**Step 1: Cleaning with Sodium Hypochlorite** Hit the disable membrane button on the screen (you need to hold it for over 3s to disable the membrane filter). Make sure scouring air is OFF.

- 1. Drain/pump out all the mixed liquor from the membrane tank using pumps (P-601/P-602).
- 2. Fill the membrane tank with potable water, and add NaOCl to a concentration of 500 mg/L as free chlorine (max. 1,000 mg/L). Turn on air scour to mix the solution and turn it off during membrane soak. Volume of NaOCl required can be calculated with the following formula:



$$V_x = \frac{V_m \times 0.05}{C_s}$$

 $V_m$ : Volume of backwash tank (Gallon, or Litre)

C<sub>s</sub>: NaOCI concentration (%)

V<sub>x</sub>: Volume of NaOCI required (Gallon, or Litre)

- 3. Keep the membranes soaked in the NaOCI solution for about 12hours.
- 4. Initiate membrane scouring blower every hour to provide scour air for 5 min
- 5. Drain / pump-out spent NaOCI solution
- 6. Rinse membrane filter thoroughly with potable water and drain / pump-out entire bleach rinse waters.

# Step 2: Cleaning with Citric Acid – only required in case of inorganic fouling caused by the high hardness

1. Repeat the above steps with 0.2% citric acid solution instead of NaOCI.

## Step 3: Checking Permeability on Clean Water

Repeat the CEB operation with NaOCI concentration of 1,000 mg/L (0.1% as free chlorine) If normal permeability is not achieved.

### Step 4: Resume normal operation

### 6.1.3 Membrane Replacement

If membranes require changing verify membrane modules are secure within the membrane tanks after re-installing the modules – i.e. verify wheel chocks are in the correct location and that there is no lateral movement (less than an inch) of the membrane modules on the wheel tracks in the tanks.

Membrane maintenance and recovery cleaning has to be recorded according to Membrane Cleaning Log Sheet presented on the next page.



# **Membrane Cleaning Log Sheet**

Date	Type of Cleaning (In-Situ / Recovery)	Start time	Finish time	Sodium Hydroxide Solution (Volume / Concentration)	Sodium Hypochlorite Solution (Volume / Concentration)	Citric Acid (Volume / Concentration)	TMP / Permeability



### 7.0 Shut Down

## 7.1 Temporary Shut Down

A temporary shutdown for a few days requires continuous aeration of the biomass to keep the DO level at least 2 mg/L and continues biomass recycle between the bioreactors.

### 7.2 Permanent Shut Down / Winterizing

Permanent shut-down is required if system operation stops at least for 2 weeks without inflow. Permanent Shut Down includes the following procedure:

- Perform membrane cleaning before permanent shut down / winterizing.
- Drain all tanks.
- Remove membranes and winterize
  - For short term storage (up to 6 months): soak membranes in 10 ppm NaOCI solution, and membranes are not allowed to dry out), never expose the membrane unit to frost, dust, rain, or direct sunlight.
  - For long term storage: soak membranes in preservation solution 20 % glycerin solution (by weight). The glycerin will pass through the membrane via diffusion and provides pore protection from freezing and from drying out.
- Disassemble all PVC ball valves and drain any water inside (open and close to ensure trapped water escapes).
  - Leave all valves ½ open during reinstallation
- Open all drain valves and leave open.
- Clean and reinstall all sprayer nozzles.
- Find all check valves and make sure water is not being held by valve (Wet/Dry Vac works well here).
- Drain / remove all pumps from tanks, ensure no water is left inside the pump.
- Use RV biodegradable Antifreeze to
  - Refill any check valve
  - Dump in 2 (qty) 4-L bottles in each tank
- Remove pH and DO probes (if unit is equipped) and store with membranes in a heated area ensure probes are kept wet.
- Remove power from system.



Double check and ensure that there is no water left in any pipes, fittings etc. If it is not possible to remove the water fill with antifreeze.

## Glycerine Solution Solution Components and Solution Make-Up

### 1. Chemicals:

Technical Glycerin (86.5%) Distilled water

### 2. Solution make-up procedure:

Dissolve technical glycerin (86.5%) in water and homogenize according the following table.

Preservation Solution 20 % Glycerin	Technical Glycerin [86,5%]	Distilled Water
[kg]	[kg]	[kg]
1	0.23	0.75
10	2.3	7.5
100	23	75
1000	230	750

The preservation solution has a density of 1,045 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The concentration of preservation solution can be tested and corrected with a density meter.

#### Membrane preservation procedure

- Allow the membrane unit to soak in preservation solution for a few hours.
- Remove the membrane unit and allow excess glycerin to drain.
- Shrink wrap the unit with a thick (1.5 mm) plastic bag and seal membrane unit using a hand sealer or tape.

For long term storage preserved unit should be stored in a cool (4°C - 20°C), dry area, away from direct sunlight and protected from accidental damage.

Re-commissioning the unit is straight forward. Once unit is lowered into MBR Tank, first start the aeration, then the permeate pump. In order to let all the traces of glycerin in the permeate to dissipate, make the arrangement for the permeate to recycle back to the aeration tank for the first half hour.

### 8.0 SERVICE & SUPPORT



## **Commissioning and Start-up**

**newterra** MicroClear<sup>™</sup> MBR System's **commissioning & start-up** is the last step of the **newterra** project execution process. Experienced engineers and technicians are available to assist clients in these procedures including system initial set up and primary start-up and providing all performance tests according to the pre-commissioning checklist.

**Initial on-site training program** is an important part of the commissioning service as well. During on-site training, **newterra** technical representative will cover process monitoring, system operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting activities related to the **newterra** <sup>TM</sup>MBR System. Customized training packages are available. Contact **newterra** for more information.

## **Post commissioning Services**

A comprehensive range of post commissioning services is available from within **newterra** beyond system design and installation. Specific services are included:

- Technical support (including after-hours emergency telephone support).
- Spare parts order and delivery.
- Training program.
- Plant optimization and upgrades.
- Telemetry control and monitoring.
- Assistance in preparing system performance reports (process data monitoring & analysis).
- Preventive maintenance cleaning (including membrane cleaning).
- System audits for reviewing the performance of all MBR subsystems and the efficiency.
- 1. <u>Technical support</u> is available to assist in troubleshooting of **newterra** MBR system during normal working hours 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (Eastern Time Zone for **newterra** ltd.). Telephone service is available via **1.800.420.4056**.

**Emergency 24/7 telephone technical support –** This will be activated upon subscribing to **newterra's** 24/7 technical support service.

If problem cannot be resolved through telephone or e-mail supports, **newterra** engineers are available for site visit.



## 2. Spare parts:

**newterra** has spare parts to provide quick response to any system critical breakdown. Critical (commissioning) spare parts for the **newterra** MBR Systems are provided during start-up period. Contact **newterra** part department at **1.800.420.4056**.

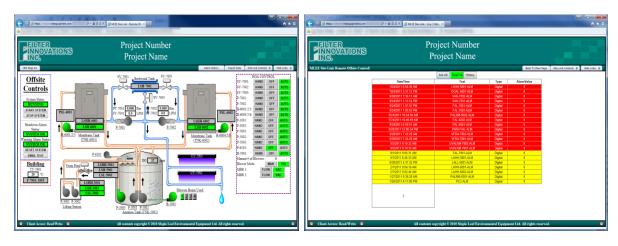
All parts and components associated with **newterra** MBR Systems are available from within service departments and manufacturing facilities of **newterra** ltd across Canada and abroad.

## Potentially required spare parts are:

- membrane modules/membrane cassettes:
- parts for repair/replacement (valves, transmitters, switches, gauges, pH & DO, pump motors, analyzers, PLC components, fuses, etc.);
- maintenance spare parts (air blowers, air filters, pumps, immersion heaters, chemical metering pumps, etc.).

## 3. Assistance in telemetry control and monitoring

**newterra** SITE-LINK is a customized software program and hardware configuration which provides a real-time link to a treatment system via cellular modem or customer supplied internet connection using our secure Site-Link Server.



**newterra** Site-Link comes with the following customizable features:

- Customized P&ID layout with system status
- Start/Stop/Reset of system
- Manual control of all system components<sup>†</sup>
- Data logging exports in .csv format
- Daily system status reports (E-Monitor) quick summarize of daily system performance
- Alarm history including current alarm status
- Hour meters for equipment<sup>††</sup>

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- Customization of all system set points<sup>†</sup>
- Live and historical trending<sup>†††</sup>
- Immediate text & email on alarm (E-Alarm)

<sup>†</sup>certain restrictions apply <sup>††</sup> only applies when hour meters are quoted with system <sup>†††</sup> must be requested at quote stage

The basic system requires that the customer provide a standard computer network cable to the control panel. If the customer's computer network is accessible to the internet, this system can also be monitored from any internet enabled computer.

This system is not available if customer supplied internet connection or cellular service is not available at the site. During internet outages, reports cannot be sent and system status cannot be monitored remotely.

## 4. Site visits and system audits

Site visits and system audits can be arranged at an additional cost. Contact **newterra** for all financial aspects of **newterra** initial and post-commissioning services.

During a system audit, technical reviews the performance of all **newterra** MBR subsystems and the efficiency of the biological process can be performed. Based on the site visit and agenda discussed with client, we can assist in:

- Maintenance coordination and scheduling, including membrane maintenance and cleaning.
- Validation of chemical dosing settings.
- MBR System inspection for the proper operation of the membrane system in accordance with the O&M manual; equipment calibration, process optimization and upgrades.
- Continued on-site operator training and coaching.



#### 9.0 WARRANTY and Performance Guarantee

**newterra** ltd. will abide by the warranties and guarantees as provided the bid documents.

### **General Warranty Statement**

- newterra warrants and guarantees products of its manufacture against defective workmanship or material for a period of one year from the date of notice of readiness to ship.
- 2. This warranty is expressly and strictly limited to replacing, without charge, any part or parts which prove to **newterra** satisfaction upon examination, to have been defective in design, material, and workmanship, and which have not been neglected, abused or misapplied, and provided that the buyer gives **newterra** immediate written notice upon discovery of any claimed defect.
- 3. During the warranty period, parts will be shipped with the instructions to replace, which can be further elaborated over the telephone; visit of our technician can be covered under the service agreement; otherwise, actual charges will be quoted to the owner at that time, if required.
- 4. All components are designed in accordance with the local/national governing building code(s).
- 5. All wastewater components meet the specified guideline and standards.

### **Warranty Exclusions**

- 1. Warranty coverage does not include:
  - Freight, labour, travel, and living expenses associated with parts replacement
  - Normal wear & tear for items such as lubrication, fan belts, and cleaning of the equipment
- 2. In the event that the customer, or any contractor employed by the customer, contracts an outside company other than **newterra** for modification of plant equipment, without knowledge of **newterra**, the warranty in that case my become null & void.



# **Conditions of Warranty**

Newterra highly recommends that the system be started up by newterra factory trained technician to ensure the correct installation and trouble-free start up. The start-up checklist provided in the manual must be completed and returned to the Product Support Department at **newterra** to validate the equipment warranty which begins on the date of notice of readiness to ship from the factory.

## **CONDITIONS FOR THE MEMBRANE WARRANTY**

- 1. The process design of the complete plant as well as the component design of all parts in relation to the filtration technology has to be approved by **newterra** in writing. This applies to the design and regulation of the filtrate removal system.
- 2. No firbrous substances or particles larger than 2 mm can accumulate in the membrane tank or underneath the filter plates as these can block the flow of air and water through the filter plates. A suitable screen on the inlet to the WWTP must be installed and maintained to ensure the membranes are protected.
- 3. The maintenance manual has to be followed in all aspects.
- 4. No substances may be used, that can harm or block membranes (see list in the maintenance manual). No antifoaming may be used unless approved by **newterra**.
- 5. A full maintenance clean according to the maintenance manual must be carried out at a minimum, once every 6 months. In the case of industrial wastewater, a shorter cleaning frequency may be required.
- 6. A **newterra** Technician or engineer must be on site during the start-up of the system (membrane clean water test with potable water).
- 7. newterra must receive complete documentation of all relevant operation parameters and data from the first day of operation. An hourly report of the parameters is sufficient. The documentation should be sent to newterra regularly every month after the start-up of the system. Any malfunction must be reported to newterra immediately, so that actions can be taken to prevent further damage. Relevant process and operation parameters are: filtrate flows and trans-membrane pressures, pressure and air flow rate of the membrane air scouring, the maintenance procedures that have been carried out, analysis of the mixed liquor inventory(amount of fibers, concentration of dried solid matter, etc), solid mass loading



in the system, system operating SRT, F:M ration, DO, pH, influent and effluent wastewater characteristics.

- 8. No abrasive substances may be contained in the feed-water to the membrane tank.
- 9. Chemical substances (e.g. hypochlorite) must be used within the specified limits.
- 10. No untreated water may come into contact with the membranes.
- 11. The water temperature must be within the temperature tolerance limit for the process and membrane operating condition as specified in the operation and maintenance manual.
- 12. Excess sludge must be removed regularly, even if this does not seem to be necessary due to the sludge concentration. This is to prevent the build-up of fine particles in the system.

## **MEMBRANE WARRANTY**

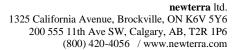
- 1. The regular (or full) warranty for the membrane is two (2) years after the date of delivery.
- 2. Two (2) years after the date of delivery we offer an additional non-charged 3 year warranty that is prorated. On the basis of a projected lifetime of 5 years, the percentage of non-performance (quotient of time remaining until reaching the projected lifetime of 60 months) until the end of the projected lifetime of 5 years will be refunded. The remaining value of the membrane is the purchasing price multiplied by the percentage of non-performance. The remaining value will solely be refunded with the purchase of replacement membranes. The purchasing price is the actually paid price of the defect membrane.

  Example: 40 months after delivery, a filter (purchasing price was CAD 2 000) is defective.
  - Example: 40 months after delivery, a filter (purchasing price was CAD 2 000) is defective. The projected lifetime is 60 months. The percentage of non-performance is 20 months/60 months = 33%. The remaining value is CAD 500 x 33% = CAD 165, that will be refunded, when purchasing a replacement membrane.
- 3. Warranty does not cover the onsite change out of other costs of the membrane replacement.
- 4. Consequential damages are excluded.
- 5. The pro-rated warranty shall nullify if the "CONDITIONS FOR THE MEMBRANE WARRANTY" are not met.



## Membrane Module Warranty Exclusions:

- 1. **newterra** ltd. shall not be liable under this Warranty unless written notice thereof is received within the Warranty Period.
- 2. **newterra** ltd. shall not be liable for the membrane modules if any person other than an employee or representative of newterra has altered the membrane operating system without prior approval.
- Without prejudice to the proceeding provisions of this clause, newterra shall not be liable for any damages caused by the Owner causing or permitting the membrane modules to dry out or to have moisture content below that specified in the operating instructions either during storage or operation. Shutdown, storage, and start-up of membranes must be as specified in the Operation and Maintenance Manual under Shutdown/Storage/Start-up. Failure to follow maintenance/warranty procedures will render this warranty null and void.
- 4. **newterra** shall not be liable if evidence of unusual plant upsets, and other potential transients or undefined operating conditions that can affect membrane performance or life: This includes excessive polymer "dumps", any bypass of the pre-screen ahead of the biological system, rags or debris that fall into the biological or membrane tanks, toxic wastes entering the plant that upset the biological processes.
- 5. **newterra** shall not be liable for any damage/defect caused by chemical or physical conditions such as (but not limited to) pH, temperature, chemicals, or climatic factors outside the recommended operating parameters as outlined in the Operation and Maintenance Manual.
- 6. The membrane performance warranty requires that the membranes shall perform in-situ cleaning as specified in the Operation and Maintenance Manual. **newterra** shall not be liable if the cleaning protocols and chemicals other than that specified in the Operation and Maintenance Manual be used.
- 7. The membrane performance warranty requires that the influent, effluent, mixed liquor and sludge filterability parameters are monitored as per the Operating and Maintenance Manual. Sludge filterability for municipal sludge must be greater than 10 ml after the 10 min sludge filterability test. Capillary suction time for municipal sludge must be less than 100 sec before the membrane tank.
- 8. **newterra** shall not be liable if the sludge retention time (SRT) is less than 12 days or greater than 80 days over a 2 day rolling average for municipal/domestic wastewater. For industrial wastewater, operating SRT shall not be less than 20 days over a 2 day rolling average unless proven by the pilot study.
- 9. **newterra** shall not be liable for freight, labour travel and living expenses associated with membrane replacement.





# PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

**newterra** guarantees the performance of the **newterra** MBR for one year for treated effluent quality from the date of issuance of Substantial Performance provided that:

- Influent wastewater flow rates and characteristics remain as specified in the RFP;
- There is no discharge of prohibited items into the drains;
- Waste activated sludge is wasted to maintain the MLSS in the aeration and membrane tanks between 8 and 12 g/L;
- Plant is run and maintained well.