

WASTEWATER ENGINEERING



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Ans:

In simple words waste water treatment involves collecting the waste water in a centralized location and subjecting the wastewater to various treatment processes. it consist of applying known technology to improve the quality of a waste water.

Importance:-

Basically wastewater treatment allow humans and other industrial effluents to be disposed off without causing

danger to human health or unacceptable damage to the natural environment.

- When wastewater is properly treated, it can be used for various purposes like irrigation, lawn watering, car washing, flushing toilets and landscaping.
- Wastewater can also be used to generate biogas a final product which is a potential source of energy.

Why rectangular tanks are preferred over circular tanks for removal of settleable solids during preliminary treatment.

Rectangular tanks are preferred over circular tanks because rectangular tanks have a large horizontal distance so settleable solids have great time to settle. Great amount of settleable solids settle and minimum solid goes from outlet.

→ Rectangular tanks are easy to handle and

operate as compared to circular tank.

→ Even the flow distribution configuration for rectangular clarifiers requires simpler and less expensive pipework layout and pumping requirement as compared to circular.

→ Rectangular tank typically require less land than circular tank for a same surface area.

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Ans:

Aerobic waste water treatment:

- 1 Aerobic processes use bacteria that require oxygen so, air is circulated throughout the treatment tank.
- 2 These aerobic bacteria then break down the waste with in the waste water
- 3 Some system utilize a pretreatment stage prior to the main treatment to reduce the change of clogging the system.

4 Electricity is required for system operation.

Anaerobic waste water treatment

The process of waste water treatment in which Anaerobic bacteria transforms organic matter in the waste water into biogas that contains large amount of methane gas and carbon dioxide. This process is called anaerobic waste water treatment.

As compare to Aerobic waste water treatment the anaerobic process is energy efficient

Process.

3 The anaerobic waste water treatment often used to treat industrial waste water that contains high levels of organic matter in warm temperature.

4 It can be used as pretreatment prior to aerobic municipal waste water treatment

Activated sludge process

1 It is a process for treating sewage or industrial waste waters using aeration and a biological floc composed of bacteria and protozoa.

In this microorganism responsible for treatment are maintained in liquid suspension in appropriate mixing method.

Main constituents of ASP are Aeration tank in which oxygen is provided for the microorganism to grow. This aeration also helps to keep microorganism in suspension

Aeration tank is followed by clarifier in which the microorganisms form floc and settled down at the bottom.

Formation of ^{floc} particle, ranging in size from 50 to 200 μm ,

removed by gravity settling, leaving relatively clear liquid as treatment effluent.

A part of settled bio floc are recycled back to the aeration tank to maintain certain amount of microorganism in the system for efficient operation of the system. This is known as Recycled Activated sludge.

Remaining settled bio flocs are removed from the system and is term as wasted activated sludge.

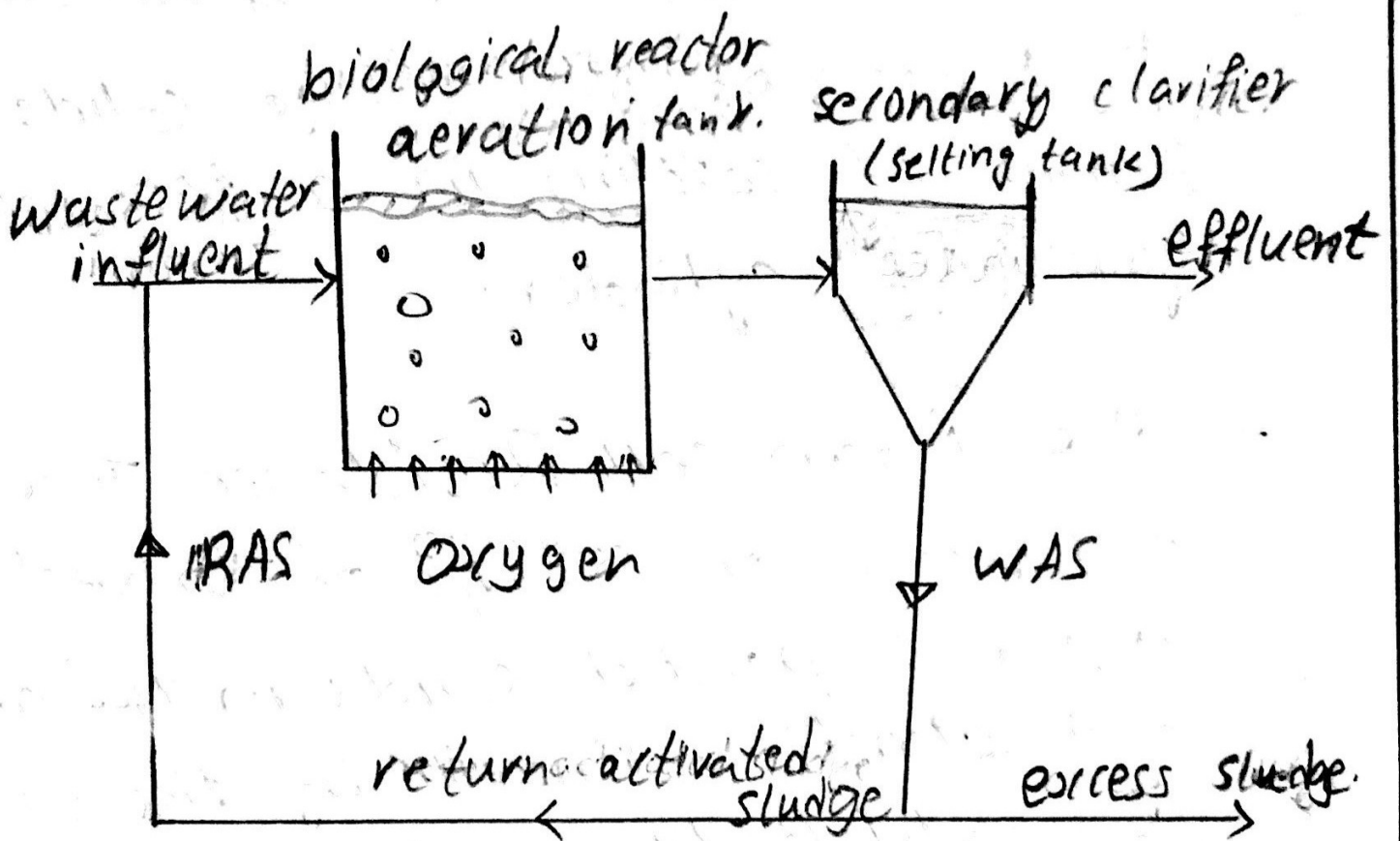
ASP involves production of activated mass of microorganism capable of stablizing waste

under aerobic conditions.

In aeration tank contact time is provided for mixing and aerating influent wastewater with microbial suspension. generally referred to mixed liquor suspended solids.

Typically 99% of suspended solids and upto 90% of dissolved organics are removed by Activated sludge process.

The main drawback associated with ASP is its high electricity consumption particularly for Aeration.



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Assimilative capacity
of Receiving water
bodies:

Assimilative capacity of receiving water bodies refers to the ability of a body of water to clean itself. its capacity to receive waste waters without deleterious effects and without causing damage to aquatic life or humans who consume the water. it is level to which water body or nature control the toxicity without

affecting the aquatic life.

Although waste water is properly treated before it is disposed of to the natural water streams still it has impurities that need to be removed or make them less effective so that the receiving water bodies may not become unsuitable for use.

Help of Assimilative capacity in wastewater treatment.

The assimilative capacity helps in wastewater treatment in the following ways:-

1. **Dilution**:- In this dilution occurs, which is a process in pollutants are reduce in receiving water, usually simply by mixing with more quantity of water.
2. **Dispersion**:- Another help of assimilative capacity in water treatment is the dispersion, which is the distribution of pollutants in relatively large area of water. Dilution and dispersion are inter related to help for treatment.
3. **Sun light**:- Another importance of Assimilative capacity for

treatment is sunlight, which facilitates biological decomposition of pollutants and kills pathogens by ultraviolet radiation.

4 **Temperature** :: In Assimilative capacity the temperature plays an important role with increase in temperature of receiving water, the biological decomposition of organics and thus assimilative capacity will improve. Increase in temperature also increase the dilution process.

Flow velocity :: Assimilative capacity of receiving water also helps in terms of flow

Velocity, higher the flow velocity⁵ will encourage quick dilution and dispersion of pollutants.

Depth of flowing water.

Assimilative capacity is directly related to the depth of receiving water bodies.

Increase in depth, relates or radiation kills pathogens.

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Sludge management:

Sludge refers to residual semisolid material left from municipal wastewater or in industrial waste water treatment processes

Sustainable sludge handling ⁶

managing may be defined as a socially acceptable cost effective method that meets the requirement of efficient recycling of resources while ensuring that harmful substances are not transferred to humans or the environment i.e water, air or soil.

Advantages of sludge management in waste water Engineering:

- 1 As waste water engineering is directly related to environmental sludge management

is approach towards a better ^x
environment.

2 Residual wastes from hospitals
research facilities and other
industries can be hazardous
to our health and environment

These harmful elements may
require thermal treatment
to control the spread of
diseases or toxins. sewage
sludge incineration reduces
volume up to 90% and
weight up to 75% and breaks
down dangerous substances
such as pathogens and toxic
chemicals. fuel gases from
exhaust pipes must be handled
properly by utilizing a complex

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treatment system to prevent hazardous emission and ashes from contaminating the environment.

3 The other importance is that as a result of sludge management sludge which managed is a agriculture manure.

4 Due to excess of new problems in sludge management every year new techniques and professional experts are emerges in waste water Engineering industry to face the challenges and finding the solutions.

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Environmental Impact: Assessment (EIA)

A technique and a process by which information about environmental effects of a project is collected both by the developer and from other sources and taken into account by the planning authority in forming the judgement on whether the development should proceed.

Parameter considered
while conducting EIA for
newly proposed waste
water treatment plant

The following consideration
should keep in mind while
conducting EIA for the
newly proposed waste water
treatment plant. Environmental
Damages should be minimum such
as do not affect water greenery
and energy consumption which
affect the environment should
be controlled.

2 Environmental Benefits should
be maximum and water life should

be protected.

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3 The project should not conflict with Govt policies.

4 International Obligations should be strictly followed.

5 Most treatment plants have Primary treatment and secondary treatment. Some other treatment plants have tertiary treatment is to provide a final treatment stage to raise the effluent quality before it is discharged to the receiving environment like sea, river, lake, ground. More than one treatment process may be used at any treatment plant.