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Q #02

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Ans:

Aerobic wastewater

Aerobic wastewater treatment is a biological wastewater treatment process which uses an oxygen rich environment.

Bacteria involved in aerobic wastewater treatment are aerobes

Air is circulated in aerobic wastewater treatment tanks.

Aerobic wastewater treatment does not produce methane and carbon-dioxide.

Anaerobic

Anaerobic wastewater treatment is a process where anaerobic organisms break down organic material in an oxygen absent environment.

Bacteria involved in anaerobic wastewater treatment are anaerobic

Air is not circulated in anaerobic wastewater treatment tanks.

Anaerobic wastewater treatment produces methane and carbon dioxide.

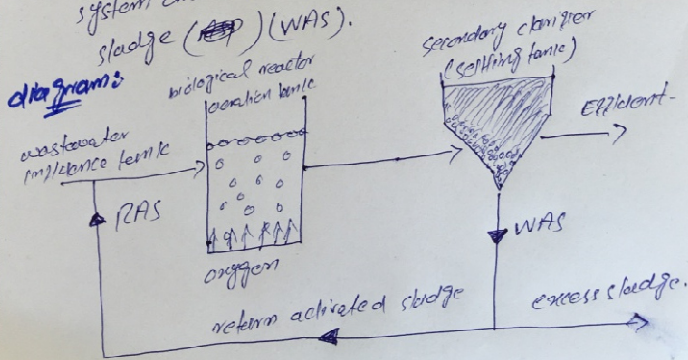
(Bacteria)

(Air circulation)

(production of biogas)

=> Activated sludge process (ASP)

- (1) microorganisms responsible for treatment are maintained in liquid suspension by appropriate mixing aeration.
- (2) main constituents of ASP are Aeration tank in which oxygen is provided for the microorganism to grow. This aeration also helps to keep micro-organisms in suspension.
- (3) Aeration tank is followed by clarifier/settler in which the micro-organisms from flocs are settled down at the bottom.
- (4) Formation of floc particles ranging in size 50 to 200 μm , remove by gravity settling, leaving relatively clear liquid as treated effluent.
- (5) Remaining settled bio flocs are removed from the system and is termed as wasted Activated sludge (WAS).



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- (6) ASP involves production of activated mass of micro-organisms capable of stabilising waste under aerobic conditions.
- (7) Typically 99% of suspended solids are end up to 90% of dissolved organism are removed by activated sludge process.
- (8) The main drawback associated with (ASP) is its high electricity consumption particularly for aeration.

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Ans:

Assimilative capacity of receiving bodies:

(1) Assimilative capacity of receiving water bodies refer to the ability of a body of water to cleanse itself. Its capacity to receive wastewater without deleterious effects and without causing damage to aquatic life or humans who consume the water. i.e. its level to which water body or nature control the toxicity without affecting the aquatic life.

(2) Although wastewater is properly treated before it is disposed of the natural water streams still it has impurities / pollution and pollutant that need to be removed or make them less effective so that the receiving water bodies may not become unsuitable for use or cause damage to the aquatic life.

⇒ Assimilative capacity of receiving bodies helps in wastewater treatment through the following factors:

1) Temperature:

Temperature play an important role in assimilative capacity of receiving water. Increase in temperature will increase the biological decomposition of organics and thus assimilative capacity will improve. Increase in temperature also cause to increase the dilution process and thus increases the assimilative capacity.

(2) Flow velocity:

Flow velocity is also critical to assimilative capacity of receiving water bodies. Higher the flow velocity will encourage quick dilution and dispersion of pollutants.

(3) Dissolved oxygen (DO):

Rate of biological decomposition is directly related to the amount of dissolved oxygen. DO is replenished by re-aeration. Re-aeration may be provided by maintaining sufficient flowing velocity.

(4) Depth of flowing water:

Assimilative capacity is indirectly related to the depth of receiving water bodies. Increase in depth cause to decrease dissolved oxygen in the water and thus it reduces the purification process. Also the effect of UV radiation from sunlight which help to kills the pathogens, decrease with increase in depth.

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wastewater treatment:

wastewater treatment
Consist of applying newer technology to improve or upgrade the quality of a water.

A process to convert wastewater which is water no longer needed or suitable for its most recent use into an implement that can be either returned to the water cycle with minimal environment issues or reused.

⇒ wastewater treatment involved collecting the wastewater in a centralized or decentralized location (wastewater treatment plant) and subjecting the wastewater to various treatment process.

Importance:

⇒ wastewater if properly treated, is an important resource and can be used for various purposes including irrigation, lawn watering, car washing, flushing toilets and landscaping etc.

⇒ water's scarcity is the major problem that is faced all across the world. Although the 2/3rd of the earth's crust is made up of water but all of this water is not available for drinking and for other human activities. It has been found that 97% of the total water is salty that is not good for the human health and animal's and remaining 3% of the water is fresh water and will be used for drinking.

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The demand of fresh water and clear water deliver to our homes is increasing day by day all there is more ^{estab} ~~pub~~ lished day by day. in the coming situation there will be the demand of fresh and clean water. if there will be very shortage coming of freshwater.

objective:

The principle objective of wastewater treatment is generally to allow human and industrial effluents to be disposed off without causing danger to human health or unacceptable damage to the natural environment

=> Condition of this Question:

Removal of scum and clarifiers which are known to provide more effective scum/foam trapping via rotating scum troughs. it is generally accepted that scumper speed greater than 6 feet (1800 mm) /min can cause re suspension of settled solids.

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Sledge :-

Sledge refers to the residual-solid material left from municipal wastewater or industrial wastewater treatment process.

⇒ Sustainable sledge handling may be defined as a socially acceptable, cost-effective method that meets the requirements of efficient recycling of sources while ensuring that harmful substances are not transferred to human or the environment i.e. water, air or soil.

⇒ Sledge management process :-

(1) Primary operation.

(2) Thickening.

(3) Stabilization.

(4) Dewatering.

(5) Heat drying.

⑥ Primary operation :-

The process includes.

(1) Grinding :- it includes particles size reduction.

(2) Screening :- it includes removal of fibrous materials.

(3) De-gritting :- it includes removal of sand or other inorganic material.

(4) Blending :- it includes removal making the sledge homogeneous.

(5) Storage :- it ensures flow equalization in the system.

(2) Sludge Thickening page # 9

⇒ sludge thickening is undertaken to increase percentage of solid content in sludge by removing a portion of liquid fraction

⇒ volume reduction of approximately 30-80% can be reached with sludge thickening.

⇒ various methods of sludge thickening are:

- (1) Gravity thickening.
- (2) Flotation thickening
- (3) Rotatory drum thickening.

(2) Gravity thickening

Gravity thickening employ gravity to do the job of sludge thickening.

The sludge solution is made to place under a handle and up through a sludge blanket - a layer of sludge laying on the bottom of a container. The sludge is filtered out as soon as it contacts or strikes the sludge blanket.

(3) Sludge stabilization

Sludge stabilization is undertaken to reduce pathogens eliminate offensive odors minimize production of disable gas (methane.)

⇒ alkaline stabilization:

- (1) Lime is added to untreated sludge, to raise the pH to 12 or higher.

(1) Anaerobic Digestion:

- ① A biological process that uses bacterial in an oxygen free environment
- ② These bacteria convert volatile solids carbon dioxide methane and ammonia.

(4) Dewatering:

- ① Dewatering ^{under} is taken to reduced to moisture content of sludge.
- ② Compared to Thermal (evaporative processes) for water reduction mechanical dewatering is often selected due to its low energy.

(5) Heat Drying:

- ① it involves the application of heat to evaporate water and to reduced the moisture content of biosolids.
- ⇒ Advantage of this method is to reduced product transportation costs. Improve storage capability and marketability.

⇒ Advantages of sludge management in wastewater treatment are the following.

- (1) The product can be used as fertilizer as it contains nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and micro-elements and it improves soil properties.
- (2) Utilized and utilization of nutrients contained in the sludge, i.e. phosphorus and nitrogen.
- (3) Utilization of organic substances contained in the sludge for improvement of the humans.
- (4) Soil improvement.
- (5) The cheapest disposal route total destruction of organic matter and total mineralization of sewage sludge.
- (6) Sewage sludge mass and volume reduction.
- (7) Energy recovery.
- (8) Positive effects for the soil.
- (9) Positive outcome for the crops.

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Ans:

EIA:

Def:

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.

⇒ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
In your opinion, what parameter should be considered while conducting EIA for newly proposed wastewater treatment plant.?

⇒ EIA is an environmental study comprising collection of data, prediction of qualitative and quantitative impacts, comparison of alternative, evaluation of preventive mitigation and compensatory management and training plans and monitoring arrangements, and framing of recommendations and such as other components as may be prescribed.

(Parliament Environmental Protection Act.

1987

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⇒ A formal process to predict the environmental consequences of human development activities and to plan appropriate measures to eliminate or reduced adverse effect and to enhance positive effects.

The following consideration should be kept in mind while conducting EIA for the newly proposed wastewater treatment plant.

Environmental damages should be minimum such as do not effect water body geometry and energy consumption which effect the environment should be controlled.

⇒ Environmental benefits should be maximum and water life should be protected.

To National Quality Standards (NEQS)

The project should not conflict with Govt. policies

= International obligation should be strictly followed:

most treatment plant have primary treatment (physical removal or flocculation) and settled able solids

→ and secondary treatment page # 14

(the biological removal of dissolved solids).

Some other treatment plant have tertiary

option. The purposes of tertiary treatment

to provide a final treatment stage to raise

the effluent quality before it is discharged

to the receiving environment (sea, river, lake,

ground, etc.) more than one treatment

process may be used at any treatment

plant.