

Government Affairs Seminar Real Compliance Stories: Waukesha Clean Water Plant

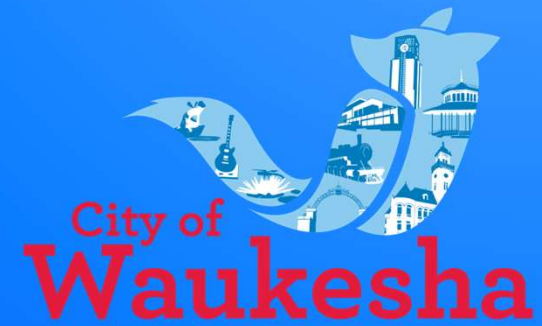
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Background

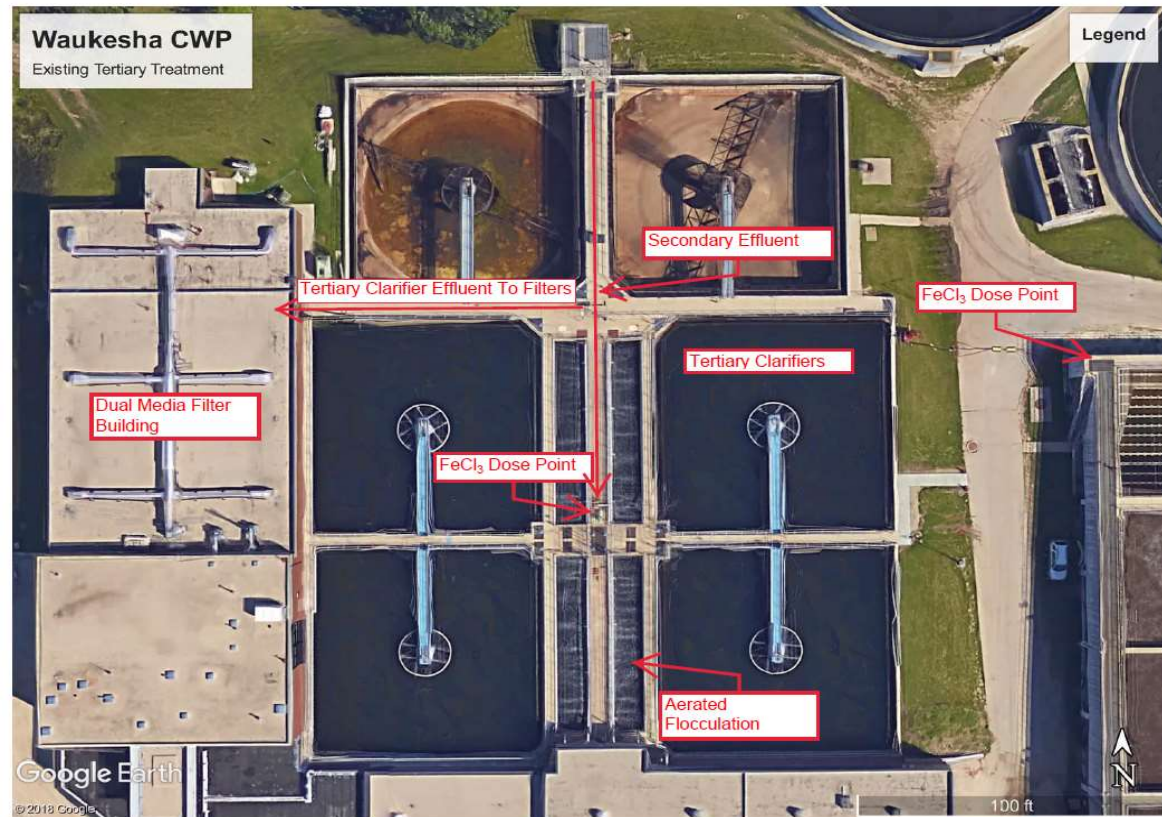


Regulatory Background

- Effluent discharged to the Fox River in Waukesha will be subject to the typical Water Quality-based Effluent Limitation (WQBEL) for stream discharges of 0.075 mg/L phosphorus (P)
- The City of Waukesha has natural radium contamination in their groundwater supply
- The City of Waukesha received approval to withdraw Lake Michigan water to replace the existing groundwater supply
- A portion of the treated effluent from the City of Waukesha Clean Water Plant (CWP), equal to the amount withdrawn from Lake Michigan, must be returned to the Lake Michigan watershed
- A stricter effluent limit of 0.06 mg/L P was set for the portion of the effluent discharged to the Root River in the Lake Michigan watershed.

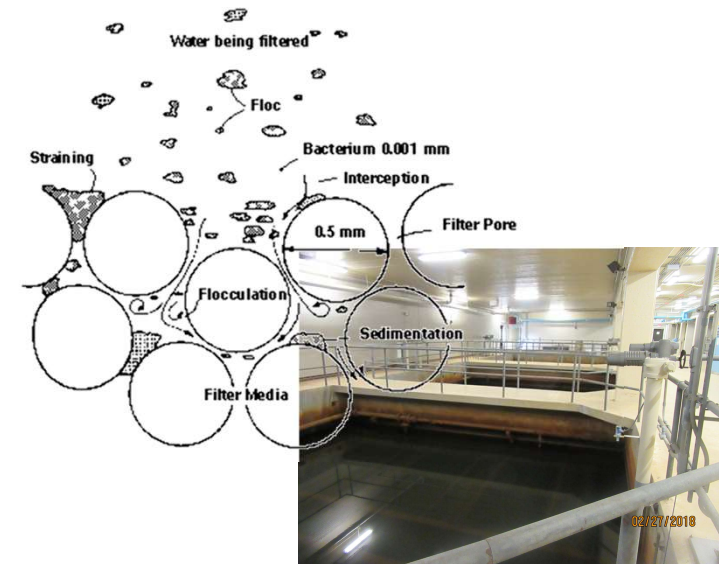
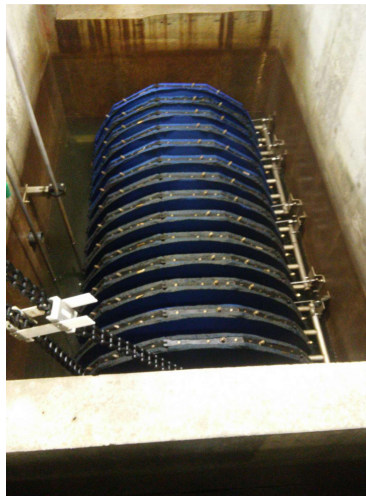
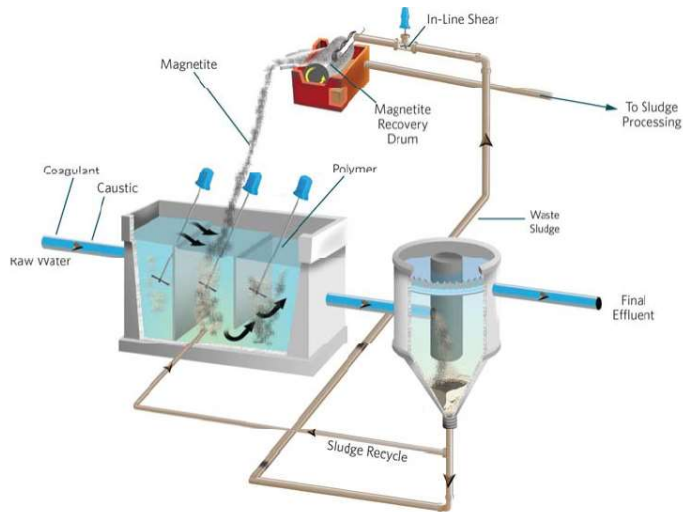
Existing Treatment for Phosphorus and TSS Compliance

- The CWP's previous phosphorus and TSS limits were 0.6 mg/L P and 10 mg/L TSS
- Achieved with dual point ferric chloride dosing
 - Add to mixed liquor channel between aeration basins and secondary clarifiers
 - Add to secondary effluent upstream of tertiary treatment
- Tertiary treatment consists of a rapid mixer, air mixed flocculation channels, tertiary clarifiers, and dual media filters



Alternatives Identified for Evaluation

- Alternative 1 – Ballasted Flocculation and Settling (Comag) ~15 MGD (FCAP)
- Alternative 2 – Cloth Media Filtration Retrofit and Coagulation, Flocculation, and Tertiary Settling Improvements
- Alternative 3 - Granular Media Filtration Rehabilitation and Coagulation, Flocculation, and Tertiary Settling Improvements



Selected Approach

- Ballasted flocculation (Alt. 1) and conventional sand filtration rehabilitation (Alt. 3a) have similar capital costs.
- Conventional sand filtration rehabilitation (Alt. 3a) had lowest NPV and annual costs.
- Conventional sand filtration rehabilitation (Alt. 3a) yielded highest non-monetary score
- Conventional sand filtration rehabilitation selected for implementation.

Alternative	Capital Cost	Year 1 Operating Costs	20 Yr Present Worth	Year 1 O & M + SRF Loan Payment
Alt 1 Ballasted Floc/Sed	\$8,204,000	\$308,000 ² (\$353,000) ³	\$15,192,000	\$855,000
Alt 2a Cloth with Conventional Clarification ¹	\$10,346,000	\$168,000 ² (\$322,000) ^{3,4}	\$16,747,000	\$956,000
Alt 2b Cloth with Lamella Clarification ¹	\$15,531,000	\$183,000 ² (\$281,000) ³	\$21,106,000	\$1,231,000
Alt 3a Sand with Conventional Clarification	\$7,449,000	\$133,000 ² (\$260,000) ^{3,4}	\$12,600,000	\$715,000
Alt 3b Sand with Lamella Clarification	\$12,633,000	\$148,000 ² (\$218,000) ³	\$16,958,000	\$991,000

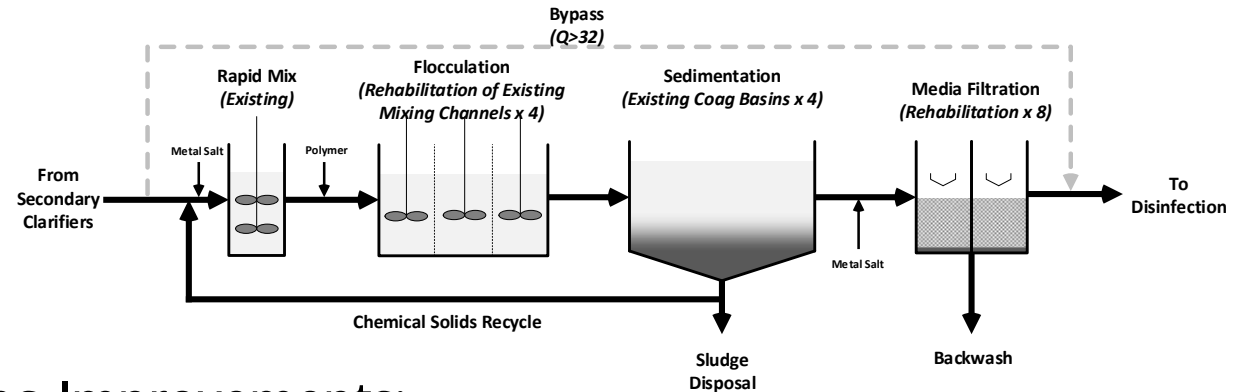
¹For 6 cloth filters.
²Includes chemical, solids handling, and energy cost only
³Includes Annual replacement and O&M costs in addition to chemical, solids handling, and energy
⁴Approximately \$90,000/year of O&M accounts for replacement of existing clarifier mechanisms during the 20 year evaluation.

Clarification Filtration	Weight (1 to 10)	Alt 1 Ballasted None	Alt 2a Conventional Cloth	Alt 2b Lamella Cloth	Alt 3a Conventional Sand	Alt 3b Lamella Sand	(Bad) Zero	(Good) Five
Iron Handling	2	2	3	3	3	3	Highest	Lowest
Polymer Handling	3	2	3	2	4	3	Highest	Lowest
Reliability	10	3	4	3	5	4	Hard to Meet	Best
Redundancy	9	3	4	3	5	4	Least	Most
Lower P Limit (<0.06)	5	2	2	2	4	3	Hardest	Easiest
Ease of Operation	8	3	3	2	4	3	Hardest	Easiest
Maintenance	8	3	4	3	4	3	Most	Least
Ease of Adoption	5	3	3	3	5	4	Hardest	Easiest
Constructability	2	4	3	3	5	4	Hardest	Easiest
Const. Phasing	3	5	3	3	4	4	Hardest	Easiest
Solids Handling	3	3	4	4	4	4	Most	Least
Score		172	199	161	256	206	Highest Score is best	

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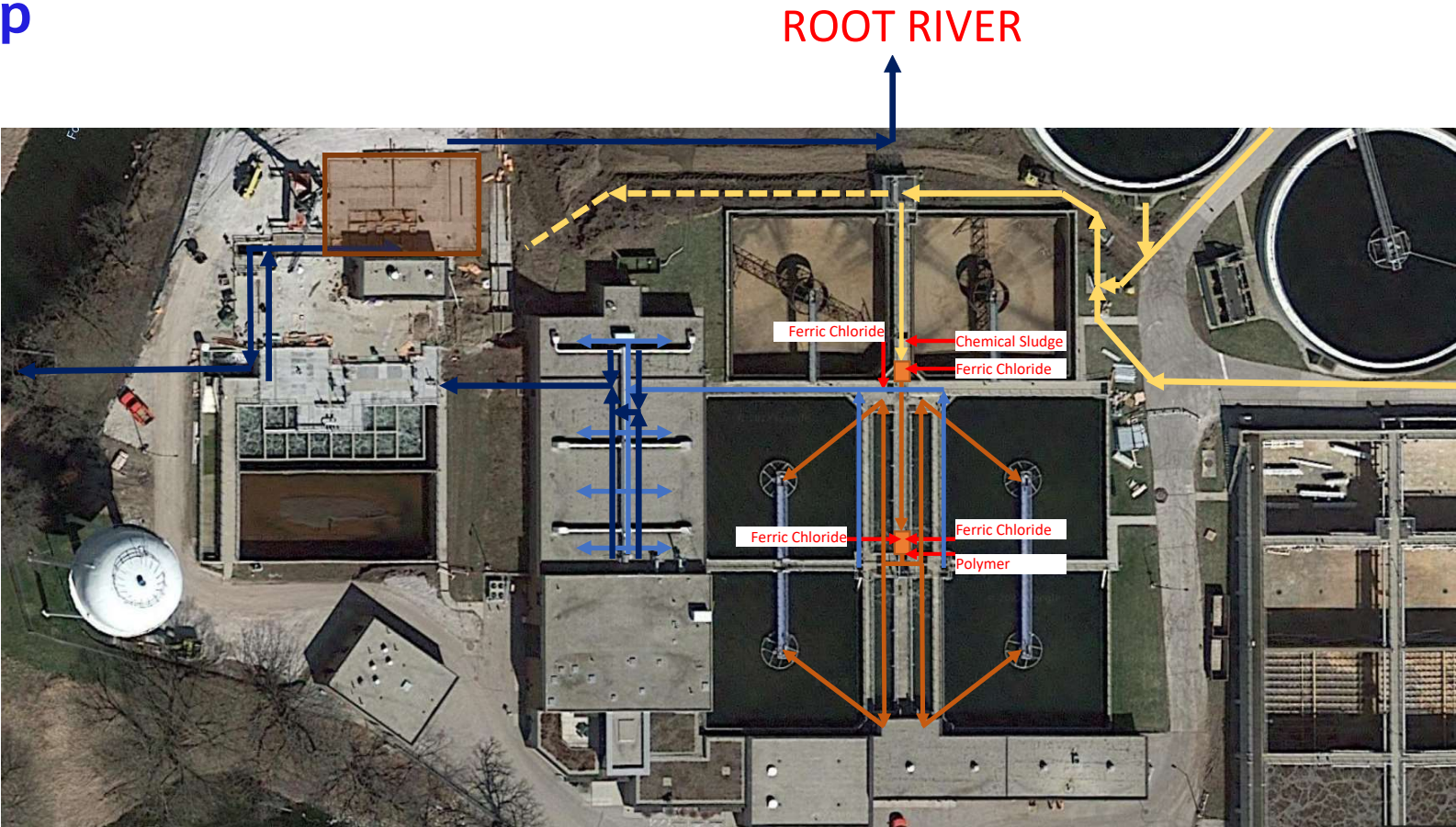


Tertiary Project Scope



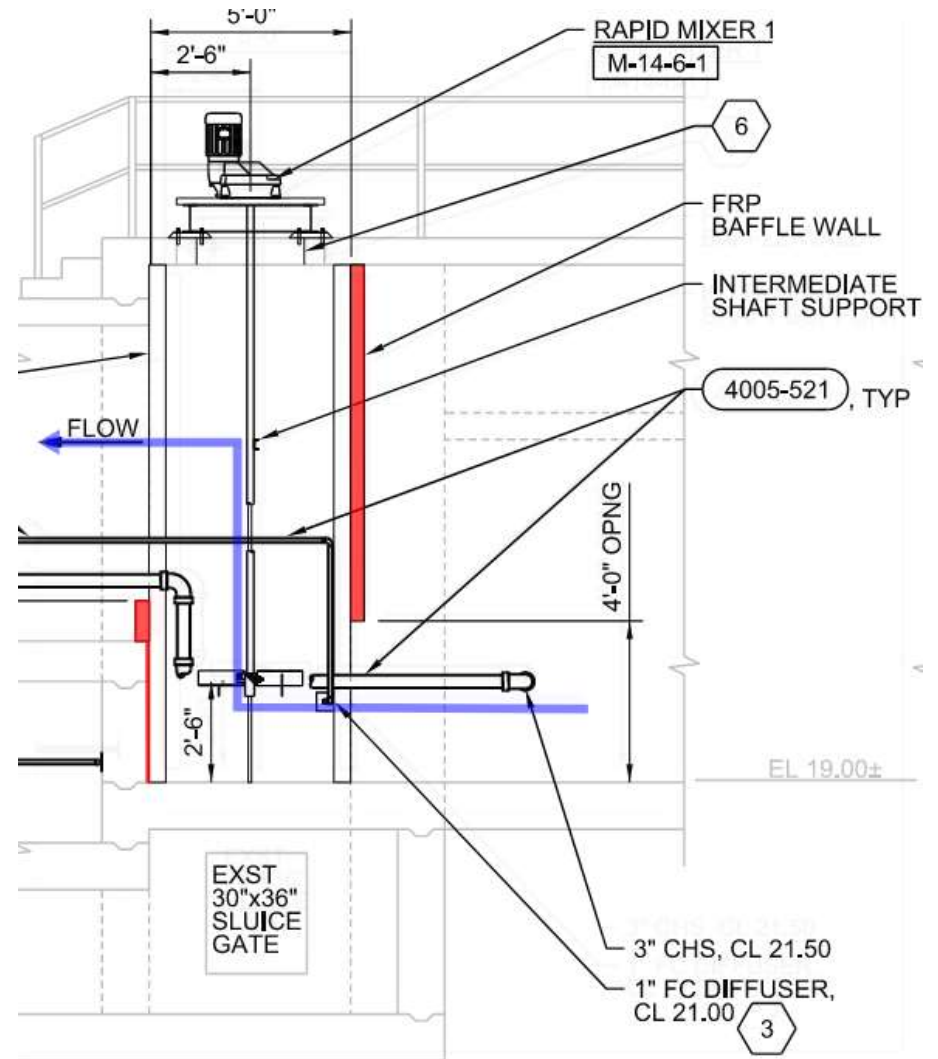
- Tertiary Flocculation/Settling Improvements:
 - Replacement of air flocculation with vertical paddle wheel flocculators
 - Addition of settled chemical solids recycle to promote floc formation/optimize chemical use
- Filtration Improvements
 - Incorporation of air/water backwash (new blower)
 - Addition of media retaining baffles to backwash troughs and replacement of underdrains with AWI stainless underdrains to maximize bed depth
 - Media replacement with medium-coarse mono-media sand
 - Influent/effluent piping and valve improvements

Site Map



Rapid Mix Design Criteria

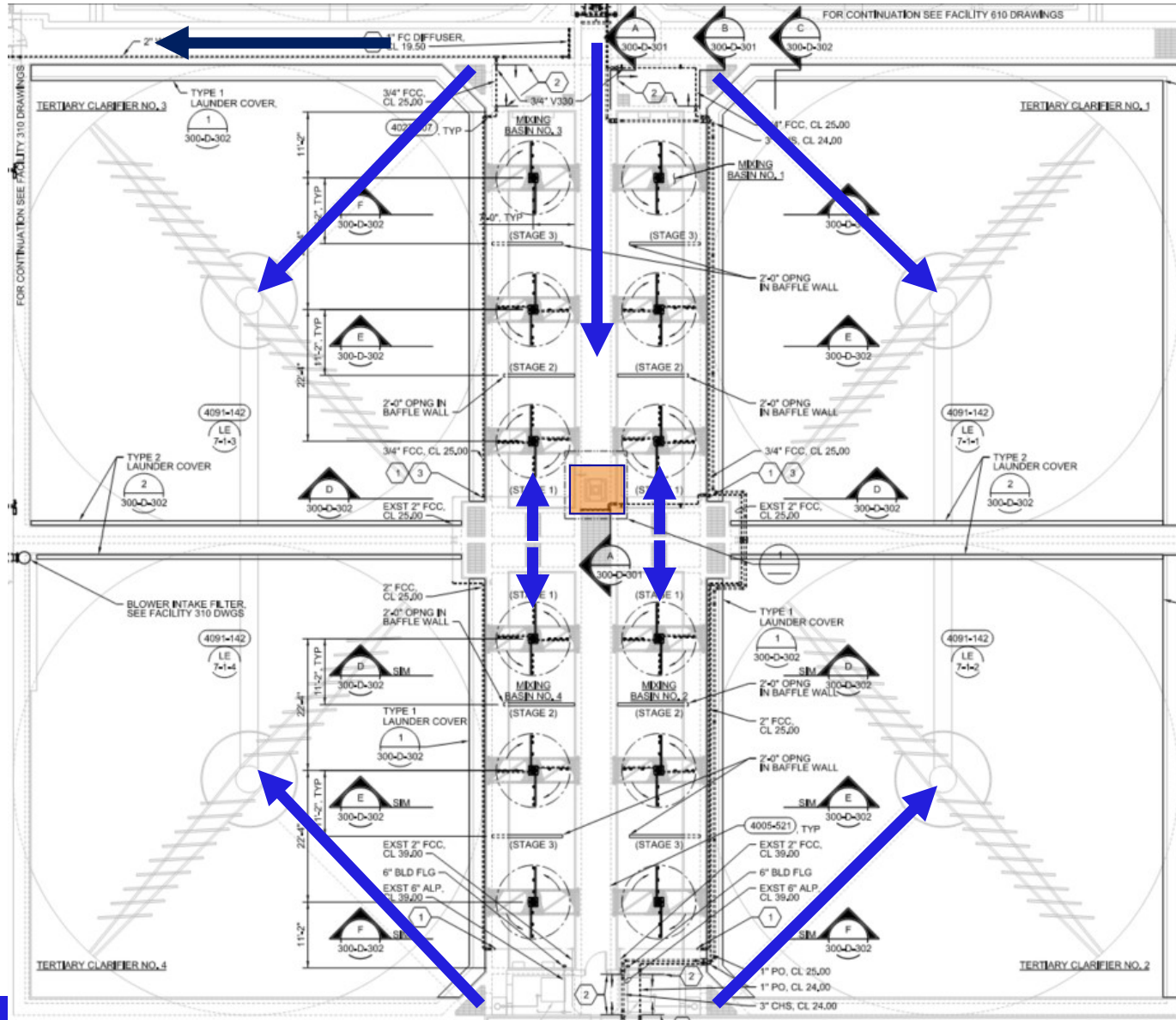
Item	Value	Units
Ferric rapid mix no. 1, mixing volume	1,500	gallons
Ferric rapid mix no. 1, mixing intensity	400	sec ⁻¹
Ferric dose, minimum	5	mg/L
Ferric dose, average	18	mg/L
Ferric dose, max	66	mg/L



Flocculation Design Criteria

Item	Value	Units
Flocculation/sedimentation trains, number of basins	4	—
Flocculation basins, number of stages	3	—
Flocculation basins, dimensions (l x w x side water depth)	14 x 65 x 12.5 14 x 21.67 x 12.5	Feet (total) Feet (each zone)
Flocculation basins, detention time (at 14 MGD)	35.3	minutes
Flocculation basins, detention time (at 31.46 MGD)	15.4	minutes
Flocculation basins, stage 1 mixing intensity	40-70	sec ⁻¹
Flocculation basins, stage 2 mixing intensity	20-50	sec ⁻¹
Flocculation basins, stage 3 mixing intensity	5-30	sec ⁻¹
Polymer dose	0.25 – 1.0	mg/l
Flow Path	Serpentine, Baffled	—

Flocculation Design Criteria



Flocculation Photos



Tertiary Clarifiers

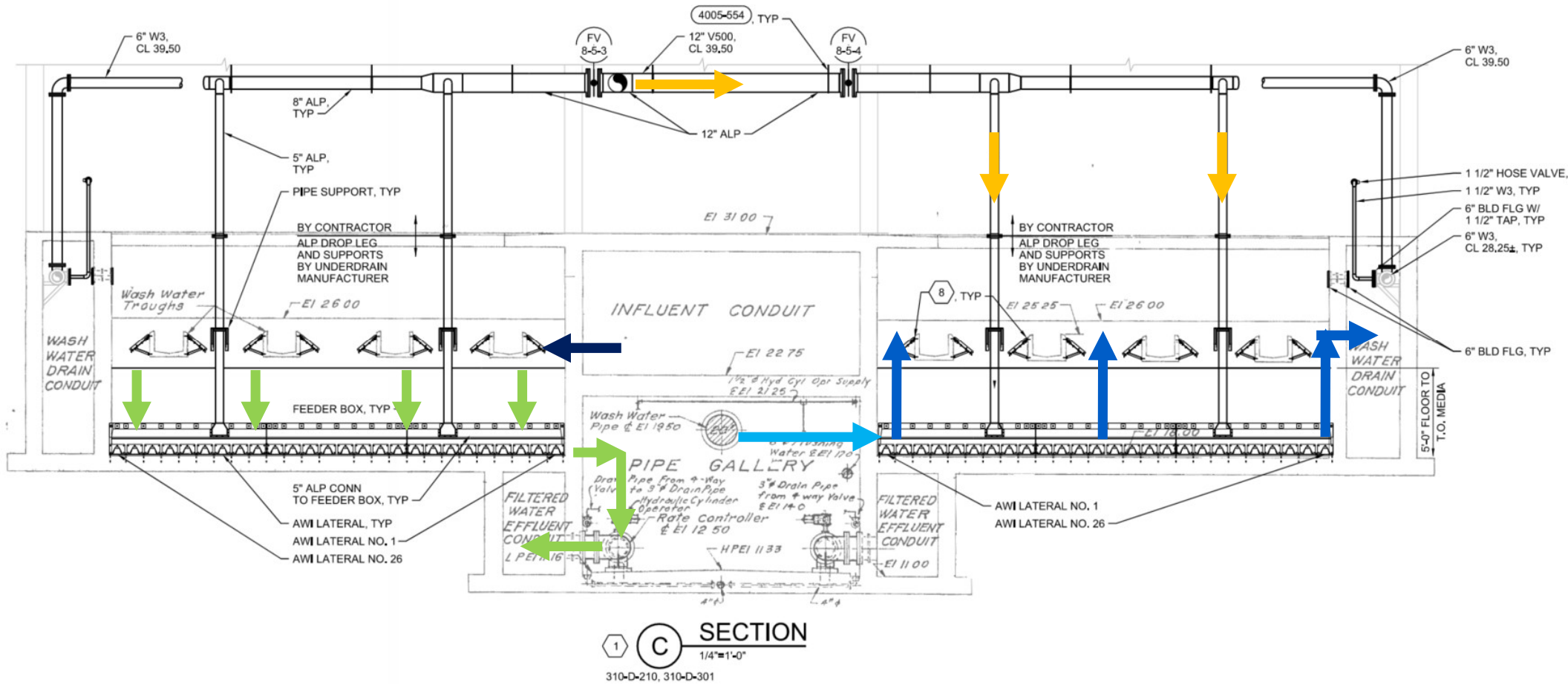


Tertiary Filters – Design Criteria

Item	Value	Units
Individual cell area	312	ft ²
Individual filter area	624	ft ²
Cell Dimension Filter Dimension	12x26 24x26	ft ft
Number of filters (7 duty + 1 standby)	8	#
Peak loading rate (one filter out of service)*****	5.0	gpm/ft ²
Capacity per filter	4.49	mgd

*****With coagulation/flocculation and tertiary clarifiers, we typically design filter loading rate at >8 gpm/ft². Capacity per filter would then be >=7.19 MGD.

Tertiary Filters



Backwash System – Design Criteria

- Air Scour
 - 2-4 scfm/sf (2,496 scfm)
 - 2-5 minutes
- Concurrent Wash
 - 3-6 gpm/sf (3,744 gpm)
 - 10-15 minutes (12 minutes)
- Water Wash
 - 6-12 gpm/sf (7,488 gpm)
 - 3.5-8 minutes
 - Water wash volume should be >1 bed volume (23,341 gallons minimum)

Filter Improvements

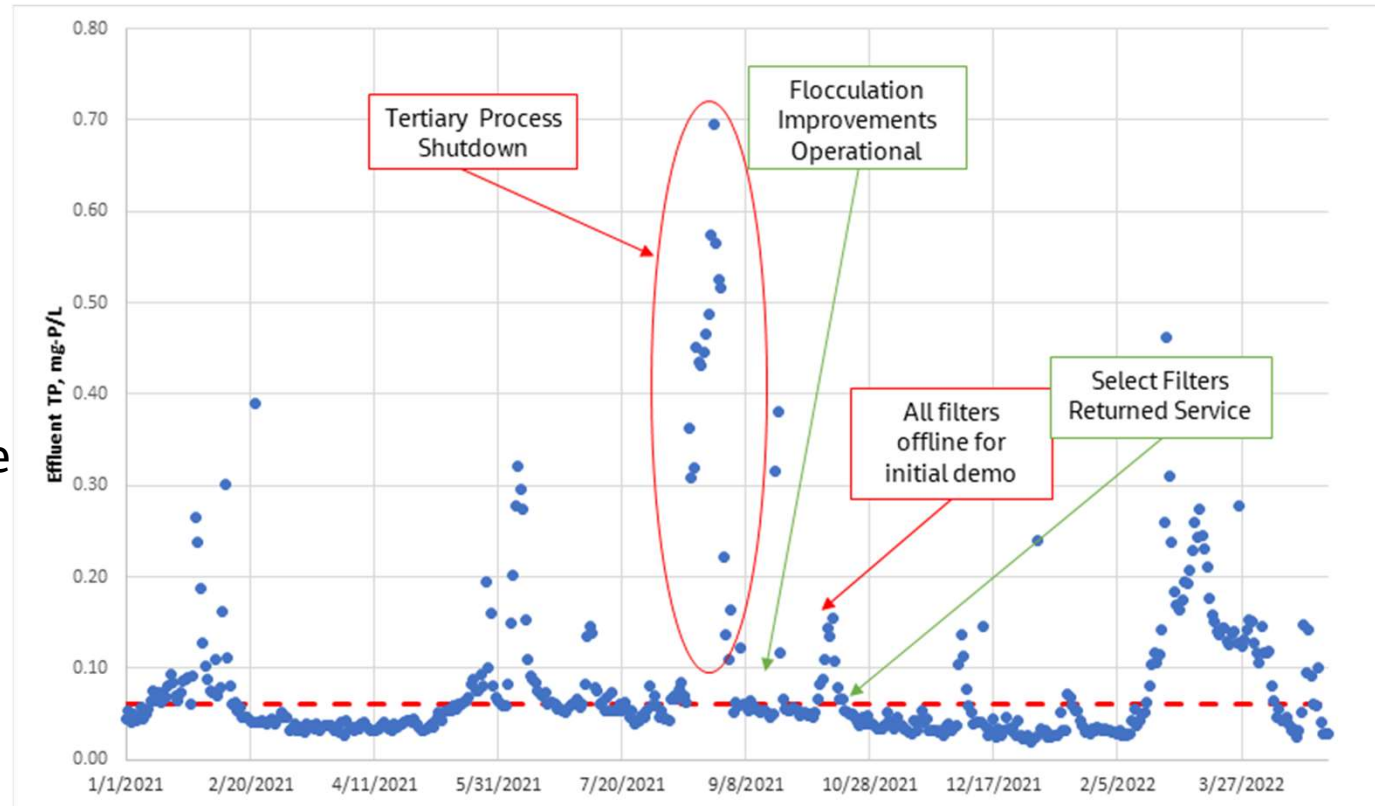


Performance



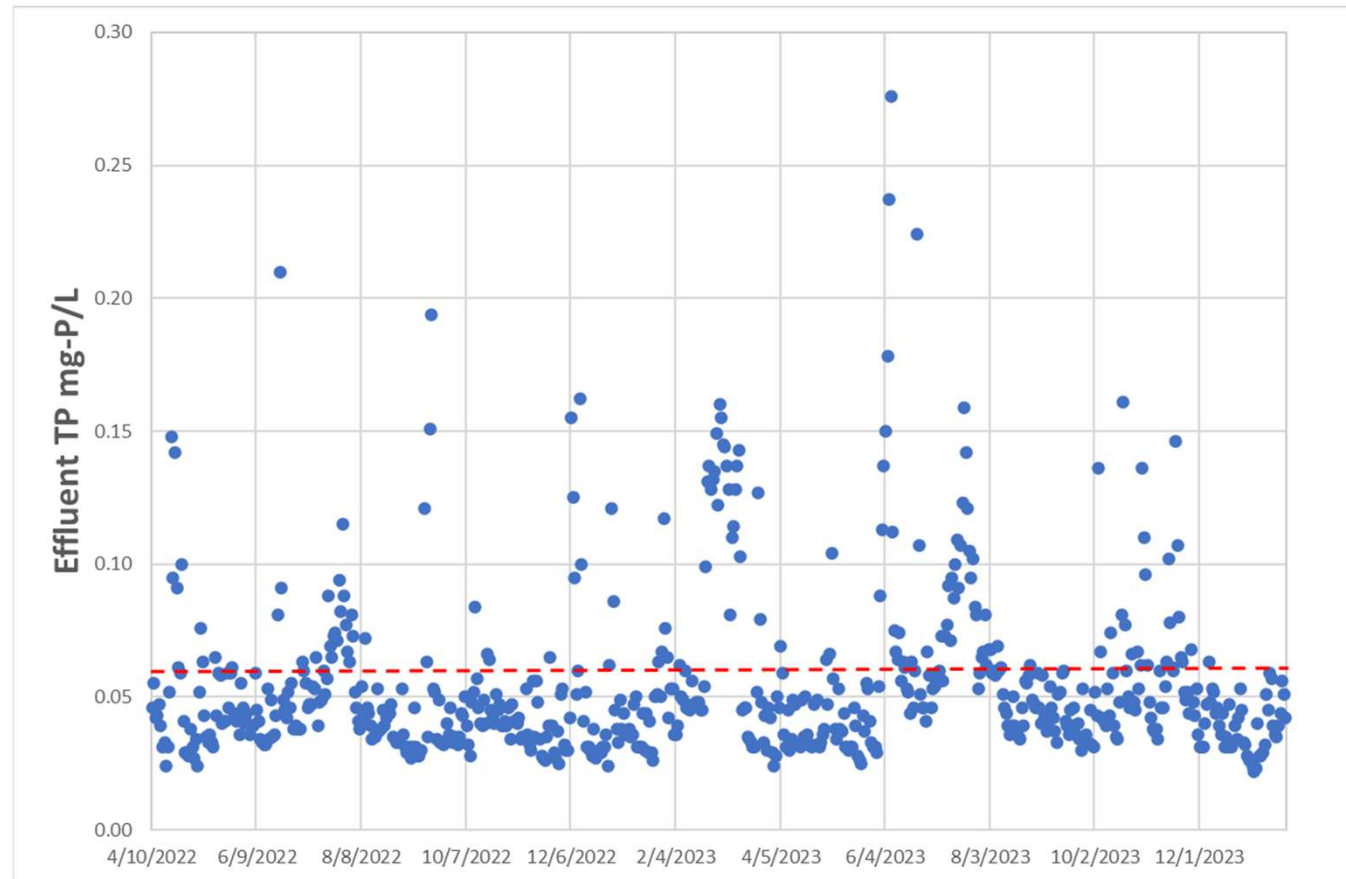
Implementation

- August 2021: Coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation improvements operational.
- Filter Improvements:
 - October 2021: 3 of 8 rehabilitated filters on-line
 - February 1, 2022: All filters operational
- Impacted groundwater >25% of plant capacity
- New controls in service
- Back on track April 2022



Implementation

- April 2022 to present:
 - 0.056 mg-P/L
 - June 30, 2022 0.075 mg-P/L limit
- October 9, 2023:
 - Discharge to Root River
 - 0.06 mg-P/L limit
 - 0.051 mg-P/L
- Ferric chloride dosing optimization
 - 20 mg/L Fe each dosing point, 40 mg/L Fe total
 - 450 gpd at average flow
- Maintain minimum ferric chloride tank level or pump capacity drops



Questions?

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