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# Preface

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Over the last decade there have been rapid developments and changes in the field of wastewater treatment. The emphasis has been on identification, detection, and removal of specific constituents; computer simulation and modeling; membrane processes; renovation and reuse of wastewater effluent; nutrients recovery, and reduction and utilization of biosolids; energy conservation; greater understanding of theory and principles of treatment processes; and application of these fundamentals into facility design. Environmental engineers have many responsibilities. One of the most demanding yet satisfying of these are the design of wastewater treatment and reuse facilities. There are several books that discuss the fundamentals, scientific principles, and concepts and methodologies of wastewater treatment. The actual design calculation steps in numerical examples with intense focus on practical application of theory and principles into process and facility design are not fully covered in these publications. The intent of the authors writing this book is threefold: *first*, to present briefly the theory involved in specific wastewater treatment processes; *second*, to define the important design parameters involved in the process, and provide typical design values of these parameters for ready reference; and *third*, to provide a design approach by providing numerical applications and step-by-step design calculation procedure in the solved examples. Over 700 illustrative example problems and solutions have been worked out to cover the complete spectrum of wastewater treatment and reuse from fundamentals through advanced technology applied to primary, secondary and advanced treatment, reuse of effluent, by-product recovery and reuse of biosolids. These examples and solutions enhance the readers' comprehension and deeper understanding of the basic concepts. They also serve as a good source of information for more experienced engineers, and also aid in the formal design training and instruction of engineering students. Equipment selection and design procedures are the key functions of engineers and should be emphasized in engineering curricula. Many practice problems with step-by-step solution provide skills to engineering students and professionals of diverse background for learning, and to master the problem-solving techniques needed for professional engineering (PE) exams. Also, these solved examples can be applied by the plant designers to design various components and select equipment for the treatment facilities. Thus, the book is a consolidated resource of valuable quick-and-easy access to a myriad of theory and practice information and solved examples on wastewater treatment processes and reuse.

This work is divided into two volumes. Principles and basic treatment processes are covered in Volume 1, which includes Chapters 1 through 10. Volume 2 contains Chapters 11 through 15 to cover post-treatment processes, reuse, and solids disposal.

**Volume 1: Principles and Basic Treatment.** Chapter 1 is an overview of wastewater treatment: past, present, and future directions. Chapters 2 and 3 cover the stoichiometry, reaction kinetics, mass balance, theory of reactors, and flow and mass equalization. Sources of municipal wastewater and flow rates and characteristics are provided in Chapters 4 and 5. Chapter 6 provides an in-depth coverage of wastewater treatment objectives, design considerations, and treatment processes and process diagrams. The preliminary treatment processes are covered in Chapters 7 and 8. These unit processes are screening and grit removal. Chapter 9 deals with primary treatment with plain and chemically



enhanced sedimentation. Chapter 10 provides an in-depth coverage of biological waste treatment and nutrients removal processes.

**Volume 2: Post-Treatment, Reuse, and Disposal.** Chapter 11 covers major processes for effluent disinfection, while Chapter 12 deals with effluent disposal and reuse. Chapter 13 is devoted to residuals management, recovery of resources, and biosolids reuse. The plant layout, yard piping, plant hydraulics, and instrumentation and controls are covered in Chapter 14. Upgrading of secondary treatment facility, land application, wetlands, filtration, carbon adsorption, BNR and MBR; and advanced wastewater treatment processes such as ion exchange, membrane processes, and distillation for demineralization are covered in Chapter 15.

This book will serve the needs of students, teachers, consulting engineers, equipment manufacturers, and technical personnel in city, state, and federal organizations who are involved with the review of designs, permitting, and enforcement. To maximize the usefulness of the book, the technical information is summarized in many tables that have been developed from a variety of sources. To further increase the utility of this book six appendices have been included. These appendices contain (a) abbreviations and symbols, basic information about elements, useful constants, common chemicals used in water and wastewater treatment, and U.S. standard sieves and size of openings; (b) physical constants and properties of water, solubility of dissolved gases in water, and important constants for solubility and sodicity of water; (c) minor head loss coefficients for pressure conduits and open channels, normal commercial pipe sizes, and design information of Parshall fumes; (d) unit conversions; (e) design parameters for wastewater treatment processes; and (f) list of examples presented and solved in this book. These appendices are included in both volumes. The numerical examples are integrated with the key words in the subject index. This gives additional benefit to the users of this book to identify and locate the solved examples that deal with the step-by-step calculations on the specific subject matter.

Enough material is presented in this textbook that cover supplemental material for a water treatment course, and a variety of wastewater treatment courses that can be developed and taught from this title. The supplemental material for a water treatment course include components of municipal water demand (Section 4.3), rapid mix, coagulation, flocculation, and sedimentation (Sections 9.6, 9.7, and 10.9), filtration (Section 15.4.6), carbon adsorption (Section 15.4.8), chlorine and ozone disinfection (Sections 11.6 and 11.8), demineralization by ion exchange and membrane processes (Sections 15.4.9 and 15.4.10), and residuals management (Sections 13.4.1 through 13.4.3, 13.5 through 13.8, and 13.11.6). At least *three* one-semester, and *one* two-semester sequential wastewater treatment courses at undergraduate or graduate levels can be developed and taught from this book. The specific topics to be covered will depend on time available, depth of coverage, and the course objectives. The suggested wastewater treatment and reuse courses are:

- Course A:* A one-semester introductory course on wastewater treatment and reuse
- Course B:* A sequential two-semester advance course on wastewater treatment and reuse
- Course C:* A one-semester course on physical and chemical unit operations and processes
- Course D:* A one-semester course on biological wastewater treatment

The suggested course outlines of these courses are provided in the tables below. The information in these tables is organized under three columns: topic, chapter, and sections. The examples are not included in these tables. It is expected that the instructor of the course will select the examples to achieve the depth of coverage required.

*Course A:* Suggested course contents of a one-semester introductory course on wastewater treatment and reuse

Topic	Chapter	Section
Overview of wastewater treatment	1	All
Stoichiometry and reaction kinetics	2	2.1 and 2.2

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Topic	Chapter	Section
Mass balance, reactors, and equalization	3	3.1 to 3.3, and 3.4.1 to 3.4.3
Sources and flow rates of wastewater	4	All
Characteristics of municipal wastewater	5	5.1 to 5.6, 5.7.1, 7.8, and 5.9
Treatment and design objectives, and processes	6	All
Screening	7	All
Grit removal	8	8.1 to 8.3, 8.4.1 to 8.4.5, 8.5, and 8.6
Conventional and chemically enhanced primary sedimentation	9	9.1 to 9.6, 9.7.1, and 9.7.2
Biological waste treatment: basics, oxygen transfer, fixed film attached growth processes, anaerobic treatment, biological nitrogen removal, and final clarifier	10	10.1, 10.2, 10.3.1, 3.3.2, 10.3.4 to 10.3.8, 10.3.10, 10.3.11, 10.4 to 10.6, 10.7.1 to 10.7.3, 10.8, and 10.9
Effluent disinfection	11	11.1 to 11.7
Effluent reuse and disposal	12	12.1, 12.2, 12.5, and 12.6
Residuals processing, reuse, and disposal	13	13.1 to 13.8, and 13.11
Plant layout, piping, hydraulics, and instrumentation and control	14	All
Advanced wastewater treatment and upgrading secondary treatment facility	15	15.1 to 15.3, 15.4.5, 15.4.6, and 15.4.8 to 15.4.10

*Course B:* Suggested course contents of a sequential two-semester advanced course on wastewater treatment and reuse

Topic	Chapter	Section
<b>First Semester</b>		
Overview of wastewater treatment	1	All
Stoichiometry and reaction kinetics	2	All
Mass balance, reactors, and equalization	3	All
Sources and flow rates of wastewater	4	All
Characteristics of municipal wastewater	5	All
Treatment objectives, design considerations, and treatment processes	6	All
Screening	7	All
Grit removal	8	All
Primary and enhanced sedimentation	9	All
Biological waste treatment: fundamentals and types	10	10.1 and 10.2
<b>Second Semester</b>		
Biological waste treatment (cont'd): suspended, attached, aerobic, anaerobic kinetics, oxygen transfer, biological nutrient removal (BNR), computer application, and final clarifiers	10	10.3 to 10.10
Disinfection and kinetics	11	All
Effluent reuse and disposal	12	All

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Topic	Chapter	Section
Residuals processing, reuse, and disposal	13	All
Plant layout, piping, hydraulics, and instrumentation and control	14	All
Advanced wastewater treatment facilities	15	All

*Course C:* Suggested course contents of a one-semester course on physical and chemical unit operations and processes

Topic	Chapter	Sections
Overview of wastewater treatment	1	All
Stoichiometry and reaction kinetics	2	All
Mass balance, reactors, and equalization	3	All
Sources and flow rates of wastewater	4	4.4 and 4.5
Characteristics of municipal wastewater	5	5.1 to 5.4
Wastewater treatment processes	6	6.3.5
Screening: coarse and fine screens	7	7.1, and 7.2.1 to 7.2.4
Discrete settling and grit removal	8	8.1, 8.3, 8.4.2, and 8.4.4
Flocculant settling, rapid mixing, flocculation, and sedimentation	9	9.1, 9.2, 9.5.5, 9.6.5, 9.6.6, and 9.7.2
Zone or hindered settling	10	10.9.2
Disinfection kinetics, chlorination, dechlorination, ozonation, and UV radiation	11	11.4, 11.5, 11.6.1, 11.6.2, 11.7.1, 11.8.6, and 11.9.4 to 11.9.6
Compression settling, dissolved air flotation, anaerobic digestion, conditioning, and dewatering	13	13.4.1, 13.4.2, 13.5.1 to 13.5.3, 13.6.1, 13.6.2, 13.7.1, 13.8.1, and 13.8.2
Air stripping, filtration, carbon adsorption, ion exchange, and membrane processes	15	15.4.5, 15.4.6, 15.4.8, 15.4.9, and 15.4.10

*Course D:* Suggested course contents of a one-semester course on biological wastewater treatment

Topic	Chapter	Section
Overview of wastewater treatment	1	All
Stoichiometry and reaction kinetics	2	All
Mass balance, reactors, and equalization	3	All
Sources and flow rates of wastewater	4	All
Characteristics of municipal wastewater	5	All
Wastewater treatment processes	6	6.3.5
Biological waste treatment, biological nutrient removal (BNR), and final clarifier	10	All
Pathogens reduction in treatment processes and natural die-off kinetics	11	11.2.1, and 11.5.1
Anaerobic and aerobic digestion of sludge, material mass balance, and composting	13	13.6.1, 13.6.2, 13.9, and 13.11.1
Aquatic treatment systems, and membrane processes	15	15.3.2, and 15.4.10

In the solutions of examples, full expressions are provided to demonstrate step-by-step calculations. Many process and hydraulic parameters are involved in these expressions. To be more efficient, these parameters are represented by symbols. Sometimes, in the same example, parameters are applied multiple times to different streams or reactors. Therefore, subscripted notations are also used to identify these parameters. Each symbol is fully defined when it appears for the first time in the solution of the example. After that this symbol is repeated in the entire solution. This approach is helpful in (1) saving space by replacing lengthy descriptions of a parameter, and (2) providing an identification of the numerical value used or obtained in the expression. Additionally, these symbols provide the designers a ready reference in their design calculations while using Mathcad or spreadsheet software.

The International System of Units (SI) is used in this book. This is consistent with the teaching practices in most universities in the United States and around the world. Most tables in the book have dual units and include conversion from SI to U.S. customary units in footnotes. Useful conversion data and major treatment process design parameters are provided in Appendices D and E.



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