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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

TO : Perry/Willard Spur Workgroup

FROM : Paul Krauth

DATE : September 6, 2010

SUBJECT: Estimated Nutrient Levels from new Perry/Willard POTW

In reviewing some of the assumptions made for the nutrient model, I believe that the effluent numbers used for the treatment plant are too low for the existing plant design.

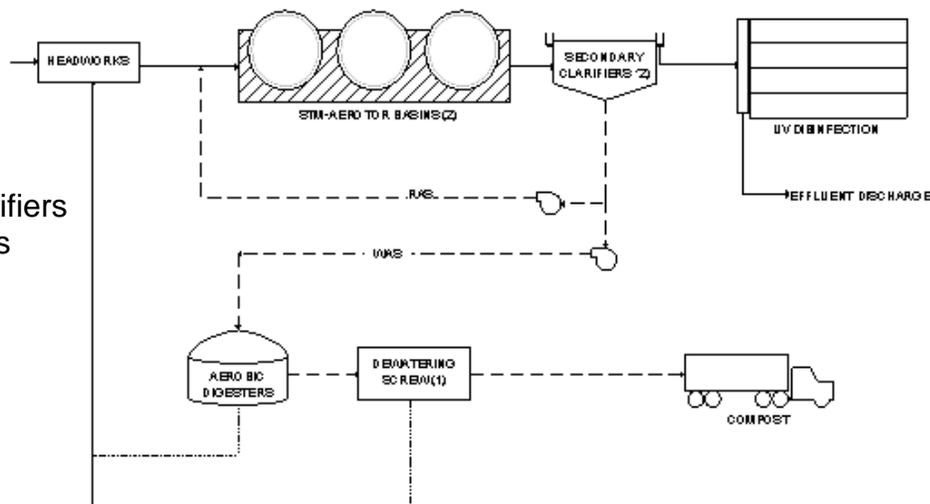
Utah's has four wastewater facilities currently using the STM-Aerotator™ treatment technology; Payson, Spanish Fork, Springville and Tremonton. None of these are representative of the design used for Perry/Willard. All of these were upgrades of existing facilities, and ALL have additional treatment process, yet according to DWQ Storet data (a limited data set) NONE are able reach and effluent total nitrogen of 10 mg/L or total phosphorus of 2.5 mg/L. I compared each of the STM facilities process flow diagrams to the Perry/Willard and note differences and included the performance of each, along with the assumptions used by CH₂M Hill for the Statewide Nutrient Cost Study

Perry/Willard Process Flow Diagram

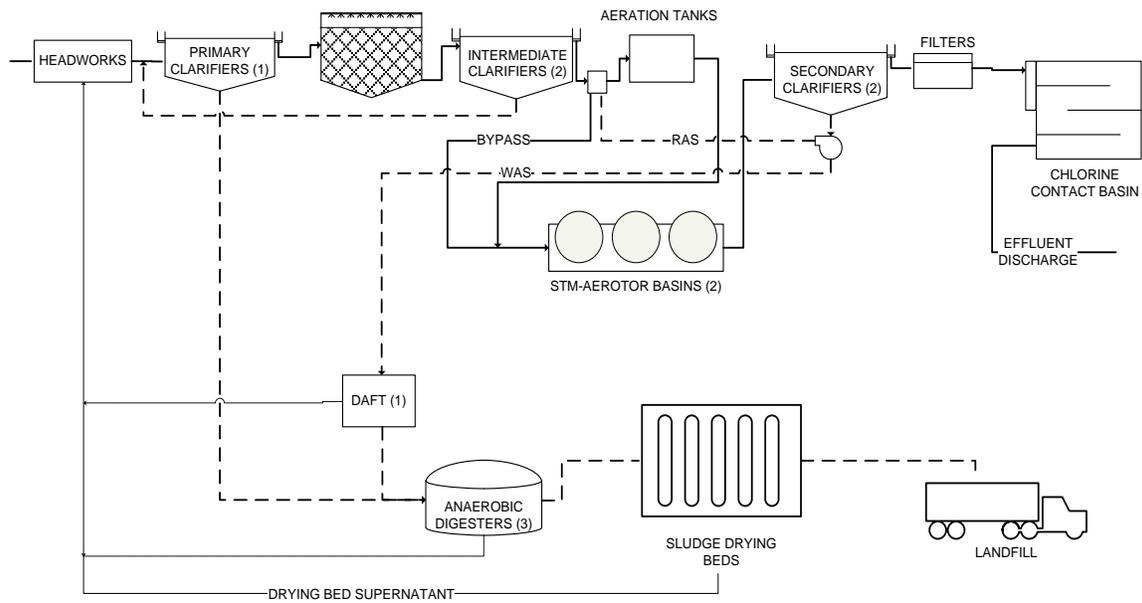
Note: lacks

No primary clarifiers

No anoxic tanks



Payson Process Flow Diagram



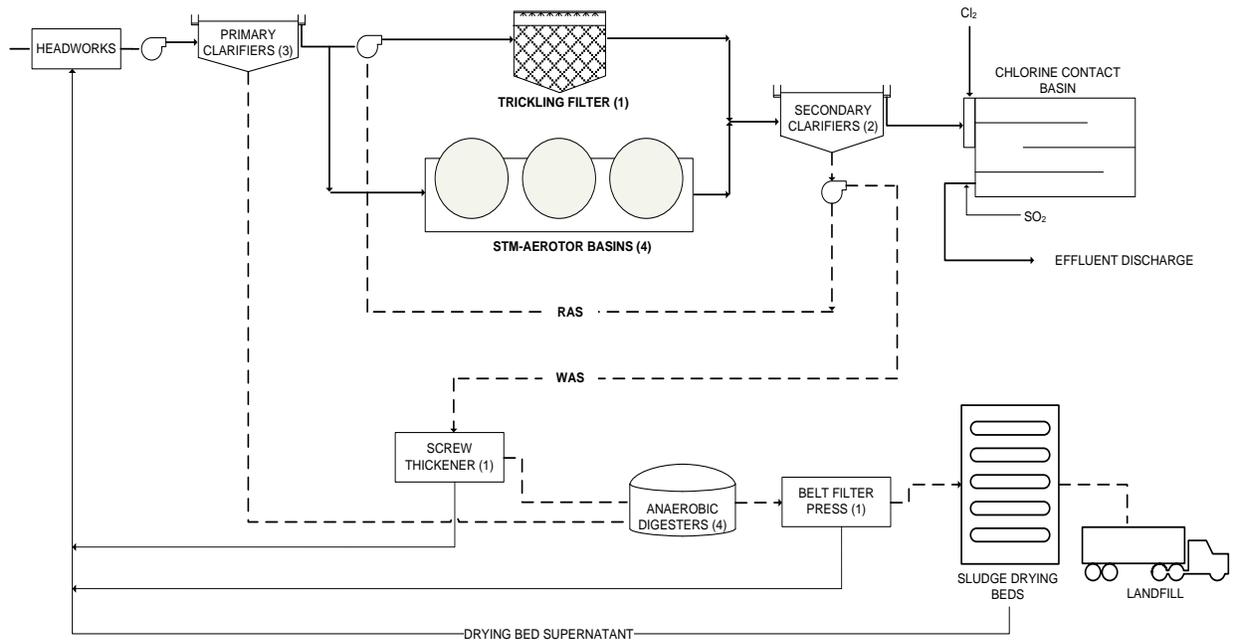
Note: has

- Primary clarifiers
- Roughing filter
- Intermediate clarifiers
- Aeration (anoxic) tanks
- Dissolved air flotation thickener
- Sand filters

Average Effluent Data

Parameter	mg/L	Percentage	CH ₂ M Assumptions
Nitrite + Nitrate as N	27.97	43.11%	35
Ammonia as N	3.11	4.79%	
Organic nitrogen	33.80	52.10%	
Total Inorganic Nitrogen	31.07		
Total Nitrogen	64.87		34
Dissolved Phosphorus	3.62	98.64%	
Total Phosphorus	3.67		4.1

Spanish Fork Process Flow Diagram



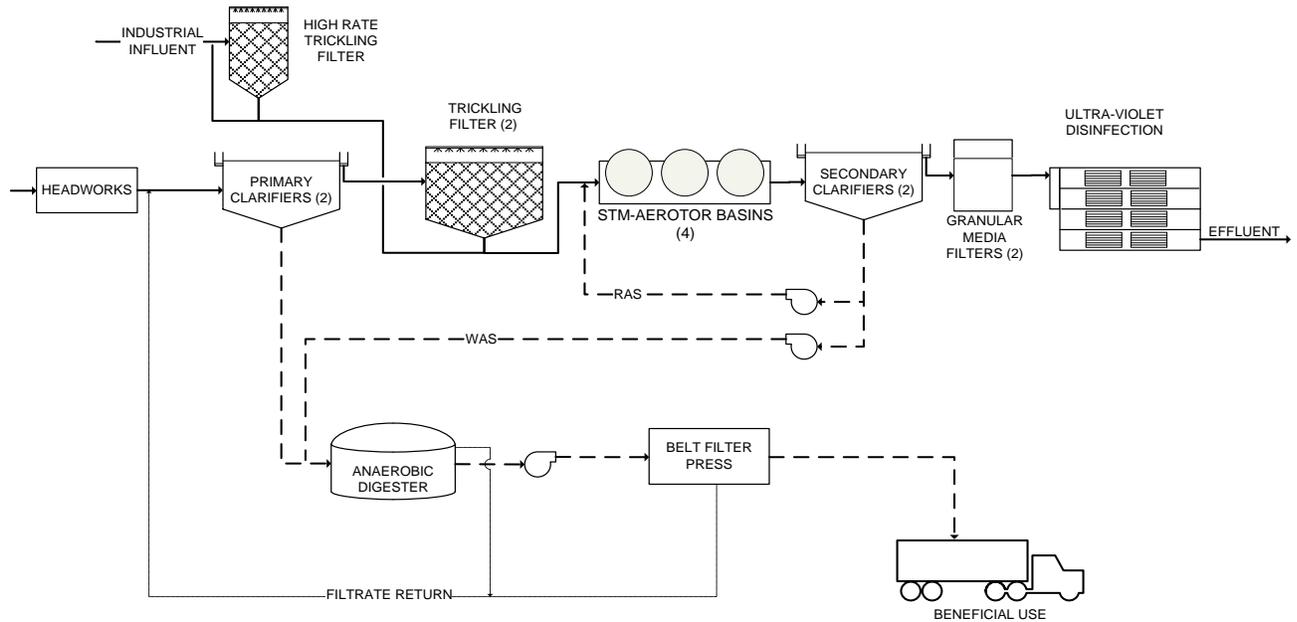
Note: has

- Primary clarifiers
- Trickling filter
- Screw thickener

Average Effluent Data

Parameter	mg/L	Percentage	CH ₂ M Assumptions
Nitrite + Nitrate as N	9.28	25.87%	18.55
Ammonia as N	5.54	15.43%	3.45
Organic nitrogen	21.07	58.70%	
Total Inorganic Nitrogen	14.82		
Total Nitrogen	35.89		24.39
Dissolved Phosphorus	2.49	96.76%	
Total Phosphorus	2.57		4.47

Springville Process Flow Diagram



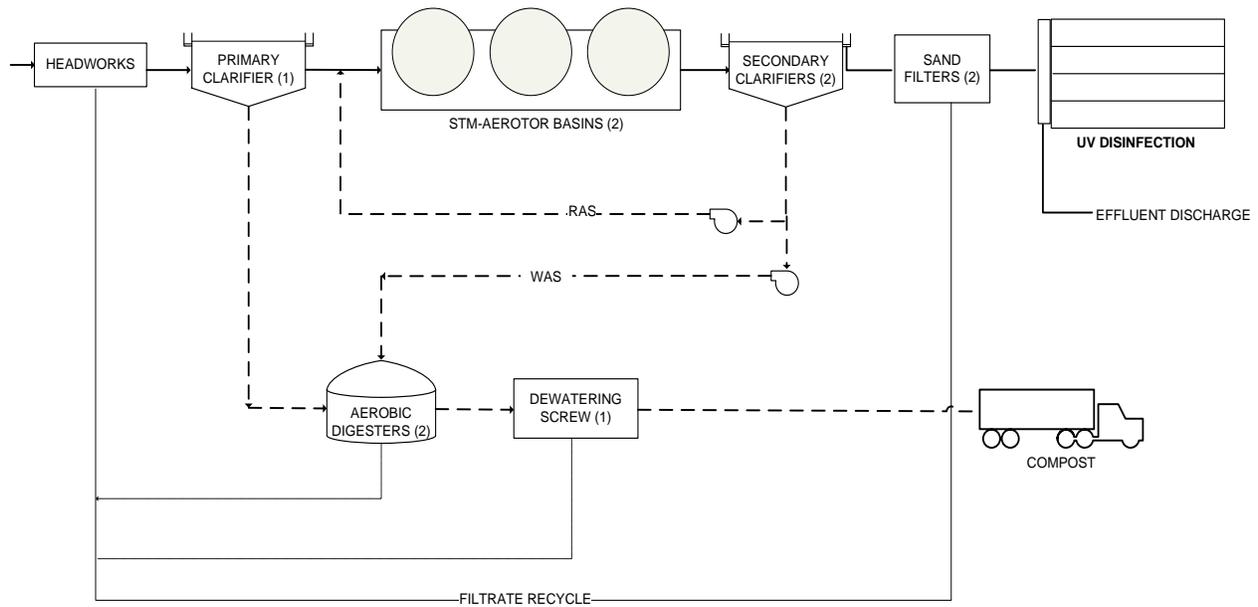
Note: has

- Primary clarifiers
- Roughing filter
- Trickling filters
- Granular media filters

Average Effluent Data

Parameter	mg/L	Percentage	CH ₂ M Assumptions
Nitrite + Nitrate as N	11.28	37.69%	22.8
Ammonia as N	2.05	6.85%	
Organic nitrogen	16.60	55.46%	
Total Inorganic Nitrogen	13.33		
Total Nitrogen	29.93		24.2
Dissolved Phosphorus	1.83	83.21%	
Total Phosphorus	2.20		5.13

Tremonton Process Flow Diagram



Note: has

Primary clarifiers
Sand filters

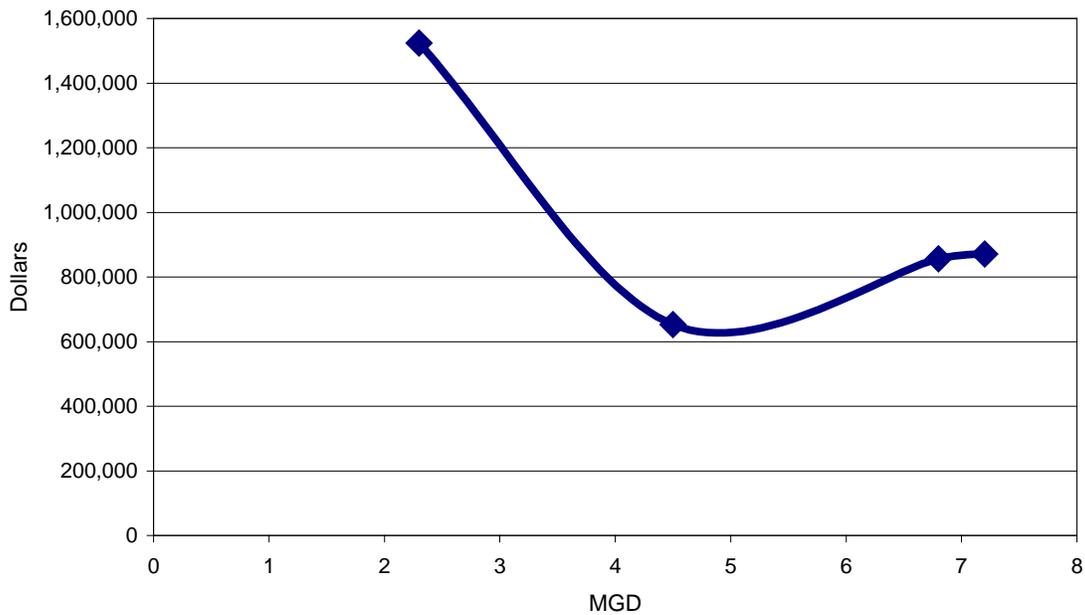
Average Effluent Data

Parameter	mg/L	Percentage	CH ₂ M Assumptions
Nitrite + Nitrate as N	3.44	17.80%	15.28
Ammonia as N	6.09	31.54%	0.10
Organic nitrogen	9.78	50.66%	
Total Inorganic Nitrogen	9.52		
Total Nitrogen	19.30		20.00
Dissolved Phosphorus	4.65	103.86% ?	
Total Phosphorus	4.48		3.2

The average total nitrogen for the four facilities is 37.5 mg/L, total inorganic nitrogen is 17.2 mg/L and total phosphorus is 3.2 mg/L. But this is an erroneous comparison. Three of the facilities have filtration, skewing the total phosphorus numbers. Additionally three of the facilities have large food processors on their systems, skewing the total nitrogen numbers.

Given the various designs, trying to do any cost estimates for potential upgrades for Perry/Willard based upon the completed technical memorandum from CH₂M Hill's Nutrient Study is pointless. This is shown by a generated cost curves for phosphorus.

Costs of 1.0 mg TP



Costs of 0.1 mg TP

