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Options for Managing Dissolved Solids from FGD Wastewater

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Agenda

- Background and context
- FGD wastewater processes
- Promising options
- Leachability methods for vetting options

Context

1982

Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent Guidelines last revised



2005

Annual review spotlights industry, recommends further study



2009

Effluent Point Source Category: Final Detailed Study Report



2012

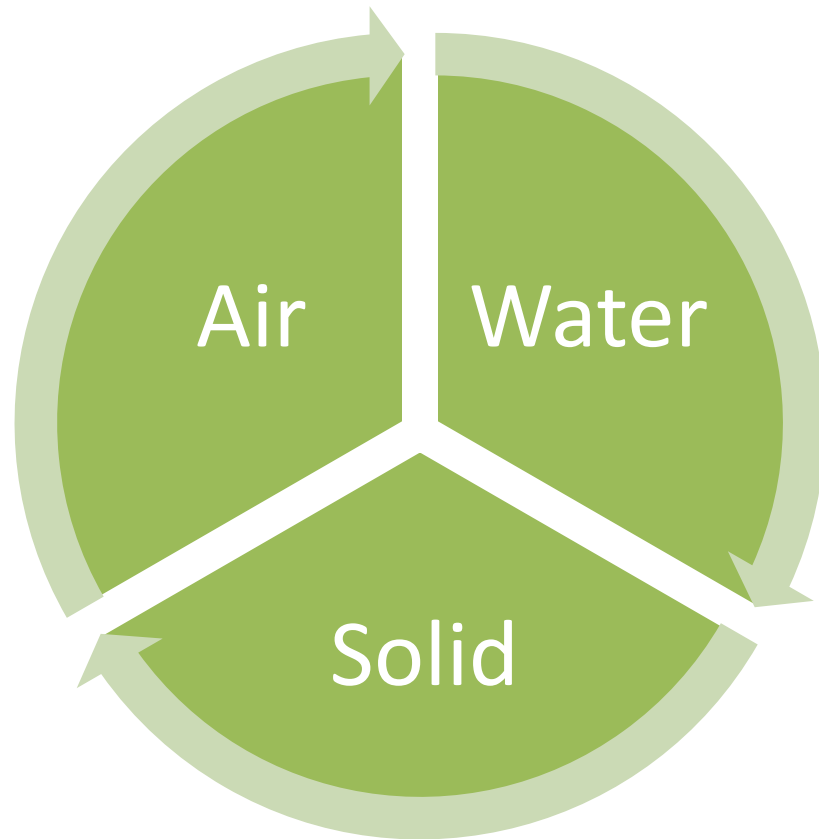
EPA agrees to sign a decision taking action by May 22, 2014



February 8, 2013

EPA provides status report – interagency review ongoing

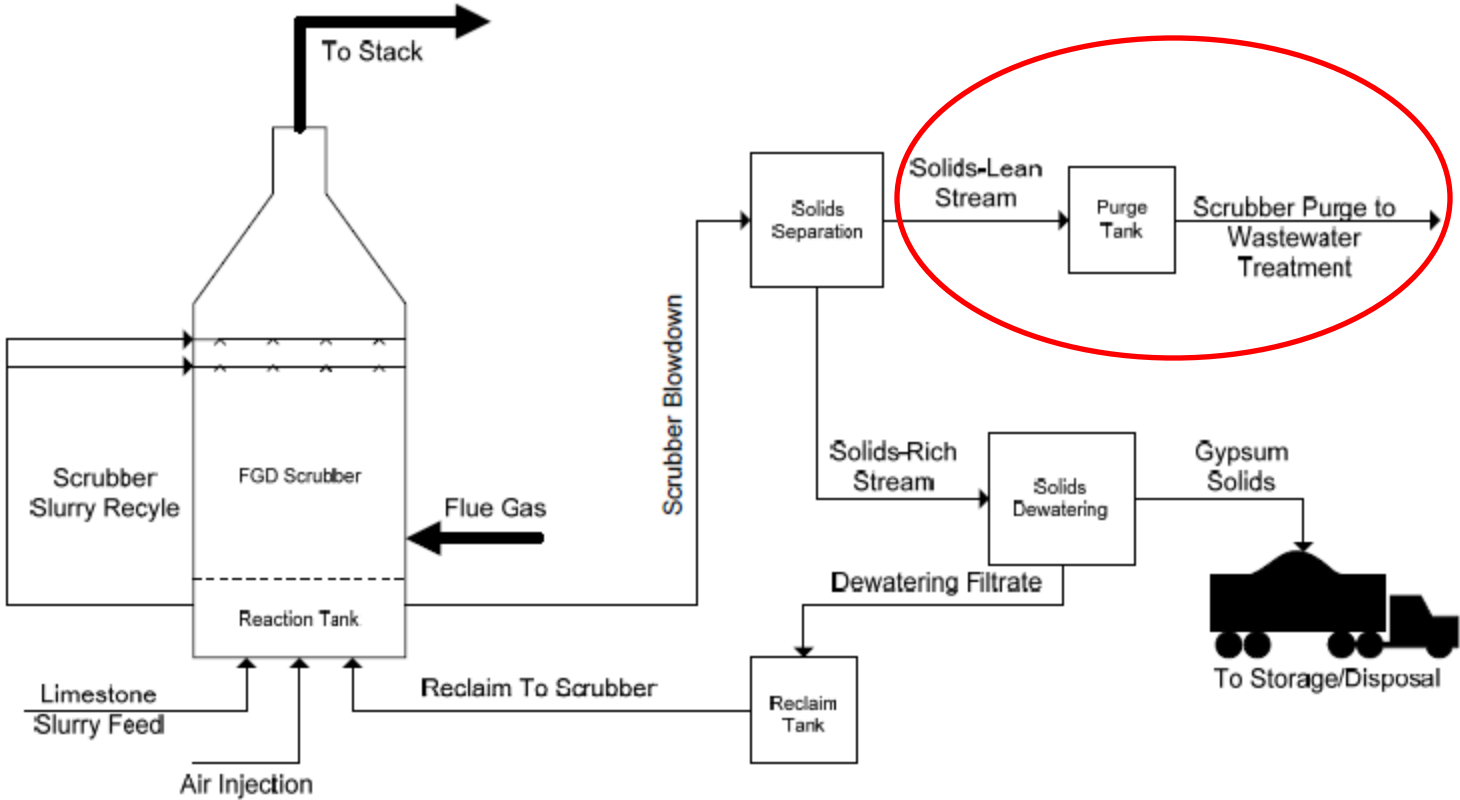
Trend: Contaminant Sequestration into Solid Phase



**Steam Electric Power Generating
Point Source Category:
Final Detailed Study Report**

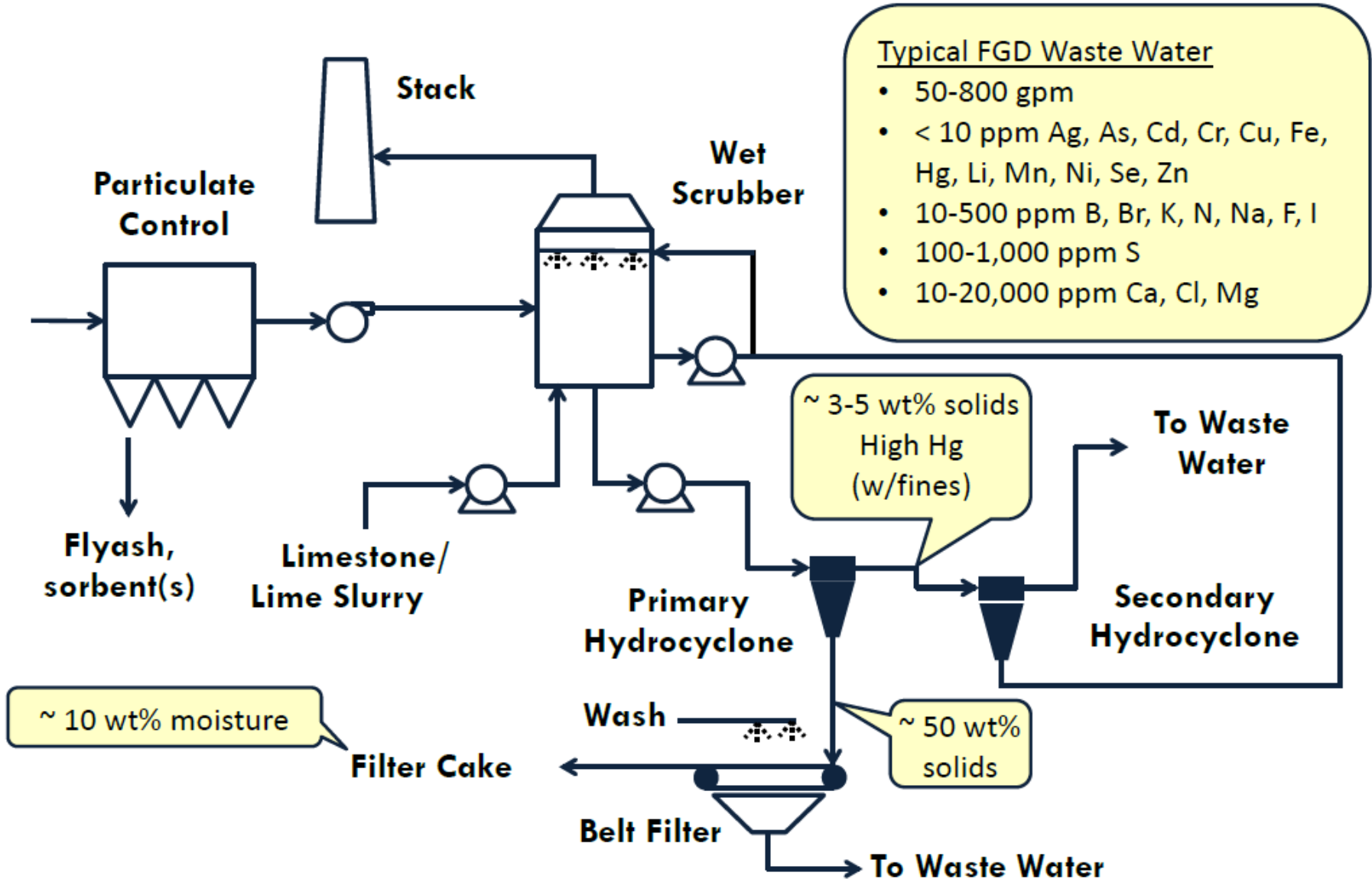


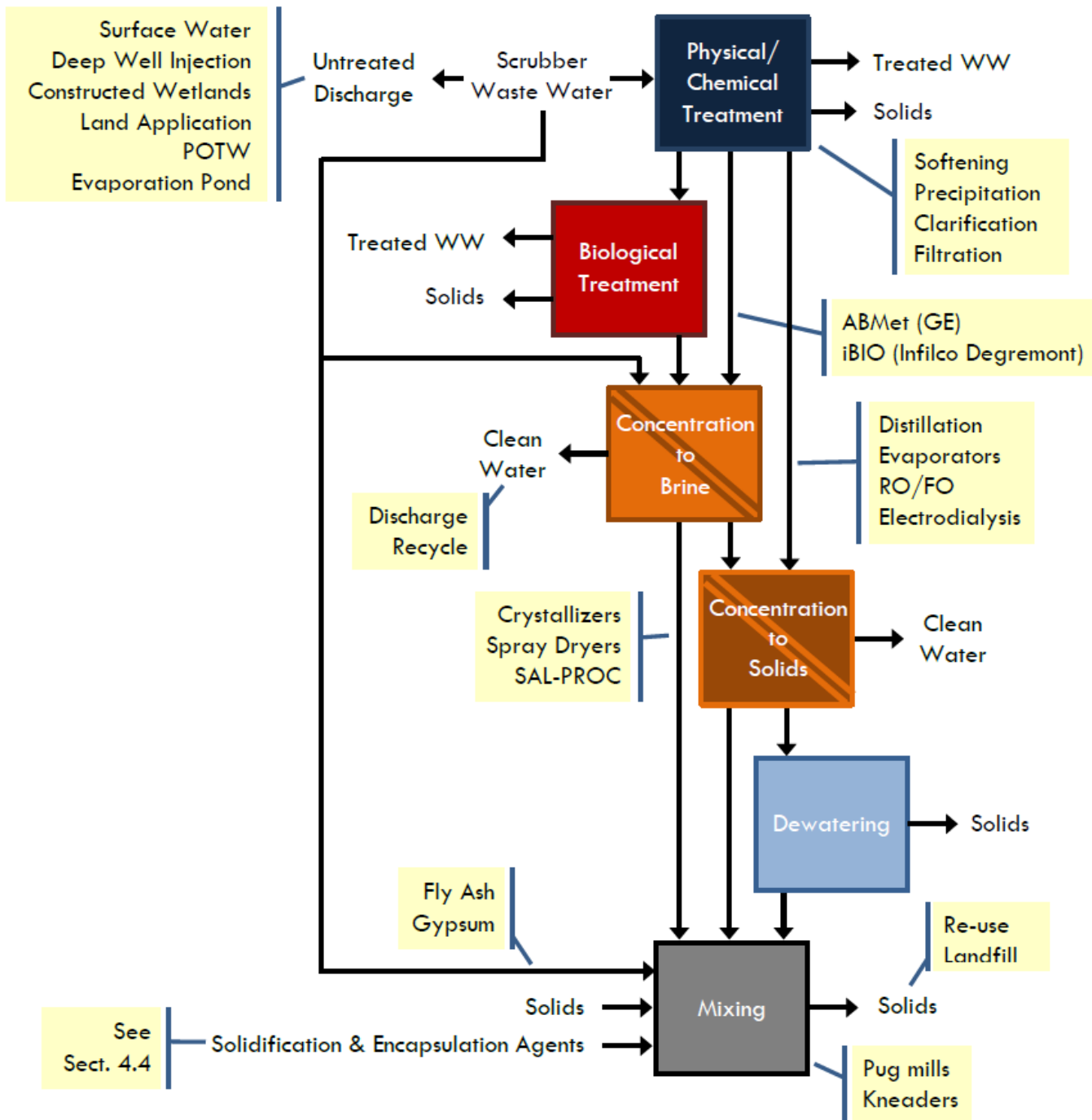
General Process Flow



Source: SEPG Point Source Category: Final Detailed Study Report

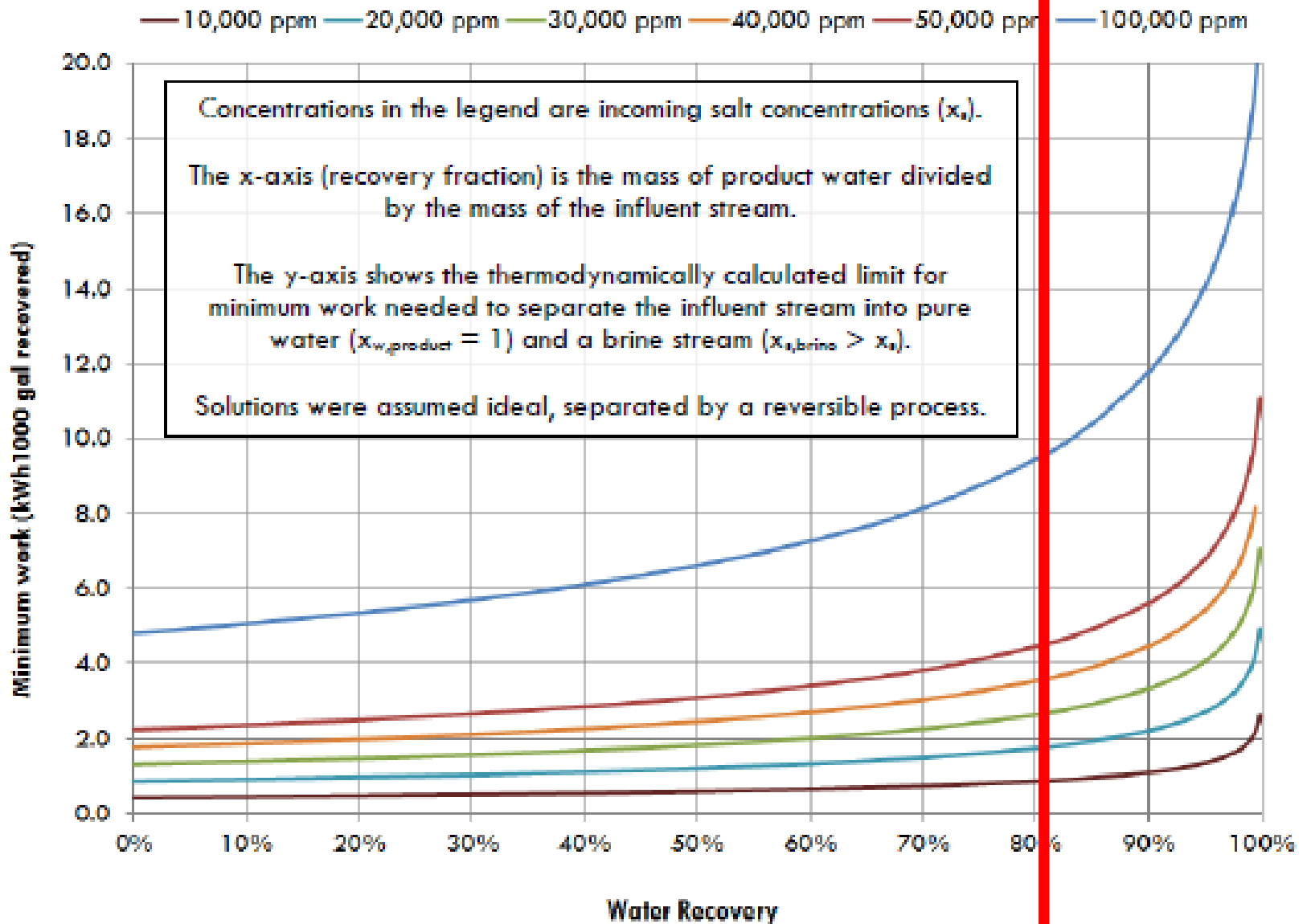
Scrubber Blowdown vs. Wastewater



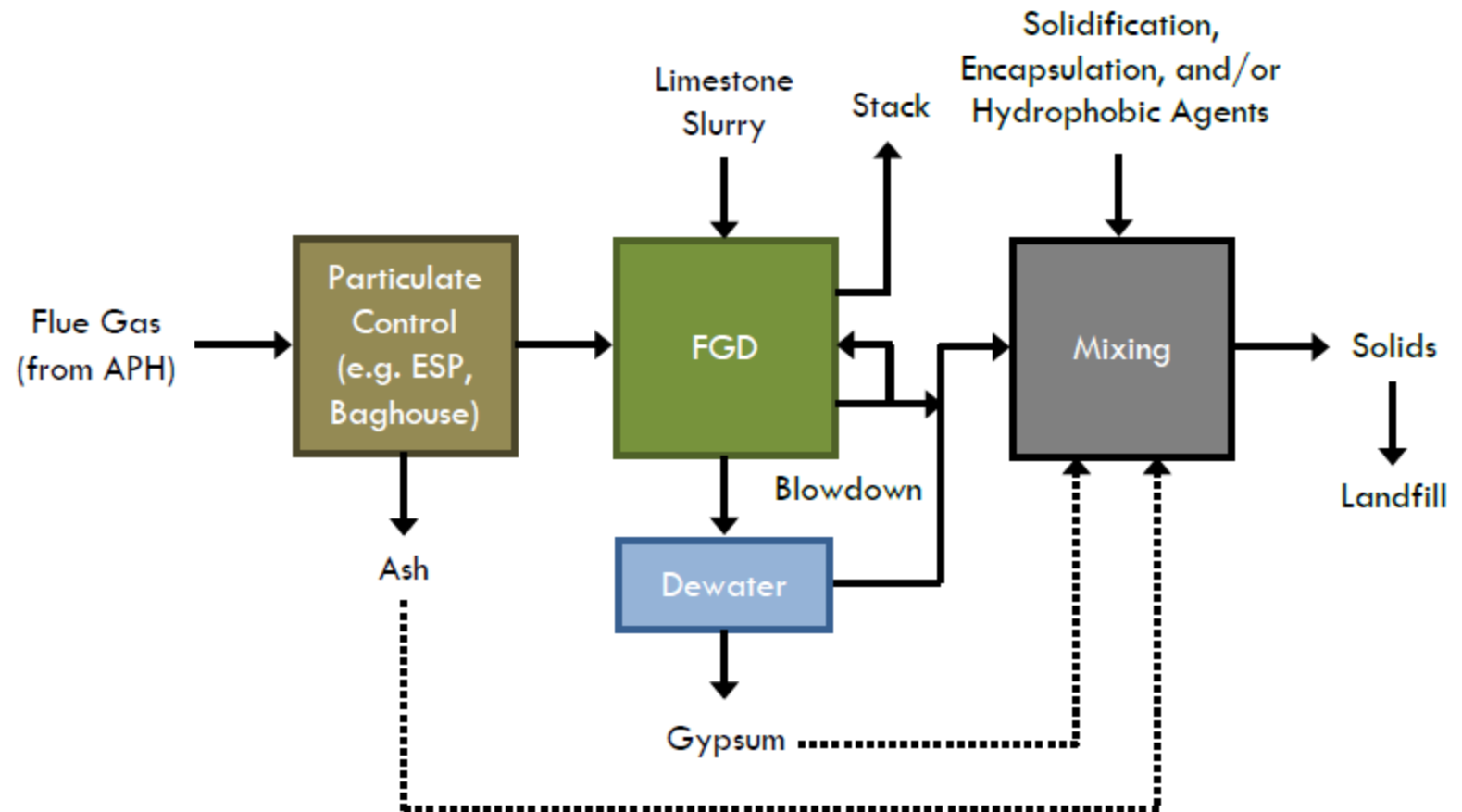




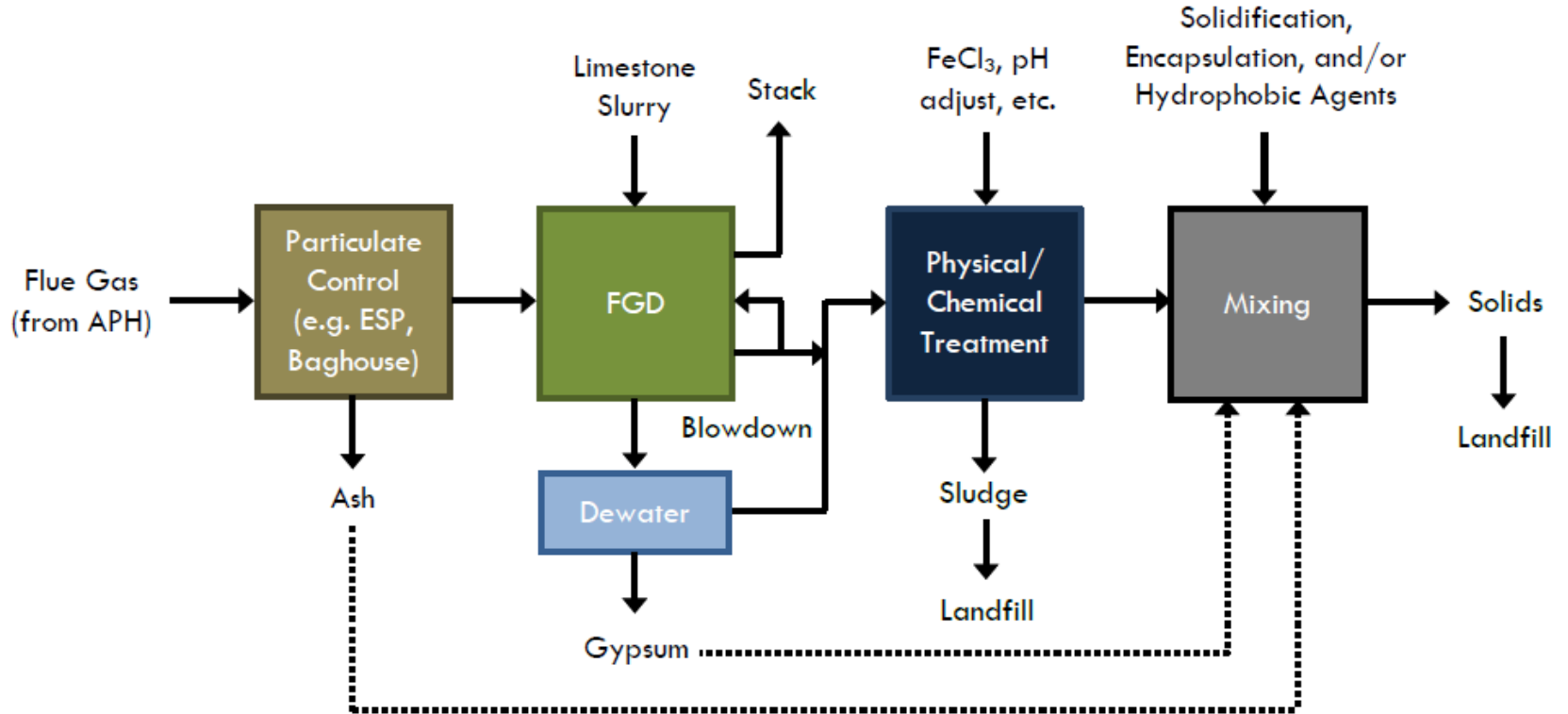
	Assumptions	Calculations
Scrubber WW Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 600 gpm (avg) <i>(estimate supplied by Duke)</i> 8.34 lb/gal <i>(assumes much of the TDS and TSS removed in waste water and underestimates density to be conservative)</i> 	$600 \text{ gpm} \times 8.3 \text{ lb/gal} \times 60 \text{ min/h} \times 24 \text{ h/day} = 7.21 \text{M lb/day}$ <i>as scrubber waste water</i>
Concentrated Scrubber WW Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85% water recovery <i>(e.g. from reverse osmosis)</i> 	$7.21 \text{M lb/day} \times 15\% = 1.08 \text{M lb/day}$ <i>as conc. scrubber waste water</i>
Estimated Plant btu Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,240 MW @ 37.8% heat rate <i>(from Duke external publications)</i> 	$2,240 \text{ MW} \times 24 \text{ h/day} \times 3.412 \times 10^6 \text{ btu/MWh} \times (1/0.378) = 4.85 \times 10^{11} \text{ btu/day}$ <i>consumed from coal</i>
Estimated Fly Ash Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11,500 btu/lb 10% ash <i>(assume a relatively low btu bituminous coal with relatively high ash to be conservative – i.e. assume a lot of ash is available as fly ash)</i> 	$4.85 \times 10^{11} \text{ btu/day} \times (1/11,500 \text{ btu/lb}) \times 10\% \text{ ash} = 4.22 \text{M lb/day}$ <i>as fly ash</i>
Moisture wt% (WW + fly ash mix)	$\frac{[\text{wt waste water}]}{[\text{wt waste water} + \text{wt fly ash}]}$	$\frac{[7.21 \text{M lb/day}]}{[7.21 \text{M lb/day} + 4.22 \text{M lb/day}]} = 63 \text{ wt\% moisture for WW+ash mix}$
Moisture wt% (concentrated WW + fly ash mix)	$\frac{[\text{wt conc. waste water}]}{[\text{wt conc. waste water} + \text{wt fly ash}]}$	$\frac{[1.08 \text{M lb/day}]}{[1.08 \text{M lb/day} + 4.22 \text{M lb/day}]} = 20 \text{ wt\% moisture for conc. WW+ash mix}$



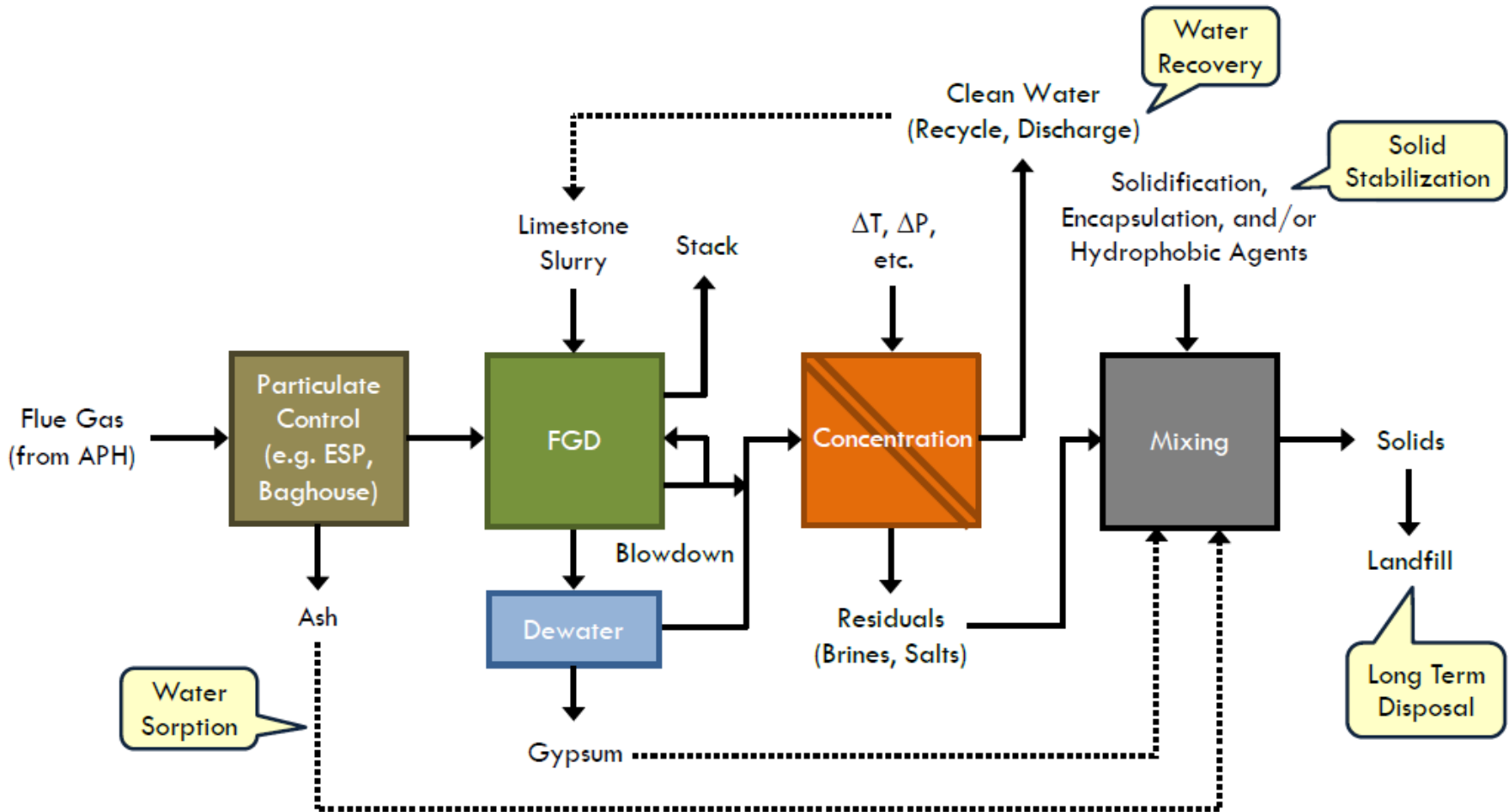
Solidification of Untreated WW



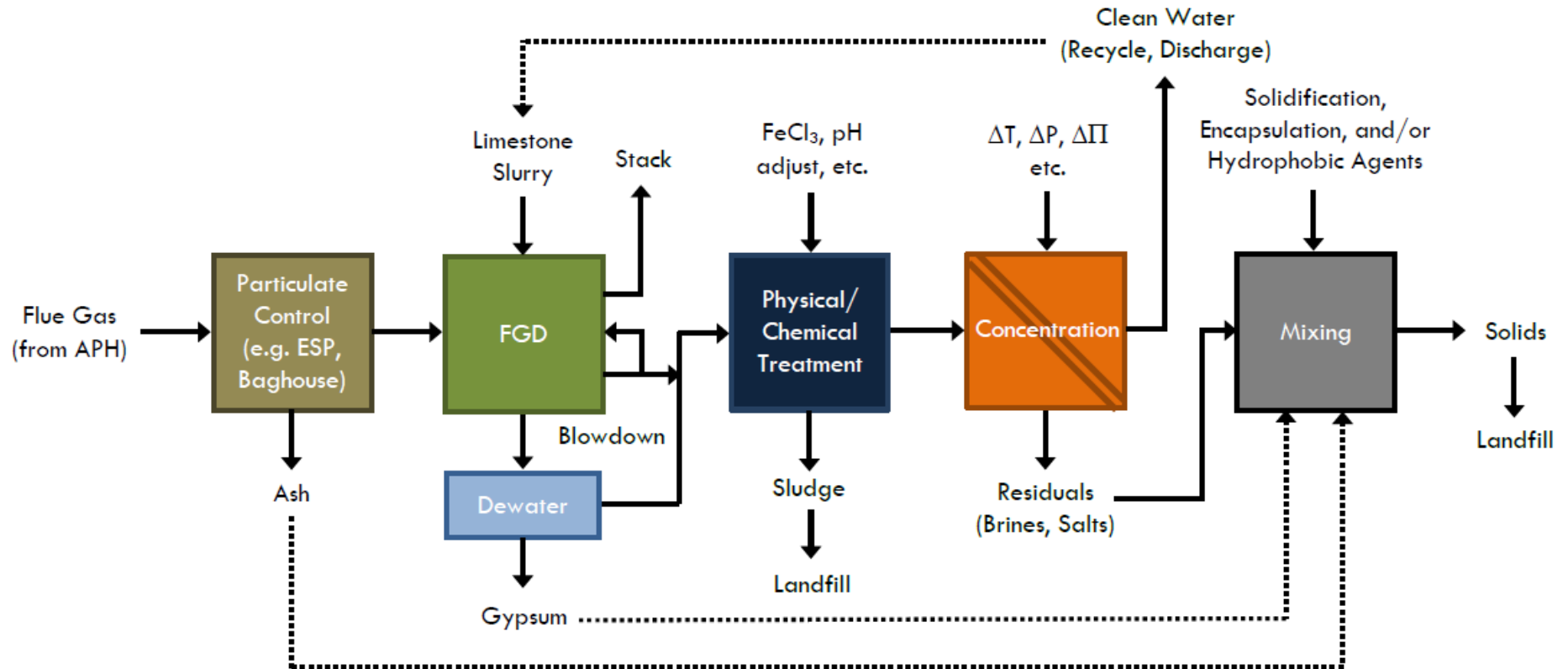
Solidification of Treated WW



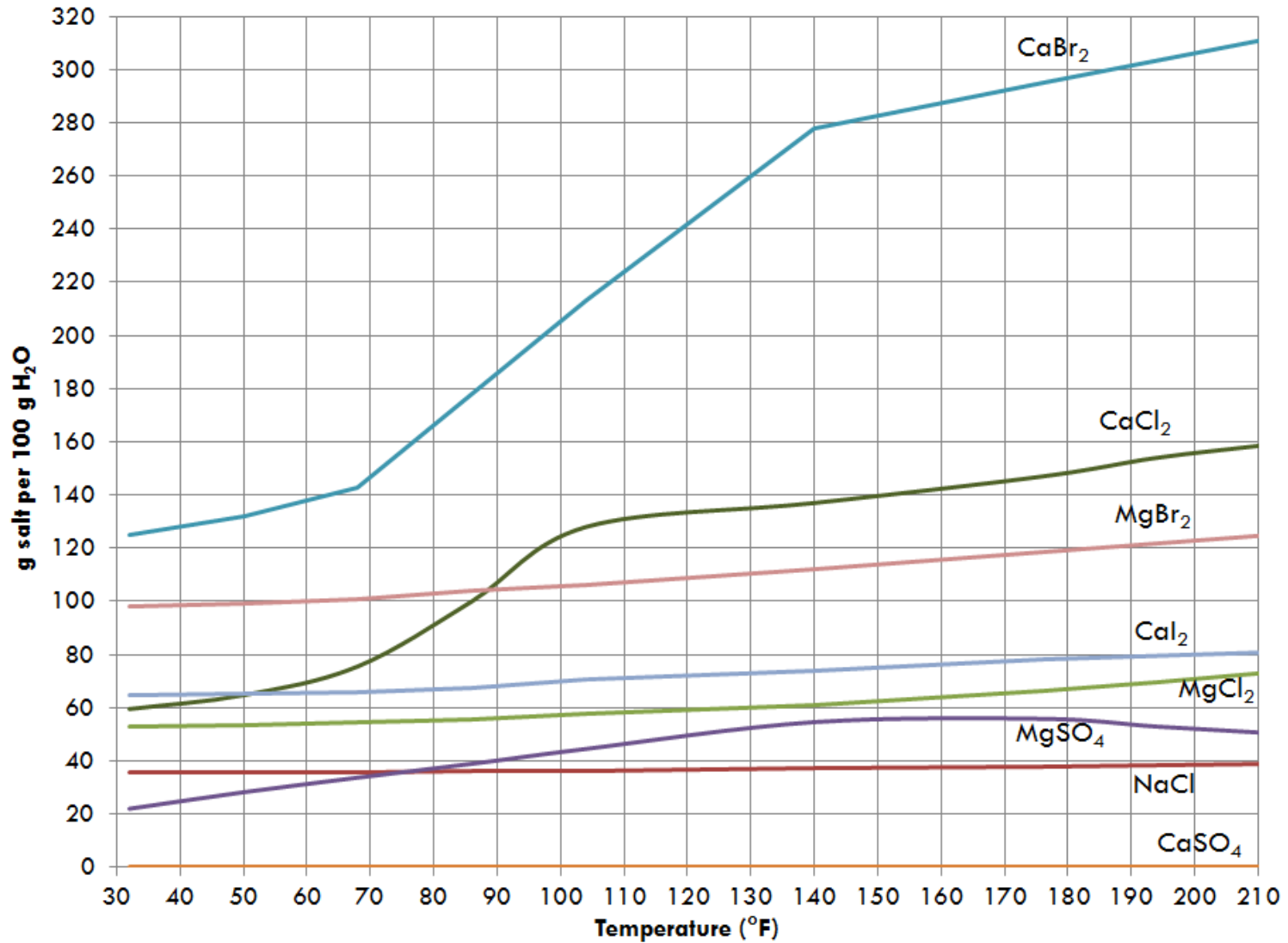
Concentrated, Untreated WW



Concentrated, Treated



Many constituents are quite soluble

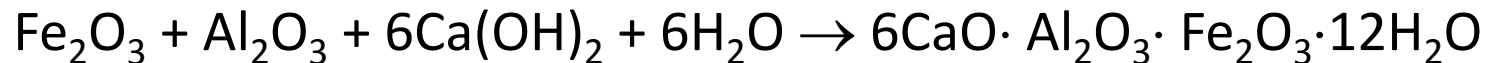
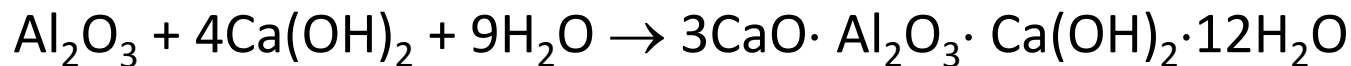
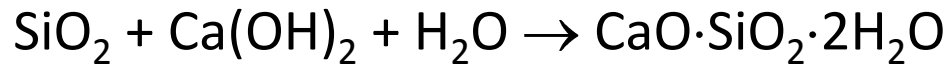


Promising Options

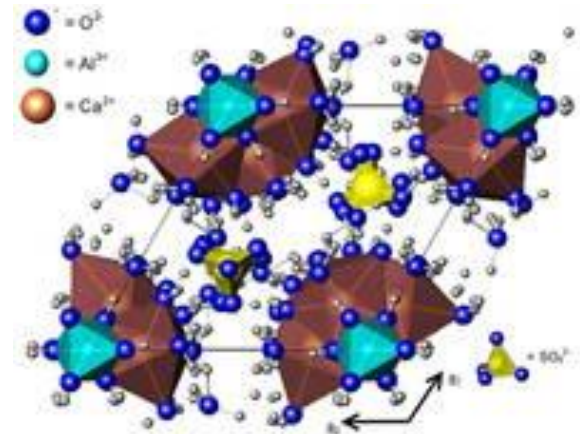
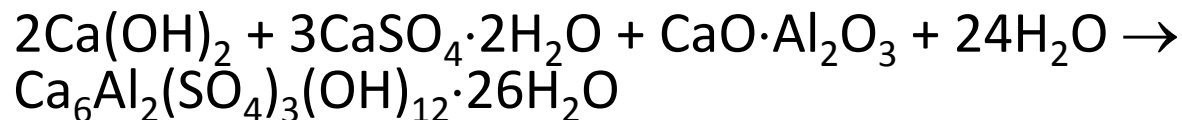
- Poz-o-tec
- Geopolymer
- Organo-silanes
- Tegra-tuff
- Dolocrete

Poz-o-tec

- The mix proportion for Poz-o-Tec stabilization typically ranges from about 0.6 to 1 part fly ash to 1 part FGD material with up to 4% of dry weight lime added to the mixture.



Ettringite:





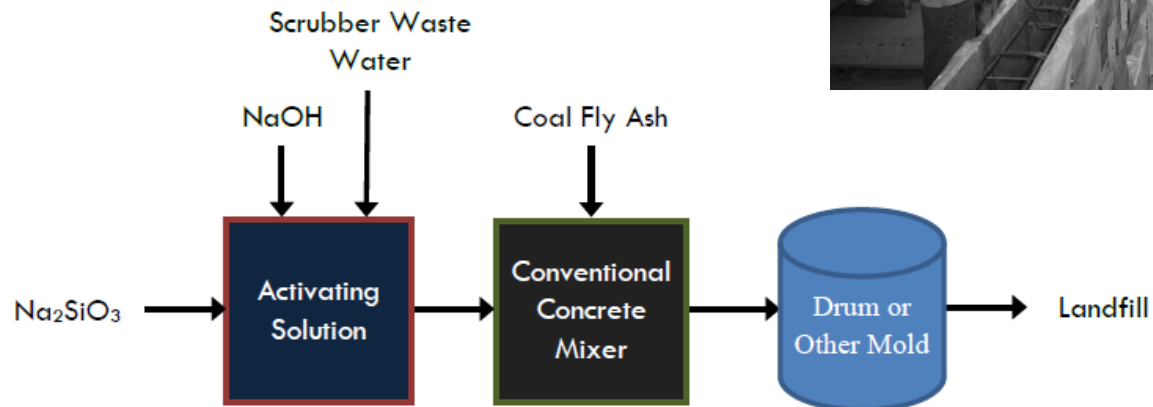
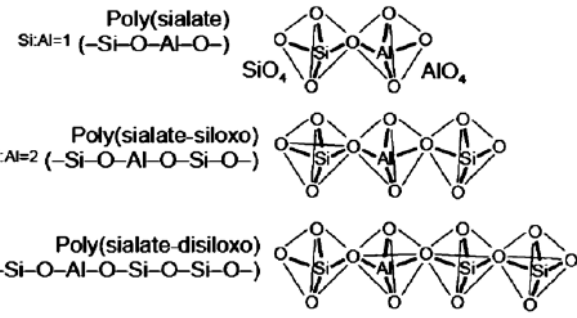
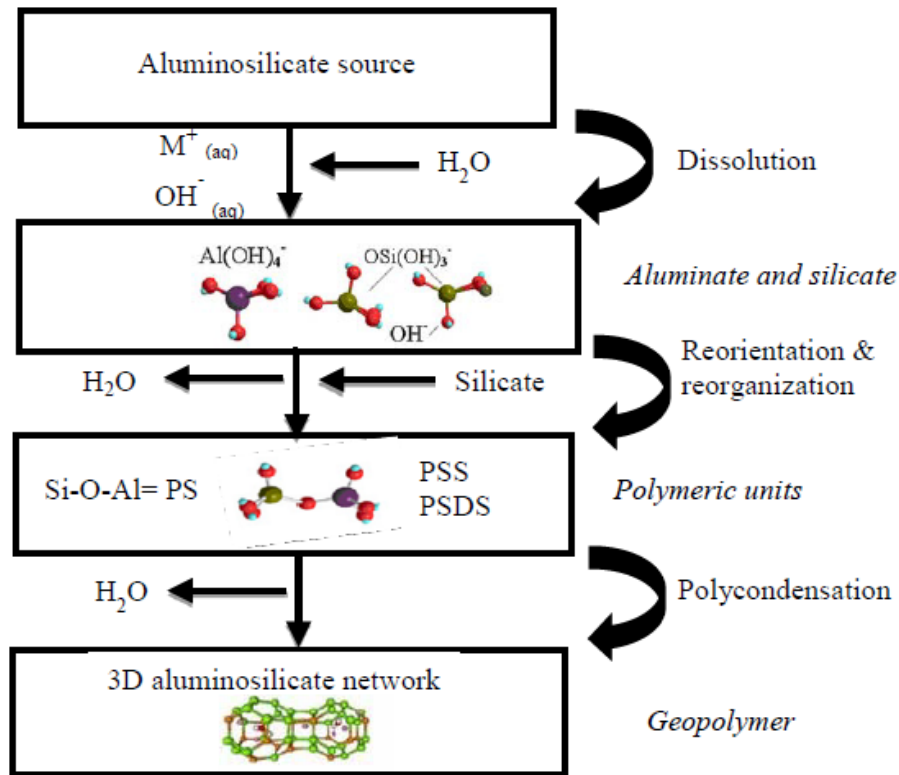
Use concentrated wastewater as molding moisture content



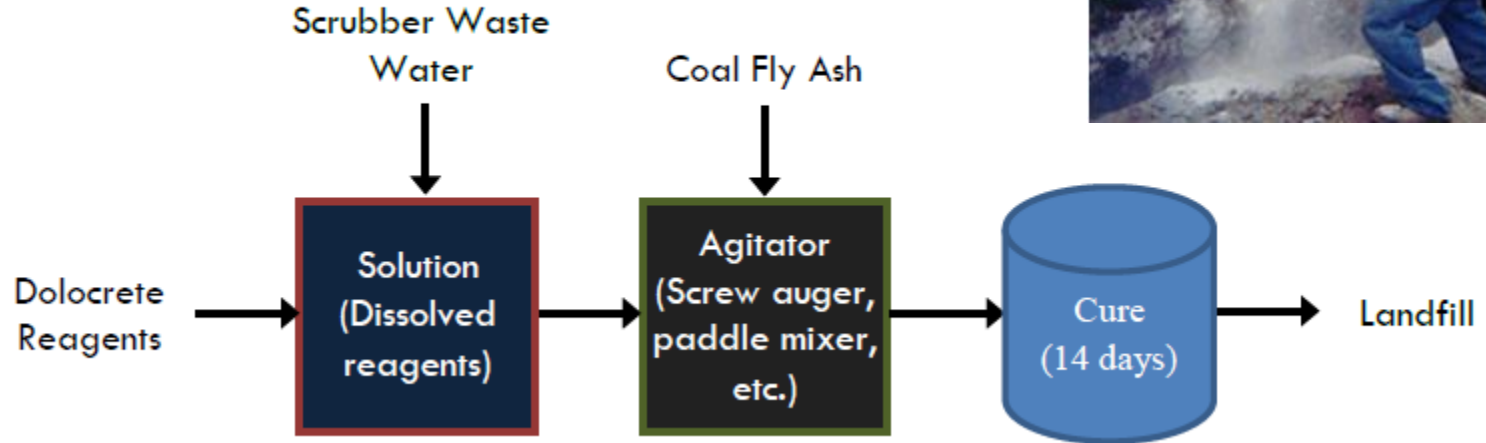
Mix and compact



Geopolymer



Dolocrete

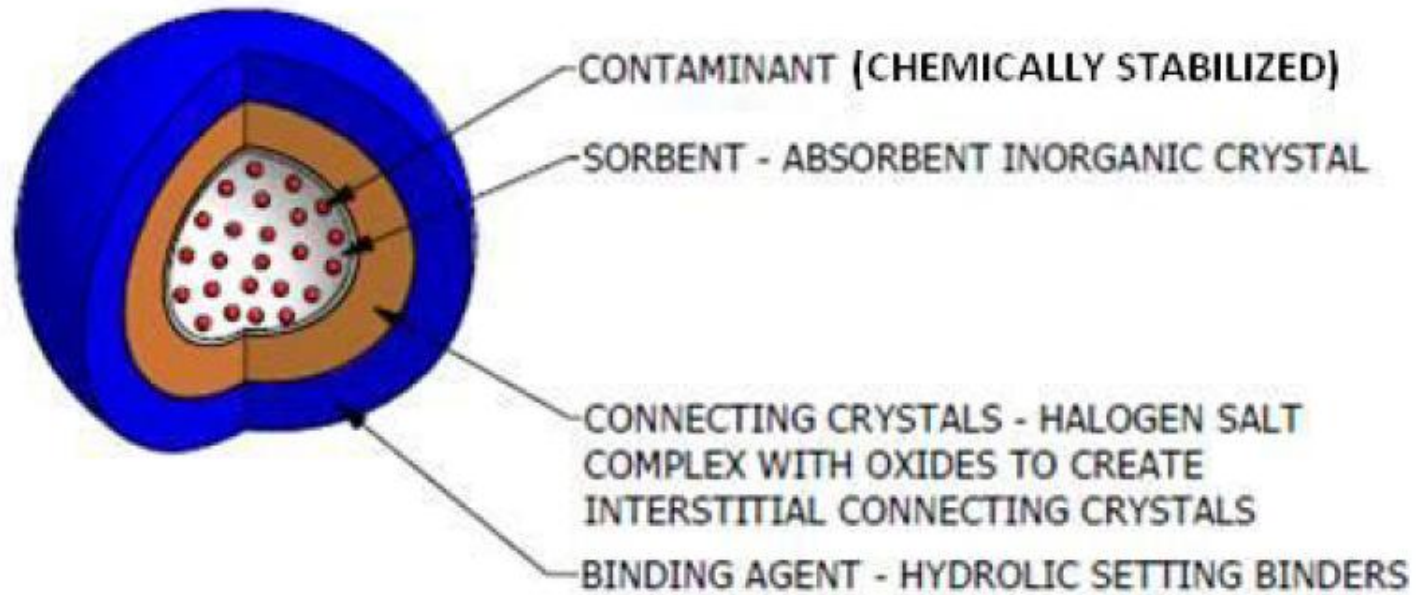


Magnesium oxide based binder, varies from 2:1 to 6:1, solid matrix to binder

Tegratuff



Tegratuff



Tegratuff

- Mix ingredients to form solid or semi-solid
- Adjustable strength and permeability
- Ingredients are proprietary, mix design is modeled ahead of time



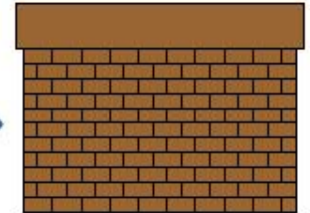
Tegratuff



Mixing Process



Treated "green" ash blocks



Use at other Duke Plants



Off site non haz disposal



Treated Bulk non haz



On-site non haz disposal



Organo-silanes

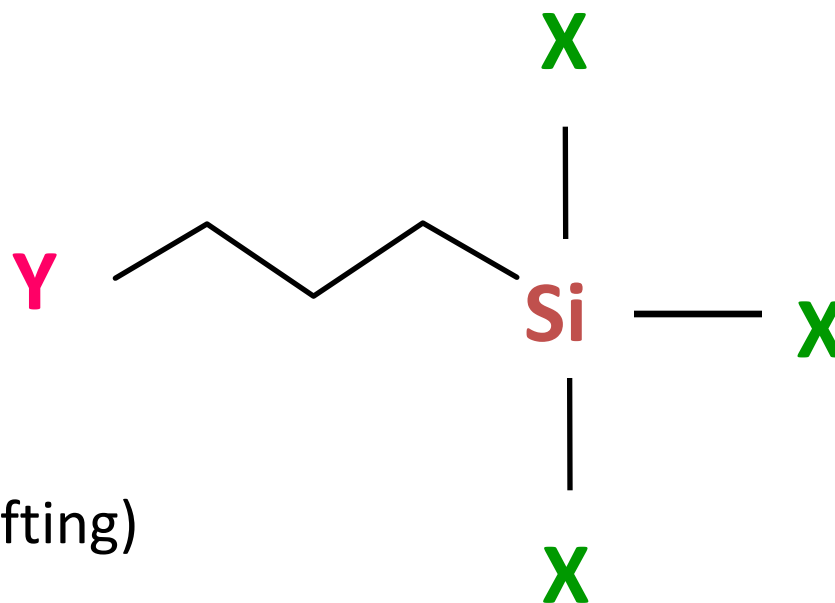
Clear and initially water soluble

Doesn't form a film

Doesn't bind particles together

Covalent bonding mechanism (grafting)

Renders surfaces water repellent (hydrophobic)



Y = "Organofunctional" group

X = "Silicon-functional" group

Organo-silanes

Untreated SiO₂ Particle Surface

Immediate water entry (- ψ_w)

Treatment with Organo-Silane (OS)

Barrier to water entry (+ ψ_w)

The diagram illustrates the chemical structure of the SiO₂ surface and the reaction with an organo-silane. The untreated surface is shown as a network of silicon (Si) and oxygen (O) atoms. The organo-silane (OS) is represented as a molecule with a silicon atom bonded to an organic group (R) and three other groups (X). The reaction results in the organo-silane being covalently bonded to the SiO₂ surface, forming a hydrophobic layer.

The photographs show a glass beaker containing a mixture of SiO₂ particles and water. In the untreated case, the particles are submerged, and water enters immediately. In the treated case, the particles are submerged, but water entry is blocked, forming a barrier.

Organo-silanes

$$P = I + ET + RO + \Delta S$$

P = precipitation

I = infiltration

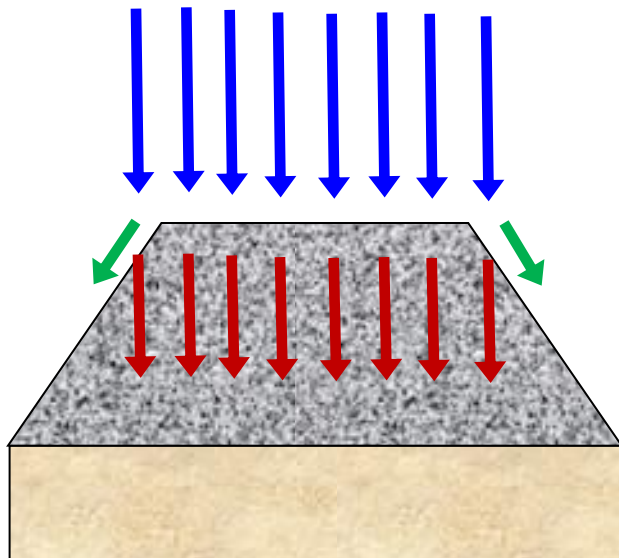
ET = evapotranspiration

RO = runoff

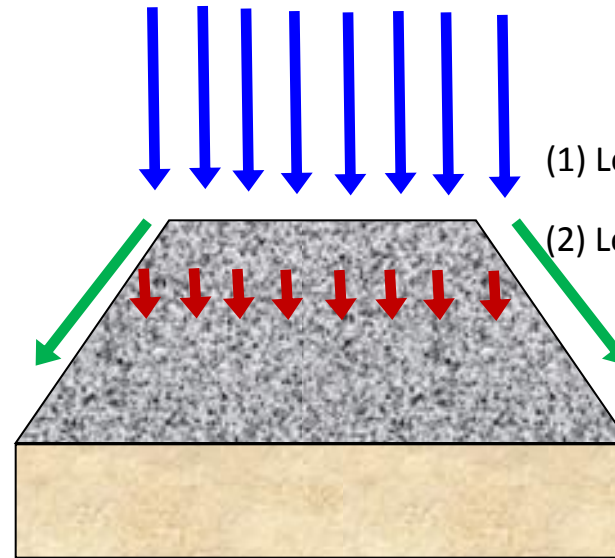
ΔS = change in storage

Infiltration is a function of prevailing capillary gradient (downward)

$$Q = K \psi \left[\left(\frac{h_c - z}{z} \right) + \frac{dh}{dL} \right] A$$



Untreated

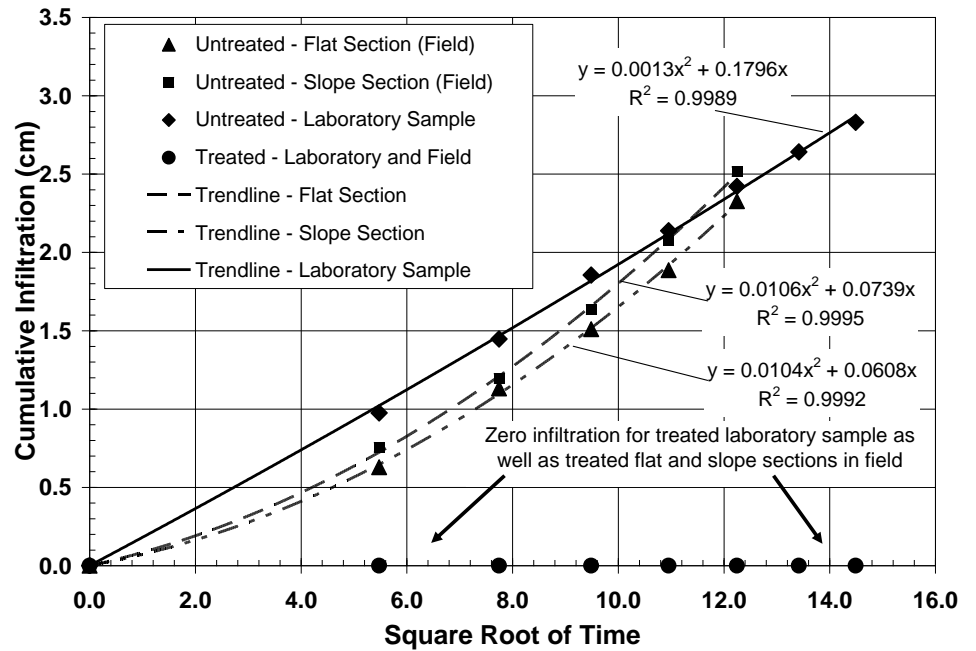


OS Treated

(1) Less exposure to matrix

(2) Less leachable matrix

Organo-silanes





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June 21, 2010

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Part II

Environmental Protection Agency

40 CFR Parts 257, 261, 264 et al.
Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Special Wastes; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Proposed Rule

maximum dry density value.³² This concept, it has been reported, could potentially be taken further with the use of compaction coupled with the addition of organosilanes. According to recent studies, organosilanes could take the hydraulic conductivity to zero.³³ EPA solicits comments on the effectiveness of such additives, including any analysis that would reflect long-term performance, as well as the appropriateness of a performance standard that would allow such control measures in lieu of composite liners. EPA has also observed that surface impoundments are often placed right next to surface water bodies which may present complex subsurface environments not considered by the

compactive force. The maximum dry density value (or maximum achievable dry density value) is determined by dividing the mass of the compacted material (weight divided by the gravitational force) by the volume of the compacted material.

³³“Organosilane Chemistry: A Water Repellant Technology for Coal Ash and Soils,” John L. Daniels, Mimi S. Hourani, and Larry S. Harper, 2009 World of Coal Ash Conference. Available at <http://www.flyash.info/2009/025-daniels2009.pdf> and in the docket to this proposal.

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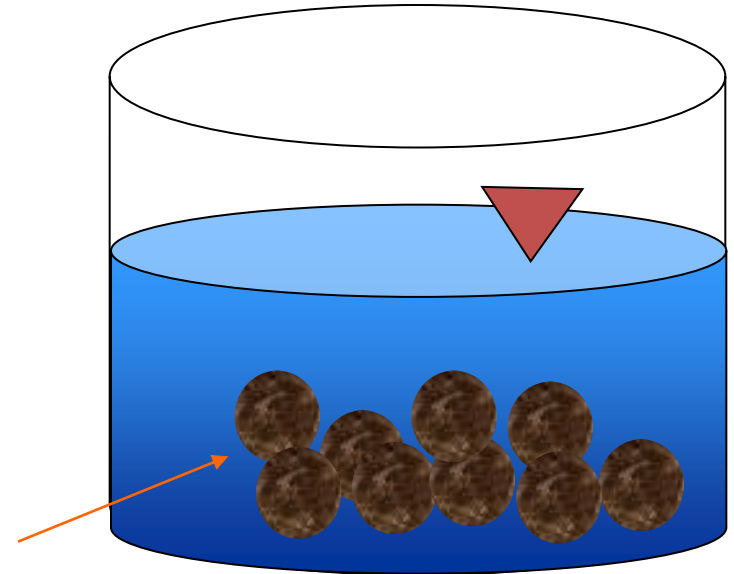
³⁴Guidance
Coal-Fired
Institute, 19
proposal.

Evaluating Leaching Behavior

Field Reality



*Lab Analogue
(batch format)*



Leaching constituent
(e.g., soil, ash, etc.)

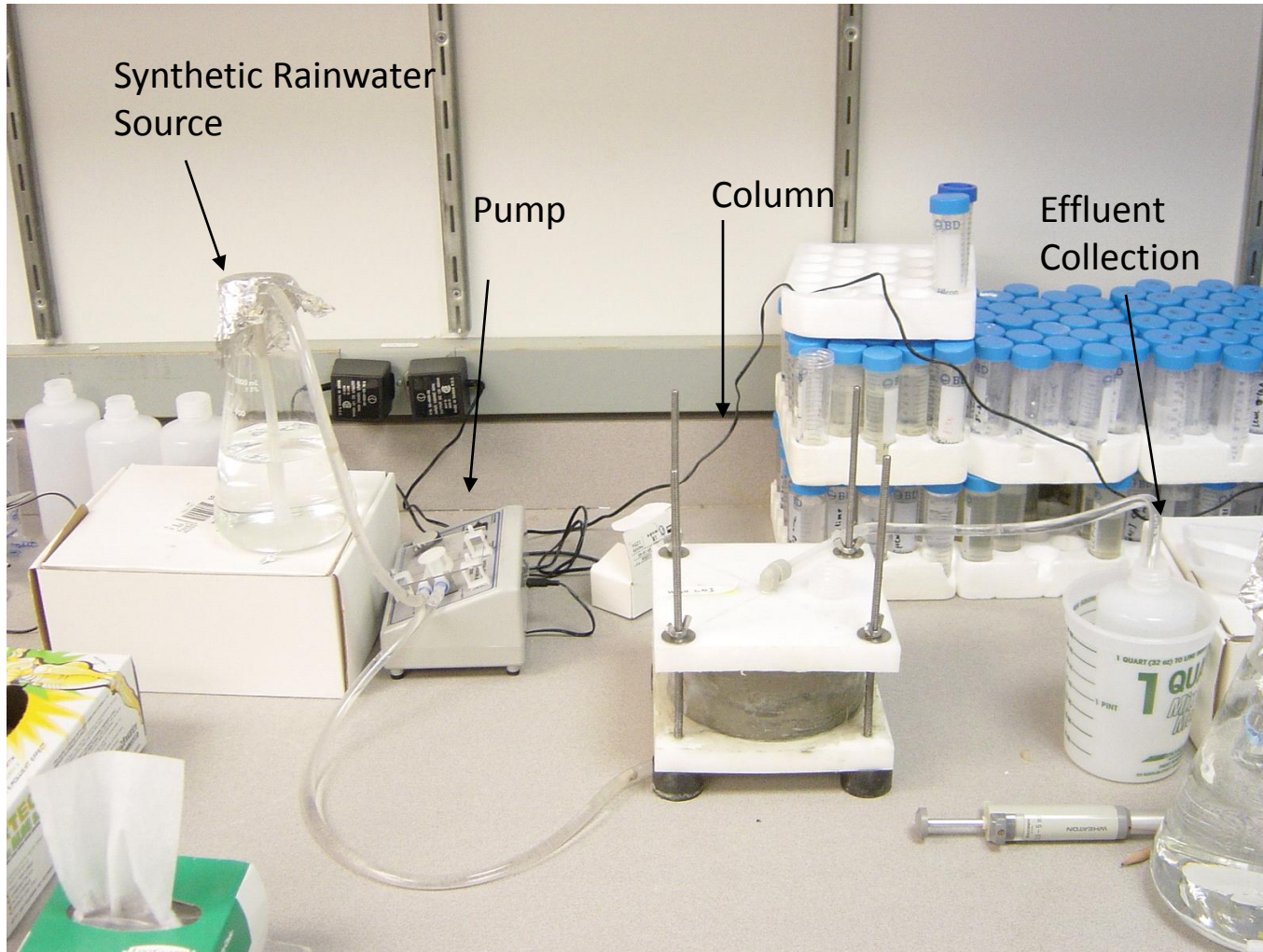
Leachability

- Over sixty different leach procedures exist
- Batch (e.g., SPLP, TCLP, EP Tox) and Column testing are most common methods
- New Leaching Environmental and Assessment Framework (LEAF):

LEAF Method	Title	Output
1313	pH-dependence	Contaminant leachability at a liquid to solid ratio of 10:1 for pH values 2-13.
1314	Percolation column	Contaminant leachability as a function of column percolation, flowrate set to achieve a rate of liquid to solid ratio of 0.75/day
1315	Mass transfer rates	Contaminant mass transfer coefficients for diffusion-controlled conditions
1316	Batch liquid to solid ratio	Contaminant leachability at a liquid to solid ratio of 10, 5, 2, 1 and 0.5 at the “natural” pH of the material.

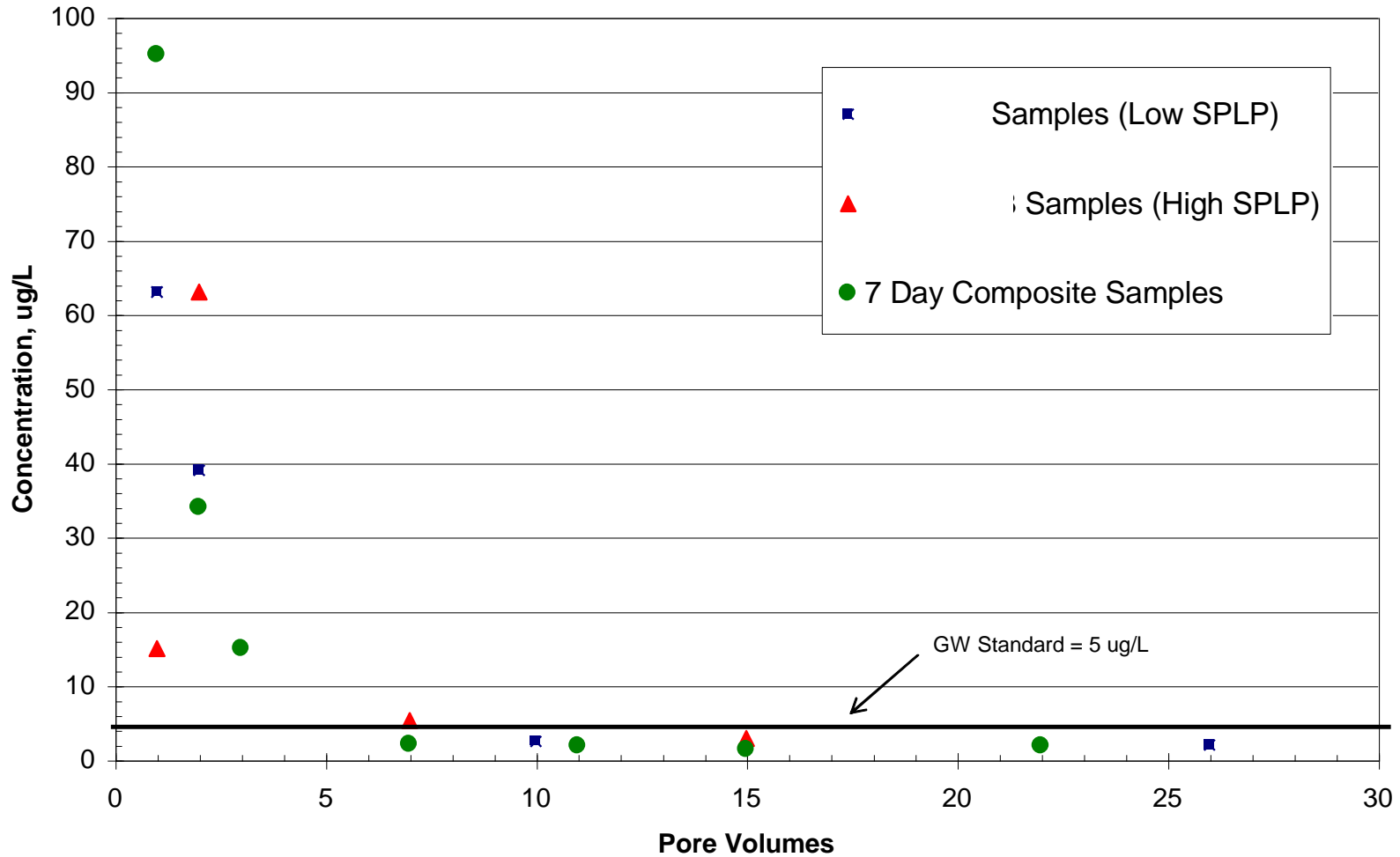
Notes: See <http://devmconnors.com/leaf/downloads/test-methods/> for test methods and data templates.

Column Leach Testing



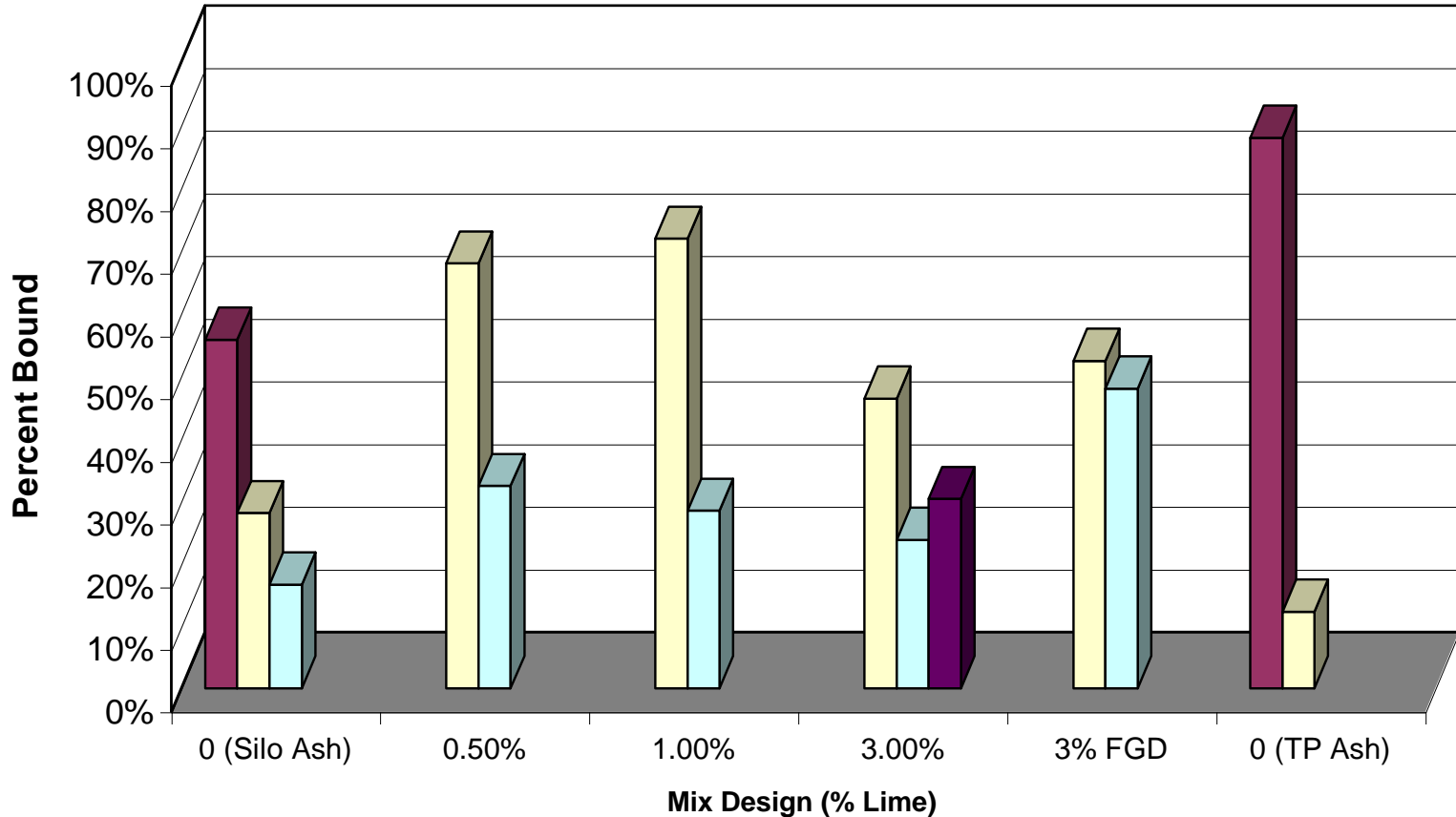
Typical Leachate Data

Column Leach Test - Cadmium



Typical Leachate Data

Laboratory Mixed - Sequential Extraction - Cadmium



Water soluble

Exchangeable and specifically adsorbed

Bound as an oxide or hydroxide

Oxidizable

Residual, bound as part of mineral structure

Parameter <i>(all values in mg/L, except pH)</i>	Fly Ash	FGD gypsum (unstabilized)	FGD gypsum (stabilized with Poz-O-Tec®)
pH	4-6	6-8.5	9.5-11.5
TDS	4000-6000	16,000-20,000	700-1800
SO ₄ ²⁻	800-1200	7000-10,000	300-850
Arsenic	0.01-0.20	≤ 0.02	0.003-0.02
Barium	< 0.50	< 0.50	< 0.50
Cadmium	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
Chloride	30-40	-	60-120
Chromium	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Copper	2-6	-	0.10 – 0.50
Fluoride	-	-	< 1.0
Iron	80-150	-	< 0.20
Lead	0.20 – 0.50	< 0.10	< 0.05
Manganese	-	-	< 0.05
Mercury	< 0.002	< 0.001	< 0.001
Nitrate	-	-	< 0.50
Selenium	< 0.06	< 0.06	< 0.01
Silver	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Zinc	7-9	-	< 0.10

¹ASTM Standard Leach Test, 48 hour shake procedure

Evaluating Leaching Behavior

- Relating Leaching Data to Source Durations
 - All materials are exhaustible
 - Compare volume of precipitation in field to volume of leaching solution used in lab to make predictions of time-dependent leaching
 - Compare ratios:
 - Lab Leachant Volume / Solid Mass
 - Field Leachant Volume / Solid Mass
 - [Field Leachant Volume = $f(\text{infiltration}) = f(\text{time})$]
 - Develop relationship between leached concentration in short period of time (in lab) to concentrations leached over many decades

Parting Thoughts

- **Costs really depend on plant and design basis**
 - Reduce leachability to zero?
 - Cover/liner type configuration?
- **Straightforward, yet plant specific testing required**
- **Data forthcoming**