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# Re-use and Recovery Technologies

A presentation for Wastewater – Ash/PCUG

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Effluent Limitations  
Guidelines EPA 40  
CFR Part 423

316(b)

CCR

Se, Hg, As



ZLD



**Case Studies**

Proce\$\$

Improvement

Water Resource  
Solutions for Power

I&C and Automate  
Pump Seal Water  
Strategies to Reduce

**E3 Approach:**  
Engineering  
Environment  
Economics



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Fill the Data Gap

H<sub>2</sub>O Engineering PFD

H<sub>2</sub>O Chemistry, Q

Permit Restrictions

**HOW H<sub>2</sub>O is used for  
Power Production**

**Power Generation  
Support**

Pretreatment - Rocks & Rags  
Primary Treatment - TSS, pH, O&G  
Secondary Treatment - Metals, BOD  
Advanced Treatment - TDS, Metals  
RESIDUALS

**Options: Re-Use, Recovery, Treatment**

Complexity - \$

ZLD: MVC  
Flue gas H2O  
Biological Units  
RO  
DI  
DAF  
Chemical  
Lamella Clarifiers  
Circular Clarifiers  
Grit Chambers  
pH

Recovery

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Re-use

Modeling  
Direct  
Solids -(BIG)  
Oil  
Organics  
pH  
Salts (precip)  
TSS  
bacteria  
Metals (precip)  
NH4&NO3  
salts (RO)  
Metals (bio or DI)

Complexity - \$

# Wastewater & Power – What? Why? How?

## ► Wastewaters

- FGD Scrubber Water
- Bottom Ash Transport
- Boiler Blowdown
- Cooling Tower Blowdown
- Equipment Washwaters
- Plant washdowns
- Leachate
- Coal-Pile Runoff

## ► Regulations

- 40CFR Part 423 – ELGS for Power Plants
- 316(a)
- State WQBL

## ► Limits on:

As, Hg, Se, Cd, Pb, TSS, TDS, COD, BOD, O&G, PCBs, Cu, Fe, B, pH, Temp, nutrients, NH<sub>4</sub>

## ► Treatment Units

- Lamella Clarifiers
- Circular Clarifiers
- Chemical Precipitation organosulfide and FeCl
- DAF Systems
- Anaerobic Bioreactors
- Sand Filters
- Microfiltration
- RO
- Zero Liquid Discharge (MVC with Crystallizers)
- Belt Filter Press
- Centrifuge
- Constructed Wetlands

# Water Re-use and Recovery – Technologies and Techniques in Play

## ➤ Recovery

- Blowdowns
- Equipment Flushes
- Seal Pump Water
- Vacuum Exhaust Waters
- Backwashes
- Mill Sump water
- Coal Pile Runoff
- Stormwater
- Neutralization Tanks
- Filtrate
- Bottom Ash Dewatering

## ▶ Re-use for

- FGD Scrubber Water
- Pyrite Transport
- Bottom Ash Transport
- Boiler Make-up
- Cooling Tower Make-up
- Equipment Washwater
- Plant service water
- Dust mitigation
- Coal-Pile Dust Control

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# Wastewater Treatment for Power Plant - Secondary

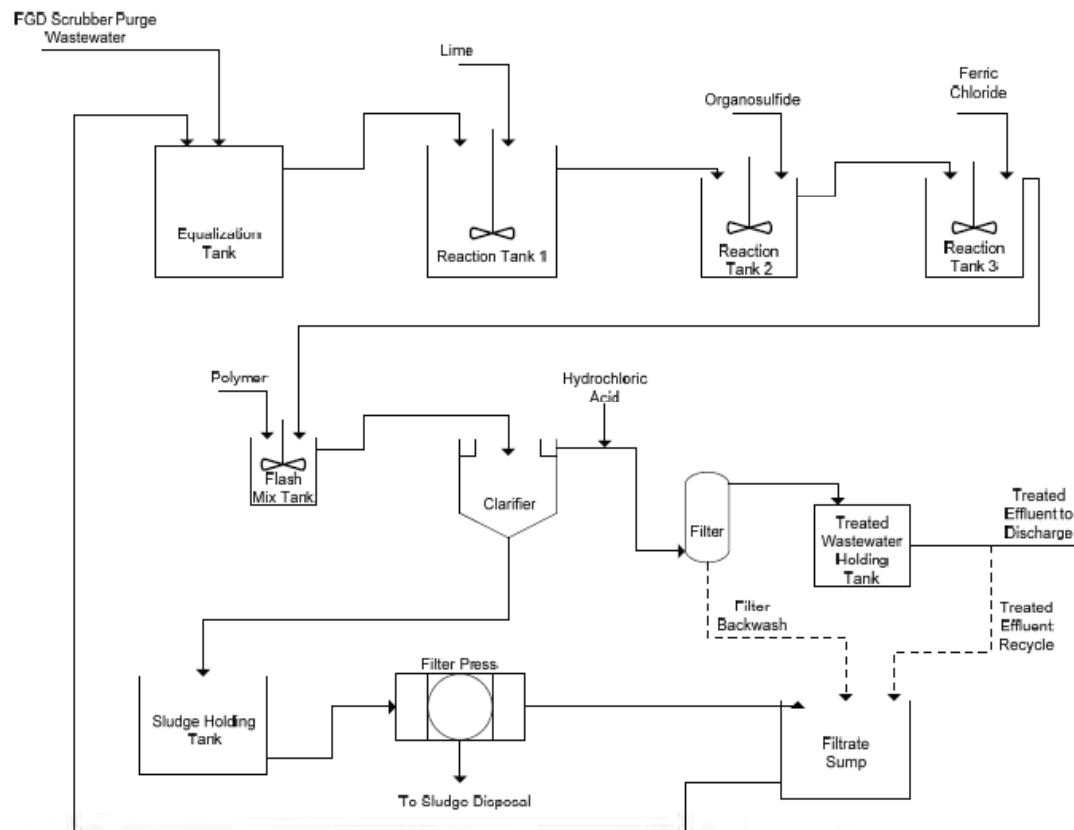


Figure 4-6. Process Flow Diagram for a Hydroxide and Sulfide Chemical Precipitation System

# Wastewater Treatment for Power Plant – Advanced Secondary

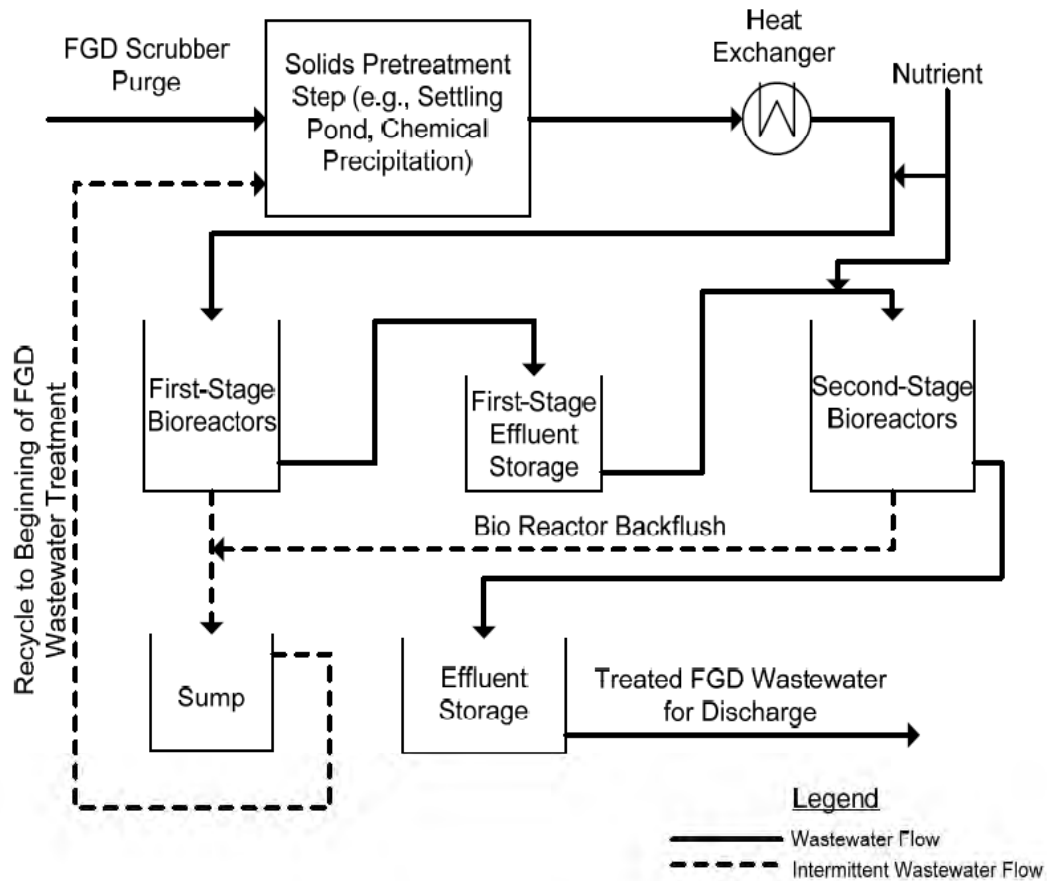


Figure 4-7. Process Flow Diagram for an Anoxic/Anaerobic Biological Treatment System

# Wastewater Treatment & Approaches to Sustainability

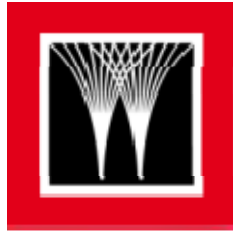
- ▶ Recycle & Re-use – How clean to make the water for recycle and re-use?
  - What level of treatment required?  
Softening, disinfection, pH adjustment, solids removal, etc..
- ▶ Minimization – reduce the amount of water you treat to minimize chemicals, footprint, materials, energy
- ▶ Technology Selection – choice of technology is important to sustainable design: ZLD vs Chemical Precipitation
- ▶ Sustainable Engineering Design – require design to have proven methods of energy efficiency, material conservation, etc.
- ▶ Process Modifications – what changes in process can minimize or eliminate need for wastewater treatment



# Techniques & Technologies - Examples

- Water re-use for cooling towers (boiler blowdowns, contact stormwater, DI backwashes, etc)
- Water re-use for boilers (seal pump water, non-chemical metal cleaning washwaters)
- Water recycle for wetting coal piles
- Water recycle for dust control
- Treatment system automation (I&C)
- Process Automation (I&C)
- Solids dewatering (I&C)
- VFDs – variable frequency drives
- Water and wastewater metering
- Wet bottom ash to dry bottom ash conversion or to recycle water bottom ash





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