

# REINHOLD ENVIRONMENTAL®



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*Sustainable Solutions for Air, Water and Solids*



# UCC Environmental

## Ash Handling Systems Post ELG

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# UCC Environmental

## Corporate Overview



### Air

- Dry Sorbent Injection
- Activated Carbon Injection
- Demonstration Testing



### Water

- High Purity Water Treatment
- Water Recycle & Reuse
- Minimum Liquid Discharge
- Water Balance Optimization
- Industrial Water & Wastewater Treatment
- Stormwater Management
- Landfill Leachate Treatment
- Chemical Supply & Injection

### Solids

- Pneumatic
- Mechanical
- Vibratory
- Hydraulic
- High-Wear Performance Parts
- System Components

- **Established in 1920**
- **4,500+ Installations**
- **60+ Countries**
- **2.5B Ton of Ash Removed**
- **650M Pounds of Pollutants Removed**
- **1B Gallons of Wastewater Treated**



### Locations

- US
- Germany
- India
- China

### Services

- Product Development
- Technology Lab
- 3D Measurement
- Pipe Support Engineering
- Control Upgrades and Integration Services
- Electrical Power Supply Design/Supply



**HEADQUARTERS:**  
Waukegan, IL

**MANUFACTURING:**  
Pleasant Prairie, WI

# UCC Environmental

## Main Areas of Focus



# AGENDA

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Bottom Ash Systems Overview

Typical Bottom Ash Recirculation Systems

EPA ELG Quick Overview

Maintenance and Operations Post ELG

# Bottom Ash Systems Overview

## Bottom Ash Hopper

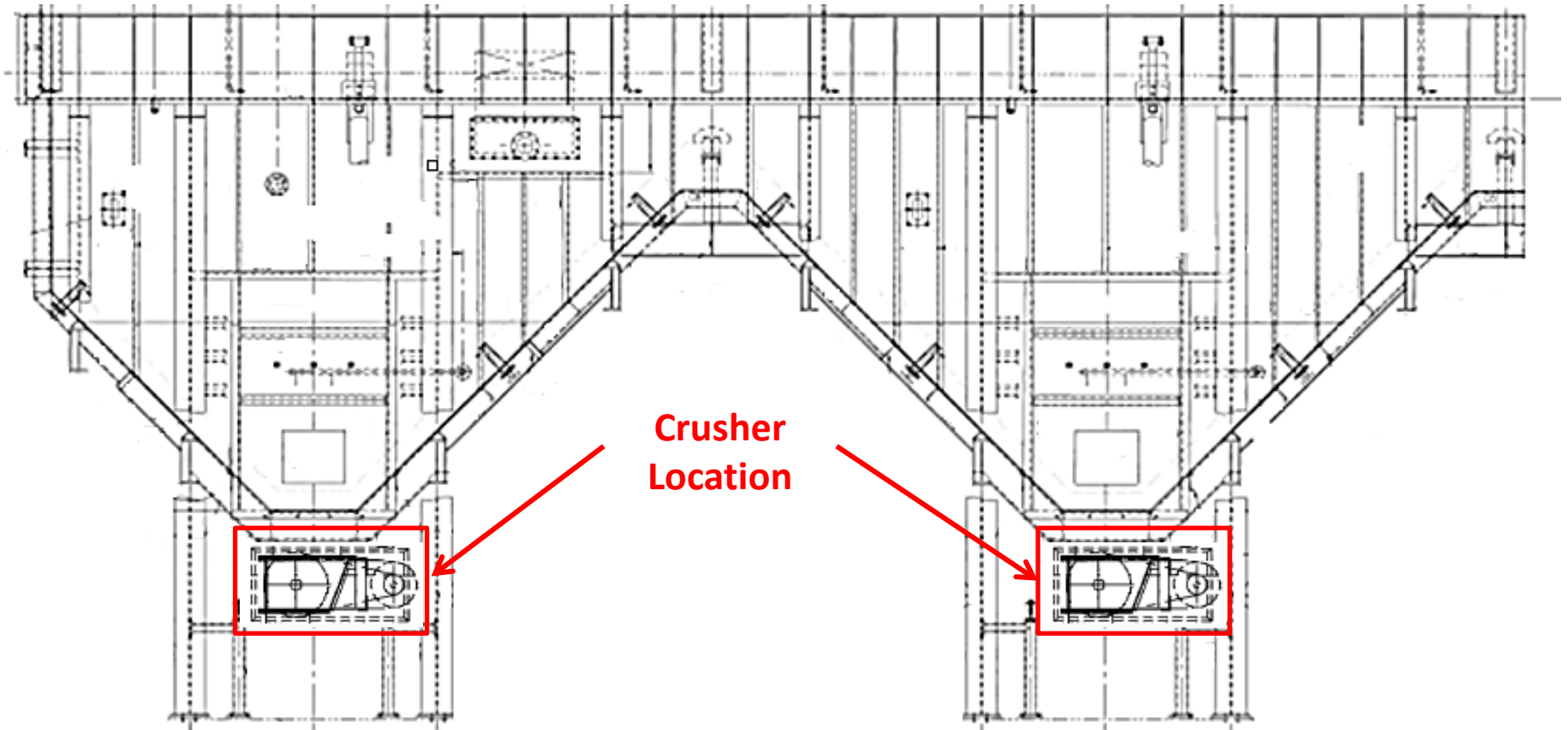


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## Product Overview

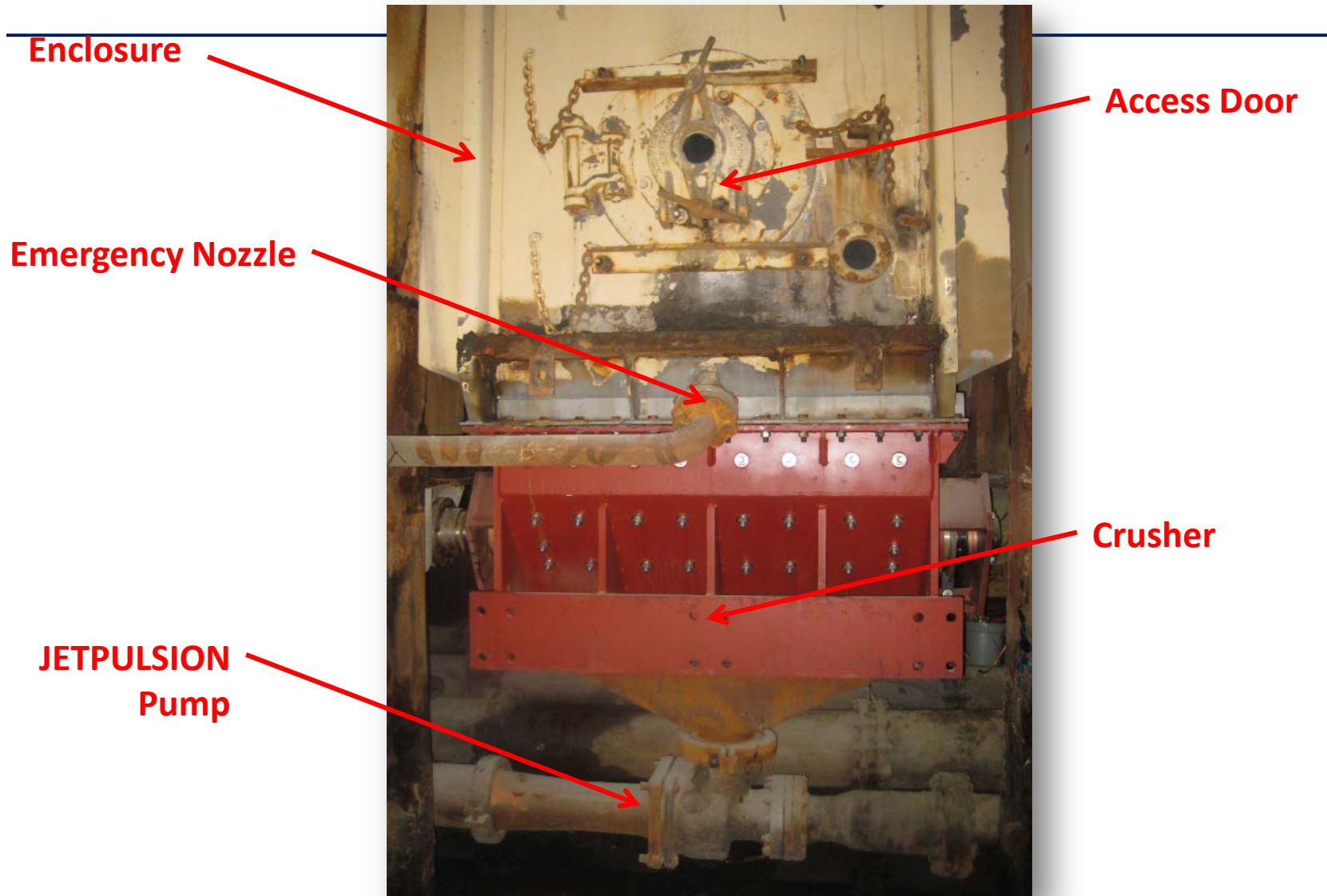


### Water Impounded Bottom Ash Hopper



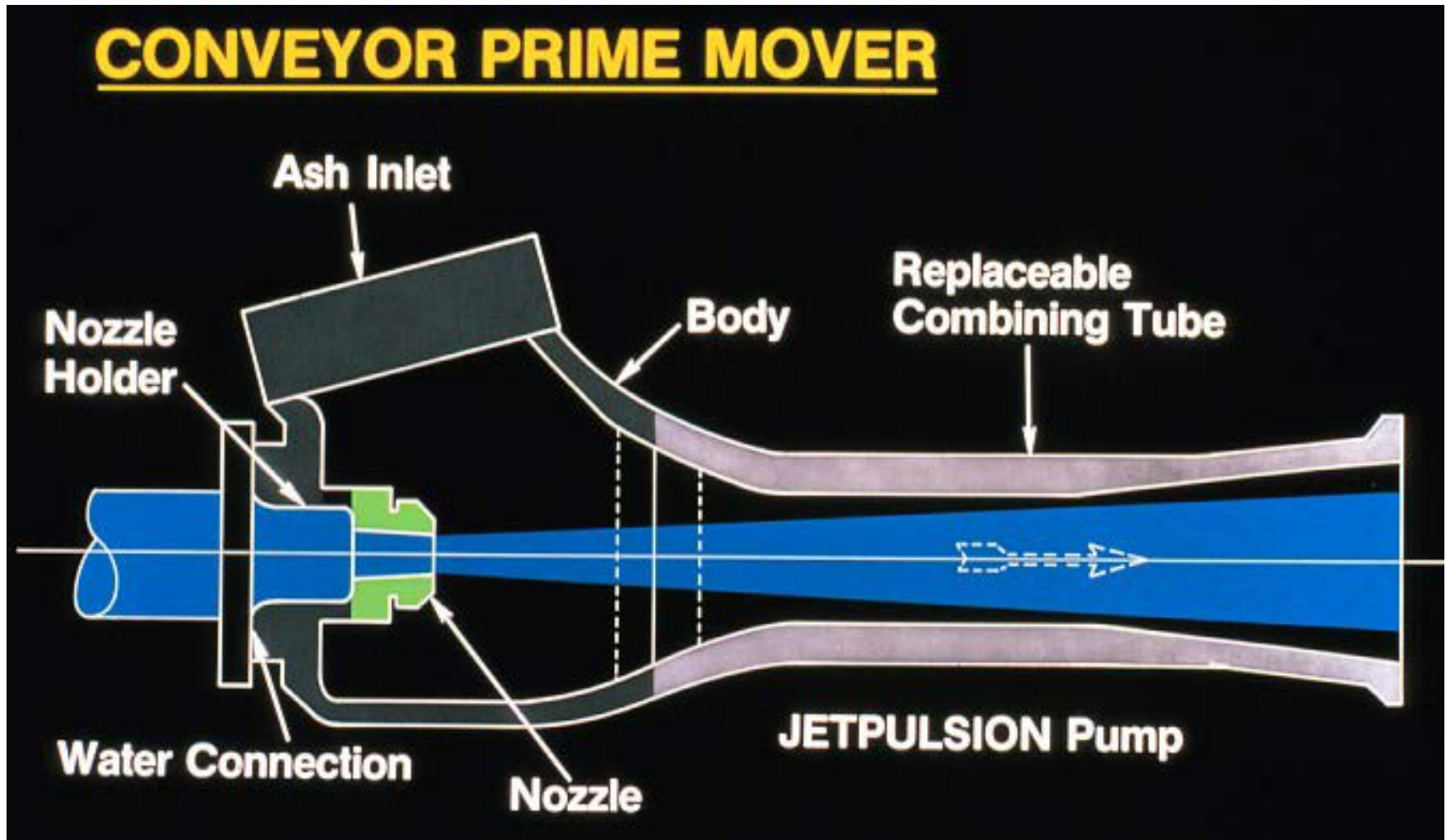
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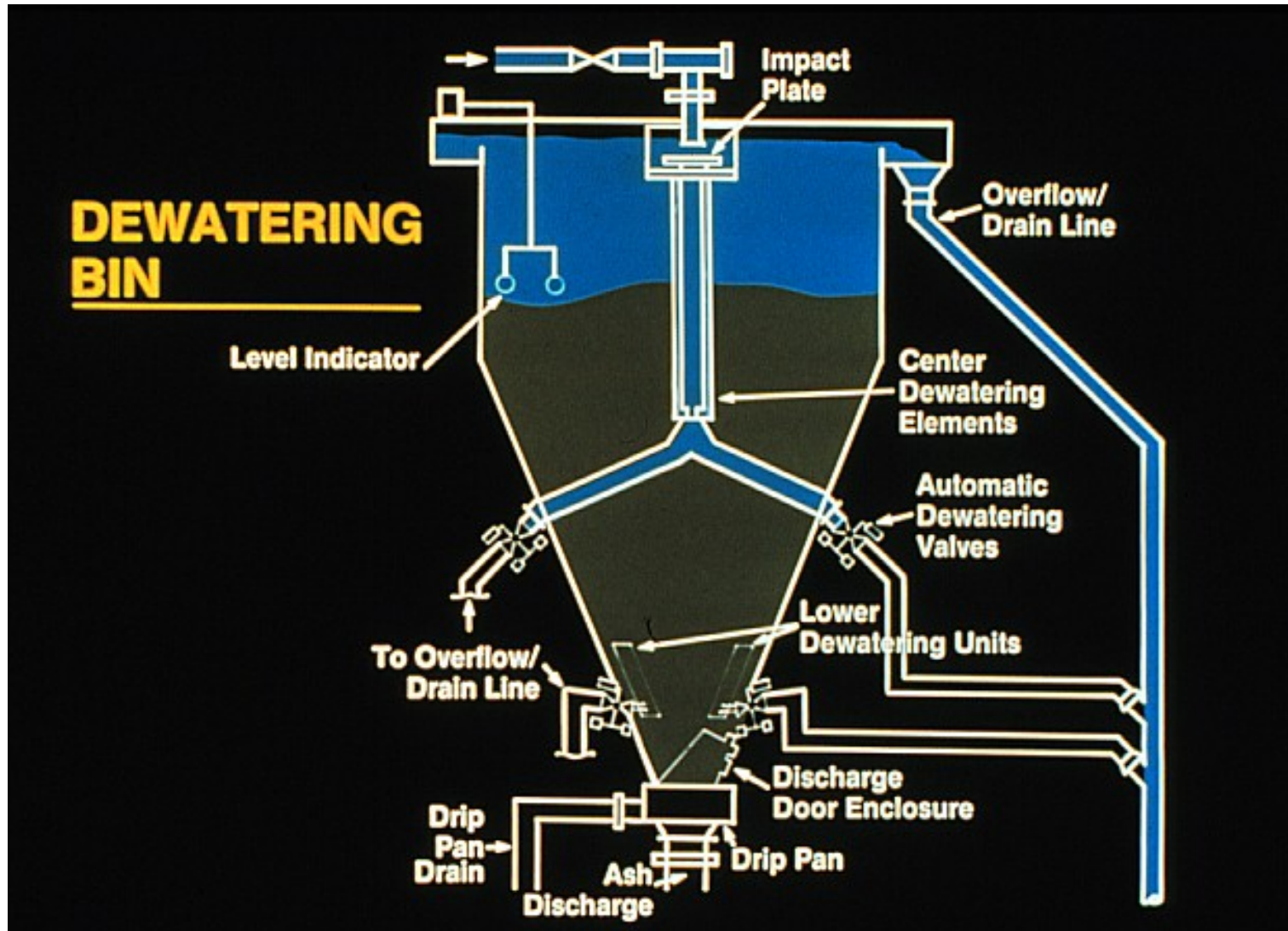
# Bottom Ash Systems Overview

JETPULSION Pump



# Bottom Ash Systems Overview

## Dewatering Bin



# Bottom Ash System Overview

Traditional Bottom Ash Dewatering and Recirculation System

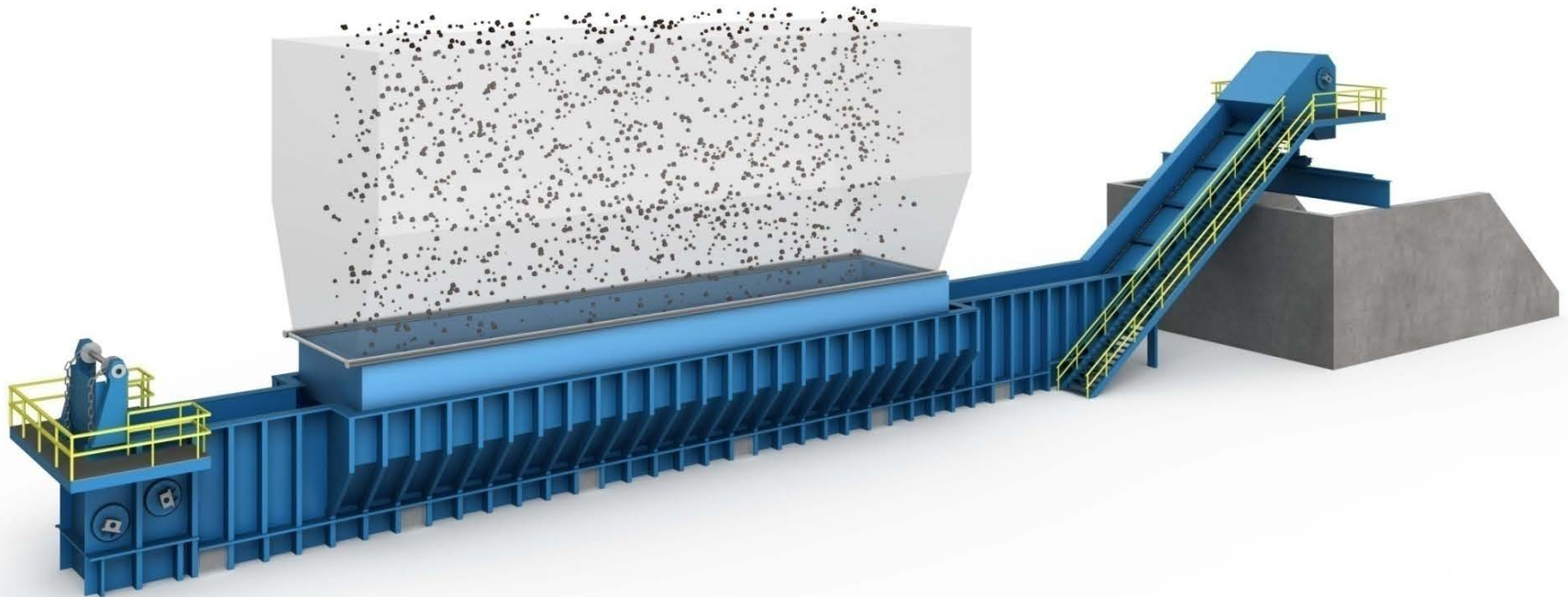
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# Bottom Ash System Overview

Traditional Submerged Flight Conveyor (SFC)

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# Remote SFC with Clarifiers







# Bottom Ash Transport Water (BATW)

2024 Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELGs)

# Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines

2024 ELG ZLD Rule: Bottom Ash Transport Water (BATW)

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*“The EPA is identifying the **zero-discharge systems** of dry-handling or closed-loop systems as the technology basis for establishing BAT limitations to control pollutants discharged in BA transport water.”*

**– EPA’s 2024 ELG Revision date April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (pg. 88/417)**

*“For all the foregoing reasons, the EPA finds that the record indicates that dry-handling or closed-loop systems are technologically available for control of discharges in BA transport water.”*

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# Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines

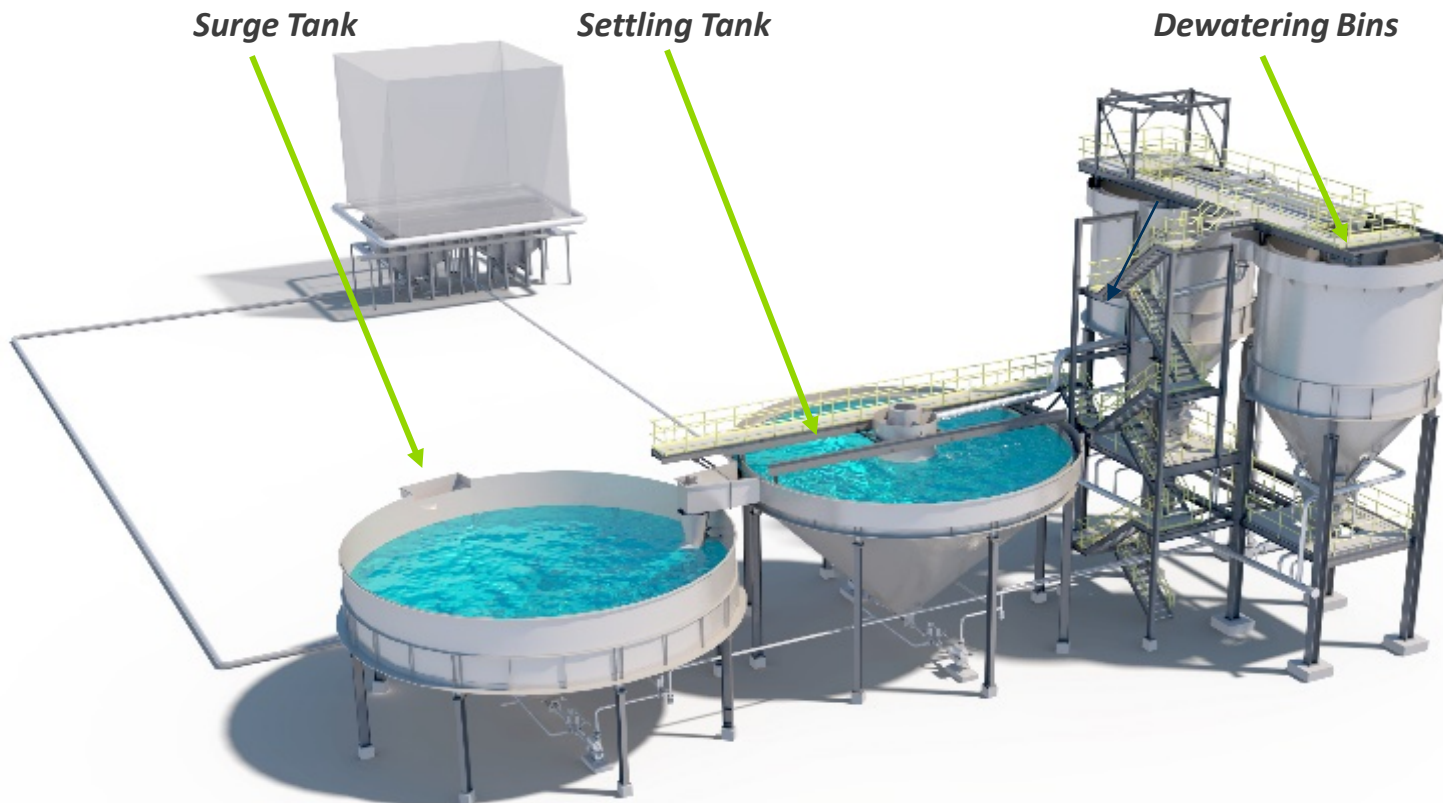
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## Bottom Ash Transport Water (BATW)

- Zero Liquid Discharge (**ZLD**) will be required for all **Bottom Ash Transport Water** no later than **December 31, 2029**
- “**Cessation of Coal Combustion**” subcategory adopters may continue to operate under the 2020 ELG requirements until **December 31, 2034**
- **No regulatory relief** for water balance considerations or maintenance events – the 10% purge is eliminated
- **Legacy Wastewater** will be subject to Best Practical Judgement (BPJ) and regulated at the state NPDES level on a case-by-case basis

# Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines

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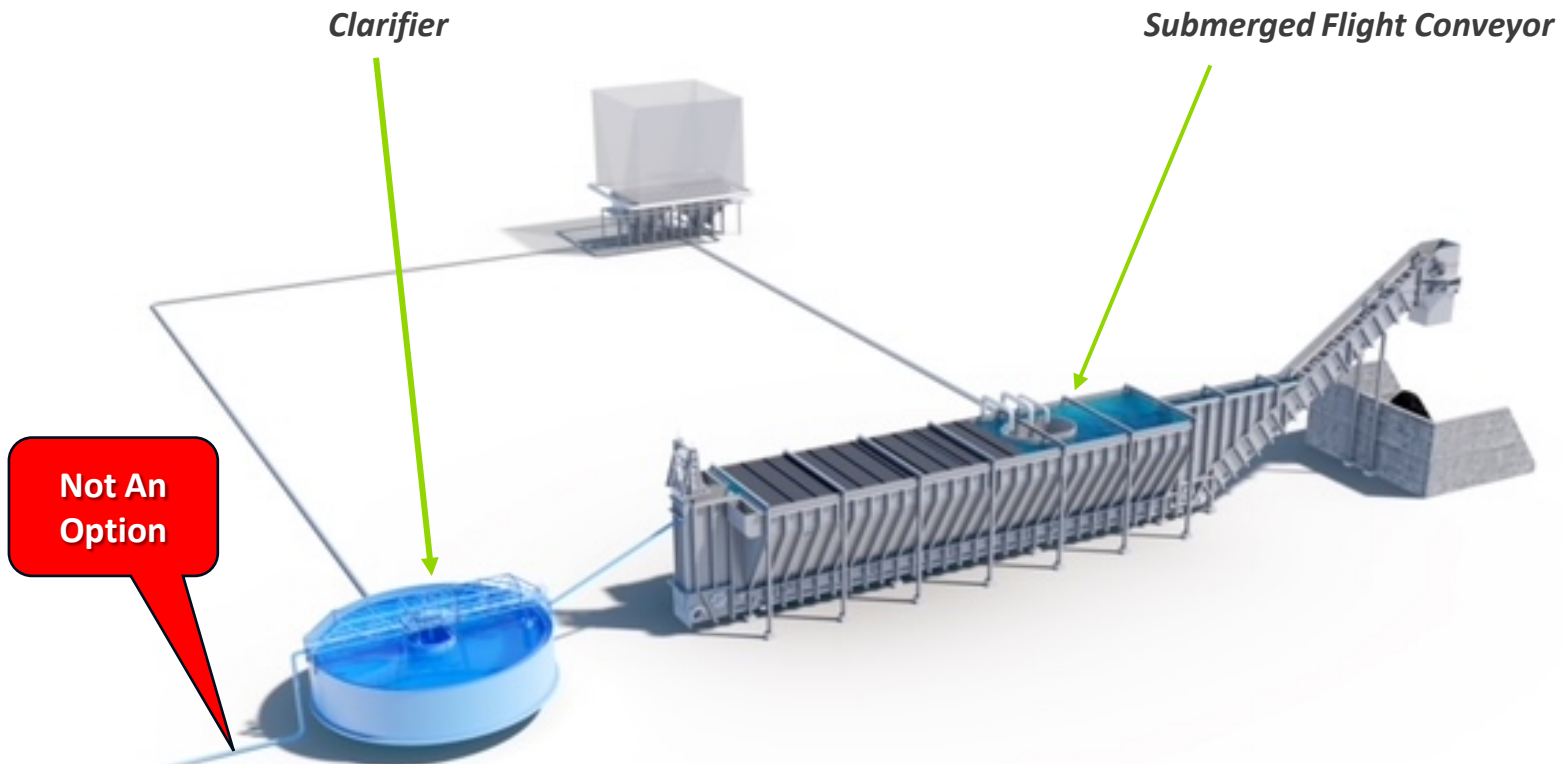
**Traditional Dewatering Bins with Surge/Settling Tanks**

**All Transport Water (water that hydraulically conveys bottom ash out of the power house) will need to be recycled under Final Rule.**

# Steam Electric Effluent Limitations Guidelines

2024 ELG ZLD Rule: Bottom Ash Transport Water (BATW)

## Submerged Flight Conveyor with Optional Clarifier



**Remote SFCs have Transport Water that will be subject to ZLD**  
**NOTE: Under-boiler SFCs employ "Quench Water," not Transport Water and are not subject to the Final Rule**

# Maintenance and Operations Items

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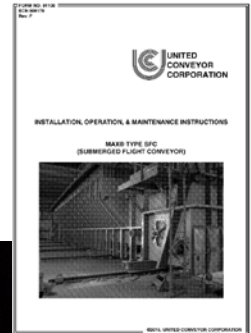
- Small oversights can lead to BIG problems



# Chain Wear and Maintenance

## SFC CHAIN PROBLEMS:

- An elongated chain can be caused by normal chain wear
- Replace the chain strand in pairs or remove chain links as needed



# Chain Replacement on SFC

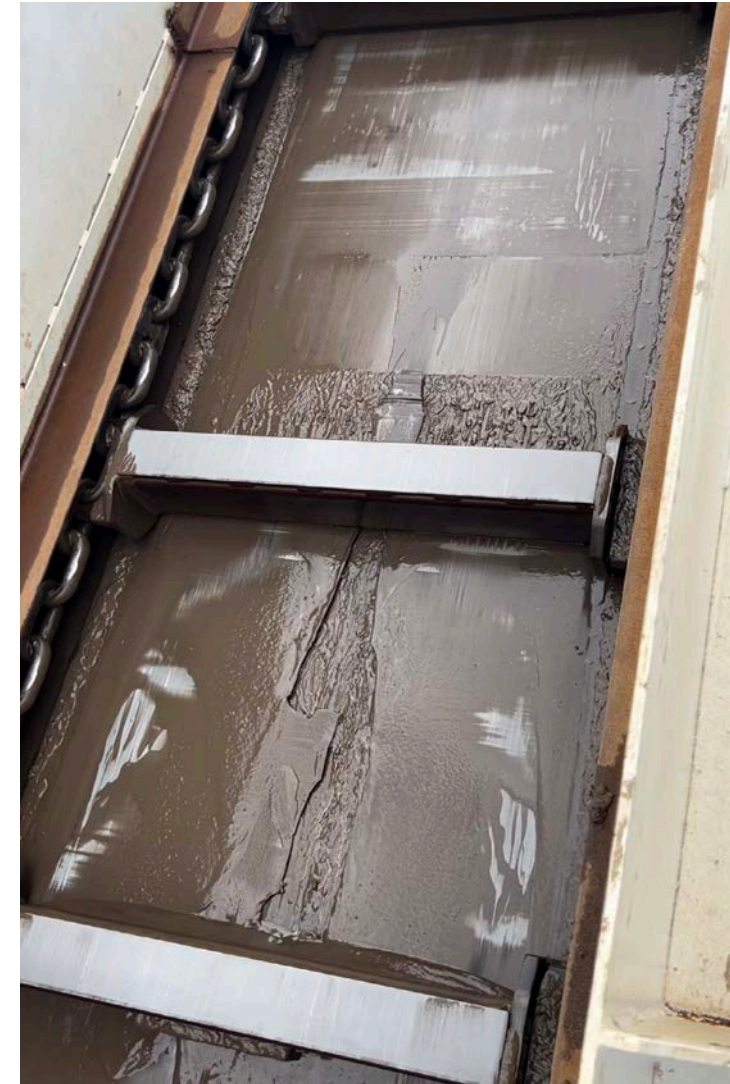
- SFC Wear Parts need to be replaced at regular intervals
- Chain, Flight bars, Bottom plates all wear over time
- Chain should be replaced after a maximum of 5% wear
- During wet side maintenance activities the water must be stored



# Worn Plates and Flight bars

## Conveying Flights issues

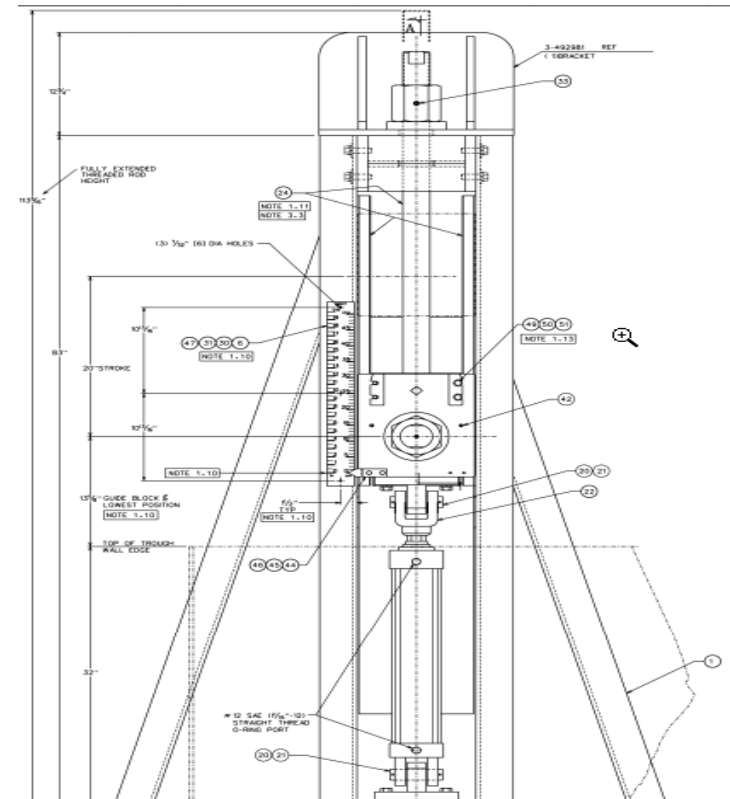
- Bent, damaged, or excessively worn Conveying Flights must be replaced.
- Broken Horns Can cause chain binding and SFC damage
- Worn plates can cause leaks and poor material loading on flights



# Chain Tensioners

## SFC CHAIN TENSIONER PROBLEMS:

- A chain tensioner uneven can be caused by uneven wear of the chain and should replace the chain strand in pairs or remove chain links.
- Fouling and dirty HPY Fluid can cause uneven tension on tail-end cylinders



# Dirty HPU Fluid- Tensioner needle valve fouling



# SFC Idler Wear

- Bent section submerged idler not turning.
- May be caused by overloading the SFC or in some cases it has been found that the idlers were not being greased or greased with the wrong kind of grease.



# Crusher wear and Issues

- Damaged clinker grinders can cause poor material sluicing and shut downs
- Seals and gaskets can leak severely if not greased and maintained which can cause significant leaks and water management issues



# Component Rebuild Programs

## Product Rebuild Programs

- Rebuild Crushers, SFC Idlers, SFC Head Shafts, Coal Crushing Screens, Coal Crushing Rotors, DSI VIPER Mill Rotors, Mixers (Pug Mills)
- Rebuilds are performed in-house at our Pleasant Prairie Facility
- Prior to rebuilding the item, it will be torn down and a condition report will be provided with a final rebuild quote
- Rebuilt items are returned with a new, full standard parts warranty



# UCC Environmental Reference Highlights

## Chemistry Case Study



### PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Eastern USA, Coal Fired Plant
- Year Executed: 2020
- Solution Type: ACCU Brand WWT Chemical Injection for Bottom Ash

### CUSTOMER CHALLENGE

Upset conditions required the utility to simultaneously convey multiple sluice lines into a single (R-SFC) which was outside of the recommended sequential operation. This led to higher flow rates and increased TSS carryover during operation, causing unexpected wear to recirc pumps and pump seals.

### SOLUTION

UCC executed a pilot Chemical Injection effort to demonstrate the performance of ACCUFLOC polymer. The chemistry program tested the treatment of flows from a variety of plant bottom ash system operating conditions. The one week pilot proved TSS carryover reduction by over 80%.

### RESULTS

After observing the improved performance, the plant proceeded with a permanent UCC chemical injection system and ACCUFLOC WWT polymer commitment. This enabled the Customer to better control effluent TSS and reduce downstream component wear.

### DISCHARGE WITH UCC FLOCCULANT (during atypical operating conditions)



### DISCHARGE WITHOUT UCC FLOCCULANT (during atypical operating conditions)



### SCOPE OF WORK

- Demo design, demo skid supply, chemical supply
- Demo operations
- Permanent system design & engineering
- Project management
- Permanent injection skid supply
- Startup & commissioning
- Ongoing supply of ACCUFLOC WWT polymer

# Open Discussion / Q&A

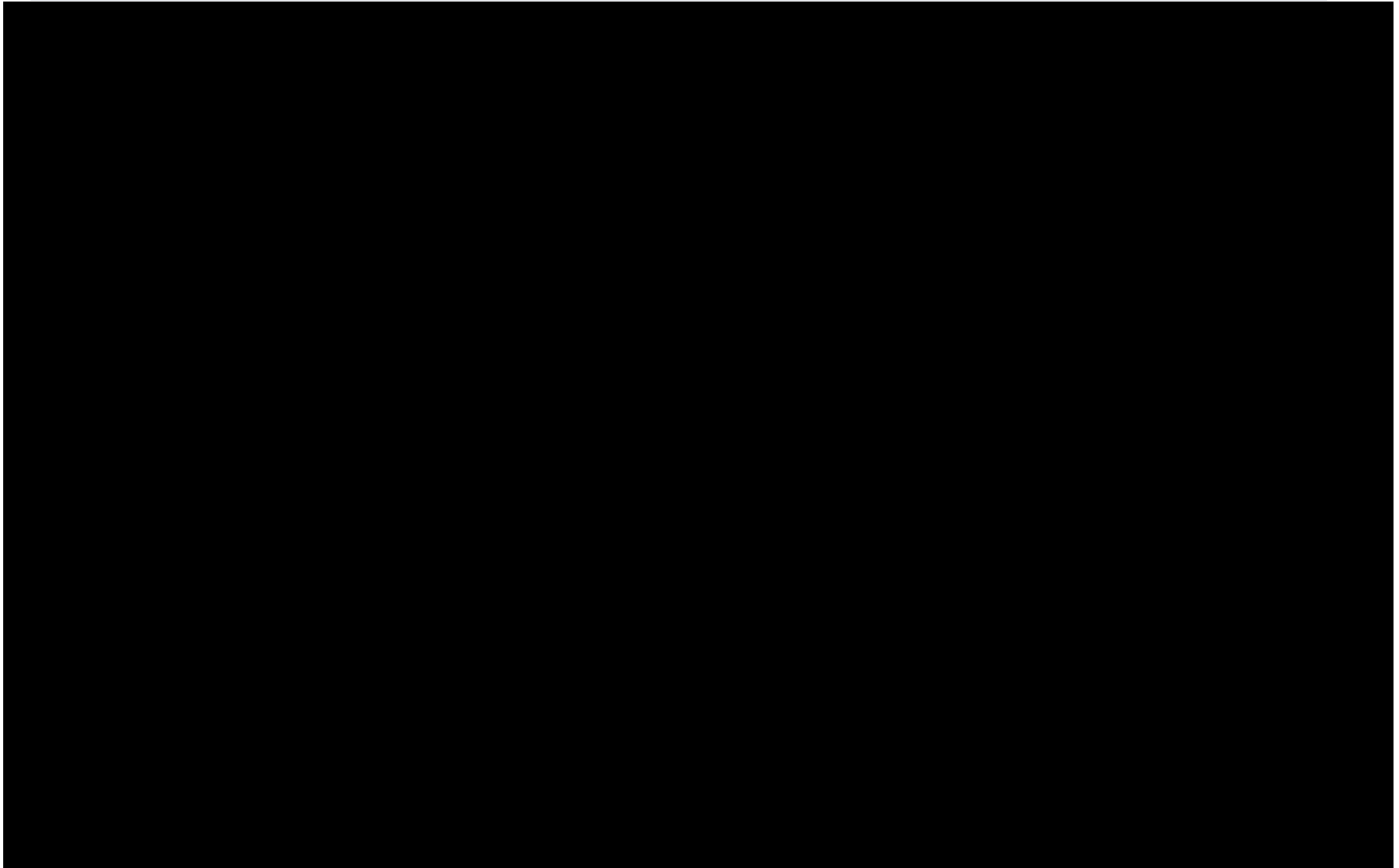
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# Bottom Ash System Overview

Continuous Dewatering and Recirculation System (CDR) With Lamella Plates



# Typical Performance Guarantees

Design Considerations: Sluicing System Typical Water Flowrates

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- High Pressure Sluice Conveying Water = 2,500-7,000 gpm
- Low Pressure Cooling Water/Seal Trough Flushing/Make-Up Water Supply/Pyrites = 150-1,000 gpm/unit (typical)
- Can vary greatly depending on plant operations

