



Sustainable **W**ater **I**ntegrated **M**anagement (SWIM) - Support Mechanism

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Wastewater Treatment Technology

What is the Best Available Technology for biological wastewater treatment in Rural Area?

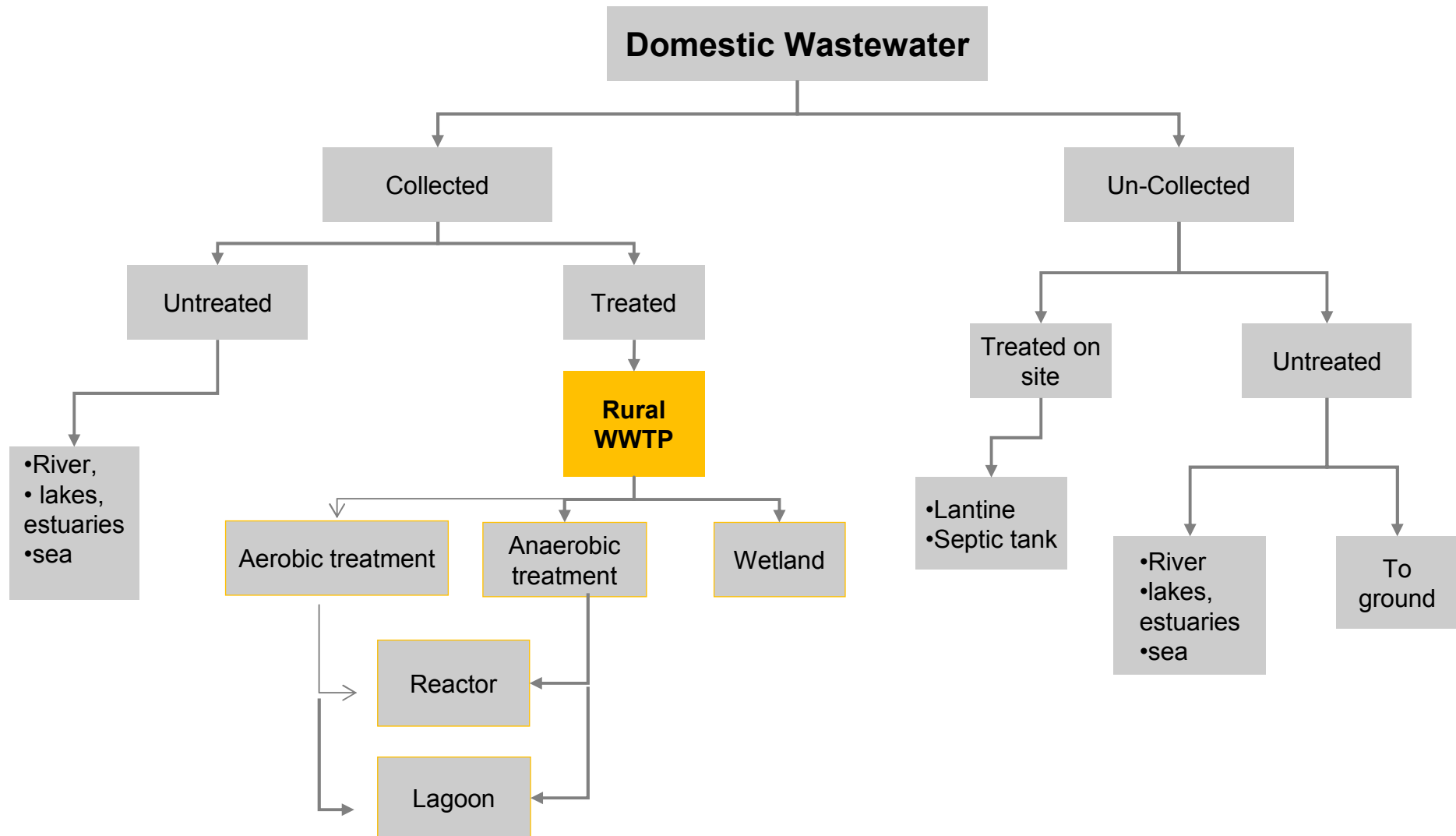
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Agenda

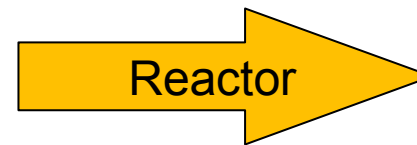
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Domestic Wastewater Path



Biological Treatment Types

- Aerobic Processes
- Anoxic Processes
- Anaerobic Processes
- Combined Aerobic-Anoxic-Anaerobic Processes



- ✓ Attached Growth
- ✓ Suspended Growth
- ✓ Combined Systems

- Pond Processes



- ✓ Aerobic
- ✓ Maturation
- ✓ Facultative
- ✓ Anaerobic

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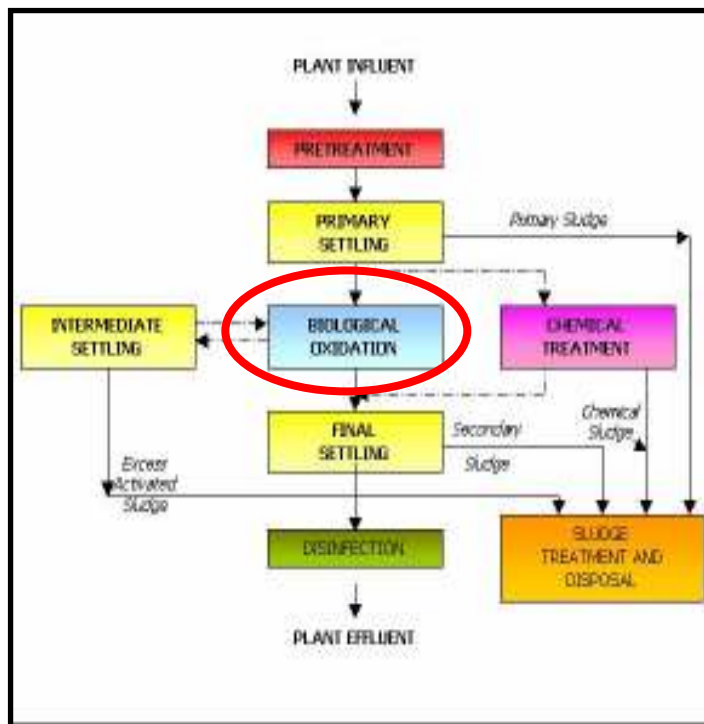
New Generation



Scanning electron micrograph of a typical floc found with the bacterial biofilm.

Image courtesy of Central Coast LIVING WATER

New Generation- Integration of Technologies



- The biological treatment is the heart of the wastewater treatment plant.
- Defining a BAT for biological treatment will effect the entire plant's technology choices.
- *Question: What are the consequences of choosing one technology over another?*

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The four Parameters to consider

Source Characters

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Overall Cost

TABLE 3-16
Typical composition of untreated domestic wastewater

Contaminants	Unit	Concentration		
		Weak	Medium	Strong
Solids, total (TS)	mg/L	350	720	1200
Dissolved, total (TDS)	mg/L	250	500	850
Fixed	mg/L	145	300	525
Volatile	mg/L	105	200	325
Suspended solids (SS)	mg/L	100	220	350
Fixed	mg/L	20	55	75
Volatile	mg/L	80	165	275
Settleable solids	mL/L	5	10	20
Biochemical oxygen demand, mg/L:				
5-day, 20°C (BOD ₅ , 20°C)	mg/L	110	220	400
Total organic carbon (TOC)	mg/L	80	160	290
Chemical oxygen demand (COD)	mg/L	250	500	1000
Nitrogen (total as N)	mg/L	20	40	85
Organic	mg/L	8	15	35
Free ammonia	mg/L	12	25	50
Nitrites	mg/L	0	0	0
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Phosphorus (total as P)	mg/L	4	8	15
Organic	mg/L	1	3	5
Inorganic	mg/L	3	5	10
Chlorides ^a	mg/L	30	50	100
Sulfate ^a	mg/L	20	30	50
Alkalinity (as CaCO ₃)	mg/L	50	100	200
Grease	mg/L	50	100	150
Total coliform ^b	no/100 mL	10 ⁶ –10 ⁷	10 ⁷ –10 ⁸	10 ⁸ –10 ⁹
Volatile organic compounds (VOCs)	μg/L	<100	100–400	>400

^a Values should be increased by amount present in domestic water supply.

^b See Table 3-18 for typical values for other microorganisms.

Note: 1.8(°C) + 32 = °F.



Product Quality

- The product (effluent) quality depends on the target of the usage
- Different countries have different standards...
- There are exceptions rural WWTP's, which gets temporary or permanent discounts in the emission criteria



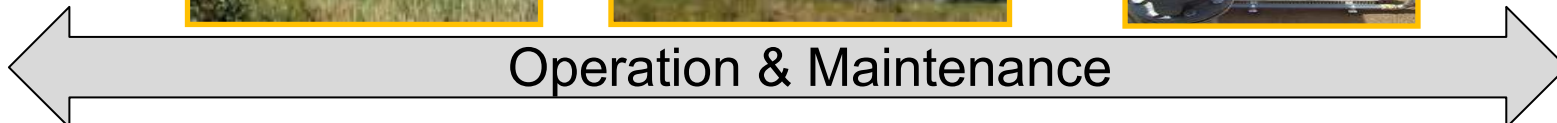
Sustainability of the technology



low



High





Overall Costs

Treatment Process	Achievable Effluent Quality (mg/L)		Construction Costs of Treatment Processes by Design Flow (GPD) ^b				
	TN	P ^a	4K GPD	10K GPD	25K GPD	50K GPD	100K GPD
Construction Costs							
1. MLE Process	10	2	\$261,000	\$311,000	\$422,000	\$601,000	\$874,000
2. Four-Stage	6	2	\$336,000	\$368,000	\$475,000	\$666,000	\$968,000
3. Three-Stage	6	2	\$291,000	\$333,000	\$441,000	\$627,000	\$913,000
4. SBR	8	2	\$336,000	\$381,000	\$482,000	\$697,000	\$966,000
5. Intermittent Cycle	8	2	\$229,000	\$374,000	\$584,000	\$861,000	\$1,026,000
6. MLE + Deep Bed Filtration	6	1	\$308,000	\$368,000	\$486,000	\$664,000	\$958,000
7. Submerged Biofilters	12	2	\$247,000	\$296,000	\$450,000	\$847,000	(c)
8. RBCs	12	2	\$263,000	\$342,000	\$527,000	\$868,000	\$1,092,000
O&M Costs (\$/year)							
1. MLE Process	10	2	\$30,400	\$35,500	\$49,400	\$66,600	\$100,100
2. Four-Stage	6	2	\$52,500	\$57,600	\$73,800	\$95,900	\$132,300
3. Three-Stage	6	2	\$35,900	\$41,900	\$56,400	\$76,200	\$115,900
4. SBR	8	2	\$28,000	\$34,100	\$49,100	\$67,600	\$100,000
5. Intermittent Cycle	8	2	\$28,000	\$34,100	\$49,100	\$67,600	\$100,000
6. MLE + Deep Bed Filtration	6	1	\$36,900	\$42,700	\$58,100	\$75,900	\$111,400
7. Submerged Biofilters	12	2	\$19,500	\$24,400	\$41,100	\$60,400	(c)
8. RBCs	12	2	\$22,000	\$26,500	\$39,200	\$52,100	\$78,000

Source: Foess et al. (1998)

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Looking Forward

As time goes by, the technologies get more intensive & compact, the demands from the “microbial workers” gets higher, as well as regulatory demands.

We should expect that the requirements for using BAT will follow a similar path and therefore be prepared to properly assess our needs when choosing the right one.