# WINWERKS & POWELL ELECTROCOAGULATION

## The Technology Process Narrative

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Electrocoagulation (EC) has been in existence for decades with the first patent issued in 1906. However, it has been only during the past 30 years that the process has been fully commercialized as a result of technological advancements by Powell Water Systems to overcome the deficiencies of previous units.

Electrocoagulation] uses direct current to cause sacrificial electrode ions to remove undesirable contaminants either by chemical reaction and precipitation or by causing colloidal materials to coalesce and then removed by electrolytic flotation. Powell's patented and proven electrochemical system copes

with a variety of wastewaters. These waters can originate from coal utility plants, paper pulp mill waste, metal plating, tanneries, canning factories, steel mill effluent, slaughterhouses, or PWWTP. Chromate, boron, arsenic, lead and mercury laden effluents, as well as domestic sewage are treated. These wastewaters will be reduced to clear, clean, odorless and reusable water. In most cases, especially domestic sewage, the treated water effluent will be better than the raw water from which it had originated."<sup>1</sup>





In the Electrocoagulation process, the electrical current is introduced into water via parallel plates constructed of various metals that are selected to optimize the removal process. The two most common plate materials are iron and aluminum. In accordance with Faraday's Law, metal ions will be split off or sacrificed into the liquid medium. 'these metal ions tend to form metal oxides that electromechanically attract to the contaminants that have been destabilized. The unit also contains an air purge system to fluidize precipitates, polarity reversing to extend blade life and prevent contaminants from coating the blades, and an automated clean-in-place system. The acid solution used in the automated through the EC system for final disposal. Frequency, every 4-6 hours, 20-minute cycle or less.

No chemicals are needed for the treatment process. Solids are removed by filters or clarifiers with water available for reuse or discharge.

Scalable to handle small and large flows of multi-million gallons per day Mobile Systems

### **EC System Footprint**

EC Train Options: 10 GPM - 24' long x 8' wide x 8' high trailer with clarifier 50 GPM - 7' x 7' x 7' skid 600 GPM -17' long x 12' wide x 20' high Mezzanine



(1) Eckenfelder, W.W. and Cecil, L.K. "Applications of New Concepts of Physical-Chemical Wastewater Treatment." Vanderbilt University; Nashville, TN: Pergamon Press, Inc.

# WINWERKS & POWELL ELECTROCOAGULATION "30 Years of EFFECTIVE, RELIABLE, SAFE Waste Water Applications"

Treating wastewater, hydrocarbons & heavy metal streams, COD-BOD, Viruses, storm water and leachate, with Electrocoagulation ("electrocuting dirty water clean") provides a very safe, economical and environmentally qualified water treatment for meeting discharge standards and compliance requirements. Recover water, capital and operating costs by eliminating discharge fees and fines, harvesting water resources for beneficial reuse, and significantly reducing water replacement costs. Design Build , + Operate & P3 Delivery

Contaminants Removed Radioactive Substances BOD TSS (Clay, coal, silt, silica, etc.) Fats, Oils, Grease Water From Sludge Heavy Metals Phosphates Total Coliform

### Percentage of Removal 99%+ 90%+ 93-99%+ 50-80%+ 95-99%+ 93%+ 99.99%+



1.5 GPM to 60 M+ GPD



### System Capabilities for Hydrocarbons & Other Wastewater

Removes heavy metals to pass TCLP and MCL Dewaters MFT, TFT and FFT 99% dewatered, structurally sound Breaks oil emulsions in water Removes fats, oil, and grease Removes complex organics, endocrine disruptors (EDCs), Destroys & removes bacteria, viruses, and cysts Processes multiple contaminants, simultaneously Flexible to meet changing effluent Designed to meet discharge standards Reduces energy consumption/ damage to RO membranes

### Facts & Benefits

- Turnkey delivery, single point of responsibility
- Over 150 site installs; consistent and reliable results
- Proven; University & Case Studies, White Papers
- Low operating and maintenance costs
- Low power requirements & minimal operator attention
- No chemical additions
- Handles a wide variation in the waste streams
- Sustainability; reduce sludge, energy and landfill use
- Treats multiple contaminants & pretreats for salts and RO
- Water reuse- resulting in zero discharge

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