

Engineering Case Study

UCSD Can Decrease Cooling Tower Energy and Water Use for Improved Sustainability Eliminate Makeup Water Purchases & Blowdown Wastewater Treatment - A Turnkey Solution New uses and benefits from campus and city sanitary and storm sewers

Target: To develop a turnkey design build program for Cooling Tower (CT) make up water and blowdown at 3 campus plants: West Campus Central Utilities Plant, East Campus Hospital and Scripps Hillcrest Hospital to save money and increase sustainability.

Example: For UCSD campus recycle 126.5 MGY of sewer water as "SOFT" cooling tower makeup water (vs. use of "HARD" City of San Diego Potable or Recycled Water), increase the cycles of concentration from 6 to 46 and eliminate or significantly reduce blowdown wastewater discharge by > 60 MGY (95%). Eliminate water treatment chemical use to prevent scaling and biofouling.

Rationale: UCSD is growing with constrained budgets. Sustainability goals include "Zero waste by 2020, carbon neutrality by 2050 (emitting Net Zero greenhouse gases), 20 percent reduction in growth-adjusted potable water consumption by 2020 and 36 percent by 2025". WinWerks uses the *patented & proven Powell Electrocoagulation system to pretreat and recycle in street sewer water as makeup water, recycle and reduce blow down water by 95% to lower water use by 35%.* Under proposed designs, minimize reclaimed water purchases and sanitary sewage discharge fees.

• **Wastewater Reclamation Physical Plants:** Equipment trains fits in small footprints, 2,500 sf buildings for the electrocoagulation machines plus outside area for water clarification and mulch loading.

• Electrocoagulation (EC) technology, proven and patented, cleans water by coagulating pollutants and oxidizing toxic metals and chemicals to acceptable limits for industrial reuse. Kills 99.999 pathogens, removes heavy metals like Arsenic, Mercury, Cobalt and Vanadium, silicas, Fats, Oil, Grease (FOG) and phosphates.

• Electrocoagulation meets EPA requirements for Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) limits.

• **Patented Technology**: Powell Water Systems has developed, patented and proven its wastewater Electrocoagulation system to *"electrocute dirty water clean"* and kill pathogens to log 5 standards (99.99%). EC operates on 175 sites across the world, from 1.5 to 1000 GPM systems, with Samsung, El Paso Electric, Chevron, Boeing, US Army, Intel and Tyson Foods representing its client list. Hydro, OK Wastewater Treatment Plant is a good site for tours.

• Delivery by turnkey design build with optional own and operate

Financial Projections: Shown in graph of Savings-to-Investment Ratio-Reclaimed Makeup Water purchased at \$1.73/ HCF & Wastewater discharge at \$4.55 HCF eliminated; Five-year 5% discounted payback, 30- year life





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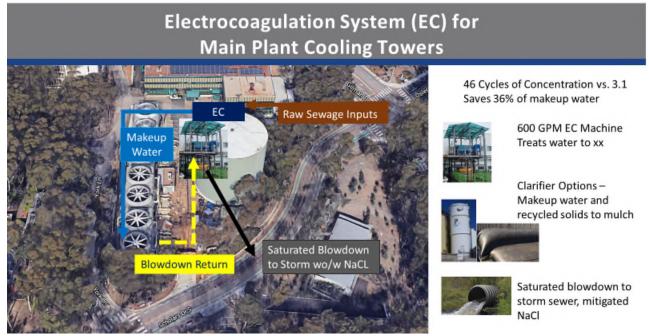
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UCSD Cooling Tower Electrocoagulation Wastewater Treatment – A Solution Description

WinWerks and Powell Water will and can provide the solution at all three campus cogeneration plants.



Electrocoagulation System Highlights for UCSD

Electrocoagulation Over 175 locations, 35-year history Patented and Proven

Electrocoagulation (EC) - *"Electrocutes dirty water, clean"* Meets 175 ppm MCL Pretreat Water Inputs and Reclaim Water Repurpose Wastewater Solids Reduced chemicals and biocides





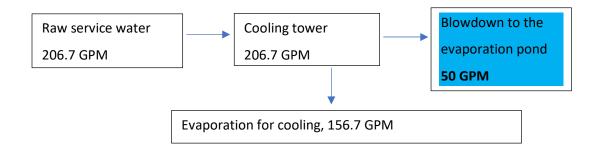




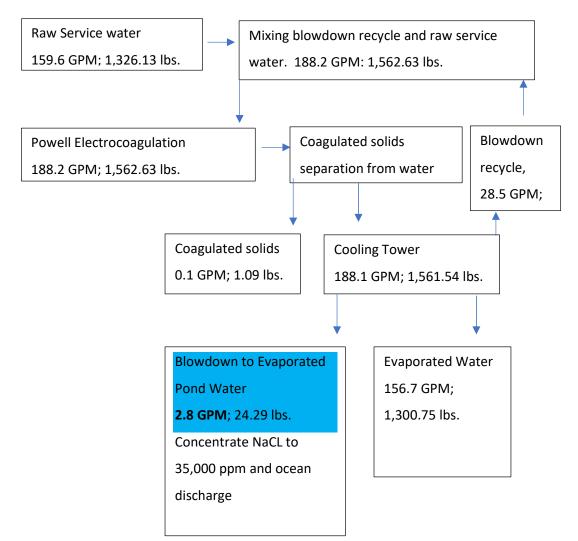
By treating the incoming water with Powell electrocoagulation, the process separates the silica, phosphate, calcium carbonate, and magnesium carbonate as coagulated solids before going to the cooling tower. With reduced scaling (hardness and silicas), the cooling tower cycles can increase from 3-4 to over 50 cycles and improves heat transfer.

Value= Recycled Water, lower blowdown disposal costs, no chemicals, and kills harmful legionella bacteria, the cause of Legionnaires' disease and microbial activity and slime. Extends cooling tower life and increases operating efficiencies.

Current example:



Proposed Powell electrocoagulation example:



"30 Years of EFFECTIVE, RELIABLE, SAFE Wastewater Applications"

Treating Cooling Tower make-up and blowdown water with Electrocoagulation (electrocuting wastewater streams) offers 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, increasing cycles of concentration to conserve water, and significantly reducing water replacement costs. No maintenance chemicals needed. Send treated wastewater to storm drains and capture NaCl for industrial reuse. Design Build & P3 Delivery

Contaminants Removed TSS (Clay, silt, silica, etc.) Bacteria BOD 5 Viruses like Legionnaires Fats, Oils, Grease Heavy Metals Phosphates Water from Sludge Percentage of Removal 99%+ 99% 98%+ 93-99%+ 93-99%+ 95-99%+ 99%+ 50-80%+



1.5 GPM to 60 M+ GPD



System Capabilities

Removes heavy metals and pass TCLP Removes suspended and colloidal solids & silicas Destroys & removes bacteria, viruses, and cysts Breaks oil emulsions in water Removes fats, oil, and grease Increase Cycles of Concentration, up to 15 times Processes multiple contaminants, simultaneously Flexible to meet changing influent water Designed to meet discharge standards Recycled water enhances overall water use efficiency

Facts & Benefits

- Turnkey delivery, single point of responsibility
- Extend cooling tower life, substantially
- Recognized green building practice
- Over 150 electrocoagulation installs: consistent and reliable results
- Proven; University & Case Studies, White Papers
- Low operating and maintenance costs
- Low power requirements & minimal operator attention
- No chemical or biocides
- Handles a wide variation in the waste streams
- Sustainability; reduce sludge, energy and landfill use
- Treats multiple contaminants & concentrates NaCL (salts)
- Water reuse- resulting in near zero liquid discharge

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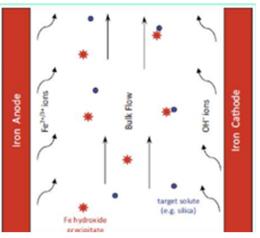


Cooling Tower Makeup and Blowdown Water Technology Process

www.winwerksipd.com/electrocoagulation-facts

Electrocoagulation (EC) has been in existence for decades with the first patent issued in 1906. However, only during the past 30 years has the process been fully commercialized as a result of Powell Water technological advancements to overcome the deficiencies of previous systems. Treating cooling tower (CT) makeup water and blowdown water with Powell electrocoagulation prevents scaling by separating the silica, phosphate, calcium carbonate, and magnesium carbonate as coagulated solids before going through the cooling tower. Cooling tower cycles of concentration can increase from 3 or 4 to 20 -60 times more cycles. Salts can be concentrated to 35,000 ppm and eventually sent down storm drains to the sea or sanitary sewer. Kills Legionella bacteria, the cause of Legionnaires' disease. Extends Cooling Tower life increases cooling efficiency and lowers maintenance costs.

Electrocoagulation] utilizes 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 cooling towers, coal utility plants, paper pulp mill waste, metal plating, tanneries, canning factories, steel mill effluent, slaughterhouses, or PWWTP. Silicas, sand, chromate, boron, arsenic, lead and mercury laden effluents, as well as domestic sewage are treated. These wastewaters become clear, clean, odorless and reusable water, often better than the raw water.¹¹



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 cleanin-place system. The acid solution used in the automated cleaning cycle is recycled and, when exhausted, it is routed

through the EC system for final disposal. Frequency, every 4-6 hours, 20-minute cycle or less.

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

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

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





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EC Efficacy: Metals, Ions, Solids, Hardness, Bacteria, Radioisotopes, and Turbidity

Contaminant	Before (mg/l)	After (mg/l)	Removal Rate %	Contaminant	Before (mg/l)	After (mg/l)	Removal Rate %
Aldrin (pesticide)	0.063	ND (0.001)	98	Phosphate	28	ND (0.2)	99+
		. ,		Platinum	4.4	0.68	84
Aluminium	224	ND (0.7)	99+	Potassium	200	110	45
Ammonia	49	19.4	60	Propetampho	80.87	0.36	99+
Arsenic	0.076	ND (<0.002)	97	s Selenium	68	38	44
Barium	0.014	ND (<0.001)	93	Silicon	21.07	ND (0.10)	99+
Benzene	90.1	0.36	99+	Sulfate	104	68	34
BOD5	1,050	14	98	Silver	0.0081	0.0006	92
Boron	4.86	1.41	70	Tin	0.213	ND (<0.020)	90
Cadmium	0.125	ND (<0.004)	96	Toluene	28,480	0.227	99+
Calcium	1,321	21.4	98	TSS	1,560	8	99+
Chlorpyriphos	5.87	ND (0.03)	99+	Vanadium	0.262	ND (<0.002)	99+
Chromium	139	ND (<0.1)	99+	Zinc	221	0.140	99+
Cobalt	0.1238	0.0214	82	Bacteria	Before (cfu)	After (cfu)	Removal Rate
Copper	0.7984	ND (<0.0020)	99+				%
Cyanide (free)	723	ND (<0.02)	99+	Bacteria Coliform	110,000,000 cfu 318,000,000 cfu	-	99+ 99+
Cypermethrin	1.3	0.07	94		, ,	· · · ·	
DDT	0.261	0.002	99+	E. coli	•	ND (<0.01) mp	
Diazinon	34	0.21	99+	Enterococcus	83 mpn	ND (<10.) mpr	
Ethyl Benzene	428	0.372	99+	Total Coliform	>2,419.2 mpn	ND (<0.1) mpr	99+
Fluoride	1.1	0.415	62				
Gold	5.72	1.38	75	Radioisotope	s Before (pCi/L	.) After (pCi/L) Removal Rate
Iron	68.34	0.19	99+	Americium-24	1 71.99 pCi/L	0.57 pCi/L	/ <u>%</u> 99+
Lead	0.59	0.0032	99+	Plutonium-239	29.85 pCi/L	0.29 pCi/L	99+
Lindane	0.143	ND (0.001)	99+	Radium	1093.pCi/L	0.10 pCi/L	99+
Magnesium	13.15	0.04	99+		Before mg/L	. After mg/L	
Manganese	1.061	0.018	98	Uranium	0.13 mg/L	0.0002 mg/L	99+
Mercury	0.72	ND (<0.003)	98				
Molybdenum	0.35	0.029	91	Dyes	Before (NTU)	After (NTII)	Removal Rate %
MP-Xylene	41.6	0.057	99+	Ref. 006-	125.1	12.1	90
MTBE	21.58	0.0462	99+	Ref. 006- 691 Ref. 006-	125.1	2.2	90
Nickel	183	0.07	99+	Ref. 000- 692 Ref. 006-	68.30	0.68	98
Nitrate	11.7	2.6	77	854			
Nitrite	21	12	42	Ref. 006- 851	2,340	4.5	99+
Nitrogen TKN	1,118	59	94				
NTU	35.38	0.32	99	Notes: ND = Not Detected at the Reporting Limit mg/l = milligram per liter or part per million pCi/L = picocuries per liter			
O-Xylene	191	0.32	99+				
PCB	0.0007	ND (<0.0001)					
PCB		ND (<0.0001)	05 99+				
Hydrocarbons	72.5	ND (~0.2)	337				

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