NEWEA Operations Challenge Process Control Event 2022

Team Name:
Team Number:
Team Captain:
Written Test points awarded:
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Simulator points awarded:
Total Event Points:

Simulator - Computer

9 total questions

50 to 300 points per question

1000 max points available

Multiple Choice - Computer

48 total questions

10 to 20 points per question

720 max points available

Multiple Choice Math - Pages 2 - 5 (4)

20 total questions

40 to 60 full credit points per question

50% partial credit if math is correct but answer is incorrect

0 points is work is not shown

1000 max points available

Process Scenarios - Pages 6 - 26 (21)

17 total questions

100 full credit points per question

50% partial credit if math is correct but answer is incorrect

0 points is work is not shown

1700 max points available

You must show your work(i.e Formulas, intermediate calculations, etc.) to receive full credit even if the answer is correct.

Circle the letter coresponding to the answer provided for for each question For graders use only work shown=20 points Choices question correct+work=40 points What is the loading BOD loading rate to a WWTF if the influent BOD is 1055 lbs/day Α work? correct total 250 mg/l and the the flow is 450,000 gpd? В 938 lbs/Day 1 112 lbs/day C D 555 lbs/day What is the percent removal of a primary clarifier if the raw TSS is 210 97.80% Α work? total correct ppm, the primary EFF TSS is 39 ppm, and the final EFF TSS is 4.5 ppm? В 18.60% 2 81.40% C D 55.20% How many million gallons does a circular tank that is 120 ft in 5.41 MG Α correct work? total diameter and 16 ft deep hold? 0.08 MG В 3 0.18 MG C D 1.35 MG What does a sludge that is 2% solids equal in ppm? 20,000 ppm Α correct work? total В 2,000 ppm 4 200,000 C ppm D 200 ppm What is the chlorine demand if the influent contact basin is Α 4.2 mg/l correct work? total dosed at 3 mg/l and the effluent contains 1.2 mg/l? В 1.8 mg/l 5 C 3 mg/l

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1.2 mg/l

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#	question	C	Choices		shown=20 p ct+work=40 p	
	Calculate the sludge volume index if the 30 min settling volume is 210 and the MLSS is 2800 mg/l.	Α	250	correct	work?	total
6		В	85			
		С	75			
		D	200		-	
	Calculate the BOD from the following: Volume = 15 ml	Α	122 mg/l	correct	work?	total
7	Initial DO = 9.2 mg/l Final DO = 3.1 mg/l	В	152 mg/l			
		С	75 mg/l			
		D	132 mg/l			
	If a pump at 100% efficient can produce 27 PSI, how many vertical feet can it pump if it is 85% efficient?	Α	62 ft	correct	work?	total
8		В	33 ft			
		С	11 ft			
		D	53 Ft			
	If a lift station pumps 2.7 MGD and the pumps run for 10.5 hours per day, what is the flow rate for the pump in GPM?	Α	3,952 gpm	correct	work?	total
9		В	4,286 gpm			
		С	2,572 gpm			
		D	3642 gpm			
	What HP motor is needed to pump 1,500 gpm at 39 ft of head?	Α	10 HP	correct	work?	total
10		В	15 HP			
		С	12 HP			
		D	50 HP			

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#	question	(Choices	work shown=30 points correct+work=60 points		
	A WWTF treats an annual average flow of 2.3 MGD. If the average sewer user produces 100 gpd per person and the town has 18,000	Α	21.7%	correct	work?	total
11	people, what percentage of the treated flow is assumed to be I/I?	В	18.5%			
**		С	42.1%			
		D	78.2%			
	If a stabilization pond is 30 acres, how long will it take to raise the level by 3 feet at a flow rate of 0.35 MGD?	Α	14.7 Days	correct	work?	total
12		В	10.2 Days			
		С	83.7 Days			
		D	97.6 Days			
	What is the velocity in ft/sec in an 8" force main carrying a flow of 1250 gpm?	Α	10.51 ft/sec	correct	work?	total
		В	4.97 ft/sec			
13		С	6.54 ft/sec			
		D	7.94 ft/sec			
	What is the organic loading rate in lbs/1000 ft2 on a 10 ft deep, 80 ft diameter trickling filter if the influent flow is 2.2	Α	13 lbs/d/1,000 ft2 71	correct	work?	total
1,4	MGD, the BOD is 195, and the media contains 5.5 ft2 per ft3?	В	lbs/d/1,000 ft2			
14		С	45 lbs/d/1,000 ft2			
		D	56 lbs/d/1,000 ft2			
	A WWTF plant treats 2 MGD with 50 lbs/day of sodium hypochlorite. If the effluent Cl2 residual is 1.2 mg/l, what is	Α	2.2 mg/l	correct	work?	total
15	the demand?	В	1.8 mg/l			
		С	48.8 mg/l			
		D	3.0 mg/l			

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	What percent capacity of a 8 ft stick of 12" pipe is an 12 ft stick of 8" pipe?	Α	100%	correct	work?	total
16		В	50%			
		С	65%			
		D	112%			
	1,500 gpm is needed at 17 psi. Motor eff = 91%, pump eff = 89%. What HP motor is needed?	Α	18 HP	correct	work?	total
17		В	15 HP			
		С	12 HP			
		D	25 HP			
	What is the detentions time of a 60 ft circular clarifier with a sidewall depth of 11 ft and a center depth of 16 ft if the flow is	Α	8 hours	correct	work?	total
18	.6 MGD?	В	4 hours			
		С	3 hours			
		D	6 hours			
	An aeration tank is 1.2 MG in volume and has an MLSS concentration of 2,600 mg/L. If the WAS concentration is	Α	16,752 gpd	correct	work?	total
19	2.2%, how many gallons need to be wasted daily to achieve an MRCT of 8 days?	В	19,442 gpd			
		С	18,455 gdp			
		D	17,729 gpd			
	A WWTF has two circular secondary clarifiers. A 65ft and an 85 ft. What is the solids loading rate if the flow is 833 gpm and	Α	3.0 lb/d/ft2	correct	work?	total
20	the MLSS is 0.25%?	В	0.8 lb/d/ft2			
		С	2.8 lb/d/ft2			
		D	1.2 lb/d/ft2			

Process Scenario 1: Activated Sludge You must show your work to receive full credit even if the answer is correct

Operational Data

	Influent Avg:	Permit Limit:	Aeration	Data	Clarifier	Data
Flow	2.98 MGD	6.5 MGD	# of Tanks	2	# of Tanks	2
Temp	15 Deg C	NA	Length	120 Ft	Diameter	85 Ft
BOD	215 mg/l	50 mg/l	Width	40 Ft	Depth	16 Ft
TSS	210 mg/l	50 mg/l	Depth	16 Ft	Blanket Dept	2 Ft
NH3	26 mg/l	5 mg/l	MLSS	2650 mg/l	RAS Conc	6500 mg/l
рН	7.3 s.u.	6.0 - 8.0 s.u.	MLVSS	77%	WAS Conc	2.10%
Alkalinity	150 mg/l	NA	30 Min Sett	210	WAS Rate	32,000 gpd

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	Based on the provided data, calculate the following. Enter numerical answers. Total solids			For Graders Only		
	inventory, F/M ratio, MCRT (assume effluent TSS is at permit limit) Must get all three correct and show work for full credit.	TSI	1	Points 50/100	Answer	
		F/M				
		MCRT				
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	The operator has determined that the reason why the efflunet TSS quality is poor and the facility is unable to meet its						
	effluent requirements for NH3 is that the MCRT is too low. The operator determines that adjusting the MCRT to meet						
	the requirement for nitrification will also improve the TSS and assumes the new effluent TSS value will be 10 mg/l. If						
	the facility runs wasting at a consistant speed 24/7, what flow rate should the WAS pump flow rate be set at to						
	achieve a 20 day MCRT?						
		Α	8450 GPM				
		В	6 GPM				
		С	12 GPM				
		D	32 GPM				
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Process Scenario 1: Activated Sludge

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		ent quality improved, but the facility is still not m			
		ust be an alkalinity deficiency. If the operator's g		Points 50/100	Ans
effluent alkalint	y of at least 50 mg/l CaCo3, h	how many lbs per day of suplimental alkalinity ne	eed to be added in order		
to get the NH3 (lown to the limit?				
			A 500 lbs/day	 	
			B 755 lbs/day	-	
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			C 1250 lbs/day		
			D 2550 lbs/day	<u>′</u>	

Process Scenario 1: Activated Sludge

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	Increasing the target MCRT has improved nitrification, but the increase in total system lbs ha	s created a	new challenge	For Grad	ers Only
	when it comes to settling solids in the clarifier durring periods of high flow caused by rain even	nts. The f	acility is now	Points 50/100	Answer
	violating its permit for TSS every time it rains. At an MRCT of 20 days, the MLSS has increase	d to 3,800	mg/I and the		
	clarifier blanket has risen to 4 ft (at the same concentration). The facility is considering instal	ling a bion	nag system to		
	introduce magnetite into the process to increase settling rates. The magnetite will increase t	he volume	of wasted		
	solids by 7%, but 95% will be recovered from the waste stream before dewatering. How mar	y more lbs	s of solids will	•	
	have to be dewatered yearly with the biomag system?				
		Α	2,290 lbs		
		В	5,550 lbs		
		С	7,540 lbs		
		D	3,650 lbs		
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Operational Data

The Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority operates two (2) mesophilic anaerobic digesters, each with a volume of 92,245 cubic
feet. On average, the facility pumps 50,000 gallons per day of combined Primary and Thickened Waste Activated Sludge (TWAS) with a 5.5%
solids concentration and 70% Volatile Solids. The digester feed solids average 212 mg/l of Volatile Acids and 1255 mg/l of Alkalinity. The
facility averages 50% Volatile Solids destruction, and produces 12.5 cubic feet of biogas for every pound of Volatile Solids it destroys. The
biogas fuels two (2) Combined Heating & Power (CHP) units capable of producing 230 kW of power. The engines require 1 Cubic Feet per
Minute (CFM) of biogas for every 3-kW of power produced.

	How many average pounds of total volatile solids are pumped to the digester daily?				ers Only
				Points 50/100	Answer
		Α	22,935 lbs/day		
		В	45,870 lbs/day		
		С	18,420 lbs/day		
		D	16,055 lbs/day		
		E	7,868 lbs/day		
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	What is the total detention time?			For Grad	ers Only
				Points 50/100	Answer
		Α	13.8 days		
		В	6.5 days		
		С	10.7 days		
		D	38.5 days	j	
		Е	27.6 days	j	
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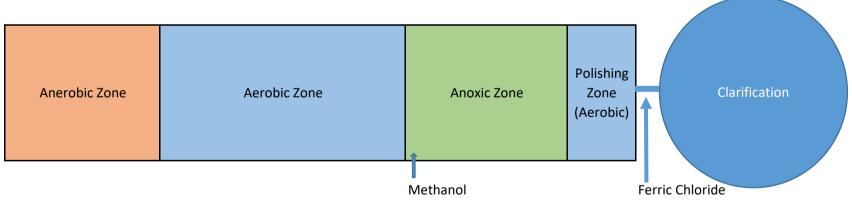
	What is the Volatile Acid to Alkalinity ratio, and is this acceptable?				lers Only
				Points 50/100	Answer
		Α	0.16, Yes		
		В	0.16, No		
		С	5.77, Yes		
		D	5.77, No		
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	How much average biogas is produced daily?			For Grad	ers Only
				Points 50/100	Answer
		Α	8,027 ft3/d		
		В	200,688 ft3/d		
		С	100,344 ft3/d		
		D	300,587 ft/d		
		E	355,948 ft/d		
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What is the average kW of power that can be produced daily from the two CHP units based on the volume of gas				For Graders Only		
produced at the facility?			Points 50/100	Answer		
	Α	209 kW				
	В	301,032 kW				
	С	418 kW				
	D	212,555 kW				
	Е	560 kW				

Operational Data

	Influent Avg:	Aerobic Zone Effluent:	Anoxic Zone Effluent:	Permit Limt:
Flow	6.5 MGD	6.5	6.5	10 MGD
Temp	15 Deg C	15.5 Deg C	15 Deg C	NA
BOD	215 mg/l	5.5 mg/l	5.5 mg/l	10 mg/l
TSS	210 mg/l	2,500 mg/l	5.5 mg/l	10 mg/l
Total N	37 mg/l	37 mg/l	1.5 mg/l	542 Lbs/day
TKN	35 mg/l	1.3 mg/l	1.3 mg/l	NA
NH3	33 mg/l	0.1 mg/l	0.1 ml/l	1.0 mg/l
Total P	10 mg/l	2 mg/l	4 mg/l	55 Lbs/day
рН	7.3 s.u.	6.7 s.u.	7.2 s.u.	6.0 - 8.0 s.u.
Alkalinity	280 mg/l	30 mg/l	155 mg/l	NA



Additional Information:

Methanol required for denitrification: 1.9 grams per gram of NO3	
BOD required for denitrificaiton: 2.86 grams per gram of NO3	
Ferric Chloride required to remove Total P: 5.2 pounds per pound of Total P	
Ferric Chloride \$0.41 per pound	

How many lbs/day of methanol are currently being used to to achieve t	any lbs/day of methanol are currently being used to to achieve the anoxic effluent nitrogen level? Assume			
NO2 levels are insignificant.			Points 50/100	Answer
	А	589 lbs/day		
	В	1277 lbs/day		
	С	2265 lbs/day		
	D	3675 lbs/day		

I	In an attempt to reduce cost, the operator wants to install a pump to side stream a portion of the influent to use as a				
C	carbon source for denitrification. If a pump that operatates at 1200 gpm is installed and piped directly from the				
i	nfluent into the anoxic zone, how many lbs per day of methanol will be needed to reach the permit limit for TN at the				
ä	verage daily flow? Assume no changes to nitrification.				
-	A 75 lbs/day	 			
	B 163 lbs/day	1			
	C 272 lbs/day	1			
	D 425 lbs/day	1			
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	What is the dosage rate in mg/L of Ferric Chloride needed to achieve Total P pern	nit limit at a	verage daily flow?	For Grade	ers Only
				Points 50/100	Answer
		Α	15.6 mg/L		
		В	20.8 mg/L		
		С	10.4 mg/L		
		D	25.7 mg/L		
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aerobic zone effluent and anoxic zone effluent. The cost for adding a mixer will be \$1: cost install pay back be in years with the reduction of ferric chloride required? Assum			same.	00 Answe
4	B C	1.95 Years 1.47 Years	5	
4	С	1.47 Years	;	
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4	D	1.25 Years		
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Operational Data

Multi- Media Gravity	Filter Information	Backwash F	low Rates
Filter dimensions	(4) 11'-10" x 24'-0"	Water TempDegrees F	B/W Rate GPM/FT ²
Air Scour Rate	2.5 SCFM/SQFT	50 or less	15
Air Scour Time	120 seconds	51-55	16
Max. Loading Rate	3500 GPD/SQFT	56-60	17
Gravel (1" x 5/8")	3"	61-65	18.5
Gravel (5/8" x 3/8")	3"	66-70	20
Gravel (3/8" x 3/16")	3"	71-75	21
Gravel (3/16" x #10)	3"	Above 75	22.5
Silica Sand	12"		
Anthracite (1.5 g/cm3)	22"	1	
Effluent Temperature	10 – 20 Degrees C	1	
Backwash Water Source	Filtered Effluent		

	Ron has been tasked with ordering replacement anthracite that gets lost during backwashes. After further				
	investigation it was determined that the total combined inches of anthracite med	ia loss to be	22". Anthracite media	Points 50/100	Answer
	is sold in bags of 1.0 FT3. How many bags will Ron need to order and what will be	the shippin	g weight?		
		Α	488 Bags, 22.8 Tons		
		В	521 Bags, 48.6 Tons		
		С	521 Bags, 24.3 Tons		
		D	544 Bags, 26.7 Tons		
		Е	544 Bags, 48.6 Tons		
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	The backwash water pumps are due for replacement and Mark has been asked to create specification for the				
	replacement pumps. What will the maximum required GPM need to be when two filters are i	n backwas	h at the same	Points 50/100	Answer
	time?				
		Α	8,520 GPM		
		В	11,360 GPM		
		С	5,680 GPM		
		D	4,260 GPM		
		E	12,780 GPM		
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Filter #3 will need to be taken off line for service. Amy is concerned that the remaining online filters will not handle				For Graders Only	
the current effluent flow of 1.7 MGD. What will the online filters have for a surface loading rate at the current flow?			Points 50/100	Answer	
	Α	3063 GPD/FT ²			
	В	2025 GPD/FT ²			
	С	1850 GPD/FT ²			
	D	2560 GPD/FT ²			
	Е	1995 GPD/FT ²			

Filters have been requiring more backwashes with #3 filter offline, backwashes are up to three per day per filter from				For Graders Only		
one per day per filter. What will be the increased CF total for the day with one filter o	ffline?		Points 50/100	Answer		
	A	3,720 CF				
	В	5,550 CF				
	С	8,520 CF				
	D	7,100 CF				
	E	4,200 CF				