Optimising Energy Use in Water Treatment – Sustainable Solutions

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Industry drivers for energy optimisation





Industry drivers...





The main policies driving emission reductions are the EU Emissions Trading System, energy efficiency policies, and increased use of renewable energy for heat and transport.



European Union Emission Trading System New vehicle CO, policies Additional ranewable transport fusis

Low carbon buses, car improvement technologies, driver training, illustrative rail electrification of 750km of track

Energy efficiency, smart metering, Community Emissions Saving Programme, and zero carbon homes

Clean energy cashback (renewable heat incentive)

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Climate Change Agreements and other policies

Carbon Reduction Commitment and other policies

Farming lorop management, manure management etc.)

Waste policies (diverting waste from landfill, increased landfill tax)

Source: Department of Energy and Climate Change

The water/energy relationship ...





Sustainable solutions – how to assess





Water Use in Power Generation ...



Technology selection water treatment & reuse ...



Key technologies for water reuse

- Clarification: Actiflo®
- Filtration: Filtraflo[®] Large/Concrete Filters, Multiflo[®], Multimedia Filters, Recyclo[®]

- Biological treatment: Biosep[®] / Biosep Pack[®], Biostyr[®], MBBR
- Membrane filtration systems: Microfiltration / Ultrafiltration / Nanofiltration / RO, Uflex
- Ion exchange systems: Duo Eclipse[™], Rapide[™] Strata
- ZLD concepts: Crystallizer, Evaled, Ceramem
- Disinfection: UVStar[®], ClO₂, ozone
- Metal recovery systems: Recon[®] Compact, Hardtac[®], Metclean[®], Auroclaim[®]
- OPUS, CEDI-LXTechnologies
- GAC filtration or biofiltration for color, organic and micro-pollutants removal
- Low-pH or High-pH RO for acidic or basic baths recycling



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Carbon footprint



Carbon footprint levels ...



Life cycle assessment ...



LCA environmental impacts

- Global warmingFossil fuels depletionAcidification
 - Smog
 - Ozone layer depletion
 - Eutrophication
 - Toxicological pollutants
 - Habitat destruction
 - Desertification
 - Land use
 - Minerals depletion
 - Etc.



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Bottom up concept ...



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EOLIA[™] – decision support tool

Top down concept ...

- Enables treatment configurations to be evaluated in terms of energy and GHG emissions
- Identification of process hot spots
- Effect of integration of new technology
- Can be used to as an optimisation tool for existing operations
- Quick evaluation of numerous treatment options based on local conditions



Eolia™ Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) applied to water treatment

Eolia[™] uses Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) to evaluate the energy consumed and produced by the different processes under consideration, along with the greenhouses gases (GHGs) they emit.

A tool to assist with decision-making to find the optimal choice for water, wastewater and sludge treatment processes.

Eolia³⁷ enhances the decision-making process and enables the optimal choice to be made on the basis of a major environmental criterion: the impact the process will have on global warming.

- Eolia^m evaluates and compares the energy and GHG balances of different processes
- Eolia^{**} identifies the improvement drivers of a process.

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Water treatment modules ...



Water treatment system



LCA: System studied



User interface ...



GHG emission output ...





- Electricity production for intake and distribution
- Electricity production for water treatment
- Coagulant production
- Ozone production
- GAC/PAC production
- Chlorine production
- Liquid discharge from water treatment
- Plant and piping network construction

Solution comparison ...



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The new Water Impact Index - WII



Water Impact Index ...



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Water Impact Index ...

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Why go beyond a volumetric approach?



Peanut production: rain fed agriculture



Tomatoes are produced in water stressed areas



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Stress-weighted water footprints



First carbon – water analysis ...





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Water system evaluated ...



Carbon - Water Impact assessment...

Water Impact Index of Milwaukee-area's drinking water and sewage system



Drinking water production contributes to the Water Impact Index.

Water of very good quality is extracted from its natural environment

MMSD sewage system reduces the Water Impact Index.

Water quality is improved and brought back closer to environmental requirements

The Water Impact Index should be as low as possible to protect our resource.

Carbon - Water Impact assessment ...



----> Switching from sodium hypochlorite disinfection to chloramination would reduce the Water Impact Index of chemicals, the carbon footprint and generate savings.

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Conclusions...

- Provision of water treatment solutions to the meet the future requirements of Industry will require not only an innovative use of technology, but also an innovative approach to technology selection to ensure a sustainable solution
- Optimisation of energy use and reduction of GHG emissions in water treatment is intertwined with water use
- Veolia Waters combined carbon footprint and water Impact Index tools can be used to determine water treatment solutions that create minimal environmental impact
- Coupled with conventional economoc analysis they provide a multi criteria analysis to achieve a « best in class » decision making process

Thank You for your Attention

Any Questions Please !



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