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# **Executive Summary**

Shell is a town located in the Eastern foothills of the Ecuadorian Andes approximately 94 miles Southeast of Quito. Hospital Vozandes del Oriente (HVO) is a hospital located in Shell owned and operated by Hoy Cristo Jesús Bendice (HCJB) Global. HCJB is a non-profit mission organization committed to Biblical values and community development principles.

Pure Pastaza, a senior design team from Calvin College, in conjunction with HCJB, has designed a wastewater treatment system for HVO. The design promotes the protection of human and environmental health by providing a sustainable solution to wastewater treatment and sets an example of stewardship to the surrounding community.

The existing wastewater treatment system for the hospital property includes a pipe network and collection system leading to an undersized septic tank. As no drainfield or secondary treatment exist, effluent from the septic tank passes directly into the Motolo River south of the hospital without receiving additional treatment. There is also no appropriate method or suitable location established for septage disposal, which has consequently been disposed of directly in the river.

The hospital has therefore requested the design of an alternative method of wastewater treatment and disposal of the sludge produced.

Various treatment alternatives have been analyzed and compared from a standpoint of stewardship and cultural appropriateness. Pure Pastaza is recommending significant modifications to the existing septic system. The design utilizes an additional septic tank in series with the original, a dosing tank and a drainfield. This design has been chosen due to its simplicity and relatively low maintenance. The sludge will be disposed of through on site burial techniques.



**Figure 1: Total System Site Plan**

<span id="page-3-0"></span>The total project cost has been estimated at \$37,566. This includes construction materials and labor with a 20% contingency.



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# <span id="page-10-0"></span>**1 Introduction**

# <span id="page-10-1"></span>**1.1 The Team**

Pure Pastaza is comprised of four senior students at Calvin College, each of whom will graduate in the spring of 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Degree with a civil and environmental concentration. The team is committed to utilizing engineering within a Biblical framework to promote social justice and environmental sustainability both locally and abroad. This commitment is manifested in a project to design a wastewater treatment system for a hospital in Shell, Ecuador.



Ben Vander Plas Rachel Koopman Sungmin Youn James Dykstra

# *Ben Vander Plas*

Ben's hometown is Richland, Michigan and he currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has gained practical home construction experience working with Habitat for Humanity in Battle Creek, MI for the past two summers. His goal is to utilize his engineering education to provide for the needs of others. Following graduation he plans to serve with the HCJB Global Technology Center during the summer in Elkhart, Indiana. Following this he will participate in an internship with Engineering Ministries International, a mission organization based in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is excited to gain experience working in developing countries through these opportunities and to continue to follow God's leading in the future.

# *Rachel Koopman*

Rachel is most recently from Rochester, MI but she grew up in Shanghai, China. Last summer Rachel worked for NTH Consultants in their Environmental Compliance group where she developed a passion for environmental consulting. After graduation she is getting married and pursuing a career in environmental engineering at NTH Consultants.

## *Sungmin Youn*

Sungmin grew up in Seoul, South Korea and currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has enjoyed working on this project as he sees its potential to significantly improve the quality of human life and the surrounding environment. Through working on this design project, he has became more certain about pursuing in-depth studies of biological and physical treatment processes at the graduate level. He would like to pursue a graduate degree in environmental engineering to become better prepared for a lifetime of engineering service that addresses interesting, dynamic and life-changing problems.

# *James Dykstra*

James is originally from Kalamazoo, Michigan and currently resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He has three summers of experience working in the environmental engineering field with Kieser & Associates in Kalamazoo, Michigan. There he was involved with stormwater treatment, watershed management, and water quality monitoring. After graduation, he will be returning to Kieser as a project engineer. He will also be working on projects in Latin America, contributing his Spanish-speaking ability. He is passionate about the environmental, social justice, and third-world development.

# <span id="page-11-0"></span>**1.2 The Project**

# <span id="page-11-1"></span>**1.2.1 Context**

Pure Pastaza has partnered with Hoy Cristo Jesús Bendice (HCJB), a non-profit mission organization committed to Biblical values and community development principles, to design a wastewater treatment system for a hospital in Shell, Ecuador. This project is part of Engineering Senior Design (ENGR 339/340) at Calvin College. Engineering 339 is the first course in the senior design project sequence. Emphasis is placed on design team formation, project identification, and production of a feasibility study. Students focus on the development of task specifications in light of the norms for design and preliminary validation of the design by means of basic analysis and appropriate prototyping. Lectures focus on integration of the design process with a Christian worldview, team building, and state-of-the-art technical aspects of design. Engineering 340 is the second course in the senior design project sequence. Emphasis is placed on the completion of the design project initiated in Engineering 339.

# <span id="page-11-2"></span>**1.2.2 Problem Statement**

Hospital Vozandes del Oriente (HVO) is a hospital located in Shell, Ecuador owned and operated by HCJB Global. Currently, the wastewater treatment system for the hospital property consists of a pipe network and collection system leading to a septic tank. The existing septic tank is undersized and therefore does not provide adequate residence time for the wastewater. Furthermore, there is no leaching field or other secondary treatment. This results in septic tank effluent discharging directly into the Motolo River south of the hospital without receiving additional treatment. The condition of the existing tank is unknown and it may not be sealed properly and therefore leaking contaminants into the ground.

There is also no appropriate method or suitable location established for septage removal and disposal, which has consequently been disposed of directly in the river. Historically, the accumulated sludge has not been removed with sufficient regularity.

The hospital has therefore requested the design of an alternative method for wastewater treatment and disposal of the sludge produced. In an effort to uphold the values and mission of HCJB, the hospital desires to promote environmental and human health through additional wastewater treatment and the establishment of a suitable sludge disposal method.

# <span id="page-12-0"></span>**1.3 Background**

# <span id="page-12-1"></span>**1.3.1 HCJB**

HCJB's water engineers and health professionals are dedicated to improving the health of rural communities through clean water and preventive health care. In each project, they depend on voluntary support to carry out their work and the benefiting communities bear significant responsibility for the resources to obtain clean water. The mission of HCJB is, "…to enable communities to help themselves through the facilitation of Christ centered sustainable community development. Through the provision of water, sanitation and hygiene education projects we seek to realize permanent health improvements in the communities with whom we work at both a physical and spiritual level." They work with communities and international, national and local organizations to set up projects that are sustainable, low cost, use appropriate technology and are easily operated and maintained by the community without outside dependency.

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**1.3.2 Shell, Ecuador**



**Figure 2: Map of Ecuador[1](#page-13-4)**

Shell Mera is a town located in the Eastern foothills of the Ecuadorian Andes approximately 94 miles Southeast of Quito [\(Figure 2\)](#page-13-3). Today, Shell is a large town of 5,000 people, with a church, hospital, schools, hotels and a missionary guest house making it a worthwhile destination. The economy is based in small businesses and agriculture. Part of the beauty of Shell, along with the rest of Ecuador, is found in its wide variety of plants, insects, and landforms. The town is at an elevation of 3,500 feet (1000 m) and is located between the Andes Mountains and the jungle. The climate is very rainy, with cool nights (50-60°F) and hot days (70- 80°F). Specific climate data was not available for the area.

## <span id="page-13-3"></span><span id="page-13-1"></span>**1.3.3 The Hospital**

HCJB global built the 28 bed mission hospital in May of 1958 and has since upgraded the facility. Most of the physicians at HVO are board-certified Americans, but they also host a family medicine residency for Ecuadorian nationals. HVO offers a full range of family medical services including obstetrics, general surgery, and orthopedics to the people of Shell and the surrounding area. Classical "tropical diseases" are frequently diagnosed and treated including tuberculosis, malaria, dengue, intestinal parasites, and bacterial dysentery. The hospital also offers a health program that promotes healthy hygiene and lifestyle practices to the surrounding jungle villages. Specifically the health program teaches these communities how to find, prevent and treat falciparum malaria.

## <span id="page-13-2"></span>**1.4 Design Norms**

It is very important to not limit the scope of the project to technical and logistical aspects of the design. There are ethical issues that must be addressed to consider the broader impact of the design on the society in which it will be implemented. Design norms are viewed as moral guidelines that guide the design process leading to an ethically acceptable result.

<span id="page-13-4"></span> <sup>1</sup> http://www.worldmapnow.com/images/2011/03/Ecuador-map-1.jpg

# <span id="page-14-0"></span>**1.4.1 Stewardship**

With God's gift of creation to humanity comes the responsibility to care for the earth and its resources. This responsibility entails a respect for human and environmental health today as well as in the future. The HVO wastewater treatment system is designed to protect the health and wellbeing of the surrounding environment, residents, and downstream communities while promoting the conservation of natural and economic resources.

HVO is devoted to protecting the health of the residents of Shell and the surrounding area through medical care. Developing a solution for wastewater treatment is a fundamental step towards improving the overall health of the local population and environment. The design upholds the mission of the hospital by promoting preventative healthcare through a healthy environment and by setting an example to the rest of the country of uncompromised commitment to public and environmental health.

It is essential to understand the needs of the hospital in order to avoid overdesigning the system and the resulting unnecessary costs. As with any mission organization, HVO must carefully and wisely allocate appropriate funds to each area of its ministry, wastewater treatment being no exception. Therefore, in order to conserve the economic resources of the hospital, the most cost effective solution has been selected.

Natural resources available to the hospital must also be used wisely. The system has been designed to optimize land use efficiency of HVO's property without compromising performance. Careful consideration has been given to selecting an alternative with the smallest footprint possible. Locations of system components have been carefully selected so as to maintain the maximum amount of usable land. Water conservation is another important consideration. By eliminating wasteful water usage practices, the hospital and surrounding residences promote better stewardship of resources.

# <span id="page-14-1"></span>**1.4.2 Cultural Appropriateness**

In general, wastewater treatment in Ecuador is not a high priority. For example, the city of Shell discharges the city's untreated sewage into surface water. This is an important consideration as public perception of the design has a great impact on its sustainability. Part of the goal of the design is to educate and promote awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment. Municipal officials have considered developing a treatment facility for the city's wastewater. The implementation of a system that can treat wastewater simply, effectively, and with clear benefits to HVO, will likely improve public perception and increase the priority of sewage treatment.

Careful consideration has been given to the cultural context in which the system will be implemented. While many more modern wastewater treatment systems exist, it is important not to think in terms of what is acceptable and functional in a modern and highly technical society. Thought processes must be modified in order to produce a design that will be effective and successful in a different cultural setting. This idea has heavily influenced the design of the HVO wastewater treatment system.

Although the city of Shell is relatively urban, much of the modern water treatment technology used in developed countries would be inappropriate. The technical training and skilled labor required to operate advanced water treatment plants are not available locally. The hospital also does not have the economic

means to construct and operate large scale and sophisticated systems. There have been many cases in which systems requiring complex maintenance have been implemented in developing countries only to be neglected and put out of commission (Mara 2004). Therefore, in order for the design to be sustainable, sophisticated technology requiring intensive maintenance must be avoided. While more advanced technologies may have higher treatment capabilities, the HVO system will require simple construction and very little maintenance, thereby ensuring continued successful operation for the life of the design.

# <span id="page-15-0"></span>**1.4.3 Transparency**

A comprehensive understanding of a design is important for the designers as well as the users and other affected parties. The ability of users to maintain and operate the design depends on their knowledge of the technology involved. Pertinent information must be communicated to those maintaining the system. Efforts must be made to educate users and local residents about the process to ensure the long-term sustainability of the system.

As wastewater treatment is very uncommon in Ecuador, there is likely limited knowledge regarding its purpose and methods. The purpose of the system must be clear to those using the hospital and to surrounding residences. It is important that system operators understand the treatment process and that they know essential maintenance practices and how to monitor the system performance regularly. This will avoid problems of overloading or discontinued use of the treatment system.

Educating hospital patients about the design will help spread knowledge of wastewater treatment in the surrounding area. This can be done through public displays within the hospital describing the purpose and technology of the process. This will aid the transformation of the cultural attitude toward wastewater treatment.

# <span id="page-15-1"></span>**1.5 Objectives**

The goal of the project is to present HCJB with a design for a wastewater treatment system that serves the hospital and surrounding compound. The design also seeks to solve the problem of sludge disposal with an acceptable alternative to current practices. By meeting detailed objectives and standards the system is determined as a feasible design.

# <span id="page-15-2"></span>**1.5.1 Design Constraints**

The following criteria have been established as the design constraints:

- Low capital, operation, and maintenance costs
- Locally available parts and materials
- System operation without electricity
- No use of chemicals or substances potentially hazardous to the environment
- Minimize design footprint
- Acceptable effluent water quality
- Culturally acceptable design
- Safe operation for system operators and surrounding population

# <span id="page-16-0"></span>**1.5.2 Effluent Quality Standards**

The EPA Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems design manual gives effluent quality standards for primary and secondary treatment of septic systems. As the waste stream is not being treated for reuse or directly discharged to surface water, effluent quality standards for these purposes are not applicable. The quality of the septic tank effluent is constrained by the required retention time of 24 hours for proper settling of suspended solids and scum removal. The standards for secondary treatment by subsurface disposal require percolation through a minimum of 1 meter of soil before discharge to groundwater. Conforming to these standards provides an acceptable level of treatment for wastewater.

# <span id="page-16-1"></span>**1.5.3 Future Hospital Growth**

To allow for potential hospital expansion, the system design and sludge handling method must be able to accommodate projected flows and loads for a 20 year design life. From hospital patient data from the last twenty years, the growth rate is estimated to be one percent per year. Therefore, all calculations are based on 20 percent total growth rate over the project life.

# <span id="page-16-2"></span>**2 Site Visit**

Pure Pastaza was able to visit the project site after receiving a grant from Innotec. During the visit the site was analyzed and wastewater sources were identified. Through surveying, field tests, water sampling and discussion with hospital and maintenance staff, the team established a comprehensive understanding of the current system and site conditions.

# <span id="page-16-3"></span>**2.1 Wastewater Source Identification**

All contributing sources to the hospital's wastewater collection system were identified in an effort to fully understand the nature of the wastewater, which is a combination of medical, restaurant and household waste. This information has been used to estimate wastewater characteristics and contributions. Detailed wastewater characterization calculations can be seen in Section [2.5](#page-25-0) and [Appendix C.](#page-70-0) Several recommendations have been made for modifications to certain waste contributors to ensure full functionality of the system for the life of the design. These recommendations can be seen in Section [10.](#page-57-0)

# <span id="page-16-4"></span>**2.2 Laboratory Chemicals**

After discussions with the hospital laboratory technicians, it was found that there are numerous hazardous chemicals entering the waste stream that could possibly compromise the effectiveness of biological treatment. It is also possible that some of these chemicals would not be fully removed by the proposed treatment system. A complete list of chemicals and their quantities that are introduced into the waste stream can be found in [Appendix B.](#page-66-0) Recommendations for further research and alternate disposal methods of certain hazardous chemicals can be seen in Section [10.5.](#page-58-0)

# <span id="page-17-0"></span>**2.3 Assessment of Existing System Conditions**

## <span id="page-17-1"></span>**2.3.1 Damaged System Components**

Upon inspection of manholes, it was found that many manhole covers were showing significant signs of wear and cracking. Furthermore, in MH3 directly upstream from the septic tank, the pipe traveling through the manhole was cracked and spraying water into the manhole [\(Figure 3\)](#page-17-2). An additional problem was encountered in MH5, the manhole farthest downstream from the septic tank just before the outfall into the Motolo River. The manhole structure has been destroyed and the surrounding sediment is entering the pipe and waste stream [\(Figure 4\)](#page-18-1). Recommendations for remediation of deteriorating manholes and other issues can be seen in Section [10.4.](#page-57-4)

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**Figure 3: MH3: Broken Pipe**



**Figure 4: MH5: Broken Pipe and Destroyed Manhole**

#### <span id="page-18-1"></span><span id="page-18-0"></span>**2.3.2 Septic Tank**

The septic tank appeared to be in fair condition from examination of visible concrete [\(Figure 5\)](#page-18-2). However, to ensure that the current septic tank is not leaking, it is recommended that a complete structural survey be carried out on the existing septic tank. While it is still unknown whether or not the existing septic tank has scum baffles on the influent or effluent pipes or if the tank is compartmentalized, assumptions have been made about the structure. These assumptions can be seen in [Figure 14.](#page-24-1)

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**Figure 5: Excavation of Existing Septic Tank**

# <span id="page-19-0"></span>**2.3.3 Hospital Water Filtration**

Problems with the current water filtration system of the hospital were expressed, including frequent clogging of filters [\(Figure 6\)](#page-19-3) and regular required maintenance [\(Figure 7\)](#page-19-4). The hospital therefore desires a more efficient filtration system with filters that are available in-country. Recommendations for improvement of the current filtration system are provided in Section [8.1.](#page-53-3)



<span id="page-19-4"></span>**Figure 6: Clogged Filters Figure 7: Maintenance Staff Cleaning Filters**

# <span id="page-19-3"></span><span id="page-19-1"></span>**2.4 Field Work**

## <span id="page-19-2"></span>**2.4.1 Percolation Test**

## **2.4.1.1 Introduction**

In order to assess the ability of the soil to absorb treated sewage, it was necessary to perform soil percolation tests at multiple depths. The following is a description of the procedure followed for the soil percolation test which was adapted from a guide acquired from HCJB engineers while in Ecuador. Two percolation tests were performed within the proposed absorption area with the bottom of the test holes at 24 and 39 inches below grade. [Figure 8](#page-20-0) an[d Figure 9](#page-20-1) display the experimental setup for the shallow and deep percolation tests, respectively.



<span id="page-20-1"></span>**Figure 9: Deep Percolation Test Setup**

#### <span id="page-20-0"></span>**2.4.1.2 Procedure**

First, a square hole was dug with vertical sides approximately 12 inches wide on all four sides. Since a trench system is being considered, one test hole was placed at 24 inches below grade and another at the projected bottom of the trenches (1 m or  $\sim$ 39 in below grade). Clean gravel was then placed in the bottom two inches of each percolation test hole to reduce scouring and silting action when pouring water into the holes. The sides of the holes were also scraped to avoid smearing.

The holes were then pre-soaked by periodically filling them with water and allowing the water to seep away. This procedure was begun one day before the test and was continued for a period of four hours. After the water from the final pre-soaking had seeped away, any loose soil that had fallen from the sides of the hole was removed.

Clean water was then slowly and carefully poured into each hole to a depth of six inches above the gravel. The time required for the water to drop 1 inch from the six inch depth to the five inch depth was observed and recorded. The test was repeated until the time for the water to drop 1 inch for two successive tests was approximately equal (i.e.,  $\leq 1$  min. for 1-30 min./inch,  $\leq 2$  min. for 31-60 min./inch).

#### **2.4.1.3 Analysis**

When digging the test holes, it was noted that the top soil layer  $(\sim 25$ in) was comprised of a very densely compacted organic soil. Therefore, when the percolation test was performed at a depth of 24 inches, the

<span id="page-21-1"></span>water infiltrated very slowly and it took longer than 60 minutes for the water level to drop an inch. Therefore, the top soil layer  $(\sim 2ft)$  has been characterized as impermeable. However, below the top layer of clayey, compacted soil, the soil became sandier, and was therefore much more permeable. [Table 1](#page-21-1) shows the results of the three trials performed in each of the two test holes.



#### **Table 1: Percolation Test Results**

The longest time interval to drop one inch has been taken as the stabilized rate of percolation and has served as the basis of design for the absorption system. Based on the longest time interval, the percolation rate is approximately 12.63 min/in.

## **2.4.1.4 Discussion & Conclusions**

Discussions with hospital maintenance staff have revealed that the proposed drainfield location has been historically used for cattle grazing. This helps explain why the upper layer of soil has been so significantly compacted. It is critically important that the drainfield be constructed at a depth well below the upper compacted layer and fully within the sandier, more permeable layer.

The percolation test holes were also visited in the middle of a very heavy and extended rain event. The shallow hole was nearly filled with water; whereas the deep hole only had a small amount of standing water at the bottom of the hole. This further confirms that at depths of  $\sim$ 1 m and greater, the permeability of the soil is quite high.

## <span id="page-21-0"></span>**2.4.2 Sampling**

## **2.4.2.1 Locations & Procedure**

Water samples were taken at three locations throughout the current septic system: before the septic tank, after the septic tank and at the effluent discharge into the Motolo River. A plastic bottle was used to collect the water, which was then transferred using a funnel into another sealed plastic bottle for transport. Rubber gloves and masks were used both as a safety precaution and to ensure the quality of the samples. [Figure 10](#page-22-1) and [Figure 11](#page-22-2) show the sampling method and sampling containers.



<span id="page-22-2"></span>**Figure 10: Method Used for Sampling Figure 11: Funnel Used to Transfer Water**

#### <span id="page-22-1"></span><span id="page-22-0"></span>**2.4.3 Surveying**

A survey of the sewer pipe from MH1 to MH6 was performed using a total station and survey rod, shown in [Figure 12](#page-23-1) and [Figure 13,](#page-23-2) respectively. Due to unfamiliarity with total stations, horizontal distances were measured manually using a measuring tape instead of the prism. Pipe invert, manhole and ground elevations were measured and recorded. This data has been plotted to produce a profile plot of the site topography along with a plot of the sewer slopes. Using the elevation data, hydraulic analyses of the current and proposed systems have been performed to ensure proper hydraulic function. Detailed procedures and conclusions of the hydraulic analysis and modeling are provided in Section [6.](#page-49-0)





**Figure 12: Total Station Figure 13: Surveying Rod**

## <span id="page-23-2"></span><span id="page-23-1"></span><span id="page-23-0"></span>**2.4.4 Septic Tank Measurements**

#### **2.4.4.1 Excavation**

Excavation of the influent pipe of the septic tank was performed in order to determine its exact location and elevation. As no drawings of the current septic tank existed prior to the site visit, the tank itself was exposed by excavation to get an accurate understanding of the tank size and locations of the influent and effluent pipes. [Figure 14](#page-24-1) and [Figure 15](#page-24-2) show a schematic of the current septic tank and a photograph of the influent pipe excavation, respectively.



**Figure 14: Schematic of Current Septic Tank**

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**Figure 15: Excavation of Influent Pipe and Current Septic Tank Wall**

## <span id="page-24-2"></span><span id="page-24-0"></span>**2.4.5 Dip Test**

#### **2.4.5.1 Procedure**

A dip test was performed to obtain an estimate of the sludge accumulation rate in the septic tank. The test was performed using a long wooden stick wrapped with a white cloth. The white cloth was then secured

to the stick with small nails. The stick was then placed straight down into the tank and pressed through the sludge to get a reading of the sludge depth. [Figure 16](#page-25-2) an[d Figure 17](#page-25-3) are two photographs of the dip test process.



**Figure 16: Dipping into center MH Figure 17: Dip Test Results**

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## <span id="page-25-2"></span>**2.4.5.2 Dip Test Results**

Beginning upstream, the first, second and third compartments where found to have a sludge depth of approximately 2.5cm, 7.6cm and 2.0cm, respectively.

#### **2.4.5.3 Sludge Accumulation Rate Estimation**

Using the measured sludge depths, the volume of sludge in each compartment was calculated. This was then combined to find the total volume of sludge currently in the tank. According to hospital maintenance staff, the tank had been emptied two years earlier. Therefore, the sludge volume was divided by the two year accumulation period to obtain a sludge accumulation rate of 0.27m<sup>3</sup>/yr. Detailed calculations can be seen in [Table 2](#page-25-4) and in [Appendix F.](#page-78-0)



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# <span id="page-25-0"></span>**2.5 Chemical Testing**

## <span id="page-25-1"></span>**2.5.1 Introduction**

Using HACH test kits, chemical testing of the samples was performed. These tests provide a more complete understanding of the waste stream characteristics, as well as providing insight into the quality of the water entering the hospital and of the waste stream receiving water. The tests provide estimates of water quality and chemical concentrations that have been used in several design considerations.

# <span id="page-26-0"></span>**2.5.2 Dissolved Oxygen**

The dissolved oxygen content of each sample was analyzed. These results were then used to determine the BOD<sub>4</sub> of each sample. DO and BOD<sub>4</sub> results can be seen in [Table 3below.](#page-27-1)

## **2.5.2.1 Procedure**

Two reagent powder pillows were combined with the sample in a dissolved oxygen bottle and the resulting flocculent was allowed to settle. The bottle was then shaken and allowed to settle again, as can be seen i[n Figure 18.](#page-26-1) Another reagent powder pillow was combined with the solution, resulting in the color seen in [Figure 19.](#page-26-2) Finally the solution was titrated using sodium thiosulfate standard solution.





**Figure 18: Flocculent Settling Figure 19: Color Before Titration**

#### <span id="page-26-2"></span><span id="page-26-1"></span>**2.5.2.2 BOD Test**

Due to time constraints, results were obtained for  $BOD_4$  instead of  $BOD_5$ . Initial DO contents of the samples were measured. The samples were then set aside for four days in a dark, room-temperature environment. The test was performed with two dilution factors of 30 and 40. However, it was found that the dilution factor of 40 was too large as there was no measurable reduction in the dissolved oxygen concentration during the four day test period. Therefore,  $BOD_4$  results have been drawn solely from the sample with the dilution factor of 30.

BOD4 was measured at both the inlet and outlet of the septic tank and at the river. As shown i[n Table 3,](#page-27-1) the measured BOD4 before the septic tank, after the septic tank and at the river were 52.8mg/L, 27.4mg/L and 13.7mg/L, respectively. Detailed BOD calculations can be seen i[n Appendix E.](#page-76-0)

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| <b>Sample Location</b>  | $\mathbf{DO}_{i}$<br>[mg/L] | DO <sub>f</sub><br>[mg/L] | / sample<br>$\lceil \text{mL} \rceil$ | $V_{\rm total}$<br>[mL] | У4<br>[mg $O_2/L$ ] |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pre-Septic Tank</b>  |                             |                           | 12.5                                  | 330.0                   | 52.8                |
| <b>Post-Septic Tank</b> |                             |                           | 12.5                                  | 342.5                   | 27.4                |
| <b>River Water</b>      |                             | 75                        | 12.5                                  | 342.5                   | 13 7                |

**Table 3: Measured DO and BOD4 at Various Locations**

#### **2.5.2.3 Conclusions**

It has been shown that the existing septic tank reduces the BOD<sub>4</sub> level by approximately 50% and that the BOD4 level of the septic tank effluent, 27.4mg/L, was higher than that of the river, 13.7mg/L.

#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>**2.5.3 Orthophosphate, Chlorine, Ammonia Nitrogen and Nitrate Test**

The procedures for the orthophosphate, chlorine, ammonia nitrogen, and nitrate tests are very similar. Each test requires specific powder reagents, color wheels and blank samples unique to each test. The reagent used for each test can be seen in [Table 4.](#page-27-2)

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#### **Table 4: HACH Test Kit Reagents**

#### **2.5.3.1 General Procedure**

A sample blank was placed in the color wheel device. The test-specific reagent was then combined with additional sample in a second vial. The two vials were placed in the color wheel holder and held up to the light. The wheel was then rotated until the colors in the viewing window of the sample blank and sample solution vials matched. The result was then read from the viewing window. The vials and color wheel device are pictured i[n Figure 20](#page-28-1) and [Figure 21below.](#page-28-2)



**Figure 20: Closed Color Wheel Device Figure 21: Open Color Wheel Device**



#### <span id="page-28-2"></span><span id="page-28-1"></span>**2.5.3.2 Conclusions**

It was determined that none of these chemicals were prevalent in any of the water tested (pre-septic tank, post-septic tank or river water). Detailed results of chemical tests can be seen in [Appendix D.](#page-74-0)

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>**2.5.4 Pathoscreen Test**

The tap water and river water were tested for pathogens. Sample bottles were first cleaned with bleach and then allowed to dry. The sample water was then put into a bottle and mixed with a PathoScreen Medium powder pillow and incubated for 48 hours. The samples were examined to see if any change in color had occurred as a black precipitate reveals the presence of pathogens. It was found that both the tap water and the river water were pathogenic. [Figure 22](#page-29-2) and [Figure 23](#page-29-3) show the results of the tests. The left and right vials are tap water and river water, respectively.



**Figure 22: Pathoscreen Test at Start of Test (Left – Tap Water, Right – River Water)**



**Figure 23: Pathoscreen Test After 48 Hours (Left – Tap Water, Right – River Water)**

## <span id="page-29-3"></span><span id="page-29-2"></span><span id="page-29-0"></span>**2.5.5 Data Limitations**

While these tests provide estimates of the water quality at various locations, there are several sources of error that significantly limit the usefulness and reliability of the data. These data limitations largely stem from time and financial constraints.

First, as only one data point was acquired at each location, there is not sufficient data to draw definitive conclusions about the quality of the water at various points throughout the system.

Second, the test sample was collected during very dry weather conditions. As this is not typical weather for the region, more testing is required during both dry and wet weather conditions to gain a more complete understanding of the characteristics of the wastewater and receiving water during more typical conditions.

Third, the Hach test equipment only provides results with limited precision. It is recommended that further laboratory testing be performed in order to gain a more precise understanding of the characteristics of the wastewater and to determine the effectiveness of the current system.

## <span id="page-29-1"></span>**2.5.6 Conclusions**

Even with these data limitations, installation of a second septic tank and drainfield in addition to the current system is recommended. As the current septic tank is overloaded, addition of a second tank in series with the existing tank would provide the required hydraulic retention time to adequately treat the waste. Installation of a drainfield would provide further treatment, further lowering the BOD level before reaching the river. Addition of these items to the system would produce a higher quality effluent, meeting current widely accepted standards and providing capacity for future expansion of the hospital.

# <span id="page-30-0"></span>**3 Wastewater Characterization**

# <span id="page-30-1"></span>**3.1 Introduction**

The effective management of any wastewater flow requires a reasonably accurate knowledge of its characteristics. This is particularly true for wastewater flows from rural residential dwellings, commercial establishments and other facilities where individual water-using activities create an intermittent flow of wastewater that can vary widely in volume and degree of pollution. Detailed characterization data regarding these flows are necessary not only to facilitate the effective design of wastewater treatment and disposal systems, but also to enable the development and application of water conservation and waste load reduction strategies. [\(9\)](#page-61-1)

# <span id="page-30-2"></span>**3.2 Assumptions**

# <span id="page-30-3"></span>**3.2.1 Nationality**

HVO is a unique and highly diverse mix of North Americans, Europeans and both mestizo and indigenous Ecuadorians. This diversity represents a wide variety of water use habits. In general, North Americans use more water than Europeans. Less is used by the Ecuadorian mestizo population and even less by the indigenous visitors to the hospital. Therefore, nationality has been an important consideration in accurately predicting water usage.

However, research into differences in water usage based on nationality yielded very limited and, at times, contradictory results. Therefore, all estimates have been based on water usage figures of Americans in small communities given in the EPA manual *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities* (1992). The manual provides figures for minimum, average and maximum usage, which have been applied to indigenous Ecuadorians, Europeans/mestizo Ecuadorians and North Americans, respectively.

Nationality is only likely to make a difference in those who are doing personal bathing, laundry, cooking, dish washing and other household activities. Furthermore, as HVO is a modern medical facility, it has been assumed that all employees follow similar procedures and that all patients receive similar treatment, thereby making nationality irrelevant for wastewater estimates of hospital patients and employees.

# <span id="page-30-4"></span>**3.2.2 Water Usage Activities**

As there are no flow meters installed on the hospital water supply, water usage has been predicted. This prediction was then used to estimate wastewater flows. Activities considered for these estimates come from the EPA manual and include toilet flushing, bathing, clothes washing, dishwashing, garbage grinding and allowance for other miscellaneous activities.

For all waste contributors to the hospital system made outside of the actual hospital (missionary/visitor residences, duplexes and visiting staff quarters), estimates have been made based on expected water use activities. Selected activities for various contributors can be seen in [Table 5.](#page-31-4) A complete estimation of

water use by activity, including values used for North Americans, Europeans/mestizo Ecuadorians and indigenous Ecuadorians, can be seen in Table 21 in [Appendix C.](#page-70-0)

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| <b>Activity</b>  | Work & Live | Work | Live | <b>Visit</b> | <b>School Age</b> | <b>Below School Age</b> |
|------------------|-------------|------|------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Toilet flushing  |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |
| <b>Bathing</b>   |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |
| Clothes washing  |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |
| Dishwashing      |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |
| Garbage grinding |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |
| Miscellaneous    |             |      |      |              |                   |                         |

**Table 5: Selected Water Use Activities for Waste Contributor Categories**

It has been assumed that those who work and live on the hospital property use only water from the hospital distribution system and discharge all wastewater into the hospital system. The same assumption has been made for those who only live on the hospital property, as well as school age and below school age children. To differentiate children from adults, scaling factors of 0.75 and 0.5 have been applied to "school age" and "below school age" children, respectively.

These assumptions are appropriately conservative for a number of reasons. First, those who only live on the hospital property may work elsewhere, thereby leaving a portion of their waste contribution outside of the hospital system. The same is true of school age children who are in school for 8 hours, returning home during the day only for lunch.

# <span id="page-31-0"></span>**3.2.3 Hospital Growth**

To determine the design flow rate, it was necessary to include potential growth of the hospital patient population. A mean growth rate of 1% per year has been assumed based on patient statistics provided by HCJB.

# <span id="page-31-1"></span>**3.2.4 Miscellaneous Water Usage**

Due to Shell's rainy climate, it has been assumed that no water will be used for lawn watering, watering gardens, car washing or any other optional water uses.

# <span id="page-31-2"></span>**3.3 Identification of Waste Contributors**

Wastewater contributors have been divided into two categories: 1) Hospital: waste stream contributions made within the hospital and 2) Non-hospital: waste stream contributions made to the hospital system outside of the actual hospital.

# <span id="page-31-3"></span>**3.3.1 Hospital Contributors**

# **3.3.1.1 Hospital Patients**

Using the minimum value for wastewater flow from a medical hospital bed, it has been assumed that all hospital patients produce 132 gal/day. (EPA, Pg. 43, Table 4-7)

#### 3.3.1.1.1 Outpatients

The number of outpatients per day is based on a monthly average. It has been assumed that outpatient appointments last for 3 hours and that half of them are accompanied by one person.

#### 3.3.1.1.2 Emergencies

The number of emergency patients is based on an average of several years of data provided by hospital staff. It has been assumed that each patient remains at the hospital for 24 hours and that they are accompanied by one person for the duration of their stay.

## 3.3.1.1.3 Inpatients

The number of inpatients is based on an average value of inpatients per day for several months. It has been assumed that they remain at the hospital for 24 hours and that each inpatient has one visitor for 3 hours.

#### **3.3.1.2 Hospital Employees**

Using the value for minimum wastewater flow from a medical hospital employee, it has been assumed that all hospital employees produce 5.3 gal/day. [\(10,](#page-61-2) Pg. 43, Table 4-7)

## 3.3.1.2.1 National Staff

There are 63 staff members who work a variety of hours as some do shift work and some work a standard 8-5 shift. Over a month all work 160 hours except 5 nurses who each work 120 hours per month.

#### 3.3.1.2.2 Non-resident Missionaries

There are currently five missionaries who work in the hospital but live outside of the hospital water system. It has been assumed that they work for 8 hours per day.

## <span id="page-32-0"></span>**3.3.2 Non-hospital Contributors**

## **3.3.2.1 Missionary and Visitor Residences**

There are currently seven family homes occupied by missionary families that are contributing to the hospital waste system. Of the adults, only one works outside of the hospital compound. Details of occupancy numbers, including numbers of both school age and non-school age children, can be seen in Table 22 in [Appendix C.](#page-70-0)

## **3.3.2.2 Duplexes**

There are four duplexes connected to the hospital waste system. Each duplex has two sides with 3 bedrooms per side. Since at any time, each duplex could be full with 8 people or completely vacant, it has been assumed that each duplex is occupied at half-capacity with 4 people living in each. It has also been assumed that in each duplex, two people both live and work within the hospital water system and that the other two people live in the duplex but work outside of the hospital water system.

## **3.3.2.3 Visiting Staff Quarters**

This is the accommodation for visiting interns and residents. There are 6 quarters and they are always full. All people work in the hospital.

#### **3.3.2.4 Casitas**

The casitas are accommodations for the families of in-patients from the jungle. There are 8 casitas capable of holding two people in each. It has been assumed that at all times, 25% of the casitas are occupied with two people. Water used in the casitas comes from the hospital system but wastewater from the casitas *discharges into the town sewer system.* Therefore, water used in the casitas is not included in the waste stream estimate.

# **3.3.2.5 Laundry**

The hospital uses two laundry machines and runs eight loads of laundry in each machine per day. Although the water usage figure for hospital patients likely already includes laundry, these laundry water usage estimates have been included to be conservative. In addition, an extremely important consideration is the high amount of powdered detergents being used. Powdered detergents are known for causing failure conditions in septic tank drainfields. Explanation of the importance of the drainfield and proper drainfield maintenance can be seen in Section [5.4.10.](#page-48-2) Recommendations for solutions to this problem are laid out in Section [10.6.](#page-58-1)

#### **3.3.2.6 The Bar Restaurant**

As with the casitas, water used in The Bar restaurant comes from the hospital system but discharges into the town sewer system. Therefore it has not been included in wastewater characterization estimates. As no information was provided by the hospital, it has also been excluded from water usage estimates.

## **3.3.2.7 Hospital Restaurant**

The hospital serves 40 lunches per day Monday through Friday. It was found that the restaurant does not use a grease trap on its waste water outlet. This could lead to build up on pipes and clogging of system components. Recommendations for solving this issue can be seen in Sectio[n 10.3.](#page-57-3)

# <span id="page-33-0"></span>**3.4 Daily Water Variation**

While flow meters would give more accurate information regarding daily variation in water usage at HVO, data obtained by the HCJB 2009 water projects team gives a general idea of peak flows throughout the day. [Figure 24](#page-34-4) shows the data collected from measuring changes in hospital cistern levels over time. These approximations are used for peak factors in hydraulic modeling of the system, which is explained in more detail in Section [6.](#page-49-0) The average flow rate from this data is similar to the result of wastewater characterization calculations for water usage.



**Figure 24: Hourly variation in water usage by HCJB 2009 water projects team**

# <span id="page-34-4"></span><span id="page-34-0"></span>**3.5 Conclusions**

Assuming that using figures based on North American water usage is sufficiently conservative and including a growth rate of  $\sim$ 1% per year, the design flow rate for the hospital system is 45m<sup>3</sup>/day.

# <span id="page-34-1"></span>**4 Considered Design Alternatives**

Many treatment alternatives have been considered for the HVO system. It is important to consider all possibilities to determine the most appropriate solution. Listed below are some of the most reasonable alternatives that were analyzed for feasibility and determined unsuitable for various reasons.

# <span id="page-34-2"></span>**4.1 Preliminary Treatment Alternatives**

## <span id="page-34-3"></span>**4.1.1 Bar Screen**

Preliminary treatment of wastewater commonly begins with removal of coarse solids with bar screens. A basic schematic of a bar screen is shown in [Figure 25.](#page-35-1) The purpose of screening is to prevent blockages and damage to downstream components. A manually raked bar screen is the simplest method to consider. This adheres to the design criteria of little to no power usage (Mara 2004). The added maintenance required for cleaning and disposal of removed solids makes the bar screen component undesirable for the HVO system. Removal of course solids is simply an addition to the operation and maintenance of the septic tanks.

Fine screening is also commonly used in the preliminary treatment of wastewater. This requires complex mechanical screens and is not a necessary component of treatment. Therefore fine screening has been determined to be infeasible for the HVO treatment system.



**Figure 25: Bar Screen[2](#page-35-3)**

# <span id="page-35-1"></span><span id="page-35-0"></span>**4.1.2 Grit Chamber**

The second component of preliminary treatment is grit removal. The objective is to prevent grit and other inorganic solids from entering downstream processes and causing abrasion damage. A grit chamber is used to slow the flow and allow larger particles to settle out (Mara 2004). A basic design of this apparatus is shown in [Figure 26.](#page-35-2) There is a centrifugal push toward the wall (A) followed by gravity pull (B) and sweep toward the center (C). Heavy particles fall to the bottom (D) while light material stays in suspension (E). The removed grit particles can be buried without the risk of contamination due to the lack of organic material. The HVO system would likely use a gravity fed vortex design. However due to lack of information regarding waste stream grit content and unnecessary system costs, this alternative is excluded from the design.



**Figure 26: Grit Chamber Design[3](#page-35-4)**

<span id="page-35-3"></span><span id="page-35-2"></span> <sup>2</sup> Mara 2004

<span id="page-35-4"></span> $^3$ www.aerresearch.com/html/GritSystemDesignGuide.pdf
## **4.2 Primary Treatment Alternatives**

#### **4.2.1 Waste Stabilization Ponds**

#### **4.2.1.1 Background**

Following the removal of coarse solids and inorganic material in the preliminary treatment, on primary treatment alternative involves waste stabilization ponds. These are large shallow basins which treat wastewater by natural biological processes involving bacteria and algae. There are three main types of stabilization ponds which use different processes for treatment. These types can be used in series or separately (Mara 2004).

#### **4.2.1.2 Anaerobic Ponds**

An anaerobic pond is generally the first of a series of ponds and is relatively deep (2-5m). The primary purpose of anaerobic ponds is BOD removal. Due to the high organic loading there is no dissolved oxygen or algae in the pond. Retention times are generally short  $(-1 \text{ day})$  depending on the initial BOD loading of the influent wastewater and the surrounding temperature (Mara 2004). Issues of odor are understood to be a significant problem, especially if careful maintenance is not observed. Safety is also a concern with the inherent drowning hazard of a deep body of water. [Figure 27](#page-36-0) shows a cross section of a typical anaerobic pond.



**Figure 27: Anaerobic Pond Cross Section[4](#page-36-1)**

#### <span id="page-36-0"></span>**4.2.1.3 Facultative Ponds**

Facultative ponds can be used as primary or secondary treatment. Like anaerobic ponds they are designed for BOD removal. Unlike anaerobic ponds they are relatively shallow (1.0-1.8m) to allow for the growth of algae near the surface (top  $\sim$ 300 mm). The algal photosynthetic activities generate oxygen for the BOD removal. This process is dependent on temperature, mixing, and pond inlet design. Wind provides a portion of necessary mixing to allow algae to move into the zone of effective light penetration. Any fence surrounding the pond must allow air to move through freely (Mara 2004). The process components of a facultative pond are shown in [Figure 28.](#page-37-0) The biological process involved is shown in [Figure 29.](#page-37-1)

<span id="page-36-1"></span> <sup>4</sup> www.thewatertreatments.com

Although a system of waste stabilization ponds would offer a reasonable solution for wastewater treatment at HVO, public perception of the treatment method does not allow for its implementation. Resistance would be encountered from residential areas near the hospital property lines due to negative connotations associated with open water treatment of waste. Concerns with odors and vectors make ponds an unsuitable treatment method. As the system design is based on cultural appropriateness, this alternative is determined infeasible.



**Figure 28: Facultative Pond Process Components[5](#page-37-2)**

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**Figure 29: Facultative Pond Biological Process**

## <span id="page-37-1"></span>**4.3 Secondary Treatment Alternatives**

## **4.3.1 Maturation Ponds**

The objective of maturation ponds is to remove fecal bacteria and viruses. The process is mostly aerobic although some algal growth takes place. This can provide a level of quality suitable for water re-use in

<span id="page-37-2"></span> <sup>5</sup> www.thewatertreatments.com

agriculture or aquaculture (Mara 2004). Since HVO has no plans of reusing water, effluent wastewater will be discharged into the Motolo River. Therefore a maturation pond provides an unnecessary level of treatment.

## **4.3.2 Constructed Wetlands**

The processes of natural wetlands are applied to constructed wetlands for the treatment of wastewater. Rooted aquatic plants called 'macrophytes' are grown in gravel beds and usually receive wastewater after some form of primary treatment. A cross section of a constructed wetland design can be seen in [Figure](#page-38-0)  [30.](#page-38-0) The advantage of this secondary treatment is the removal of suspended solids and nutrients. Wetlands are also occasionally preferred based on aesthetic reasons. This alternative is not implemented on the basis of unnecessary treatment for this specific case as well as the high cost and land use.



**Figure 30: Constructed Wetland Cross Section[6](#page-38-1)**

## <span id="page-38-0"></span>**5 Design Summary**

## **5.1 Construction and Emergency Bypass**

Prior to starting construction of the system, a bypass must be implemented that conveys wastewater around proposed components. The sewer must be shut down upstream of manhole 2 during a period of low flow to install the emergency bypass pipe as shown in Drawing SP-2. The construction of the new manhole immediately downstream of the existing septic tank allows for a connection to the existing sewer pipeline. After installation of the shut off valve at the start of the new pipe downstream of manhole 2, the sewer is allowed to come back on line. Flow is directed through the emergency bypass to the existing sewer downstream of the existing septic tank for the duration of construction of the system. Upon completion of construction the shut off valve is opened and the bypass is reserved for emergencies.

## **5.2 Additional Septic Tank**

The septic tank currently in use at HVO in Shell Ecuador is 37% too small to satisfy a 24 hour retention time. In order to correct the undersized tank, an additional septic tank of equal size must be added in series with the first tank. According to the EPA Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems section 6.2.5.1, a 24 hour retention time is the standard requirement for sizing a septic tank. By placing

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two tanks of 28.4 cubic meters in series with each other they act as a single tank of 56.8 cubic meters. Using a volumetric flow rate of 45,000 L/day and a hydraulic retention time of 24 hours, the total tank size must be at least 45 cubic meters. A combined tank volume of 56.8 cubic meters will provide a retention time of about 30 hours, exceeding the 24 hour minimum. All specific septic tank design calculations can be found in [Appendix G.](#page-80-0)

To achieve the optimum rate of settlement the tank must be divided into two separate compartments, the first one will be 2/3 of the total volume and the second one 1/3 of the total volume of the tank (EPA 6.2.5.4). It is also important to include a scum baffle on the influent and effluent pipes of the tank to ensure no floating scum leaves the tank. The scum baffle is made of one Grainger made PVC TEE 8X8X8; see part specifications in [Appendix H,](#page-83-0) or an alternative in country option, along with one 8" diameter PVC pipe of length 30 cm. These two pieces need to be sealed together with a water tight seal using EPOXY glue. In total there are four scum baffles in the septic tank, one on the influent pipe, one on the effluent pipe and one on either side of the dividing wall. Details of the locations of the scum baffles can be found on Drawing ST-2.



#### **Figure 31: Proposed Septic Tank**

Septic tanks are typically made from precast 4,400 psi concrete with #12 rebar reinforcement placed at 30 cm on center, in all four walls. Details of this design can be found on Drawing ST-3. The outside wall must have a thickness of 30 cm and the internal wall dividing the tank into two compartments must be 15 cm thick. It is important that HCJB do research into the options in country for the structural aspect of this tank.

The site of the proposed septic tank is upstream of the existing tank and manhole 3 on the north side of the road [\(Figure 32\)](#page-40-0). The location of the influent and effluent pipes can be found on Drawing ST-2.



**Figure 32: Site of Proposed Septic Tank**

## <span id="page-40-0"></span>**5.2.1 Maintenance**

Once a concrete septic tank is installed, it will last for approximately 50 years without having to replace any major components if the following maintenance plan is followed. Over the course of the first 4 years of installation, inspections need to be made on a yearly basis to monitor the sludge and scum accumulation rate. Once an accumulation rate has been found the tank must be pumped when the sludge depth is 80 cm from the bottom of the tank or the scum depth is 39 cm from the top of the water; typically this is a 3 to 5 year period. Every time the tank is pumped out an inspection of the inlet, outlet and mid structures must be preformed to check overall structural integrity (EPA 6.2.7). In the case of finding significant cracking or damaged pipes, repairs must be preformed immediately

## **5.3 Dosing Tanks**

## **5.3.1 Introduction**

Onsite systems have gained recognition as a viable wastewater treatment alternative that can provide excellent and reliable service at a reasonable cost, while still preserving the environment. The high costs associated with conventional wastewater treatment facilities along with the necessity for minimal power consumption, appropriate technology and low, simple maintenance have pointed to a septic tank and drainfield as the only feasible on-site option capable of appropriately handling wastewater treatment and disposal at HVO.

## **5.3.2 Consideration for Onsite Treatment**

Groundwater and surface water pollution are major environmental considerations when designing onsite systems. All wastewater treatment and disposal systems must be designed, constructed, operated and maintained to prevent degradation of both groundwater and surface water quality.

## **5.3.3 Background**

Using siphons to periodically dose septic tank effluent into a drainfield eliminates many of the problems associated with conventional gravity flow systems. According to Fluid Dynamic Siphons, Inc. (FDS), "Historically many septic tank-soil absorption systems have been unreliable. Failures occur because of poor siting, design and construction. Because of this engineers are often reluctant to use this method. Recent research in site evaluation and design and construction techniques has helped to identify the major problem areas and has led to improved performance of septic tank-soil absorption systems." One of the major design problems is how the effluent is distributed in absorption fields. Three distribution methods have been considered.

## **5.3.4 Effluent Distribution in Absorption Fields**

Three common methods of distribution have been considered. According to FDS, "The simplest and most common method is gravity or trickle flow. With this method, wastewater is allowed to flow by gravity into the absorption field as it is discharged from the septic tank. Each incremental inflow to the septic tank requires an equal outflow into the absorption field. Distribution is usually localized to a few areas within the absorption field resulting in an overloading of the infiltrative surface in these areas. This can lead to groundwater contamination in coarse granular soils due to insufficient treatment, or rapid clogging in fine textured soild. Many gravity flow systems also experience a crusting phenomenon at the interface of the gravel-filled seepage bed and the underlying soil. The effect of the crust is to greatly reduce the infiltration rate into the soil. This may result in surface seepage of unpurified septic tank effluent."

According to FDS, "The second and third methods of effluent distribution alleviate many of the problems associated with the gravity flow system. They use the septic tank [or separate dosing tank] to store effluent for periodic discharge into the soil absorption field by a siphon or pump. This process is called dosing and can be achieved by using either a pressurized or a nonpressurized system. The dosing interval is controlled by the liquid level within the tank. Nonpressurized dosing (commonly referred to simply as dosing) has been evaluated by many investigators and results indicated that:

- 1. Effluent is distributed over a larger portion of the absorption area.
- 2. The rest period between doses allows the infiltrative surface to drain.
- 3. The exposure of the soil-seepage bed interface to air between doses, results in a reduction of crust resistance and build-up.
- 4. Soil clogging is not as severe as with the gravity flow method.
- 5. Localized overloading still occurs.

The third method, provides uniform application of sewage effluent by using pressurized dosing, and has, the advantages of (1) through (4) and yet is solves the overloading problem of (5) by applying effluent uniformly over the entire absorption area at a rate below the saturated hydraulic conductivity of the soil. This insures adequate treatment by the soil at all times and seems to reduce clogging. However achieving uniform application is difficult and can be costly and therefore is recommended only where the other methods are not acceptable."



**Figure 33: Effluent distribution performance for three different systems and the ideal condition.[7](#page-42-1)**

#### <span id="page-42-0"></span>**5.3.5 Comparative Studies**

According to FDS, "these distribution systems have been experimentally compared in the laboratory to determine their operating characteristics, and hence advantages and disadvantages. Converse tested the gravity flow, dosing and pressurized dosing systems under similar operating conditions. He found that the dosing and pressurized dosing methods greatly improved the performance of a conventional trickle flow system and would result in dramatic increase in the life of the system. [Figure 33](#page-42-0) shows the comparative performance of the three systems. The ideal performance is represented by a straight line, uniform distribution of sewage effluent along the entire length of the absorption field.

In a similar study Popkin and Bendixen experimentally compared the gravity flow and dosing methods of distribution. They found that a vastly improved design and operation of soil absorption systems could be obtained through the use of periodic dosing. In their experiments "relative wetted area" is inversely proportional to absorption efficiency and the effluent loading rate is expressed as "hydraulic load". In [Figure 34](#page-43-0) the 35 doses/week line represents gravity flow or a near continual flow loading rate. The lower wetted area - higher absorption efficiency is attained with a once a week dosing interval."

#### **5.3.6 Conclusions**

According to FDS, "periodic dosing of sewage effluent from a septic tank into a soil absorption field by siphon or pump results in improved effluent distribution throughout the field. This eliminates many of

<span id="page-42-1"></span> <sup>7</sup> http://siphons.com/why.html

the problems associated with the conventional gravity flow systems such as, localized overloading and soil clogging. Implementation of these design principals along with improved site evaluation and construction techniques will make the septic tank-absorption field system an efficient and cost effective solution to many sewage disposal problems."



**Figure 34: The effect of different dosing intervals on absorption efficiency (relative wetted area).[8](#page-43-1)**

## <span id="page-43-0"></span>**5.4 Drainfield Design**

#### **5.4.1 Function of Drainfield**

After initial treatment by the septic tanks, the wastewater effluent remains contaminated with dissolved solids, organic compounds, and disease transmitting pathogenic microorganisms. The biochemical oxygen demand caused by the organic material must be decreased to avoid harmful impacts to surrounding surface water. The most common method of final treatment and disposal for a septic system is by subsurface soil absorption. While the septic tanks provide anaerobic digestion and settling of waste, the most important part of the treatment process occurs in the subsurface after discharge to the soil. This is where aerobic bacteria found naturally in soil consume the organic components of the waste. Pathogenic microorganisms generally cannot survive long after travel through the soil. Any remaining dissolved solids are naturally filtered out as well. Travel through 2 to 4 ft (0.6 to 1.2 m) of unsaturated soil results in sufficient removal of pathogens and other contaminants before discharge to the groundwater. While the exact groundwater elevation at the site of the proposed drainfield is unknown, there is likely enough depth between the point of discharge of wastewater and the water table below.

A drainfield trench system is the most suitable type of subsurface soil absorption process for wastewater disposal given the site characteristics of HVO. Partially treated wastewater from the septic tanks is discharged below the ground surface to allow natural treatment by percolation through the soil. Distribution piping networks in the trench system utilize the infiltrative surface of the soil for absorption and final treatment.

<span id="page-43-1"></span> <sup>8</sup> http://siphons.com/why.html



**Figure 35: Drainfield Plan View**

#### **5.4.2 Soil Characterization and Application Rate**

Design of the drainfield requires determination of characteristics of the onsite soil in which partially treated wastewater enters in the subsurface. The infiltration rate of wastewater through the soil is based on the expected hydraulic conductivity of the clogging biomat that forms over continued application. Previous experience with soil absorption systems gives a correlation between allowable application rates and percolation rates. Table 7-2 from *EPA Design Manual: Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems* gives application rates determined by the percolation rate of the soil that makes up the infiltrative surface, assuming a biomat has formed on the surface of the soil. This is an approximate recommendation since every site has different characteristics such as soil structure and clay mineral content. The percolation rate obtained from soil testing on the proposed site is used to determine the application rate of 0.8 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup> (32.6 Lpd/m<sup>2</sup>). See sectio[n 2.4.1](#page-19-0) for percolation test results. Percolation tests, as well as local knowledge, have suggested that there is a nearly impermeable soil layer between 0.5 m and 1 m below the ground surface at the site of the proposed drainfield. As a result the discharge depth of subsurface wastewater disposal must be at a depth of at least 1 m to apply the application rate obtained to the drainfield design.

| <b>Soil Texture</b>          | <b>Percolation Rate</b><br>[min/in.] | <b>Application Rate</b> <sup>11</sup><br>[gpd/ft <sup>2</sup> ] |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Gravel, coarse sand          |                                      | Not suitable  |
| Coarse to medium sand        | $1 - 5$                              | 1.2   |
| <b>Fine sand, loamy sand</b> | $6 - 15$                             | 0.8   |
| Sandy loam, loam             | $16 - 30$                            | 0.6   |
| Loam, porous silt loam       | $31 - 60$                            | 0.45  |
| Silty clay loam, clay loam   | $61 - 120$                           | 0.2   |

**Table 6: Recommended Rates of Wastewater Application for Trench and Bed Bottom Areas[9](#page-45-2) [10](#page-45-3)**

#### **5.4.3 Infiltration Area**

Both the bottom area and vertical sidewalls of each trench act as infiltrative surfaces. After a period of wastewater application the bottom surface begins to partially clog with a biomat and allow ponding in the trench. This allows the sidewalls to act as infiltrative surfaces. The bottom and sidewall surface below the distribution pipe invert make up the total infiltration area of each trench.

#### <span id="page-45-0"></span>**Table 7: Drainfield Design**



<span id="page-45-1"></span>**Table 8: Trench Dimensions**



#### **5.4.4 System Layout**

The sizing and layout of the drainfield are based on EPA regulations for subsurface soil absorption systems. The plan view system layout is shown in Drawing SP-2 of [Appendix N.](#page-100-0) A more detailed plan view is shown in Drawing DF-1 of [Appendix N.](#page-100-0) The design flow rate and application rate obtained determine the total area required for the system, as shown in [Table 7.](#page-45-0) The width and height dimensions of the trench determine the required total trench length. Calculations of drainfield sizing are shown in [Appendix J.](#page-88-0) [Table 8](#page-45-1) shows results of calculations for the drainfield layout. Detailed cross sectional views of the trenches are shown in Drawing DF-2 of [Appendix N.](#page-100-0) The EPA gives suggested separation

<span id="page-45-4"></span><span id="page-45-3"></span>

<span id="page-45-2"></span><sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Table 7-2 from EPA Manual: Onsite Wastewater Treatment & Disposal Systems<br><sup>10</sup> May be suitable estimates for sidewall infiltration rates.<br><sup>11</sup> Rates based on septic tank effluent from a domestic waste source. A factor of significantly different character.

distances for trench systems. Abiding by these setbacks, shown in [Table 9,](#page-46-0) ensures a safe and operable system.

| m) | <b>Surface Water   Property Boundary</b><br>(m) | <b>Building Foundation</b><br>(m) |
|----|---|-----------------------------------|
|    |   |                                   |

<span id="page-46-0"></span>**Table 9: Required Setbacks for Trench Systems[12](#page-46-1)**

It is very important that each trench bottom is constructed at a near constant elevation throughout its length. The maximum slope of a distribution lateral is a drop of 2 in. (5 cm) per 100 ft (30 m) of length (a slope of 0.2%). Failing to meet this constraint could result in overloading and ponding at the end of the distribution lateral and eventually drainfield failure. The average slope of the ground surface of the proposed site is about 2%. Therefore, to avoid unnecessary excavation, the trenches have an orientation perpendicular to the natural slope, following the contours as closely as possible. The maximum allowable length of a distribution pipe is 100 ft (30 m) due to concerns of pipe breakage and flow disruption. The trench system design uses 26 trenches, each with a length of 29.3 m. The spacing between each trench is set at 2 meters. This allows adequate space for excavation equipment and provides the location for a replacement drainfield. At the end of the project life or upon failure of the drainfield, a replacement trench system can be constructed in the gaps between the proposed trenches. Essentially the same area of land would be reused in this case.

Although it requires more piping, the proposed system layout of the drainfield is a preferred method to connecting every trench in series. Serial drainfields always fail over time since the first trench at the highest elevation must overflow before redistributing the waste stream to the next trench. Eventually each successive trench would fail down the line. Connecting the distribution laterals by a single branching pipe also would cause problems. The large elevation drop between the first and last trench of the drainfield would not allow for even pressure distribution to all lateral pipes. To avoid these problems distribution boxes are used to provide even flow throughout the system.

The entire drainfield is divided into two separate fields of 13 distribution laterals each. This allows for alternating dosing of the system. Dosing is essential to maintaining the life of the system. The drainfield has an upper and lower section each with identical components. Each field is also divided into three groups of four or five trenches. These groups have trenches at a constant elevation with loop connections, avoiding localized overloading in certain areas. The purpose of connecting the ends of each distribution lateral in a trench group is to promote complete circulation of flow throughout each pipe as the dosing volume is applied. The drainfield elevation profile of the ground level, piping, trenches, and distribution boxes is shown in Drawing PN-3 of [Appendix N.](#page-100-0)

## **5.4.5 Distribution Boxes**

Distribution of wastewater flow throughout the drainfield is accomplished using distribution boxes. The upper and lower drainfield sections each utilize a separate distribution box. The two distribution boxes both contain one inlet from the dosing tank and three outlets to the three groups of distribution laterals.

<span id="page-46-1"></span> <sup>12</sup> Table 7-1 from EPA Design Manual: *Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems*, p. 212.

The outlets are placed at the same elevation to evenly distribute flow. When constructing the distribution boxes it is essential that all outlet pipes are on a level plane. If any tilting occurs the waste stream will be redirected to one side and distribute more flow to one group of trenches. Detailed plan and profile views of the distribution boxes are shown in Drawing DF-3 of [Appendix N.](#page-100-0)



**Figure 36: Distribution Box Details**

#### **5.4.6 Excavation**

The effectiveness of the soil as an infiltrative surface is dependent on the pore spaces of undisturbed material. It is important to prevent sealing of these pores during excavation and construction of the trenches, especially the sidewalls. Compaction, smearing, and puddling of the soil should be avoided to ensure the system will operate properly. The sidewalls should be raked and compacted surfaces removed. Care should be taken to avoid leaving open trenches susceptible to the elements, such as rain events. Infiltrative surfaces should be covered after excavation until piping construction and backfilling is complete. The site of the trench system should be disturbed as little as possible initially, especially avoiding compaction of the native soil by heavy machinery. The layout of the drainfield is designed to allow excavating machinery such as a backhoe to have room to straddle each trench and avoid any machinery driving over top of the system. Excess weight should not be applied at the surface over the distribution pipes after construction.

## **5.4.7 Distribution Piping and Media**

The distribution laterals installed in the trenches are 6 inch (152 mm) schedule 40 perforated PVC pipes. If standard perforated PVC piping is not available, perforations must be added to solid pipes. Holes with 12 mm diameter are drilled at about 45 degrees down from horizontal on both sides with a spacing of about 10 cm along the length of the pipe. The perforations allow for even flow distribution of wastewater into the porous media. This geometry of drainage holes prevents buildup of scum directly beneath the bottom of the pipe which could result in clogging. Pipe segments are connected with joints and the ends of each distribution lateral are connected with elbows and T-connectors between non-perforated pipe. It is important that piping be laid with as close to zero slope as possible. Distribution laterals must also avoid trees which may cause root damage.

The gravel fill acts as a porous media to provide flow paths to the soil surface, dissipate flow energy to prevent erosion, and provide storage at peak flows. The media also supports the distribution pipe and the sidewalls to prevent collapse of the excavation. The size of gravel should be  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. (1.8 cm to 3.8 cm) in diameter and washed to remove fines that could cause clogging. A covering material is used on top of the gravel to prevent backfilled soil from entering and clogging the void spaces. A semipermeable geotextile fabric placed between the gravel fill and the backfill accomplishes this while allowing moisture to pass through and be removed from the trench by evapotranspiration. A layer of straw 10 to 15 cm thick may be used as a substitute for the geotextile fabric long as the soil is able to stabilize before decay of the straw.

## **5.4.8 Backfilling**

After excavating and preparing the infiltrative surface, backfilling must be done carefully without damaging the soil. Gravel is carefully laid into the trench without over compaction of the surrounding soil. Once distribution pipes are in place, gravel should cover the pipes by at least 2 in. (5 cm) for stabilization and prevention of root growth. As previously discussed, a semi-permeable layer covers the gravel before backfilling the rest of the trench. The backfill material should be similar to the original soil and slightly mounded above ground level to allow for settling. It is important that the trenches are not in areas likely to collect rainwater runoff as this will cause soil saturation. If backfilling of a trench cannot be completed in the event of rainfall during construction, the trench should be covered to protect from ponding and damage to the infiltrative surface.

## **5.4.9 Inspection Pipes**

Inspection pipes are used to evaluate the performance of the drainfield while in operation as well as to determine its location after construction. A 4 in. (102 mm) diameter PVC pipe is installed vertically at the end of each distribution lateral reaching from the bottom of the trench to the ground surface for accessibility. Perforations in the section of pipe below the gravel fill allow water to flow in freely so that the depth of ponding can be observed from the ground surface. The inspection pipes allow operators to determine the location of a failure in the drainfield.

## **5.4.10 Operation and Maintenance**

The drainfield requires very minimal maintenance as long as the septic tanks are effectively removing solids upstream. Water usage of the hospital and buildings on the complex should be monitored for leaks and excessive use to avoid overloading the system. If there is evidence of failure, checks should be conducted on the system using the inspection pipes to determine the source. For the occasional failure measures can be taken to rehabilitate the system. This can include drainage solutions for surface grading in the case of ponding in the drainfield. Flow reduction can be a simple fix for failure as well. Because of problems with clogging, the disposal of grease, fats, and oil in the drains of the restaurant or houses must be prohibited. Concentrated laundry powder used in the hospital also has the potential to clog the distribution laterals of the drainfield. It is recommended that HVO switch to liquid detergent for laundry to avoid this problem. If clogging is suspected to be causing failure, the condition of the septic tanks should first be checked to determine if they are functioning properly or in need of sludge or scum removal. The dosing component of the septic system along with the distribution boxes should also be

monitored to be sure that each section of the drainfield has equal distribution of wastewater, as this is essential to the operation of the drainfield. At the end of the design life, construction of a replacement drainfield must be evaluated.

## **6 Hydraulic Modeling**

Hydraulic analysis is an important preliminary design procedure that must be done before site planning. To predict the impacts of new structures, such as an additional septic tank, a dosing tank and a drainfield on HVO's wastewater system, the hydraulics of the site must be carefully studied. Hydraulic analysis of the site is challenging because the system is at non-steady state flow due to variations in hourly water usage. Along with the water variation, each pipe in the system requires a certain minimum slope to avoid clogging from the presence of solid particles in the wastewater.

Hydraulic modeling and analysis was performed using EPA Storm Water Management Model (SWMM). Analysis was performed starting at the downstream end of the system and working upstream. The design flow rate is 11,900gal/day ( $45m<sup>3</sup>/day$ ). The hourly water usage variation factors that were implemented in the SWMM model were derived by the HCJB 2009 project team.

From the SWMM model, it was confirmed that the drainfield would be able to handle the design flow without flooding the downstream end of the system. In addition, all pipe networks provide the minimum slope required to avoid clogging. Although the slope of the pipe from the dosing tank to the first distribution box is less than the minimum slope required for wastewater, it would not cause any problem because the water would act like clean water which requires a minimum slope of 0.01%.

## **6.1 EPA SWMM Model**

Using EPA SWMM, a hydraulic model of the existing site was developed using the survey data obtained while in Ecuador along with data from a previous survey. These models provide further insight into the hydraulics of the site. A model has also been developed for the proposed system. Analysis reveals that the new septic system will not overload the dosing tanks and drainfield at the downstream end of the system. This ensures that the wastewater will receive appropriate treatment before it reaches the environment.





The computer model of the existing septic system is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**. The current septic system consists of five manholes and one septic tank. The septic tank is located between the third and fourth manholes. The last manhole is located 1,010ft (309m) south of manhole one. From the first manhole to the last manhole, there was an elevation difference of 21.2ft (6.47m). Due to this elevation difference, sewer pipes have been designed with slopes greater than 1%. The standard slope requirement for sewer pipes with a diameter of 8in is 0.4%.

The computer model of the upgraded septic system is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.**. The upgraded septic system includes an additional septic tank that is located between the second and the third manhole. This new septic tank is equivalent in size to the existing septic tank. A dosing tank is included 13ft (3m) south of the existing septic tank. The dosing tank pressurizes the septic tank effluent downstream. Along with additional septic tank and dosing tank, a drainfield is installed at the downstream end of the system. This drainfield is separated into two equally sized compartments. The infiltration rate of the drainfield was based on percolation test results obtained in Ecuador. The computer simulation showed that the proposed drainfield can handle wastewater from the hospital without flooding. To be conservative, this simulation was performed under the assumption of 100% soil saturation. A profile view of the upgraded system is shown in [Figure 38.](#page-51-0)



<span id="page-51-0"></span>**Figure 38: Profile view of SWMM Model of Proposed Design**

## **7 Sludge Disposal Plan**

## **7.1 Background**

In the past, HVO has experienced resistance from the municipality about land filling the sludge. This resistance led to the dumping of the sludge directly into the Motolo River, effectively defeating the purpose of the septic tank.

## **7.2 Sludge Handling Alternatives**

## **7.2.1 Land Application**

One potential use of septage is land application. This requires dewatering and stabilization of the sludge. As HVO does not have agricultural land and there is little demand for land application elsewhere, this alternative has been rejected.

## **7.3 Municipal Pump Truck vs. HCJB Owned Pump**

A septic tank must be pumped out routinely every three to five years as outlined in the maintenance section of the septic tank design. The local municipality can be hired to pump out the septic tank at no cost or a septic tank pump truck could be purchased for \$8,000 to \$80,000 (See [Appendix K\)](#page-92-0).

The municipality has a pump truck specifically for this purpose; they are responsible for the maintenance costs, capital costs and operational costs. Routine maintenance can be scheduled with the municipality in order to ensure the emptying of the tank over a reasonable time frame. By going with the municipalities pump truck HVO will not have to worry about what the truck does during the time it is not in use, which will end up being all but one or two days every three to five years. By deciding to purchase a personal pump/vacuum truck HVO will be spending \$8,000 to \$80,000 for a truck that will not be used very often. These pump trucks are very sensitive pieces of equipment that need to be oiled and kept up on a weekly basis and cannot be left to sit for long periods of time.

Using the municipality pump truck on a routine schedule will be less expensive and more reliable then purchasing a new or used pump truck and training someone to use it and maintain it.

## **7.4 Removal procedure**

Given that the municipalities pump services are used, every 3 to 5 years the septic tank will be emptied. The pump truck will arrive onsite at a time agreed upon by HVO employees and the municipality. An HVO employee will observe the removal of the sludge by the municipality to ensure nothing is damaged during removal and to check the structural integrity of the piping, scum baffles and manhole covers. Sludge removal from the new septic tank will be from the manholes on the outer most edges of the tank, but not from the center one. Sludge removal from the current septic tank will be from the square manhole near the center of the tank. The tank operator will be required to remove as much sludge and liquid as possible.

## **7.5 Disposal procedure**

Before the municipality comes to empty out the septic tank the area marked on Drawing SP-1 must be excavated. The area is 6 by 6 m square and 3 m deep, the bottom of the excavated area then must be filled with 1.5 m thick of granular material, volume of 54  $m<sup>3</sup>$  and 0.5 m thick of sand material, volume of 18 m<sup>3</sup>. Specific calculations of volume needed can be found in [Appendix](#page-95-0) L. The excavation must be prepared a least one day before the municipality comes to empty the septic tank. Once the septic tank is completely emptied the pump truck must go to the site where the excavated area is. They will empty the truck into the hole. The majority of the tank substance will be liquids and the rest will be sludge, excess water maybe needed to clean out the tank fully, this would be acceptable. Once the tank has been emptied into the hole and has left the site, the hole must be backfilled with the soil removed to create the hole.

## **7.5.1 Location**

The specific location for sludge disposal can be found on Drawing SP-1. This location was chosen due to the easy access for the excavators and pump truck already built into the road. The area was also already cleared and is currently a grassy area.

## **8 Additional Considerations**

## **8.1 Water Filtration Alternatives**

Regardless of improved filtration, this problem is inevitable due to insufficient treatment of the water by the municipality before distribution. If the hospital wishes to pursue improved filtration alternatives, further research should be performed.

## **8.2 Water Re-use**

Due to the high amount of rainfall in Shell, there is little demand for water re-use for agriculture or aquaculture. The additional cost of necessary treatment and storage components for re-use of treated water cannot be justified as a feasible option. Wastewater would also be required to have higher levels of treatment to accommodate more stringent quality standards.

## **8.3 High Chlorine Concentrations**

HVO is currently using chlorine in large quantities for disinfection in the current septic tank. Members of the HCJB staff have expressed concerns about the effects of high levels of chlorine on the wastewater treatment process with respect to the oxidation of organic matter, as well as impacts on concrete material. Chlorine is commonly used as an inexpensive form of disinfection in wastewater treatment systems and will have no adverse effects on the oxidation of the organic matter. The presence of chlorine in the wastewater before treatment by the facultative ponds will allow for disinfection before the oxidation process occurs. The impact of chlorine on concrete should not be an issue; most pools throughout the world are made of concrete and contain high levels of chlorinated water. There is no known research to support that there are any adverse effects on concrete due to high levels of chlorine.

## **9 Project Cost**

The final construction cost estimation for the septic system is \$37,566. [Table 10](#page-54-0) shows estimation of costs for the emergency bypass which is also used as a construction bypass. The material and labor costs of the proposed septic tank are shown in [Table 11.](#page-55-0) Costs for the dosing tank and drainfield are shown in [Table 12](#page-55-1) and [Table 13](#page-56-0) respectively. The estimated cost of the disposal site for septic tank sludge is outlined in [Table 14.](#page-56-1) [Table 15](#page-57-0) gives the overall project cost including construction contingency.



#### <span id="page-54-0"></span>**Table 10: Emergency Bypass Costs**

*1 Includes 10% wastage allowance 2 http://flexpvc.com/indexValves.shtml*

> *Calculations by: BJV Checked by: RLK*



#### <span id="page-55-0"></span>**Table 11: Proposed Septic Tank Costs**

*1 Includes 10% wastage allowance*

*2 Handbook of Gravity Flow Water Systems: Reference Table VII*

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#### *1 Includes 10% wastage allowance*

*2 www.promagenviro.ca/products/dosing-siphon-fluid-dynamics-430; includes shipping 3 Handbook of Gravity Flow Water Systems: Reference Table VII*

*Calculations by: BJV Checked by: RLK*

#### <span id="page-56-0"></span>**Table 13: Drainfield Costs**



*1 Includes 10% wastage allowance*

*2 Includes excavation for trenches and piping*

*3 Handbook of Gravity Flow Water Systems: Reference Table VII*

#### <span id="page-56-1"></span>**Table 14: Septage Disposal Site Costs**



*1 Includes 10% wastage allowance*

*Calculations by: BJV Checked by: RLK*

#### <span id="page-57-0"></span>**Table 15: Total Project Cost**



*Calculations by: BJV Checked by: RLK*

## **10 Recommendations**

## **10.1 Items to Keep out of the Treatment System**

The life span and effectiveness of a septic tank are highly impacted by proper maintenance of the tank and control of what enters the tank. During the site visit, it was evident that latex gloves, sanitary napkins and other items were being flushed down the toilets, potentially compromising the integrity and effectiveness of the system. It is recommended that with a septic tank and drainage field only septic tank appropriate toilet paper is flushed down the toilet. To prevent people from inadvertently flushing inappropriate materials down the toilet it is recommended that wastebaskets be placed next to the toilets and signs be placed in all bathroom stalls.

## **10.2 Installation of Flow Meters**

It is recommended that the hospital install flow meters on their water inlet. Although this is a controversial issue for the hospital, it would greatly aid in the accurate determination of water usage, waste water production and therefore an appropriately sized design as extra safety factors would not be necessary. It would also increase the stewardship of the hospital as metered water consumption is typically much lower than that of unmetered water consumption.

## **10.3 Installation of Grease Traps**

It is recommended that a grease trap be installed on the restaurant's waste water outlet. As the effluent from the hospital restaurant enters the septic tank, there could be problems with grease clogging the system. Currently, there is no evidence of grease in the sewers and there doesn't seem to be any in the septic tank. However, it is still recommended that this be implemented as excessive grease buildup could compromise the effectiveness of the septic tank and drain field.

## **10.4 Repairing Damaged System Components**

It is suggested that all the manhole covers from manhole 1 to 6 as noted on Drawing be replaced.

It is also recommended that damaged pipe in MH3, as well as the damaged pipe and manhole structure of MH5 be repaired.

## **10.5 Hazardous Laboratory Chemicals**

It is recommended that research be performed on alternative disposal methods for the hazardous chemicals used in the laboratory. Some of the chemicals used pose a risk of diminishing the effectiveness of the biological treatment in the septic system. A full list of chemicals used in the hospital can be seen in [Appendix B.](#page-66-0)

## **10.6 Laundry Detergent Considerations**

The use of powder laundry detergent has been found to reduce the effectiveness and eventually lead to the failure of drainfields. Two possible solutions are being recommended. The first option is preferred, with the second option being offered as a secondary alternative. Failure to implement one of these options may result in total failure of the drainfield, rendering the treatment system useless.

## **10.6.1 Liquid Detergent**

It is strongly recommended that HVO switch from powder detergents to liquid detergents for laundry. Switching to a liquid detergent would avoid the clogging potential inherent in powder detergent. This is essential for ensuring full effectiveness of the treatment system for the full life of the design.

## **10.6.2 Drywell**

If liquid detergent is unavailable or not a feasible alternative, a secondary alternative is that HVO install a drywell for their gray water. This is of paramount importance as excess powder detergent could compromise the effectiveness of the treatment system.

## **11 Conclusion**

In conclusion, Pure Pastaza is designing a wastewater treatment system for HCJB global's Hospital Vozandes del Oriente in Shell, Ecuador. The current capacity of the septic tank is inadequate and results in essentially untreated wastewater being discharged into the Motolo River. Pure Pastaza is proposing the addition of a second tank in parallel with the existing tank to provide the required hydraulic retention time to adequately treat the waste. Installation of dosing tanks and a drainfield will provide further treatment, sufficiently lowering contaminant levels of the wastewater before reaching the river. The addition of these items to the system will produce a high quality effluent, meeting current widely accepted standards and providing capacity for future expansion of the hospital.

Due to the lack of agricultural land in the area there is little demand for land application of the sludge. Alternative methods for disposal are currently being researched.

A schematic displaying system process is described in [Figure 39.](#page-59-0) The preliminary site plan is shown in [Figure 40.](#page-59-1)



**Figure 39: System Process Schematic**

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**Figure 40: Site Layout**

<span id="page-59-1"></span>One of the greatest advantages of the design is the use of simple technology and the minimal maintenance required for the system to function properly. The total project cost has been estimated at \$37,566. This includes construction materials and labor with a 20% contingency.

Establishing an effective wastewater treatment system will reduce the risk of water born diseases to downstream communities and will allow the hospital to set an example of environmental stewardship to the surrounding region. It is the hope of Pure Pastaza that this wastewater treatment system will improve the quality of life of the residents of Shell and will uphold the values held by the hospital.

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# **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A: Gantt Chart**





<span id="page-66-0"></span>**Appendix B: Hospital Laboratory Chemicals**



## **Table 16: Laboratory Chemicals**





## **Table 17: Medical and Emergency Chemicals**

## **Table 18: Surgery Chemicals**





<sup>a</sup>Assuming all chemicals enter waste stream at a constant rate. Conversions: 1000 g = 1 kg, 30.42 days = 1 month, 1000 L = 1 m<sup>3</sup>



## **Table 19: Laundry and Cleaning Chemicals**

## **Appendix C: Water Usage and Wastewater Production Calculations**

**1** 0.75 scaling-factor **2** 0.5 scaling-factor

**c** gpcd may not equal gal/use multiplied by uses/cap/d due to difference in the number of study averages used to compute the mean and ranges shown.

 $NA = not applicable$ 

## Calculated By: JD<br>Checked By: BV



Table 21: Estimation of Water Use by Activity and Nationality

**b** Mean and ranges of results reported in Cohen and Wallman, 1974; Laak, 1975; Bennett and Linstedt, 1975; Siegrist et al., 1976; and Ligman et al., 1974.

**a** Table 4.2 from *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities*. EPA, September 1992. Pg. 40.
# **Table 22: Water Usage Calculations: Non-hospital** Calculated By: JD

Checked By: BV

*Notes*

**<sup>1</sup>** Those who both live and work on the hospital property. Assume 24 hours on hospital property.

**<sup>2</sup>** Those who live but don't work on the hospital property. Assume 16 hours on hospital property.

**<sup>3</sup>** Assume 8 hours in school and 16 hours on hospital property.

**<sup>4</sup>** Assume 24 hours on the hospital property.

**<sup>5</sup>** References per capita water usage figures based on activity and nationality from Table 21.

**<sup>6</sup>** Based on actual number of hours spent on hospital property. Scale factors of 0.75 and 0.5 added to *School Age* and *Below School Age* , respectively.

# **Table 23: Water Usage Calculations: Hospital** Calculated By: JD

Checked By: BV

*Notes*

**<sup>1</sup>** Although nationality does influence water usage, it has been assumed that water usage is the same for all hospital patients and employees.

**<sup>2</sup>** Minimum wastewater flow from medical hospital bed. *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities*. Pg. 43, Table 4-7.



**<sup>3</sup>** Water usage based on number of visitors and per capita water usage figures from Table 21 (i.e. not calculated using equivalent number).

**<sup>4</sup>** Minimum wastewater flow from medical hospital employee. *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities*. Pg. 43, Table 4-7.

**<sup>5</sup>** 1250 outpatients/month, 57/weekday (assuming 22 weekdays/month), assume 3 hours/patient (3/16 scaling factor).

**<sup>6</sup>** 700 emergency patients per month (23/day), assume 24 hours/patient.



**<sup>7</sup>** Based on an average value for the number of inpatients per day, assume 24 hours/patient.

**<sup>8</sup>** Assume that half of outpatients have one visitor for 3 hours.

**<sup>9</sup>** Assume that each emergency patient is accompanied by one person for the duration of their stay (24 hours).

**<sup>10</sup>** Assume that each inpatient has one visitor for 3 hours (3/16 scaling factor).

**<sup>11</sup>** Water used in the casitas comes from the hospital system but wastewater *discharges into the town sewer system.*

**<sup>12</sup>** There are 58 staff who work 160 hours/month.

**<sup>13</sup>** There are 5 nurses who each work 120 hours/month (6/8 scaling factor).

**<sup>14</sup>** These work in the hospital for 8 hours per day but live outside of the hospital water system.

**<sup>15</sup>** Assume restaurant serves 40 meals per day Monday through Friday. Typical wastewater flow associated with one meal. *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities*. Pg. 42, Table 4-6.

**<sup>16</sup>** Two washing machines each running 8 loads/day. Typical wastewater flow from one load of laundry. *Wastewater Treatment/Disposal for Small Communities*. Pg. 42, Table 4-6.

| <b>Equivalent Non-hospital Population</b>       | 41.0               |              |  |
|---|--------------------|--------------|--|
| Equivalent Hospital Population <sup>1</sup>     | 143.5              | (person day) |  |
| <b>Total Equivalent Population</b> <sup>2</sup> | 184.5              |              |  |
| Non-patient Water Usage                         | 2,623              |              |  |
| Hospital Water Usage                            | 8,737<br>(gal/day) |              |  |
| Total Water Usage <sup>3</sup>                  | 11,360             |              |  |
|   | 10,224             | (gal/day)    |  |
| Wastewater Stream <sup>4,5</sup>                | 38,703             | (L/day)      |  |
|   | 38.7               | $(m^3/day)$  |  |
| Growth rate per year <sup>6</sup>               | 1%                 |              |  |
| Project Life                                    | 20                 | (years)      |  |
|   | 11,860             | (gal/day)    |  |
| <b>Design Flow Rate</b>                         | 44,895             | (L/day)      |  |
|   | 45                 | $(m^3/day)$  |  |
| Peak Factor                                     | 5.87               |              |  |
|   | 69,591             | (L/day)      |  |
| <b>Peak Daily Flow</b>                          | 69.6               | $(m^3/day)$  |  |
|   | 18,384             | (gal/day)    |  |

**Table 24: Summary of Water Usage and Wastewater Production for HVO Treatment System**

**<sup>1</sup>** Does not include hospital restaurant or laundry.

**<sup>2</sup>** Based on actual number of hours spent on hospital property per day.

**<sup>3</sup>** As no information was received, total water usage excludes the Bar restaurant.

**<sup>4</sup>** Assume that 90% of the total water usage enters the wastewater stream.

**<sup>5</sup>** Excludes wastewater from the casitas.

**<sup>6</sup>** Assumed based on patient statistics provided by HCJB.

# **Appendix D: HACH Chemical Test Results**

### **River Water Results**

Iron Test: 3.4 mg/L present

Hardness Test: Low Range 18 mg/L of  $CaCl<sub>3</sub>$  present

Orthophosphate Test: 0.16 mg/L of Phosphate Present

DO Test: 7 mg/L Oxygen present

Nitrate Test:  $0$  mg/L

Ammonia Nitrogen: Temperature: 21<sup>o</sup>C 0.7 mg/L Ammonia Nitrogen present

# **Post Septic Tank Water Test Results (sample taken 1/26/2011 at 3:30 pm)**

Patho-screen Test: positive for pathogens

Iron: 0 mg/L

Hardness: 256.5 mg/L

Orthophosphate: 12 mg/L

Nitrate: 0 mg/L

Ammonia-nitrogen: Off scale (at least  $2.5 \text{ mg/L} \pm 16\%)$ 

# **Tap Water Test Results (sample taken 1/26/2011 at 4:00 pm)**

Patho-screen Test: positive for pathogens

Iron: 0 mg/L

Hardness: 153.9 mg/L

# **Appendix E: BOD Test Calculations**

# **BOD Calculation with dilution factor of 30**

$$
DOI_{pre30} := 9 \frac{mg}{L}
$$

$$
DOF_{pre30} := 7 \frac{mg}{L}
$$

$$
SV_{pre30} := 12.5 mL
$$

 $TV_{pre30} \coloneqq 330mL$ 

BOD4<sub>pre30</sub>  $\text{DOI}_{\text{pre30}} - \text{DOF}_{\text{pre30}}$  $\mathrm{^{SV}pre30}$  $\text{TV}_{\text{pre30}}$  $52.8 \frac{mg}{m}$ L  $:= \frac{1}{100} = 52.8$ 

Initial DO at pre-septic tank with DF30 Final DO at pre-septic tank with DF30

Sample volume

Total volume

BOD4 at pre-septic tank

$$
DOIpost30 := 8 \frac{mg}{L}
$$
  

$$
DOFpost30 := 7 \frac{mg}{L}
$$
  

$$
SVpost30 := 12.5mL
$$
  

$$
TVpost30 := 342.5mL
$$

BOD4<sub>post30</sub>  $\text{DOI}_{\text{post30}} - \text{DOF}_{\text{post30}}$  $\mathrm{^{SV}}_{\mathrm{post30}}$  $TV_{\text{post30}}$  $27.4 \cdot \frac{mg}{r}$ L  $:= \frac{\text{postso}}{\text{postso}} = 27.4$ 

Initial DO at post-septic tank with DF30

Final DO at post-septic tank with DF30

Sample volume

Total volume

BOD4 at post-septic tank

 $\text{DOI}_{\text{rw30}} \coloneqq 8 \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}}$ :=  $DOF<sub>rw30</sub> = 7.5 \frac{mg}{L}$ :=  $SV_{rw30} = 12.5mL$  $TV_{rw30} = 342.5mL$  $BOD4_{rw30}$  $\text{DOI}_{\text{rw30}}$  –  $\text{DOF}_{\text{rw30}}$  $\mathrm{sv}_\mathrm{rw30}$  $13.7 \cdot \frac{mg}{1}$  $:=$   $\frac{1 \text{ mso}}{1 \text{ mso}}$  = 13.7.

 $\text{TV}_{\text{rw}30}$ 

Initial DO at river with DF30 Final DO at river tank with DF30 Sample volume Total volume

BOD4 at river tank

L

**Appendix F: Sludge Accumulation Calculations**

# Sludge Accumulation Calculations













Calculations By: RK Checked: BV

# **Appendix G: Septic Tank Design Calculations**

Current Septic Tank Calculations and Specifications

Current Septic Tank Volume



Total Volume of the Tank:

$$
V_{ct} := (b - 2 \cdot t_w - 2t_{iw}) \cdot (h - 2 \cdot t_w) \cdot (w - 2 \cdot t_w) = 28.391 \cdot m^3
$$

Septic Tank Volume Needed to Accomplish Adequate Hydraulic Retention Time:



Two Septic Tanks in Series Using the Current Tank

New Tank Volume Necessary to Satisfy 24 hr. Hydraulic Retention Time:

$$
V_{\text{new}} = V_{\text{HRT}} - V_{\text{ct}} = 16.609 \text{ m}^3
$$

Size Up the Additional Septic Tank by 1/3 for room for Sludge Accumulation over time

$$
V_{new} \cdot \frac{4}{3} = 22.145 \cdot m^3
$$

Size up Additional Septic Tank again to match the size of the original tank of 28 m<sup>oo</sup>3 for future expansion as well as to ensure equal distribution of flow to each tank. This volume satisfies a Hydraulic Retention time of 24 hours and will still be a good size after sludge has accumulated. The dimensions of this tank will be an outside wall thickness of 30 cm, inside dividing wall thickness of 15 cm, outside base length of 10.36 meters, outside height of 2.24 meters, and an outside width of 2.43 meters.

New Septic Tank Compartments:

2 Compartment Tank (EPA 6.2.5.4)

First Compartment must be 2/3 of the total volume of the tank

$$
V_{1c} \coloneqq \frac{2}{3} V_{ct} = 18.928 m^3
$$

Volume of 1st Compartment

Dimensions:

Length<sub>1</sub> :=  $6.4m$ Depth<sub>1</sub> :=  $1.64m$ Width<sub>1</sub> :=  $1.83m$ 

Second Compartment must be 1/3 of the total volume of the tank

Volume of 2nd Compartment Dimensions:  $V_{2c} = \frac{1}{3}$  $=$   $\frac{1}{3}$ · $V_{ct}$  = 9.464·m<sup>3</sup> Length<sub>2</sub> :=  $3.2m$ Depth<sub>2</sub> := 1.64m Width<sub>2</sub> := 1.83m

Pipe Locations on the tank:

NOTE: All Pipes are 20cm in diameter

Inlet Pipe:

Criteria:

- 1. Optimum water depth
- 2. Connection Tee (minimize turbulence)
- 3. Connection Tee below scum layer

Distance of Pipe from Bottom of Tank = 1.39 m Distance of Pipe from Top of Tank =  $5 \text{ cm} = 0.05 \text{ m}$ Distance of Pipe from Outside of the Outside Wall = 1.115 m (Centered)

Outlet Pipe:

Criteria:

- 1. Below Inlet Pipe
- 2. Connection Tee with filter
- 3. Connection Tee below scum layer

Distance of Pipe from Bottom of Tank = 1.39 m Distance of Pipe from Top of Tank = 5 cm = 0.05 m Distance of Pipe from Outside of the Outside Wall = 1.115 m (Centered)

**Appendix H: Scum Baffle Specifications**

# **Baffle**

1 Tee PVC 8X8X8 1 PVC Pipe 8 inch Diameter 25 cm length Sealed with an EPOXY Glue



# Tee, PVC, 8X8X8

Tee, Duct Size 8 In, Length 18-5/8 In, Material of Construction Type I Grade I PVC



Price shown may not reflect your price. Log in or register.

#### **Additional Info**

There is currently no additional information for this item.

#### **Tech Specs**

Item: Tee Duct Size: 8" Length: 18-5/8" Material of Construction: Type I Grade I PVC Standards: Cell Class 12454, ASTM D1784 For Use With: PVC Duct

#### **Notes & Restrictions**

There are currently no notes or restrictions for this item.

#### **MSDS**

This item does not require a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

**Optional Accessories** 

There are currently no optional accessories for this item.

#### **Alternate Products**

There are currently no alternate products for this item.

#### **Repair Parts**

A Repair Part may be available for this item. Visit our Repair Parts Center or contact your local branch for more information.

**Appendix I: Dosing Tank Calculations**

# **Dosing Calculation**

 $V_{\text{pipe}} = 8.67 \text{m}^3$  $V_{\text{dose}} = V_{\text{pipe}} = 8.67 \cdot m^3$ 

# **Siphons(w/ Siphon Model 430)**

Draw-down depth Dosing Time Duration  $B = 30in$  $D := 24.4$ in  $\,h\, \coloneqq\, B\,+\,D\,=\,1.382\,m$  $w_{\rm X} \coloneqq 2.5m$  $l_y = 2.5m$  $V_{\text{tank}} := w_x \cdot l_y \cdot h = 8.636 \cdot m^3$  $Q_{avg}$  = 170  $\frac{gal}{min}$ :=  $t = \frac{V_{dose}}{I}$  $Q_{avg}$  $:=$   $\frac{26886}{1}$  = 13.473⋅min

$$
a:=4in
$$

$$
v := \frac{Q_{avg}}{\left(\frac{a^2 \pi}{4}\right)} = 4.34 \cdot \frac{ft}{s}
$$

Volume of piping Dosing volume  $=$  Piping volume

Low-water to bottom Hieght of dosing tank Width Length Dosing Tank Volume Average Discharge

Siphon Diameter

# **Siphons(w/ Siphon Model 316)**

 $B1 := 16in = 0.406m$  $D1 := 22in = 0.559m$  $h1 := B1 + D1 = 0.965$  m  $w_{x1} := 3m$  $l_{y1} \coloneqq 3m$  $V_{\text{tank1}} := w_{x1} \cdot l_{y1} \cdot h1 = 8.687 \cdot m^3$  $Q_{avg1} \coloneqq 76 \frac{gal}{min}$  $0.00479 \cdot \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{m}^3}$ s  $:= 76 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{m}} = 0.00479$  $t1 = \frac{V_{dose}}{I}$  $Q_{avg1}$  $:= \frac{2688e}{1} = 30.136$ ·min  $a1 := 3in$ 

$$
v1 := \frac{Q_{avg1}}{\left(\frac{a1^2 \pi}{4}\right)} = 1.051 \cdot \frac{m}{s}
$$

Draw-down depth Low-water to bottom Hieght of dosing tank Length Calculations By: SY Checked: JD

Width

Average Discharge

Dosing Tank Volume

Dosing Time Duration

Siphon Diameter

**Appendix J: Drainfield Design Calculations**

# Drainfield Design Calculations

Waste stream design flow rate with future expansion

$$
Q_{\text{design}} \coloneqq 45 \frac{m^3}{\text{day}}
$$

Soil percolation rate (from test at 1 meter depth)

$$
R_{\text{perc}} \coloneqq 12.68 \frac{\text{min}}{\text{in}}
$$

Allowable application rate for trenches (Table 7-2 of EPA Design Manual: Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems)

$$
R_{app} \approx 0.8 \frac{gal}{day \cdot ft^2} = 32.597 \cdot \frac{L}{day \cdot m^2}
$$

Total infiltration area required for drainfield

$$
Area_{req} := \frac{Q_{design}}{R_{app}} = 1381 \text{ m}^2
$$

Trench height below drain pipe included in infiltration area (Michigan Criteria for Subsurface Sewage Disposal)

$$
h\coloneqq 45cm
$$

Maximum width of trench (Table 7-3 of EPA Design Manual for Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems)

$$
w_t \coloneqq 36 \text{in} = 0.91\,\text{m}
$$

Minimum spacing between trench sidewalls (Michigan Criteria for Subsurface Sewage Disposal)

$$
s_{\min} \coloneqq 4ft = 1.219 \text{·m}
$$

Suggested spacing between trench sidewalls for ease of construction (EPA Design Manual: Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems)

$$
s_{\text{suggested}} := 6 \text{ft} = 2 \text{m}
$$

Suggested maximum trench length (EPA Design Manual: Onsite Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems)

$$
L_{\text{max}} \coloneqq 100 \text{ft} = 30.5 \text{ m}
$$

Infiltration area per unit length

$$
A_{pul} = 2 \cdot h + w_t = 1.814 \,\mathrm{m}
$$

Total trench length required

$$
L_{tot} = \frac{Area_{req}}{A_{pul}} = 761 \,\mathrm{m}
$$

Minimum number of trenches required

$$
N_t := \text{ceil}\left(\frac{L_{\text{tot}}}{L_{\text{max}}}\right) = 25
$$

Even number of trenches (for alternating halves)

$$
N_{te} \coloneqq N_t + 1 = 26
$$

Length of each trench

$$
L_{trench} := \frac{L_{tot}}{N_{te}} = 29.3 \,\mathrm{m}
$$

# Drainfield Dosing

Distribution pipe diameter

$$
D_{dist} := 6in = 0.152 m
$$

Distribution pipe cross sectional area

$$
A_{dist} \coloneqq \pi \cdot \frac{D_{dist}^2}{4} = 0.018 \cdot m^2
$$

Total length of perforated distribution pipe

$$
L_{\text{tot}} = 761 \,\text{m}
$$

Total length of transfer pipe from distribution boxes

$$
L_{trans} := 190m
$$

Pipe capacity of each field

$$
Vol_{dist} := \frac{L_{tot} + L_{trans}}{2} \cdot A_{dist} = 8.67 \cdot m^3
$$

Dosing volume per field section

$$
Vol_{dose} := Vol_{dist} = 8.67 \cdot m^3
$$

Number of total doses per day

$$
Dosesperday := \frac{Qdesign}{Voldose} = 5.2 \cdot \frac{1}{day}
$$

Number of doses per day per field

Doses<sub>field</sub> := 
$$
\frac{1}{2}
$$
Doses<sub>perday</sub> = 2.6  $\frac{1}{day}$ 

**Appendix K: Sludge Pump Options**

# **Option 1**

# **2011 Slide-In Units**



**Great Lakes Equipment Sales, Inc. 100 N. Center Street, Suite LL 120 Mishawaka, IN 46544-1201 888-432-9070 www.usedvacuumtrucks.com**

"New" Slide-In Vacuum Units

450 Gallon Slide-In Units, 300 waste / 150 fresh - electric start 5.5 HP Honda - Conde Super 6 pump (70 CFM) with 4-way valve, 12-volt wash down system pump with 50 ft. hose and nozzle - 30' x 2" Tiger Tail inlet hose with stinger - work light - battery box - 3" discharge (Can Also Custom Build Any Size Tank And Up-Grade to Larger Vacuum Pumping System) Call for Pricing and Specifications (FOB Shipping Point Wisconsin)

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# **Option 2**

# **2003 Sterling Liquid Vacuum Trucks**



**Great Lakes Equipment Sales, Inc. 100 N. Center Street, Suite LL 120 Mishawaka, IN 46544-1201 888-432-9070 www.usedvacuumtrucks.com**

"Used" 80 Barrel Liquid Vacuum Truck

2003 STERLING LT9500, 110,227 MILES, CAT C-10, ALLISON AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, 20,000 FRONT, 46,000 REAR AXLES, PUSHER AXLE, 80-BARREL STEEL VACUUM TANK, JUROP 260 D 363 CFM VACUUM PUMP. PRICE \$80,000 (FOB Shipping Point Little Rock, Arkansas) SOLD AS IS - NO WARRANTY

# *GENERAL INFORMATION*



# **Appendix L: Sludge Disposal Calculations**

Sludge Disposal Calculations

Calculations By: RK Checked: SY

$$
V_{\text{waste}} \coloneqq 60 \text{m}^3
$$

Total Volume of waste to be pumped out of the tanks combined

 $V_{\text{WDT}} \approx V_{\text{waste}} \cdot 1.65 = 99 \text{ m}^3$ 

Use a SF of 65% to account for added water for pumping

Depth of the square hole is 3 meters and the area is 6m by 6m giving a total volume of approximately 100  $m^3$ .

Granular Depth Needed:

$$
G_d := 0.5 \cdot 3m = 1.5 \text{ m}
$$
  
Grandlar Material Must make up 50% of the total depth of  
the hole  

$$
V_G := 6m \cdot 6m \cdot G_d = 54 \text{ m}^3
$$
 Total volume needed of Granular Material

Sand Depth Needed:

$$
S_d := .17.3m = 0.51 m
$$
 Sand Material Must make up 17% of the total depth of the hole  

$$
V_S := 6m \cdot 6m \cdot S_d = 18.36 m^3
$$
Total volume needed of Granular Material

The location and foot print can be found on drawing SP-1

**Appendix M: Overall System Piping Network Elevations**

| Component    |  | <b>Piping Distance</b> | Pipe Invert   | Incoming   | Lowest Ground       | <b>Highest Ground</b>        |
|--------------|--|------------------------|---------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| From         | To   | Between (m)            | Elevation (m) | Pipe Slope | Elevation $(m)^{1}$ | Elevation $(m)$ <sup>1</sup> |
|              | Manhole 1 (MH-1)                             | $\boldsymbol{0}$       | 1058.44       |            | 1061.5              |                              |
| $MH-1$       | Manhole 2 (MH-2)                             | 52.85                  | 1057.89       | 0.010      | 1061.1              |                              |
| $MH-2$       | <b>Emergency Bypass Inlet (EBin)</b>         | $\boldsymbol{0}$       | 1058.2        |            | 1061.1              | $\overline{a}$               |
| EBin         | <b>Emergency Bypass Outlet (EBout)</b>       | 66                     | 1057.8        | 0.006      | 1059.8              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| $MH-2$       | New Septic Tank Inlet (ST-1in)               | 23                     | 1057.70       | 0.008      | 1060.4              |                              |
| $ST-1in$     | <b>New Septic Tank Outlet (ST-1out)</b>      | 10.3                   | 1057.70       |            | 1060.1              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| ST-1out      | Manhole 3 (MH-3)                             | 7.5                    | 1057.58       | 0.016      | 1059.8              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| $MH-3$       | <b>Existing Septic Tank Inlet (ST-2in)</b>   | 7.9                    | 1057.37       | 0.027      | 1059.0              |                              |
| $ST-2in$     | <b>Existing Septic Tank Outlet (ST-2out)</b> | 10.3                   | 1057.37       |            | 1059.0              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| ST-2out      | New Manhole (MH-N)                           |                        | 1057.35       | 0.020      | 1059.0              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| MH-N         | Dosing Tank Inlet (DTin)                     | 9.7                    | 1057.30       | 0.005      | 1059.0              |                              |
| <b>DTin</b>  | Dosing Tank Outlet (DTout)                   | 3                      | 1056.75       |            | 1059.0              | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| <b>DTout</b> | Distribution Box 1 Inlet (DBox-1in)          | 74                     | 1056.55       | 0.003      | 1057.5              | $\overline{\phantom{0}}$     |
| DBox-1in     | Distribution Box 1 Outlet (DBox-1out)        | 0.5                    | 1056.43       |            | 1057.5              |                              |
| DBox-1out    | Junction 1A (J1A)                            | 0.6                    | 1056.40       | 0.050      | 1057.5              |                              |
| J1A          | Trench $1(T1)$                               | 2.91                   | 1056.40       | 0.000      | 1057.5              | 1057.7                       |
| J1A          | Trench 2 (T2)                                | 2.91                   | 1056.40       | 0.000      | 1057.5              | 1057.6                       |
| J1A          | Trench $3(T3)$                               | 2.91                   | 1056.40       | 0.000      | 1057.5              | 1057.5                       |
| J1A          | Trench 4 (T4)                                | 2.91                   | 1056.40       | 0.000      | 1057.4              | 1057.5                       |
| J1A          | Trench $5(T5)$                               | 2.91                   | 1056.40       | 0.000      | 1057.4              | 1057.4                       |
| DBox-1out    | Junction 1B (J1B)                            | 15                     | 1056.00       | 0.029      | 1057.4              |                              |
| J1B          | Trench 6 (T6)                                | 2.91                   | 1056.00       | 0.000      | 1057.3              | 1057.4                       |
| J1B          | Trench 7 (T7)                                | 2.91                   | 1056.00       | 0.000      | 1057.2              | 1057.3                       |
| J1B          | Trench $8(T8)$                               | 2.91                   | 1056.00       | 0.000      | 1057.1              | 1057.3                       |
| J1B          | Trench 9 (T9)                                | 2.91                   | 1056.00       | 0.000      | 1057.0              | 1057.2                       |
| DBox-1out    | Junction 1C (J1C)                            | 27                     | 1055.80       | 0.028      | 1057.0              |                              |
| J1C          | Trench 10 (T10)                              | 2.91                   | 1055.80       | 0.000      | 1056.9              | 1057.2                       |
| J1C          | Trench 11 (T11)                              | 2.91                   | 1055.80       | 0.000      | 1056.9              | 1057.2                       |
| J1C          | Trench $12(T12)$                             | 2.91                   | 1055.80       | 0.000      | 1056.8              | 1057.0                       |
| J1C          | Trench 13 (T13)                              | 2.91                   | 1055.80       | 0.000      | 1056.8              | 1057.0                       |

Appendix M: Overall System Piping Network Elevations

<sup>1</sup>Indicates lowest and highest ground elevations along length of each trench according to HCJB 2009 topographic map

| Component        |  | <b>Piping Distance</b> | Pipe Invert   | Incoming   | <b>Lowest Ground</b>         | <b>Highest Ground</b>        |
|------------------|--|------------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| From             | To                                     | Between (m)            | Elevation (m) | Pipe Slope | Elevation $(m)$ <sup>1</sup> | Elevation $(m)$ <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>DTout</b>     | Distribution Box 2 Inlet (DBox-2 in)   | 112                    | 1056.00       | 0.007      | 1056.8                       |                              |
| DBox-2 in        | Distribution Box 2 Outlet (DBox-2 out) | 0.5                    | 1055.88       |            | 1056.8                       | $\overline{\phantom{a}}$     |
| DBox-2 out       | Junction 2A (J2A)                      | 1.2                    | 1055.50       | 0.317      | 1056.8                       |                              |
| J <sub>2</sub> A | Trench $14(T14)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.50       | 0.000      | 1056.6                       | 1057.0                       |
| J <sub>2</sub> A | Trench $15(T15)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.50       | 0.000      | 1056.6                       | 1056.9                       |
| J <sub>2</sub> A | Trench $16(T16)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.50       | 0.000      | 1056.5                       | 1056.8                       |
| J <sub>2</sub> A | Trench 17 (T17)                        | 2.91                   | 1055.50       | 0.000      | 1056.5                       | 1056.8                       |
| DBox-2 out       | Junction 2B (J2B)                      | 12.6                   | 1055.20       | 0.024      | 1056.5                       |                              |
| J2B              | Trench $18(T18)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.20       | 0.000      | 1056.4                       | 1056.8                       |
| J2B              | Trench $19(T19)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.20       | 0.000      | 1056.4                       | 1056.8                       |
| J2B              | <b>Trench 20 (T20)</b>                 | 2.91                   | 1055.20       | 0.000      | 1056.3                       | 1056.9                       |
| J2B              | Trench 21 (T21)                        | 2.91                   | 1055.20       | 0.000      | 1056.2                       | 1057.0                       |
| J2B              | <b>Trench 22 (T22)</b>                 | 2.91                   | 1055.20       | 0.000      | 1056.2                       | 1057.0                       |
| DBox-2 out       | Junction 2C (J2C)                      | 27.5                   | 1055.00       | 0.032      | 1056.2                       |                              |
| J2C              | Trench 23 (T23)                        | 2.91                   | 1055.00       | 0.000      | 1056.0                       | 1056.9                       |
| J2C              | Trench 24 (T24)                        | 2.91                   | 1055.00       | 0.000      | 1056.0                       | 1056.7                       |
| J <sub>2C</sub>  | Trench 25 (T25)                        | 2.91                   | 1055.00       | 0.000      | 1056.0                       | 1056.5                       |
| J <sub>2C</sub>  | Trench $26(T26)$                       | 2.91                   | 1055.00       | 0.000      | 1056.0                       | 1056.4                       |

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<sup>1</sup>Indicates lowest and highest ground elevations along length of each trench according to HCJB 2009 topographic map

Calculations By: BJV Checked By: SY

**Appendix N: Drawing Set**

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## DT2<sup>1</sup> **SIDHON PUND SPECIFICATIONS**



Model 316 Automatic Siphon Directions for setting: (PROVIDED BY SIPHONS.COM)

- 1) Read the entire instruction book before installing.<br>2) Set the siphon trap plumb and level. The long<br>leg of the trap should extend 8" above the
- floor line
- 3) Use a gasketed fitting to connect the outlet of the siphon to the overflow pipe and discharge **UC**
- 4) Fill the siphon trap with water before initial operation
- 5) Make sure all joints of the vent piping are airtight









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