

*Pretreatment & Sludge Handling*  
**Evaluation Report**

for Hyalite/Sourdough Water Treatment Plant

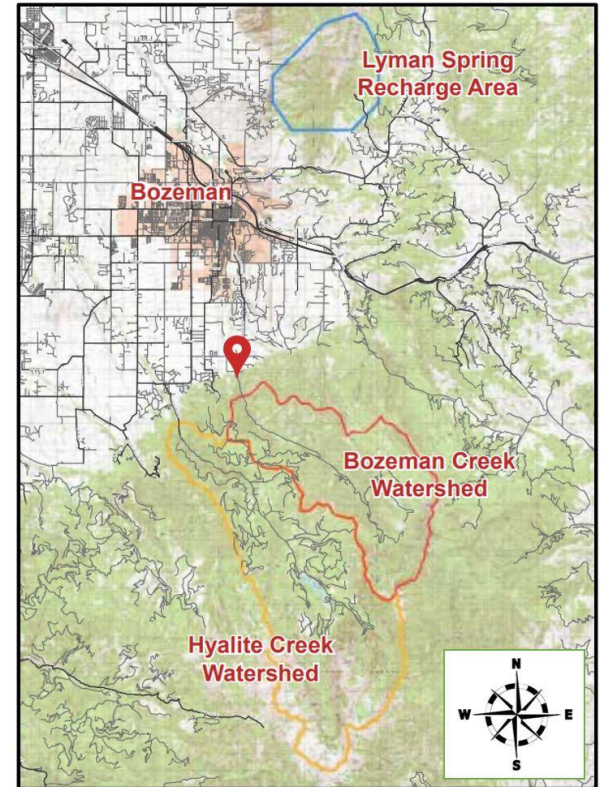
# Hyalite/Sourdough Water Treatment Plant

- Can treat a total of 22 million gallons per day of raw water
- Plant is known for its pretreatment along with the use of microfiltration membranes



**Figure 1.** Hyalite/Sourdough Water Treatment Plant

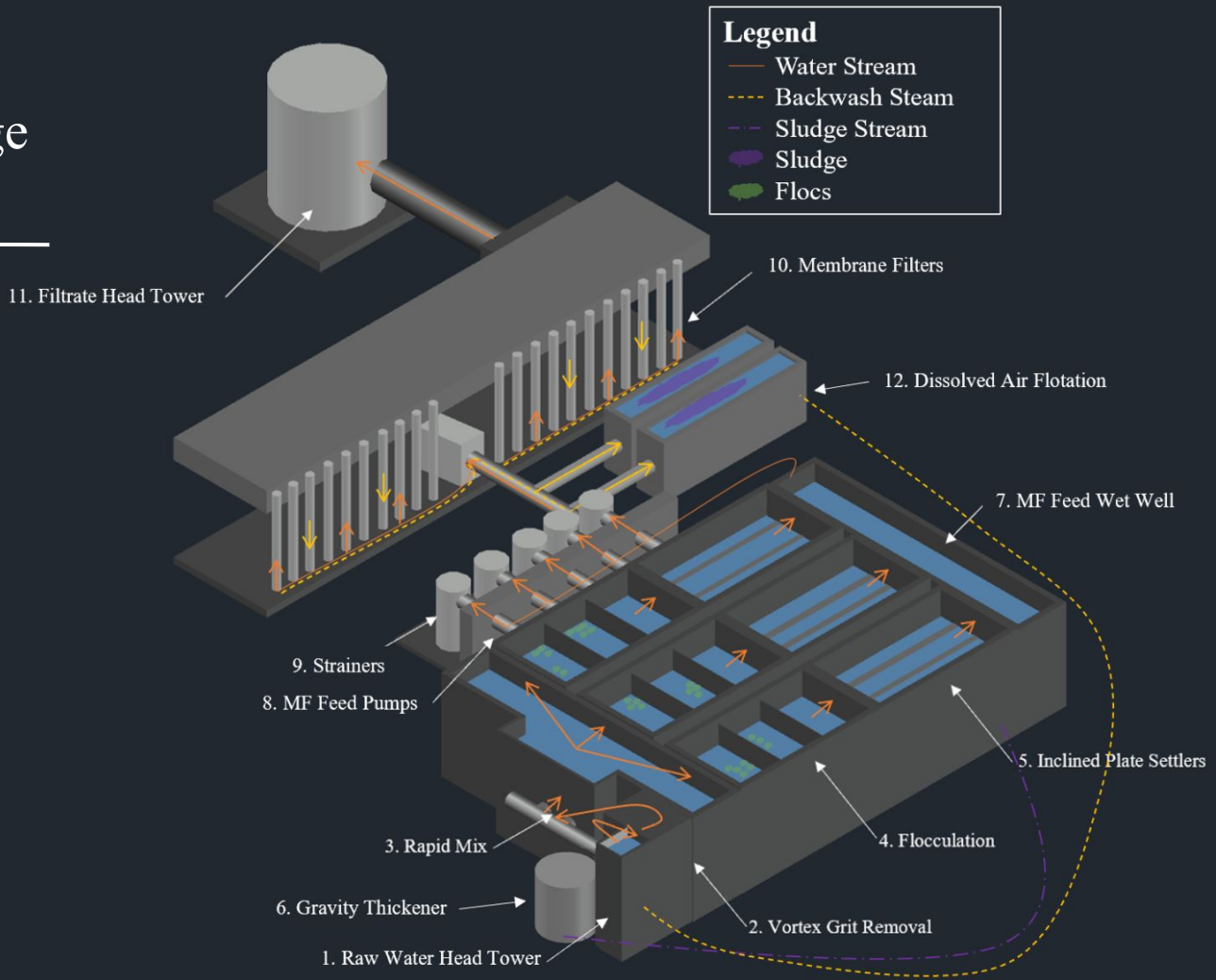
"Hyalite/Sourdough Water Treatment Plant." HDR Foundation, <https://www.hdrinc.com/portfolio/hyalitesourdough-water-treatment-plant>.



**Figure 2.** Bozeman Watershed

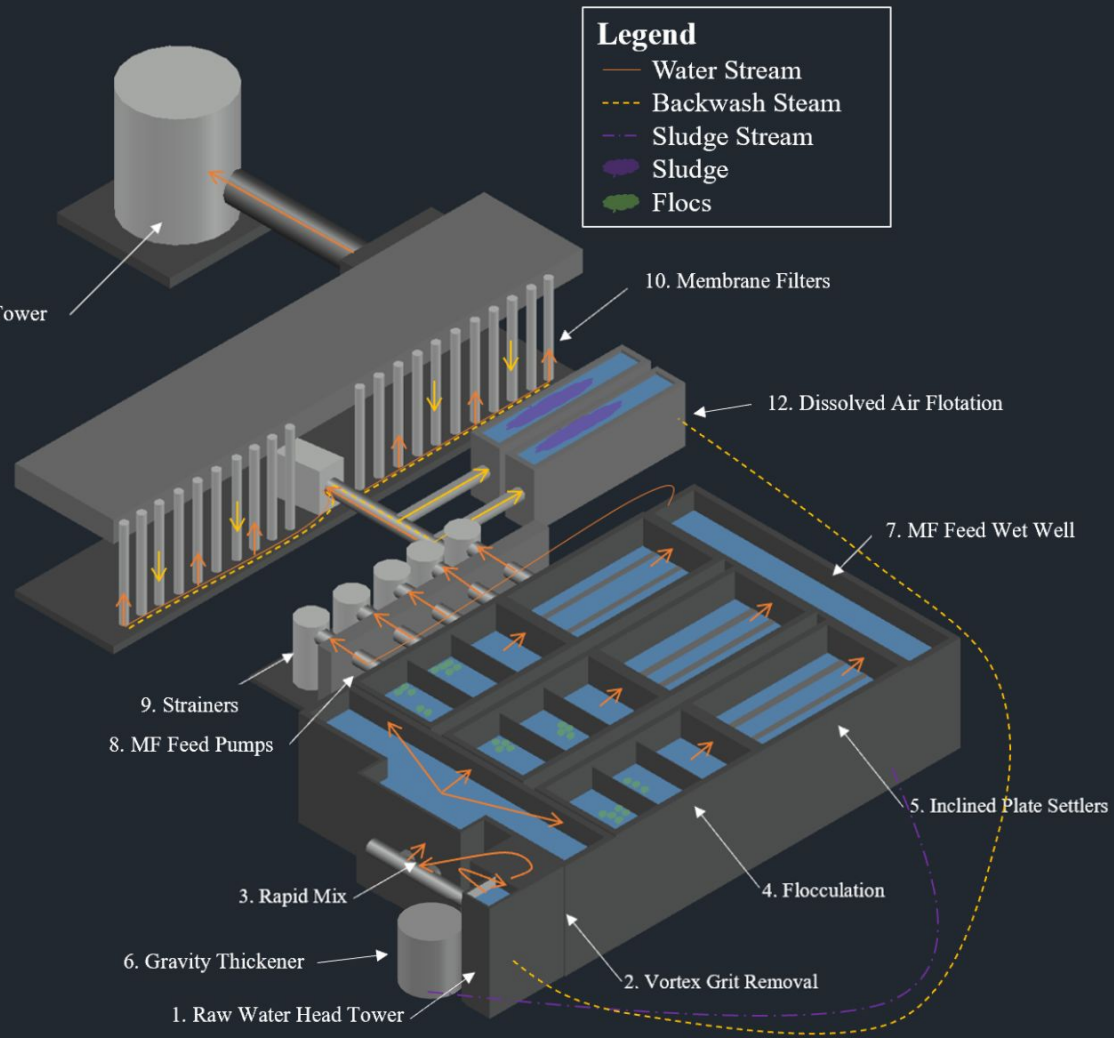
Treatment W. Water Quality Report The City of Bozeman is Pleased to Present our Where Does Your Water Come. 2018;

# Water Treatment Process and Sludge Handling of Plant



# Objective 1

Determine an optimal dose of coagulant under the conditions tested



## Purpose

- Removal of solids in the water
- These particles make water more difficult to disinfect if not removed

## Previous Findings

- The amount of aluminum chlorohydrate (ACH) added ranges from 40 lbs to 220 lbs per day.

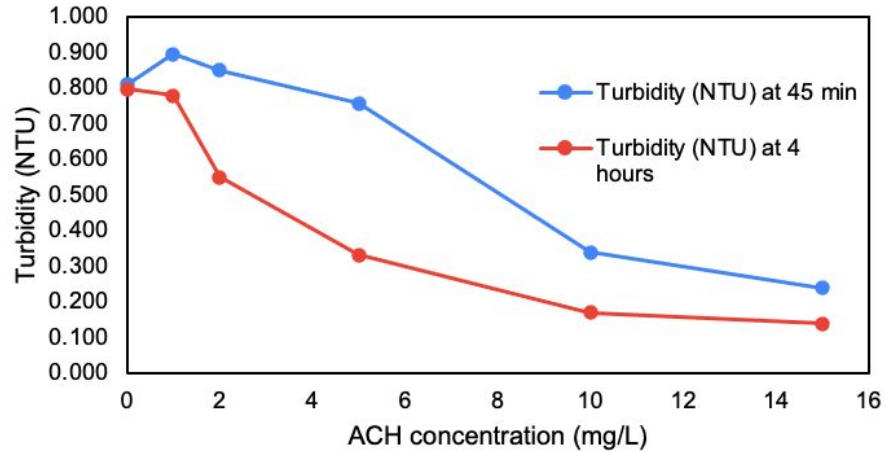
## Methods

- Jar tests
  - Simulates processes of coagulation, flocculation and sedimentation
  - Performed in lab and in the cold room
  - Coagulant was added at different doses
  - Measure turbidity of samples before and after treatment

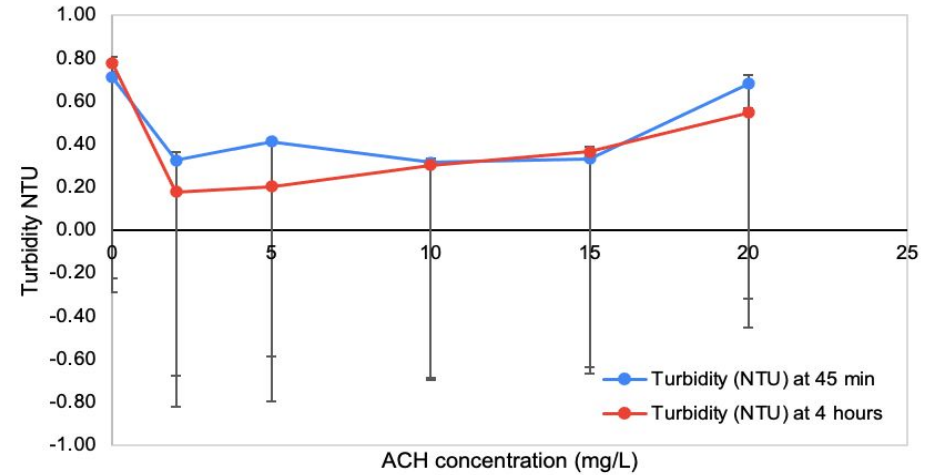


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## Jar Testing at the wastewater plant



## Jar Testing at MSU lab



## Recommendations

Should backwash be recycled into pretreatment water?

Concentration:

5-15 mg/L ACH \*  
\* for 4% backwash

Benefits:

Increase yield per inlet mass.

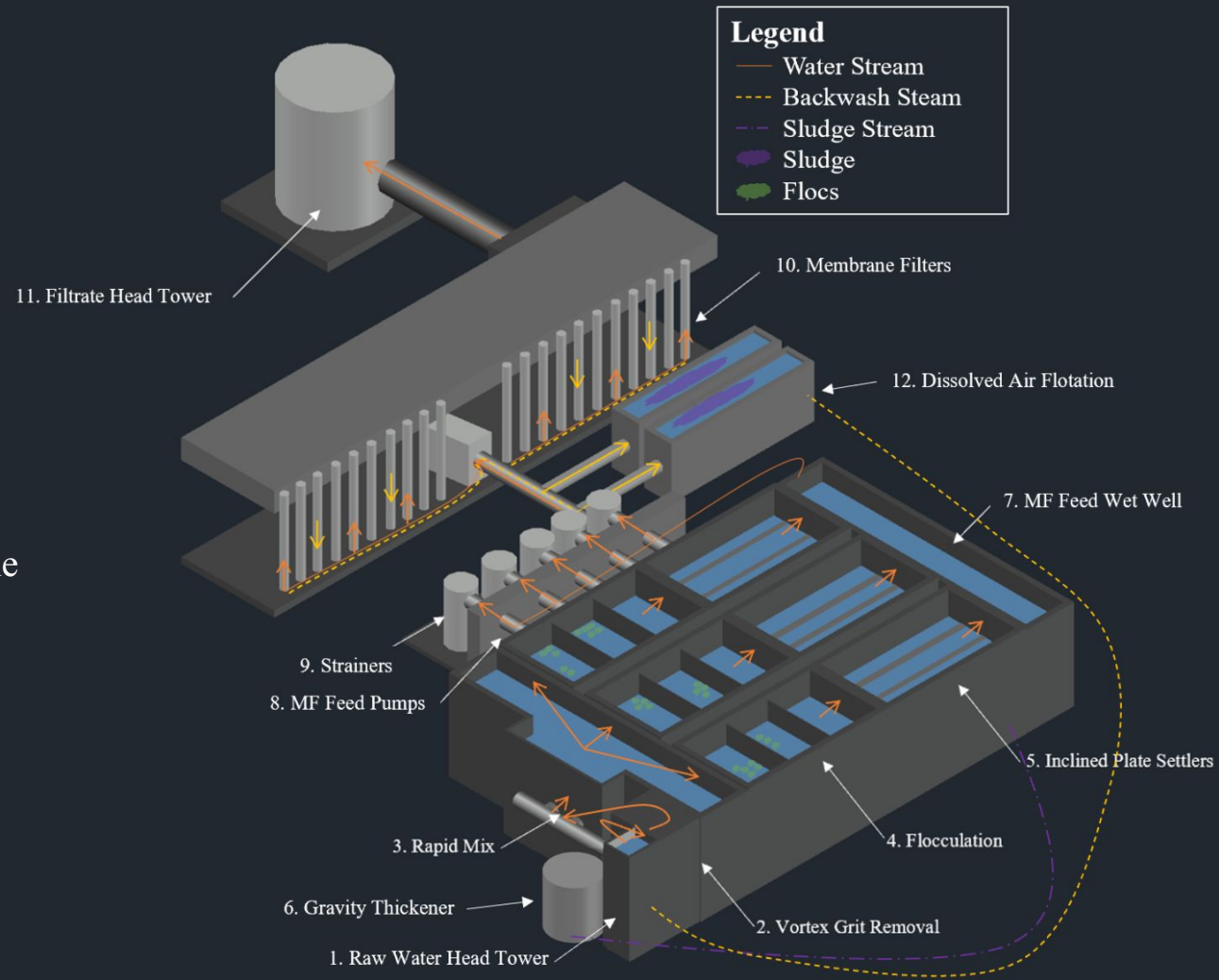
Less wastewater.

Better for environment.

Technical feasibility?

## Objective 2

Determine whether recycling backwash water to the front of the plant impacts pretreatment





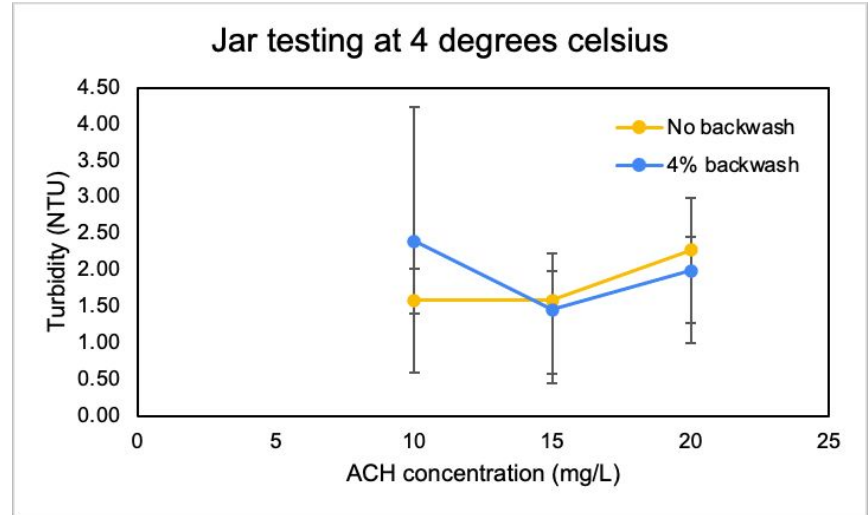
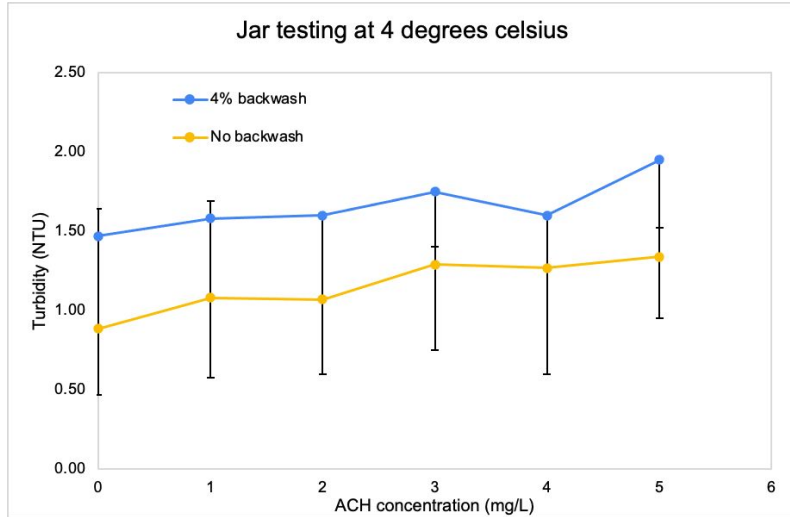
## Purpose

- Recycle water
- Increase the effectiveness of the pretreatment process

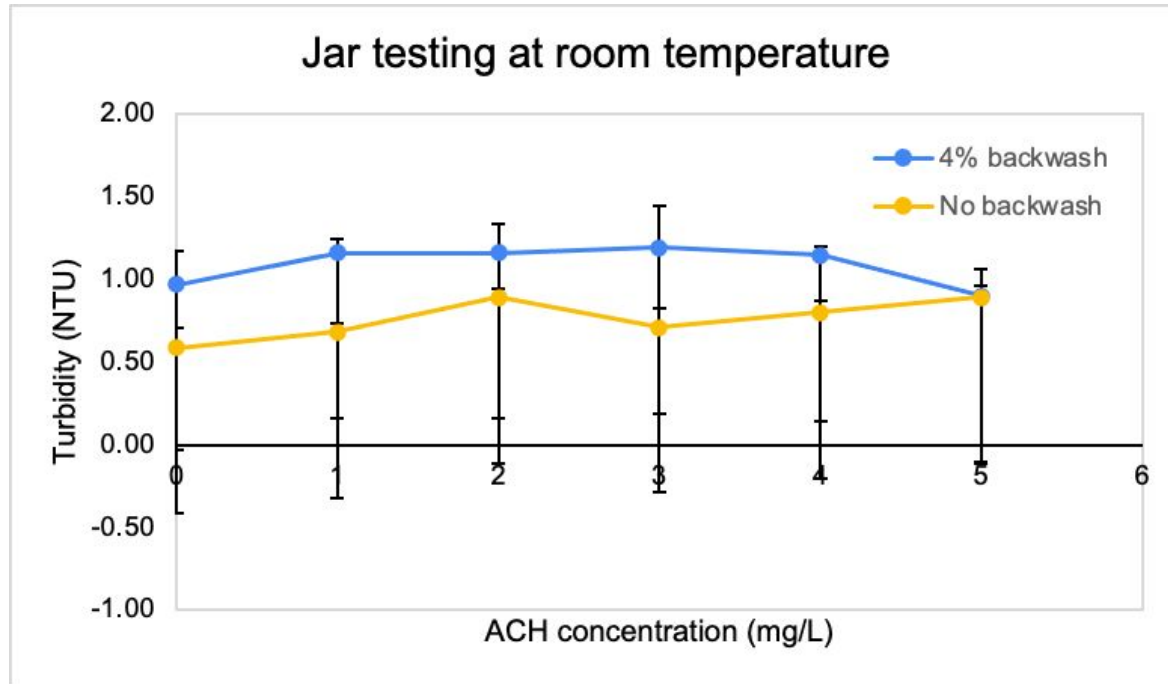
## Methods

- Jar tests
  - Mixture of influent water and 4% backwash water
  - Measure turbidity of samples before and after treatment

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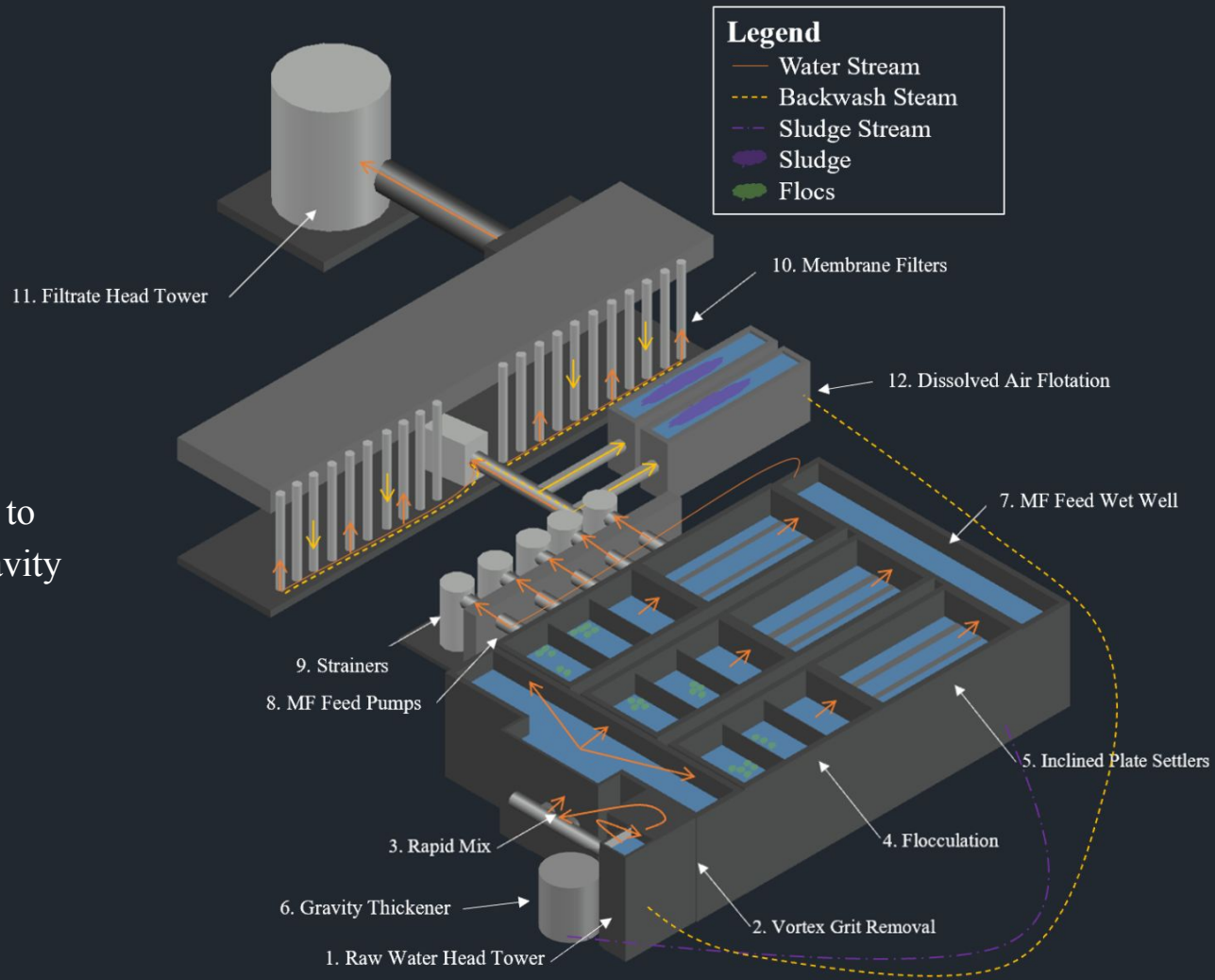


# Further Experimental Recommendations

- Temperature
- Inlet Turbidity
- Backwash concentration
- Other coagulant concentrations

## Objective 3

Determine optimal polymer dose to enhance sludge settling in the gravity thickener



## Purpose

- Polymer increases sedimentation rate
- The polymer dose with the most compact sludge cake leads to easier management and disposal

## Previous Findings

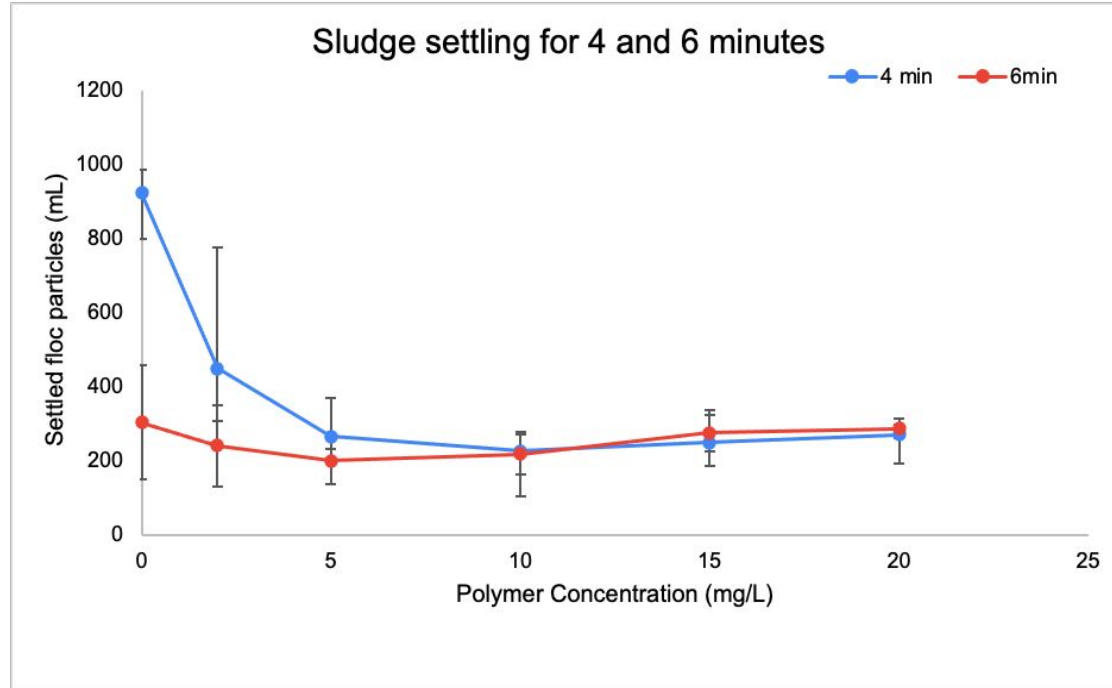
- The water treatment plant has been fairly consistent this month in dosing with 4 mg/L of polymer

## Methods

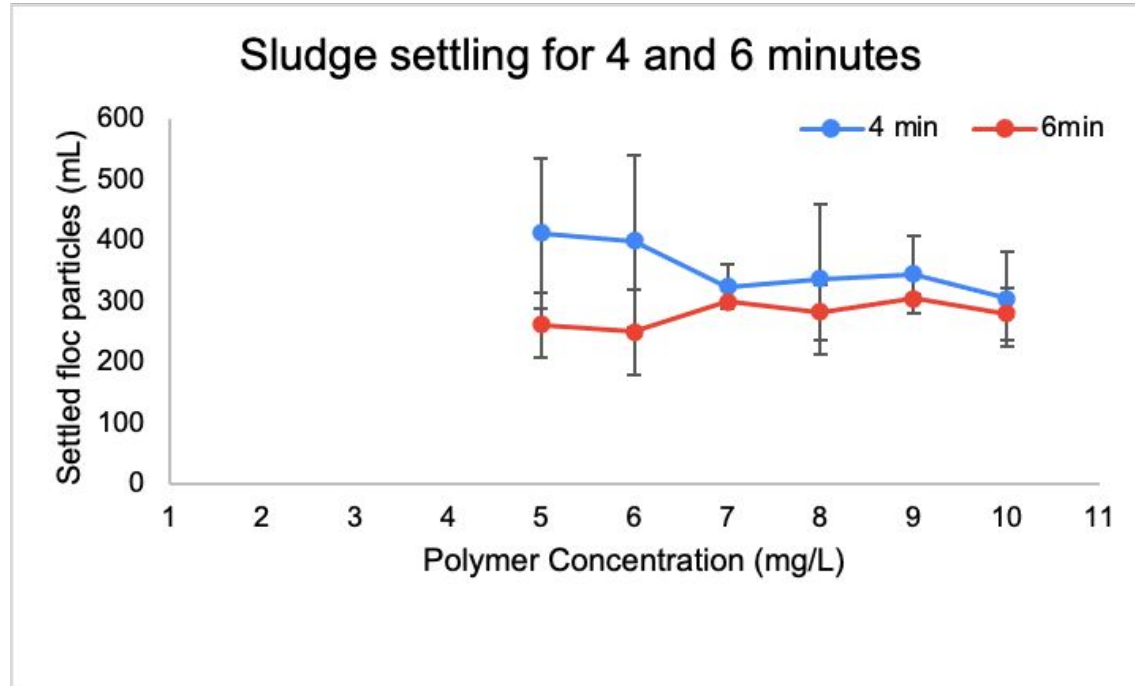
- Sludge Settling Tests
  - Measure and add doses of polymer to sludge samples from the plant
  - Sludge must settle at least 50% in four minutes
  - Redo test for range between best two doses, and inspect beakers for most compact sludge cake



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# Recommendations

Concentration:

Around 5 mg/L Polymer

Benefits:

Faster settling.

Dense sludge puck.

Simple design.

More efficient, better for the sourdough ecosystem.

Additional tests:

- Temperature
- Other Polymers