WATER POLLUTION

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About 97% of the total water is

- locked-up in the oceans and seas,
- It is too saline to drink and can not be used directly for
- agricultural andindustrial purposes.

- About 2% of the total water is locked up in glaciers And ice caps and-
- only 1% is available as fresh water.
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- It also regulates the body temperature of all the living beings.

L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water WATER is found in nature in different forms:

- Rain water,
- ground water,
- river water,
- ✤ Lake water,
- spring water etc.
 Potential drinking water sources are either ground water or surface water.

- Water is said to be 'universal solvent'.
- It can dissolve most of the
- natural elements and organic matters.



L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water Water in such aquifers is replaced very slowly.

The upper boundary of saturation zone is called water table or ground water level, formed due to-

Downward flow of water through porous and permeable rocks.

- The level of water table
- Decreases in dry season.
- Generally water is clear and colourless but
- contains dissolved inorganic salts.

Underground water is free from bacteria because this is filtered out through the subsoil.

these are found in the form of

springs,

wells,

Infiltration wells and

glaciers.

This is of immense importance as it
helps to maintain the levels of lakes and rivers.

Brought to surface by digging wells and is

used for domestic and agricultural



Subsurface Water Zone

- 2. Surface Water : " The quantity of water remaining on the surface after losses due to
- evaporation,
- percolation and
- transpiration etc.

is known as surface water or run off water".

L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water The important sources are

lakes,



- Streams,
- rivers,
- reservoirs etc.

The surface or run off water flows into nearby streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and reservoirs available for our use.

Surface water can be classified into :

- i) Rain water
- ii) River water
- iii) Lake water
- iv) Sea water or Ocean water

Hydrological Cycle or

- The water cycle is the most important cycle
- of all the natural cycles in the biosphere.



*it is continuously renewed through the
hydrological cycle.

Or we can define this as :

"Hydrological cycle is a global system that supplies and removes water from the earth's surface."

• The cycle collects, purifies and distributes the earth's fixed supply of water.



Fig. 4.3. Hydrologic Cycle

Hydrological Cycle:

Water is transferred to the earth's atmosphere through two reciprocal processes ;

i) Evaporationii) Precipitation



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The total amount of water on earth remains constant and

L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water * the water cycle moves from one place to another. 1. Evaporation :

When the Sun rays (Solar energy) heats water on or near the surface of oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, etc.

the water evaporates and enters the atmosphere
leaving behind the dissolved impurities.

Transpiration:

Water also vapourises through

*****the tissues of plants specially from

***the leaf surface is called transpiration.**

L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere & natural water 2. Precipitation :

Water returns to the land

- and other water bodies
 as precipitation in the form of
 rain, hail,
- snow and slit.

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- & natural water
- During heavy rains water is
- collected in puddles, ditches and ponds and
- runs off into nearby streams, and rivers called run off water.
- The run off water causes the Weathering of rocks and Erosion of soil

- Which moves various chemicals through other biogeochemical cycles.
- Some of the fresh water become locked in the glaciers and ice caps and
- some sink down under ground where it may be retained for hundred thousands years.

L-21 Introduction: Hydrosphere& natural waterInfluences of Terrestrial organisms.

PLANTS help to reduce the soil erosion.

Various matters in soil act as sponge

to hold water in place for the plants.

The water vapours cool the atmosphere.

HUMAN activities-

large quantities of fresh water withdrawn from natural sources for

Irrigation, industries and domestic uses leads to depletion of water bodies.

URBAN activities

URBAN activities in heavily polluted areas increase the rate of return of water to water bodies,

Flooding reduces the seepage and ground water supply is reduced and
Soil erosion is increased.



Classification of Under pollutants

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Water is used for various purposes including

- bathing, washing,
- **cleaning**, cooking,
- **cleaning of floors and equipments,**
- industrial operations,
- **agricultural needs and**
- what not ?

- After using, it is discharged as waste-water contaminated by various pollutants.
- These are classified into the following:
- Organic pollutants;
- Inorganic pollutants;
- **Radioactive pollutants; and**
- **Suspended solids and sediments.**

Inorganic pollutants:-

- All water sources contain a variety of inorganic chemicals from:
- Geological formations,.
- industrial discharges and agricultural run off.

Inorganic pollutants in water include

- inorganic salts,
 mineral acids.
- o metals or metal compounds,
- o trace elements,

metal complexes and organo metallic compounds.

- Some are highly toxic
- and some are mildly toxic.
- The inorganic contaminants include :

L-22 Classification of Water Pollutants Inorganic & Organic		
Aluminium Ammonia	Chromium Copper	Selenium
Antimony	Sodium	Cyanide
Arsenic	Strontium	Fluoride
Asbestos	Lead	Sulphate
Beryllium	Mercury	Vanadium
Boron	Nickel	Nitrate
• Inorganic contaminants are mainly the metals found in water:

• Nitrates, phosphates and sulphates are the inorganic plant nutrients.

- The presence of these pollutants cause
- excessive growth of algae and other aquatic plants.
- These then die decay and become oxygen demanding waste.

- The D.O. gets depleted and
- aquatic animals (fishes) die.
- Drinking water with excessive nitrates

reduce oxygen carrying capacity of blood & kill unborn children and infants especially under three months of age.

 Organic Pollutants: Organic chemical compounds are of great importance to all life forms on this planet.

Most of the substances [which living things are composed of]are organic compounds.

The main foodstuffs such as fats, proteins, and carbohydrates, as well as

- many substances necessary for modern living such as
- cotton, petroleum, rubber,
- plastics, antibiotics, etc.

are all organic compounds.

But their presence in water is not desirable as they not only impart taste, odour and colour to water,

*but some of the chemical compounds discharged by industries are toxic and carcinogenic too.

The organic pollutants are again categorized as :

- **1. Natural organic pollutants.**
- 2. Sewage and industrial effluents.
- 3. Synthetic organic contaminants.
 - 4. Microbiological pollutants.

1. Natural Organic Pollutants:

These come from the

- breakdown of naturally occurring organic materials, such as,
- decay of leaves, plants, dead animals, etc.
- Many plants and micro-organisms release organic matter through their metabolic processes.

• Micro-organisms, algae and vegetation can also be source of

- objectionable organic compounds e.g.,
- if there is a sudden die-off of the vegetation

water quality can become extremely bad.

2. <u>Sewage and Industrial Effluents:</u>

Organic pollutants are also discharged as municipal sewage and industrial effluents e.g.

- food-processing units,
- paper mills,
- tanneries,
- slaughter houses, etc.

3. <u>Microbiological pollutants:</u>

Many micro organisms such as-

- bacteria,
- viruses,
- protozoa,
- algae and
- Helminths

are found in polluted/untreated water.

The modern water treatment removes or inactivates known

diseases causing organisms to safe levels,

still it is best if the source water is as free of contamination as possible.

• Table 4.1

- lists the common water borne diseases along with the
- name of the organisms responsible and the primary source.

All chould be noted that in most of the cases, human faeces is the main source of the organisms in water.

Table- 3.1 waterborne disease causing organisms

S. No.	Name of organism or group	Major disease	Primary source
01.	Salmonella Typhi (Bacteria)	Typhoid fever	Human faeces
02.	Schigella	Bacillary dysentry	Human faeces
<mark>03</mark> .	Vibrio Cholerae	Cholera	Human faeces
04.	E. Coli (Bacteria)	Gastroenteritis	Human & animal faeces
<mark>05</mark> .	Polioviruses	Poliomyelitis	Human faeces
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S. No.	Name of organism or group	Major disease	Primary source
06	Enteroviruses	Encephalitis	Human faeces
07	Hepatitis A virus	Hepatitis	Human faeces
08	Entamoeba-histo - lytica (Protozoa)	Amoebic dysentery	Human faeces
09	Echinococcus (Helminth)	Echinococc- osis	Human and animal faeces
10	Anabaena flos- aquae (B.G.Algae)	Gastrenteret- itis www.mycsvtunotes.in	Natural water

- So, the first step in preventing a disease out break is to prevent human faeces from entering water sources.
- The human waste can originate from a point source e.g. sewage outfall or from
- A non point source e.g. flow of waster over the ground from a failed septic or cesspool system.

OIL

Water pollution due to oil may due to
oil entrained in refinery waste,
spillage of oil during transportation,
oil tankers accidents,
intentional discharge of crude oil into seas/oceans,

sewage containing oily contents, etc.

Some of the common compounds present in crude oil are



Cycloparaffins,

***** Aromatics,

Naptho -aromatics etc.

L-23 Classification of Water Pollutants Synthetic & Radioactive

• <u>Synthetic Organic Contaminants</u>: The manmade (anthropogenic) materials entering the water bodies with sewage and other wastes include both :

volatile organic chemicals (VOC's) and

synthetic organic chemicals (SOC's).

L-23 Classification... Synthetic & Radioactive pollutants
The VOC's are industrial solvents, such as—

Carbon tetrachloride used as fire extinguisher and cleaning agent and

Itetrachloroethylene used as solvent and **raw** material.

• In SOC's category, the most common organic pollutants are

pesticides and herbicides, and other

Chemicals used in industrial processes e.g.

ethyl benzene, toluene and styrene.

• Most of the these chemicals are

potentially toxic to

plants, animals And

human beings.

- The most controversial organic pollutants are
- poly chlorinated bi phenyls (PCB's)
- and dioxin,
- which are very toxic and known to
- cause cancer even at low concentrations.

Radioactive pollutants:-Radioactivity found in water is mainly

- due to natural sources,
- also added from various industrial and medical processes.

The human activities responsible for radio active pollution are

1. Use of radioactive isotopes in

- medical,
- Industrial,
- research applications and
- Mining.

- 2. Use of radio active materials in
- power plants and
- nuclear weapons:

3. Processing of ores

• to produce usable radioactive substances.

- Though all of the radioactive contaminants are carcinogenic,
- the radionuclides that are found in water and are of concern are
- uranium,
- radium 226 and 228,
- radon and thorium 230 and 232.
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Sources of Water Pollution:-The main sources are

- 1. natural,
- 2. agricultural,
- 3. mining,
- 4. municipal,
- 5. industrial and
- 6. accidental:

- Natural pollution in water is
 due to aerial contaminants and
 due to rainfall or melting of ice.
- ***** Decaying of plants, animals and
- organic matter;
- leachates from animal excreta

introduce micro-organisms in water.

2. Agricultural pollution of water is

- due to soil and silt washings from land surfaces,
- fertilizers,
- insecticides,
- pesticides and
- weed killers.

- **3. Mining pollution of water is**
- due to fines or tailings from ore washing,
 inert suspended solids,
- soluble toxic materials and
 acid drainage.

4. Municipal pollution of water is due to sewage obtained from:

- domestic premises,
- institutions,
- commercial and
- industrial buildings.

- 5. Industrial pollution of water is due to the effluents coming from various industries such as:
- food and drugs,
- chemical,
- materials and
- energy.
Accidental spillage of chemicals during loading and transit; and

Accidental leakage from
industrial storage tanks,
oil refineries etc.

The sources of water pollution can be divided into two categories, namely

point sources and
 diffused sources.

1. Point Sources:-

"Those sources which can be readily identified at a single location are known as point sources" e.g. industries, **municipal sewage**, treatment plants, **combined** sewer overflow, **Traw sewage discharges, etc.**

This type of discharge can be controlled, and the water pollution can be minimized,

- if the effluent from these sources are
- centrally collected,
- treated up to acceptable levels and
- reused.

Diffused sources or non-point sources

- "These are the sources of generalized discharge of waste water whose location cannot be easily identified".
- Here, the pollutants scattered on the ground ultimately reach the water sources and cause water pollution.

(Diffused sources or non-point sources) For instance run-off from

- agriculture lands,
- forestry,
- mining,
- construction, etc.

(Diffused sources or non-point sources)

- This type of discharge of waste-water cannot be easily controlled.
- However, water pollution caused by the agriculture can be controlled by
- changing the crop patterns,
 tillage practice and
 advanced farm management practices

Effects of Water Pollution:-

- Water is a vital resource essential for sustaining life;
- therefore, its contamination has adverse effects on the health and environment of living beings

Effects of Water Pollution

can be studied under the following heads:

Physical effects
Oxidation effects
Toxic chemical effects
Chemical nutrient effects
Micro-organisms effects
Radionuclide effects

(i) **Physical Effects:**

 solids due to suspended particle while cooling water from power stations and
 oily surface of films. Solids may be
 inert material wastes or

*insoluble finely divided organic solids.

Inert material in water slowly accumulate and deposit on the river bed. These also cause reduction in solar energy absorption thereby decreased rate of photosynthesis * Causing low oxygen conditions on the * river bed.

Finely divided organic solids will be

- **biodegraded and will cause**
- **reduction** of the D.O. in water.
- All these physical effects will cause a
- disturbance of the balanced ecosystem.

Thermal Pollution

Cooling water from power stations cause:
a rise in water temperature and
bring about thermal pollution.

Affect the metabolic rate of physiological processes of the aquatic animals.

- Increased temperature will
- decrease in fresh water fauna population and
- increase in flora population.
- More blue green algae and sewage fungus will grow resulting in plant death.

The D.O. will be reduced and

biodegradation will increase.

Both these factors will cause oxygen deficiency in water.

- Waste oil, fats and grease will enter and form thin film on the water surface,
- prevent the exchange of oxygen with the atmosphere
 causing reduction of water oxygen

saturation.

- Spillage from oil tankers in sea will cause
- marine pollution and
- ***** shore contamination.
- A badly oiled shore can be largely
- denuded of animal life and
- sea weeds are also affected.

Oil slicks are responsible for the death of many birds.

affect the thermal insulation andresistance to cold,

irritates digestive system and
produce toxic effects.

(ii) Oxidation Effects:

There are two types of oxidation namely:

a) Bacteriological Oxidation by the action of bacteria upon organic pollutants.

b) Chemical oxidation of other pollutants.

• In bacteriological oxidation

sulphides are converted into sulphates, ammonia into nitrite and then to nitrate.

 In chemical oxidation **#** ferrous salts are converted into ferric salts, **#**deposited as rusty red gelatinous masses associated with # filamentous bacteria which are **#** toxic to biological life.

• Both types of oxidation involves the use of dissolved oxygen. It will cause

 increase in Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) resulting
 deficiency of oxygen in water.

(iii) <u>Toxic Chemical Effects:</u> Some organic and inorganic chemical

substances are

4 toxic to plants, animals and humans.

These toxic substances are absorbed into the tissues from polluted water.

- They can cause injury leading to death of living organisms.
- The effects will depend upon the

■ concentration,

period of action and the

metabolism of the organism.

- Chemical Toxic Substances can be broadly classified as
- metals and salts,
- pesticides,
- acids and alkalis and
- organic compounds such as
- phenols, cyanides etc.

a) Metallic toxicity may be caused by feeding on polluted marine bony and shell fish. Cadmium, mercury, lead, chromium etc. may cause damage to liver, kidneys and brain

- Very small quantities or traces of metals are
- Very small quantities or traces of means required for normal growth and metabolism. I imiting Value is exceeded then If Threshold Limiting Value is exceeded the
- physiological poisoning,
- respiration difficulty
- decreased photo-synthesis and growth.

- b) **Pesticides pollution is due to**
- leachates from agricultural and Horticultural land and
- from food processing plants.
- DDT, one of the pesticides, produces harmful effect over the body.

- c) Acids and alkalis may
- change the pH value of water from its neutral value of pH 7.
- Most animals and plant grow between a pH value of 5 and 9.
- Changes in pH affect physiological processes and actions of toxins.

- d) <u>Polychlorinated biphenyls</u>
- are by-products of the plastic, lubricant rubber and paper industries.
- They are stable, insoluble in water, and soluble in oils.
- These substances are harmful to fishes, predatory birds, marine and shore birds.

e) Cyanides are very toxic

to all biological life, and probably
prevent enzyme action and

immobilize the nervous system in animals and human beings.

f) Chlorophenols are toxic to bacteria and fishes.

(iv) <u>Chemical Nutrient Effects:</u>

- **Chemical nutrients are required by**
- plants and animals
- **for maintaining their growth and metabolism.**

Nitrates and phosphates occur in water in small quantities.

sufficient to maintain balanced
 biological growth.
 The nutrient's levels slowly rise due to

bio-degradation of dead organic mater.

The rise in nutrients is called ageing or <u>Eutrophication.</u>

<u>Phosphorus</u> is required for the *photosynthesis* process in plants,
for respiration and the
production of nuclear DNA.

• <u>Nitrogen</u> is an

©essential constituent of proteins.

- Increased concentrations of nitrates and phosphates in water
- **increase the rate of growth of plants and animals.**
- Unicellular green and blue green algae and blanket weed
 reduces light penetration and
 restricts deoxygenation of water.

- It causes adverse conditions for
 river and canal navigation, and
 for swimming, bathing and fishing.
- Nitrates are taken into body by food and drink and excess will
- cause blood diseases and
- gastric cancer.
(v) Micro-organism Effects:

Wastes that are discharged into water contain

- pathogenic organisms capable of transmitting human diseases.
- Bacteria responsible for cholera, typhoid fever, bacillary dysentery, gastroenteritis etc.

- Viruses cause
- poliomyelitis,
- infective hepatitis and
- Aseptic meningitis (Echo and Coxsackie viruses).
- **Round worm**,
- beef and pork tape worms also cause diseases.

(vi) Radio-Nuclide Effects:

The development of nuclear energy is

- producing more radioactive wastes
 being disposed off.
- with long half lives.
- which enter water bodies.

In brief, water pollution can lead to spread of epidemics like cholera, jaundice, dysentery, typhoid, etc.;

can cause nervous disorder due to the presence of

metals like mercury, lead, copper etc. discharged from industrial effluents;

* can affect biological processes of humans and animals if

they consume water contaminated by the release of dyes, etc.; and,

Iast but not the least, increases water treatment costs.



On the basis of nature of the substances water pollution can be divided into four categories.

- **1. Physical Pollution**
- 2. Chemical pollution
- **3.** Biological Pollution
- 4. Physiological Pollution

- **1. Physical Pollution:**
- caused due to change in physical properties of water, e.g.
- colour, turbidity, taste, odour etc.
- Foam and thermal pollution is also included.
- Coloured industrial wastes

(Physical pollution)

- **Bacterial contamination due to sewage** is most serious amongst all.
- Foam may be serious as it may carry pathogens.

2. Chemical pollution:

this is found generally due to the industrial effluents containing

inorganic or organic chemicals such as

- acids,
- alkalies,
- toxic chemicals etc.

(Chemical pollution)

- dissolved or suspended inorganic compounds
- Suspended or dissolved organic compounds Causing change in
- acidity, alkalinity
- or pH of water

and

• Due to dissolved gases like O₂ or CO₂ etc.

- 3. Biological Pollution: due to the presence of
- Pathogenic bacteria,
- fungi,
- protozoa
- Viruses,
 - worms etc.

Sources are

Domestic sewage and industrial wastes.

 Solid human excreta and
 decomposable organic matter of sewage are best medium. Create

Infections of gastro-intestinal tract,
polio and
hepatitis.

(see tables)

- **4.** Physiological Pollution: This is caused by several chemical agents e.g.
- chlorine,
- SO₂,
- phenols,
- hydroxy benzene etc.

Chlorinated water usually changes

 phenol to ortho or parachlorophenol which have offensive odour.

Other (Second) type of pollution

- Pollution of streams/river
- **Pollution of lakes**
- Ocean pollution
- Ground water pollution

1. Pollution of streams/rivers

River has the capacity of self purification. It is divided into 4 zones

- 1. Zone of degradation
- 2. Zone of active decomposition
- 3. Zone of recovery
- 4. Zone of cleaner water

, 		<	ZONES OF P	S OF POLLUTION	
	CLEAN WATER	ZONE OF DEGRADATION	ZONE OF ACTIVE DECOMPOSITION	ZONE OF RECOVERY	ZONE OF
	SATURATION LEVEL				COLUMN WATER
	Point of pollution		D.O.Sag Curve		
40%					,
PHYSICAL INDICES	Clean water	Dark and turbid water	Darker and grayish colour; turbid water	Clearer and less turbid water	Clear water
CHEMICAL INDICES		Floating solids; bottom sludge; DO reduces to 40% of sat. value; high BOD.	Evolution of gases like CH_4 , H_2S , CO_2 etc.; sludge coming to the surface form- ing ugly scum at the top; DO reduces to zero; anaerobic decomposition.	Small amount of granular sludge; DO increases ; BOD decreases	No Sludge; DO reaches to sat- uration level.
BIOLOGICAL INDICES		Algae disappear, fungi, bacteria, protozoa appear ; tolerant fishes may be present; sludge worms.	Algae, fungi absent; mostly anaerobic life; fish absent ; sludge worms and larvae present.	Bacterial popula- tion decreases ; Algae, protozoa, etc. and tolerant fishes reappear.	Usual clear water plankton present; Game fish, etc., present.

Fig. Zones of Pollution in a River/Stream, and Indices of Self-purification.

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Zone of degradation

- In this zone water is observed in turbid & dark in colour.
- Sludge deposits are observed .
- Anaerobic decomposition will set up to occur.

- **DO reduction reaches to 40%.**
- Protozoa appear
- Tolerant fishes live
- High BOD is seen

Zone of active decomposition

This zone is said to be the heavyly polluted area.

- DO concentration falls to zero
- At upper layer anaerobics are seen
- At the bottom area aerobics are present
- Algae is absent

- Carbon dioxide, ammonia gases are seen in excess.
- Fungi are also present leading to grayish masses.
- Fishes absent
- Larvae is seen

Zone of recovery

- In this river will try to recover the purity.
- Water is observed clearer.
- **Small deposits are seen.**
- **DO increases**
- **BOD decreases**
- **Bacterial population decreases**
- **Fishes will reappear.**

Zone of cleaner water

- Water is very clear
- DO reaches to saturation level
- Normal conditions are observed

Zone of Cleaner Water:-

The river/stream resumes the appearance of natural water.

The DO conc. will rise up to saturation value and

The usual plankton of clear waters will appear

Game fishes, less tolerant type, will reappear.

During the recovery process
 coliforms and pathogens will be reduced.

But, it is certain that some will survive and
 will be present in the zone of cleaner water.

- Therefore, it confirms that
- water once contaminated by pathogens
 will not be safe to drink unless
 it is properly treated .

Pollution of lakes The zones seen are

- Littoral
- Limnetic
- Profoundal
- benthic

Littoral zone

- It has many phytoplankton
- Sun light can reach upto bottom
- It is shallow water region.

Limnetic zone

- It is a open water zone.
- Plants grow in this region

Profundal zone

- This is the deeper area here light penetration is not seen
- Life is not seen here.

Benthic zone

• This deals with decomposers

Ocean pollution

Ground water pollution

<u>Trace Elements:-</u> Mg is required for photosynthesis.

Nitrogen is an essential for proteins.

Nitrates are taken into body by food and drink and

excess will cause blood diseases and gastric cancer.

Trace Elements:-

Industrial effluents might contain elements injurious to health

Causing serious health hazards.

Hence, their analysis is very important.

Mercury (Hg) :-Mercury is highly toxic pollutant and it can lead to renal disorder and mental disorder.

0.01 ppm is the maximum permissible concentration of mercury.

Sources of Hg

- Rayon industry and
- industries manufacturing medicinal products
- Hg is analysed
 Spectrophotometrically

Hg forms orange red colour complex with dithiozone

in chloroform atpH of about 1.

measured spectrophotometrically



Lead (Pb):-Lead is highly toxic to all forms of life.

- It is a cumulative poison.
- **0.1 ppm is the limiting concentration of**
- **Pb** in drinking water.

Sources

- Lead paint industry,
- printing industry,
- electroplating waste and
- mine waters

are the sources of lead to water streams.
- Lead is also analysed spectrophotometrically.
- with dithiozone at pH 11.5 to form
- lead dithiozonate which is
- soluble in chloroform.
- The absorbance is measured at 510 nm.
- This method is known as dithiozone method.

Chromium (Cr):-

- Cr (+VI) is more toxic than Cr (+III). It can cause
- dermatitis,
- lung cancer,
- chest problems and
- **ulceration**

generally in alkaline water.

• 0.05 ppm is the max. permissible conc. of Cr in drinking water.

SOURCES of Cr in water :

- Leather tanning industries,
- glass and ceramic industries,
- electroplating and
- paint industries

Chromium (+vi) is determined by **S** – Diphenyl carbazide in acidic conditions to form reddish violet coloured complex. The coloured complex is measured **spectrophotometrically** at **540 nm.**

For estimation of total Cr,

Cr (+III) is first oxidised to chromate by

permanganate and then

analysed by the same method as discussed above

Arsenic (As):-

- cumulative poison and is
- carcinogenic.
 - 0.05 ppm is the max. permissible conc. of As in drinking water.

Sources

- Paper, pulp, glass and
- pharmaceutical industries

Silver diethyl dithiocarbamate method.

- Arsenic is reduced to arsine in acidic medium by zinc. And then reacted with
- **4** diethyl dithiocarbamate.
- The red colour complex is
 analysed spectrophotometrically at
 535 nm.

Cadmium (Cd):-

It is highly toxic and causes injury to

- kidney,
- pancreas,
- liver.
- It is a cumulative poison and can remain in body for >10 years.

• The WHO limit for Cd in drinking water is 0.05 ppm.

Sources :

- Cadmium salts are usually present in
- effluents of textile,
- electroplating and
- chemical industries.
- Determined spectrophotometrically.
- Cd forms intense pink to red coloured complex with dithiozone
- extracted with chloroform and measured
- at 518 nm.

S. No	Ele men t	Sources	Nature	Injurious to	Max. Limit
01.	Hg	Rayon, medicines	Highly toxic to all lives	Renal functions Mental disorder	0.01 ppm
02.	Pb	Paint, printing mining, electroplating	Toxic, Cumulative poison	Fatal (causing death)	1.0 ppm
03.	Cr	Leather, glass, ceramic, paint Electroplating	Toxic	Dermatitis, Cancer, ulcer	0.05 ppm
04.	As MYcsvtu N	Paper, pulp, glass, Pharmaceutica Is	Cumulative, carcinogeni C www.mycsvtu	Cancer	0.05 ppm

Spectrophotometric Analysis of Trace Elements found in water

S. No.	Elem ent	Reagent	Solvent	рН	Absorba nce(nm)	colou r
01.	Hg	Dithiozone	CHCI ₃	1.0	490	
02.	Pb	Dithiozone	CHCI ₃	11.5	510	
03.	Cr +VI	S-Diphenyl Carbazide		Acidic (oxidation)	540	Red violet
04.	As	Diethyl dithio Carbamate		Acid/Zn (Reduction)	535	red
05.	Cd	dithiozone	CHCI ₃		518	Pink red

Case Studies

Minamita Tragedy (1950)

- Minamita a small coastal town in Japan
- People found their cats behaving strange-twitching, stumbling, jerking
- Named as 'dancing cats'
- **Due to brain damage now known as**
- methyl mercury poisoning.

Case Studies

Chemical plant used to release Hg in the river minamita bay.

- Fishes containing 50 ppm Hg consumed by people caused
- epidemic of nervous diseases.
- Japan, Sweden & Canada are still suffering.

Case Studies

- Blue baby syndrome is caused by nitrates converting into nitrides (methaemoglobinemia)
- Flourosis is caused by excess flourine in water
- Cadmium causes itai itai in Japan

Dissolved Oxygen (D.O.):-

Oxygen is one of the most common dissolved gases in water.

- D.O. is absolutely vital for the support of
- fishes and other aquatic life in water bodies.

Oxygen can enter and get dissolved in water in three ways:

- 1. directly from the atmosphere, through natural aeration.
- 2. by algae, through photosynthesis.
- 3. by mechanical equipments (aerators) during water treatment methods.

L-27 Significance & Determination of D.O.,
B.O.D. & C.O.D.
D.O. is always present in natural waters.
Solubility ranges from

14.6 mg/litre at 0° C to
7 mg/litre at 35° C under 1 atm. pressure.

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Most critical conditions of D.O.

 During Summer at high temperature when solubility of C is minimum.

8mg/litre is taken as the maximum

• under critical conditions.

Further, the solubility of oxygen is less in salt containing water,

& so solubility of O₂ decreases

from fresh water
to estuary
to the sea water.

The D.O. in water is determined by the Winkler's method or iodometric method,

which is an Redox processcarried out chemically

To liberate iodine in
amount equivalent to
the quantity of D.O. originally present.

principle

- When MnSO₄ is added to the water sample containing alkaline KI Mn(OH)₂ is formed
- $MnSO_4 + KOH \longrightarrow Mn(OH)_2 + K_2SO_4$
- This Mn(OH)₂ is oxidised to form Mn oxide (basic)

By consuming DO from water sample

 $2Mn(OH)_2 + O_2 \longrightarrow 2MnO(OH)_2$

After this sulphuric acid is added.

then the basic manganic oxide liberates I_2

This liberated I₂ is equal to DO



$2Na_2S_2O_3 + I_2 \longrightarrow Na_2S_4O_6 + 2NaI$

DO is expressed in mg/l or ppm

Significance of Dissolved Oxygen:-

- 1. In polluted waters, D.O. is the factor which determines the biological changes brought about by anaerobic micro organisms.
- 2. It is highly important that aerobic conditions must be maintained: otherwise,
- the anaerobic micro organisms will take over resulting in the development of nuisance conditions.

- **3. Therefore, D.O. measurements are vital for maintaining aerobic conditions in natural waters.**
- 4. and in anaerobic treatment processes to purify domestic (or municipal) and industrial waste waters.

D.O. determination is the most important taste/examination

used by the environmental engineers.

This test is the basis of the BOD test (to evaluate to pollutional strength of domestic and industrial waste waters).

The rate of biochemical oxidation can be measured by

- determining residual D.O. in a system at various intervals of time..
- Since all the aerobic treatment processes depend upon the D.O.

D.O. determinations are indispensable

as a

- means of controlling the rate of aeration
- to maintain aerobic conditions

- D.O determinations also serve as the means of control of river/stream pollution.
- As it is desirable to maintain conditions favourable for the growth and reproduction
- of fishes and other aquatic organisms,

- The raw or treated waste must have at least 4mg/litre of D.O. before its disposal into river/stream;
- otherwise, nuisance will be created near the disposal site and also the aquatic life (fishes etc) may perish.

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Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (B.O.D):-

- The organic matter present in waste water is of two types:
 - a) that which can be oxidised by bacteria and is called biologically active or biologically degradable and

b) that which cannot be oxidised biologically, and is called biologically inactive.

In waste water treatment,

- If oxygen is furnished to sewage containing bacteria,
- aerobic decomposition of
- biologically active unstable organic matter will occur
- **@**until the oxygen demand is satisfied.

- The amount of oxygen used during this process is known as the biochemical oxyge demand (BOD).
- It is an important indication of the amount of organic matter present in the sewage.
treatment plant or disposal system.

If the available oxygen falls short of the requirements,

• the organic matter

decomposes anaerobically and produce foul conditions.

Thus, (i) B.O.D. indicates the nuisance potential of sewage and (ii) the load imposed on the sewage

 It has been observed that the aerobic decomposition of biologically active organic matter proceeds in two stages .

If the oxygen supply is made available, The reduction of the B.O.D. proceeds rapidly

If to 7 days and
If then slows down until
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withe end of about 20 days.

• The oxygen demand during the first 20 days

 is due to the oxidation of carbonaceous organic matter to CO₂ and water, and is known as the

'first-stage demand' or
'initial demand' or
'carbonaceous-demand' or
'first-stage B.O.D



OAB represents 1st-stage B.O.D. curve AC represents 2nd-stage B.O.D. curve OAC represents combined B.O.D. curve Fig. Cummulative B.O.D. curves at different temperatures. www.mycsvtunotes.in MYcsvtu Notes

Figure

- OAB represents 1st stage B.O.D. curve.
- AC represents 2nd stage B.O.D. curve.
- OAC represents combined B.O.D. curve.

During 20 days, about 99% of carbonaceous matter is oxidised,

so first-stage B.O.D. is taken as ultimate B. O. D.

The later demand is due to the
oxidation of more resistant nitrogenous matter,

It takes a prolonged period, and is known as the

'Nitrogenous demand' or

G'second – stage demand'. Or

□ 'second – stage B.O.D.'.

For all practical purposes the reaction period is taken as

✤ 5 days at 20⁰C.

This is written as



- This is taken as the
- standard demand,

and is about 50% to 70% of the total demand.

• The B.O.D. of a sewage sample can be determined as:

BOD5 at 20^oC (in mg/l) = $(\mathbf{D}_1 \times \mathbf{D}_2) \times \mathbf{f}$

Where D₁ = DO of diluted sewage sample before incubation, mg/l.

D₂ = DO of diluted sewage sample after 5 days incubation at 20^oC mg/l

f = **Dilution** factor

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Vol. of diluted sample

Vol. of undiluted sewage sample

Dilution of sewage is carried out by pure aerated water.

Ø Theory of BOD

• In biological degradation of sewages , the organic matter is converted into acetic acid

$CH_3COO^- + 2O_2 \qquad CO_2 + H_2O + HCO_3$

Limitations of BOD Test

- **1.** Before BOD pre treatment of the sewage is necessary for toxic wastes.
- 2. Applicable only for biodegradable organic matters.

Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD):-

It gives the amount of oxygen required for chemical oxidation of organic matter,

biologically active as well asbiologically inactive,

present in the sewage.

Potassium dichromate $(K_2Cr_2O_7)$ or

potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) are used as

oxidising agents

to destroy the organic matter.

ADVANTAGES COD test has several advantages over BOD test, e.g.

- it takes only 3 hours;
- industrial wastes do not respond to BOD test,



respond to COD test;

Advantages



the COD test is very useful.

DISADVANTAGE

• The biggest, and the only, disadvantage of this test is that-

disadvantages:

it cannot differentiate biologically oxidisable and

biologically inert organic matter;
and in sewage treatment,

biologically active organic matters quantity is of utmost importance.

Definition of Chemical oxygen demand

"COD is the amount of oxygen (expressed in mg/L or ppm)

- consumed under specified conditions
- In the oxidation of organic and oxidisable inorganic matter,
- corrected for the influence of chlorides".

In COD test,

- The sample is oxidized with potassium dichromate (K₂Cr₂O₇) (a strong oxidising agent).
- Oxidation of both biologically oxidisable and biologically inert material in water sample takes place.

Hence,

COD value for a given sample is always higher than BOD value.

Time required time for COD test is shorter

hence COD test is advantageous.

COD determination.

A known volume (say 25 ml) of the waste water sample is

refluxed for 1 ¹/₂ hours with a known excess of standard

potassium dichromate (say 1 N) in a

50% sulphuric acid solution and

and

in presence of silver sulphate (Ag₂SO₄)

as catalyst

and mercuric sulphate HgSO₄

to suppress chloride ion interference.

The organic matter of the sample is
oxidised to H₂O, CO₂ and NH₃.

The excess dichromate is
titrated with a standard solution of

ferrous ammonium sulphate,
[FeSO₄ . (NH₄)₂ SO₄. 6H₂O].

- This experimentally measured amount of K₂Cr₂O₇ (which is consumed)
- **is used to calculate the equivalent oxygen required**
- **by the waste water**
- **for degradation of the pollutants.**



- Vb and Vt are the volumes of ferrous ammonium sulphate consumed in the blank and test experiments.
- N is normality of ferrous ammonium sulphate and
- Ve is the volume of effluent sample taken.

Example:-

A 25 ml of a sewage water sample was refluxed with 10 ml of 0.25 N. $K_2Cr_2O_7$ solution in presence of dil. $H_2SO_4Ag_2SO_4$ and $HgSO_4$.

The unreacted dichromate required

6.5 ml of 0.1 N ferrous ammonium sulphate.

3. Due to rapid determination, COD is

- very important parameter in
- management and design of the treatment plants.
- 4. COD values are taken as basis for efficiency of treatment plants.

Limitations of COD:-1. COD value is a poor measure of strength of organic matter as O₂ is also used in the

- oxidation of inorganic matter such as
- nitrates, sulphates, reduced metal ions etc.

2. Although cellulose can be oxidized but

- benzene,
- pyridine and

other

- cyclic organic compounds
- do not get oxidized by this test..

- 3. COD test does not differentiate between bio-inert and
- biodegradable materials.
- 4. It also does not indicate the rate at which the
- biologically oxidisable materials stabilize.



L-28 Eutrophication

EUTROPHICATION

Eutrophication term is derived from the
Greek word eutrophos which means
well nourished or enriched.

This enrichment leads tonatural ageing of lakes.

L-28 Eutrophication

DEFINITION

"C. H. Weber" described eutrophication as ; "Eutrophication is a phenomenon through which a nutrient bog or a shallow depression changes into leached bog deficient in nutrients".

L-28 Eutrophication

Eutrophication is the stepped up addition of phosphates and nitrates

because of human activities might happen in a few decades-

which takes place in
thousands to billions of years by natural process.
During summer overloading of shallow lakes and reservoirs with

plant nutrients produces
dense growths of plants like

water chestnuts and
water hyacinths near the shore.

- also causes population explosion of
- algae blooms,
- or floating algae especially the
- blue green algae which give water
- An appearance of green soup and

release substances to make

water taste and smell bad.

D.O. is depleted in the surface layer and near the shore.

At the bottom when large masses of algae die and fall,

* are decomposed by aerobic bacteria D.O. is again used up and

other aquatic life die of oxygen starvation..

***** Excess nutrients if continued to flow

the bottom water becomes foul and

devoid of animals,

anaerobic bacteria take over and

release smelly products.



TYPES OF EUTROPHICATION There are two types of eutrophication:

1. Natural Eutrophication

2. Cultural Eutrophication

Natural Eutrophication:

- The process of natural lake aging due to nutrient enrichment is called natural eutrophication.
- In this process oligotrphic lake is converted into a eutrophic lake.

Cultural Eutrophication :

- When lake aging is speeded up by human activities
- cultural eutrophication takes place which causes :
- Addition of 80% Nitrogen and 75%
 Phosphorus to the lakes and streams.

EFFECTS OF EUTROPHICATION

In India Kashmir Lake and

Nainital Lake are

undergoing a rapid eutrophication
as a result of

sewage, domestic waste and detergent addition.

Dal, Hussain Sagar and Nagin lakes are seriously chocked by

Eutrophication

During eutrophication the lake becomes Oxygen deficient

causing death of fishes, fish habitats and death of lakes.

Phytoplankton are most sensitive and

their population decreases rapidly due to eutrophication.

It leads to the disruption of food chains and food web.

CONTROL OF EUTROPHICATION

Recycling of nutrients can be checked through harvest.

- Algae food webs should be disrupted.
- Sewage and detergent wastes should be treated before disposal.

Algae blooms should be removed.

Algae growth be controlled.



All the pollutants are ultimately
assimilated by the water body. When the waste water,
is large in volume and
strong in character, the purifying capacity

• may not be sufficient.

Objective of Waste Water Treatment:-

As we know, the waste water is finally disposed off in water bodies (i.e. rivers, streams, lakes and oceans).

The waste water are then purified by the natural agencies like

* air, sunlight, bacteria and other microorganism, etc., and

For satisfactory disposal the waste water treatment plants,

act as unloading stations

where all the undesirable and nuisance causing elements

in the waste water are removed.

Which can be accepted by the water bodies without getting degraded.

Hence, waste water treatment plants

supplement to the natural purifying power/capacity of the water bodies, and

help in maintaining their normal utilities.

Classification of Sewage Treatment Process:-

- Preliminary Treatment.
- Primary Treatment.
- Secondary or Biological Treatment, and
- Tertiary or Final Treatment.

1.PRELIMINARY TREATMENT

2.PRIMARY TREATMENT

3.SECONDARY or BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT

4.TERITARY TREATMENT

- Preliminary Treatment:- Preliminary treatment is carried out for the removal of the floating materials e.g.
- leaves of trees,
- pieces of rags,
- paper, wood,
- dead animals, etc., and....

the heavy settleable inorganic solidssuch as sand, grit, etc. and

The fats, oils and greases from the waste water.

- **Preliminary treatment reduces the**
- **BOD** about 15 to 30%,
- solids about 20 to 40%,
- and the bacterial load
- about 10 to 20%.

The processes (or units) used in preliminary treatment screening, grit chamber and skimming tanks.

The preliminary treatment processes are

screening,

spit chamber and

*****skimming tanks.

The screenings, grit and skimmings are generally disposed off by burial or burning.

Screening (preliminary treatment)

- It is usually the first operation.
- There are different screens to trap and remove t floating materials like
- leaves of trees,
- paper,
- wood material etc,

otherwise these materials shall damage the pumps and interfere the flow of water.

Screen is a device with

- openings of uniform size for
- removing bigger suspended or
- floating matter present in waste water.
 Screeners are of two types
- **1. Coarse Screeners**
- 2. Fine Screeners



Fig. Fixed Bar-screen (coarse or medium).

	Coarse Screeners		Fine screeners	
01	Coarse Screen have the opening of 75-150 mm at head of the pumps.	01	These screens have openings of 20 mm.	
02	The principal function is to prevent the entry of floating matter such as logs, timber or large sized material etc.	02	These are mechanically cleaned devices using perforated plates, closely spaced bars mad of corrosion resistant metals.	e

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	Coarse Screeners		Fine screeners
03	Since screening doesn't contain any good amount of matter, its disposal can be carried out easily.	03	These are capable of removing as much as 20% of the suspended solids from sewage.



L-29 Preliminary and primary water treatments (ii) Grit Chamber: Removes heavier inorganic materials, • specific gravity 2.4-2.65 like

- ash, sand,
- clinkers,
- egg shells,
- bone chips,
- grit.

Grit Chamber:

These sandy and heavy materials can pose problems like

reduce fuel value of manure,

can block the chamber.

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Grit chamber



The sandy and heavy materials can pose several problems like

- reduce fuel value of manure,
- can block the chamber.

There is a narrow opening to reduce the velocity of sewage.

These are present after the screeners.

Skimming Tanks:

- Greases and oils in sewage includes
 fats, fatty acids, minerals etc.
 from kitchens and restaurants and from garages.
- It is a narrow rectangular tank
L-29 Preliminary and primary water treatments

Skimming Tanks:

The disposals can be converted into
soaps,
lubricants,
candles and
non edible products.



L-29 Preliminary and primary water treatments

DISADVANTAGES:

Oily matter can pose these problems

- clogging.
- create odour.
- Interfere the activated sludge process.
- Digestion will be harder.

L-29 Preliminary and primary water treatments

Advantages:

The sewage is freshened

H₂S and other gases of decomposition are removed.

Flocculation of the colloidal matter takes place.



Primary Treatment:

- After the removal of heavy solid particles,
- the removal of small bits of solid particles are done which are not seen clearly.

Sedimentation
 Flotation
 Neutralization

Sedimentation:

The settleable solids are removed by gravitational settling under different conditions.

Principle:

If the specific gravity of solids present in waste water is greater than that of water.

Then the solid particles will tend to settle down by gravity.

The storage tank where waste water flow is retorted is known as sedimentation tank.

The time period for waste water detention is known as Detention time.



- In a well designed sedimentation tank about
 50% of a suspended solid matter to settle out within
- ***** 2 hrs detention time.
- An efficient sedimentation system is expected to remove about
- *** 90% of the suspended solids and**
- *** 40% organic matter.**

In rectangular tanks feed is introduced at one end along with the width of the tank and

+the overflow is collected at the surface either across the other end or at different points.



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FLOTATION:

It may be used in place of sedimentation for

 finely divided suspended solids and oily matter.
 Flotation technique is used in paper

industry

✤ to recover fine fibres from the

screeners.

Particles of low density are very difficult to settle in sedimentation tanks.

The particles float to surface from where they can be readily removed.

Flotation can be aided by chemical coagulants such as Al & Fe salts.

The increased flocculent structure of the floated particles can easily entrap the air bubbles.

- (i) Dispersed air flotation.
- (ii) Dissolved air flotation.

Dispersed Air Flotation:

The air bubbles generated in this system are normally about 1 mm in diameter.

This is not favourable for municipal waste water,

this can be applied for wastes like oil, grease and face powders.

Dissolved Air Flotation:

- In this air is dissolved in water at one atmospheric pressure.
- In this the entire pressurized air is held in the retention tank so that
- the air gets dissolved in the liquid.
- The flotation time in tank is also half an hour.

Neutralization:

When pH of the industrial waste is too high or too low then it should be

neutralized by alkali or

Lime-soda treatment.

Caustic-soda treatment.

Neutralization:

When pH of the industrial waste is too high or too low i.e.

It is highly Alkaline or Acidic then waste should be properly

Neutralized .

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Secondary Treatment or Biological Treatment:

It is a biological process that uses
 aerobic bacteria to remove biodegradable organic wastes.

It removes 90% of O₂-demanding wastes.

Anaerobic bacteria converts 95% biodegradable carbon into biogas.



Aerobic treatment:



Aerated lagoons.





1. Oxidation pond or stabilization pond:

***** Waste water is purified with the

help of algae and aerobic bacteria in oxidation pond.

Aerobic bacteria decomposes organic food.

Oxidation pond or stabilization pond:



- They are used for treating-sewage & biodegradable industrial waste water.
- This ponds shows symbiotic relation between bacteria & algae.

- The daily flow of sewage having organic matter give food to the aerobic bacteria.
- Aerobic bacteria stabilizes the waste by oxidizing it in CO₂ and nitrates.

Oxidation pond

The ponds can be designed in any shape and size.

The pond should be at least 1.0m deep and not more than 1.8m

to avoid aquatic weeds

[Oxidation pond]

Stabilization ponds are open flow thorough earthen basins,

specially designed and constructed to treat sewage and

Solution biodegradable industrial waste waters.

[Oxidation pond]

These ponds provide long detention periods from few hours to several days.

The daily flow of sewage containing organic matter,....

[Oxidation pond]

provides food to the aerobic bacteria whic

stabilize the matter by oxidizing it to CO₂ and water.

The algae utilizes these products for its growth and

[Oxidation pond]

* produces O₂ by the process of photo synthesis

which is utilized by aerobic bacteria and so on.

Sewage organisms are stabilized by
both aerobic and anaerobic reactions.

[Oxidation pond]

- In the top aerobic layer where O₂ is supplied through
- algae photosynthesis
 organics + CO₂ , O₂ + Algae cells.
- Few alcohols and organic acids are also oxidized along.

[Oxidation pond]

- The sludge and organic matter in Anaerobic layer are converted into
- CH₄, CO₂, NH₃ and H₂S.
- These gases escape the pond as bubbles.

> [Oxidation pond] Advantages:

Can be redesigned easily on requirement

Disadvantages:

- More land area requirement .
- Due to mosquito breeding and bad odour

> [Oxidation pond] Disadvantages:

- More land area requirement .
- Due to mosquito breeding and bad odour
- Difficult to maintain an efficient standard of 30 mg/l suspended solids.
2. Aerated lagoons:
These are large holding tanks or ponds having a depth of 3-5 m and

Elined with cement, polythene or rubber.

These are treated for about 2-6 days.



[Aerated lagoons:]

During this time, a healthy sludge is formed BOD removal is up to 90%.

Floating aerator maintains aerobic environment for
 preventing settling of the biomass.

3. Trickling filter:

- It consists of circular or rectangular beds,
- 1m to 3m deep, made of PVC,
- Coal, Coke of size 40 to 150 mm.
- On this bed, the waste water is sprinkled from the top.

Commonly used in treatment of-

Domestic Sewage

They are also known as –

Sprinkling

Filters.

Used for treatment of-

- Dairy
- Distillery

(Trickling filter)

On this bed, the waste water is sprinkled from the top. air can enter from bottom.

A gelatinous film is formed, comprising of bacteria and aerobic micro organisms

known as ZOOGLEA.



ZOOGLEA is sensitive to temperature it becomes thin in winters.

- The organic impurities in the waste water are
- absorbed on the gelatinous film and
- oxidized by bacteria and micro organism.

When the film of impurities attached becomes

thick and detaches is settled down.

This helps in removing 60-85% BOD.

Advantages:

•Effective for industrial wastes. Lesser land area required.

- BOD removal is 60 to 75 %.
- Simple in working.
- Effluent is sufficiently nitrified & stabilised.
- Less filter media required.

Disadvantages:

•Cost of construction is high.

•Efficiency decreases with load.

• Filters are sensitive.

4. Activated Sludge Process:

This is the final biological treatment.

It is a example of aerobic suspended growth system.

4. Activated Sludge Process:

In this process, the sewage or industrial waste water is

aerated in a reaction tank in which microbial flock is suspended. ste from Leatment



Fig. 4.13. Activated sludge plant.

Mixture of waste water & micro organism is Aerated in aeration tank.

In this tank micro organism metabolizes the soluble & suspended organic matter, by taking DO.

Active mass of microbes are called as-Activated sludge.

- The aerobic bacteria convert the waste into CO₂ and H₂O by biological degradation.
- Some organic compounds are sent for recycling also.
- The remaining suspended solid is called activated sludge.
- This can be discharged from chamber.

Anaerobic Treatment:

i) Sludge digesterii) Septic tank

Sludge Digester:

The main purpose is

- to reduce its pathogenic contents and
- to improve its de watering characters.

Sludge is stabilized by

• decomposing the organic matter under controlled anaerobic conditions.



The process of stabilization is called sludge digestion and is carried out in sludge digestion tank.

Organic matter is converted into CH_4 , CO_2 and H_2O . Organic matter $\longrightarrow CH_4 + CO_2 + H_2O$.

Pathogens will die with non-availability of food.

Construction: of a sludge digester.

Consists of a cylindrical RCC tank with hoppered bottom and is

covered by fixed or floating roof.

Process (Sludge Digester)

- The raw sludge is pumped into the centre of the tank.
- Gases produced in the process are collected by gas dome at the top.

Process (Sludge Digester)

- The digested sludge settles down to the bottom and is taken out .
- The supernatant liquor collects in the upper portion of the tank.

(Sludge Digester)

- The scum formed at the top is not allowed to harden,
- otherwise it will prevent the gases from wising into the collection.

SEPTIC TANK:

It is a combined sedimentation & digestion tank.

Sewage is allowed to flow slowly through this tank to

#enable the sewage solids to settle to the bottom of the tank.

Septic tank



(SEPTIC TANK)

#Where these are digested anaerobically.

Due to anaerobic condition

#the biodegradable organic matter is

¤converted into gases and liquids.

- A thick crust of scum is formed at the surface of the tank.
- The septic tank is de sludged at regular intervals,
- generally once in every 1-5 years.

Septic tank



- The construction should be made to avoid short circuiting
- to ensure perfect sedimentation.
- In this tank biochemical reaction takes place

- In this tank biochemical reaction takes place
- in presence of anaerobic bacteria
- 60-70% of suspended matter is settled as sludge
- at the bottom of tank.

- Organic matter is decomposed into gases and liquid. Very bad smell spreads out due to digestion process. Very bad smell spreads out due to digestion
- It can remove about 90% of BOD.

Advantages: (SEPTIC TANK)

This process reduces waste volume by 65%.

Digested sludge can be used as manure.

Gases produced are used as fuel.

Less operation & maintenance cost.



Tertiary Treatment:

Main components are:

Fine suspended solid particles should be removed.

Micro organism such as bacteria should be removed.

Removal of inorganic solids and final traces of organics.

Tertiary Treatment

i) Coagulation

ii) Chemical oxidation

iii) Ion exchange
1.Coagulation:

- Coagulants are used to convert the waste particles into solid particles.
- Negatively charged colloidal suspensions are
- removed by co-agulants.

1.Coagulation:

- Co-agulants (certain chemicals) are rapidly dispersed is waste water
- to change the characters of impurities.
- Mostly used co-agulants for waste water treatment are

hydrated lime, alum, ferric chloride and www.mycsvtunotes.in MYcsvtu Notes chlorinated coppers.

At high pH these co-agulants produce

insoluble Al(OH), and Fe(OH), flocks

 $Al_2(SO_4)_3 + 6H_2O$ $2Al(OH)_3 + 3H_2SO_4$

 $3H_2SO_4 + 3Ca(HCO_3)_2$ $3CaSO_4 + 6H_2CO_3$

 $6H_2CO_3$ $6CO_2 + 6H_2O$

 $Al_{2}(SO_{4})_{3} + 3Ca(HCO_{3})_{2} \longrightarrow$ $2Al(OH)_{3} + 3CaSO_{4} + 6CO_{2}$

If the density of precipitation is less or low then

polymeric agents can be added to make the precipitations bigger in size.

By filtration flocks can be removed.

Chemical Oxidation:

In tertiary treatment oxidizing agents such as

- chlorine,
- ozone etc.

are widely used for disinfection, removing organic materials.

Chlorine destroys bacteria present in the waste water.



- * Ozone is another powerful oxidizing agent and acts as an
- * efficient disinfectant and for many complex organic materials such as pesticides etc.

Ion Exchange:

This method is effectively used in removing hardness and

Mn, Fe salts from potable water.

Trace elements Cu, Cr, Pb, Ni, Cd etc.

present in industrial waste water can be removed by this method.

of exchange material are given under :

Hydrogen-cycle cation exchange :



Hydroxide-cycle anion exchange :

H_2SO_4	el anone or the	(SO4	
HCl	+ YOH	V CO.	+HO
HNO ₃	Anion		1 1120
$\rm H_2CO_3 + CO_2$	exchange material		

Regeneration of cation-exchange material:

	(Ca			Ca	SO4	
x	Mg +	$H_2SO_4 \longrightarrow$	XH +	Mg	or	
	Na	or	Anion	Na	Cl	
	HCl		exchange material	- sub base pro-		

Regeneration anion-exchange material:

 $Y \begin{cases} SO_4 & Na_2SO_4 \\ CO_3 + NaOH \longrightarrow YOH + NaCl \\ Cl & Na_2CO_3 \end{cases}$

(Ion Exchange)

It is economical

Special ion-exchanger are used for

retrieval of toxic metal ions

from industrial waste water.



Assignment-3

Q.1. Write short notes on :

- i) Organic water pollutants.
- ii) Radioactive water pollutants.
- iii) Synthetic water pollutants.

Q.2. Discuss the sources, effects and types of water pollution.

Q.3. Write short notes on:

a) Trace elements in water

b) Significance & determination of D.O.,B.O.D. and C.O.D.

Q.4. How the oligotrophic lakes are converted into eutrophic lakes? Describe the types, effects and control of Eutrophication.

Q.5. write the techniques to remove water pollution by 1⁰,2⁰, 3⁰ treatment methods.

CASE STUDIES



