

Optimizing Water Reclamation Systems by Automation using Continuous Water Quality Analysis

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ABSTRACT

Due to growing demand for clean water worldwide, it has been important for municipalities and industries to build waste water treatment systems that produce effluent water with quality almost - or up to - drinking water standards. Qualified operators have become more difficult to find due to demographics and the aging working population. Automation of these systems using water quality analyzers have made quality effluent easier to achieve on a consistent basis.

This presentation will review the optimum location and maintenance of analytical methods used from the primary clarifier to final disinfection before effluent release, based on successful installations. Other automated processes discussed will include aeration, denitrification, and ultraviolet treatment. Recommendations such as cleaning and calibration frequency will be provided for optimizing the reliability of on-line oxidation reduction potential (ORP), pH, suspended solids, dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen, Total Organic Carbon data to and other methodology. This reliability is critical to make sure that automation will produce the clean effluent water desired.

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