



# GLOBAL TRENDS IN POTABLE WATER REUSE

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## WATER QUALITY – GLOBAL TRENDS

- Contaminants are being detected regularly in the water supply
- Many regulators are now requiring routine testing of chemicals that were virtually unknown just a few years ago (e.g. nitrosamines by California DPH & UCMR 2)
- Supplies are tightening as population increases and water sources are more heavily tapped
- Unintentional water reuse is occurring



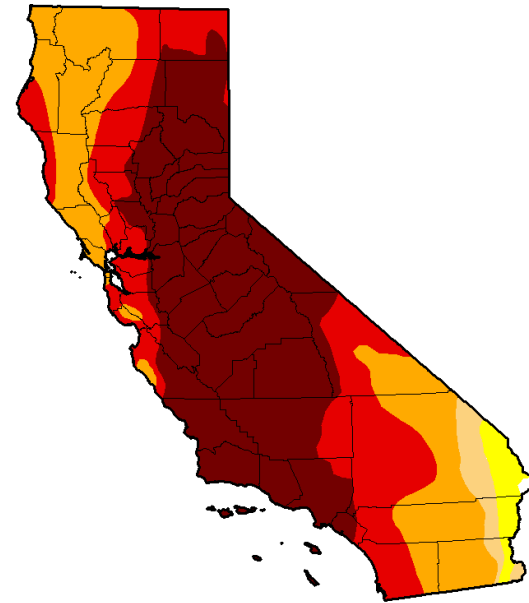
***“One city’s wastewater is another city’s drinking water”***

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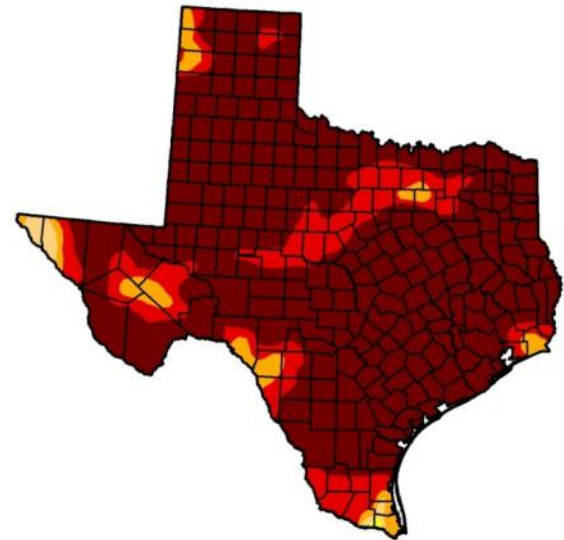


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## Texas

- Extreme drought conditions caused strain on drinking water sources

As of February 28, 2012



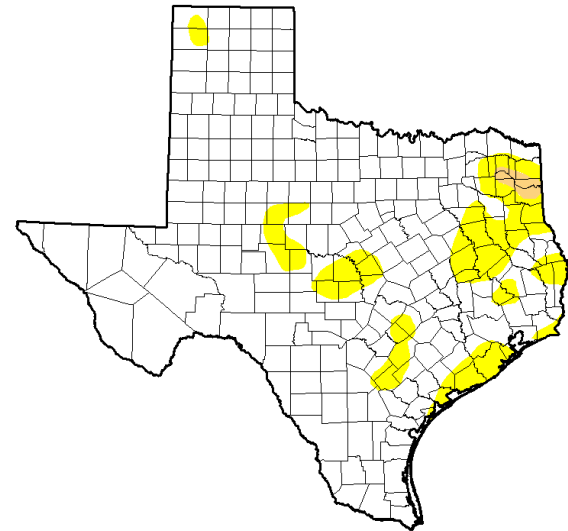
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- Most recent State Water Plan released in 2012
- Composed of 16 individual water planning regions which submit long-term water plans to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in advance of State Water Plan developments.

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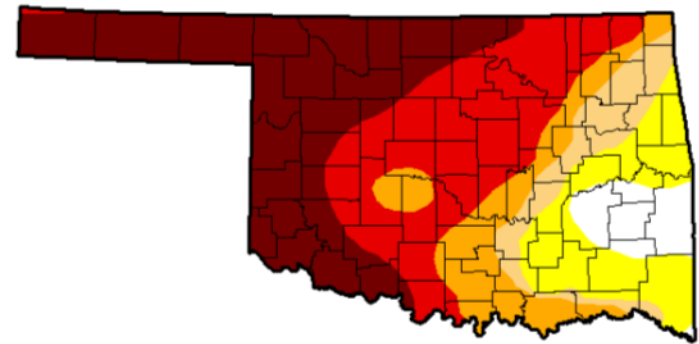
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# WATER STRESS IN THE UNITED STATES

## Oklahoma

- In May 2014, the State of Oklahoma signed Senate Bill 1187
- Legislation encourages expansion of the state's drinking water supply through water reuse initiatives and conservation efforts
- Discharges into protected catchments is now allowed as long as it is part of a potable reuse plan

As of May 20, 2014



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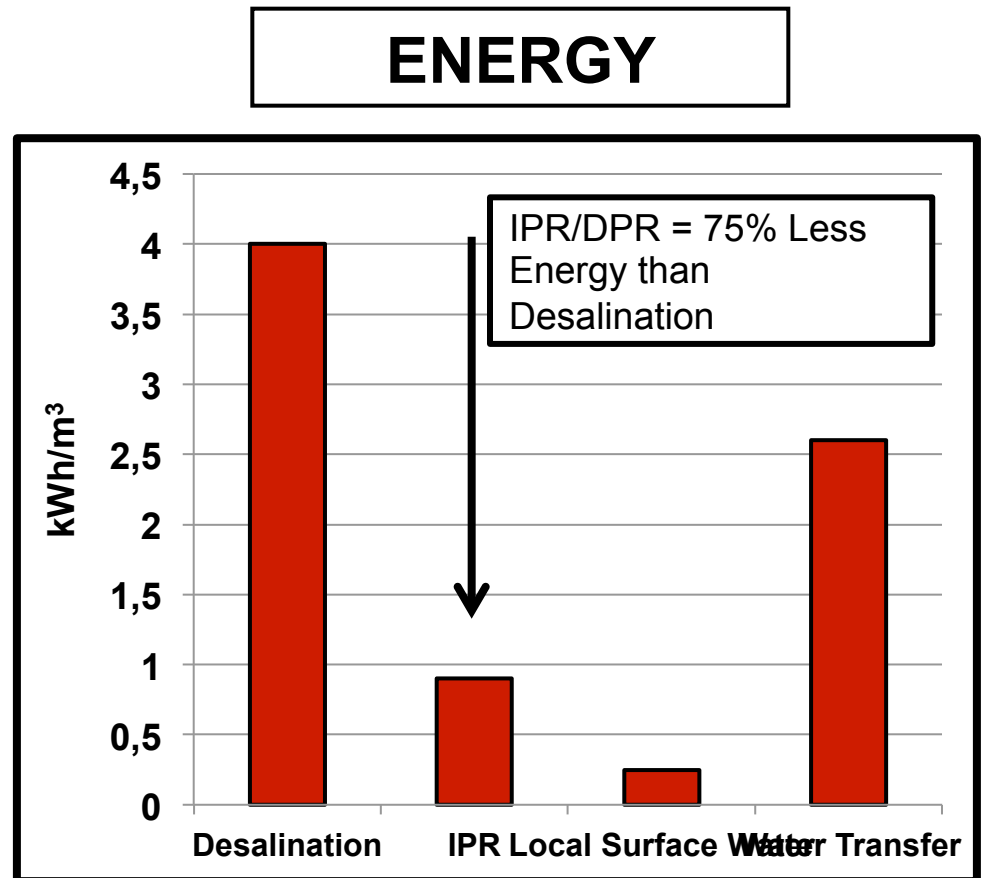
## WATER STRESS: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

- Reduce Growth
- Conserve
- Develop New Water Sources
- Water Transfer
- Desalination
  - Seawater
  - Brackish Water
- Non-potable Reuse to Offset DW
- Indirect or Direct Potable Reuse (IPR/  
DPR)



# WATER SHORTAGE: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

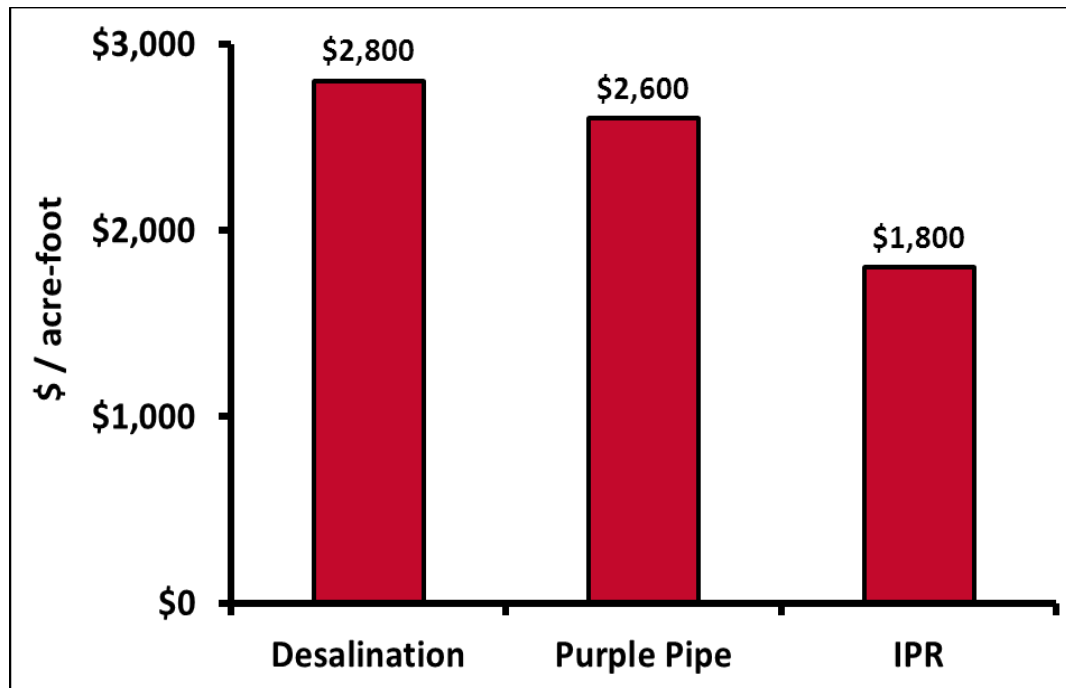
- IPR is also less energy intensive than other water shortage solutions
- IPR is an Attractive Option Both in Terms of:
  1. Costs
  2. Energy Use



## WATER STRESS: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS?

IPR is cheaper than desalination and non-potable water reuse

- Desal: Higher energy costs
- Non-potable (Purple Pipe): Install new distribution system



*Ferrian Business and Economic Institute, 2011*



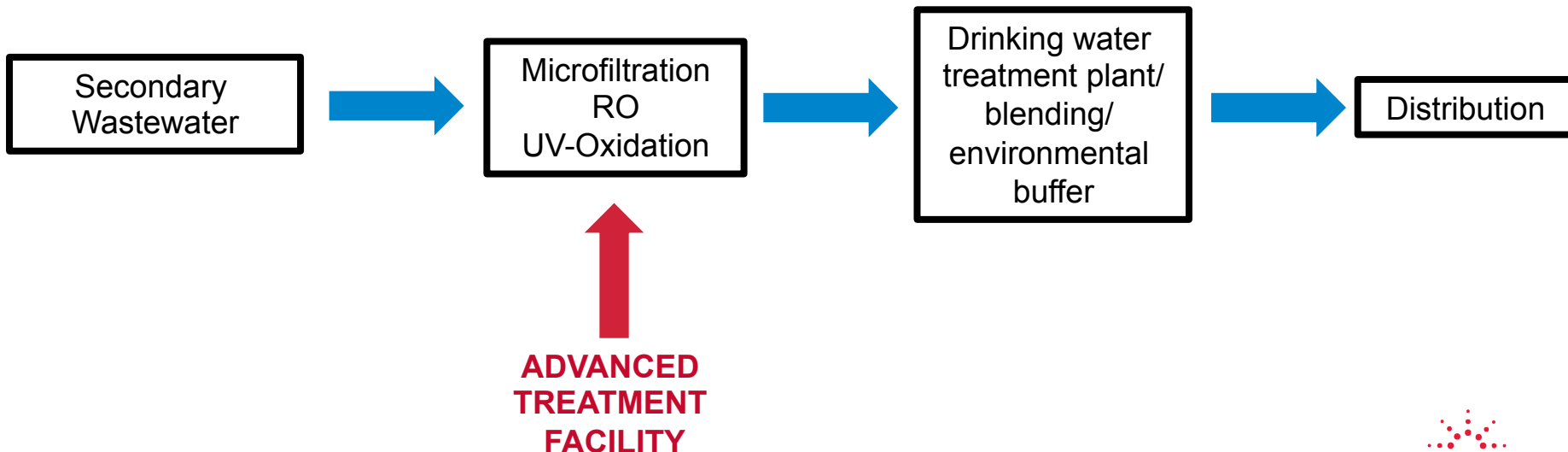
# Regulatory Framework

- Why oxidation?
- For:
  - Removal of contaminants that pass through MF and RO
  - Up to 6-log virus disinfection
- **California** requires an oxidation step post-RO
  - Demonstrated by removing a basket of contaminants or 0.5-log 1,4-dioxane
- **Texas** requires 4-log removal of virus, removal of contaminants



## MAKING POTABLE WATER FROM “WASTEWATER”

- Water collected from wastewater treatment plants is “advanced” treated to higher standard allowing this water to be treated again back into drinkable water
- Advanced treatment includes three different treatment technologies:
  1. Microfiltration
  2. Reverse osmosis
  3. UV-oxidation



## WHY USE UV-OXIDATION FOR IPR?

It has been documented that molecules less than 100 atomic mass units in size and those with high hydrophobicity can pass through microfiltration and RO without being treated

Contaminants with these characteristics include:

### **NDMA**

Bisphenol-A

DEET

Ibuprofen

Clofibric acid

Meprobamate

### **1,4-Dioxane**

Carbamazepine

Estradiol

Acetaminophen

Diclofenac

Oxybenzone



UV for Disinfection

# METHODS OF DISINFECTION

- Chlorine
  - Chlorine Gas
  - Sodium Hypochlorite (Bleach)
  - Chlorine Dioxide
- Ozone ( $O_3$ )
- Membrane filtration
- **UV Disinfection**



## WHY DISINFECT? *CRYPTOSPORIDIUM*

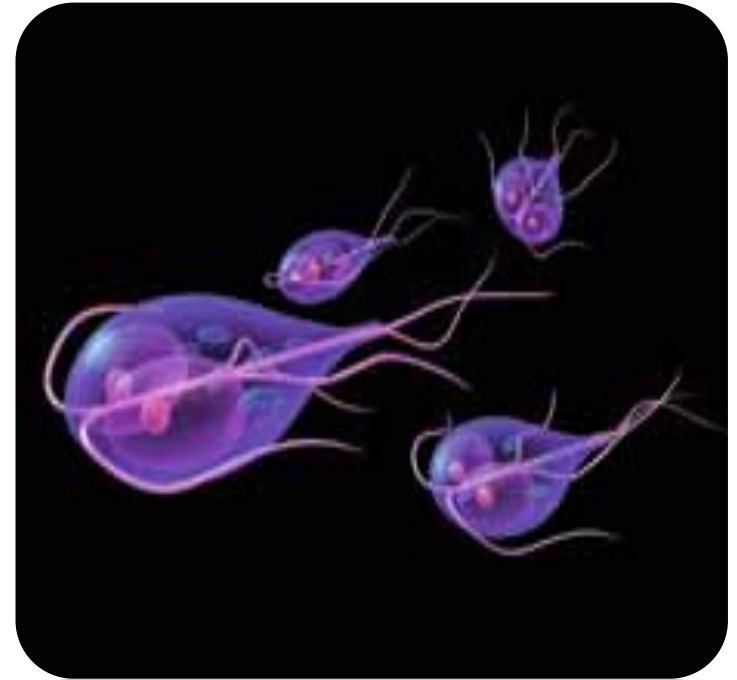
- Milwaukee, WI 1993 – 403,000 sick, 104 deaths
  - largest documented waterborne disease outbreak in US history
  - There was contamination present and a high turbidity event at the Howard Avenue Water Purification Plant
  - Source of Crypto according to CDC: a **wastewater plant** 2 miles upstream in Lake Michigan



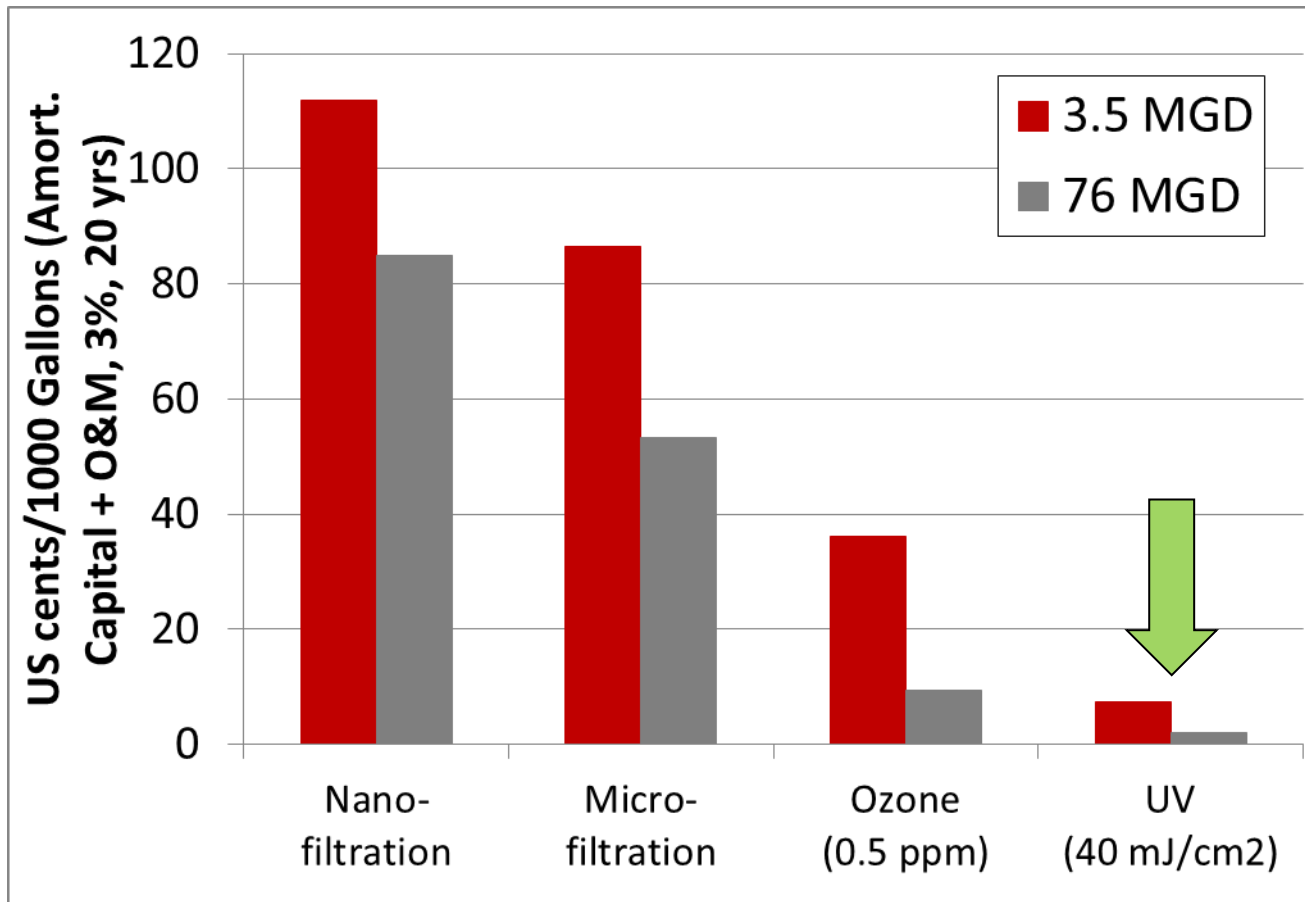


## WHY DISINFECT? *CRYPTOSPORIDIUM*

- *Cryptosporidium* – parasite that can live inside the intestines of humans/farm and wild animals/pets
  - Forms protective shell (an oocyst) that enables it to live in harsh conditions
- Cryptosporidiosis symptoms: stomach cramps, fever, diarrhea, dehydration
- Resistant to chlorine



# DISINFECTION COSTS – UV IS HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE

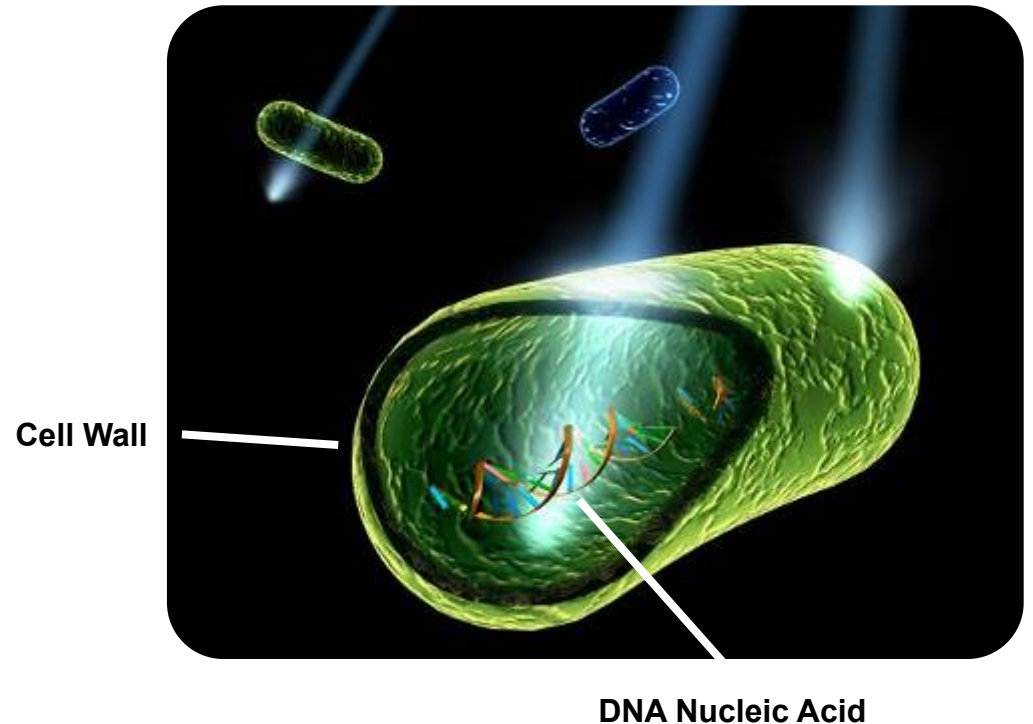


- UV is 1/5<sup>th</sup> cost of ozone
- UV is 1/10<sup>th</sup> the cost of membranes
- Implementation of log-reduction treatment leading to even lower UV costs

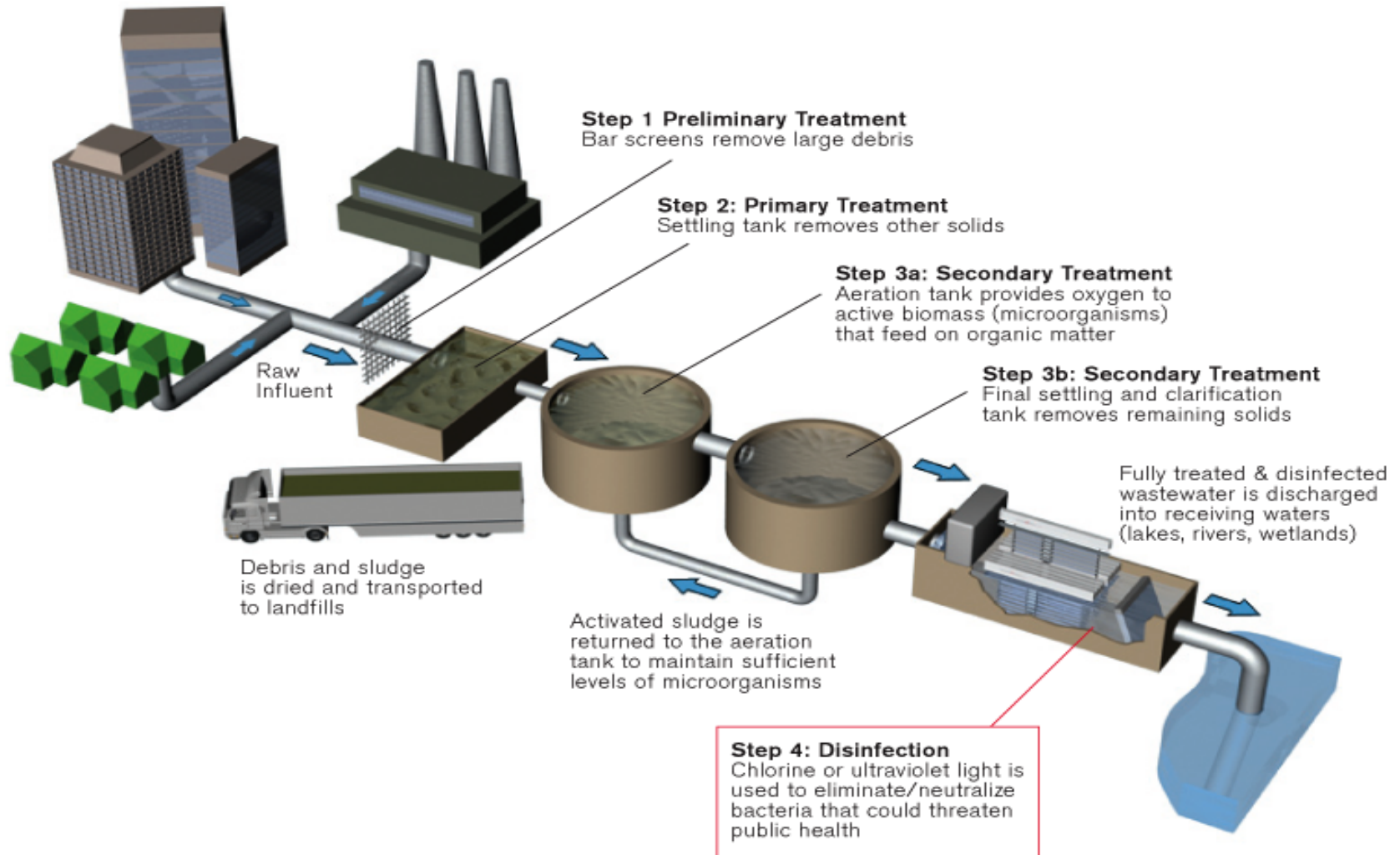


## HOW DOES UV DISINFECT?

- UV light penetrates the cell wall
- The UV energy permanently alters the DNA structure of the microorganism
- The microorganism is “inactivated” and unable to reproduce or infect



# WASTEWATER DISINFECTION





Examples of UV Installations  
Large and Small



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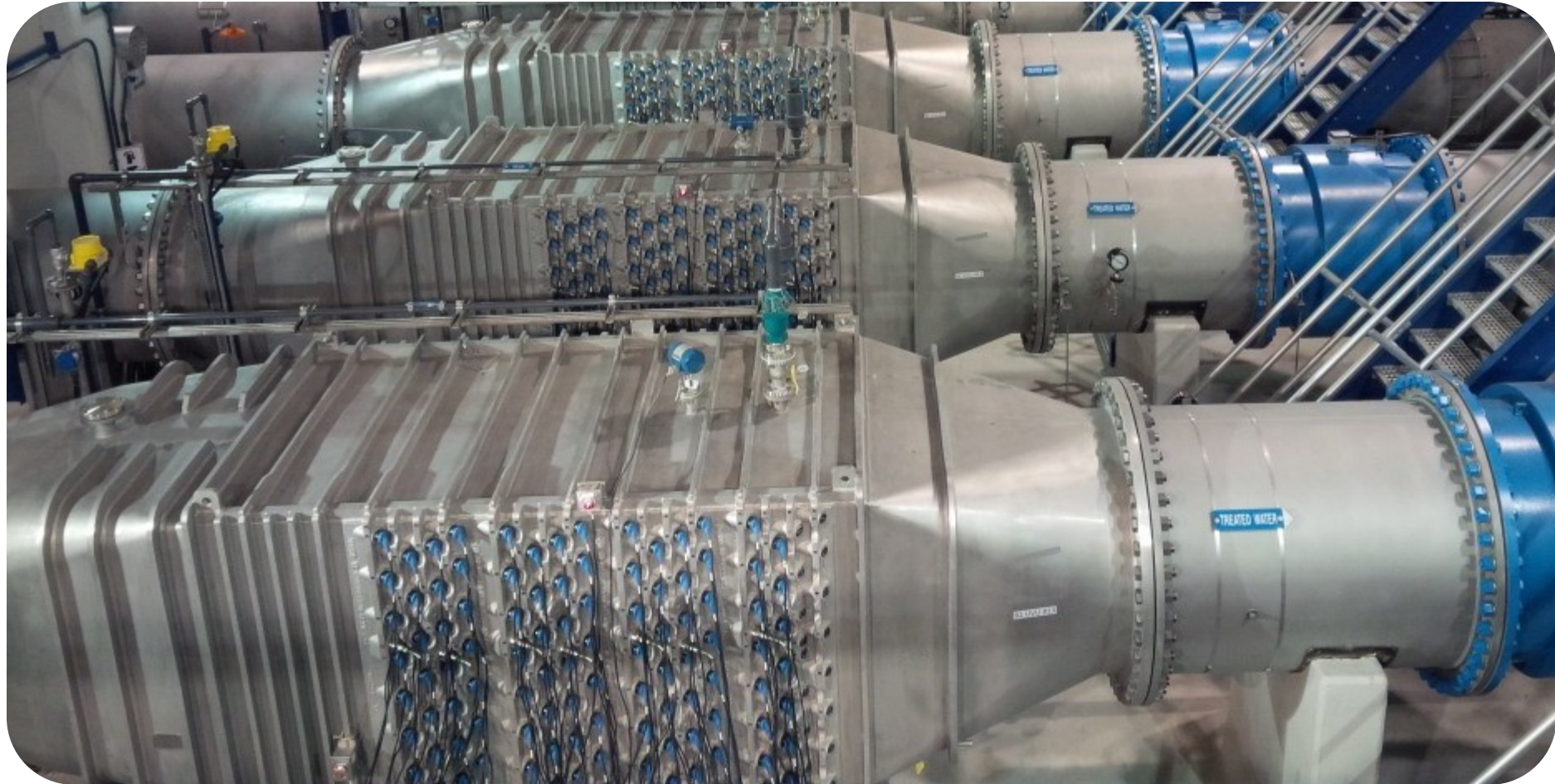


# NEW YORK CITY - TROJANUVTORRENT™





# NEW YORK CITY – ONE QUADRANT, 14 REACTORS





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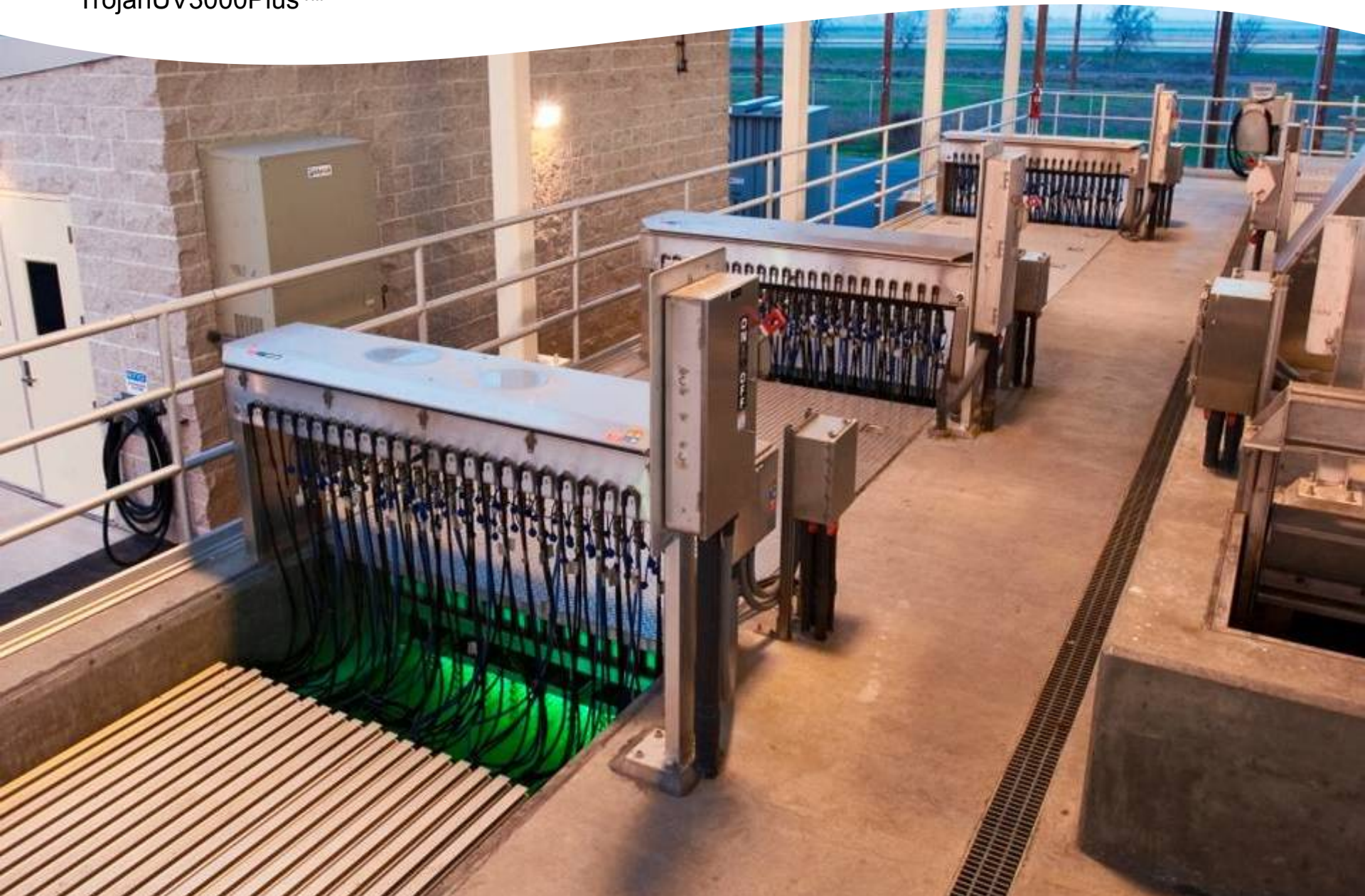




# Lodi, California – 714 L/s (16.3 MGD)

TrojanUV3000Plus™

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# Peoria, Arizona – 900 L/s (20.5 MGD)

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UV for Contaminant Treatment

## EXAMPLES OF CONTAMINANTS

*N*-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)

Industrial additive & disinfection byproduct

1,4-Dioxane

Industrial solvent

Pesticides & Herbicides

Agricultural crop protection products

Taste & Odor Compounds

Seasonal occurrences of MIB, geosmin and others

Pharmaceuticals & Personal Care Products

Includes potential endocrine disruptors

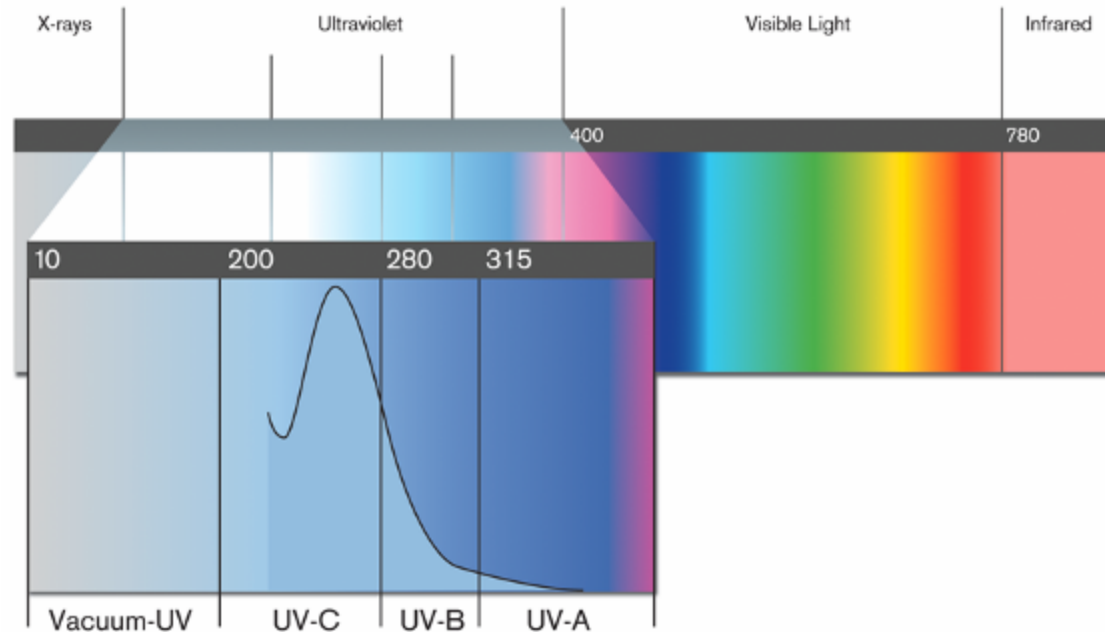


# ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANT TREATMENT

Using UV and hydrogen peroxide to destroy trace organic contaminants in water by:

UV-Photolysis

UV-Oxidation



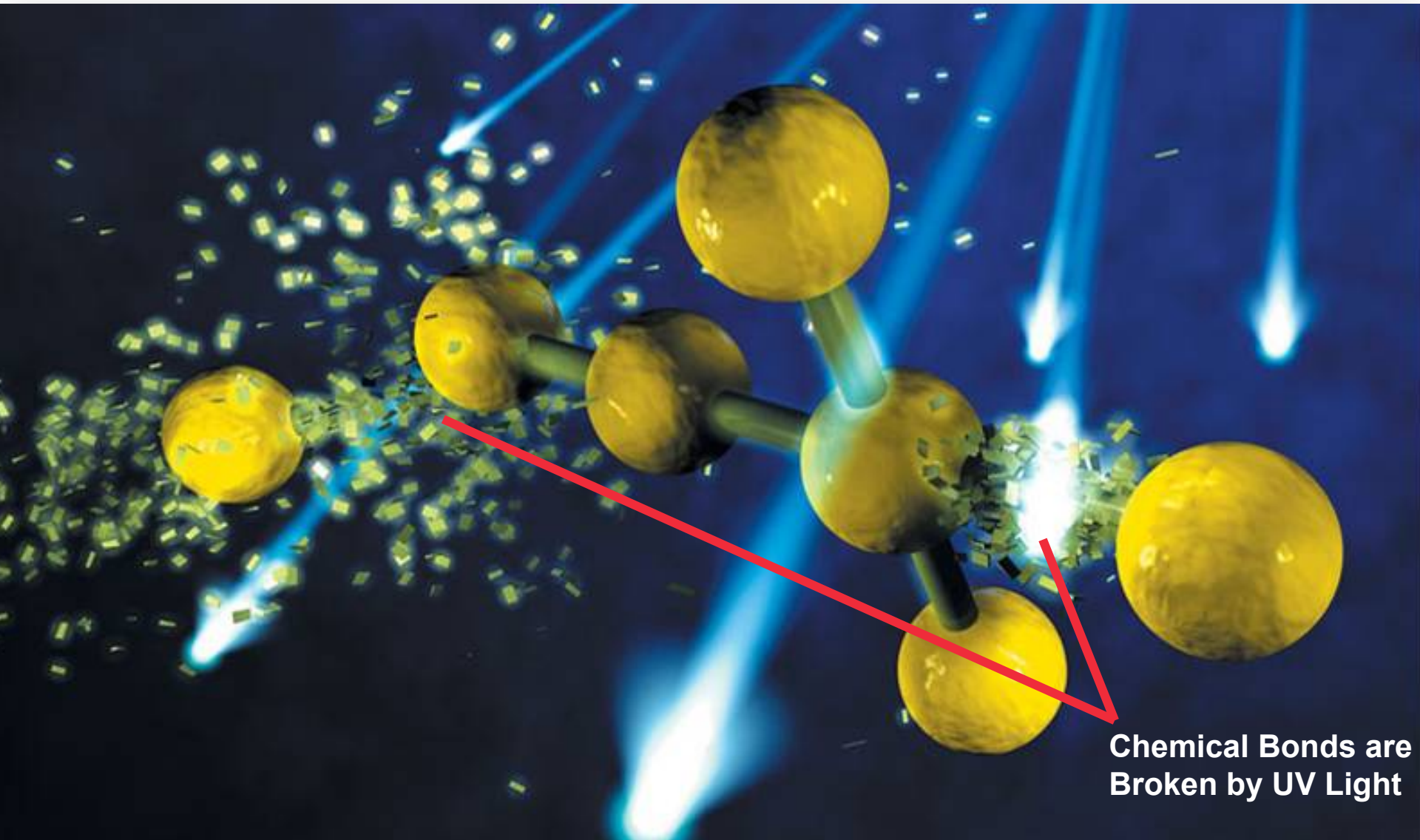
## GROWING APPLICATIONS OF UV-OXIDATION FOR ECT

- Drinking Water  
Contaminated groundwater or surface water sources
- Indirect/Direct Potable Reuse (IPR)  
Wastewater treated to drinking water quality
- Groundwater Remediation  
Plume containment, site cleanup



*Total Flow Rate for Trojan Municipal UV-Oxidation Projects in*  
*2000: <10 MGD (38 MLD)*  
*2015: >650 MGD (2.5 BLD)*

# UV-PHOTOLYSIS





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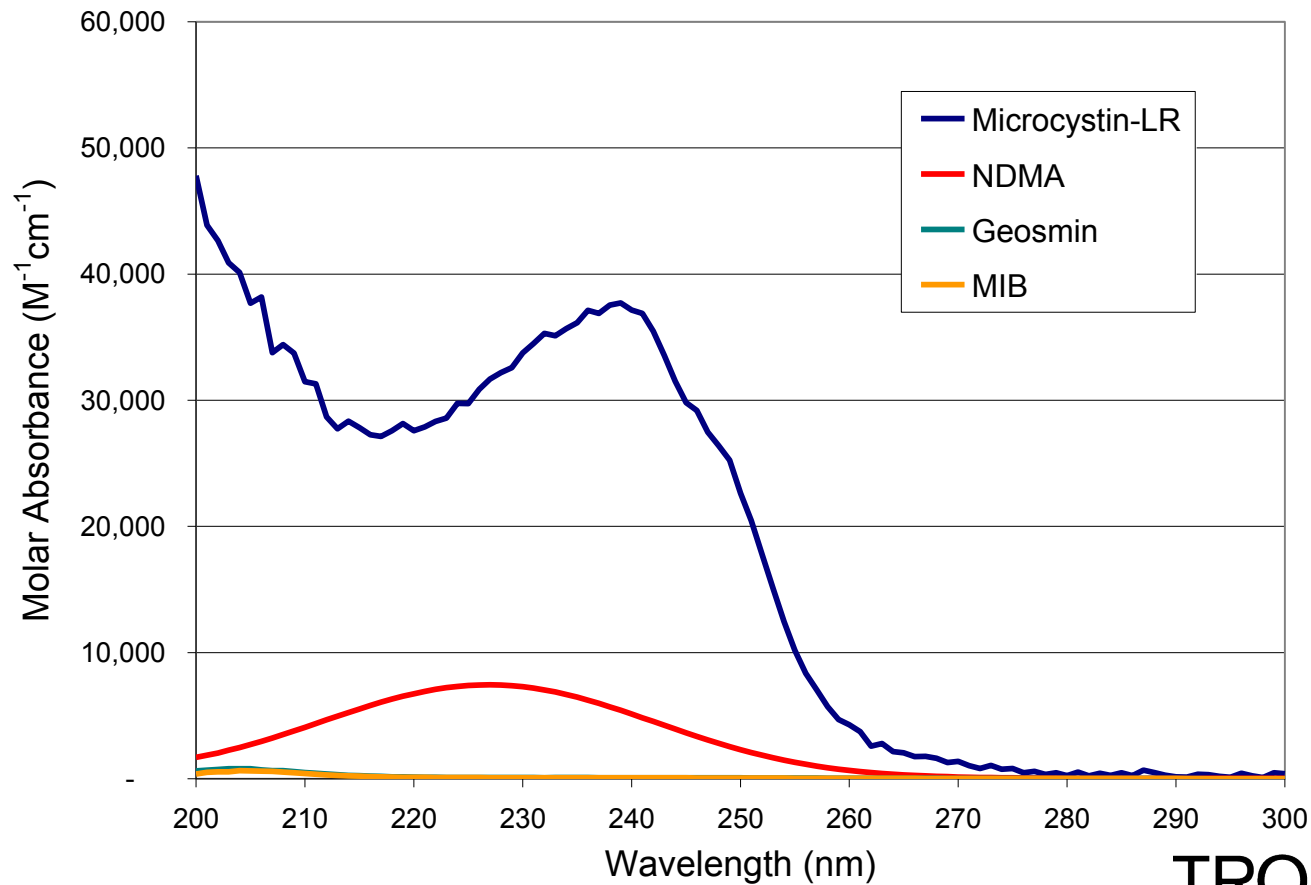
UV light is absorbed by the contaminant “C”:



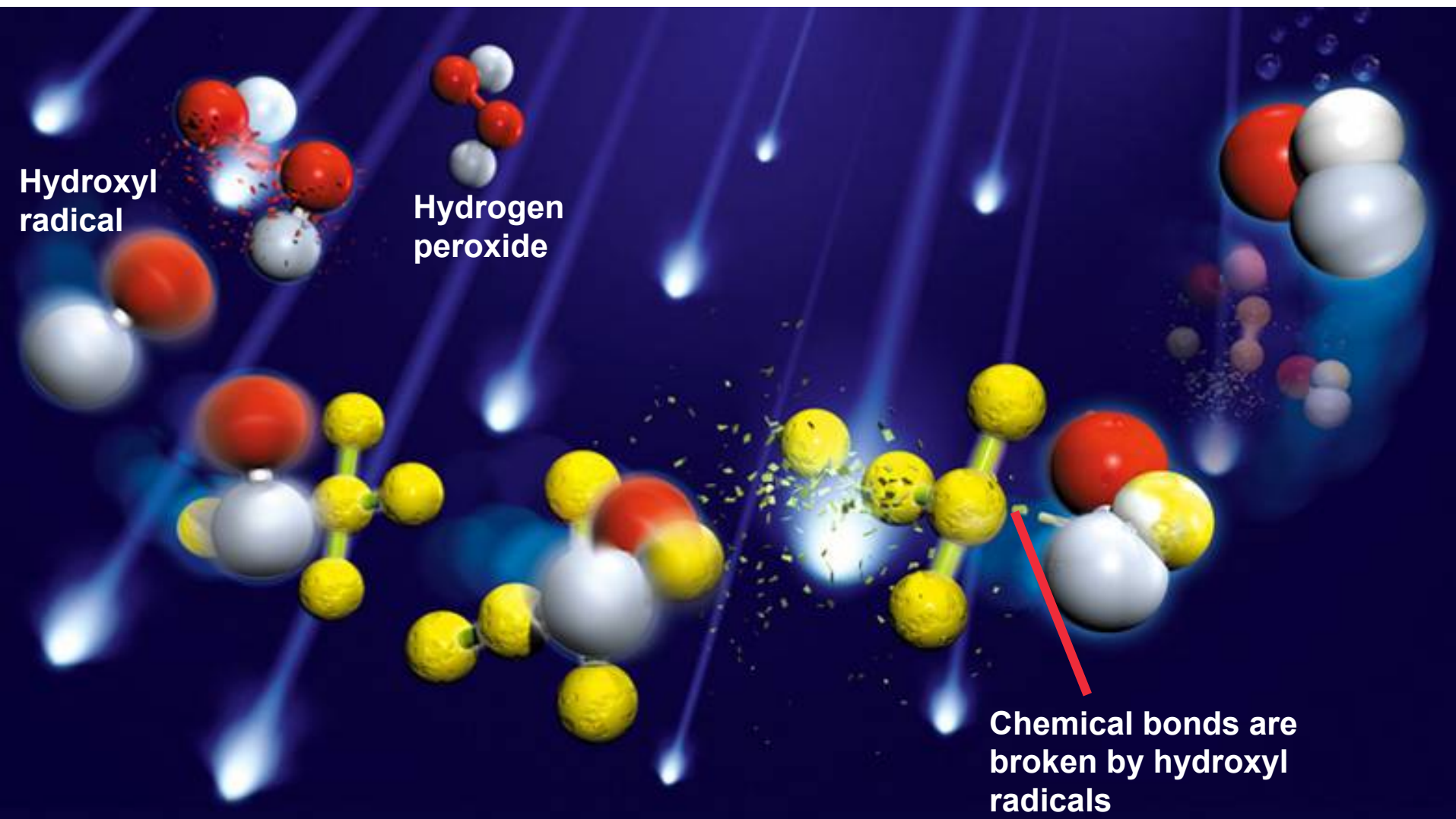
- Degradation rate depends on:
  - Quantum yield
  - Molar absorption coefficients of C in the UV range
  - Intensity and spectral distribution of the light source (i.e. lamp type, UV system design)
  - Absorption of water background (UVT)

# UV ABSORPTION SPECTRA

- UV-Photolysis is highly dependent on a contaminant molecule's ability to absorb UV light at a certain wavelength



# UV-OXIDATION



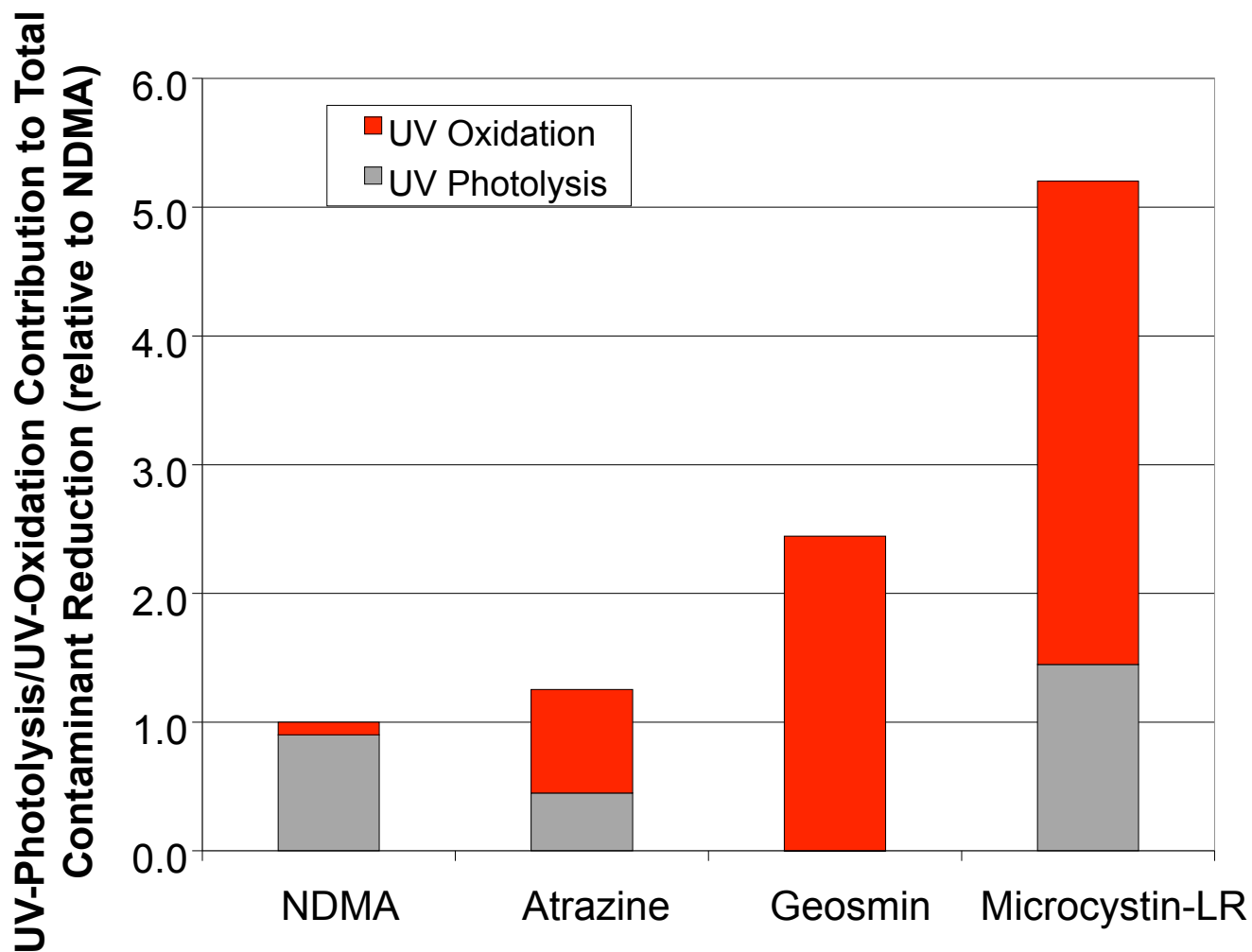
# UV-OXIDATION REACTION MECHANISMS

- UV light is absorbed by hydrogen peroxide:



- Degradation rate depends on:
  - Intensity and spectral distribution of the light source (i.e. lamp type, UV system design)
  - Absorption of water background (UVT)
  - Hydroxyl radical ( $\bullet\text{OH}$ ) rate constant  $k_{\text{OH,C}}$
  - $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  concentration
  - Hydroxyl radical scavenging demand

# PHOTOLYSIS + OXIDATION - CONTAMINANT DESTRUCTION BALANCE



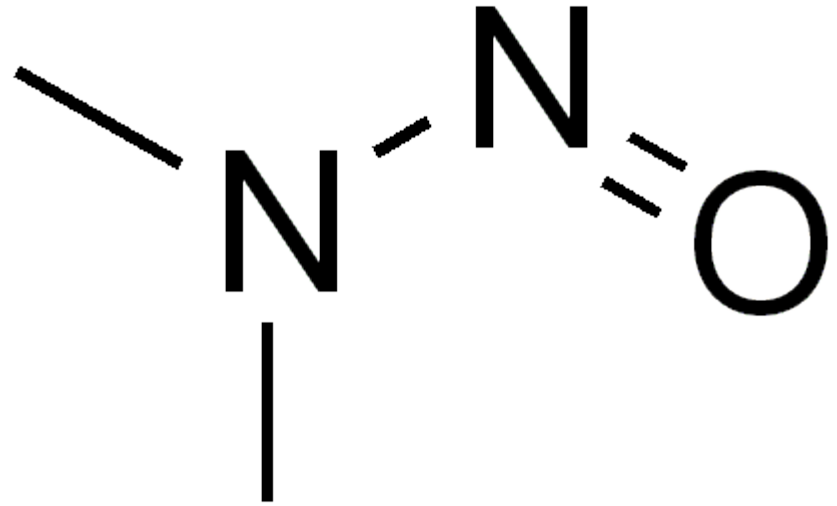


ECT APPLICATIONS:  
POTABLE WATER REUSE



## N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE (NDMA)

- NDMA is a disinfection by-product
- It can be generated in both wastewater and drinking water
- It is a probable human carcinogen with a 1 in 1,000,000 cancer risk concentration of 0.7 ng/L (ppt) in drinking water
  - **Source:** USEPA Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Database



NDMA

# NDMA – TREATMENT

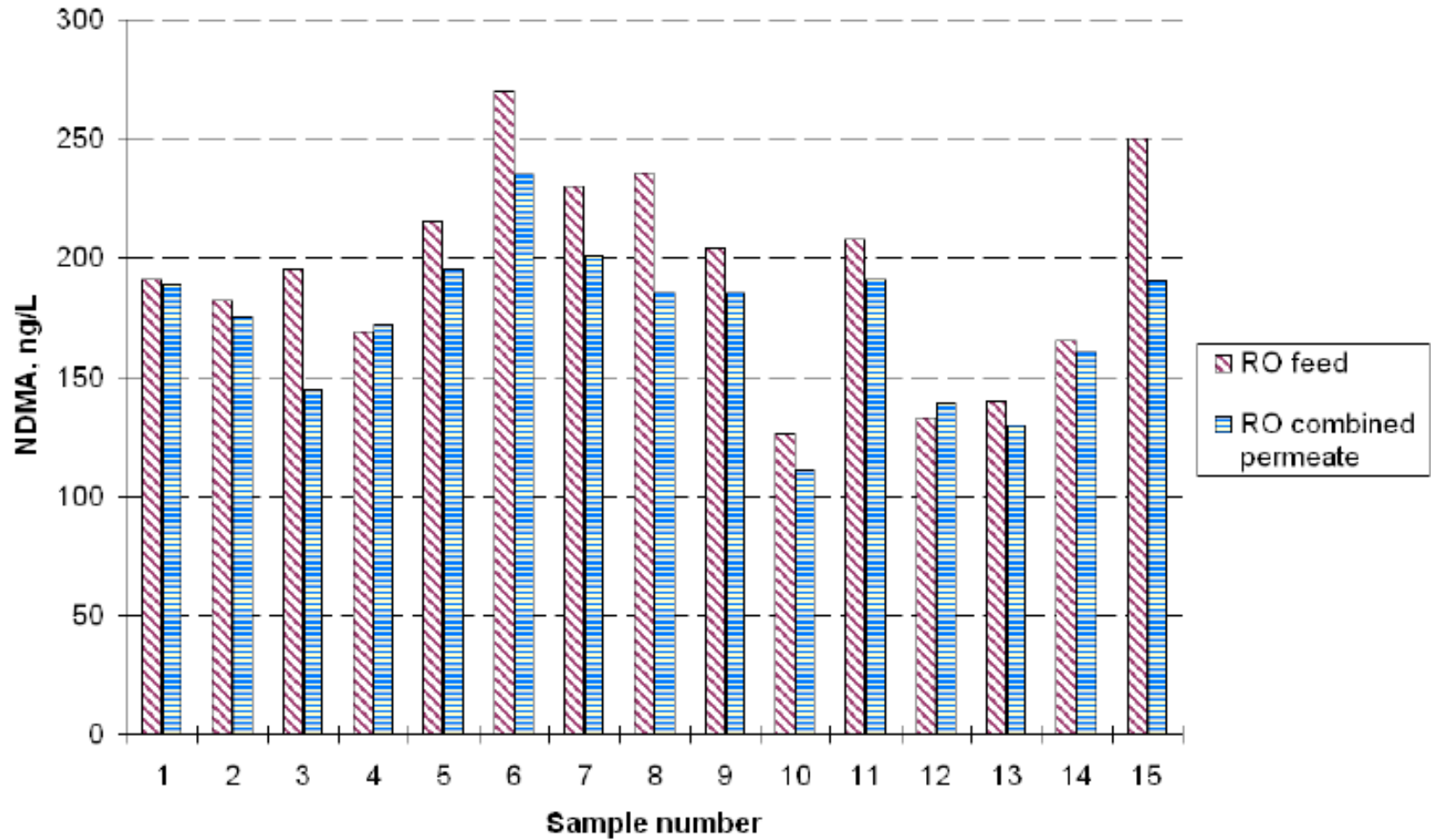
## Ozone

- Ineffective for NDMA treatment
- Can eliminate the precursors of NDMA in wastewater but...
- Can also generate NDMA

## UV-Oxidation

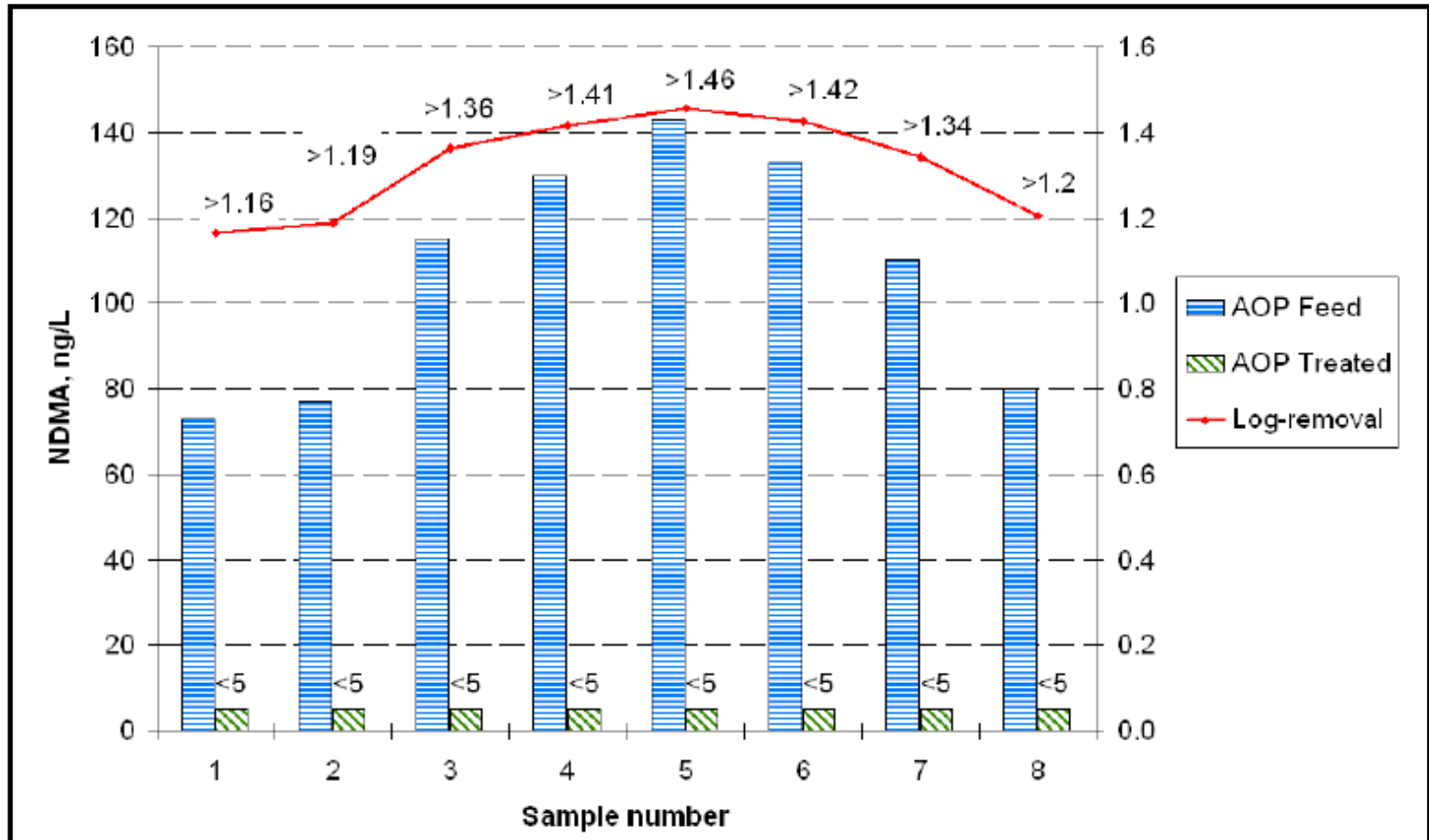
- Highly effective for NDMA treatment
- NDMA absorbs UV light at 254 nm
- NDMA destruction occurs through photolysis

# NDMA – MEASURED POST REVERSE OSMOSIS AT BUNDAMBA



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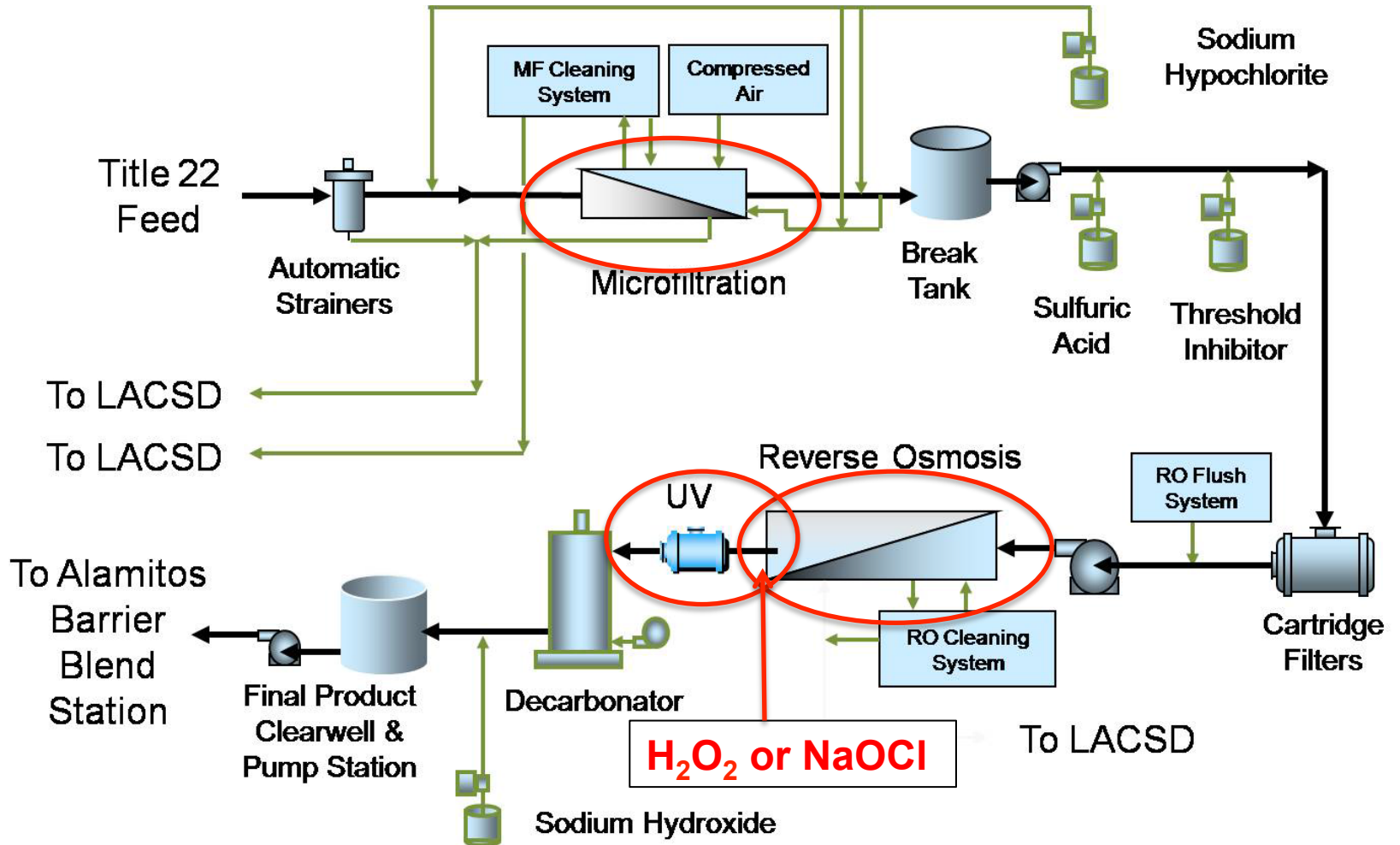


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## INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE SYSTEMS GLOBALLY

Name of Project	Location	Start-Up Date
Orange County Water District Factory 21	Fountain Valley, CA	1975
Orange County Water District Groundwater Replenishment System	Fountain Valley, CA	2004
Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Treatment Facility	Long Beach, CA	2003
West Basin Water Recycling Facility	Los Angeles, CA	2006
Bundamba Advanced Water Purification Facility	Brisbane, AUS	2007
Luggage Point Advanced Water Purification Facility	Brisbane, AUS	2008
Gibson Island Advanced Water Purification Facility	Brisbane, AUS	2008
Joint Water Purification Project	Cottonwood, CO	2010
San Diego Water Purification Demonstration Project	San Diego, CA	2011
Big Spring Water Reclamation Facility	Big Spring, TX	2012
Oxnard Advanced Water Purification Facility	Oxnard, CA	2012

# Process Flow Diagram

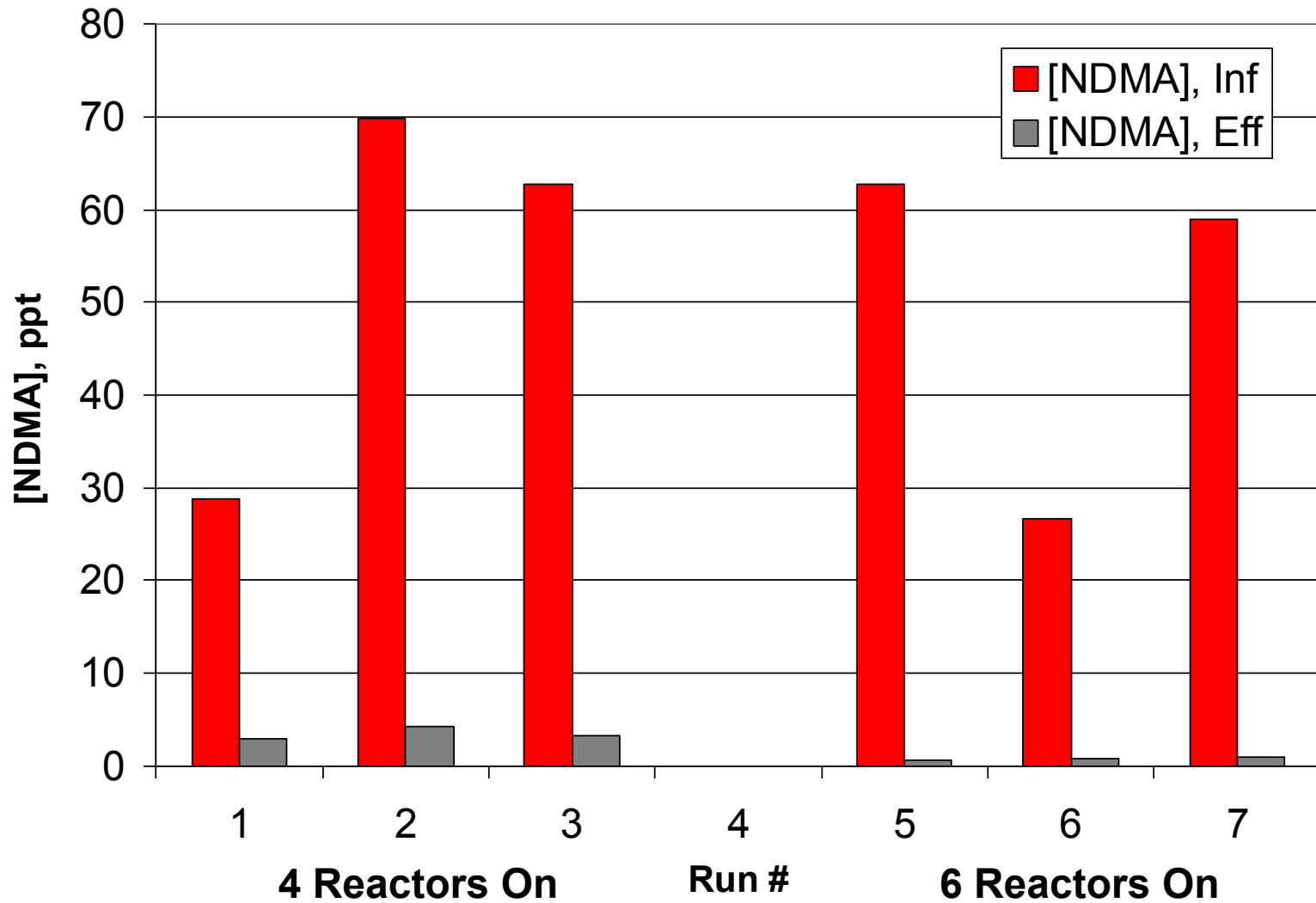




## ORANGE COUNTY – INDIRECT POTABLE REUSE (IPR)



# NDMA FULL SCALE TESTING - ORANGE COUNTY, CA



Flow: >8.5 MGD

## WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, CA

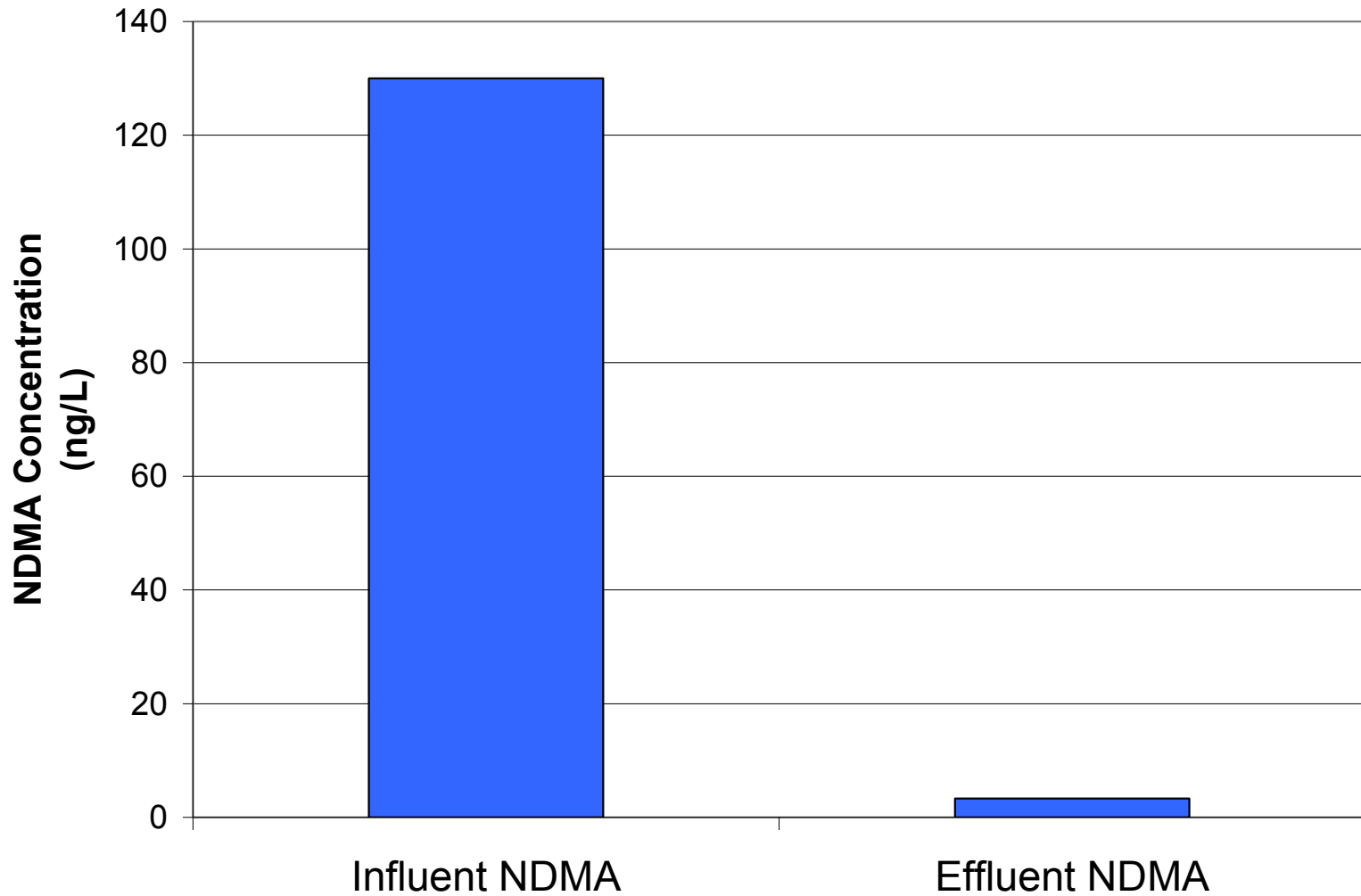
- 12.5 MGD California facility also treating wastewater to drinking water standards for groundwater replenishment
- MF/RO/UV-Oxidation treatment train (UV system uses monochromatic amalgam lamps)
- 1.3-log reduction of NDMA, disinfection

# WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, CA





# WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, CA – NDMA TREATMENT



# Leo J. Vander Lans Advanced Water Treatment Facility

- LJVWTF began operation in 2005
- Treating 3 million gallons/day (MGD)
- UV design basis: 1.6-log reduction of NDMA



# LVLWTF Expansion

- Plant expansion to 8 MGD was completed in '14
- 2 new trains of UV added
- Hydrogen peroxide injection system was added
- **Design: 2.1-log reduction of NDMA and 0.5-log reduction of 1,4-dioxane**
- Site acceptance testing required
- UV/Cl<sub>2</sub> study performed in parallel

# LVLWTF UV-Oxidation System







INCORPORATING POTABLE REUSE IN BIG SPRING, TEXAS  
A CASE STUDY

WEDTEC  
October 1, 2014  
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# COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

- Provides a privatized drinking water supply to municipalities in West Texas
  - Odessa
  - Snyder
  - Big Spring
- Population of service area = ~150,000
- Traditional Sources of Raw Water:
  - E.V. Spence Reservoir = 1.4 % FULL AS OF SEPT 8, 2014
  - Lake J.B. Thomas= 0.9 % FULL AS OF SEPT 8, 2014
  - O.H. Ivie Reservoir= 16.9 % FULL AS OF SEPT 8, 2014



# COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

- In 2004, the traditional reservoirs used to supply drinking water were at only 10% of their capacity
- In response to this as well as state mandated legislation to develop a long-term regional plan for drinking water supply, the CRMWD evaluated possible approaches to conserving or augmenting declining drinking water supplies.



# COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

Evaluated options in the study included:

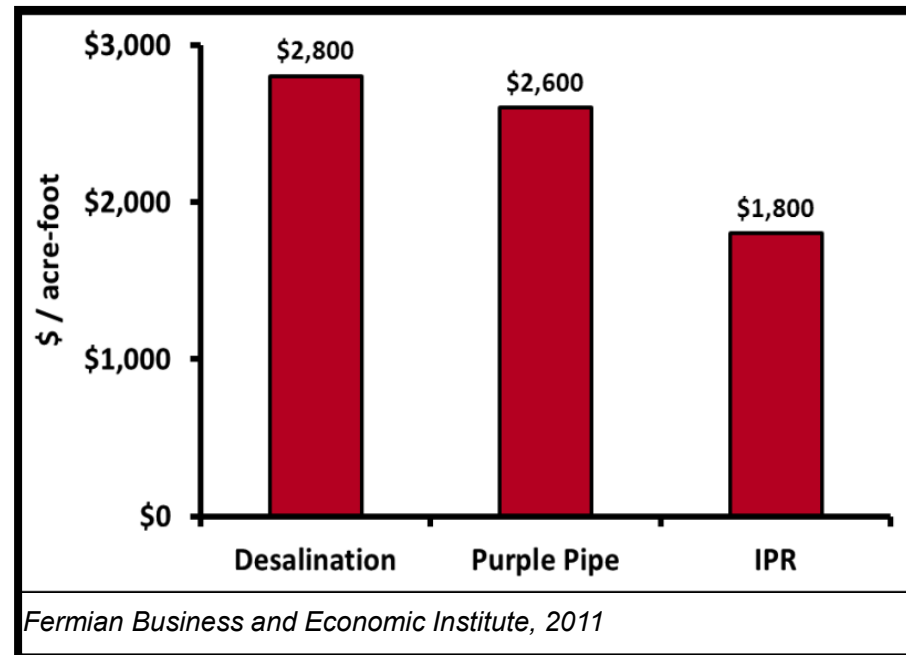
1. Use of other water catchments
2. Non-potable reuse of reclaimed wastewater
  - Irrigation, Recreation, Agriculture
3. Potable reuse of reclaimed wastewater
  - Drinking water
  - Re-supply local reservoirs with high-purity treated wastewater





## WHAT HAD BEEN DONE: OTHER EXTERNAL STUDIES

- Evaluating alternatives to address water shortages in San Diego County
  - Desal: Higher energy costs
  - Non-potable reuse (Purple Pipe)
    - Install new distribution system
  - IPR: Low cost option



## 1) COMPARING OTHER WATER SOURCES

- Local groundwater aquifers were evaluated to show little recharge capability and withdrawal was not sustainable
- Other surface water sources too far away and at much lower elevations than end-users in the CRMWD
  - This would result in economically unfavorable pumping costs
- As a result, obtaining raw drinking water from alternative sources was not an option

## 2) COMPARING POTABLE AND NON-POTABLE REUSE

### Reason #1 – Year-Round Demand

- **Non-potable Reuse**
  - Agriculture and recreational demand for reused wastewater is seasonal
  - Increasing aridity in the region could reduce agriculture and future demand
- **Potable Reuse**
  - Consistent demand throughout the year



## 2) COMPARING POTABLE AND NON-POTABLE REUSE

### Reason #2 – Drinking Water Supply Sustainability

- **Non-potable Reuse**
  - Offset withdrawals from reservoir not consistent (especially during the winter)
  - Drinking water would still need to be collected from existing raw water catchments (<2% capacity in areas)
  - A sustainable supply of drinking water would not be obtained
- **Potable Reuse**
  - Allows year-round supplementation of raw water and therefore year-round augmentation





## 2) COMPARING POTABLE AND NON-POTABLE REUSE

### Reason #3 – Distribution

- **Non-potable Reuse**
  - Requires an exclusive distribution system
  - CRMWD customers are spread out over a wide area
  - Additional pumping costs
- **Potable Reuse**
  - Drinking water distribution system already in place.



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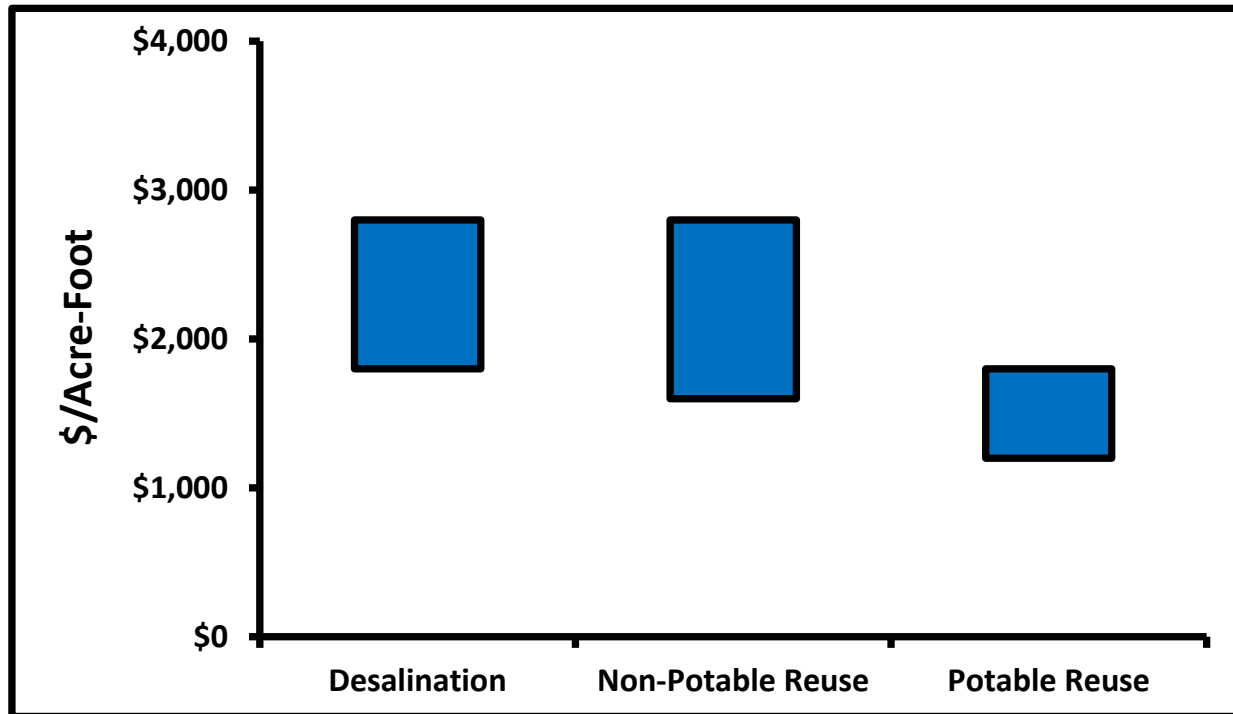
### Reason #4 – Wastewater Treatment Upgrades

- **Non-potable Reuse**
  - Local wastewater treatment plants would require upgrades
  - High levels of dissolved solids in wastewater
    - Reverse Osmosis required
- **Potable Reuse**
  - One centralized treatment facility, no WWTP upgrades



## SELECTING POTABLE vs. NON-POTABLE REUSE

- Similar feasibility studies carried out in other areas
- Cost ranges for various approaches to drinking water augmentation



Source: Fermanian Business & Economic Institute, 2010

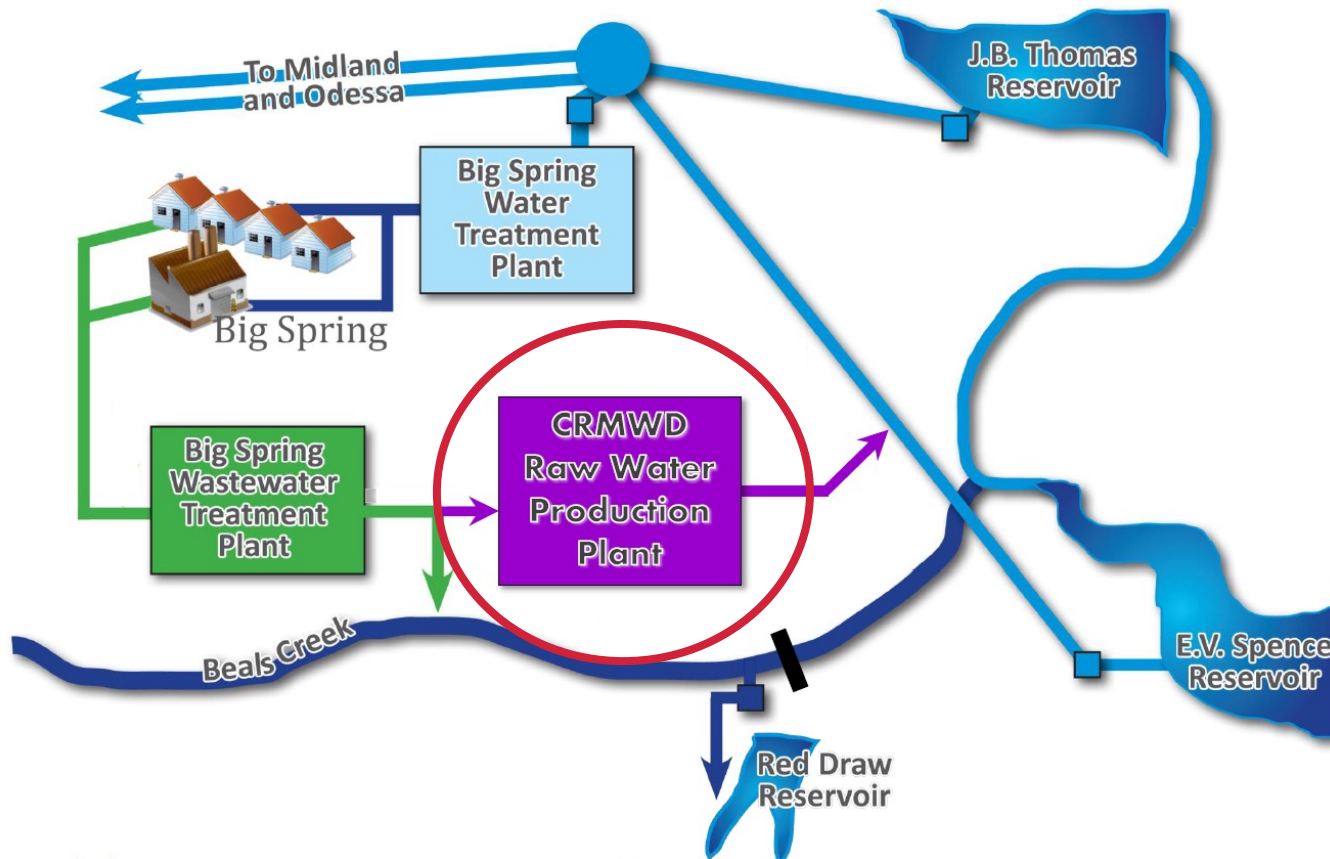
## SELECTING POTABLE vs. NON-POTABLE REUSE

- CRMWD decided to build a single treatment plant that would treat secondary wastewater from surrounding communities to an “advanced” level
- Known as the “Raw Water Production Facility” (RWPF)
- The RWPF will generate “synthesized” raw water that will be BLENDED with “natural” surface raw water of the E.V. Spence Reservoir upstream of the local drinking water treatment facilities
- Raw water will be re-treated as drinking water at existing drinking water treatment plants



# THE FINAL SOLUTION

## CRMWD Big Spring Reclamation Project



# RWPF PLANT DESIGN DETAILS AND CALIFORNIA PRECEDENT

- Advanced Treatment uses microfiltration, reverse osmosis and UV-oxidation similar to existing facilities in California; designed per CA regulations for Full Advanced Treatment
- CA and Orange County GWRS precedent aids in Public Acceptance
- UV-oxidation system sized based on treatment of NDMA and 1,4-Dioxane as surrogates
- UV-oxidation serves a number of unique purposes
  - Treatment of NDMA and 1,4-Dioxane
  - Treatment of pharmaceuticals and endocrine-disrupting chemicals not removed by MF or RO
  - Additional disinfection barrier of 4-log virus credit

Raw Water Production Facility Design Parameters	
Design Flow:	1.8 MGD
Target Contaminants:	NDMA 1,4-Dioxane
Design NDMA Reduction:	1.2 - Log
Design 1,4-Dioxane:	0.5 - Log
Oxidant:	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>
Disinfection Method:	UV Light

## THE FINAL SOLUTION – BIG SPRING



# DRINKING WATER TREATMENT IN MDW AURORA, CO



190 MLD Colorado facility treating drinking water obtained from an effluent-dominated source

## **Platte River receives significant wastewater discharge**

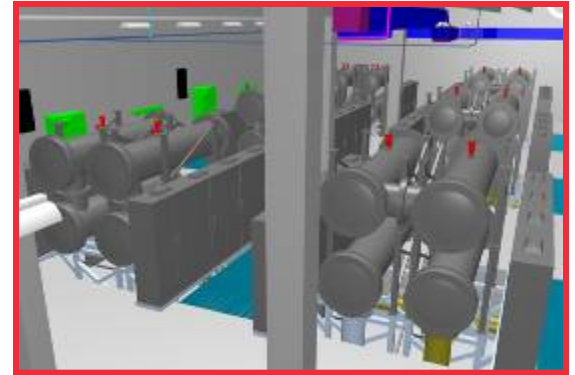
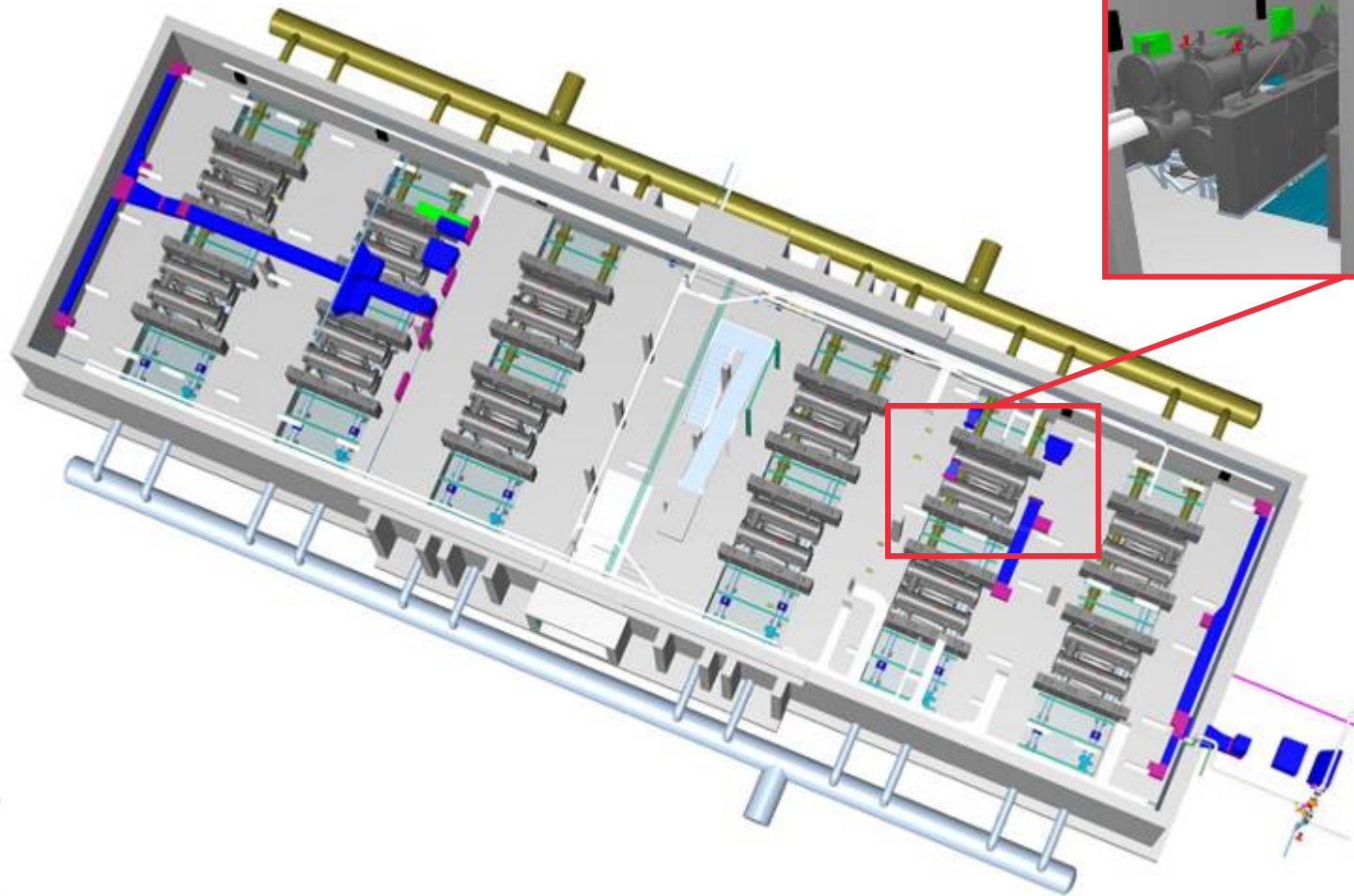
Treatment Process: Bank filtration, Precipitative softening, TrojanUVPhox™ UV-Oxidation, Biological filtration, Granular activated carbon

No membranes = no discharge, destruction technology

Use of LPHO technology significantly reduces energy vs. MP



# MDW INSTALLATION - AURORA, CO





# MULTI-BARRIER APPROACH – PWN: ANDIJK DRINKING WATER PLANT

- Water source is Lake IJssel in North Holland
- **Fed by Rhine River; significant amount of contaminants (from wastewater, agriculture, etc)**
- UV-Oxidation a barrier to micropollutants (pesticides, pharmaceuticals, seasonal algae-related contaminants, T&O compounds etc.)
- Disinfection objective to reduce Spores of Sulfur Reducing Clostridia (SSRC) and *Cryptosporidium* & *Giardia*
- Serves ~500,000 people (Peak flow ~95 MLD)





# PWN ANDIJK – UV OXIDATION & DISINFECTION

- Ozone considered but rejected due to inability to treat targeted compounds and bromate DBP concerns
- UV-Oxidation does not create bromate
- Joint research project between Trojan & PWN investigated UV-oxidation and optimized reactor design
- Involved laboratory & pilot plant work
- Full scale UV-Oxidation plant installed October 2004.
- Heemskerk (another PWN Water Treatment Plant) with same treatment objectives constructed in 2008



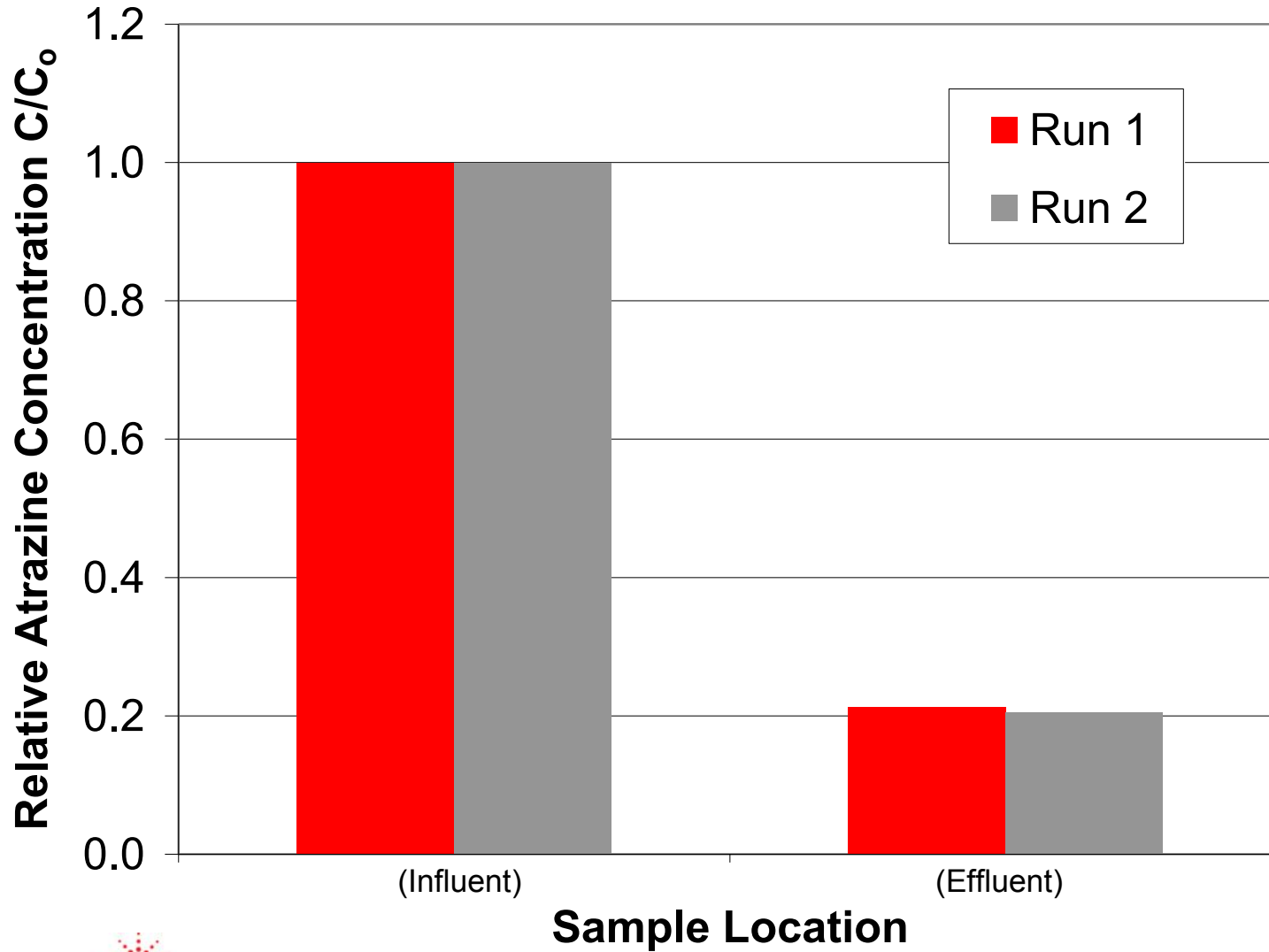


## FULL-SCALE INSTALLATION AT ANDIJK



TrojanUVSwift™ ECT installation in Andijk (1 train of 3 trains)

# PWN RESULTS FOR PESTICIDE TREATMENT



## CONCLUSIONS

- Potable reuse can be much less expensive than non-potable reuse
  - Year-round drinking water supply
  - Sustainable supply
  - Various economic and cost advantages over alternatives
- Advanced treatment of wastewater included MF-RO-UV-oxidation treatment train
  - Multi-barrier strategy
  - UV-Oxidation treats contaminants of concern not removed by RO (E.g.. NDMA)
  - Design based on extensive precedents in California, elsewhere



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