# Poo-Gloos – An Eco-Friendly Solution for Wastewater Lagoons

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# WARNING

Due to the frequency of human-bear encounters, the B.C. Fish and Wildlife Branch is advising hikers hunters, fishermen and any persons that use the out of doors in a recreational or work related function to take extra precautions while in the field.

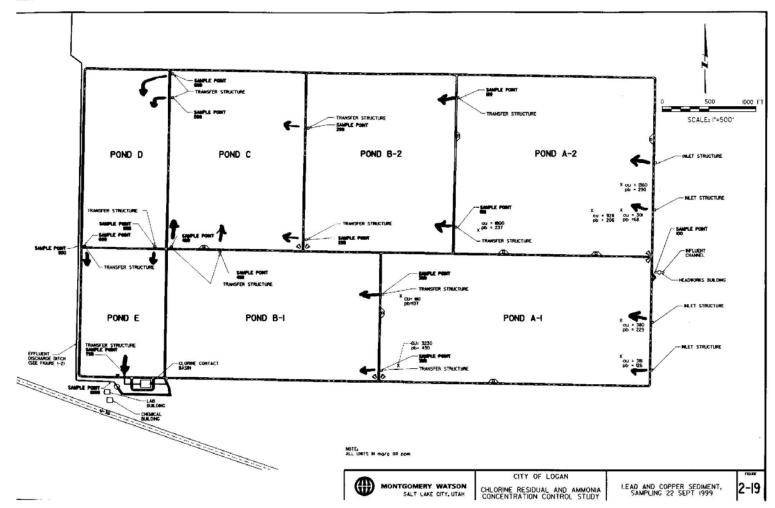
We advise the outdoorsman to wear little noisy bells on clothing so as to give advance warning to any bears that might be close by so you don't take them by surprise.

We also advise anyone using the out-of-doors to carry "Pepper Spray" with him in case of an encounter with a bear.

Outdoorsmen should also be on the watch for fresh bear activity, and be able to tell the difference between black bear feces and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear shit has bells in it and smells like pepper.

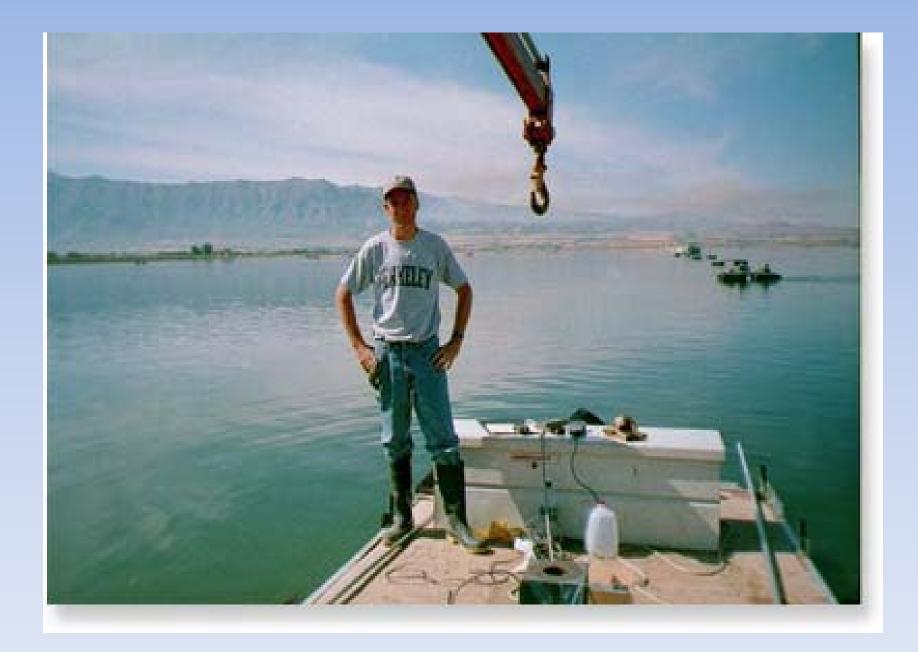
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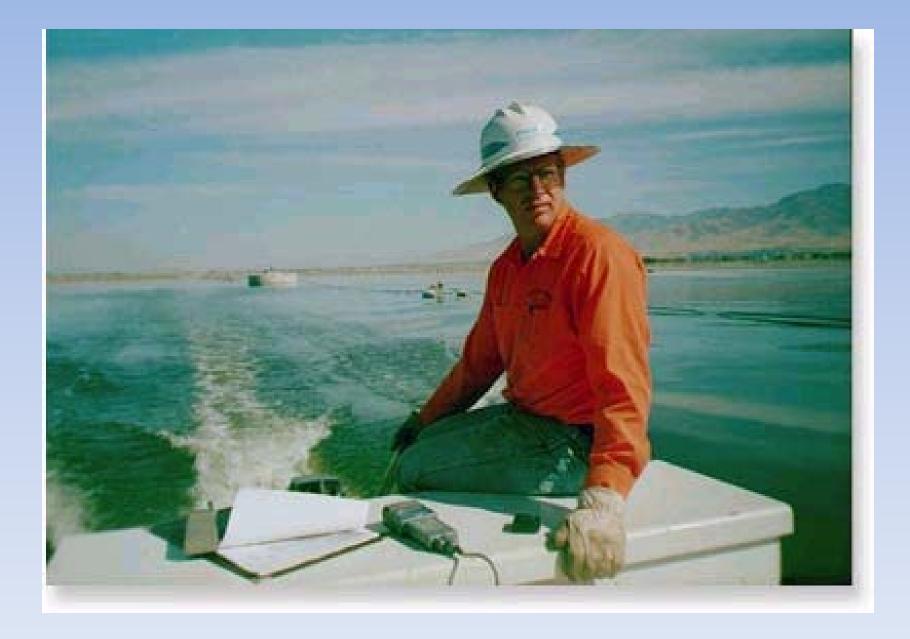




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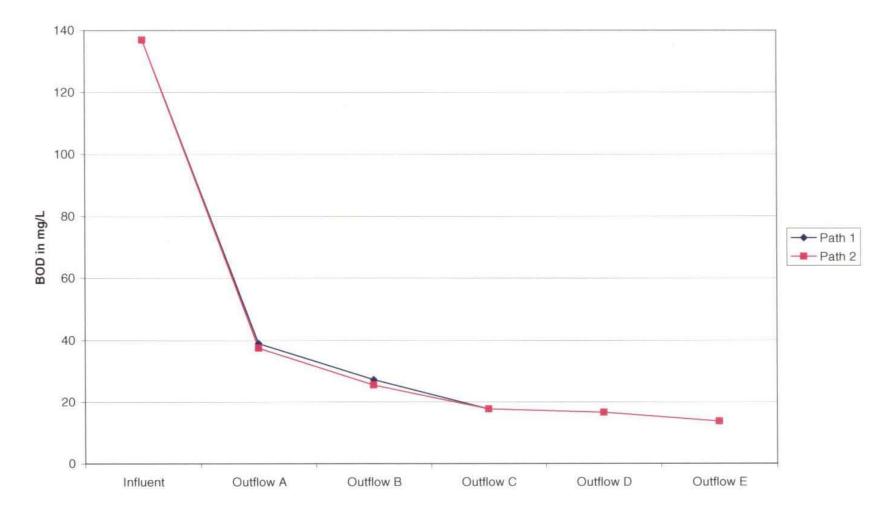


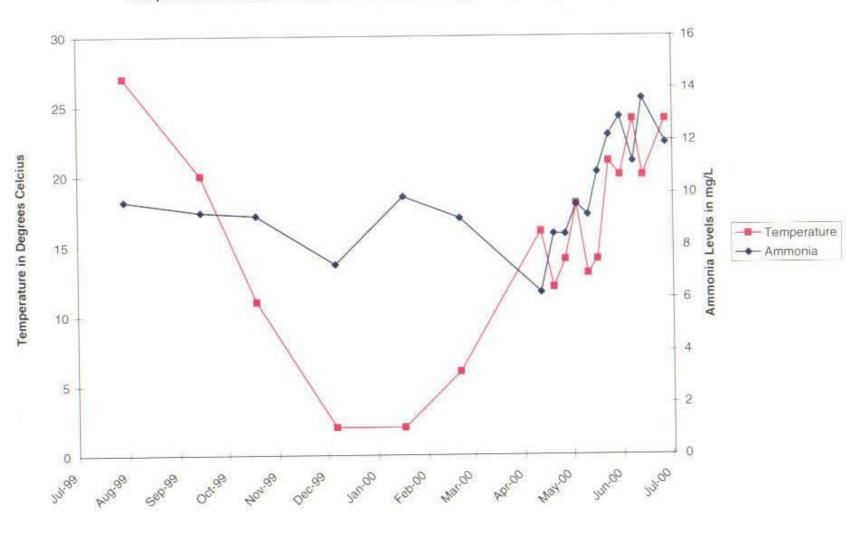
Figure 3-1 BOD Levels through Cells (Annual Averages)

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12 10 8 Soluble Ammonia in mg/L --- Path 1 6 -Path 2 4 2 0 Outflow E Outflow C Outflow D Outflow A Outflow B Influent

Figure 3-2 Ammonia Levels through Cells (Annual Averages)

Figure 3-4 Temperature Effects on Ammonia Levels at Lagoon Effluent (Prior to Chlorination)





### Problem Statement – Nutrients in Wastewater Lagoon

- Lagoons are not effective at reducing nitrogen levels.
- High ammonia and nitrate/nitrite levels can be toxic to aquatic organisms.
- Oxidation of ammonia to nitrate requires a significant oxygen demand.
- Nitrogen can stimulate algae growth and cause eutrophication of receiving waters.

### **Source of Ammonia – Ammonification**

 $H_2NCONH_2 + 2H_20 \xrightarrow{enzyme,urease} (NH_4)_2CO_3$ 

Organic

 $nitrogen \xrightarrow{microorganism} NH_3 / NH_4^+$ 

### **Biological Removal of Ammonia Nitrogen**

- Nitrification Process Two principal genera of nitrosomonas and nitrobacter
  - Oxidize ammonium to nitrate with intermediate formation of nitrite

$$2NH_4^+ + 3O_2 \xrightarrow{Nitrosomonas} 2NO_2^- + 4H^+ + 2H_2O + energy$$

$$2NO_2^- + O_2 \xrightarrow{Nitrobacter} 2NO_3^- + energy$$

**Overall reaction** 

$$NH_4^+ + 2O_2 \rightarrow NO_3^- + 2H^+ + H_2O + energy$$

### **Biological Removal of Nitrates/Nitrites**

- Denitrification Process- *denitrifiers* 
  - Reduction of nitrate to nitrite, and ultimately nitrite to nitrogen gas

 $NO_3^- + 0.33CH_3OH \rightarrow NO_2^- + 0.33CO_2 + 0.67H_2O$ 

 $NO_2^- + 0.5CH_3OH \rightarrow 0.5N_2 + 0.5H_2O + OH^- + 0.5CO_2$ 

Overall reaction

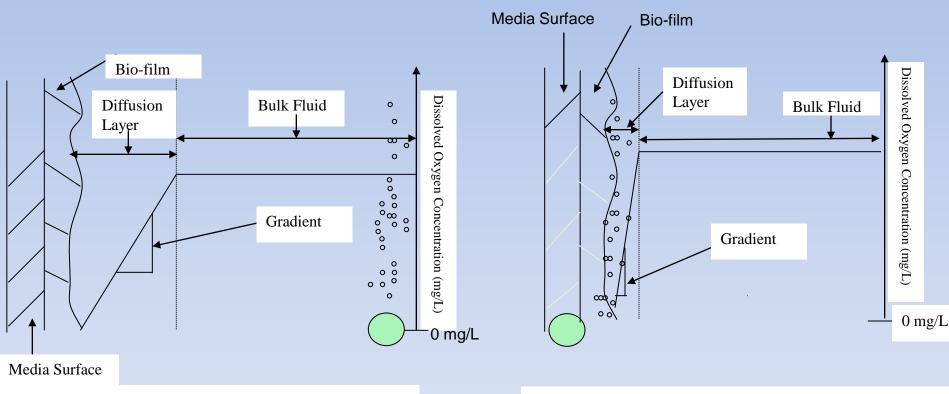
 $NO_3^- + 0.83CH_3OH \rightarrow 0.5N_2 + 0.83CO_2 + 1.17H_2O + OH^-$ 

## **Optimum Factors for Nitrifying Bacteria**

- Optimum temperature is 28°C to 36°C
  - Inhibited at less than 10 °C
  - No growth below 4 °C (Fixed film bacteria at 0 °C) and over 54 °C
- Optimum pH is between 8.3 and 9.3
  - Inhibited below pH 6.7
- Required dissolved oxygen (DO) is 4.6 mg/L per 1 mg/L NH<sup>+</sup><sub>4</sub> - N

 $NH_{4}^{+} + 2O_{2} \rightarrow NO_{3}^{-} + 2H^{+} + H_{2}O + energy$ 

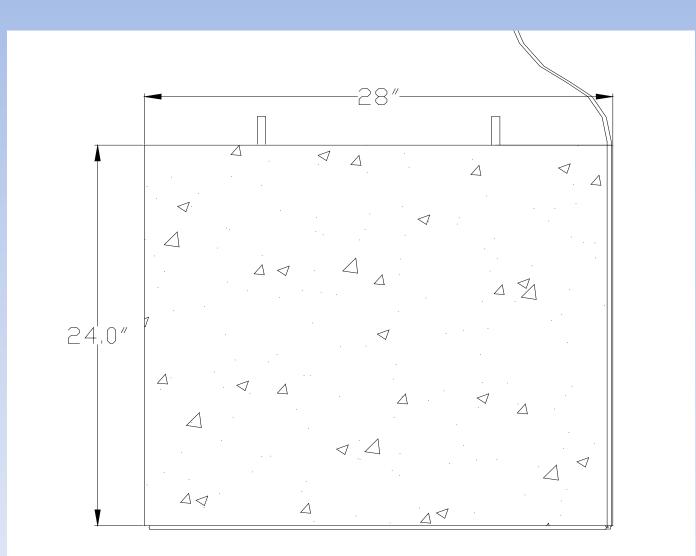
# Hypothetical Comparison of Diffusion Layers in Reactor A and B



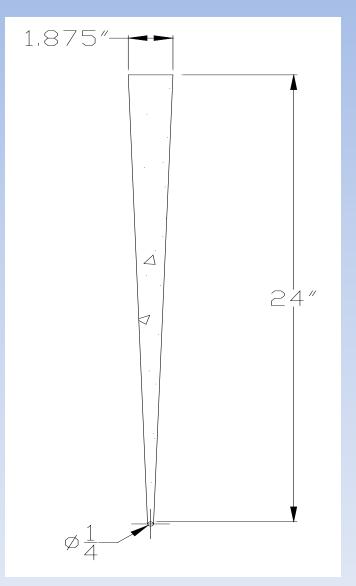
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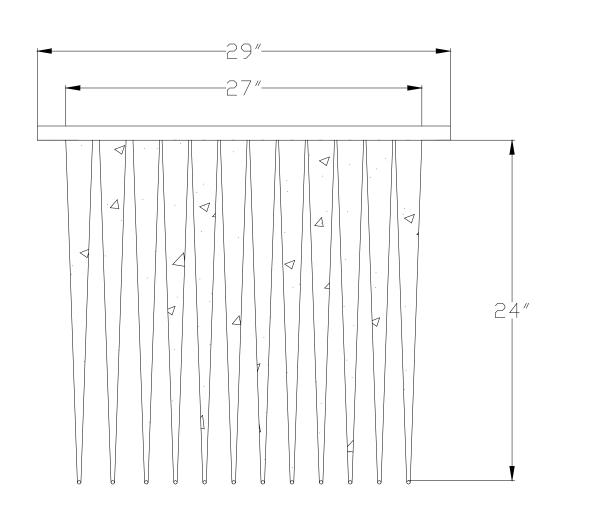
# Side View of Panel



# **End View of Panel**



# End View of ASBF Module



# **Transfer for Modules**



# Install ASBF at CVWRF



# Aeration System in ASBF



#### Cold Temperature Ammonia/Ammonium Removal

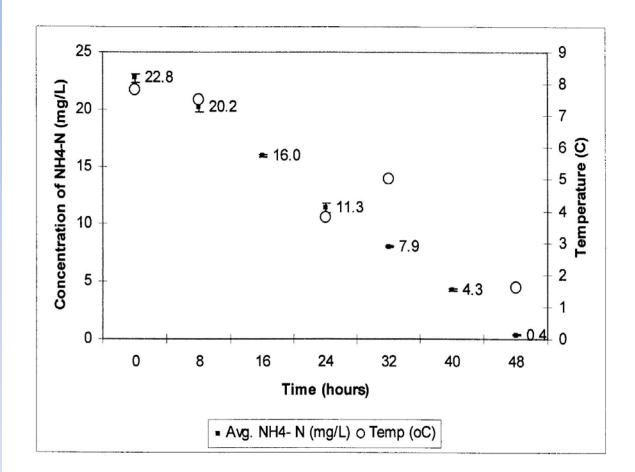
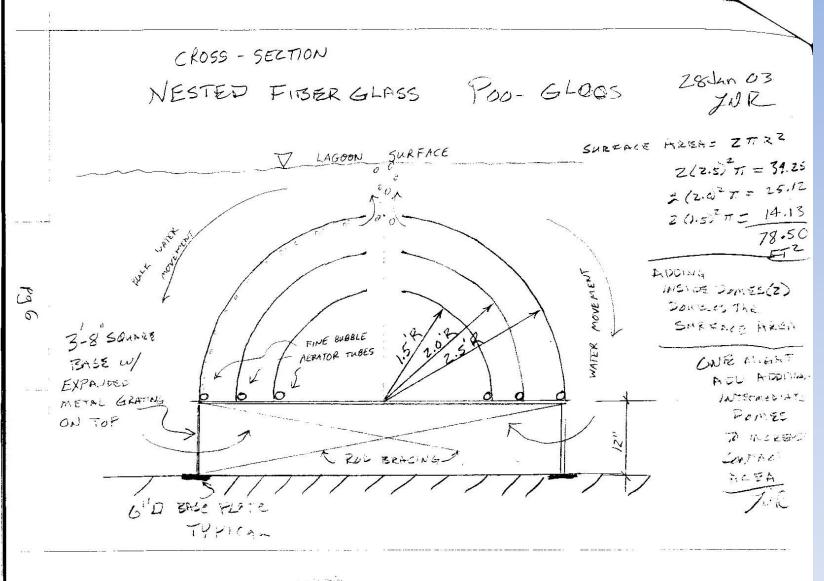
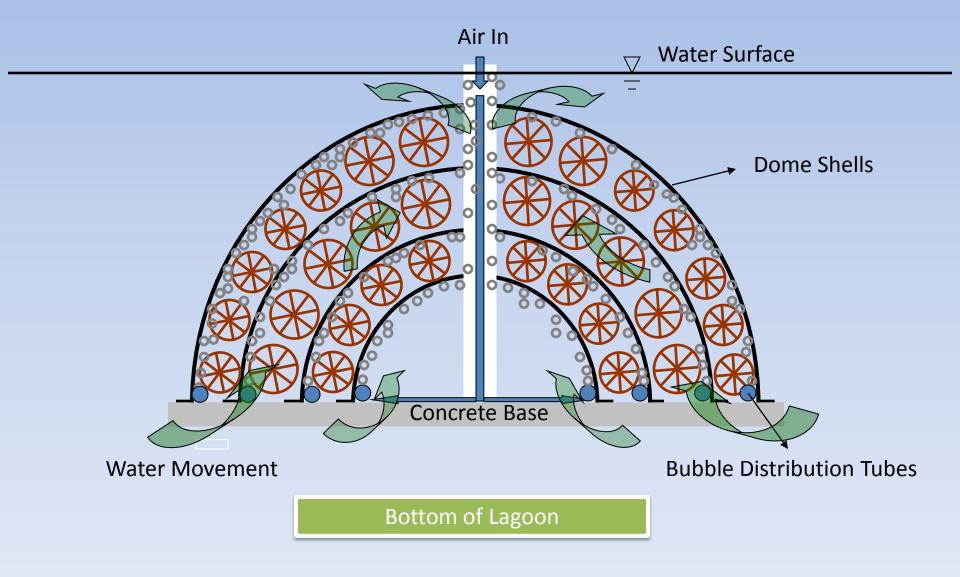


Figure 3.17  $NH_4^+$  - N Removal in ASBF Batch Run #11, Start Date 12/16/02, Average Water Temperature 5.1°C



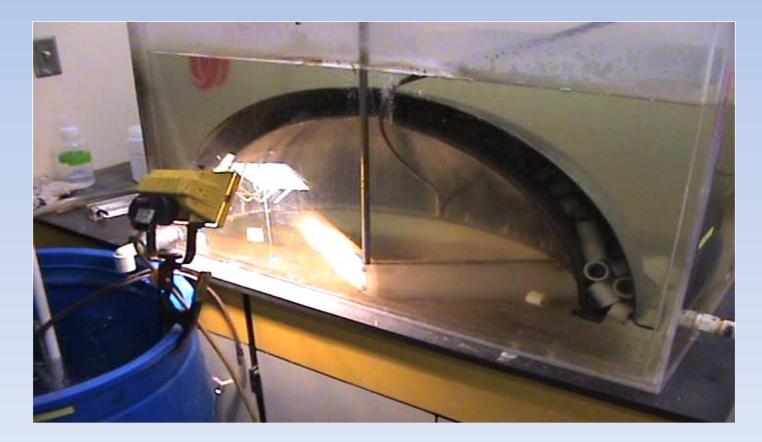
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### Diagram of Submergible Poo-Gloo<sup>™</sup> Aeration Dome Set



# **Early Development**

#### University of Utah proof-of-concept laboratory test chamber



# Mature Bio-Film after 10 months



# Bio-film inside the domes



# **Technology Application**

#### Alpha scaled pilot tests 2004-09 Central Valley Treatment Plant

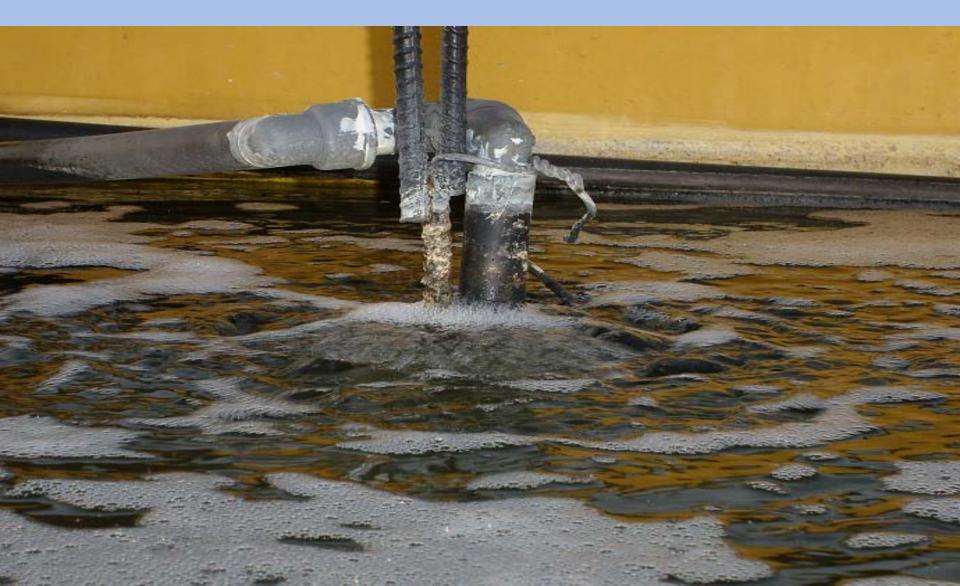


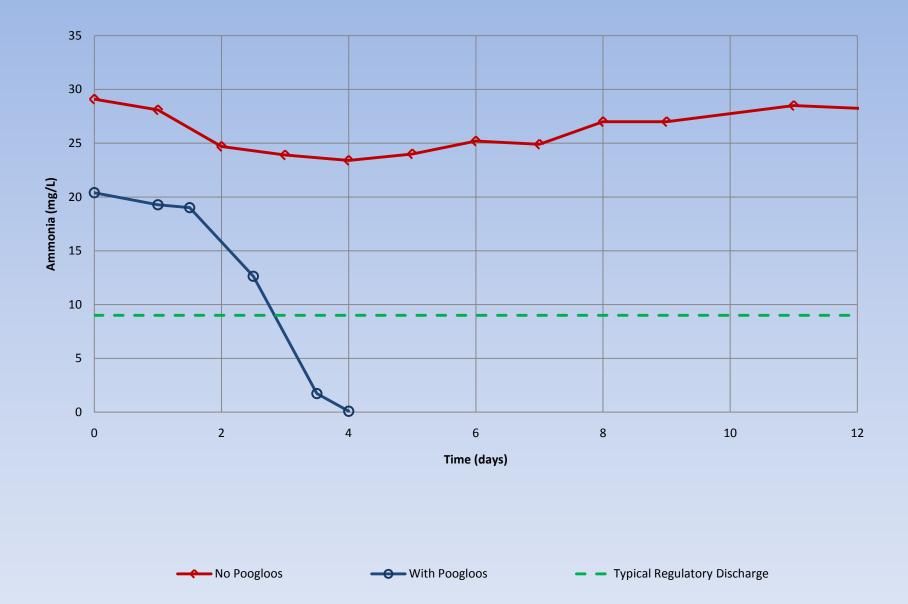


# Alpha Tank in Operation



# Robust Air-Water Flow out of PG



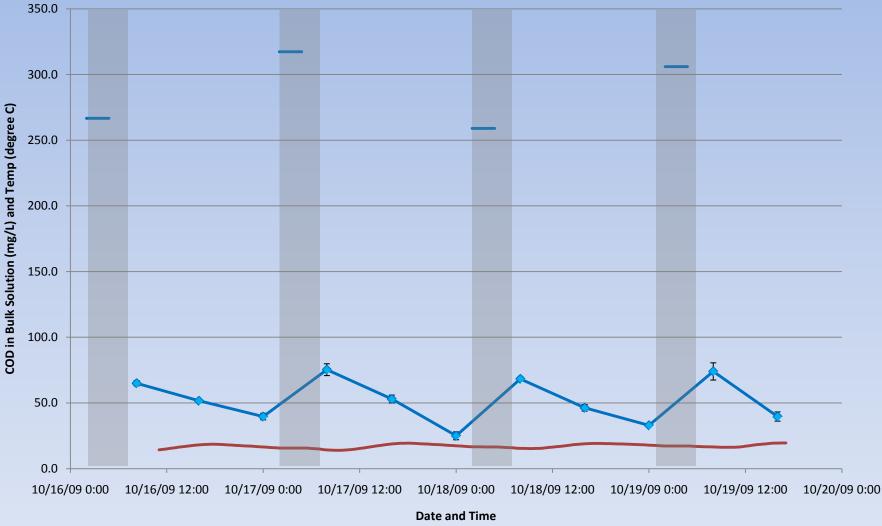


# **Clarity of Water in Alpha Tank**



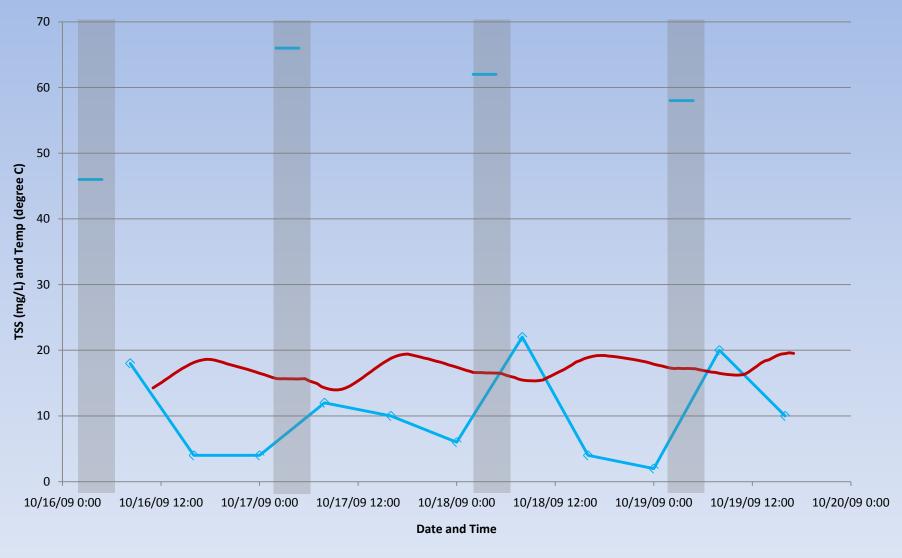


# Removal of BOD (measured as COD)

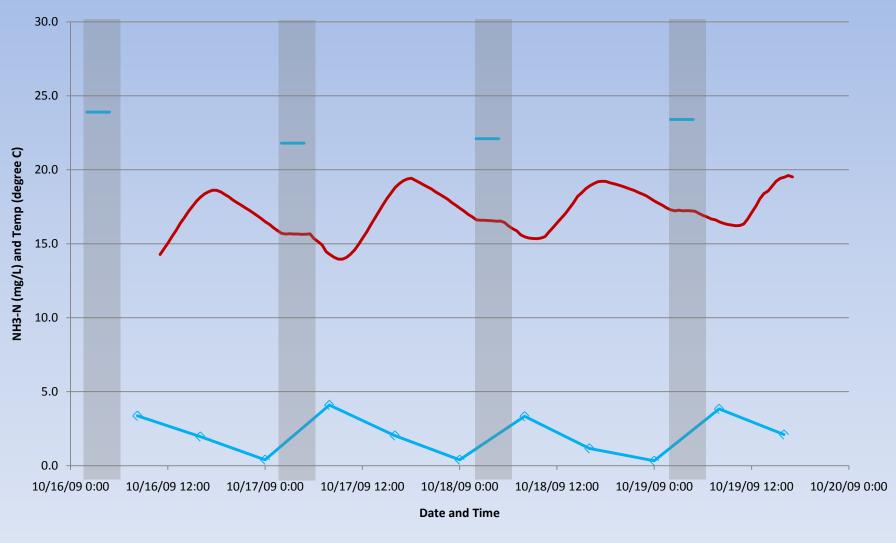


COD —In COD —Temp

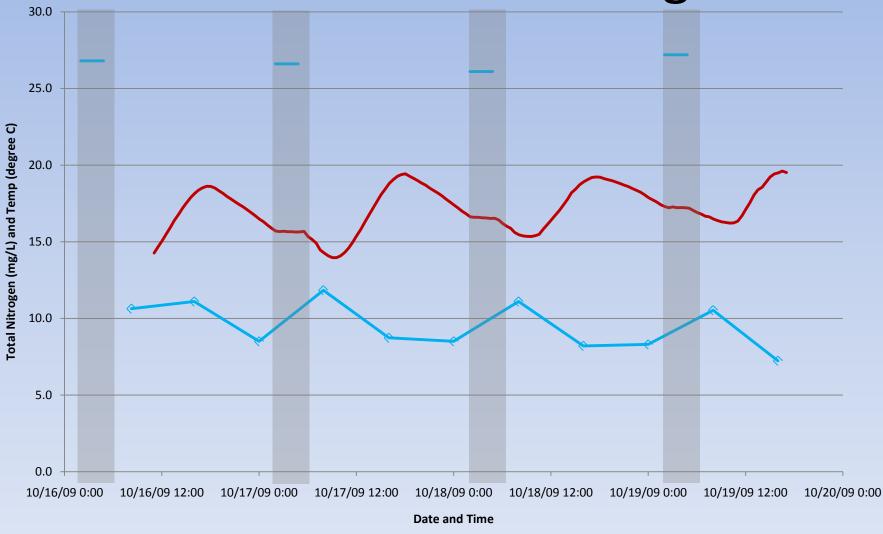
## **Removal of TSS**



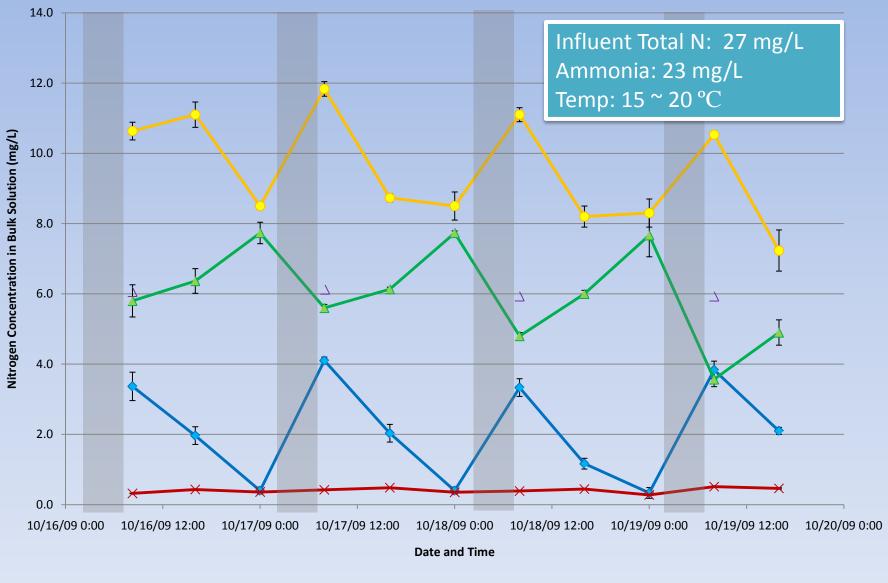
#### **Removal of Ammonia**



## **Removal of Total Nitrogen**



---- Total N ----- IN Total N ----- Temp



→ NH3-N → NO2-N → NO3-N → TN △ Calculated NO3-N

#### Percentage Removal



■ COD ■ TSS ■ NH3-N ■ Total N



# Patented Technology Developed at the University of Utah

### **Patented Technology**

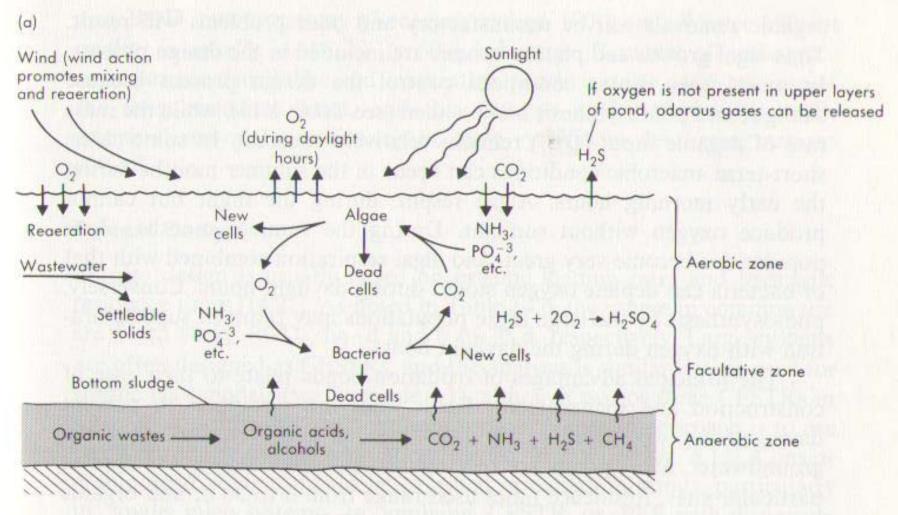


- Proven science patented unique application
- Maximize aerated bio-film surface-to-volume area (100: 1)



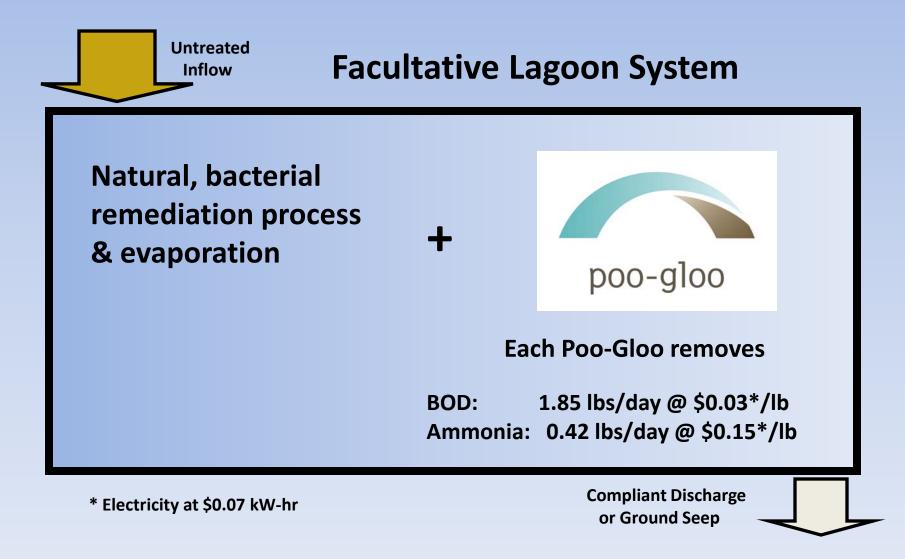


# **Operation of Facultative Lagoon**



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### **Lagoon Remediation**



9-3 Rotating Biological Contactors 933

# Table 9-8 Typical design information for rotating biological contactors

Parameter	Unit	Treatment level <sup>a</sup>		
		BOD removal	BOD removal and nitrification	Separate nitrification
iydraulic loading	m³/m²·d	0.08-0.16	0.03-0.08	0.04-0.10
Organic loading	g sBOD/m²•d	4-10	2.5-8	0.5-1.0
Maximum 1st-stage organic loading	g BOD/m²·d g sBOD/m²·d	<sup>8–20</sup> 12–15 Poo-Gloo: 3.2 g BOD/m <sup>2</sup> ·d		
	g BOD/m²∙d	24-30	24-30	
NH3 loading	g N/m²∙d		0.75-1.5	
Hydraulic retention time	h	0.7-1.5	1 5-1	1.2_2
Effluent BOD	mg/L	15-30 Poo-Gloo: 0.75 g N/m <sup>2</sup> ·d		
Effluent NH <sub>4</sub> -N	mg/L		<2	1-2

Note:  $g/m^2 \cdot d \times 0.204 = lb/10^3 \text{ ft}^2 \cdot d$ .

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#### Full Scale Pilot Plant at Jackpot, NV Fall, 2009

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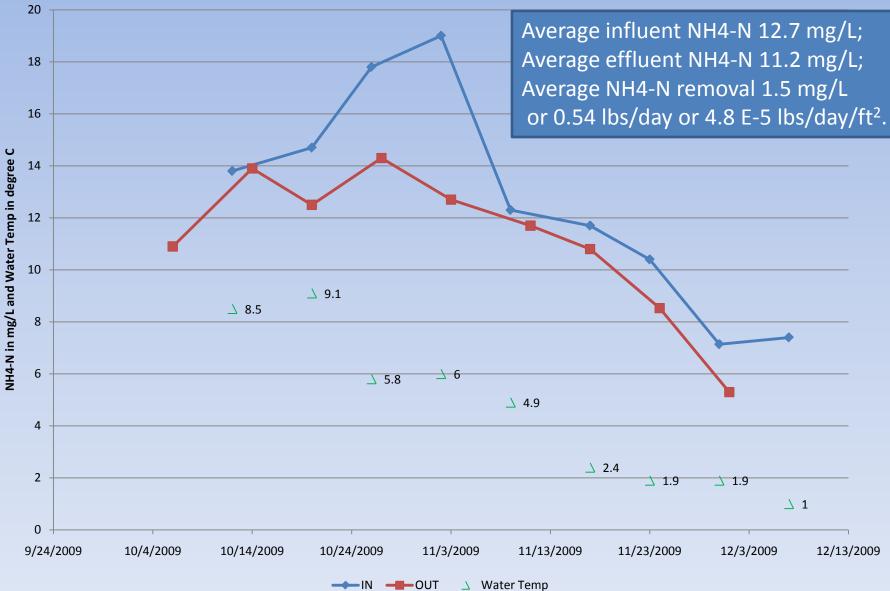
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Average influent BOD 76 mg/L; Average effluent BOD 34 mg/L; Average BOD removal 42 mg/L or 15 lbs/day or 1.3 E-3 lbs/day/ft<sup>2</sup>.



#### NH4-N



## Plain City, UT Lagoon Layout

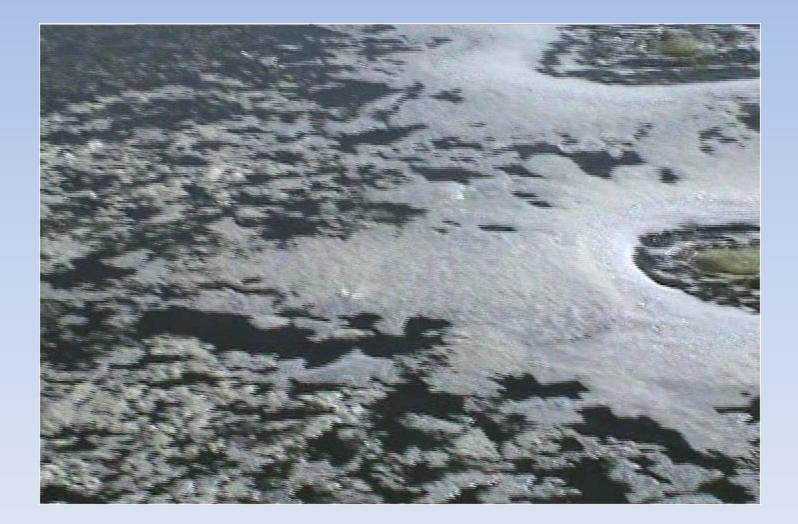


# **Plain City Installation**

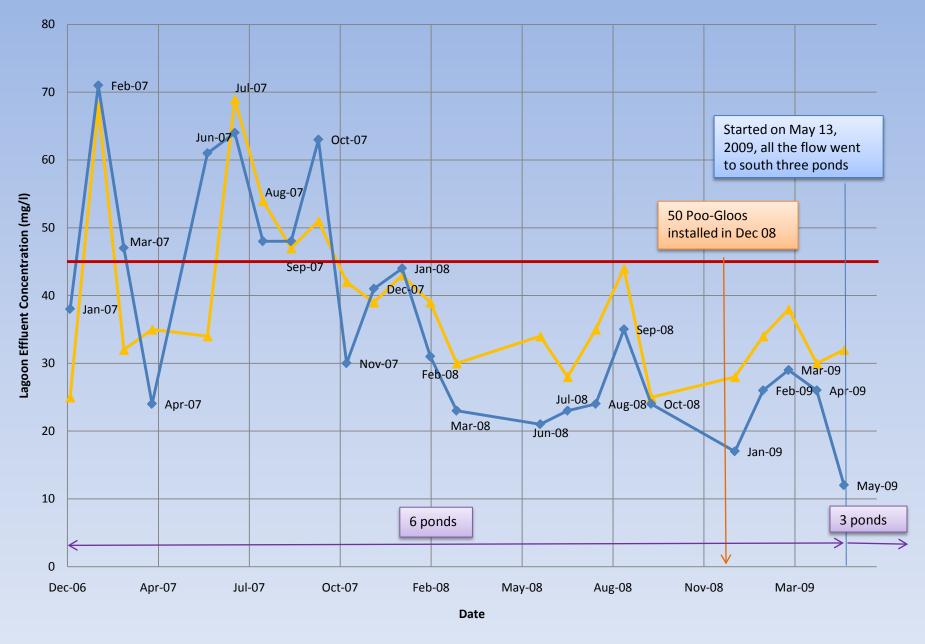




## **Plain City Video**

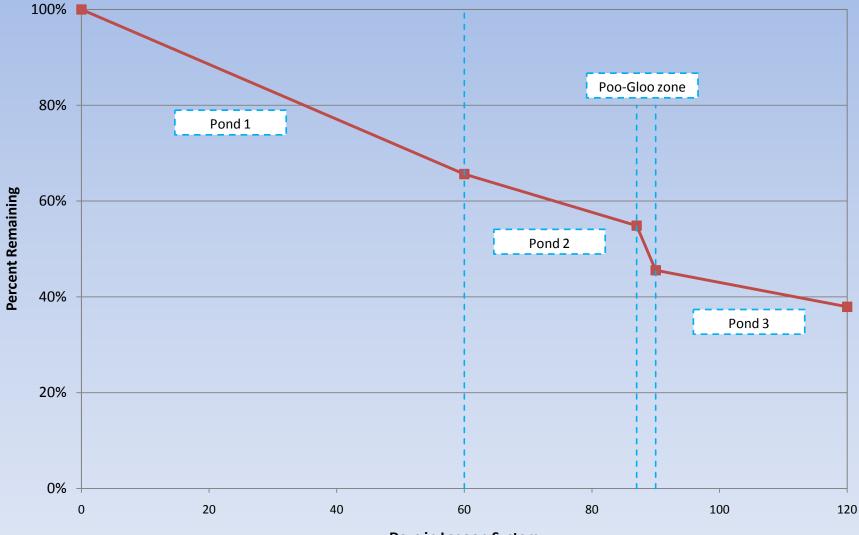






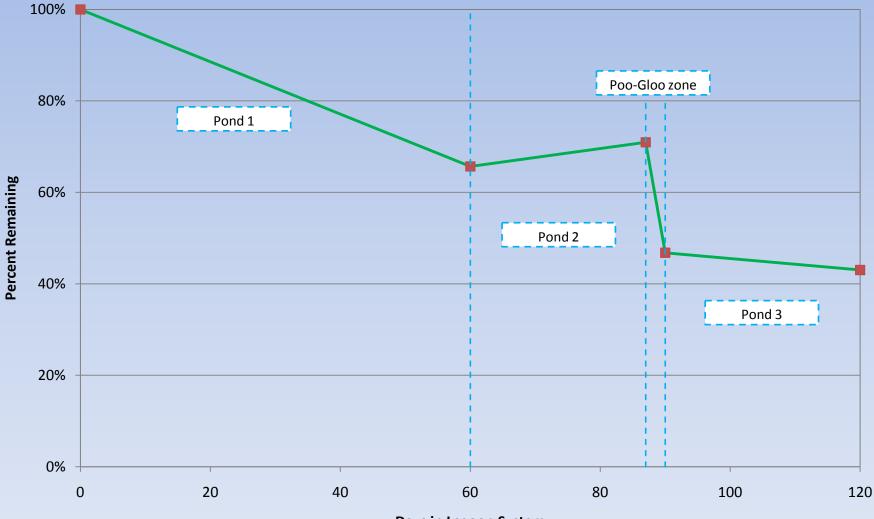
BOD State Regulatory Discharge

#### **COD** in Plain City Lagoon System



Days in Lagoon System

#### **TSS in Plain City Lagoon System**



Days in Lagoon System

# Oxygen Transfer Efficiency Calculation in 6' Water Depth

- Average COD removal in June: 30 mg/L
- $30 \text{ mg/L} \times 0.282 \text{ mgd} \times 8.34 \frac{lbs/day}{(mg/L) \times mgd} = 71 \text{ lbs/day}$
- Air flow rate in each PG 10 L/min
- 50 PGs. 720,000 L air /d or 443.5 lbs O<sub>2</sub>/day
- Efficiency = 71 /443.5 = 15.9 %

### Biofilm Growth on the Inside Dome

# Wellsville, UT Installation November, 2009

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Imagery Date: Mar 5, 2006

41"39'42.05" N 111"54'59.19" W elev 4481 ft



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Eye alt 9736 ft







# Wellsville Installation Video



# **Thank You!**

