



***Small Drinking Water Treatment  
Technologies for Compliance with  
the Enhanced Surface Water  
Treatment Rules***

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## **Today's Presentation**

- Small Systems Overview
- Bag/Cartridge Filter Background
- Bag/Cartridge Filter Studies
- Bag Filter Field Studies
- LT1 and LT2 ESWTR Overview
- Arsenic Demonstration Program
- Future Small Systems Research

## **Small Systems Overview**

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160,000 Small Community and Non-Community Drinking Water Systems

- 50,000 Community
- 110,000 Non-Community Systems
- Account for 68 million people
- Serving transient and non-transient populations of 10,000 people or less

## **Small Systems Overview**

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Small Systems (FY2003) contribute to:

- 94% of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendment violations
- Health-Based Violations
  - 77% Maximum Contaminant Level
  - 23% Treatment Technique

EPA remains focused on improving small system compliance

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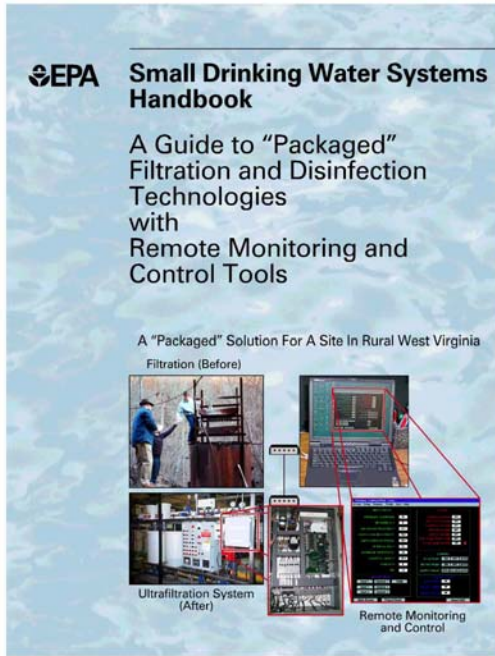
**EPA's Small Systems Research Center**

## **Small Systems Research U.S. EPA T&E Facility**

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### Current Drinking Water Research

- Filtration
- Disinfection
- Advanced Oxidation
- Point-of-Use
- Water Reuse
- Remote Telemetry
- Distribution Systems
- International Collaborations



## ***Further Information***

**Upload “Small Drinking Water Systems Handbook” at the following web address:**

**<http://www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/Pubs/600R03041/600R03041.pdf>**



# Small Systems Handbook

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Figure 8-4. Cut away of bag filter.

Average % reduction ranged from 40% to 95%. CF counts, or higher influent turbidity levels, greater removal can be demonstrated but their results to be a "best" (i.e., C/NNT) turbidity level that each head of bag filter can reach regardless of the initial influent quality.

During initial start-up, removal was better and then settled into a fairly steady performance rate until near the end of the bag's life. Flow rate and starting water quality (or lack thereof) did not seem to be a major factor in that performance. Once a bag begins to fail as it is 10 psi differential, the time until the bag must be replaced quickly decreases. High NTE (excess T-NTE) indicate the need for multiple filtration hours in order to not be backstopped by having to bag replacement bags every few days. Bag rupture is more likely near the end of the filter run as the pressure differential reaches its maximum. Once a rupture or hole occurs, the treatment barrier is gone with



Figure 8-6. Bag filter showing fabric rupture.



Figure 8-7 and 8-8. Bag filters showing dislocation associated with rips.



Figure 8-5. Bag filter showing rip in seam where part is torn.



Figure 8-9. Different configurations of bag filters tested.

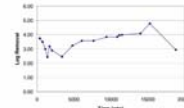


Figure 8-18. Log removal of heads vs. membrane age.

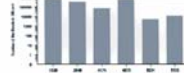


Figure 8-20. Number of Heads in Effluent vs. Run Time.

samples being taken from the permeate over about four days compared to just one day for the other data points shown in Figure 8-18. After 5,000 minutes (approximately 3.84 days) of run time, plastic test heads were still found in the permeate even though influent spiking had occurred over a two-hour period at the beginning of the experiment four days earlier. Removal was 99.9% for the individual experiments, lower than most of the previous experiments. The higher removal rate achieved by the shorter experiments could be the effect of insufficient sample collection time, and suggests that particles may have long residence times in membrane fibers but are still capable of ultimately passing through.

**Micro Filtration:** Various field evaluations have been conducted to assess the operational performance of microfiltration technology and provide information on the removal of physical and biological contaminants under continuous operation. Figure 8-22 shows a typical MF unit. Microfiltration membranes normally have pore sizes 0.1 microns or greater (70). The water flow of the test system ranged between 1.5 and 2.0 gpm. Nonwoven/and plastic test heads of 4.5 microns were required for the raw untreated tap water. The reduction of turbidity was 93.3% and the reduction

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It should be noted that although Cryptosporidium is a 6 micron parasite, it can still pass through an absolute 3 micron rate filter by deformation and squeezing through. The pliability of Cryptosporidium is demonstrated in Figure 8-21a and 8-21b.



Figure 8-21a. Cryptosporidium oocyst on upper surface of 3 micron pore.



Figure 8-21b. Cryptosporidium oocyst coming through 3 micron pore.



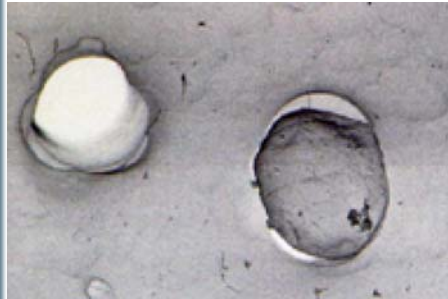
Figure 8-22. Micro Filtration System.

## **Cryptosporidium Oocysts**

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*Cryptosporidium*  
oocyst on upper  
surface of a 3  $\mu$ m  
pore



*Cryposporidium*  
oocyst coming  
through a 3  $\mu$ m  
pore

## **Crypto Method 1623 Costs**

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<b>Additional Equipment/Supplies Required for Method 1623</b>	<b>Startup Costs (\$)</b>
<b>Sampling and Sample Processing</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>
<b>ImmunoMagnetic Separation</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>
<b>Chemicals</b>	<b>\$900</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,100</b>

## Comparison of Bead Removal<sup>12</sup> with Crypto Removal

Beads provide a surrogate that is more difficult to remove than *Cryptosporidium*

Bag Filter	PSL Beads Log Removal	Crypto Log Removal
Strainrite GBP1-2SB	1.3	1.41
3M 523A	2.1	3.4
Strainrite SWT1P + HPM97-CC-2SS	1.92	2.7

## Summary of Results

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### **Bag and Cartridge Filter Studies Conducted at the T&E Facility in Cincinnati, Ohio**



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## Small Systems Research

### Bag and Cartridge Filtration

- Driver = Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2)
- LT1 compliance required in January 2005
- 3  $\mu\text{m}$  polystyrene latex bead challenges
  - Surrogate for *Cryptosporidium parvum* oocysts
  - Minimum 2 log removal
- Bag filters and cartridges from several manufacturers in different configurations
- Critical elements: particle removal, effects of turbidity on removal and system longevity
- Challenge with *C. parvum* oocysts

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## **Bag, Cartridge, and Ceramic<sup>16</sup> Filtration Research Systems**





## **History of Bag and Cartridge Filter Research at T&E Facility**

<b>Years</b>	<b>Filter Configuration</b>	<b>Turbidity</b>	<b>Particle Size Range</b>	<b>Bead Size</b>
<b>1994-1998</b>	<b>Individual Bags/Cartridges</b>	<b>0.5-10 ntu</b>	<b>Mass Loading</b>	<b>None</b>
<b>2000-2002</b>	<b>Individual &amp; In-Series Filters</b>	<b>0-2 ntu</b>	<b>3-7 µm</b>	<b>4.5 µm</b>
<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>Prefilter + 1 µm Filters</b>	<b>0-2 ntu 0-1 ntu</b>	<b>1-5 µm</b>	<b>3 µm</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>Prefilter + 1 µm + 1 µm Filters</b>	<b>0-1 ntu 0-5 ntu</b>	<b>1-5 µm</b>	<b>3 µm</b>

## **Comparison of Small System Technology Costs**

<b>Technology</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Filter Replacement Cost</b>	<b>Expected Filter Life</b>
<b>Bag Filter (In-Series)</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$10-\$100</b>	<b>hrs/days/wks</b>
<b>Cartridge Filter (In-Series)</b>	<b>\$4,500</b>	<b>\$100-\$600</b>	<b>hrs/days/wks</b>
<b>UF Filter</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>up to 3 years</b>

## **5000 Gallon Tank for Turbidity Control Using a Mixture of Mill Creek and Tap Water**



## Automated Turbidity and Differential <sup>20</sup> Pressure Sensors for Shutdown at Startup, Intermediate, and Terminal Pressure Drop



## **Bag and Cartridge Filter In-Series Automation Costs**

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<b>Technology with Datalogging</b>	<b>Pressure and Flow Automation (\$)</b>
<b>Paperless Chart Recorder</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>
<b>Pressure Transducers (3)</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Magmeter for Flow Rate</b>	<b>\$3,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,200</b>

## **Automated In-Line Particle Counting**



## **Bead Study Injection and Filter Manifold** <sup>23</sup>



## **Bag and Cartridge Filter System<sup>24</sup> Pretreatment Options**

- Frequency of filter replacement depends on
  - Turbidity levels
  - Nature of turbidity
- Pretreatment may be necessary
  - At turbidities > 1 ntu
  - To reduce filter replacement costs
- Pretreatment options include
  - Settling basins
  - Backwashed pressure sand filters
  - Diatomaceous earth filters
  - Cartridge prefilters
  - Bag prefilters



## **Optimum System Configurations<sup>25</sup> for Crypto Removal**

- Depends on:
  - Source water quality
  - Preliminary test results
- Typically:
  - Pretreatment provides gross particulate removal
  - Filters are configured with progressively finer micron ratings with 1  $\mu\text{m}$  absolute filters at the end of the treatment train
  - Cartridge filters (1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) are placed after bag filters (1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) to protect cartridge filter life and reduce costs

## ***Advantages of Filters In-Series***

Filters in-series (two 1  $\mu\text{m}$  filters):

- Guard against short circuiting
- Provide a secondary barrier in case of filter splitting, bursting or rupture

A 5  $\mu\text{m}$  prefilter with two 1  $\mu\text{m}$  filters in-series

- Increases system longevity
- Results in higher initial cost, but lower operating cost

## **Comparison of Filters In-Series<sup>27</sup> and Individual Filters**

- Adding filters in-series marginally increases removal
- Removal efficiency based on smallest micron rating

<b>Primary Housing</b>	<b>Secondary Housing</b>	<b>Beads Log Removal</b>
<b>3M 525A</b>	<b>3M 525A</b>	<b>1.18</b>
<b>3M 525A</b>	<b>3M 522A</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>3M 522A</b>	<b>3M 522A</b>	<b>2.86</b>
<b>Empty</b>	<b>3M 522A</b>	<b>2.63</b>

## **General Conclusions from T&E Results**

<b>System Configuration</b>	<b>PSL Beads</b>
<b>Bag+Cartridge Filters</b>	<b>&gt;3 Log Removal</b>
<b>Several Bag+Bag Filters (1 micron absolute)</b>	<b>&gt;2.5 Log Removal</b>
<b>Cartridge-Type Filters in Bag Filter Housings</b>	<b>&gt;3 Log Removal</b>

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# Filters that May Be Eligible for LT2 Crypto Removal Credit

Inlet Turb. (ntu)	Primary Housing	Secondary Housing	Beads (Log Removal)
2.5	Rosedale bag (GLR)	Rosedale bag (GLR)	3.6
2.5	Rosedale bag (PS520)	Rosedale bag (GLR)	3.36
2.5	Rosedale bag (PS520)	Rosedale bag (PS520)	3.49, 3.34
0.13	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (GBP1-2SB) in Rosedale housing	2.98, 2.84, 2.63
0.2	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM97-CC-2SS)	2.65, 2.70, 2.65
0.13	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-CGD-2SS)	3.26, 2.55
0.12	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-XCGD-2SS)	2.75, 2.57

## **Filters that May Be Eligible for LT2 Crypto Removal Credit**

<b>Inlet Turb. (ntu)</b>	<b>Primary Housing</b>	<b>Secondary Housing</b>	<b>Beads (Log Removal)</b>
NA	Strainrite bag (HPM99-CGD-2SS)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-XCGD-2SS)	2.74
NA	Strainrite bag (HPM99-XCGD-2SS)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-XCGD-2SS)	2.91, 2.67
2.53	3M 522A in R-P Housing	3M 522A in R-P Housing	2.90, 2.86, 2.71
0.6-1.6	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Cycron cartridge (1 µm absolute)	4.56, 3.74, 3.28
0.1-0.2	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Harmsco cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.43, 3.27, 3.03
0.1	Strainrite bag (1 µm nominal)	Harmsco cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.94, 3.19

## **Bag and Cartridge Filter System<sup>31</sup> Filter Longevity**

Filter life is water quality dependent:

- Coatings from algae or other organic materials may reduce life
- Remaining filter life quickly diminishes after reaching the manufacturer recommended change-out pressures of from 5 to 15 psi
- Rupture typically occurs at differential pressures >25 psi

## Examples of Filter Run Times

Inlet Turb. (ntu)	Primary Housing	Secondary Housing	Beads Log Removal	Run Length
~0.2	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM97-CC-2SS)	2.65	6.4 months*
0.10	Strainrite bag (1 µm nominal)	Harmsco cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.94	61 days
0.13	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (GBP1-2SB) in Rosedale housing	2.98	49 days*
0.13	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-CGD-2SS)	3.26	34 days
0.12	Strainrite bag (SWT1P2S8T)	Strainrite bag (HPM99-XCGD-2SS)	2.75	15 days
~0.1	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Harmsco cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.03	13 days

\* *Incomplete run*



## Examples of Filter Run Times <sup>33</sup>

Inlet Turb. (ntu)	Primary Housing	Secondary Housing	Beads Log Removal	Run Length
0.2 0.15	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Harmsco cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.43 3.27	15 hrs* bags split
2.5	Rosedale bag (GLR)	Rosedale bag (GLR)	3.60	3.6 hrs
2.5	Rosedale bag (PS520)	Rosedale bag (PS520)	3.49	1.4 hrs
2.5	Rosedale bag (PS520)	Rosedale bag (GLR)	3.36	32 min
1.6	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Cycron cartridge (1 µm absolute)	3.74	32 min
0.7 0.6	GAF bag (1 µm nominal)	Cycron cartridge (1 µm absolute)	4.56 3.28	34 min 22 min

\* *Incomplete run*

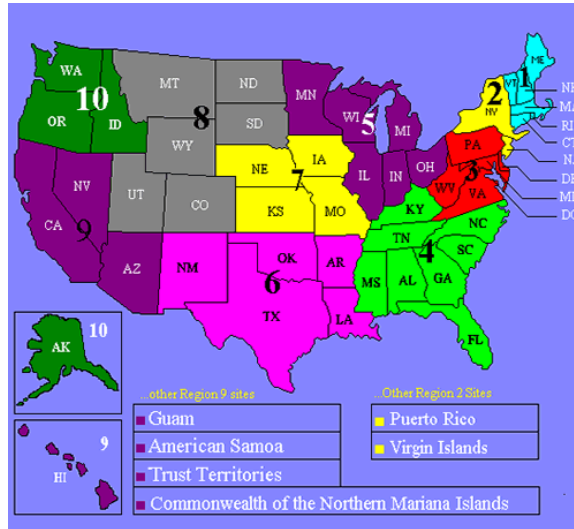
## **Bag and Cartridge Filter System**<sup>34</sup> **Maintenance Issues**

- Shelf-life impacts filter integrity
- Some filters require preconditioning
- Startup and shutdown filter systems gradually to prevent pressure surges (water hammers) from compromising filter integrity
- Avoid prolonged shutdowns to prevent algae growth

## **Bag and Cartridge Filter System**<sup>35</sup> **Maintenance Issues**

- Only use manufacturer recommended housing/filter combinations
- Use caution during filter installation to protect the fabric from scraps, tears and puncture
- Avoid crimping the bag at the top of the housing

# Recent Field Studies in Support of EPA Regions 5 & 10 (MN & WA) <sup>36</sup>



U.S. EPA Regions

## **Summary of Results Field Bag Filter Studies Conducted at Lake Kabetogama, MN**



## Northern Minnesota

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- Lake resorts
  - Open seasonally
  - Some year round
- Source water
  - Surface (lake) water
  - Groundwater
- Bag filtration
  - 3M bags still being used in RP housings
  - 3M dropped support of 3M bag filters for drinking water purposes in 1999

## **Rocky Point Resort Treatment Plant**



## **Typical Treatment Train**

Lake water is typically treated as follows:

- Submersible pump in the lake
- Pressure tanks to maintain water pressure
- Prechlorination
- Pressure sand filters
- A single bag filter with 3M 522A bags
- Zenon membrane filters in some locations



## ***Test Apparatus***

Test apparatus set up in a trailer at the Rocky Point Resort

- Resort treatment system bypassed to “load” filters for one-week study
- Two bag filter housings in series
- Bead challenge solutions, injection pump, and bead testing manifold
- Analytical equipment

## **Research Trailer with Bead Study Equipment**

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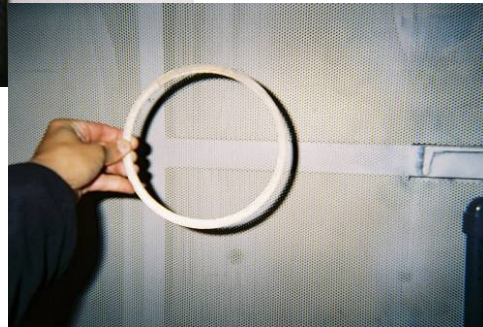
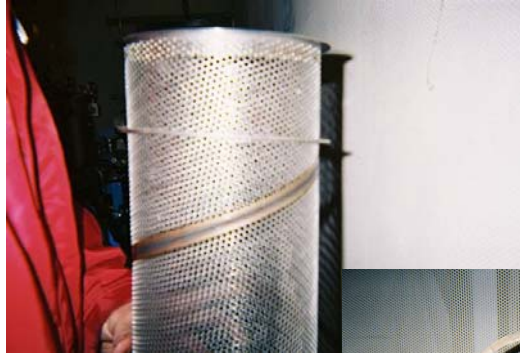
## **Bead Study Test Apparatus 43** **3 micron (Crypto-Sized) Polystyrene Latex Beads**



## **Summary of Lake Water Tests (Turbidity: 2 to 3 ntu)**

<b>3M Bag Filter 1</b>	<b>3M Bag Filter 2</b>	<b>Filter Status</b>	<b>Beads Log Removal</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Fouled</b>	<b>2.03</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Clean</b>	<b>2.34</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Intermediately Fouled</b>	<b>2.21</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Fouled</b>	<b>2.71</b>

## **Removal of Housing O-Ring <sup>45</sup> Creates Improper Bag Filter Fit**



## **Summary of Lake Water Tests without O-Ring (Turbidity: 1 to 3 ntu)**

<b>Strainrite Bag Filter 1</b>	<b>Strainrite Bag Filter 2</b>	<b>Filter Status</b>	<b>Beads Log Removal</b>
SWT1P2S8T	HPM99-XCGD-2SS	Clean	<b>0.35</b>
SWT1P2S8T	HPM99-XCGD-2SS	Fouled	<b>0.44</b>
SWT1P2S8T	HPM97-CC-2SS	Clean	<b>0.20</b>
SWT1P2S8T	HPM97-CC-2SS	Fouled	<b>0.00</b>

## ***Bead Study Filters (Lake Kabetogama Water)***

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## ***Fouled Bead Study Bag***





## Lake Water Treatment Train at Campground in MN

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**Summary of Results** 50  
**Bag Filter Studies Conducted at  
the Paradise Inn/Visitor Center in Mt.  
Rainier National Park, WA**



## **Bag Filter Bead Study 3 micron (Crypto-Sized) Polystyrene Latex Beads**

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## **Mt. Rainier National Park, Washington**

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- Park Drinking Water Systems
  - 9 Surface water + 2 Well water
  - 9 Seasonal + 2 Year round
  
- Paradise Water Treatment Plant
  - Paradise Inn
  - Jackson Visitor Center
  
- Longmire Water Treatment Plant
  - National Park Inn
  - Park Service Employee Village

## Paradise Inn/Visitor Center Watershed



## Water Supply Reservoir (2000 Feet Uphill from Plant)



## Possible Source of *Cryptosporidium*?



## Paradise Inn/Visitor Center Treatment Plant





## Paradise Water Treatment Plant

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- One 50 micron Cartridge Filter
- Two 5 micron Cartridge Filters (in series)
- Four 1 micron Bag Filters (in parallel)
- Post-Chlorination



## Clear Well Storage

Pumps lift treated water to an underground storage tank for gravity feed to supply points



## **Treatment Plant Automation**



- Treatment plant well equipped with turbidity meters and automation
- Operated in manual mode due to ongoing system modifications and lightning strikes

## *Bead Test Apparatus*



## ***Bead Test Apparatus***

### Equipment Configuration:

- Treatment system by-pass line
- Two RP bag filter housings in-series
- Bead challenge solutions
- Injection pump
- Bead test manifold
- Analytical equipment

## ***Bead Study Bag Filters Snowmelt Turbidity (0.12 ntu)***



## **Mt. Rainier National Park, WA Bead Study Test Results**

<b>Strainrite Bag Filter 1</b>	<b>Stainrite Bag Filter 2</b>	<b>Filter Status</b>	<b>Beads Log Removal</b>
HPM99-CGD-2SS	HPM99-XCGD-2SS	Clean	<b>2.74</b>
HPM99-XCGD-2SS	HPM99-XCGD-2SS	Clean	<b>2.91</b>
HPM99-XCGD-2SS	HPM99-XCGD-2SS	Clean	<b>2.67</b>
HPM97-CC-2SS	HPM97-CC-2SS	Clean	<b>2.36</b>

## **Mt. Rainier National Park, WA Bead Study Test Results**

<b>3M Bag Filter 1</b>	<b>3M Bag Filter 2</b>	<b>Filter Status</b>	<b>Beads Log Removal</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>525A</b>	<b>Clean</b>	<b>1.18</b>
<b>525A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Clean</b>	<b>2.90</b>
<b>522A</b>	<b>522A</b>	<b>Clean</b>	<b>2.86</b>
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## Longmire Water Treatment Plant<sup>65</sup> (Diatomaceous Earth/Bag Filters)



## **Longmire Water Treatment Plant<sup>66</sup> (Chlorination/Aboveground Storage)**



**Chlorinator with  
Automated  
Chlorine Dosage  
and Turbidity  
Chart Recorder**

**Above Ground  
Storage Tank  
for Treated and  
Disinfected  
Drinking Water**



## *Bag and Cartridge Filtration under LT1ESWTR (1/14/02)*

Public drinking water systems using surface water sources and serving less than 10,000 people must comply with LT1ESWTR by January of 2005

- Establishes 2-Log (99%)  
*Cryptosporidium* removal
- Strengthens combined filter effluent turbidity performance standards

## *Bag and Cartridge Filtration under LT2ESWTR (12/10/04)*

Bag and cartridge filters are defined in the regulation as “pressure-driven separation devices that remove particulate matter larger than 1 micron using an engineered, porous filtration media.”

LT2ESWTR establishes *Cryptosporidium* removal credit based on challenge testing

- Up to 2.0 log credit for individual filters
- Potentially higher log credits for filters in series

Note: Prefilters do not count as filters in series

## Bag and Cartridge Filtration <sup>69</sup> under LT2ESWTR

To comply with LT2ESWTR, challenge tests must:

- Test full-scale housings and filters in the same configuration as the proposed plant
- Test the filters using *Cryptosporidium* or a surrogate with a maximum feed water concentration of the challenge particulate 10,000 times the detection limit of the challenge particulate in the filtrate.

Note: Gross measurements such as turbidity may not be used

## *Bag and Cartridge Filtration <sup>70</sup> under LT2ESWTR*

To comply with LT2ESWTR, challenge tests must:

- Be conducted at the manufacturer's maximum design flow rate
- Last for a sufficient duration to reach 100% of the terminal pressure drop

Note: Log Removal Value (LRV) =  $\text{LOG}_{10}(\text{C}_f) - \text{LOG}_{10}(\text{C}_p)$   
LRV is the minimum LRV observed ( $\leq 20$  filter tests)  
LRV is the 10th percentile of the LRV observed ( $> 20$  filter tests)

## *Bag and Cartridge Filtration <sup>71</sup> under LT2ESWTR*

Filters must be challenged at three times during the filtration cycle:

- Within two hours of start-up of a new filter
- Between 45 and 55 percent of the terminal pressure drop
- After reaching 100 percent of the terminal pressure drop

A factor of safety is applied to challenge test results:

- 1-log for individual filters
- Potentially lower for filters operated in series

## *Bag and Cartridge Filtration <sup>72</sup> under LT2ESWTR*

If a previously tested filter configuration is modified, a new challenge test must be conducted and submitted to the State

The State may choose to grandfather test results consistent with LT2ESWTR criteria conducted prior to promulgation of LT2ESWTR

Assignment of removal credit does not extend to:

- Other pathogens
- Utilities mandated by the IESWTR or LT1ESWTR (Bin 1 of LT2ESWTR)

Note: States may extend LT2ESWTR rules to other pathogens or Bin 1 plants



## ***Further Information***

### **LT1 ESWTR:**

**[www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WATER/  
2002/January/Day-14/w409.htm](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WATER/2002/January/Day-14/w409.htm)**

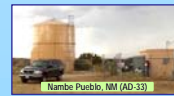
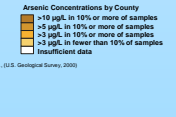
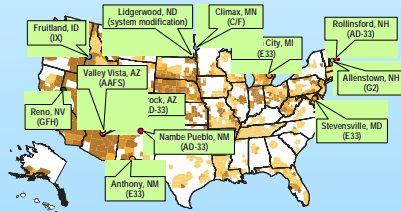
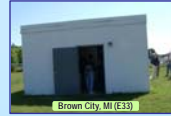
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U.S. EPA Arsenic Technology Demonstration Sites



## **Arsenic Demonstration Program**

- October 31, 2001, Administrator announced lowering of arsenic drinking water standard to 10 ppb
- Also announced that “EPA plans to provide \$20 million over next two years for research and development of more cost-effective technologies/training/technical assistance.”
- Focused on small systems (10,000 population or less)

## **Arsenic Demonstration Funding**

- \$20 million targeted for two year program (\$12M EPA; \$8M Congress)
- Full-scale, long-term (1 year) evaluation studies
- Focused on commercially available technologies or engineering approaches

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## **Arsenic Demonstration Program Objectives**

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- Identify and evaluate new cost-effective technologies
- Demonstrate/verify performance of existing and new commercially available technologies
- Provide technical guidance to small communities, regulators and consulting firms on selection and design of cost-effective systems to meet the 10 ppb arsenic MCL

## **Arsenic Demonstration Program**

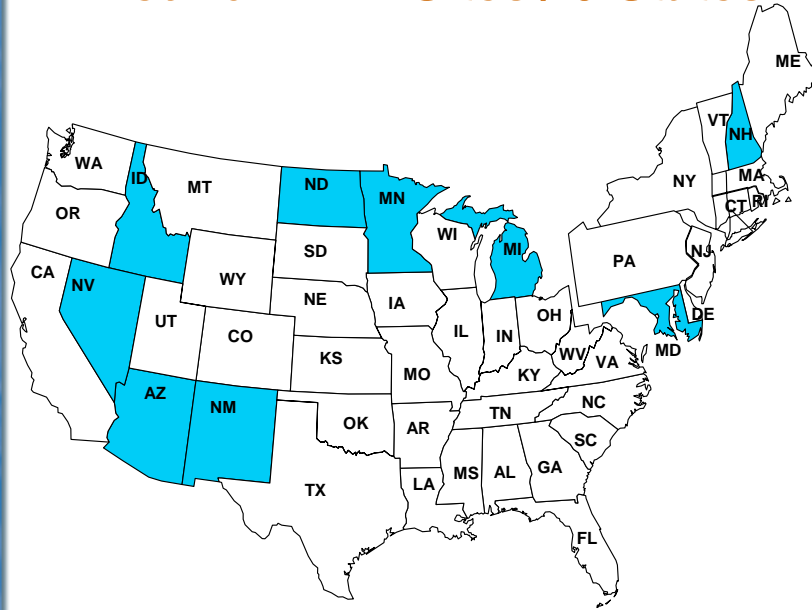
### Project Summary

- 43 Project sites
- 20 States
- 1 to 4 sites per State

### Technical Proposals

- Round 1 = Funding 12 sites of  
17 proposed sites
- Round 2 = Funding 31 sites of  
32 proposed sites

## Round 1 - 12 Sites / 9 States

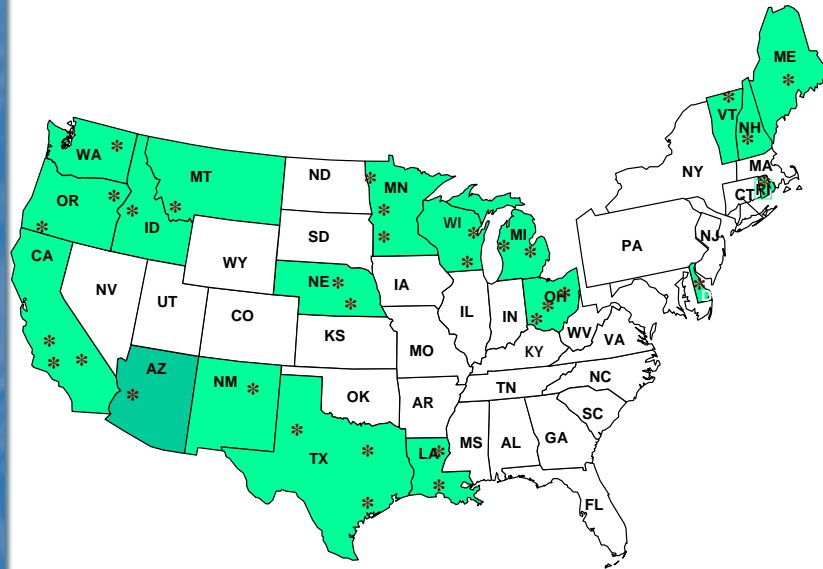




## **Round 1 Technologies**

- 9 Absorption media systems
  - 7 iron media (E33, GFH)
  - 1 Iron-based media (G2)
  - 1 Modified AA (AAFS50)
- 1 Anion exchange system
- 1 Iron removal system
- 1 System Modification  
(Iron removal process with Fe addition)

## Round 2 - 31 Sites / 19 States



## Round 2 Sites

### 31 Sites Selected

- Community Water Systems (CWS - 27)
- Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems (NTNCWS - 4)
- Multi contaminant sites (4)
  - Uranium
  - Gross Alpha
  - Nitrate
- Demonstrates Point-of-Use/Point-of-Entry Approaches

## **Round 2 Technologies**

- Adsorption technologies (60%)
- Oxidation/filtration
- Iron coagulation/filtration
- Ion exchange
- Process modification
- Dissolved air flotation/filtration
- Distillation (POU)
- Reverse Osmosis (POU)

## **Arsenic Demonstration Program**



Checking the impact of treatment on the water chemistry in the distribution system and the water quality at consumers' taps

## **Arsenic Demonstration Program**

### Project Outputs (each site)

- Performance Evaluation Reports
  - Six month report
  - One year report
- Summary Report
  - Round 1 studies
  - Round 2 studies

## **Small Systems Research Government Strategy Advisory Group**

- Office of Ground Water Drinking Water (OGWDW)
- Office of Science and Policy (OSP)
- EPA Regions
- American Indian Environmental Office
- Office of Research and Development (ORD)

## **Small Systems Research Non-Government Strategy Advisory Group**

- National Rural Water Association
- Rural Community Assistance Programs
- American Water Works Association
- AWWA Research Foundation
- Water Reuse Federation
- Water Environment Research Foundation
- Rural Utilities Service (USDA)
- National Drinking Water Clearing House
- Water Quality Association
- Electric Power Research Institute
- Private vendors/consultants



## **Small Systems Research- Future Issues**

- Radionuclides
  - Uranium
  - Radium
  - Radon
- Perchlorate
- MTBE
- LT2/Stage 2 DBP Rules
- Water Reuse
- POE/POU
- Remote Monitoring Control & Reporting

# **Thank You**

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## **Website Information**

### **Small Systems:**

[www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/wswrd/smallsys2.htm](http://www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/wswrd/smallsys2.htm)

### **Upload “Small Drinking Water Systems Handbook”:**

[www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/Pubs/600R03041/600R03041.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/Pubs/600R03041/600R03041.pdf)

### **LT1 ESWTR:**

[www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WATER/  
2002/January/Day-14/w409.htm](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-WATER/2002/January/Day-14/w409.htm)

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