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DEXSORB®: New Technology for PFAS



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Cyclopure Develops Adsorbents for Water Purification

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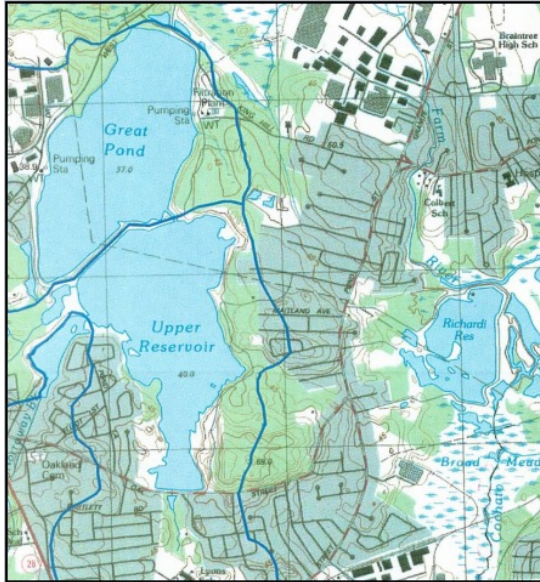
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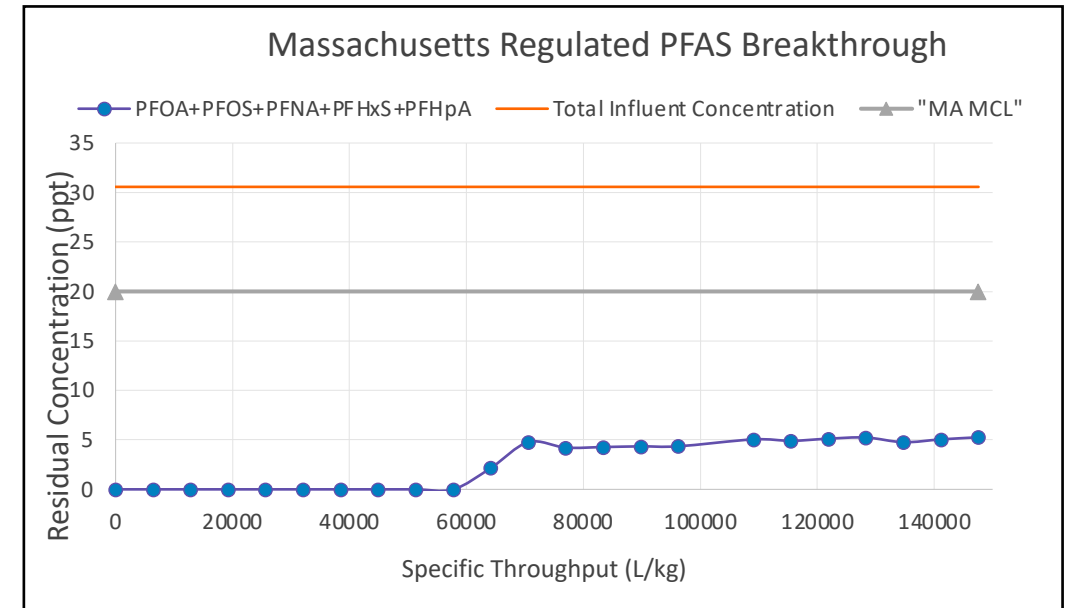
Prior Work With Holbrook Water

Tri-Town Drinking Water Project - AECOM RSSCT

Tri-Town (Braintree Holbrook, and Randolph), MA



PFAS Characterization	
Compound	Concentration (ppt)
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) ^a	2.65
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) ^a	2.39
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) ^a	5.49
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) ^a	2.17
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) ^a	0.71
Perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA)	3.94
Perfluoropropane sulfonate (PFPrS)	0.25
Perfluoropentanoic Acid (PFPeA)	4.93
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)	2.47
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA)	4.12
Perfluoropolyethers (PFPEs)	0.48
Perfluorobutane sulfonamide (FBSA)	0.62
Total PFAS	30.22



PFAS6 Results for Randolph/Holbrook Joint Water Plant					
Quarterly Compliance Period	Monitoring Period	Sample Collection Date	PFAS6 Result (ng/L)	Quarterly Average (ng/L)	PFAS6 MCL (ng/L)
Quarter 2, 2021	Month 1	4/19/2021	18.8	19	20
	Month 2	5/10/2021	18.5		
	Month 3	6/07/2021	20.1		
Quarter 1, 2021	Month 1	7/7/2021	23.4	25*	20
	Month 2	8/3/2021	27.0		
	Month 3	9/8/2021	25.5		

* A quarterly average exceeding 20 is a violation of the PFAS6 Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL).

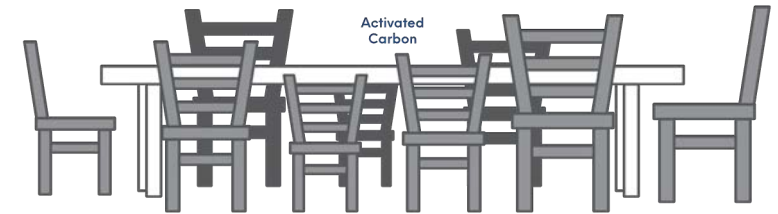
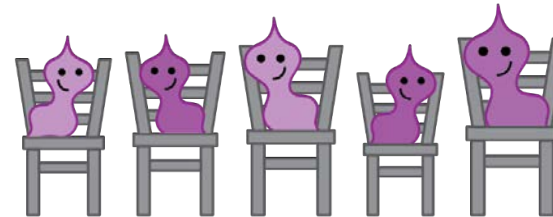
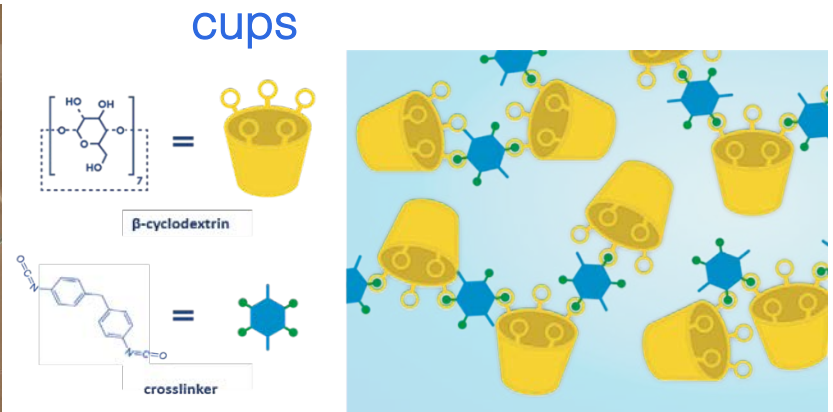
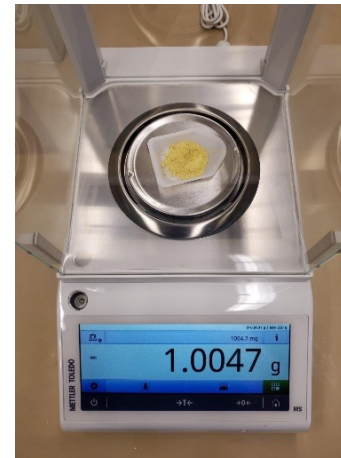
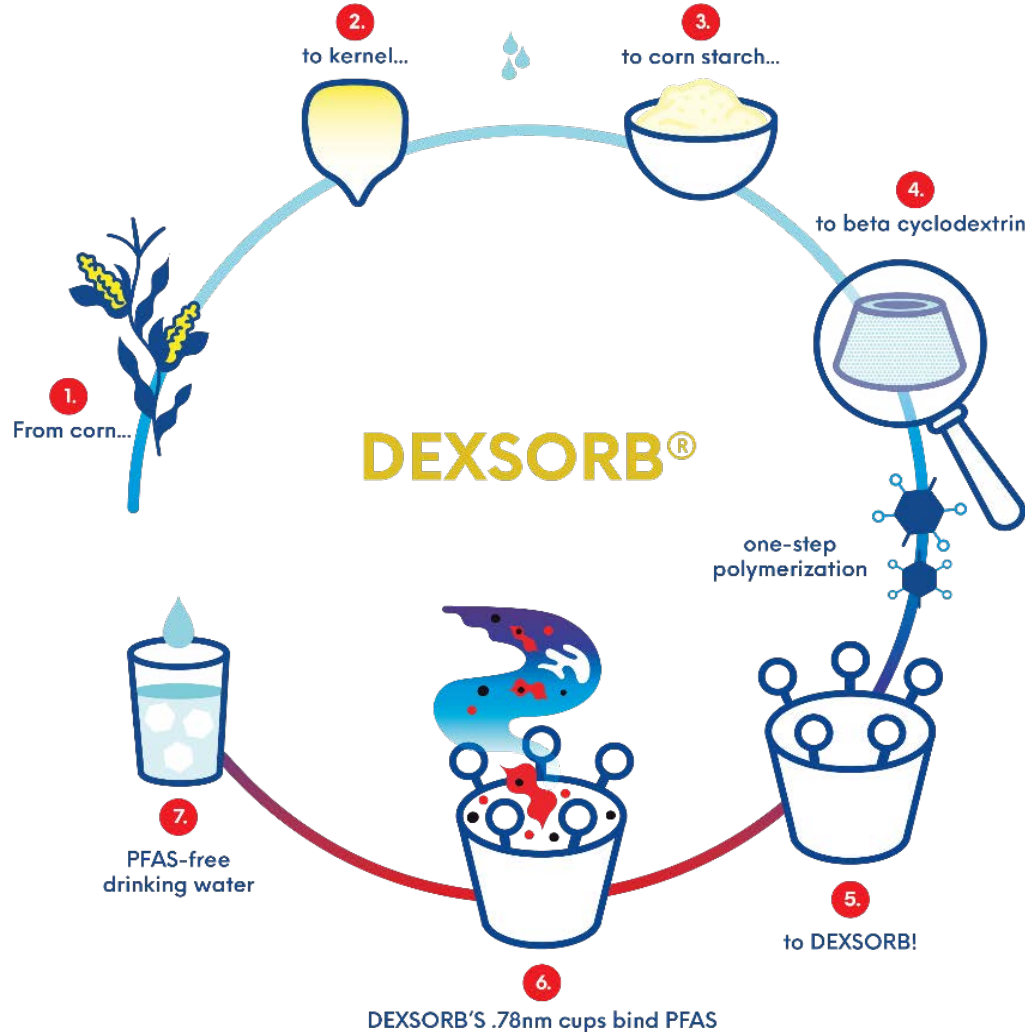
Background Water Characterization		
Parameter	Concentration (mg/L)	RL
Calcium [Ca ²⁺]	14.3	0.5
Magnesium [Mg ²⁺]	3.3	0.5
Potassium [K ⁺]	2.1	1.0
Sodium [Na ⁺]	73.5	2.0
Chloride [Cl ⁻]	150.0	10.0
Sulfate [SO ₄ ²⁻]	7.8	5.0
Nitrate/Nitrite [NO ₃ ⁻ /NO ₂ ⁻]	0.027	0.050
Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	2.3	1.0

DEXSORB Adsorbents

Proprietary Technology: Corn-based DEXSORB[®]

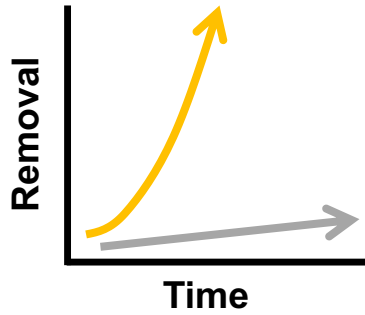
Renewable Cyclodextrin Polymers

One-Step Synthesis: 1 g of DEXSORB = 3×10^{20} CD cups



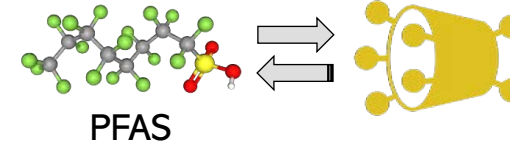
Adsorption Mechanism: Host-guest Complexation

Rapid Kinetics



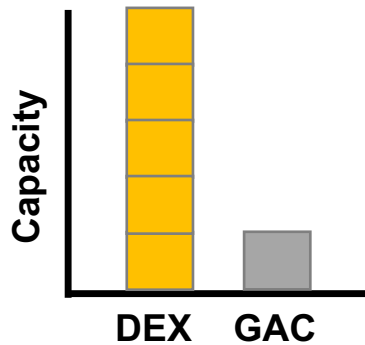
- Well defined porous structures across high surface area
- Uniform hydrophobic 0.78-nm cyclodextrin cavities
- Cationic surface charge for enhanced PFAS interactions

Easy Regeneration



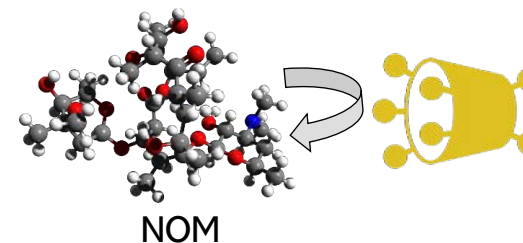
- Reversible host-guest (desorption)
- Green and safe regeneration under ambient conditions
- Multiple-cycle reuse

High Capacity



- 1 g = 3×10^{20} cyclodextrin cups
- 1 kg = 5 kg of bituminous GAC in GW and DW in single use
- 1 kg > 25 kg of bituminous GAC in complex matrices

Resistance to Fouling



- No impact from inorganic ions (too small to fit in cavities)
- No impact from natural organic matter (too large to fit)
- Equal PFAS removal in all matrices (molecular selectivity)

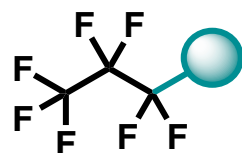
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Size Inclusion Selectivity for PFAS

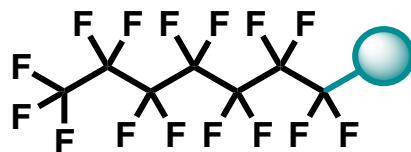
Effective for
all forms of
PFAS:



Chain-Length

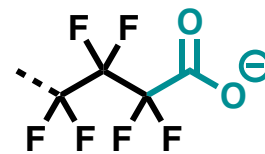


Short-Chain

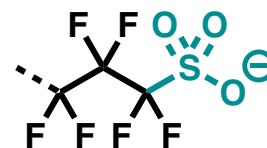


Long-Chain

Functional Group

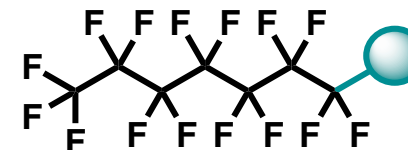


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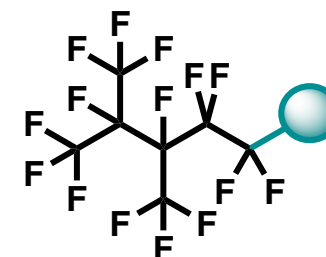


Sulfonates

Branching



Linear



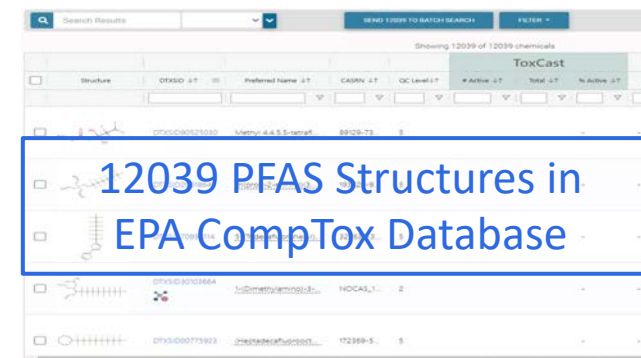
Branched

Future Proof Solution for growing list of regulated PFAS:

Fluorotelomer alcohol
4:2 FTOH, 6:2 FTOH
8:2 FTOH, 10:2 FTOH

Fluorotelomer sulfonate
4:2 FTS, 6:2 FTS
8:2 FTS, 10:2 FTS

Sulfonamides
PFBSA, PFHxSA,
PFOSA, 6:2 FTAB



DEXSORB Sorbent Processing

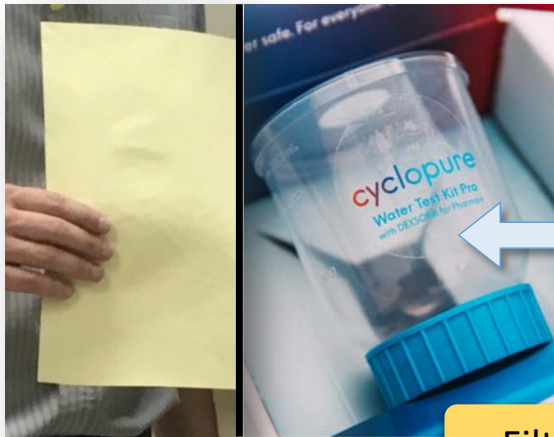
Powder

- High surface area
- Easy access to cavities
- High kinetics and capacity

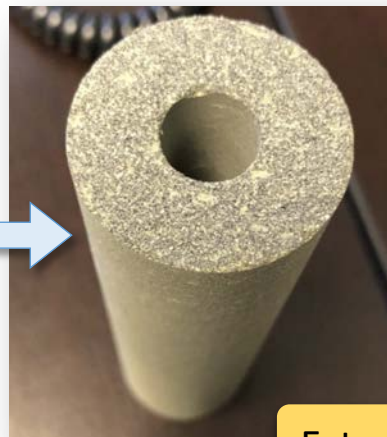


Granules

- Flow through hydraulics
- Resist Fouling
- Preserve kinetics and capacity



Filter Paper



Extruded Block



Gravity Filter



Lead-lag Vessels

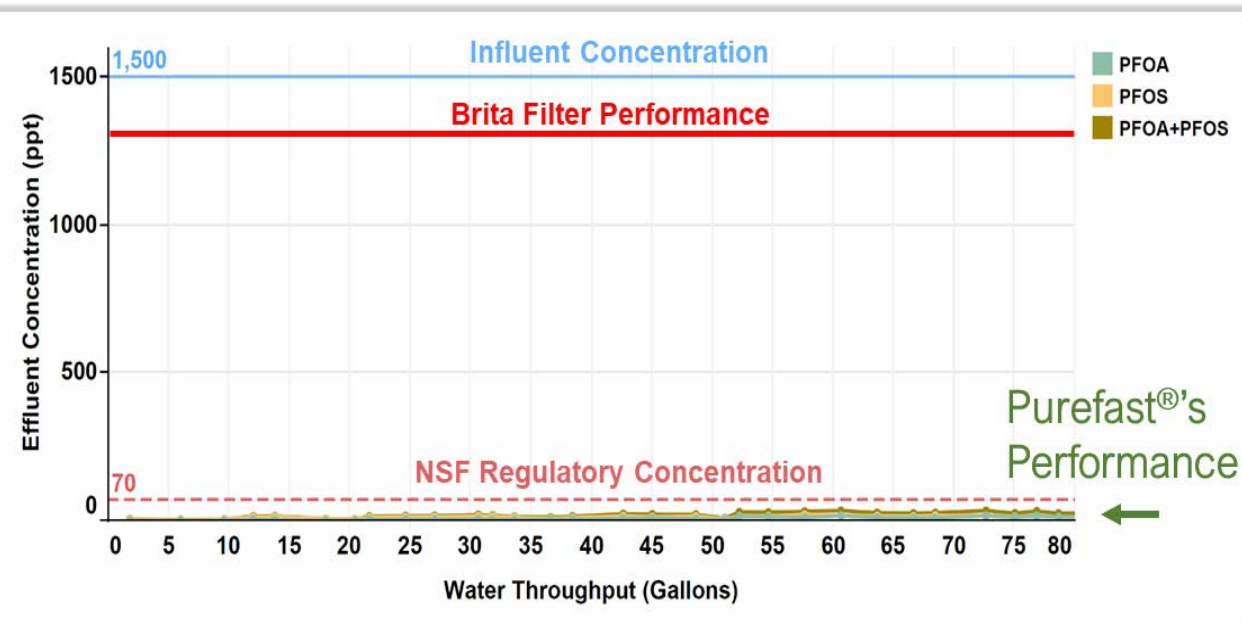
DEXSORB® Purefast Filter for Brita Pitcher



Highlights:

- **\$40 for 80 gallons** treatment capacity
- DEXSORB for PFAS removal
- Equivalent to over **850 bottled water** (12 oz)

Purefast Performance at NSF Challenging Levels



Engineering Development

BRIDGING DEXSORB[®] Technology to Engineered Solutions

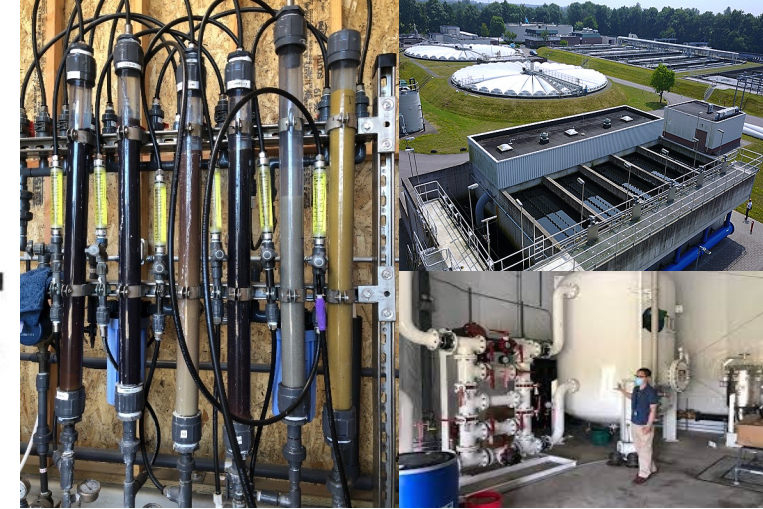
As-synthesized DEXSORB



Engineering Design

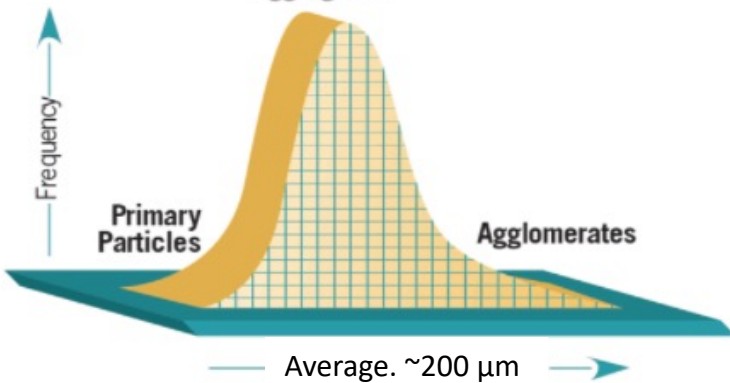


Packed Bed Filtration



Powder Media

Aggregates



Particle Size Distribution

Shape, Density, and Stability

Empty Bed Contact Time

Treatment Capacity

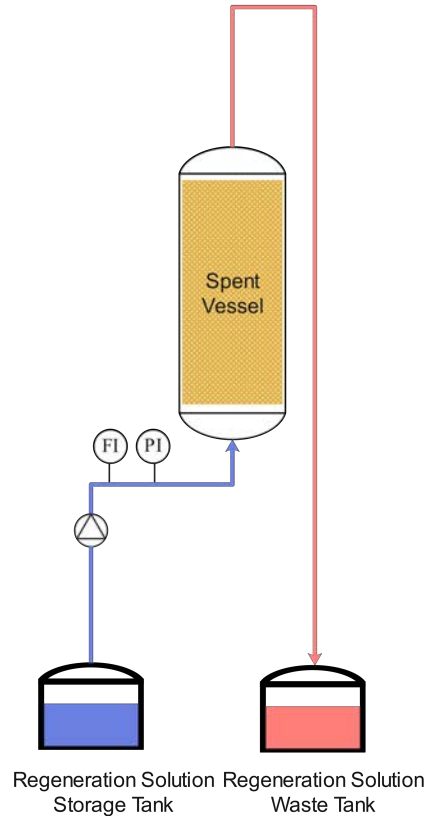
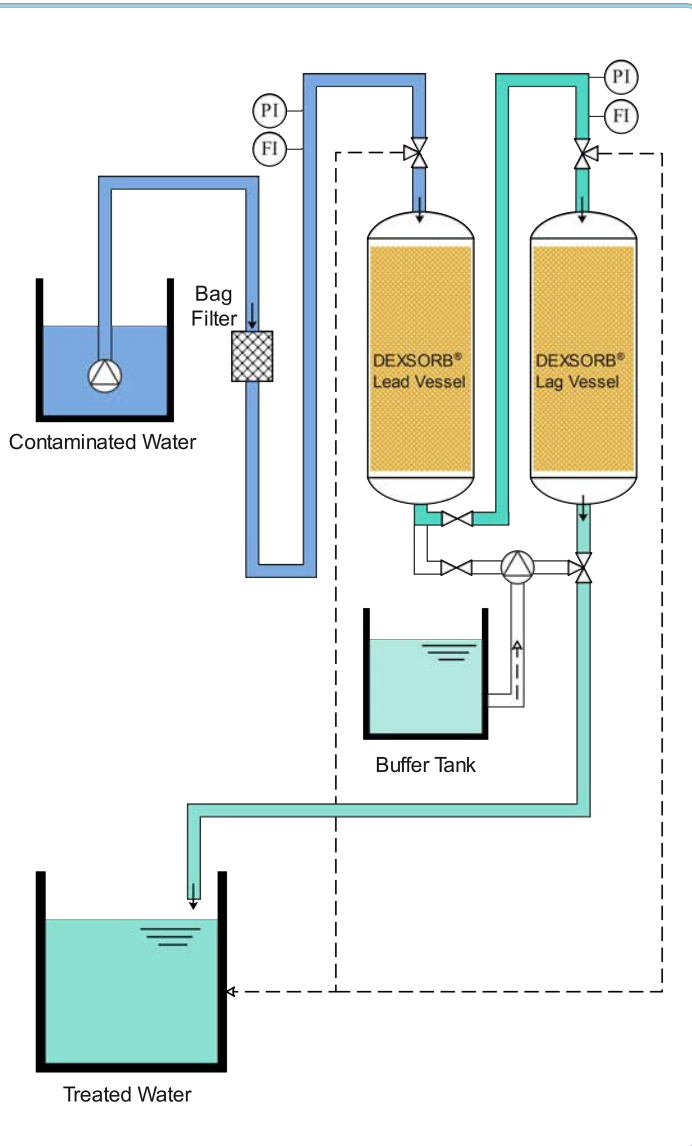
Influent Flow Rate

PFAS Contamination Level

General Water Quality

Target PFAS Removal

Cyclopure Packed Bed Filtration System



System Advantages:

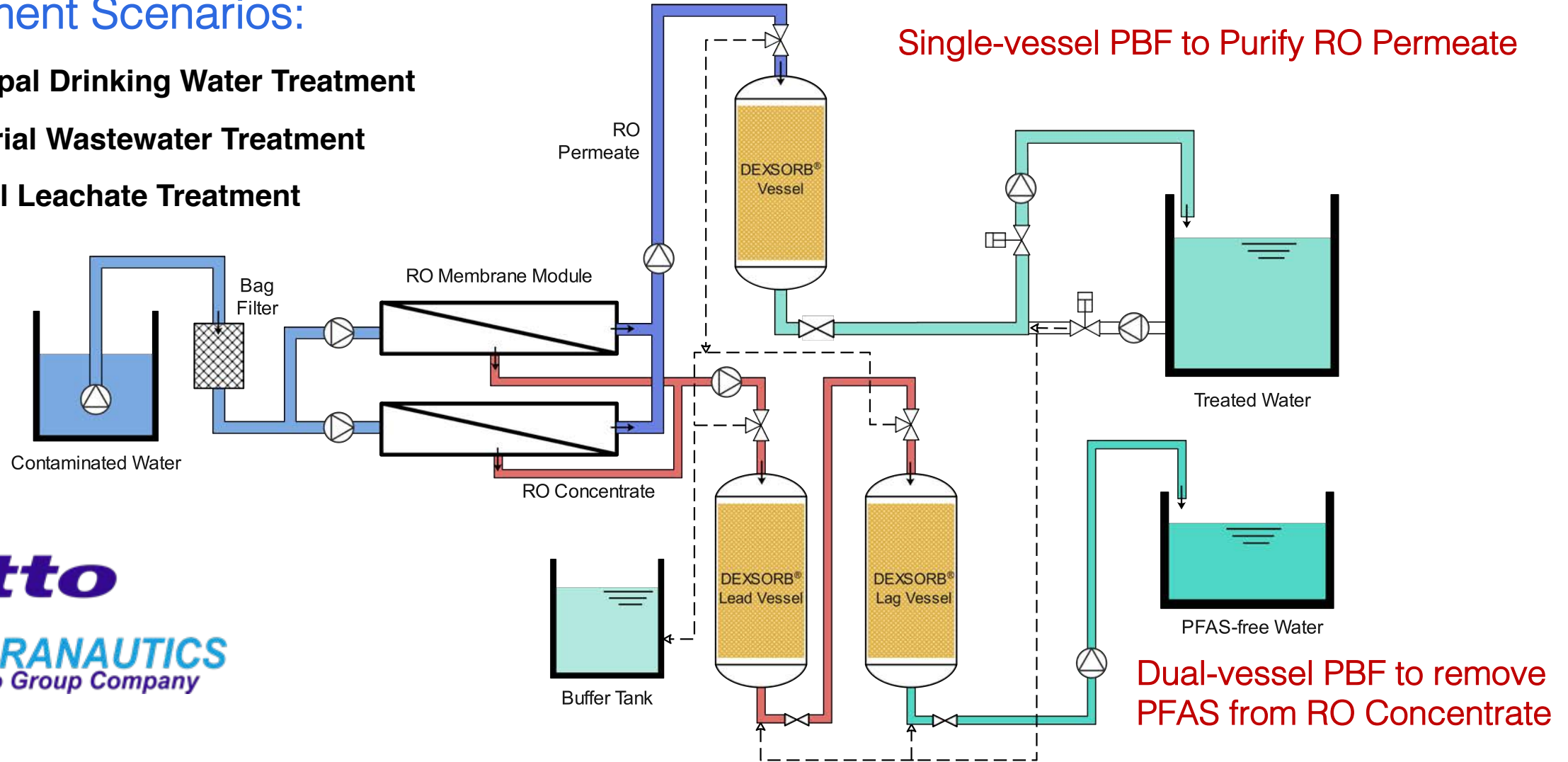
- **Flexible:** Easy Deployment
- **Scalable:** Low to high MGD
- **High Capacity:** Long Use Cycle
- **Sustainable:** Regeneration
- **PFAS Destruction:** Isolate waste streams

Parameters	Per Vessel
Vessel Internal Diameter (ID)	7" to 10"
Vessel Height (L)	60"
Empty Bed Contact Time (EBCT)	5 minutes
Flow Rate	0.25 to 2.5 GPM
DEXSORB Loading	10 to 40 lbs
Treatment Capacity	Up to 1.5 M gal
Operation Time	12 to 18 months
Regeneration Cycles	5+

DEXSORB PBF Coupled with RO Permeate and Concentrate

Treatment Scenarios:

- **Municipal Drinking Water Treatment**
- **Industrial Wastewater Treatment**
- **Landfill Leachate Treatment**



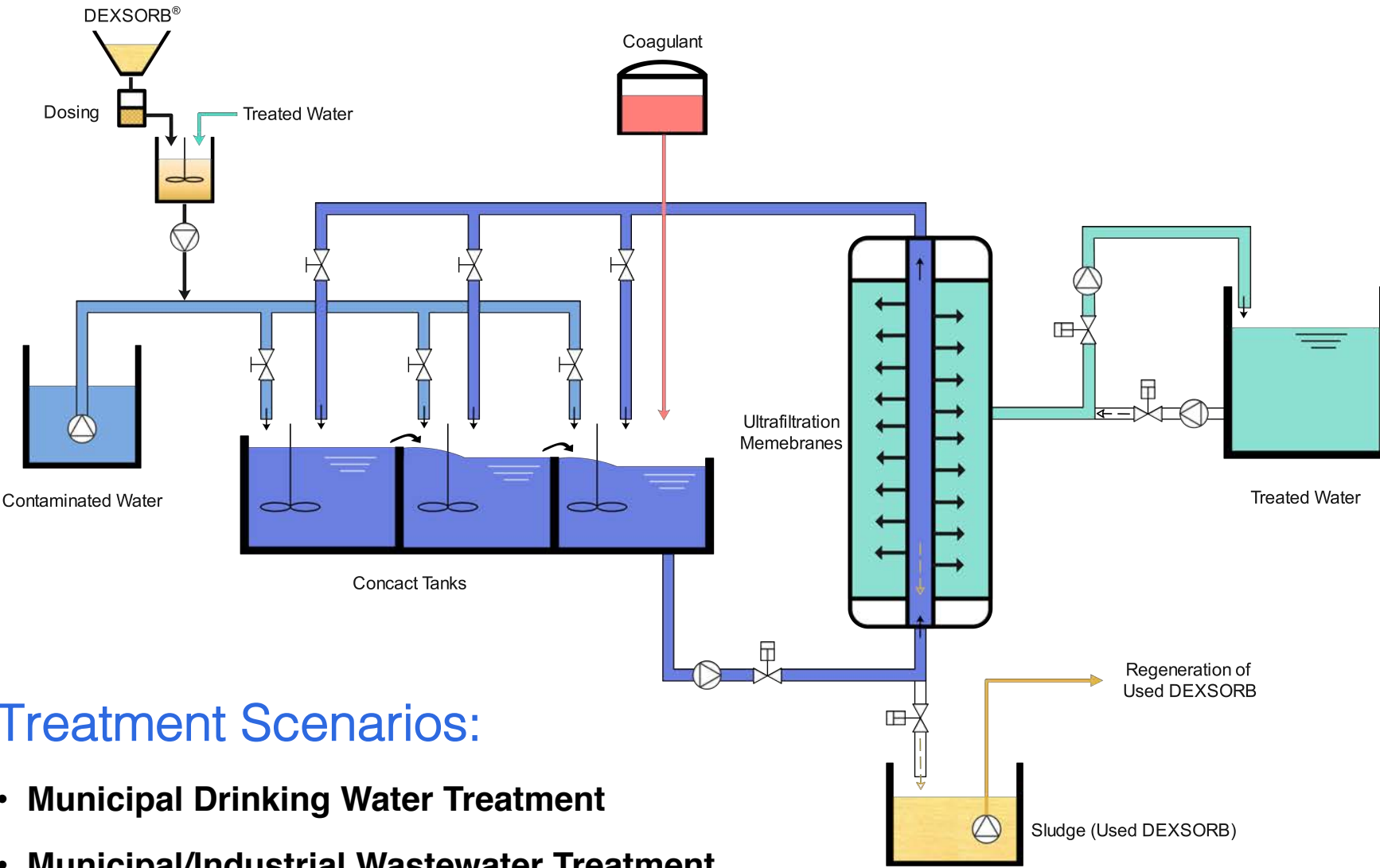
Nitto

HYDRANAUTICS
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Powder DEXSORB for Batch Contact Adsorption

System Advantages:

- **Short Contact time:** Minimal contact time to equilibrium
- **Simple Application:** In-line dosing
- **Efficient:** Kinetics and capacity minimize material use rate
- **Easy Separation:** Easy separation from water by coagulation or ultrafiltration



Treatment Scenarios:

- Municipal Drinking Water Treatment
- Municipal/Industrial Wastewater Treatment



Industrial + Municipal



Municipal

Drinking Water

Wastewater & Leachate



Industrial

Wastewater

Food & Beverage



Environmental

Surface Water

Groundwater

DEXSORB Environmental: First-Ever End-to-End Solution

NSF ANSI 61 Certified as Safe for Drinking Water Treatment



OFFICIAL LISTING

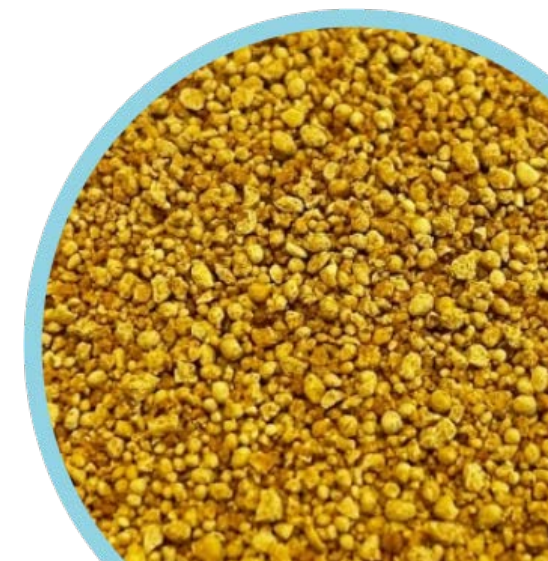
NSF certifies that the products appearing on this Listing conform to the requirements of NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 - Drinking Water System Components - Health Effects

This is the Official Listing recorded on February 3, 2021.

Facility: Skokie, IL

	Process Media	Water Contact Temp	Water Contact Material
Trade Designation	Size		
Adsorption Media DEXSORB+ ^[1]	12 x 40 mesh	CLD 23	SYN

[1] This product is Certified for a maximum use level of 150 g/L.

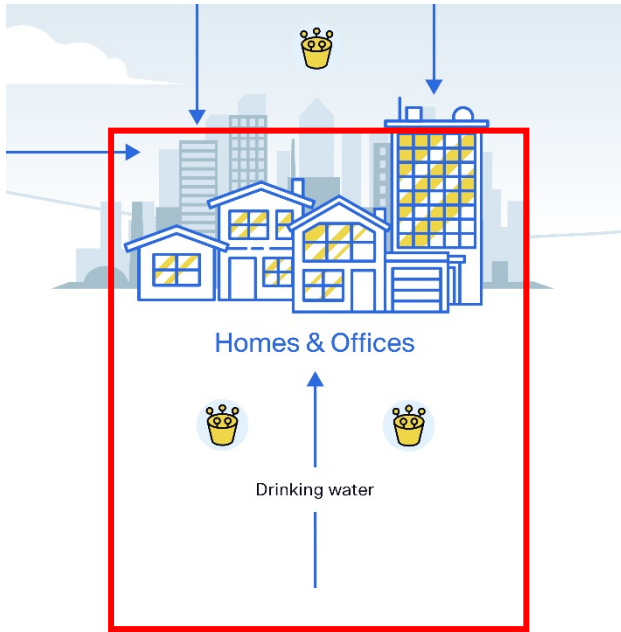


Chemical and Physical Characteristics

Polymer Structure	crosslinked cyclodextrin
Appearance	yellow powder or granule
Adsorption Mechanism	hydrophobic & electrostatic
Bulk Density (wet)	0.40 g/mL; 0.40 kg/L
Specific Gravity	1.1
Effective Size (powder)	20 to 150 µm
Effective Size (granule)	200 to 2000 µm
Thermal Stability	300 °C (572 °F)

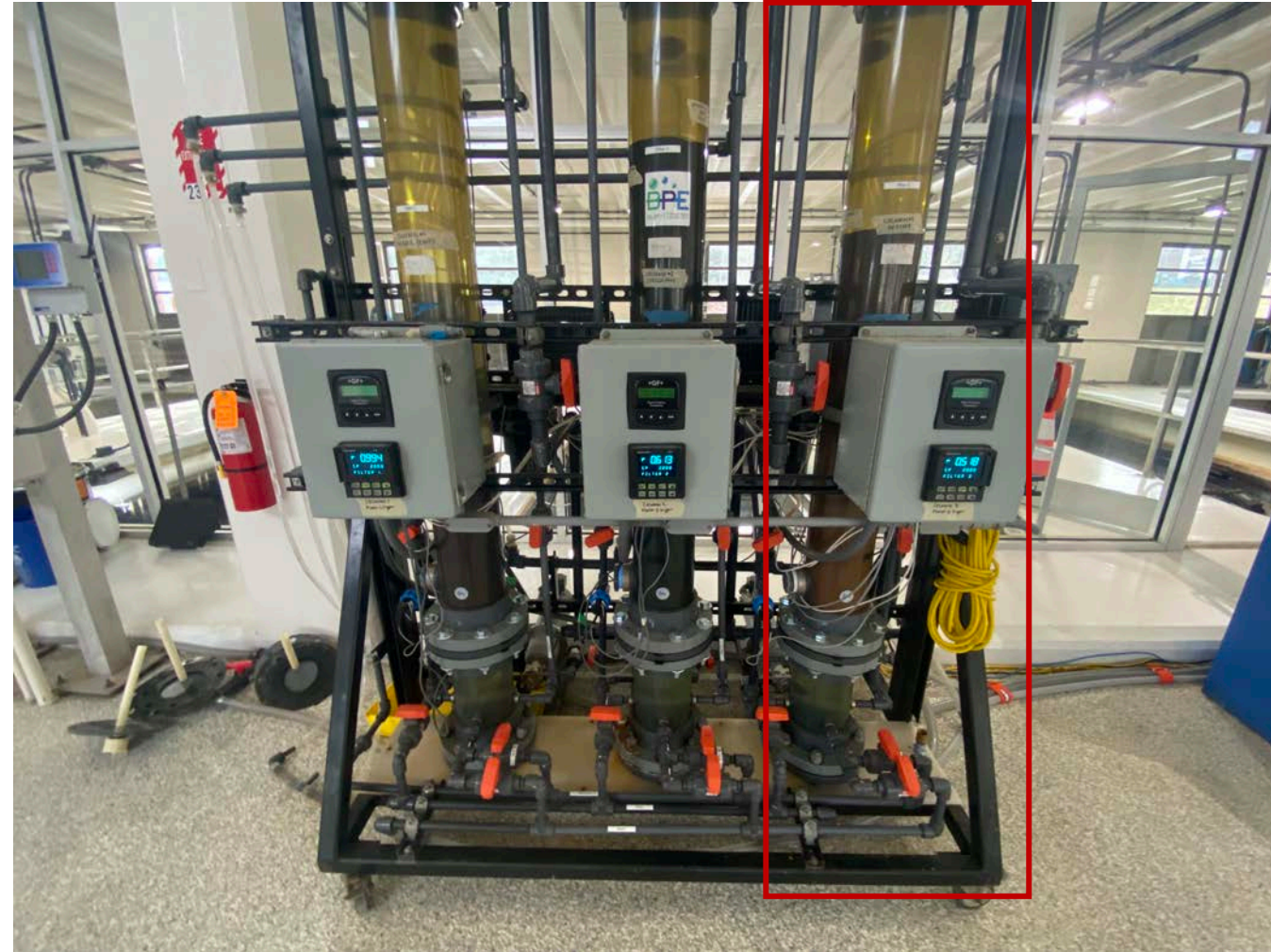
DWTP RO Concentrate Treatment in North Carolina

Gravity Filtration System at Greensboro DWTP



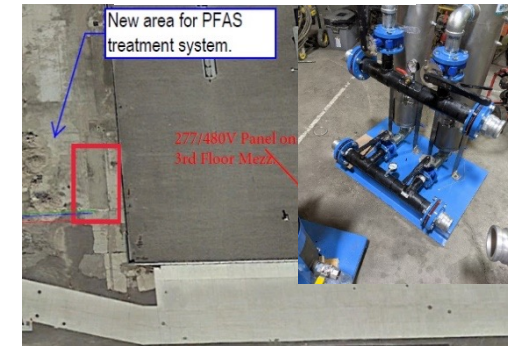
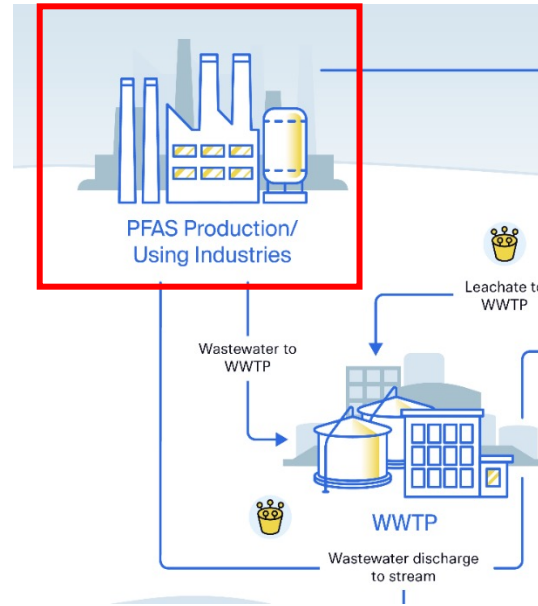
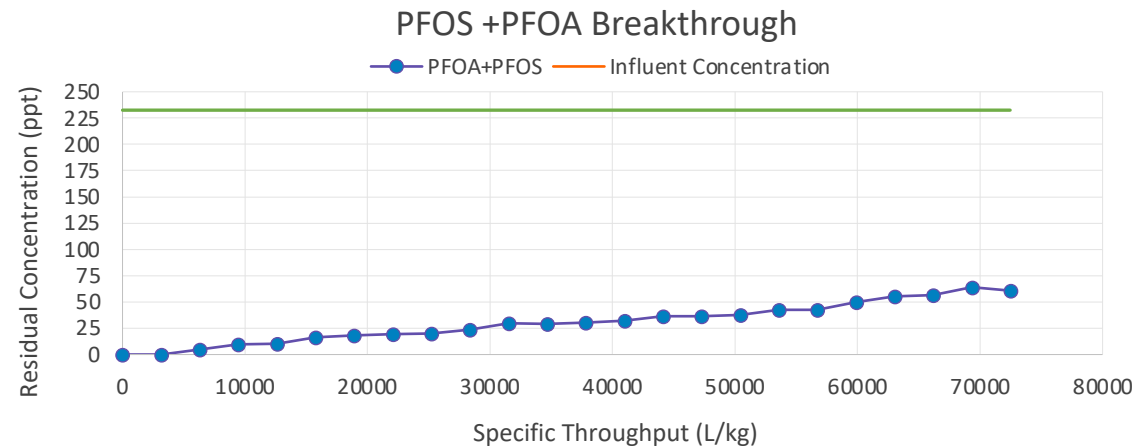
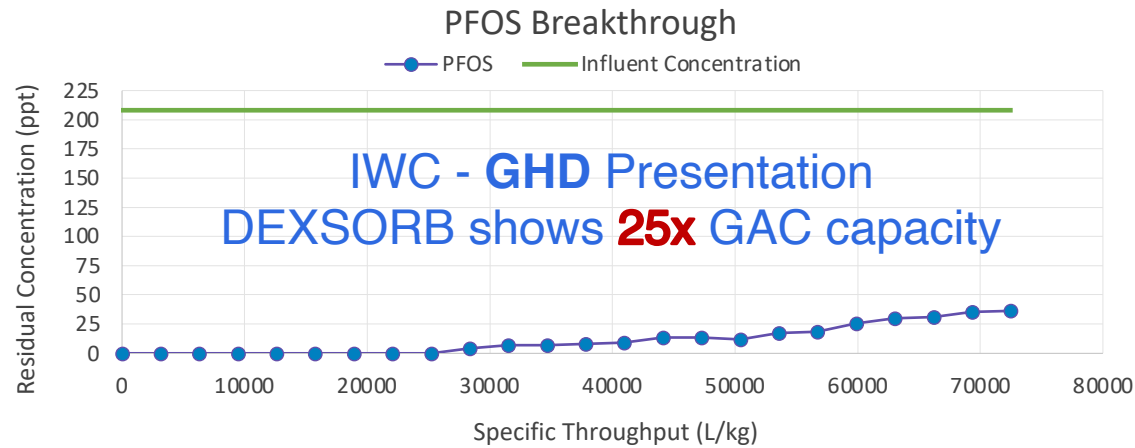
Pilot Operating Conditions:

- Gravity filtration to remove PFAS from RO concentrate
- EBCT: 10 minutes
- Media Loading: 5 gallons; 17 lbs
- Operation: 9 months, > 200,000-gal



Groundwater Remediation at Former GM Site in Michigan

RSSCT: Excellent PFAS Removal + Capacity



Pilot Operating Conditions:

- EBCT: **5 + 5** minutes (Lead-Lag configuration)
- TOC – 14.8 mg/L; High **oil-and-grease** content
- PFAS target: PFOS – from **208** ppt to **< 11** ppt

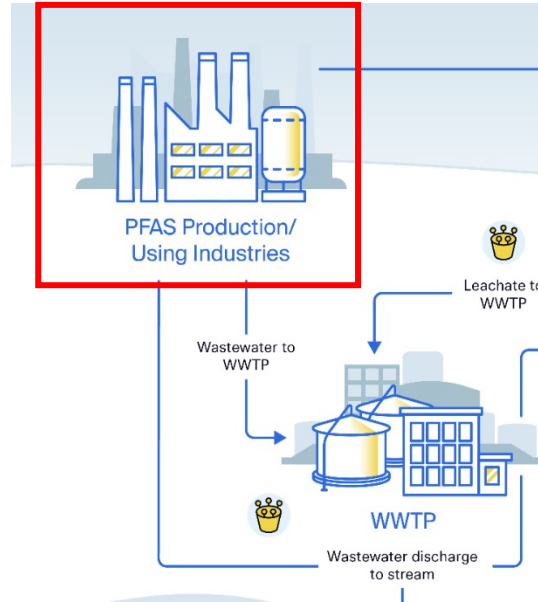
MI WQS Discharge Limits: PFOS 11 ppt; PFOA 420ppt

Pilot System Scheduled for Q2 2022

Military Base PFAS Remediation in California

Joint Project with AECOM Sponsored by AFCEC BAA

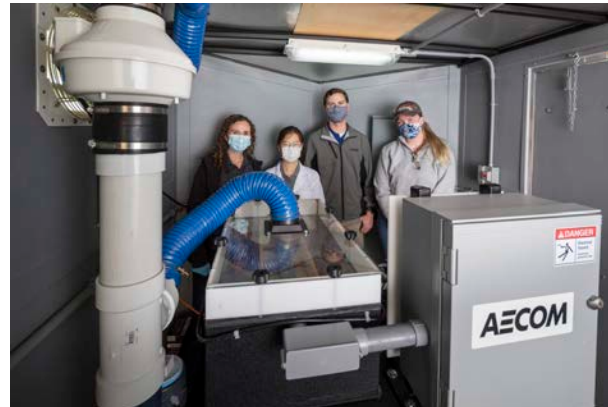
AECOM



Test Site and Operating Conditions:

- **Travis Air Base in CA**
- EBCT: **5 + 5** minutes (Lead-Lag configuration)
- Regeneration after **8-month** operation

Field Installation Scheduled for Q2 2022



Landfill Leachate RO Concentrate Pennsylvania

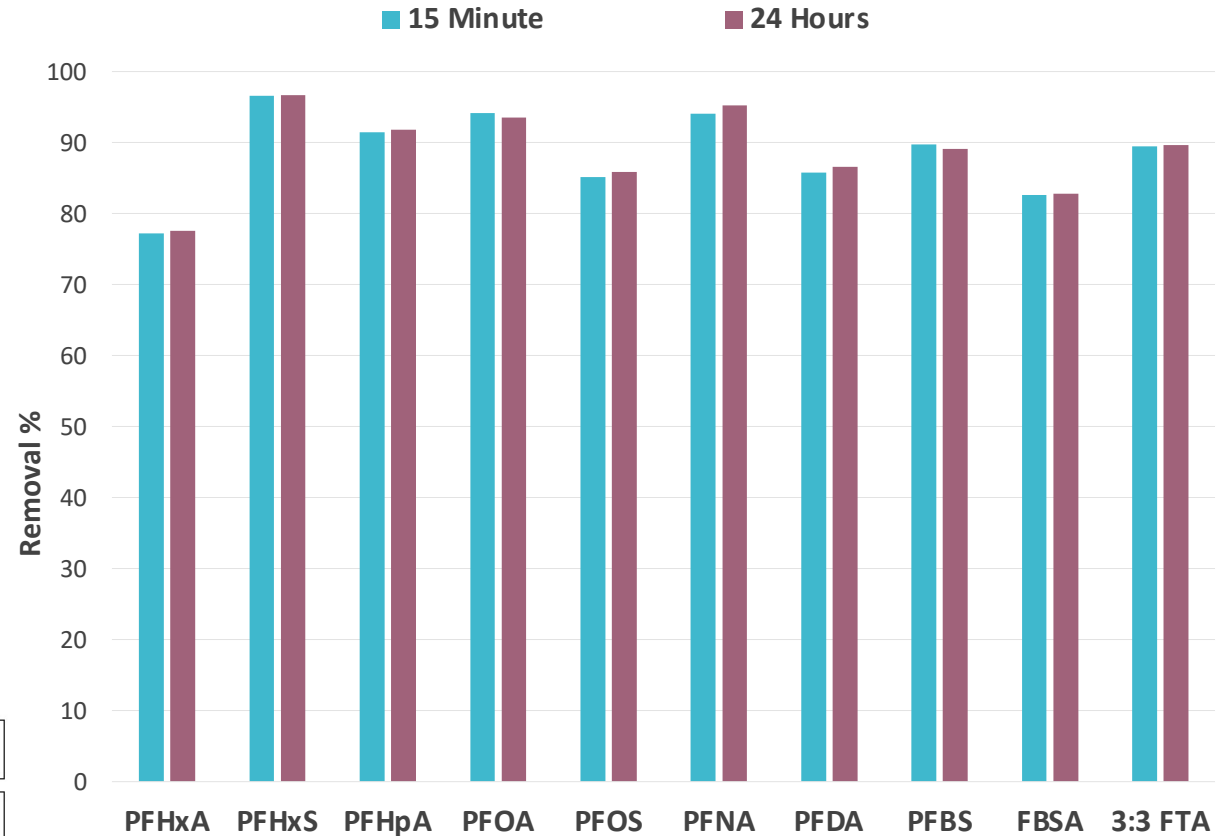
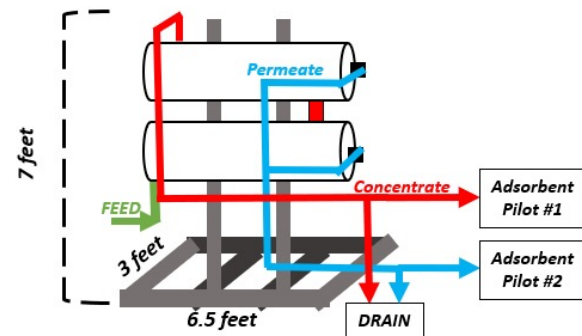
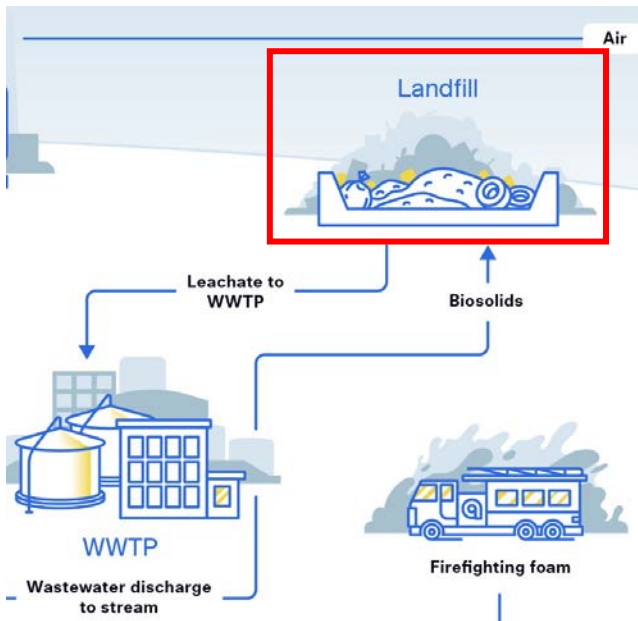


Leachate RO Concentrate Treatment with Hydranautics

PFAS Level: **76,248 ppt**

TOC: **> 2000 mg/L**

TDS: **> 5000 mg/L**



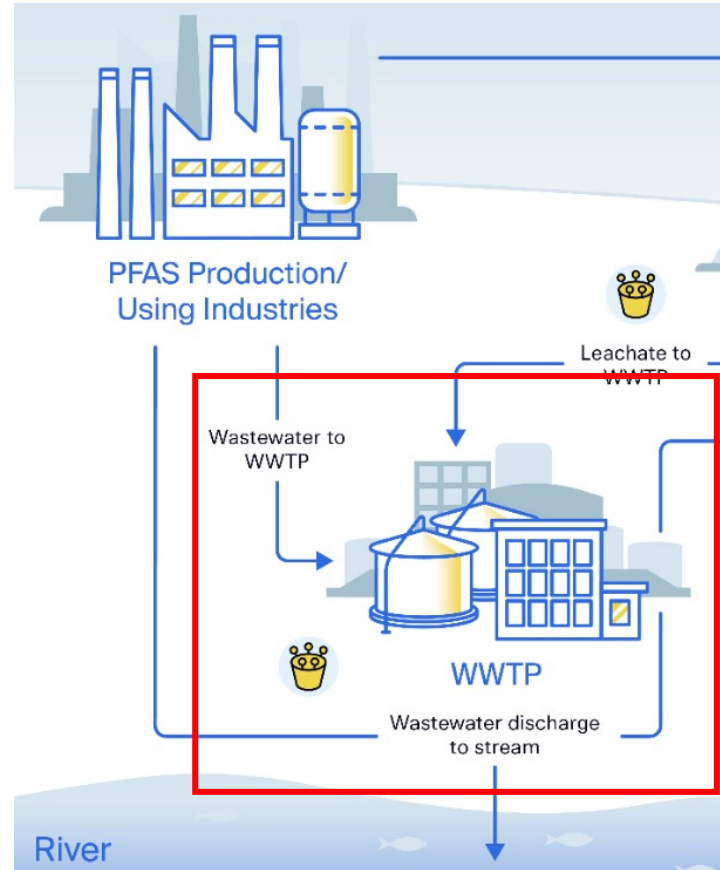
Wastewater Treatment Pilots

NASA WWTP



Operating since August 2021

PFAS Removal



Waternet WWTP



Q2 2022

19 OMPs Removal



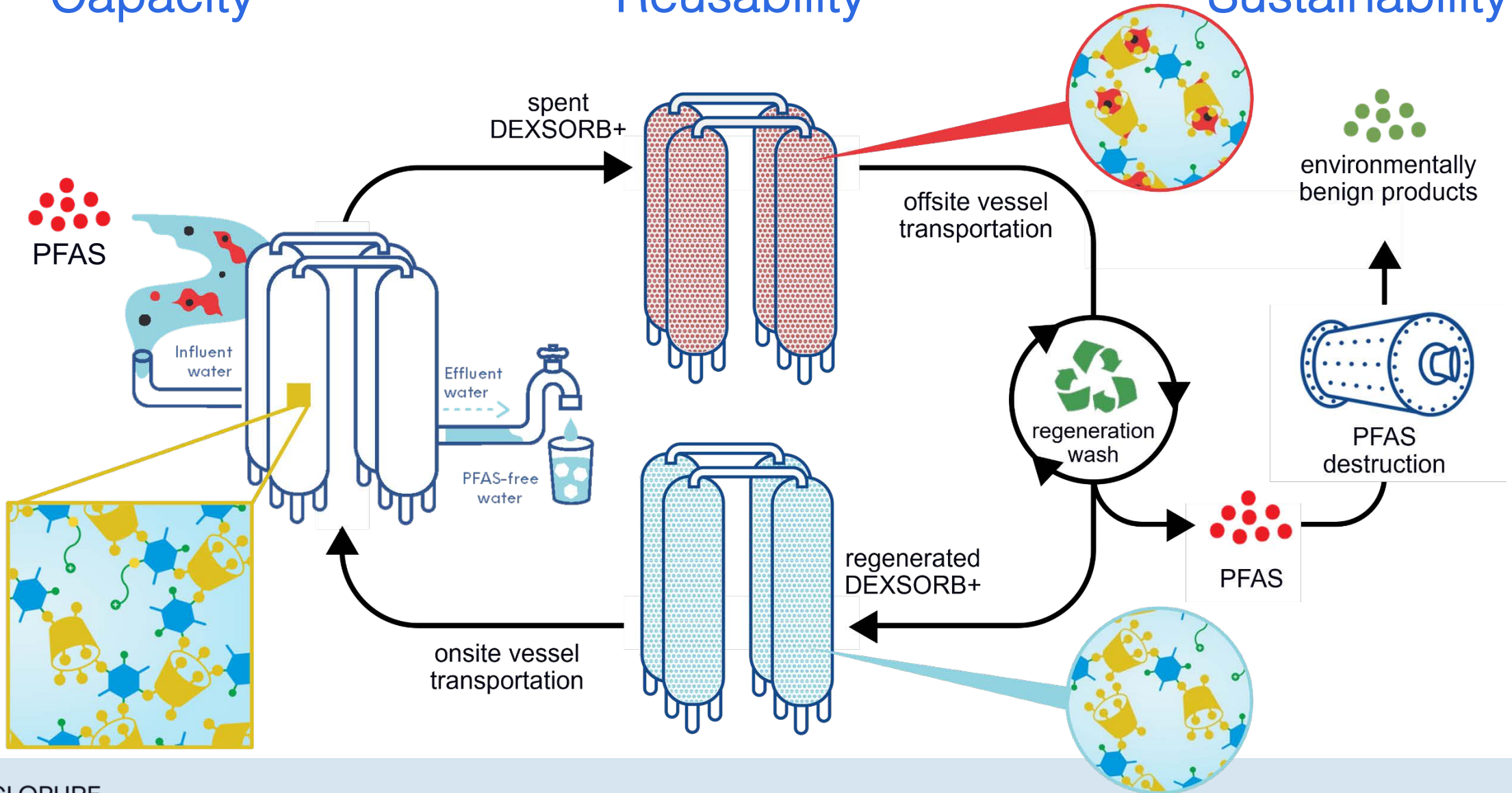
Sustainable Disposal

DEXSORB+ Treatment Train

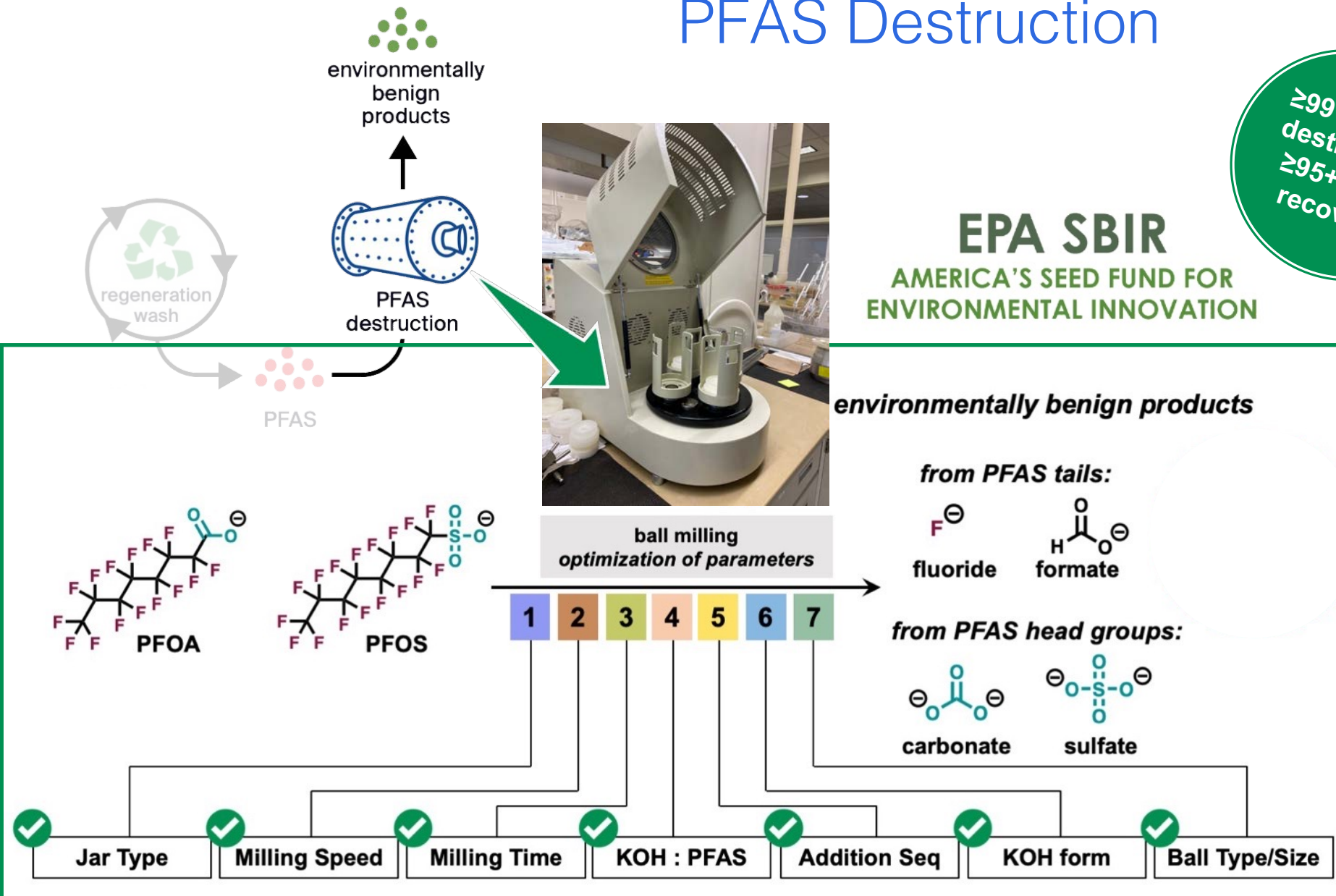
Capacity

Reusability

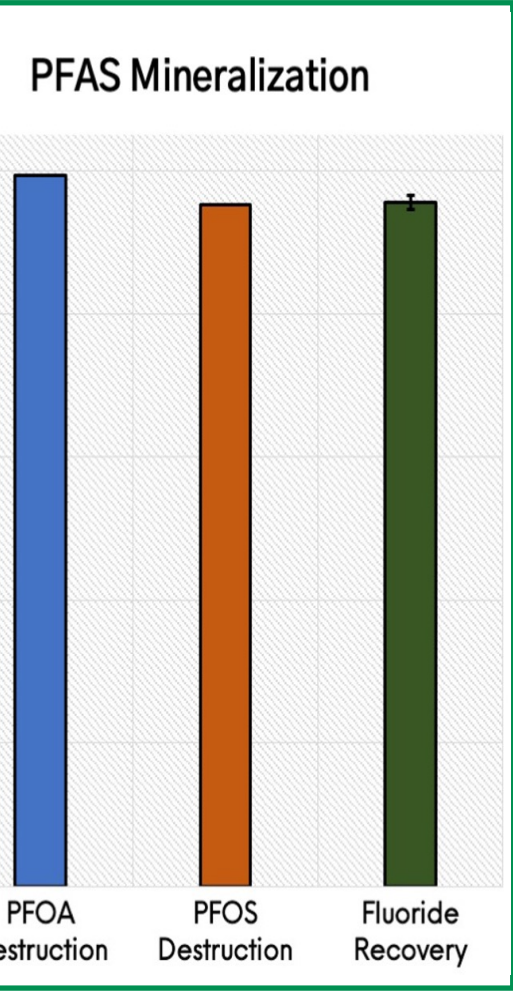
Sustainability



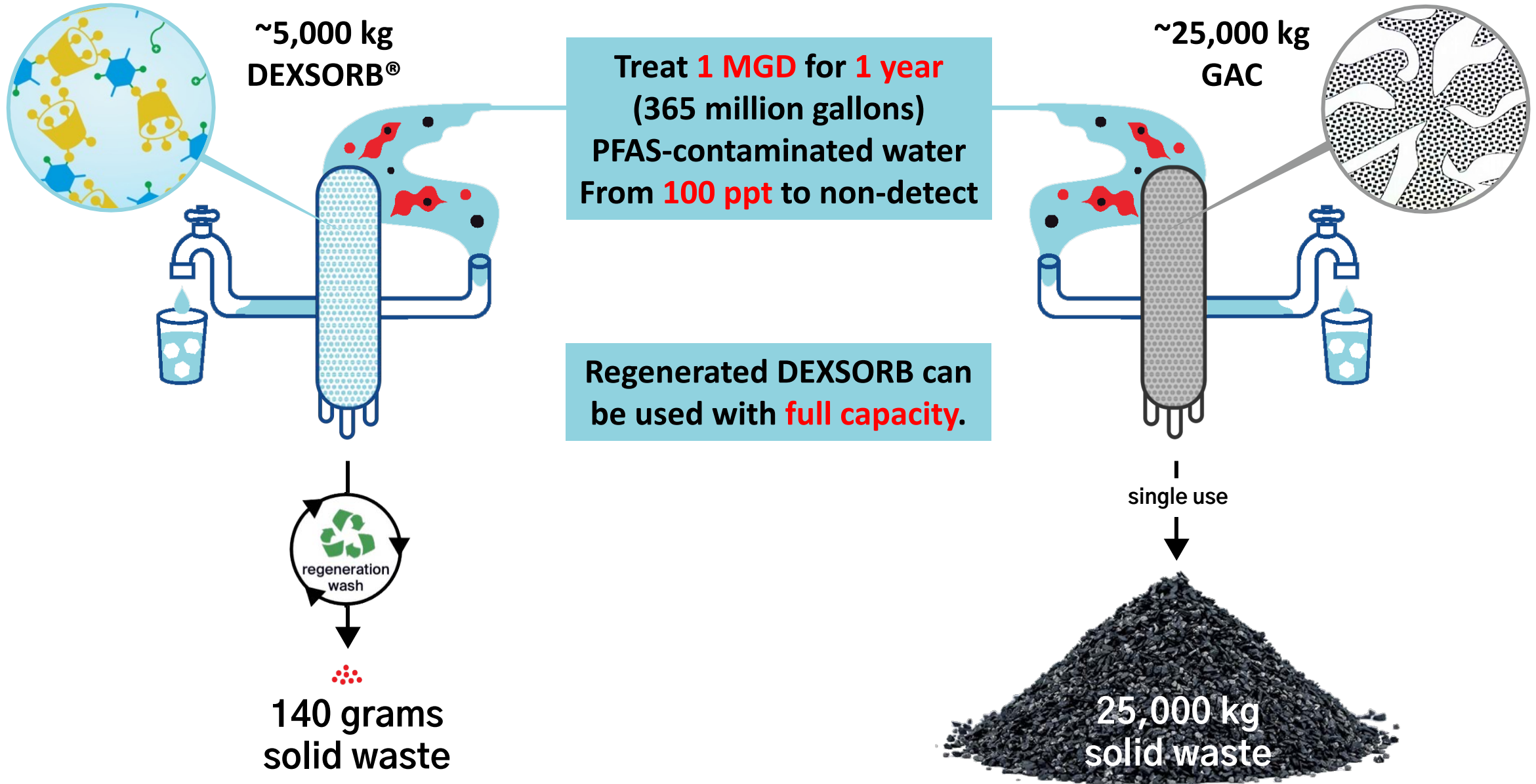
PFAS Destruction



≥99% PFAS destruction
≥95+% F^- recovery



DEXSORB Minimizes PFAS Wastestream



Environmental Engineering Group

Group Expertise

Engineering System

- ✓ Bench-Scale
 - Batch tests
 - RSSCT - Column tests
- ✓ Pilot-Scale
 - Packed bed filtration system
 - Fluidized bed system
 - Continuous stirred-tank reactor system
- ✓ Full-Scale System
- ✓ Fluid Dynamics and Hydraulic Modeling

Environmental Monitoring

- ✓ Grab sampling and passive sampling
- ✓ Suspect screening

Group Projects

PFAS Pilots

- **HDR:** North Carolina – Gravity filter at DWTP
- **GHD:** Michigan – PBF of industrial groundwater
- **Tetra Tech:** Virginia – PBF for NASA WWTP
- **AECOM:** California – PBF for Travis AFB
- **Hydranautics:** Pennsylvania – Leachate RO concentrate

Micropollutants Pilot

- **Witteveen + Bos:** Netherlands – PBF for WWTP



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- Dr. Ling **leads the application of DEXSORB** in engineered treatment systems and directs Cyclopure's Environmental Engineering pilot and field project program..
- He is an expert in the **design and implementation of adsorbents** in **water purification** applications, with extensive experience in the treatment of PFAS and other emerging contaminants.
- Dr. Ling is a co-inventor of DEXSORB, and received his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Cornell University.

Selected Publications

First Author, *Chapter 14: Novel Cyclodextrin Polymer Adsorbents for PFAS Removal*, **Forever Chemicals**, 2021, Taylor & Francis Group, 291–313.

Co-Author, *Chapter: Water Quality in the Twenty-First Century: New Tools for the Characterization and Remediation of Emerging Chemical Contaminants*, **Technology, Science, and Culture: A Global Vision, Volume II**, 2020, IntechOpen, 27–41.



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Environmental Engineer

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- Ms. Wang manages **municipal projects** involving use of DEXSORB for PFAS removal in drinking water, wastewater, groundwater, and landfill leachate.
- She has extensive experience in **advanced analytical methods** and manages Cyclopure's **environmental monitoring projects**.
- Ms. Wang has developed an advanced suspect screening method for PFAS, earned a Masters in Environmental Engineering from Cornell University.

Selected Publications

First Author, *Evaluating the Removal of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Contaminated Groundwater with Different Adsorbents Using a Suspect Screening Approach*. **Environmental Science & Technology Letters**. 2020, 7, 12, 954-960.

Co-Author, *Evaluation, Optimization, and Application of Three Independent Suspect Screening Workflows for the Characterization of PFASs in Water*. **Environmental Science: Processes & Impacts**. 2021, 23, 1554-1565.