

# WATER SAVINGS SUCCESSES AT ELANCO CLINTON LABS

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# Water Savings Successes at Elanco Clinton Laboratories

- Clinton Laboratories began looking for opportunities to save water as far back as 2008, to meet a corporate environmental goals
- Target was a reduction of water intake by 5% each year in the period 2009 – 2013.
- Key externalities influenced this goal:
  - Peer pharmaceutical companies had public water reduction goals
  - Increasing water costs
  - Possible future water intake limitations in and outside the U.S.
  - Public concerns over the environmental risks of treatment and discharge of wastewaters
  - Access to clean, inexpensive water is an issue in some areas of the world



# Water Savings Successes at Elanco Clinton Laboratories

- Elanco Clinton Laboratories has had significant success in reducing groundwater withdrawal for site operations over the past twelve years.
- The primary source of this reduction was shutting down incineration operations on site and the subsequent replacement of a solids contact clarifier wastewater treatment system with a membrane bioreactor (MBR) wastewater treatment plant.
- Additional water savings have been realized through modifying the MBR operation, repairing leaking underground fire water main headers and appurtenances, improving cooling tower maintenance and chemistry control, and completing other small projects.
- Annual well water demand dropped from 2.3 billion gallons in 2008 to 1.2 billion gallons in 2020.



# Water Savings Successes at Elanco Clinton Laboratories

- Site incinerator operations shutdown in the mid-2000's, reducing cooling water demand
- Smith & Loveless CLAR-I-VATOR® solids contact clarifier wastewater treatment system replaced with a GE/Zenon (now SUEZ) "ZeeWeed® 500" Membrane Bioreactor WWTP

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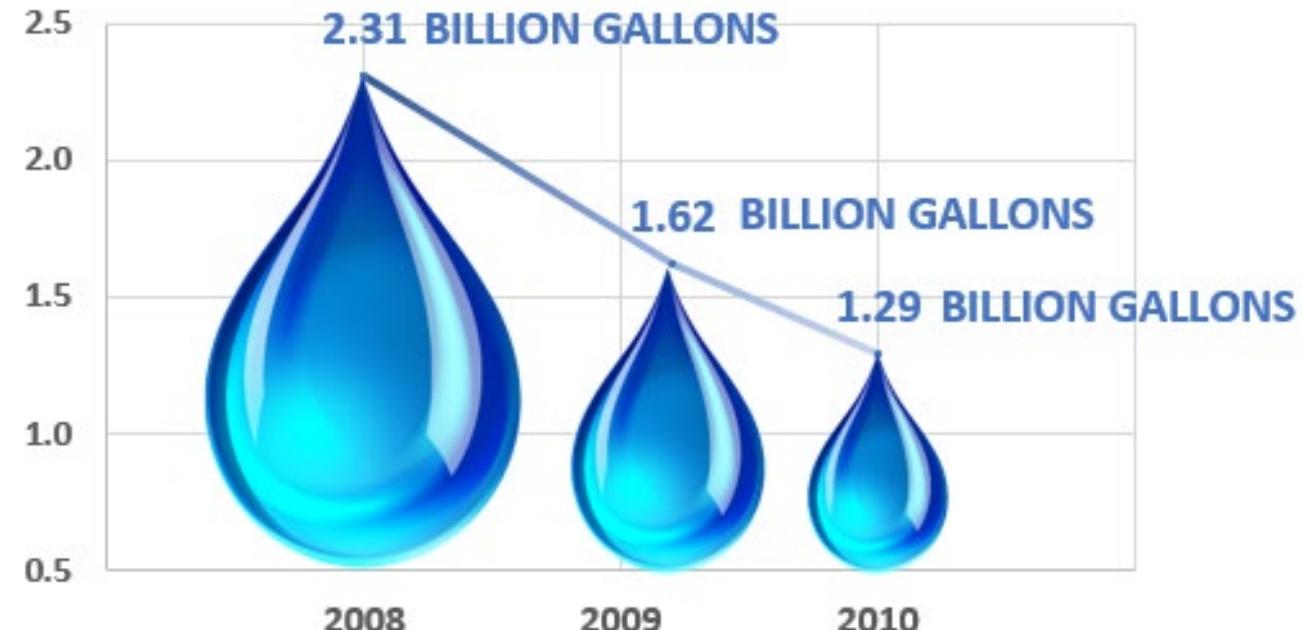
**ZeeWeed 500 & BIOREACTORS**



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- Replacement of Smith & Loveless CLAR-I-VATOR® solids contact clarifier wastewater treatment system with a GE/Zenon “ZeeWeed® 500” Membrane Bioreactor WWTP
  - System was commissioned and placed in service early in 2009
  - Combined domestic ‘sanitary’ sewage treatment with process wastewater treatment
  - Three immediate results of the new ‘combined’ wastewater treatment plant:
    - treatment of a process wastewater flow that was previously discharged from the site untreated (heavily diluted)
    - better treatment of the site’s sanitary wastewater, and
    - permanent closure of one well, and a 75%-90% reduction in operation of three of the six site groundwater wells

**WATER SAVINGS:**  
**1,000,000,000 GALLONS/YEAR**



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What does **1 BILLION GALLONS** of water look like?



**DAILY IRRIGATION FOR  $\frac{1}{2}$  OF THE  
GOLF COURSES IN THE U.S.**

It takes about 125,000 gallons per day to irrigate  
a typical golf course



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It takes 50 gallon to fill an average bathtub.

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What does **1 BILLION GALLONS** of water look like?

**10,000  
HOUSEHOLDS**

The typical household uses around  
300 gallons per day



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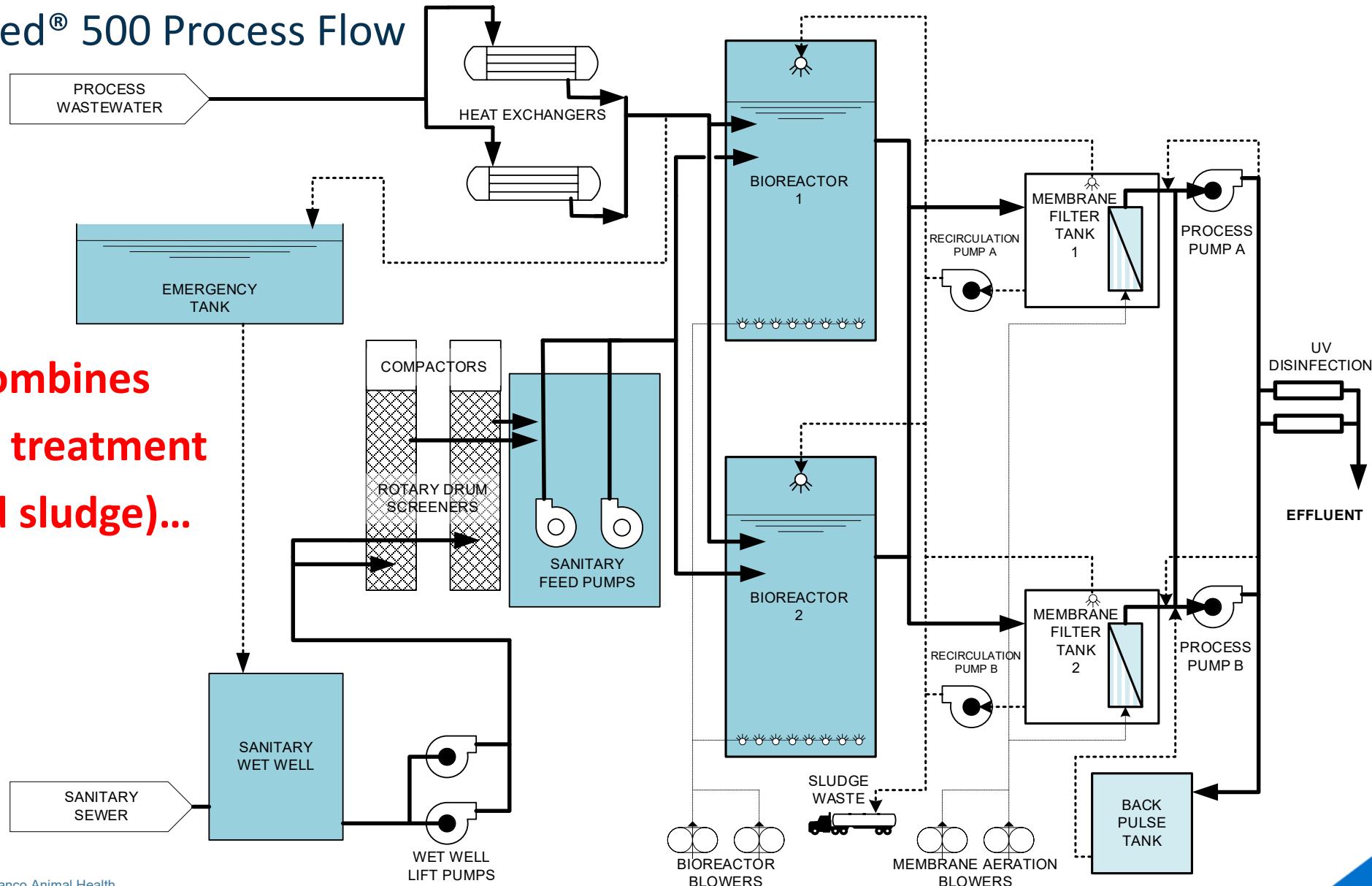


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- ZeeWeed® 500 Process Flow

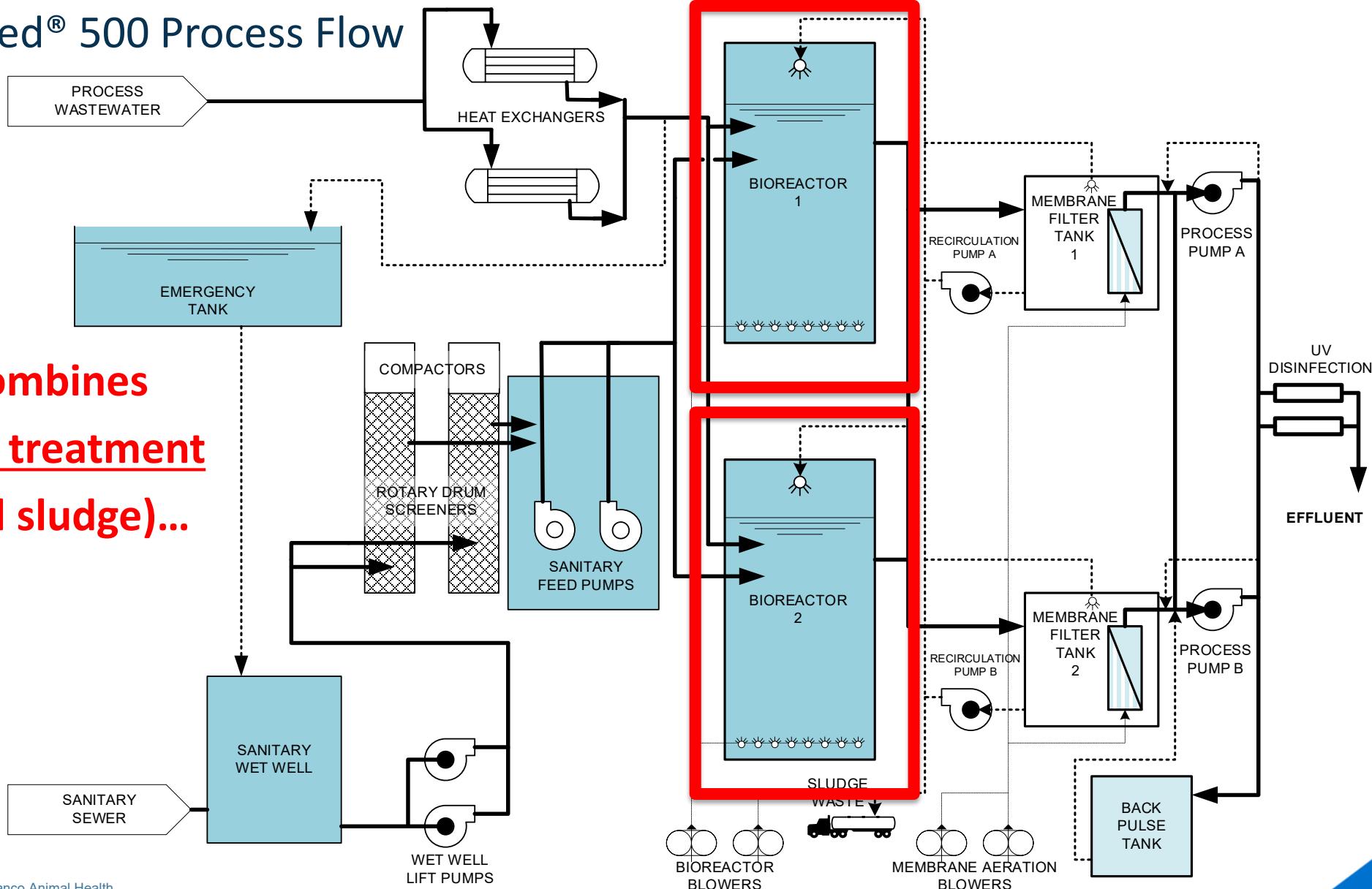


**System combines  
biological treatment  
(activated sludge)...**



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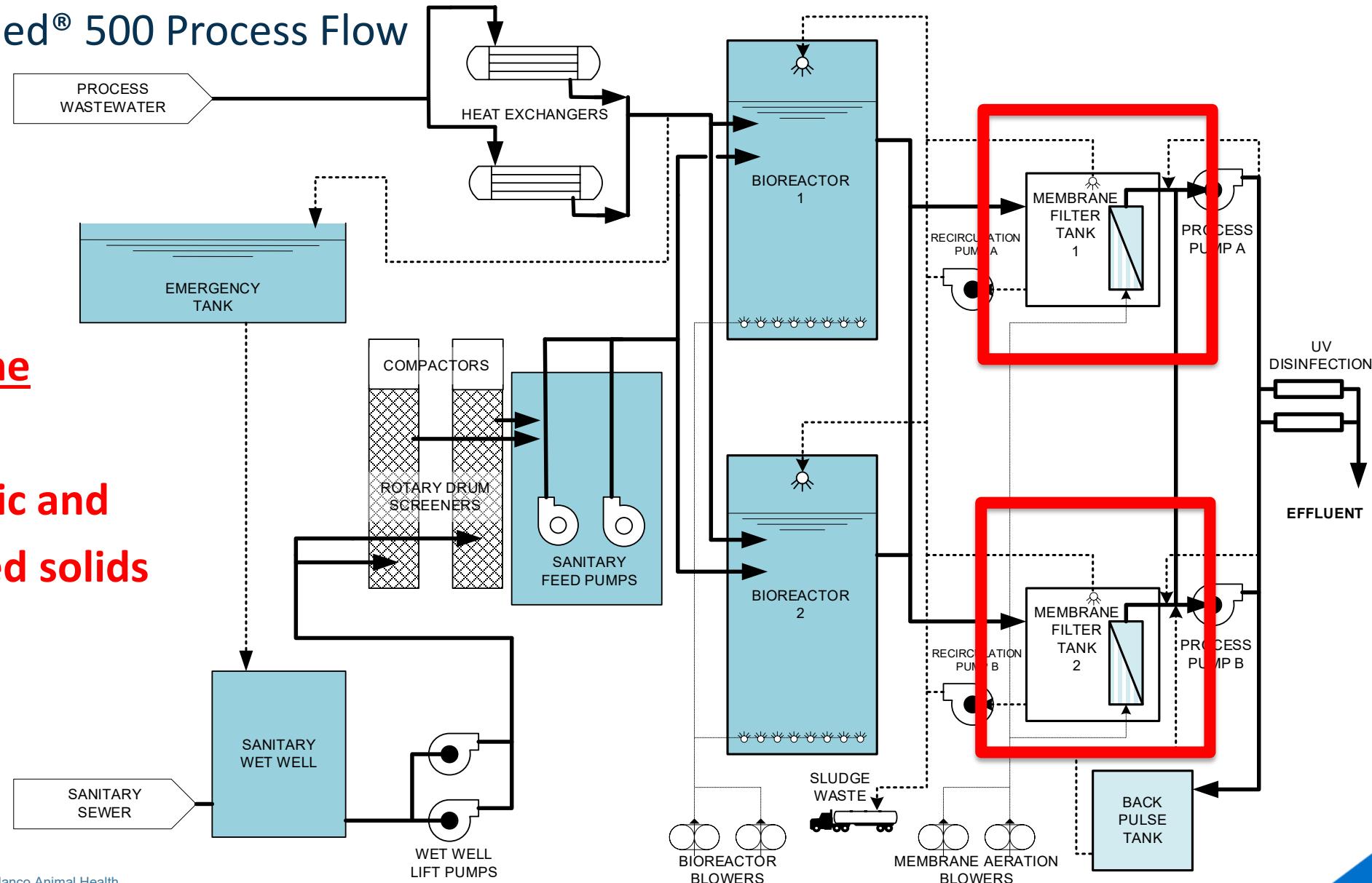
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- ZeeWeed® 500 Process Flow

**...with  
membrane  
filtration  
for organic and  
suspended solids  
removal.**



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- ZeeWeed® membranes are “outside-in” hollow fiber membranes

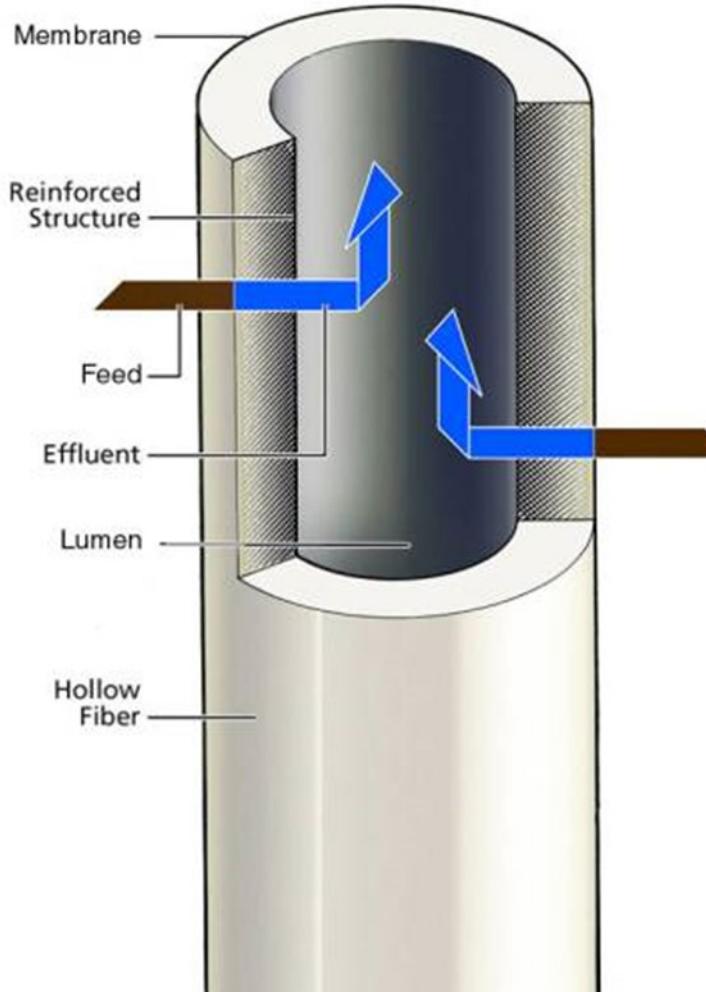


SOURCE: GE/Zenon Training Materials



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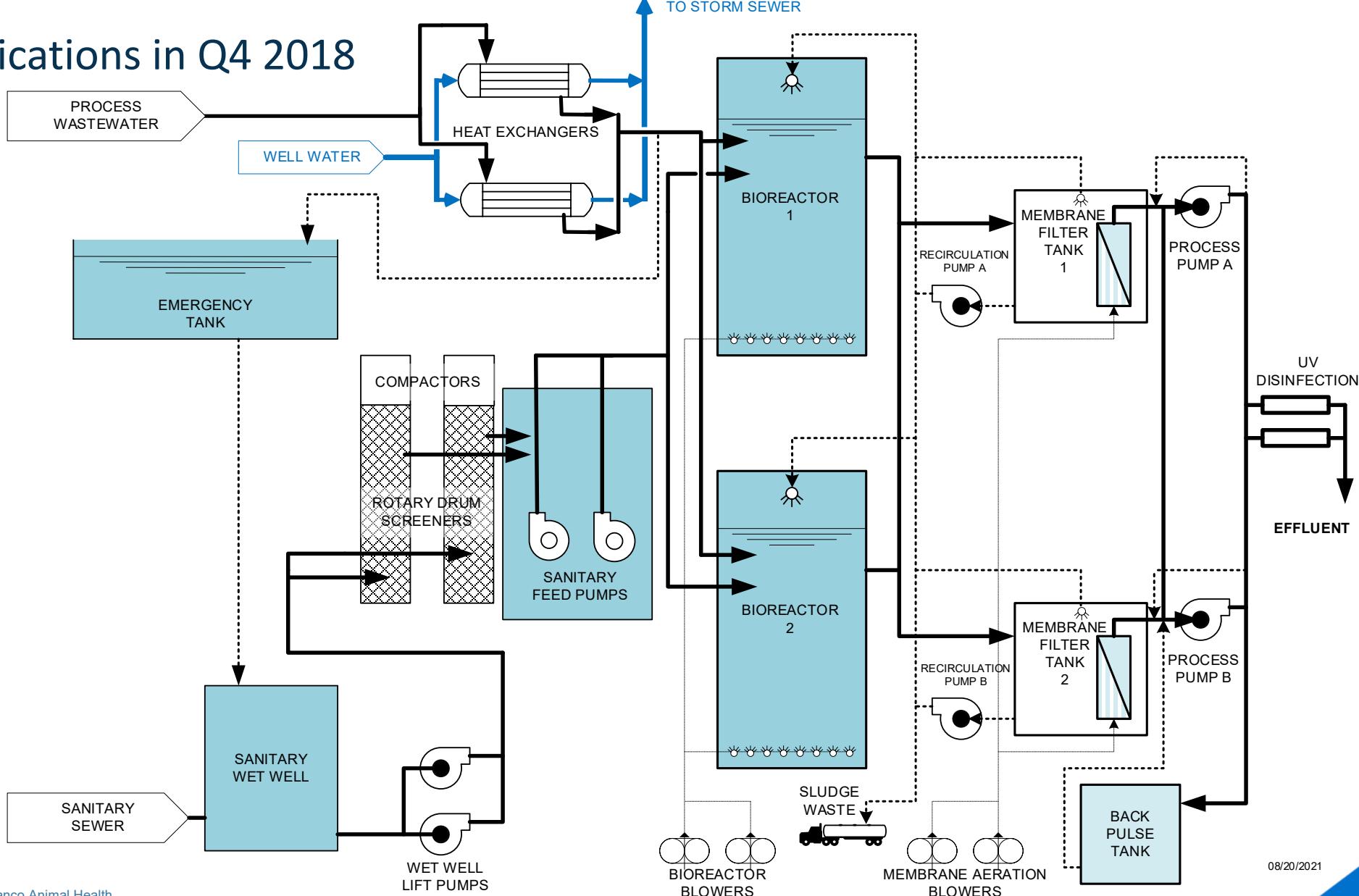
**Hollow strands of porous plastic fibers with billions of microscopic pores on the surface**

**The pores are thousands of times smaller in diameter than a human hair**

**Clean water is drawn to the inside of fiber by a gentle suction**

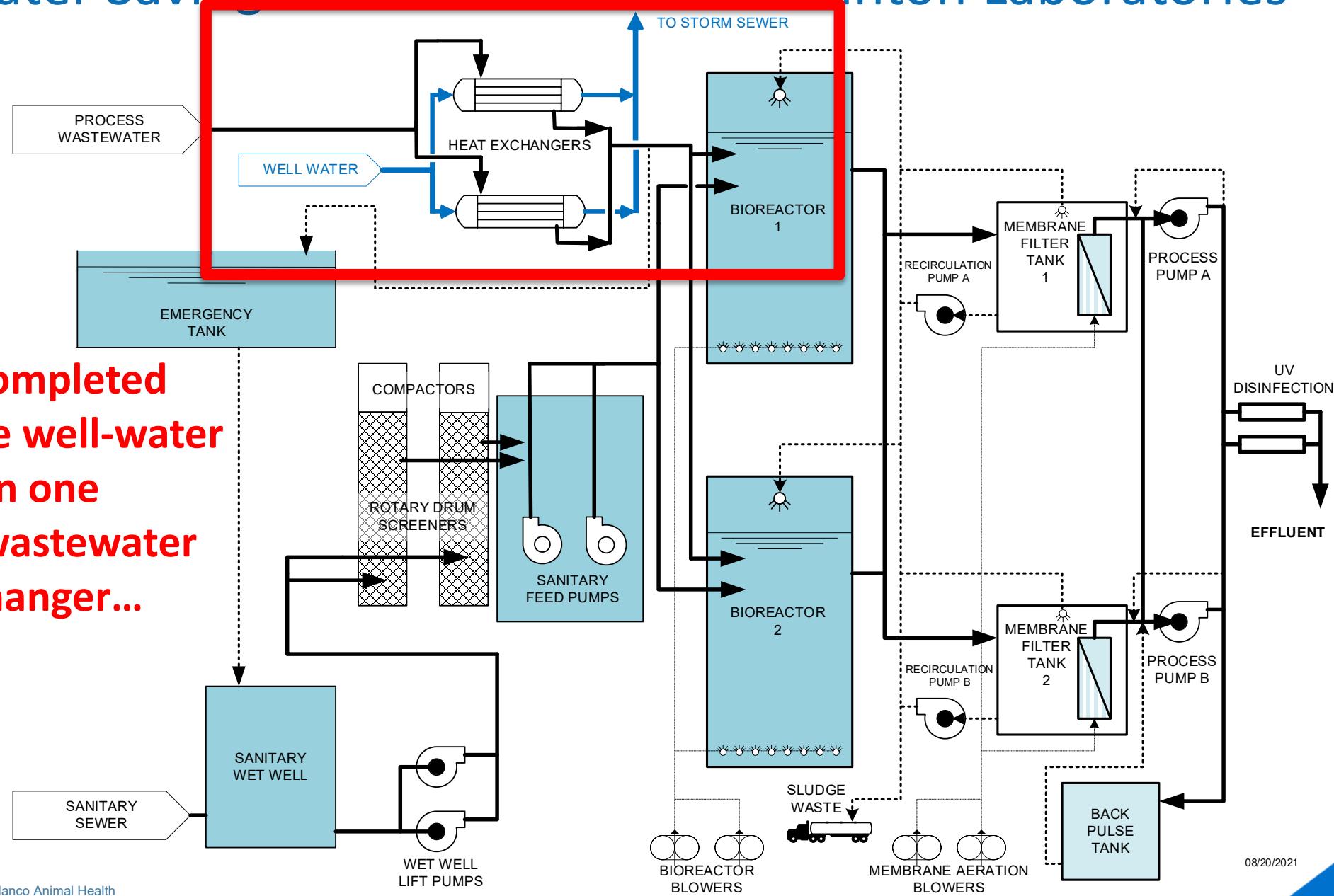
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- Modifications in Q4 2018



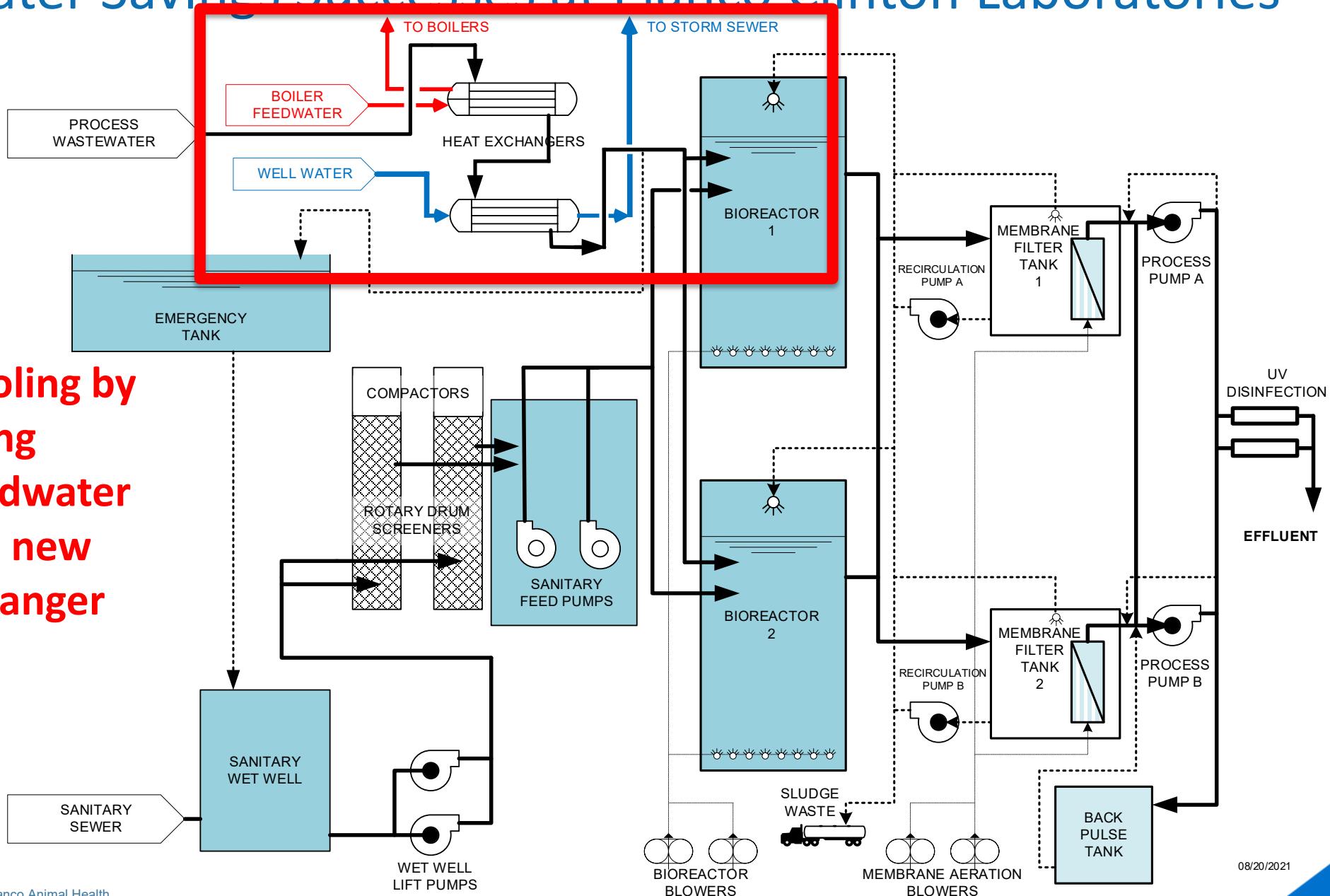
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**Project completed  
to replace well-water  
cooling on one  
process wastewater  
heat exchanger...**



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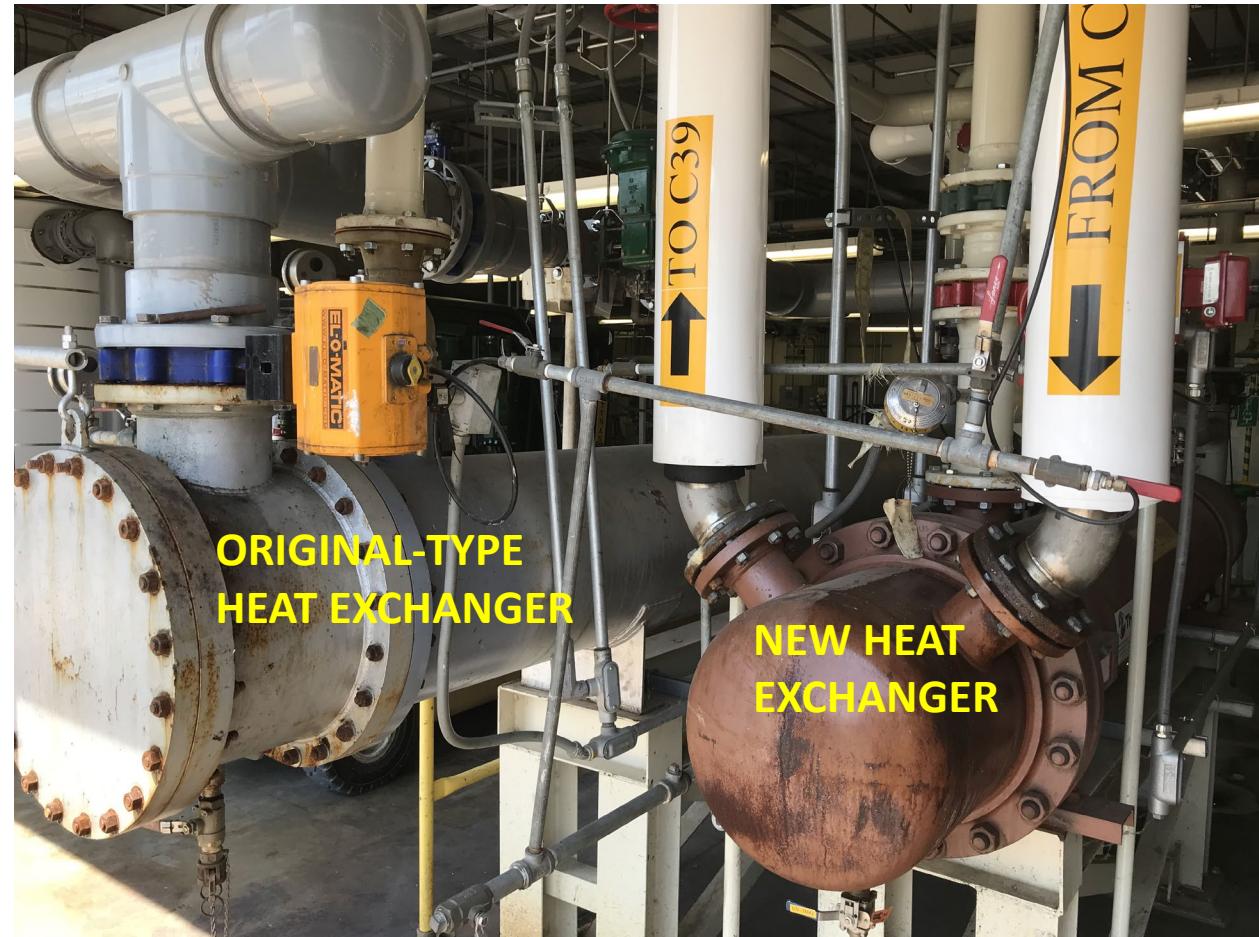
**...with cooling by  
pre-heating  
boiler feedwater  
through a new  
heat exchanger**



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- Boiler Feedwater Pre-Heating
  - Waste heat recovery and water savings through preheating boiler feedwater
  - Boiler feedwater replaces 300 GPM of Well Water cooling
  - Boiler feedwater preheated with wastewater
  - Wastewater further cooled by passing through second heat exchanger in series

**WATER SAVINGS:  
157,680,000 GALLONS/YEAR**



# Water Savings Successes at Elanco Clinton Laboratories

- Additional Projects:
  - Repairing leaking underground fire water main headers and appurtenances
  - Improving cooling tower maintenance and chemistry control
  - Miscellaneous “small” projects
    - Variable Frequency Drives installed on Well Pump Motors with Distributed Control System
    - Instrument Air Compressor Cooling Water from once-through well water to cooling tower water
    - Reduction in Irrigation for Front Lawn
    - Shutdown of the site’s coal-fired boiler



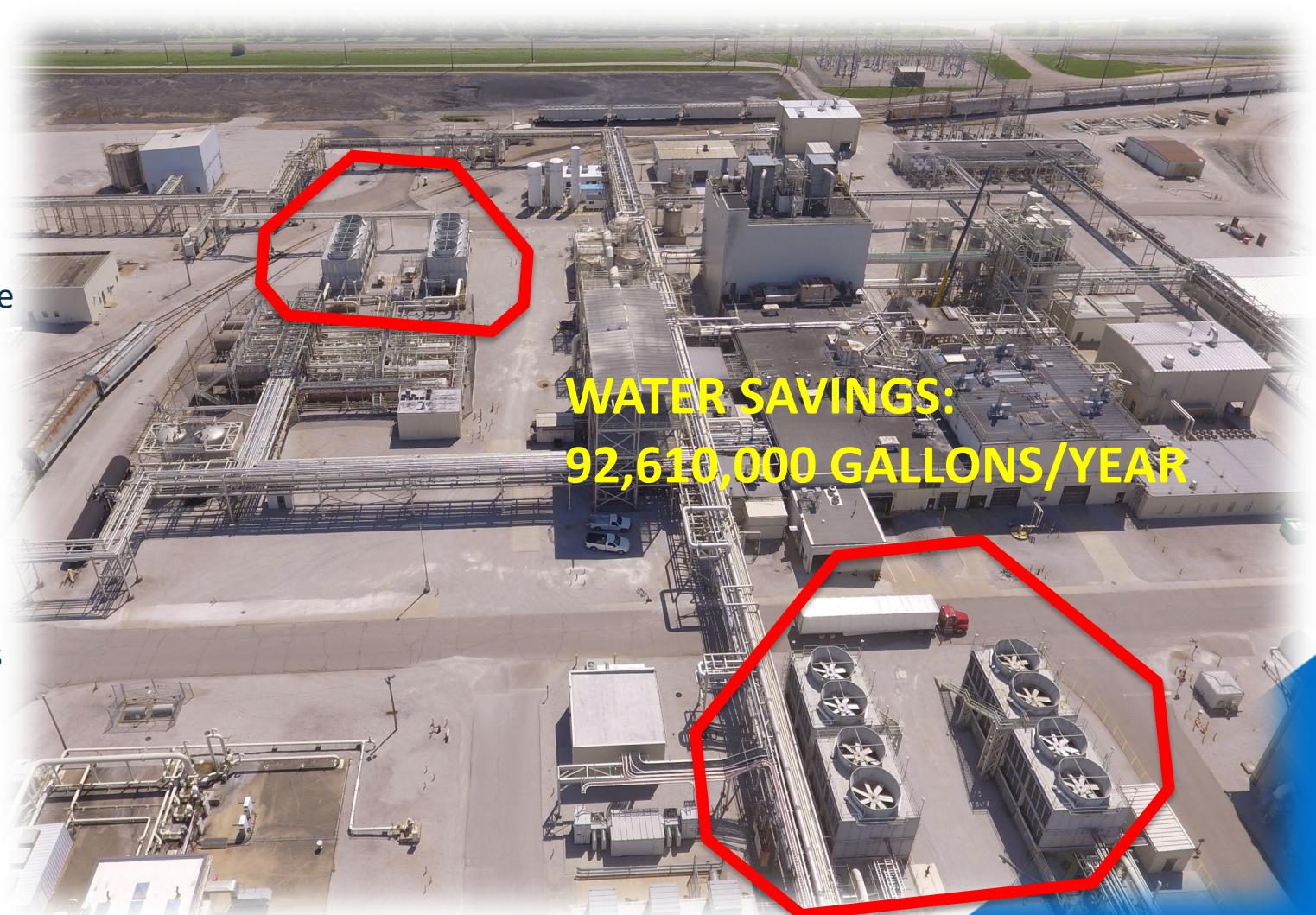
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- Repairing leaking underground fire water main headers and appurtenances
  - Extensive repairs in Q3-Q4 2018
  - Jockey Pump run times reduced by 75%; from cycling every 2 minutes, to cycling every 9 minutes



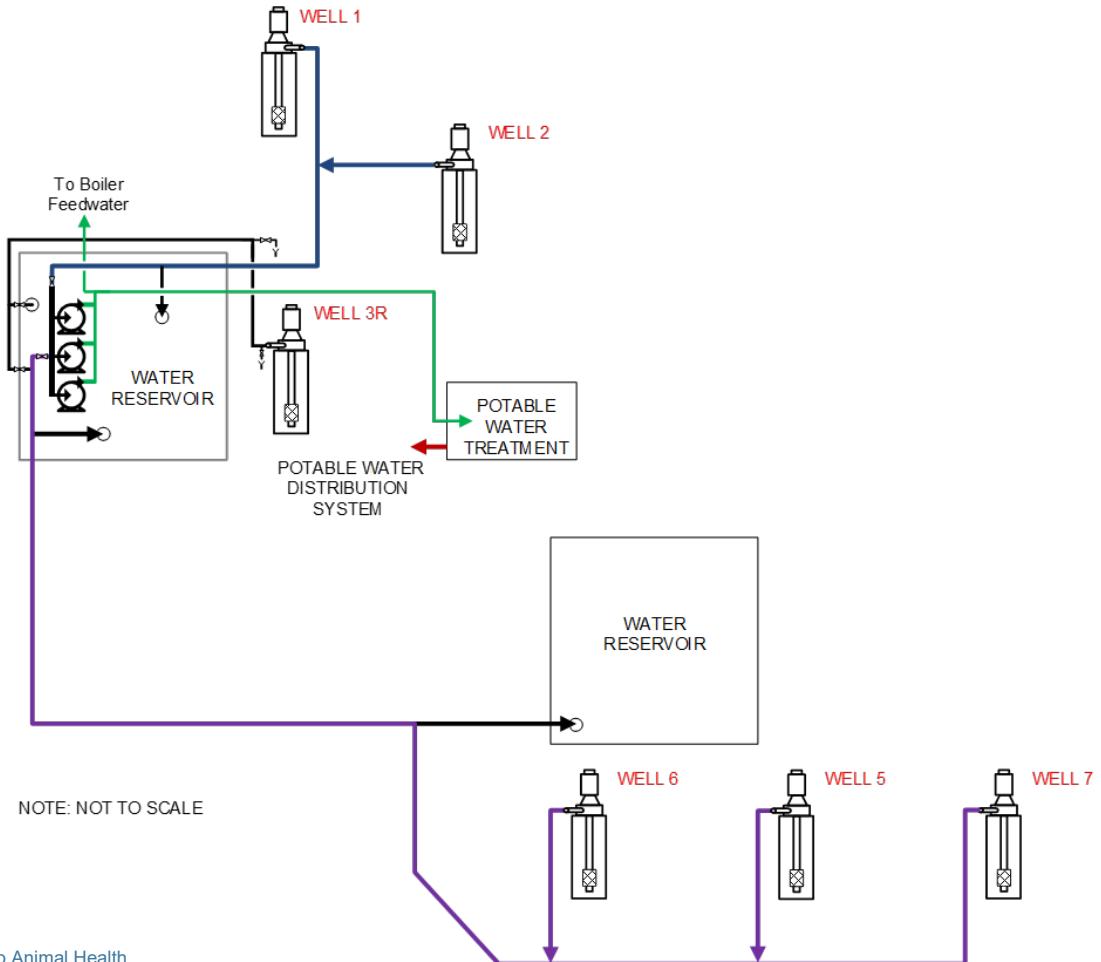
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- Improving cooling tower maintenance and chemistry control
- From 2017 to 2020, average tower makeup has dropped from 677 GPM to 501 GPM
  - Reduced blowdown/losses
    - Improves cycles in the towers
    - **SAVES WATER!!!**
  - Conserves chemicals
    - Lowers costs
    - Improves NPDES permit compliance
  - Improves heat transfer
  - Lowers maintenance costs
    - Less fowling of C.T. packing
    - Less fowling of heat exchangers
  - Lowers energy costs
    - Less scale on heat transfer surfaces
    - Less well water pumping required



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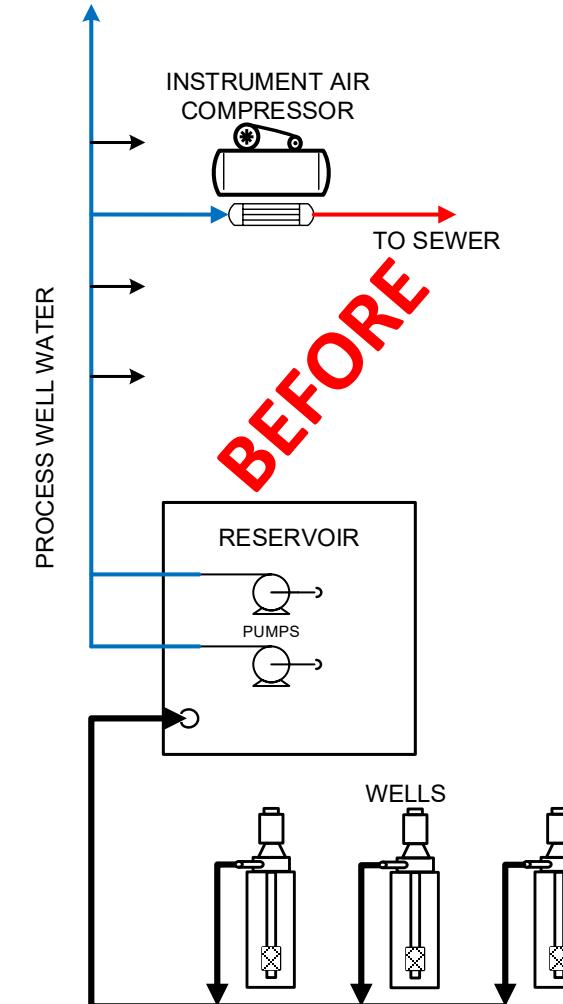
- Variable Frequency Drives Installed on Well Pump Motors
  - **Before Project:** Well flow manually throttled with discharge valves; reservoirs overflow periodically
  - **After Project:** DSC controls start/stop and VFD controls pump speed to maintain reservoir levels



**WATER SAVINGS:  
500,000 GALLONS/YEAR**

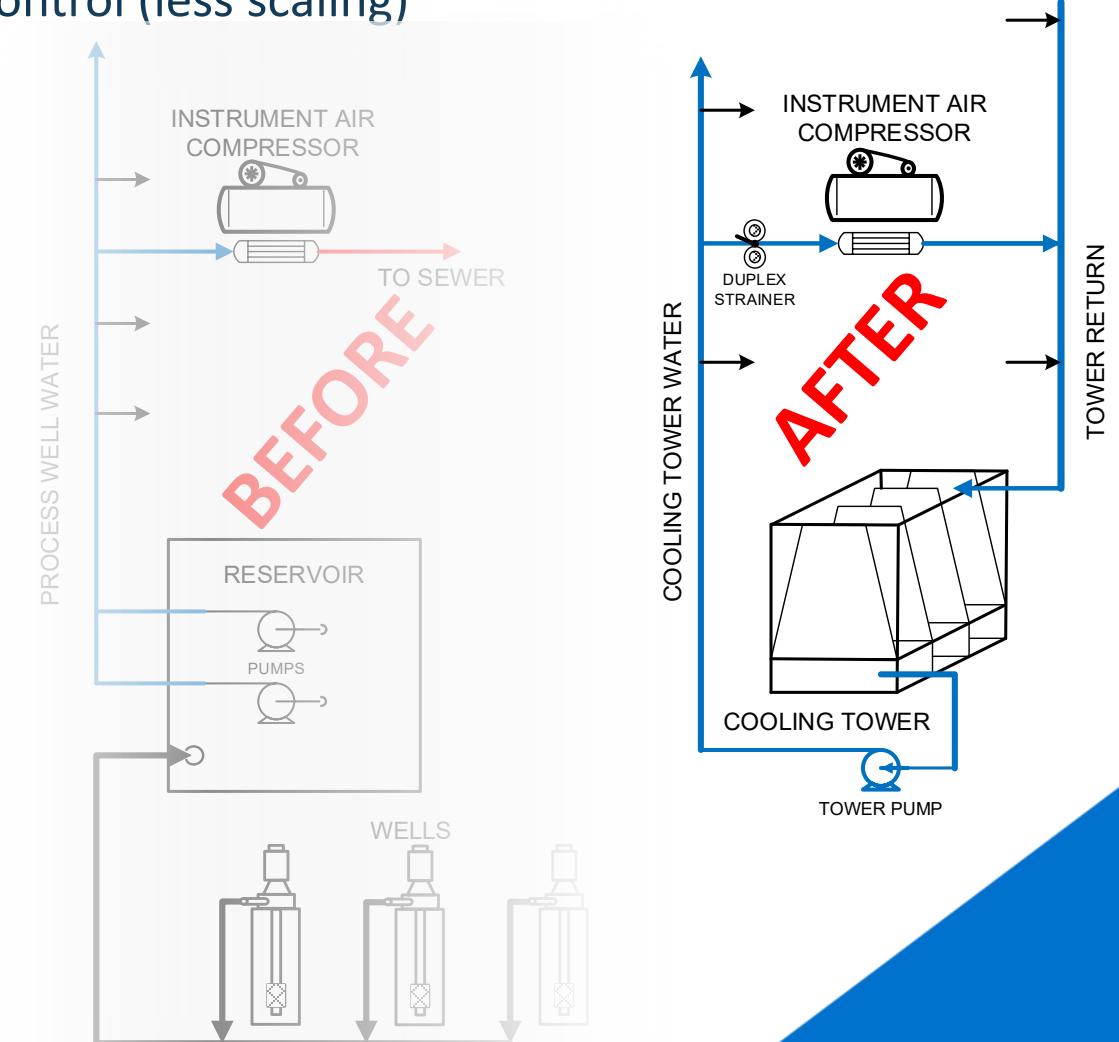
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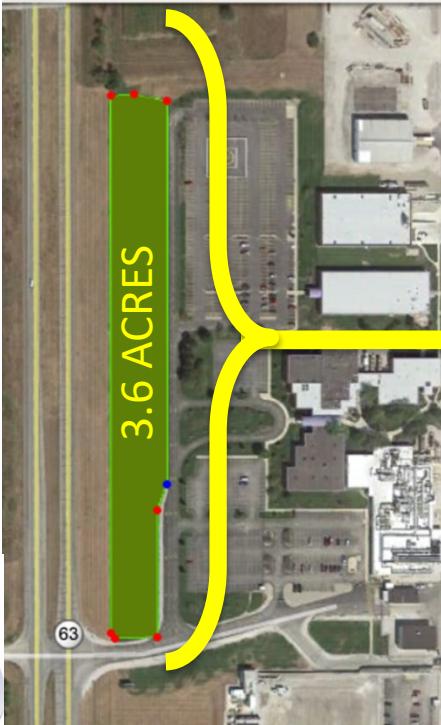
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- Reduction in Irrigation for Front Lawn

- **Before Project:** 3.6 Acres of grass was watered and mowed along Indiana SR 63 in front of the site
- **After Project:** a native habitat area was planted with a native prairie seed mix
- In addition, over 500 White Pines were planted as a screen along the highway, along with several 'tree islands' consisting of Bald Cypress, Bur Oak, Sycamore, and River Birch trees



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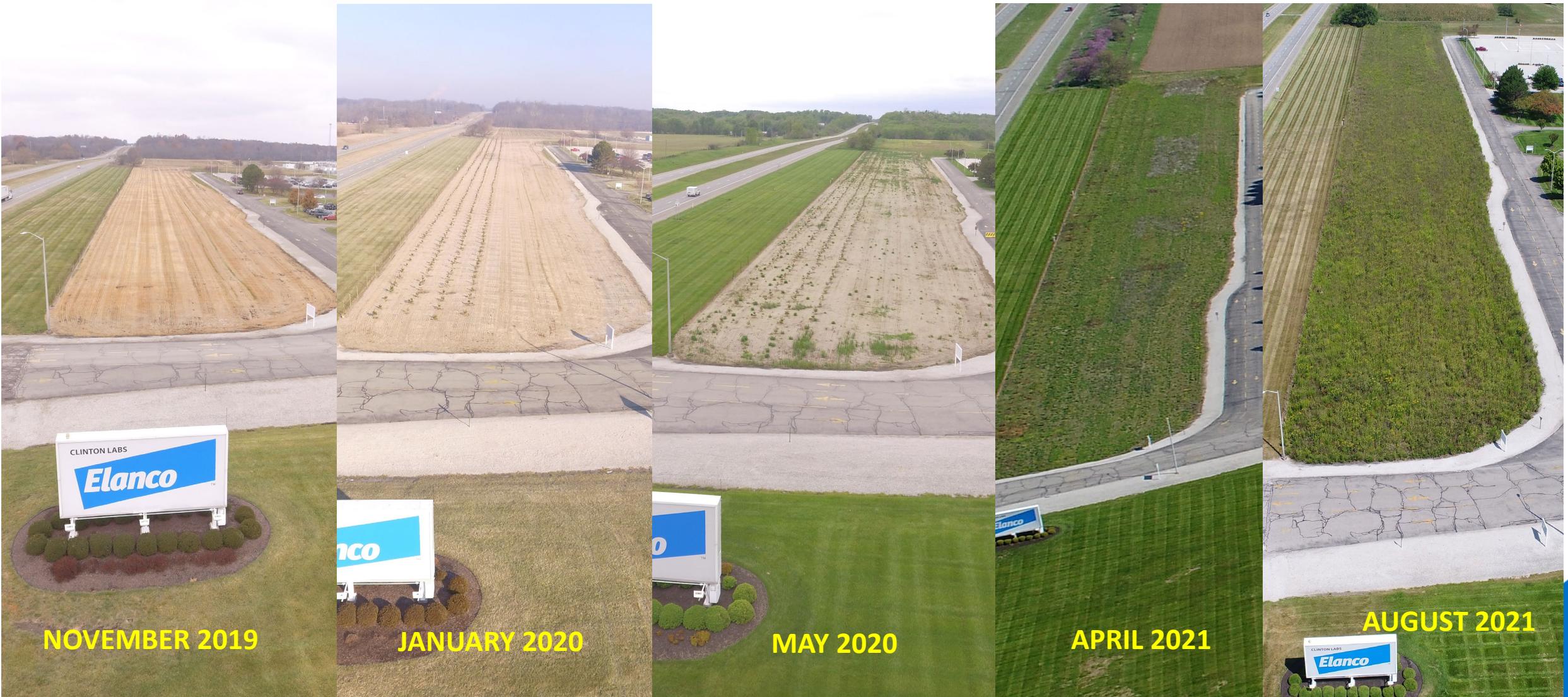
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- Shutdown of the site's coal-fired boiler
  - **Before Project:** significant cooling water demand (500 GPM) for feedwater pumps, fans, and water seals
  - **After Project:** site steam demand supplied by natural gas-fired boilers with less auxiliary cooling water demands

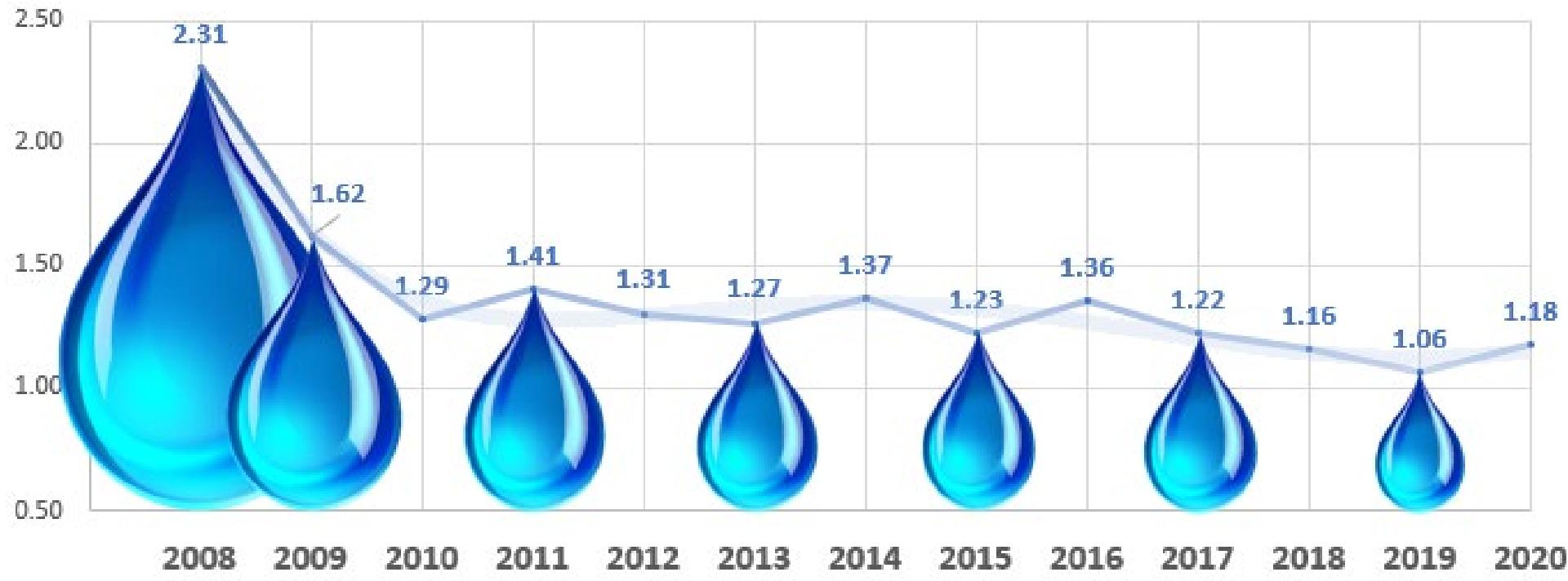


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- Cumulative Results:



- Questions?