Design of water treatment plant components and methods of improving performance.

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Abstract:

This research article describes the procedure and design of a water treatment plant that is primarily concerned with the treatment of important stages like intake, screening, sedimentation, coagulation, flocculation, and disinfection. The investigation focuses on the increasing popularity of fresh water in urban areas that are growing quickly, it provides a comprehensive approach that ensures the water quality is safe.

The procedure starts with the collection of water from natural sources like lakes or rivers, followed by a large amount of trash being excised. The process of designing sedimentation tanks is then explained in detail, the purpose is to have the greatest effect on removing suspended particles by having the greatest number of configurations. This is followed by the coagulation and flocculation stages, during which chemicals are added to the blood to cluster small particles, this facilitates their removal in the following steps.

The process of filtration, which involves multiple layers of sand and anthracite, is essential for removing smaller chemicals. The article also describes the design of underserved systems and backwashing methods in order to increase the lifespan and effectiveness of filters. Other methods of regulating the taste and color are discussed, these methods make sure that the water is not only safe, but also enjoyable to consume.

Ultimately, the procedure of disinfection involves the utilization of chlorine and ammonia to eliminate microorganisms that have a negative effect on storage or dosage. With suggestions on how to improve the efficiency of plants, this research serves as a precursor to the creation of effective plants that are crucial to urban growth and the defense of public health.

Keywords: Water Treatment, Sedimentation, Coagulation, Filtration, Disinfection.

1. introduction

1.1. Background:

Water is an essential element in the sustainable development of countries, and as a result, there is a need to rationalize the exploitation of available water resources. This applies especially to Arab countries that suffer from water shortages and lack of water resources, and most of their lands are located in areas with little rainfall and are characterized by dry soil and scarcity of water. As a result, the importance of dealing with wastewater and industrial water and its reuse has increased, and most countries have adopted a sound and integrated plan and management regarding the reuse of wastewater after treatment, which has led to the abandonment of the old method that was previously followed by disposing of it in water bodies only. The popularity of methods of treatment and development has increased in recent years, it's expected that the volume of water treatment and reuse will follow a set of environmental rules and regulations associated with the nature of this water, and the ultimate goal of treating and reusing this water, which is dedicated to protecting the environment and the individual. These rules and regulations are intended to preserve the entire ecosystem, and the necessity of monitoring the environmental effects of reusing water in this way is also considered. The design of treatment plants depends on the type and characteristics of the wastewater that the station will treat, and the composition and concentration of pollutants that vary between industries and facilities, as well as between time periods within a single facility. As a result, each manufacturing facility must choose design options and treatment methods based on the product, wastewater specifications, volume and purpose of reuse, along with the need to choose the most effective management methods. This has been a major hurdle for water treatment professionals and engineers, who must specifically choose industrial wastewater treatment methods and technologies, and integrate these methods into their professional environmental management. The petroleum chemical industry can cause environmental pollution due to waste generated by production units and the discharge of industrial wastewater rich in hazardous chemicals.

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is different if it does not follow strict environmental rules and regulations. As a result, each industrial facility, in accordance with these environmental laws and regulations, must establish dedicated units or stations to treat the industrial wastewater generated from it. The volume and composition of the industrial wastewater produced, as well as the quantity and type of operations in production units and utility units, contribute to the formation of this water. The chemical industry is one of the most efficient industries in reusing treated industrial wastewater ("wastewater"). The research deals with the types of pollutants produced by manufacturing units in the chemical industry, and the methods, techniques, levels and traditional or modern treatment methods used, with examples and successful cases that have been used in treating industrial wastewater using modern methods, especially the technology of full water recycling, which has become popular recently. This is to prove the environmental and economic benefits of this strategy in the chemical industry and subsequent petroleum industries. The General Secretariat aspires through this research to highlight the importance of treating and recycling industrial wastewater, The information and data contained therein will be used to preserve the environment, protect water resources and maximize economic benefits. [1].

1.2. The Goal of the Study

The aim of this research is to Access to clean and safe water globally.

Access to clean, safe and secure water resources is a fundamental prerequisite for communities to thrive. While access to water and sanitation is often taken for granted in developed countries, this basic right is denied to too many people every day around the world.

Sustainable Development Goal 6, as formulated by the United Nations Open Working Group, sets an ambitious but achievable mission within the next two decades: “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.” We believe this goal can be achieved by applying four principles:

1) Separating drinking water from wastewater;

2) Accessing and treating drinking water to remove chemical and biological contaminants;

3) Protecting and restoring freshwater ecosystems;

4) Ensuring access to water and water rights...

1.3. Problem of the Study

Having water available at home or within easy reach eliminates the need to carry it from other sources, often over long distances. One immediate result of improved access to water is a significant increase in time available for productive work, attending school, growing a business, or caring for a family. This is particularly true for women and children, who spend significant amounts of time seeking water when it is not piped to their homes. Ultimately, water requires treatment before it can be drunk, but this challenge can be overcome with adequate resources for filtration and disinfection. In particular, robust, reliable, low-maintenance, and widely available point-of-use devices are needed to provide treatment for small drinking water systems. This, in line with Principle 1 above, will ensure that there are multiple barriers to pathogens, providing greater protection for consumers.

2. Overview of Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Unit Processes

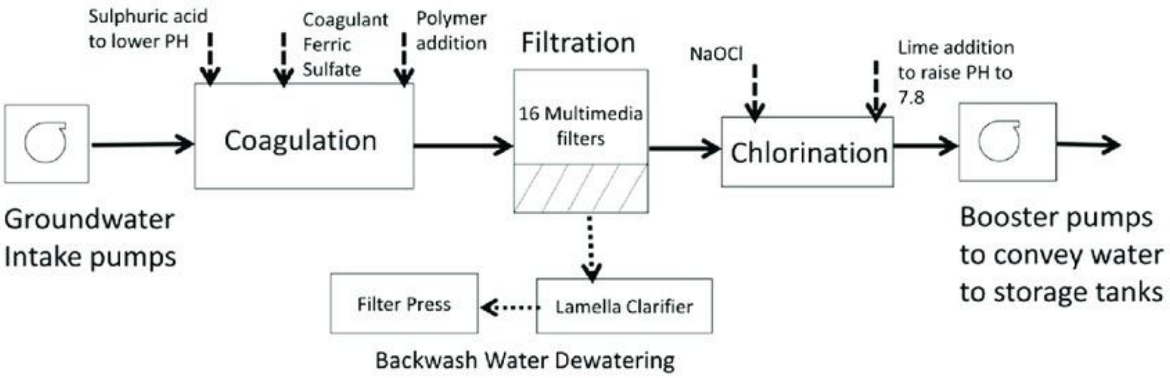
Water treatment plants (WTPs) are composed of multiple, connected procedures that are intended to Remove toxins and produce fresh, drinkable water. Each unit is dedicated to a specific purpose that contributes to the overall treatment process. This section describes the primary processes involved in water treatment.

2.1. Intake and Screening

The procedure of collecting and screening is essential to the initial treatment of water; this stage involves finding and removing large pieces of debris in order to prevent the equipment from being adversely affected. Raw water is primarily derived from natural sources like lakes, rivers or reservoirs. The structures that receive water are positioned in a strategic manner that facilitates access to fresh, sufficient water and minimizes the presence of pollutants or trash that is suspended. Factors like water depth, flow rate, and distance to potential dangers are all taken into consideration during the design of an intake that will maximize the quality of water and maximize the efficiency of the plant [2].

Once water is admitted to the system, it flows through a series of increasing-sized pores. The purpose of these screens is to eliminate large, bulk materials like leaves, branches, and other floating objects that would impede or destroy equipment. Coarse grids or stripes initially harbor larger amounts of debris, while fine grids or stripes eliminate smaller particles. This step prevents the admission of water and other smaller particles to the system, this prevents the system from functioning properly and decreases the damage to the subsequent components of the system.

Additionally, the intake may include mechanical rakes or rotating screens that collect the debris from the screening system, this maintains a consistent water flow. In some plants, chemical enhancers are also added to this area to control the odor or reduce the growth of biological organisms around the area of consumption. By effectively dealing with trash at the intake and screening stage, treatment plants can maintain their effectiveness and prepare the water source for additional processing near the downstream, such as sedimentation, coagulation, and filtration, these processes produce quality water that is intended for human consumption. [3].



Fig(1): Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Design

2.2. Water Pipe

In a water treatment plant, the water pipes have a significant role in transferring water from one location to another, this ensures a consistent and controlled flow across the process. These pipes must be specifically crafted and chosen based on their capacity for flow, pressure, and the properties of water they are intended for. Common materials employed in water-related projects include PVC, steel, ductile iron, and concrete, each having its own benefits for its intended purpose.

The selection of pipe material and diameter is important to maintaining efficiency and avoiding leaks or other issues. For instance, PVC is lightweight, corrosion-resistant, and simple to construct, this is ideal for small plants or areas with low pressure as a necessity. Conversely, steel pipes have a longer lifespan and are more durable than plastic or fiberglass, these properties are also ideal for large facilities that require a lot of water.

Other than the fear of damaging the pipes, water treatment plants are typically equipped with a cap, valves, and joints that control the flow and path of water in the plant. These components facilitate easy maintenance and alterations, and ensure that water is distributed to each component appropriately, from the process of intake to the process of sorting to the process of disinfection and filtering. Other advanced plants may utilize automated technology to regulate the number of passages and reduce the necessity of human intervention. This can lead to increased effectiveness and a decreased need for human intervention.

Effective water pipes that are built and maintained properly are pivotal in reducing the cost of energy, decreasing consumption, and making the process of water treatment consistent. As such, the efficient and selective management of water pipes is crucial to the success of any water treatment facility.[5].

2.3. Pumps

Pumps are essential to water treatment plants, they are responsible for moving water through the various stages of the process, particularly when gravity is lacking. They ensure that water flows in a consistent manner from the intake to the screening, sedimentation, filtration, and distribution. The selection of pumps is based on the volume of water needed, the required pressure, and the physical properties of the water, including temperature and chemical composition.

Several varieties of water treatment plants utilize paddle-driven motion, including rotary, reciprocating, and centrifugal. Centrifugal pumps are most popular because of their effectiveness, simple design, and their capacity to produce large quantities of water. These devices convert the power of a blower into flow and pressure, this is beneficial for large volume applications. Reciprocating devices, which utilize pistons to propel water, are frequently utilized in situations that require high pressure but lower flow rates. On the other hand, rotary pumps are associated with oily substances and are capable of producing consistent, steady flow rates [6].

Other than the configuration of the pump, water treatment plants must take into consideration the size of the pump, the power required by the pump, and the associated maintenance. Effective sized pumps minimize the expenditure of energy, minimize wear, and ensure proper water movement. Pumps can be positioned in strategic locations throughout the plant to facilitate the transfer of water between different parts of the system and maintain pressure in the system. ongoing maintenance, including monitoring and repairs, is essential to avoiding failure and maintaining a dependable, continuous operation. Pumps are typically necessary for water treatment because they allow water to be consistently moved without the need for external assistance. This results in a superior water quality.

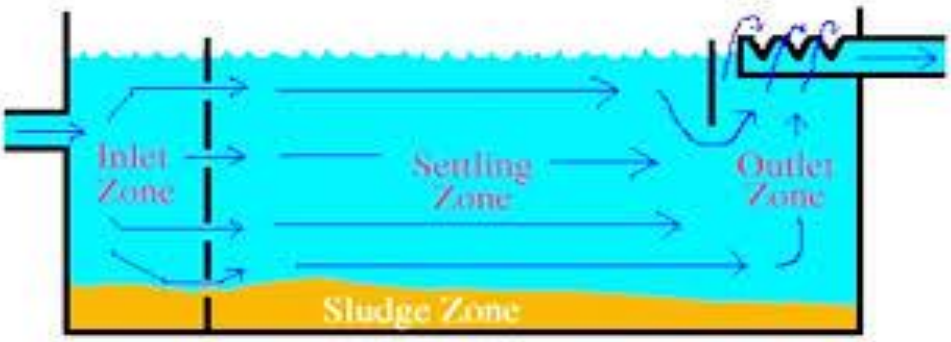
2.4. Sedimentation

Sedimentation is the foundation of water treatment that involves the removal of suspended particles from water by allowing them to sink under the influence of gravity. This stage is significant in reducing the number of novenas and preparing the water for further processing or sterilization. In sedimentation tanks, which are also called clarifiers, water flows at a slow rate, this allows heavier particles to have sufficient time to settle at the bottom of the tank, this forms a layer of sludge. [7]

The efficacy of sedimentation is dependent on multiple components, including the design of the container, the flow rate through the container, and the properties of the particles that pass through the container. Sedimentation tanks are typically rectangular, circular, or square, and each has its own advantages. For example, rectangular tanks are popular because of their efficient utilization of space and simple method of sludge disposal. The design features structures that resemble an entrance and an exit, these structures control the flow of water and attempt to minimize the turbulent effect, this can lead to a disruption of the process of settlement[8].

To assist with sedimentation, coagulants like aluminum sulfate or ferric chloride are typically added to the water prior to being added to the sedimentation container. These chemicals facilitate the removal of the charge on particles that are suspended, this enables them to cluster into larger masses that will have a more fácil time of settlement. Other plants employ inclined plates or tubes to extend the area available for sedimentation, this increases the efficiency of the process and reduces the size of the container.

The sludge that collects at the bottom of the tank is removed with a separate device. Effective management of theurge is crucial in avoiding the recurrence of the treated water. Over all, sedimentation is both effective and efficient at removing solid particles that are suspended in water. This procedure is intended to remove the water that follows the next step and reduce the volume particles .matter in the water.



Fig(2):Primary settling basin

2.5. Coagulation Processes

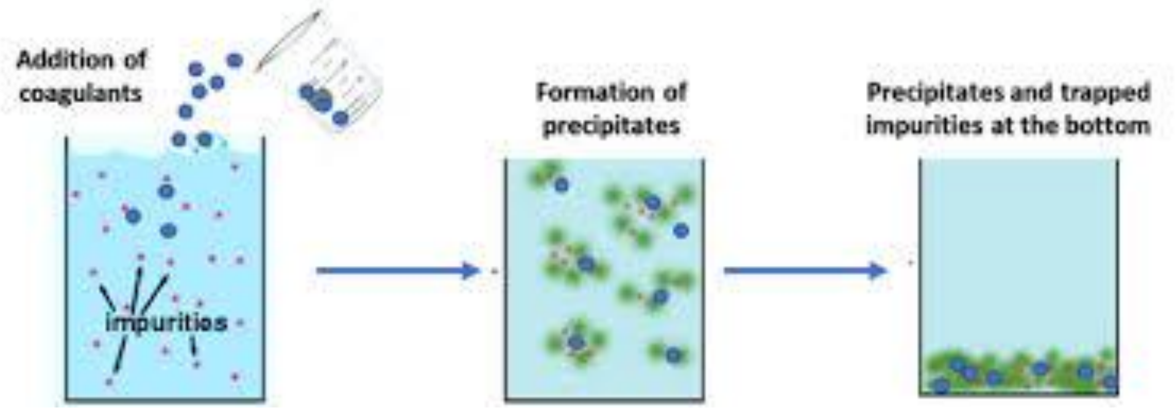
Dissolved and suspended particles are present in most natural waters. These suspended particles are mostly generated by soil erosion, mineral dissolution, plant decomposition, and discharge of domestic and industrial wastes. These materials may include both dissolved and suspended organic matter, inorganic matter, or both, as well as many organisms such as bacteria, algae, or viruses. These materials must be removed, because they cause deterioration in water quality by reducing the transparency of the water (e.g. causing turbidity or color), and eventually carrying pathogenic organisms or toxic compounds, adsorbed on its surfaces (TZOUPANOS and ZOUBOULIS 2008). Coagulation and flocculation processes are used to separate dissolved and suspended particles from water. Coagulation and flocculation are relatively simple and cost-effective, provided that the chemicals are available and the dosage is proportionate and compatible with the water constituents. Regardless of the nature of the treated water and the overall treatment system applied, coagulation and flocculation are performed either before treatment (e.g.

before rapid sand filtration) or as a subsequent step. For post-sedimentation treatment see also Centralized water treatment plants.

Most suspended solids in water are negatively charged and therefore repel each other. This repulsion prevents the particles from clumping, causing them to remain suspended. Coagulation and flocculation occur in successive steps that aim to overcome the settling force (stabilization) of the suspended particles, allowing the particles to collide and grow into flocs that can then settle and be removed (by sedimentation) or filtered from the water. Coagulation-flocculation is also a well-known process for treating sewage, industrial and domestic wastewater in order to remove suspended particles from the water.

To destabilize and stabilize the charges of particles, coagulants with charges opposite to those of the suspended solids are added to the water to neutralize the negative charges on the dispersed solids that are not able to settle, such as clay and organic matter.

Once the charges are neutralized, the small suspended particles are able to stick together. The slightly larger particles formed by this process are called "micro-flocculates" (for clarification: minute in size) and are still too small to be seen with the naked eye. High energy and rapid mixing are required to properly disperse the coagulants in the water and promote particle collisions to achieve good coagulation and micro-flocculate formation. Over-mixing does not affect coagulation, but insufficient mixing will not help complete this step. The proper contact time in a rapid mixing chamber is usually 1-3 minutes.[10].



Fig(3): Coagulation Processes

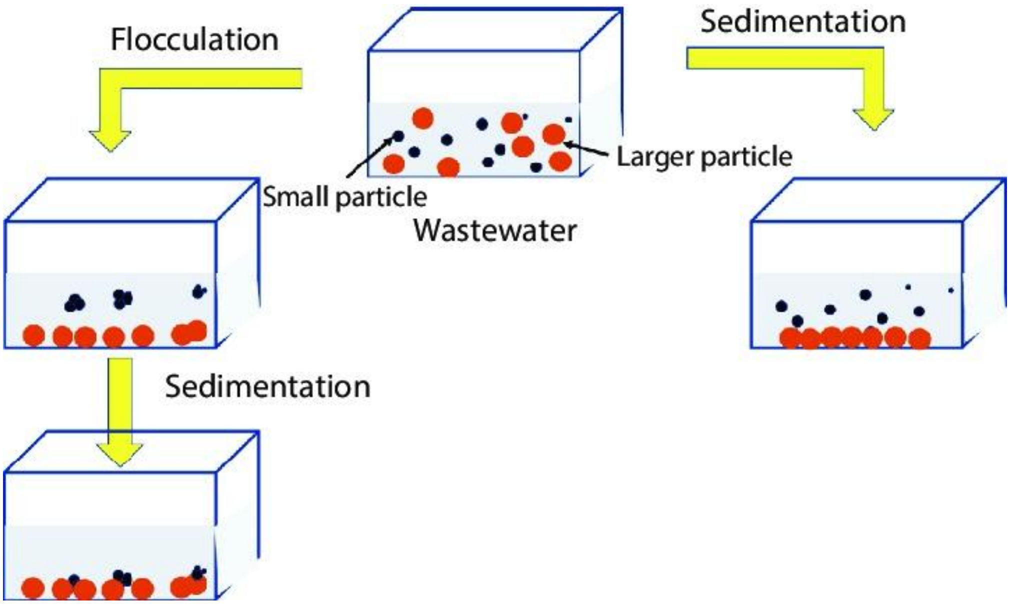
2.6. Flocculation

Flocculation is significant in the water treatment process that follows coagulation, the focus is on creating larger clusters, or flocs, that are more difficult to remove during sedimentation. After the coagulation process, during which chemical coagulants combine the charge of the particles, the flocculation process facilitates the association of water with the particles, which causes the smaller, destabilized particles to bond with the larger, stabilized particles. This procedure increases the effectiveness of sedimentation by creating clusters that have a higher rate of sedimentation and are more beneficial.

Typically, flocculation occurs in multiple chambers or basins that are stirred at different speeds. The degree of mixture, or "flocculation gradient", is decreased in order to avoid placing the developing flocs in a position that would lead to them being displaced. The procedure's duration and total energy are documented in exactness, this will ensure that the optimal size and strength of flocculation are achieved. Factors like water temperature, pH, and coagulant type have an effect on flocculation, as a result, changes are frequently made in order to improve the conditions based on these properties.

In some instances, additional chemicals that promote flocculation are added to the mixture. These chemicals have a significant effect when the concentration of particles is low or the water is difficult to drink. These diseases increase the rate of flocculation and facilitate a quicker sedimentation process, especially for particles that are difficult to naturally arrange.

The flocs, which are heavier than individual particles, can be more frequently gathered in the water during the sedimentation phase. Effective flocculation has the effect of reducing the volume of water required for the subsequent steps of processing, this results in a better quality of water and a more effective treatment. Overall, flocculation has a significant role in the enhancement of the removal of particles, this produces fresh, safe water at the treatment plant [11].



Fig(4): Process of Coagulation, Flocculation and Sedimentation

2.7. Filtration Tank

The filtration tank is crucial to a water treatment plant, it's responsible for clearing the water of any remaining small components, bacteria, or other impurities following sedimentation. Filtration enhances the clarity of water and its safety by passing water through media that is filterable, such as sand, anthracite, or activated carbon, these components serve as traps for and preserve impurities in water. This step is crucial to creating water that is both drinkable and free of harmful microorganisms.

Water typically flows through the filter media at the top of the system, then falls to the ground as precipitation. This common configuration has multiple levels of media that attempt to eliminate toxins in order to have the greatest effect on toxins. The top layer, which is typically composed of coarse sand or charcoal, focuses on the larger particles, while smaller particles, such as sand or activated carbon, are placed below it in order to eliminate them and the dissolved organic compounds. This multiple-layer approach promotes effective water detection and a superior quality of water treated in it.

Two popular methods of sand handling are commonly employed in water treatment plants: rapid sand and slow sand. Rapid sand filters are employed for plants that have a high capacity and utilize pressure or gravity to push water through the media, this makes them ideal for larger quantities of water with a shorter direct contact.

Conversely, slow sand filters are dependent on gravity and have a slower rate of filtration, making them effective at removing disease and are typically utilized in smaller communities or plants.

To keep the filter working properly, the tanks that hold the filter must be cleaned regularly. During the process, water is extracted through the media to remove accumulated debris and enhance the efficiency of the filter. Continuous backwashing extends the life of the media used to purify the water and ensures its consistent quality.

Overall, water treatment plants are dependent on filter tanks, these tanks serve as a final barrier that prevents pollution and provide water that is clean, refreshing, and of high quality [12].

2.8. Types of Filters

Different types of filters

Types of filters are classified into:

• Filters based on the property of gravity, and according to the speed at which they are filtered, such as slow sand filters, and rapid sand filters.

• Depending on the type of filter layer, we can classify them into sand or coal or both, and there are other types as well.

Single-layer or multi-layer filters.

The type of medium is taken into account (in millimeters), its effectiveness and specific gravity.

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ˇ • Depending on the direction of the filter, there are filters whose filtration direction is from top to bottom.

This is the general type, or in order from bottom to top.

Other types of sand filters are called "reverse flow sand filters", and they are similar to rapid sand filters in that the water is treated by entering from the bottom and exiting from the top, thus doubling the loading rate.

In addition, there is the pressure filtration process Slow sand filters

The slow sand filter "slow sand filters" is considered a pioneer of the filter type, but it is no longer popular today because of its extreme slowness, the need for large areas of land, and its unsuitability for use in hot climates where algae are abundant, and the use of the filter is primarily limited to water with a low degree of turbidity.

Rapid Sand Filters

Rapid sand filters, also called mechanical filters, are rectangular concrete containers that typically contain a series of gravel and sand layers and usually have coal as their sole component. At the bottom of the tank is a system for collecting the filtered water, along with an “under-drainage system” that distributes the water that is filtered through all parts of the filter to all parts of the filter. This type of filter is used when the volume of water to be filtered is large, and the rapid filter is integrated into a common treatment system that includes sedimentation, coagulation, and filtration. Slow filters differ from rapid filters in several ways, including:

The volume of water that passes through rapid filters is between 100 and 125 square millimeters per day, while the volume of water that passes through slow filters does not exceed 3-8 square millimeters per day. The fast floor cleaning method is done by a process called backwashing that takes no more than 10-15 minutes, while the slow floor cleaning method is different: instead of removing the gelatinous layer that forms on the surface of the sand, it instead involves removing the entire layer of sand. This process takes about two days. The cost of setting up fast filters is less than the cost of slow filters, but the latter are more expensive to operate. [15].

3. Result and Discussion

The method employed in the study to create water treatment plants is effective in ensuring that the water composition is safe and drinkable. The following sections discuss the results of each component of the process, with an emphasis on the most significant results, benefits, and advantages.

Slow treatments: These treatments have a limited capacity to treat water and are typically employed in small or rural water treatment plants. They entirely rely on gravity to move water through a thick layer of sand, this creates a biofilm or "schmutzdeke" on the surface. This layer contains pathogens and other organic material, this causes the sand to decompose more slowly, which is ideal for microorganisms to detoxify. Because it operates at a slow rate, it requires less maintenance but it covers a larger area in order to achieve the necessary degree of filtration.

Rapid sand filters: Rapid sand filters are commonly employed in large plants because of their high water consumption and capacity to store a large amount of water. Thesefilters have a sand layered on top of them, typically composed of stone or charcoal, this allows water to flow through the filter. Pressure or gravity is employed to move the water through the medium, this results in a quicker absorption rate. Frequent over-cleaning of the sand filters is often employed to remove particles that have accumulated in the filter, this maintains the effectiveness of the filter and increases the life of the media.

Pressure Filters: Pressure filters are sealed systems that utilize pressurized water to move water through the treatment medium. These filters are typically employed in small plants or in specific instances that require increased effectiveness in a confined space. Pressure filters can accommodate a variety of media types, including sand, activated carbon, and combinations that focus on specific toxins. They have the capacity to deal with higher levels of stress and have a greater degree of flexibility in different situations.

Each type of filter has its own benefits and is chosen based on the specifics of the water treatment system, the quality of the water source, and the degree to which it is necessary to purify the water before it is released for consumption. By choosing the appropriate type of filter, water treatment facilities can enhance the removal of wastewater and provide dependable and effective water purification.

5.Filtration

The tanks that had sand and a coating of anthracite effectively eliminated the remainder of small parasites and diseases. The rapid sand processing method facilitated the processing of large volumes of sand, which was of great importance to the plant's success. Constant backwashing maintained the effectiveness of the filter and its lifespan, this kept water quality consistent. The utilization of a dual-media filter (sand and anthracite) increased the effectiveness of the treatment by removing both solid particles and dissolved organic compounds. This increased the overall effectiveness of the treatment.

6.Disinfection

The process of chlorine sterilization was effective at eliminating the pathogen, the dose of chlorine was appropriate and protected the safety of the microorganisms. By keeping chlorine in the water, the plant was safeguarded from being re-attacked during the distribution of water. The addition of ammonia also allowed the creation of chloramine, this chemical had a longer lifespan of effectiveness in disinfection.

4. Conclusions and Recommendations

4.1. Conclusion

This research describes the entire process in great detail and provides a numerical analysis of the water treatment plant that is crucial to producing fresh, safe water. Following a protocol that involves intake, screening, sedimentation, coagulation, flocculation, filtration, and disinfection, the plant effectively removed multiple pollutants from water, making it appropriate for consumption or other purposes.

The results demonstrate that each stage has a different value during the treatment process. The procedure of collecting and screening effectively camouflages the system from the large trash that would otherwise impede the flow and pressure of the water pipes and pumps. The sedimentation and coagulation processes have a complementary role in removing suspended particles, this is enhanced by chemical coagulants that cause the formation of flocs. Flocculation increases the effectiveness of sedimentation by allowing smaller particles to form larger flocs, which have a greater propensity to settle.

The significance of the stage of filtration is in removing small components and diseases, fast sand filtration has a high degree of effectiveness for treatment. Constant backwashing is beneficial because it maintains the effectiveness of the filter, while the dual-media method increases the removal of both organic and inorganic components. Ultimately, the process of disinfection ensures the safety of the microbial population by keeping a sufficient amount of chlorine in the water, which preserves the treated water during transmission.

Overall, the investigation suggests that a versatile, multi-step approach to treatment is imperative to address various water quality concerns. By improving the efficiency of each unit process, the treatment plant can produce water that is of high quality and consistently supports public health and sustainable urban development. The results have significant implications for the design and operation of water treatment plants that are intended for both current and future applications.

4.2. Recommendations

Based on the findings of this study, the following recommendations are proposed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of water treatment processes:

1- Optimize the Chemical Dosage and Tracking: Constantly monitoring and adjusting the concentrations of coagulants and disinfectants based on the quality of the water. Automated dosing machines would enhance the accuracy of dosing and reduce the chemical cost, both of which are significant aspects of cost-benefit and treatment effectiveness.

2- Increased polymer floc formation effectiveness: When particle concentrations are low or water conditions change significantly, adding polymers can enhance floc formation and stability, resulting in better sediment-water bonding, which benefits filtration and sedimentation results.

3- Use advanced filtration methods: Consider using additional media, such as granular activated carbon, in addition to sand and anthracite. This can eliminate organic odors, preferences, and odors, and increase property safety.

4- Continuous cleaning and backwashing: Maintain a consistent series of cleaning and sedimentation procedures in the system and pipes, including regular monitoring of pumps and the system. This will prevent clogging, increase the life of the device, and ensure consistent water quality.

5- Purchase water quality sensors and data analysis software that will track parameters such as turbidity, pH, and chlorine salts. - Real-time monitoring provides a faster response to changes in water quality, which enhances the accuracy and effectiveness of treatment.

6- Future growth and modernization: As the population of cities increases, the demand for water will increase, as well as the possibility of changing the water source. Design flexibility is part of the design process, as this process promotes long-term stability and facilitates improvement..

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