Best Practices in Benchmarking Energy Performance at Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities

Examining Data From 584 Resource Recovery Facilities Across Wisconsin 2016-2018

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Presentation Overview

• Why Address Energy Use Through Regulatory Reports?
• Collaborative Process to Develop Questions
• Process Questions
• Facility Distribution
• What The Data Is Telling Us
• Summary – Actions – Q & A
Why Address Energy Use Through the Regulatory Process

One of the primary purposes of the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) is to foster communication.

Communication of Wastewater Resource Recovery Facilities needs among operators, governing bodies, and the DNR.

This project allows the CMAR to become an educational tool that increases awareness of the importance and value of wastewater treatment energy efficiency.
Why Address Energy Use Through the CMAR?

The Clean Water Loan Fund requires an Energy Audit, first step of energy audit is to create an energy use baseline.

Focus on Energy provides energy efficiency incentives to Wisconsin Wastewater Treatment Facilities.
Collaborative Process to Develop Questions

**Design Phase (2015)**
CMAR Energy External Workgroup with in-person meetings to develop the new questions and data table with the charge of keeping it short, simple and easy to complete.

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Committee determined that questions should be separated into “inside the fence” and “outside the fence”

WDNR, OEI, Focus held training sessions in all DNR regions. Great attendance, good questions, lots of important input.

Jack Saltes Farewell Tour
Facility Distribution Across the State
7.2 Energy Related Processes and Equipment

7.2.1 Indicate equipment and practices utilized at your treatment facility (Check all that apply):

- □ Aerobic Digestion
- □ Anaerobic Digestion
- □ Biological Phosphorus Removal
- □ Coarse Bubble Diffusers
- □ Dissolved O2 Monitoring and Aeration Control
- □ Effluent Pumping
- □ Fine Bubble Diffusers
- □ Mechanical Sludge Processing
- □ Nitrification
- □ SCADA System
- □ UV Disinfection
- □ Variable Speed Drives
- □ Other:
Water and/or wastewater utility managers index their facility’s energy usage through a production or demand index, such as kWh/MGD or kWh per 1,000lb of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD). This index is called a Key Performance Index (KPI) or Energy Performance Index (EPI). Establishing an energy baseline helps facility managers understand the relative efficiency or change in efficiency relative to the core purpose of the operation, i.e., water production or wastewater treatment. It is recommended utilities set a goal to save five to ten percent of its energy after it has implemented energy efficiency measures, a new annual average line is set as the targeted KPI level with monthly Monitoring & Verification (M&V).
Water Utility Analysis

Quartile Statistical Benchmarks where 1 = Top Quadrant 25% Best, 2 = 2nd Quadrant Good, 3 = 3rd Quartile below Median & 4 = 4th Quadrant Bottom 25% Poorest

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Water utilities with benchmarks of 3 (Yellow) and 4 (Red) can request that MEETAP prepare a system analysis of wells, towers and pumps to estimate demand, energy and cost savings (capacity and average operating characteristics – on-peak, capacity factor, constant flow high pressure control vs variable flow constant pressure, etc.).
Top 25 Low Cost No Cost Measures to Implement

WASTEWATER BRIDGE

TOP 25 LOW COST - NO COST SAVING OPPORTUNITIES
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Take Away & Actions

Small Wastewater Plant Assessment

Wastewater Energy Management (Low Cost/No Cost)

Capital Projects with Focus on Energy increase and DNR loan

Project assessment incentive from Focus on Energy

Project Identified from Clean Water Fund Priority list

Wastewater offering interactions
DNR & Focus on Energy 2018