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Introduction:

The design of a wastewater treatment plant is an engineering process that ensures the safe and effective treatment of wastewater to meet environmental standards and public health requirements. This process involves understanding wastewater's physical, chemical, and biological properties and applying advanced calculation methods to design systems that handle varying loads and contaminants.

From determining flow rates and pollutant concentrations to selecting treatment technologies and sizing key components, every step in the calculation and design process aligns with regulatory compliance and sustainability goals. By combining principles, engineering practices, and innovative technologies, wastewater treatment plant design addresses current environmental challenges and contributes to resource recovery and water conservation.

This Calculation and Process for Wastewater Treatment Plant Design course provides participants with the knowledge and tools to perform accurate calculations and design processes for effective wastewater treatment solutions. It focuses on key calculations and methodologies required for effective design and offers practical knowledge of industrial and compact wastewater treatment plant design. They will understand wastewater treatment plant design and processes.

Participants in this Calculation and Process for Wastewater Treatment Plant Design training will learn how to perform wastewater treatment plant design and calculations, determine wastewater treatment plant capacity, and compile a wastewater treatment plant design and report. It focuses on industrial wastewater treatment plant processes and equips professionals with the tools to design and optimize efficient systems.

Targeted Groups:

- Environmental Engineers.
- Civil and Sanitary Engineers.
- Process Design Engineers.
- Water Treatment Plant Operators.
- Environmental Consultants.
- Urban Planners and Municipal Authorities.
- Researchers and Academicians in Environmental Science.
- Professionals in Industrial Wastewater Management.
- Regulatory and Compliance Officers.
- Project Managers in Water and Wastewater Projects.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this Calculation and Process for Wastewater Treatment Plant Design course, the participants will be able to:

- Understand the fundamentals of wastewater characteristics and treatment processes.
- Perform accurate calculations for flow rates and pollutant loads.
- Design and optimize physical, chemical, and biological treatment units.
- Analyze hydraulic profiles and system layouts for efficient plant operations.
- Ensure compliance with environmental and regulatory standards.
- Evaluate advanced treatment technologies for specific applications.
- Develop cost-effective and sustainable wastewater treatment solutions.
- Integrate resource recovery and energy efficiency into plant designs.
- Apply project management principles to wastewater treatment plant development.
- Enhance skills in troubleshooting and performance optimization.

Targeted Competencies:

By the end of this Calculation and Process for Wastewater Treatment Plant Design training, the participant's competencies will:

- Wastewater flow rate analysis.
- Contaminant load estimation.
- Process selection and optimization.
- Hydraulic and structural design of treatment units.
- Biological treatment process design.
- Advanced chemical treatment applications.
- Effluent quality assessment and compliance.
- Energy efficiency in wastewater treatment.
- Resource recovery and reuse strategies.
- Project planning and cost estimation.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Introduction to Wastewater Treatment and Design Fundamentals:

- Overview of wastewater sources and characteristics.
- Importance of wastewater treatment for environmental protection.
- Key principles of wastewater treatment processes.
- Regulatory standards and compliance requirements.
- Basic design parameters for treatment plant layout.

Unit 2: Wastewater Flow and Pollutant Load Calculations:

- Techniques for measuring and estimating flow rates.
- Determining pollutant loads in wastewater.
- Calculating organic and nutrient loads BOD, COD, TSS, etc..
- Accounting for peak flows and load variability.
- Data analysis and interpretation for plant design.

Unit 3: Design of Physical Treatment Processes:

- Principles of preliminary treatment screening, grit removal.
- Designing sedimentation tanks and clarifiers.
- Flow equalization and its impact on downstream processes.
- Calculations for hydraulic loading and retention times.
- Case studies on efficient physical treatment systems.

Unit 4: Biological and Chemical Treatment Design:

- Fundamentals of biological treatment aerobic and anaerobic processes.
- Activated sludge process: calculation and design.
- Trickling filters and bioreactor systems: design parameters.
- Chemical treatment methods for phosphorus and heavy metal removal.
- Evaluating advanced treatment technologies MBR, SBR.

Unit 5: Plant Layout, Energy Efficiency, and Resource Recovery:

- Integration of unit processes in a cohesive plant design.
- Hydraulic profile and piping design considerations.
- Energy-efficient equipment selection and operations.
- Resource recovery: water reuse, sludge management, and biogas production.
- Preparing detailed project cost estimates and feasibility studies.