

# ***An Introduction to Advanced Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems***

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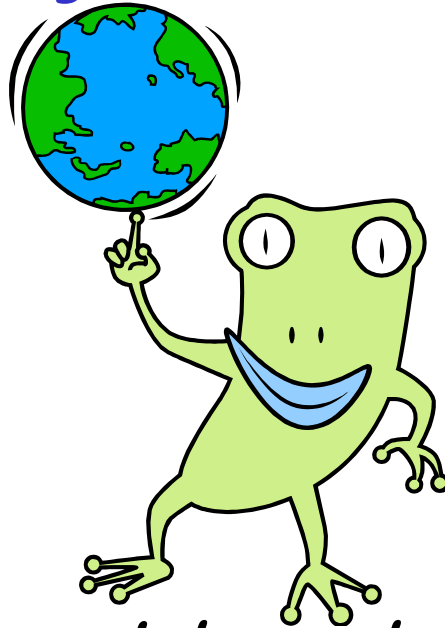
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# *A Quick Review*

## *The way the world works!*



*Wastewater treatment depends primarily upon natural biological processes to transform the wastewater to an acceptable quality for return to the environment.*



# Its All About the Food Chain Carbon Cycle

## PRODUCERS

Energy + CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O  
+ Nutrients =  
Organic Compounds  
+ O<sub>2</sub>



Producer

Secondary  
Consumer



Primary  
Consumer



Tertiary  
Consumers

## CONSUMERS

Organic Compounds  
+ (O<sub>2</sub> or **NO** O<sub>2</sub>)  
=  
Organic Waste  
Compounds + CO<sub>2</sub> +  
H<sub>2</sub>O + Energy



Decomposer



Organic Waste  
Compounds + O<sub>2</sub>

=

Energy + CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O +  
Nutrients

# ***The Stages of Wastewater Treatment***

## **PRIMARY TREATMENT**

- The first major treatment process in a wastewater treatment facility, used for the purpose of sedimentation.
- The removal of a substantial amount of suspended matter, but little or no colloidal and dissolved matter.

## **SECONDARY TREATMENT**

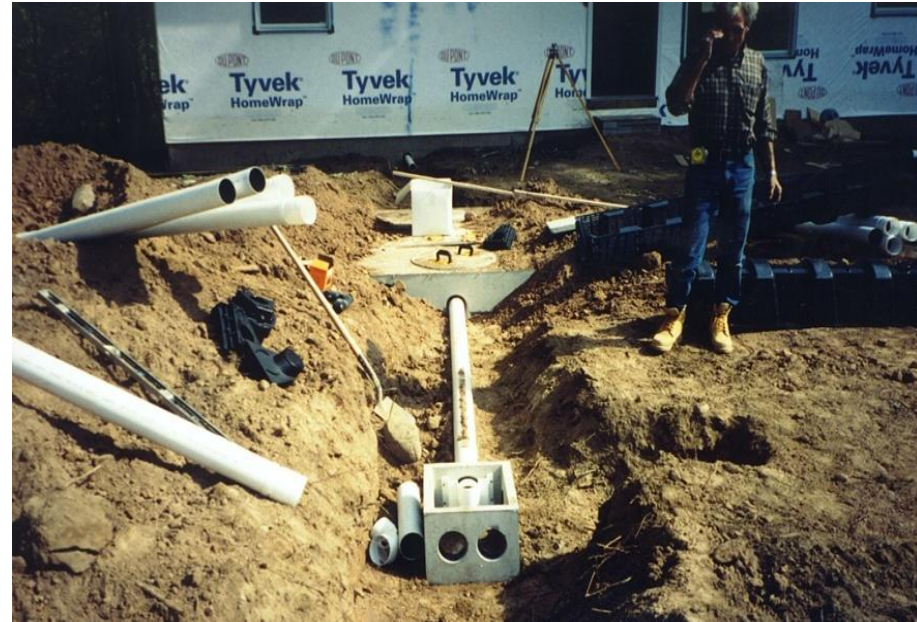
- The biological treatment of settled wastewater from the primary process.
- An effluent that, with some exceptions, contains not more than 30 mg/L each (on a 30-day average basis) BOD and suspended solids.

## **TERTIARY TREATMENT**

- The treatment of wastewater beyond the secondary or biological stage;
- Term typically implies the removal of nutrients, such as phosphorus and nitrogen, and a high percentage of suspended solids



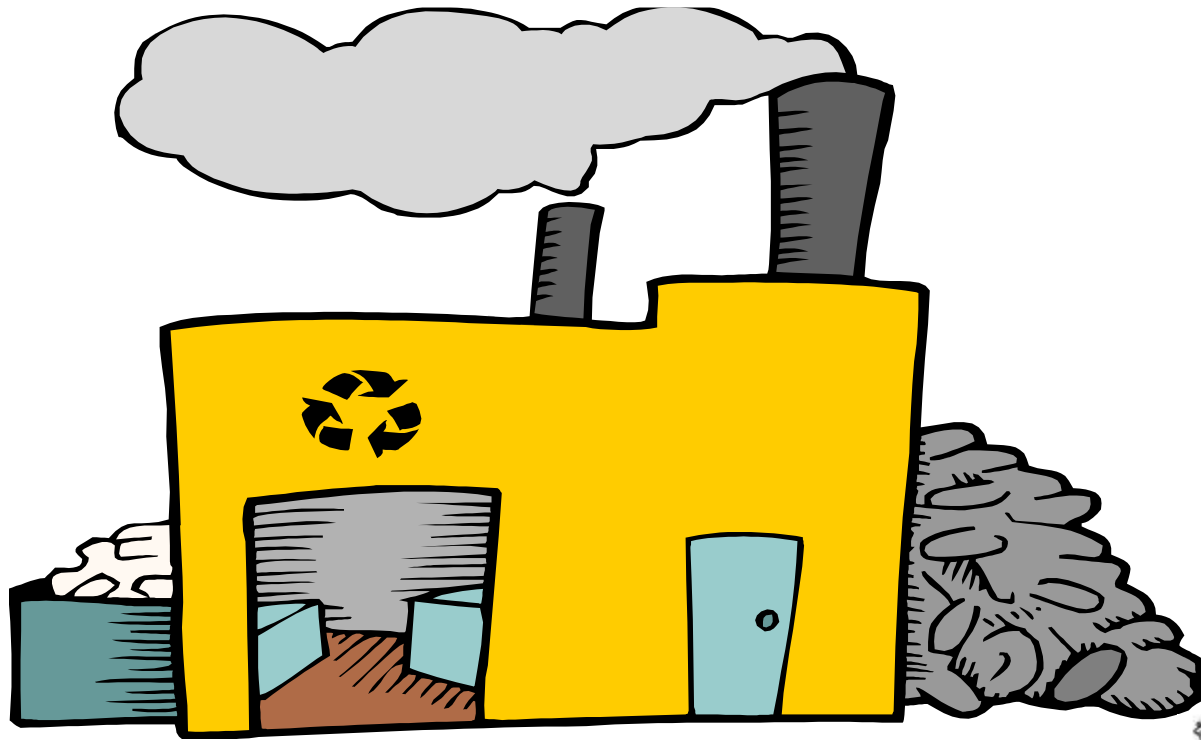
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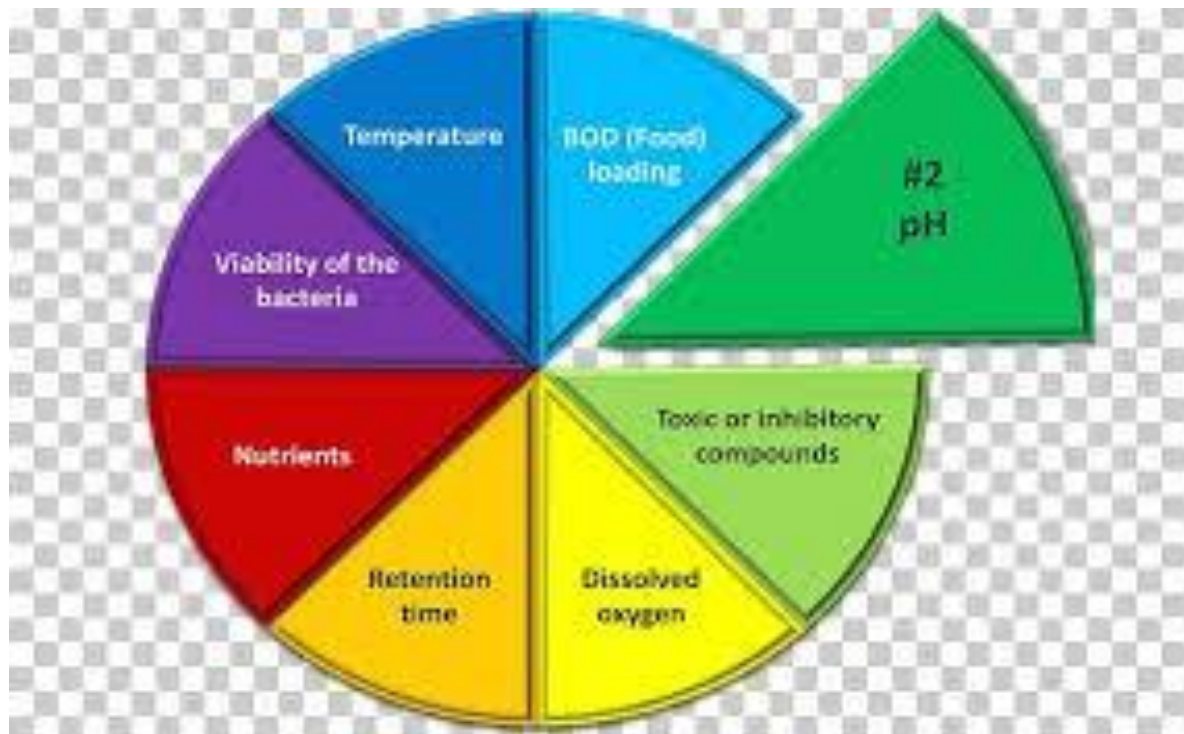
# The Elements of Wastewater Treatment **WORK SPACE**





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## WORK ENVIRONMENT

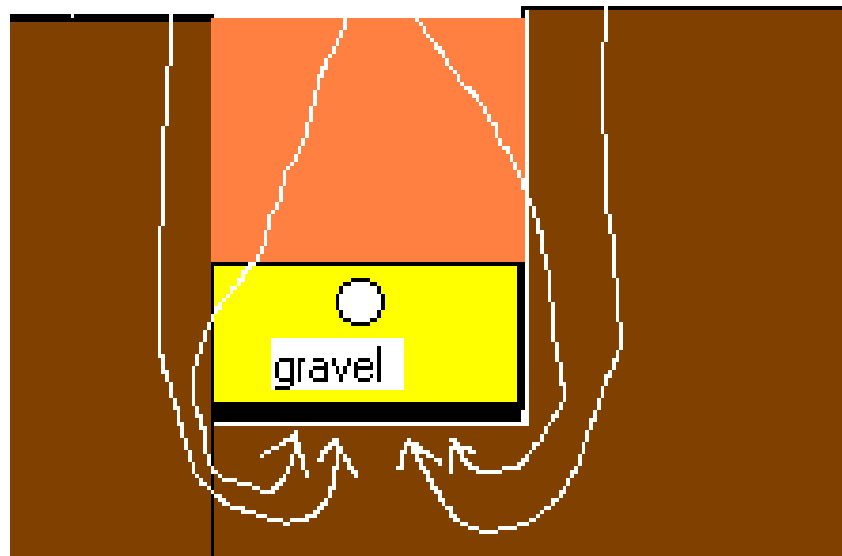


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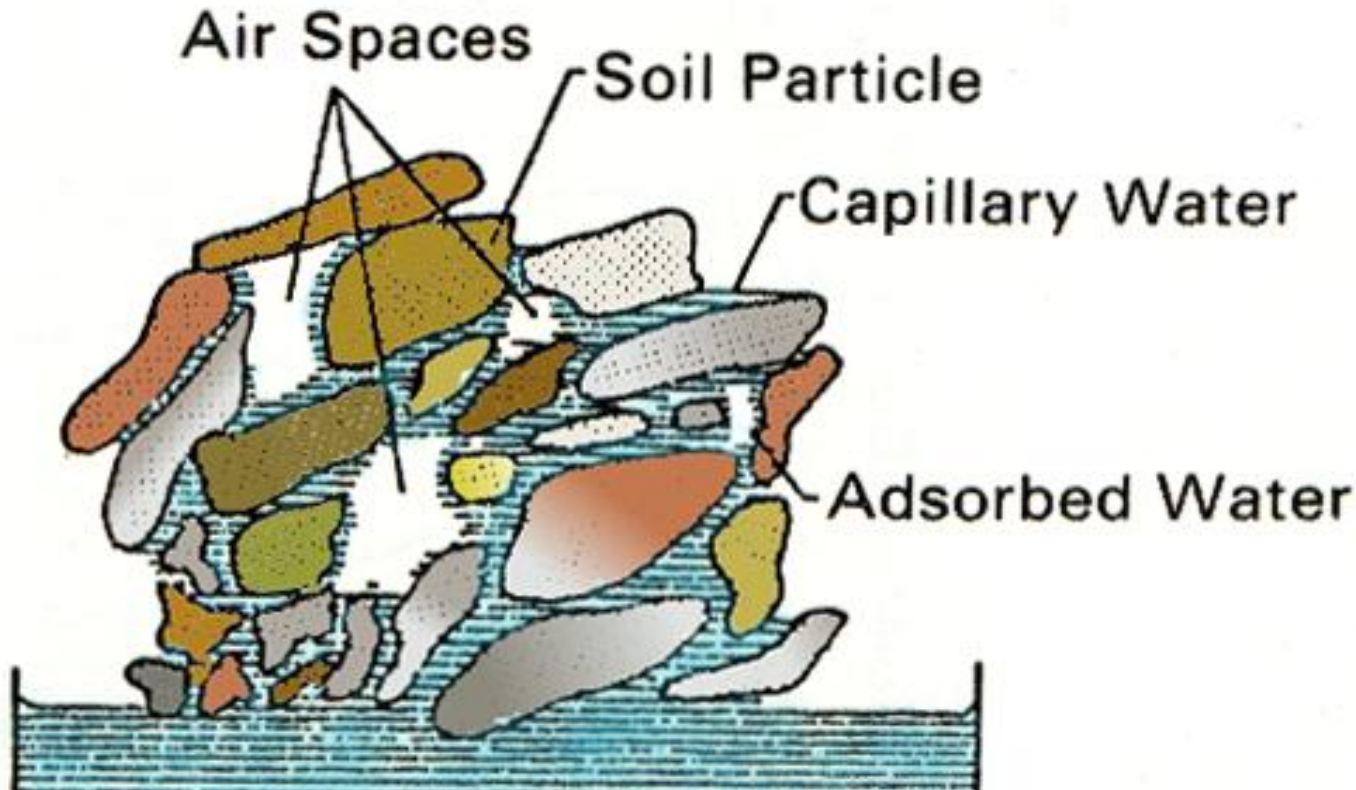


*In a conventional septic system the soil must provide enough vertical and horizontal aerobic conditions for the biological workforce to convert the waste into harmless byproducts*

Oxygen and Nitrogen



*Soil is a complex homogenous mixture of various size and shape particles*



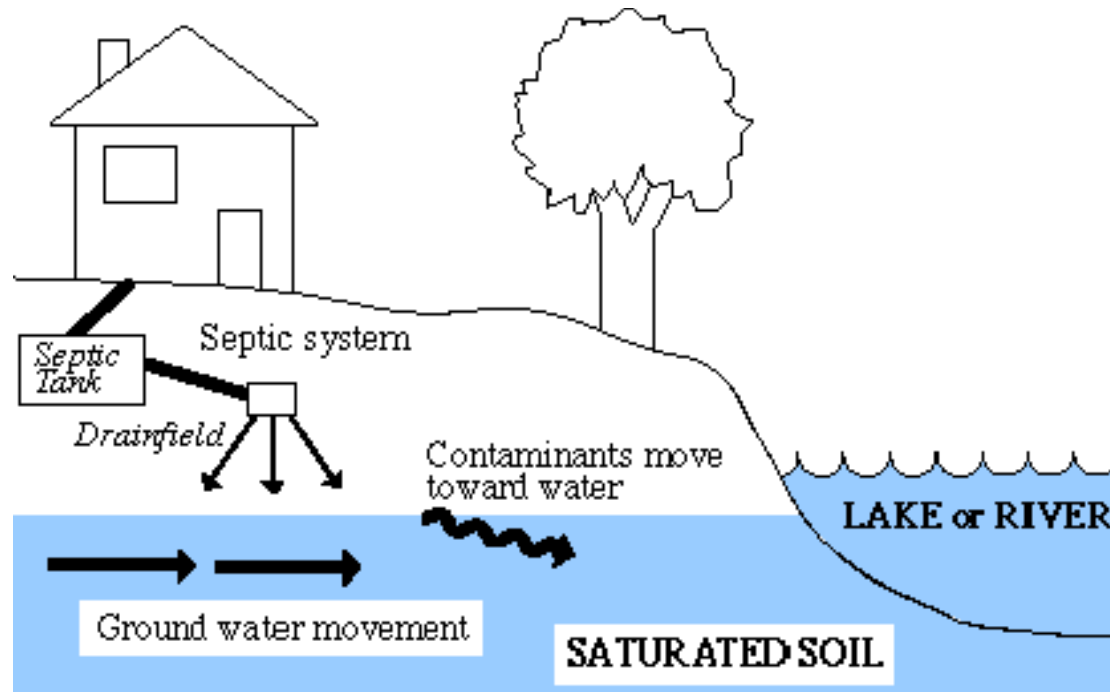


*Improper site, soil conditions and/or design considerations often lead to premature failure of septic systems*

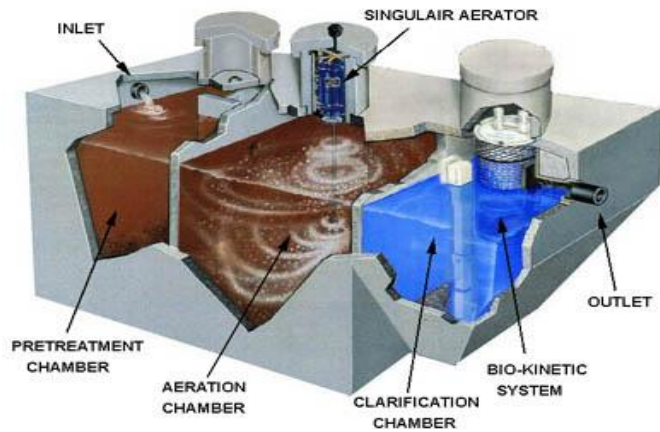




# *Ground & surface water contamination can be caused by the inadequate onsite treatment of wastewater*



# *Understanding other forms of Onsite Treatment Technologies is key to identifying acceptable options*



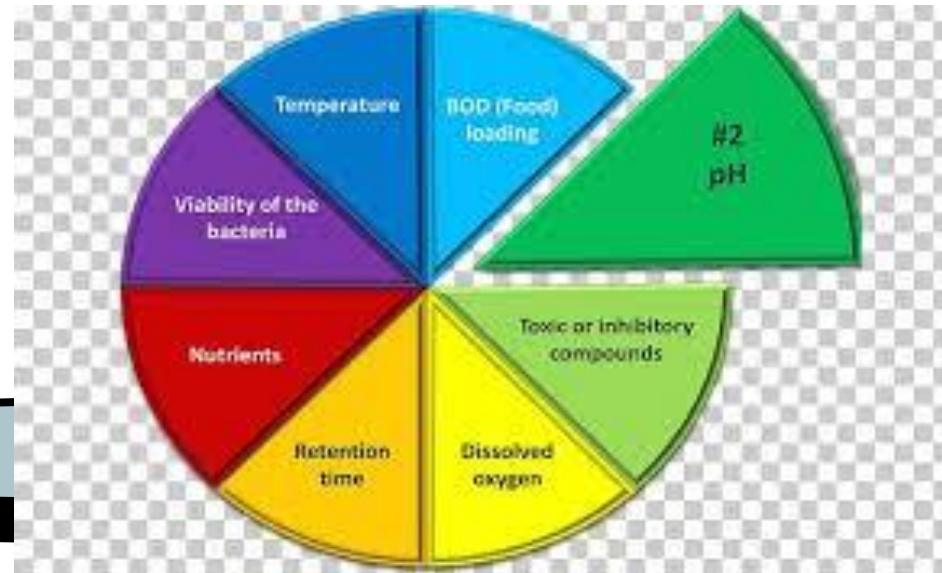
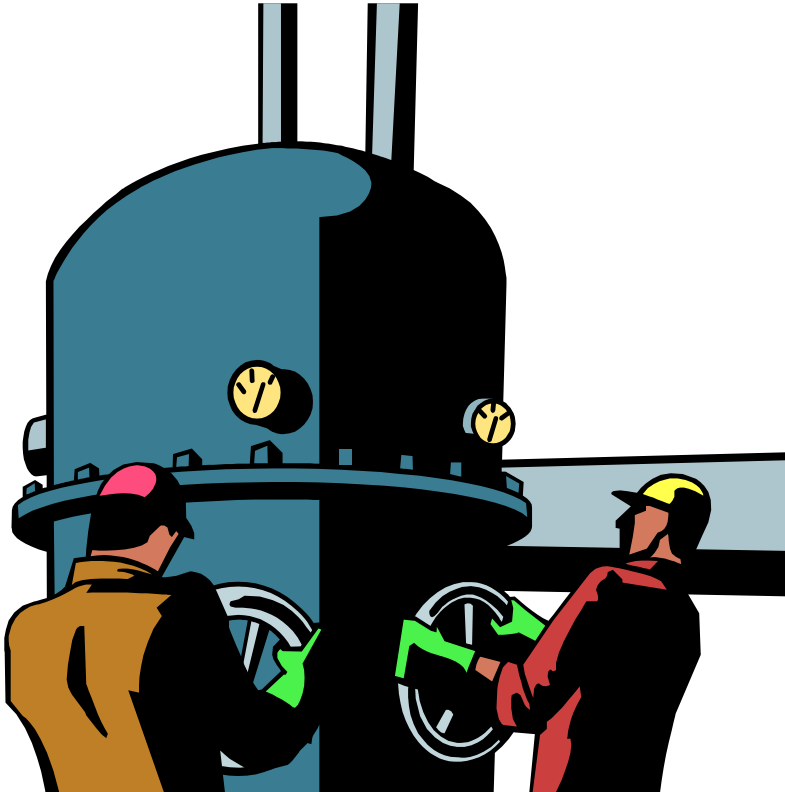
*Advanced Innovative Onsite Treatment technologies are not anything magical or mystical*



*Most innovative onsite technologies  
simply provide a more friendly work  
environment and efficient space for the  
biological workforce to accomplish their task*



*by providing & managing the operational environment for the biological workforce*





*A few emerging onsite technologies are  
capable of introducing a selected  
skilled task specific work force*



*Most recently a couple have focused on the physical capture of nutrients following complete biological treatment by means of adsorption (bonding) to various medias*

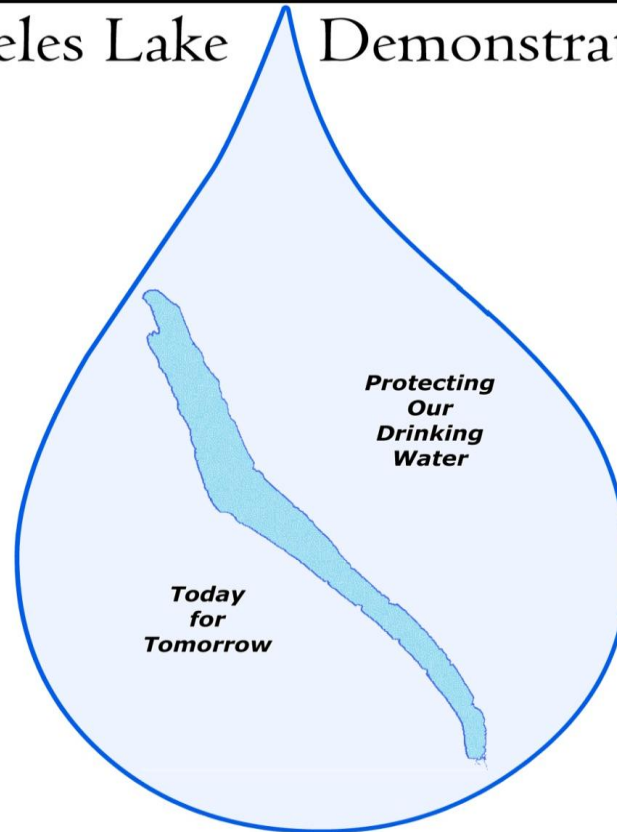




# National Decentralized Water Resources Capacity Development Project

Strengthening the Foundations of Training & Practice in Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Through Support of Research & Development

## Skaneateles Lake Demonstration Project



Alternative Onsite Wastewater Treatment  
Demonstration Project Site

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# 2,600 Dwellings in Watershed

300 Village Sewer

2,300 Onsite Systems

- 1,750 Conventional
- 340 Dry Wells
- 100 Holding Tanks
- 75 Composting Toilets
- 35 Mounds, ATU's & other non-conventional



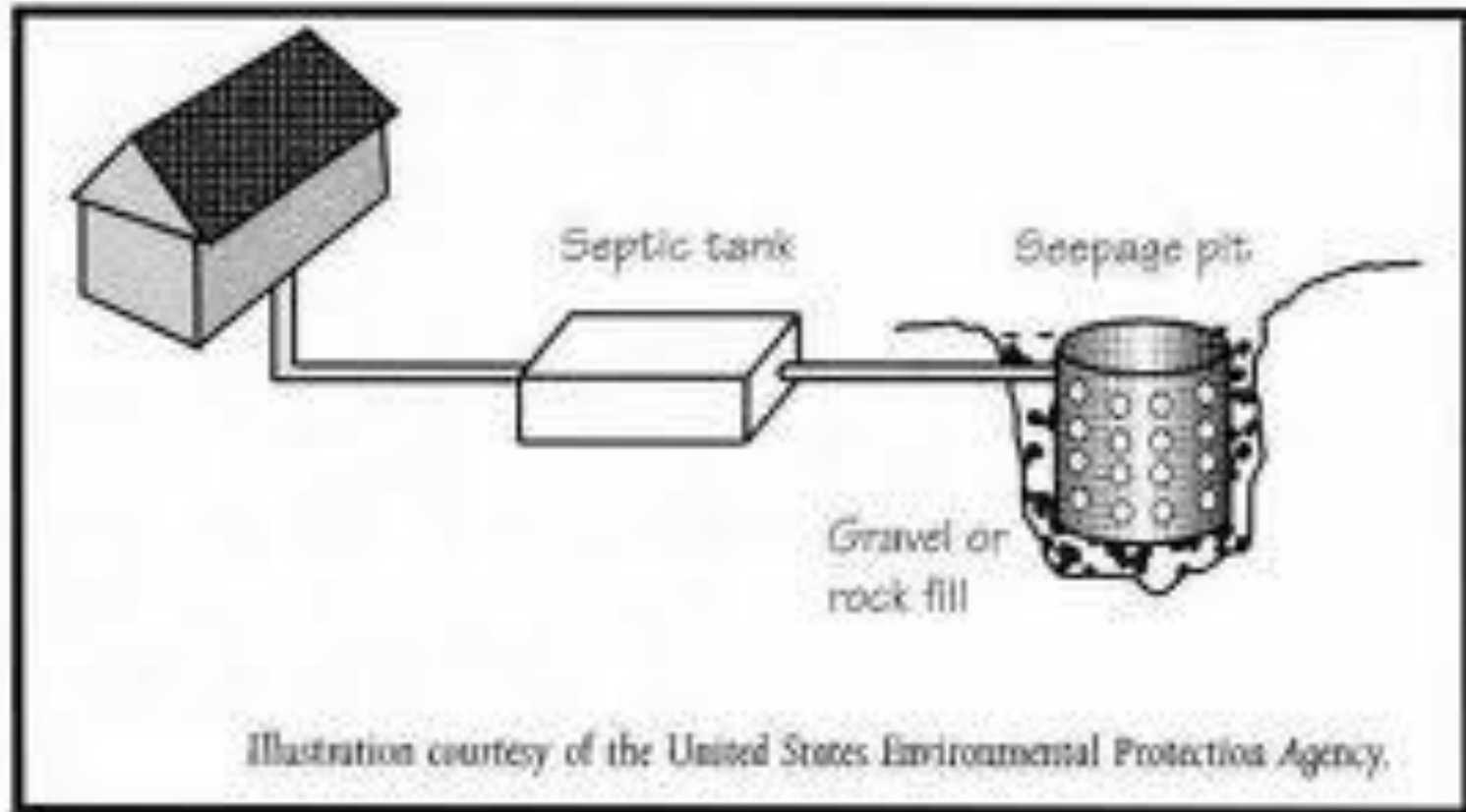


# Technical Committee Design Considerations

## Treatment Cost, O&M & Dispersal



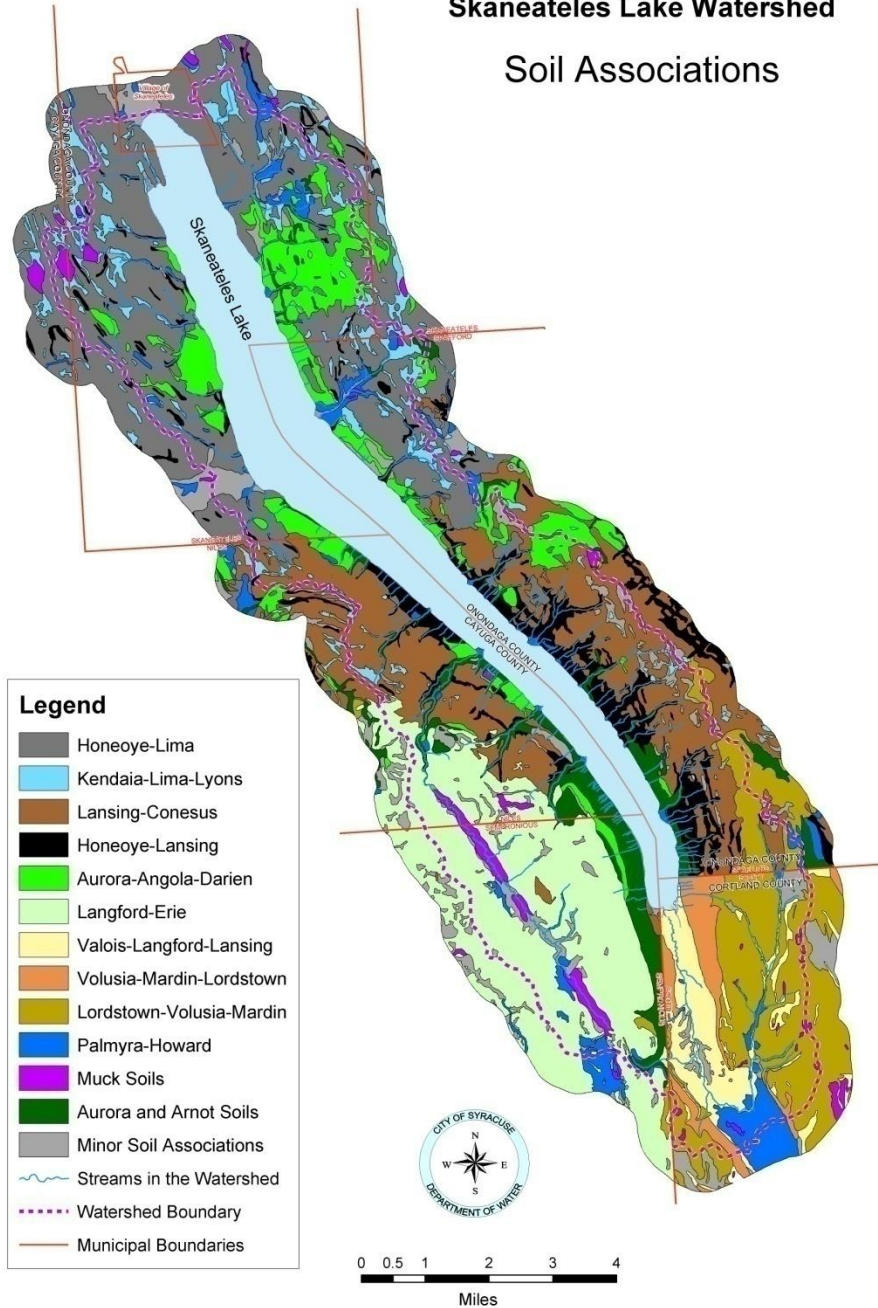
# Dry Wells offer little or no treatment



Schematic of a Seepage Pit (Dry Well)

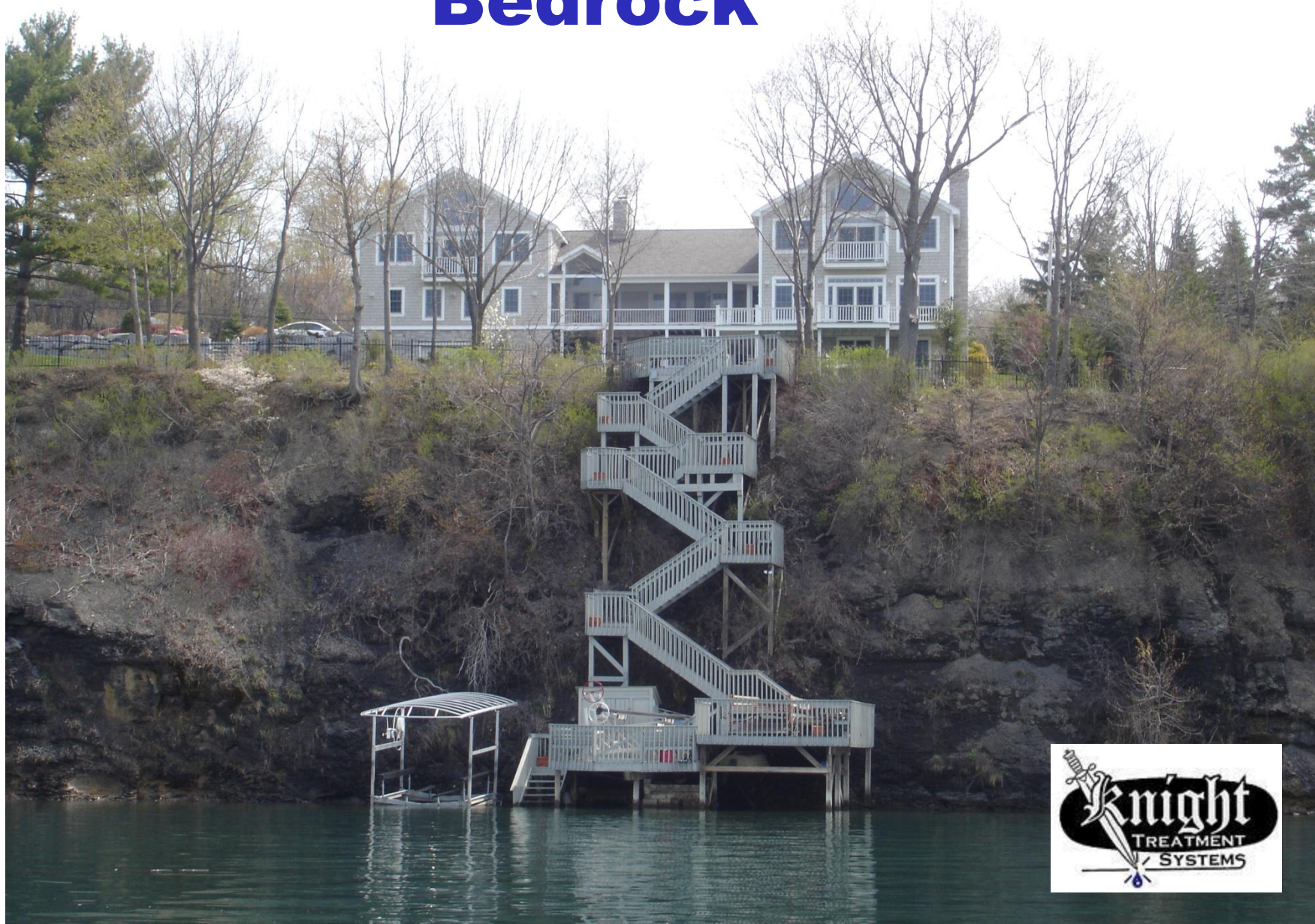
# Skaneateles Lake Watershed

## Soil Associations





# Steep Slope & Shallow Depth To Bedrock





# Separation to Surface Water





# Small Lots





# Steep Slopes



# AI Search Results

## Key Innovative Onsite Technologies

- **Aerobic Treatment Units (ATUs):** Systems that use forced air to treat wastewater, allowing for higher quality effluent than conventional septic tanks.
- **Recirculating Sand Filters (RSFs):** Systems that pass septic tank effluent over a sand bed multiple times to achieve high-level nitrogen removal.
- **Constructed Wetlands (Subsurface Flow):** Use plants and soil microbes to treat effluent, particularly effective for nutrient removal in residential applications.
- **Advanced Treatment Media & Filters:** Technologies such as textile filters, foam cube filters, and peat filters that provide enhanced media for biological treatment.
- **Nutrient Removal Systems:** Technologies specifically designed for nitrogen reduction (e.g., denitrification filters) or phosphorus removal, Often used in environmentally sensitive areas.
- **Low-Pressure Pipe (LPP) Systems:** A method of distributing effluent more evenly over a larger area of the soil absorption field.
- **Microbial/Biological Process Enhancements:** Advanced biological treatment to improve degradation of contaminants.
- **Disinfection Technologies:** Ultraviolet (UV) light and Ozone disinfection for high-level pathogen reduction before discharge or reuse.
- **Innovative Toilet Technologies:** Composting toilets and incinerating toilets that reduce or eliminate the need for water-based sewage disposal.



# *Categories of Innovative Onsite Treatment Technologies*

- “Gravelless” Absorption Systems\*
- Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU)
- Media Filters
  - Sand
  - Textile
  - Foam
  - Peat
- Microbial Inoculator/Generators
- Nutrient Reduction
- Composting





# Enhanced Treatment

- Pre-engineered
- Small footprint
- Proven history of performance
- Disperse “clean” water
- Clean color
- Eliminate clogging of dispersal field



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Standard 40

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# Written Instructions



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None

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Thanks for purchasing a Fusion® Series Treatment System. High quality workmanship and easy maintenance have been incorporated into the Fusion® system. The system will provide years of trouble-free service when installed, according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Please read this manual in its entirety before using the Fusion®, and follow all instructions to ensure proper operation. Keep this manual for future reference along with other important on-site documents. Should further assistance be necessary, please contact Clarus Environmental at 877-244-5840.

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Manufacturer warrants, to the purchaser and subsequent owner, during the warranty period, every new product to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service, when properly used and maintained, for a period of two years from date of purchase by the end user. No allowance will be made for shipping charges, damages, labor or other charges that may occur due to product failure, repair or replacement. This warranty does not apply to and there shall be no warranty for any material or product that has been reassembled without prior approval of Manufacturer, subjected to misuse, misapplication, neglect, alteration, accident or act of God, that has not been properly operated or maintained in accordance with Manufacturer's installation instructions, that has been exposed to adverse substances including but not limited to the following: acids, gravel, cement, mud, fuel hydrocarbons, hydraulic fluids, oil, grease, solvents, acids, or other abrasive or corrosive substances, wash bowls or feminine sanitary products, etc. This warranty shall not be extended to the purchaser above in the event of all other warranties or implied, and we do not authorize any representative or other person to assume for us any other liability in connection with our products.

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Fusion® Model: ☐ 450 ☐ 500 ☐ 600 ☐ 800  
Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Installing Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Fusion® Series Treatment System

### INSTALLATION AND START-UP CHECK LIST

Owner Information		Installer Information	
Owner's Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
Installation Address (if different):		City:	
Phone Number:		State:	
Fax Number:		Zip Code:	
Email Address:		County:	
General Information			
Fusion® Model: <input type="checkbox"/> 450 <input type="checkbox"/> 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 600 <input type="checkbox"/> 800	Installation Date:	Startup Date:	
Serial Number:	Septic Tank prior to Fusion®: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Size:	
Actual Number of Residents:	Number of Bedrooms:	Water Softener: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Type of Water Supply: <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Well <input type="checkbox"/> Cistern	Water Softener: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Garbage Disposal: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Final Discharge:	System Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Demo		

**I. Fusion® Layout**

1. Fusion® laid-out to proper grades and depths? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**II. Excavation**

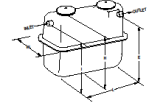
1. Size of Excavation L \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_\_  
(No more than 36" cover over Fusion®)

2. Rock obstructions in excavation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Water table present? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
(Self-Installation device required if yes)

Fusion® DIMENSIONS				
SYSTEM	L	W	H	I
Fusion® 450	7'-1"	3'-0"	0'-2"	4'-4"
Fusion® 500	8'-0"	4'-0"	0'-2"	4'-4"
Fusion® 600	8'-0"	4'-0"	0'-2"	4'-4"
Fusion® 800	8'-0"	4'-0"	0'-2"	4'-4"

**NOTES:**  
1. DIMENSIONS "L" AND "W" ARE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE REINFORCING WALL.  
2. THE CENTRAL VENTED EXHAUSTION IS TO THE TOP OF THE EXHAUSTION CAP/COVER RAIL, NOT THE REAR WALL.  
3. IN AREA COVERED CABLE EXHAUSTION, ADDITIONAL REPAIRS ARE PURCHASED SEPARATELY.



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### MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE REPORT

Date:	Actual Date:	Weather:	Water use:
Payment of Bill: <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Service Call <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):	Serial Number:	Septic Tank present? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Model Number: <input type="checkbox"/> 450 <input type="checkbox"/> 500 <input type="checkbox"/> 600 <input type="checkbox"/> 800			
System Owner Information		Service Provider Information	
Name:	Name:	City:	City:
Address:	Address:	State:	State:
City:	City:	Zip Code:	Zip Code:
State:	State:	County:	County:
Phone:	Phone:		
Fax:	Fax:		
Number of residents:	Number of residents:		
Number of bedrooms:	Number of bedrooms:		
Water Softener:	Water Softener:		
Garbage Disposal:	Garbage Disposal:		
System Type:	System Type:		
Required Water Quality Analyses			
Clean Water Storage Chamber		Aeration Chamber	
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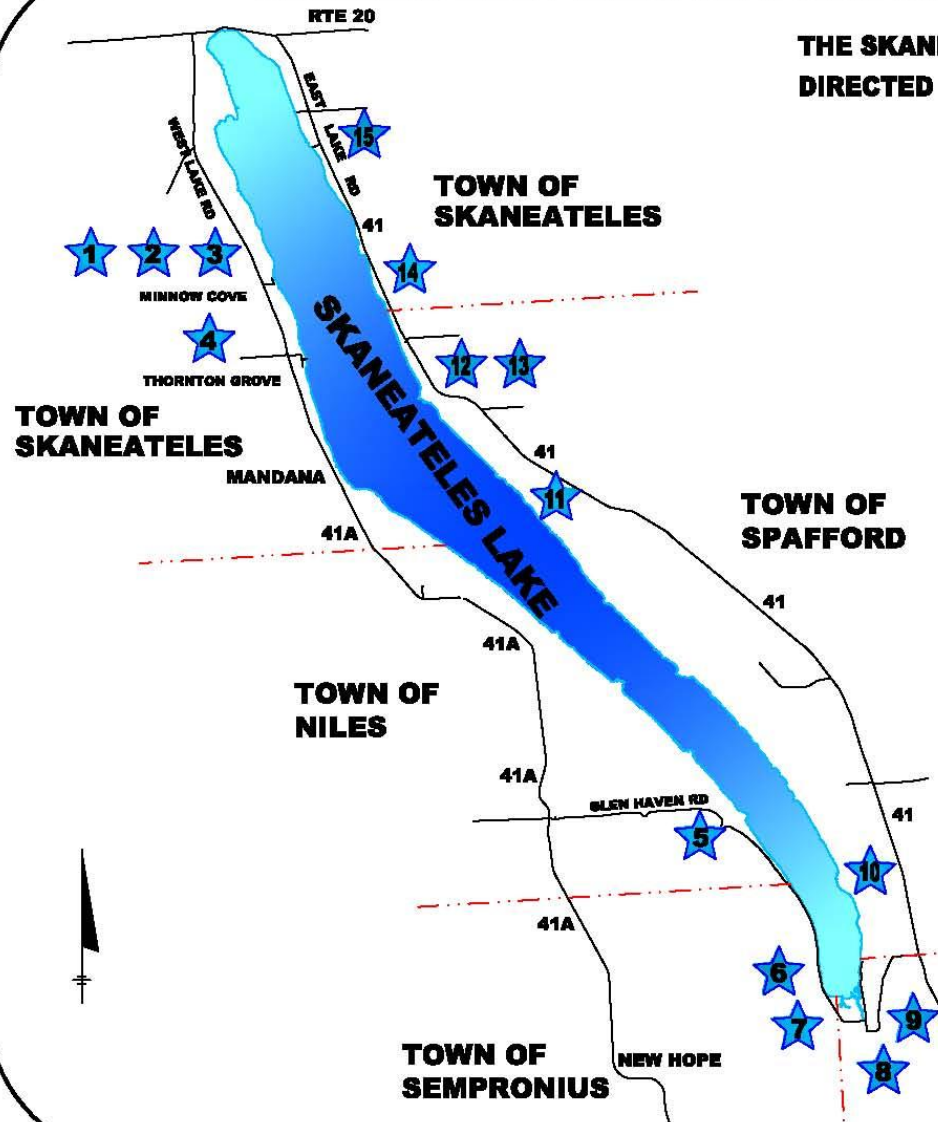
- BOD & TSS
- Ammonia ( $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ )
- Nitrite-Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_2\text{-NO}_3$ )
- TKN
- Total Phosphorus (as P)
- Total Coliform
- Fecal Coliform
- Turbidity





# SKANEATELES DEMONSTRATION PROJECT TOUR

**THE SKANEATELES LAKE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT  
DIRECTED BY: ERIC MURDOCK P.E.**

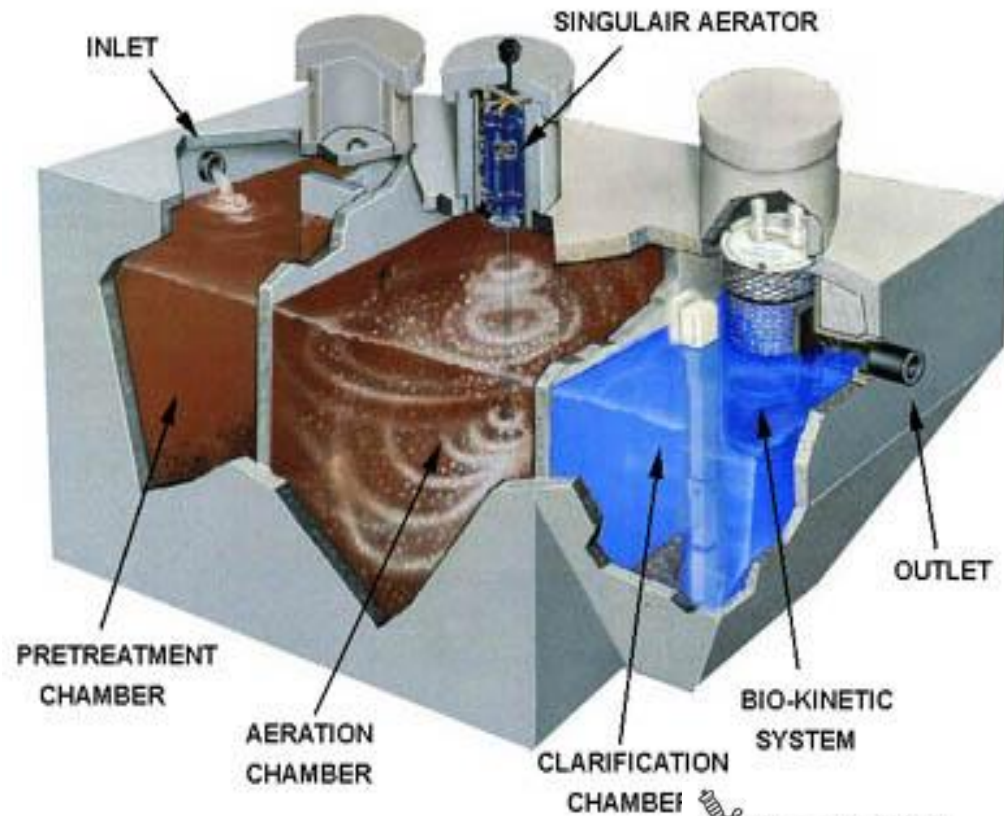
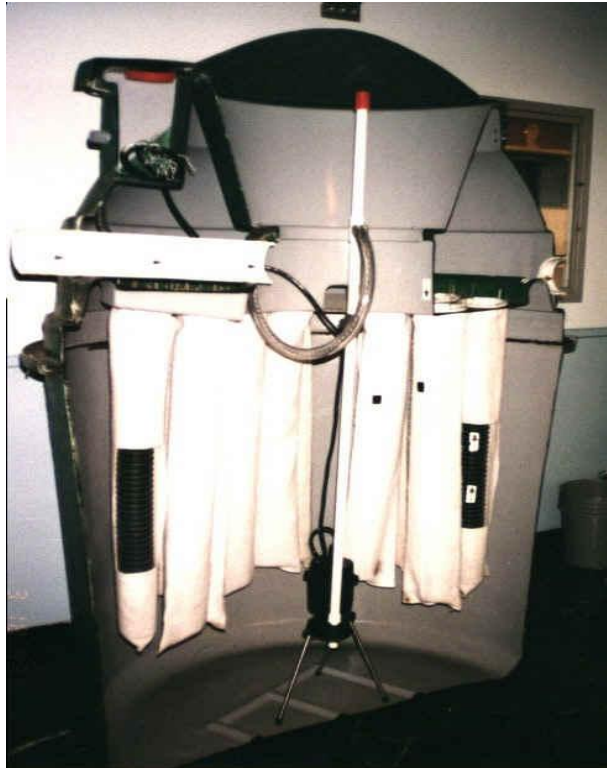


- 1** THE MINNOW COVE SITES (3 SITES)  
1250-1254 MINNOW COVE (FIRE LANE #22)  
PREMIER TECH ENVIRONMENT - PEAT FILTER  
GEOFLOW - DRIP IRRIGATION
- 2**
- 3**
- 4** THE DAVIDSON SITE  
2312 THORNTON GROVE (FIRE LANE #33)  
BORD NA MONA - PEAT FILTER
- 5** THE FRANCIS RYAN SITE  
FIRELANE 6 - LOT 38  
ORENCO-ADVANTEX - SHALLOW PRESSURE DOSED TRENCHES
- 6** THE PAT RYAN SITE  
6892 NORTH GLEN HAVEN ROAD  
BORD NA MONA - PEAT FILTER
- 7** THE RAY PHELPS SITE  
7035 GLEN HAVEN ROAD  
XXXXX - XXXXXX
- 8** THE GLEN HAVEN RESTAURANT  
7434 FAIR HAVEN ROAD  
KNIGHT TREATMENT SYSTEMS - WHITE KNIGHT
- 9** THE FILKINS FARM  
7387 ROUTE 41  
ELJEN IN-DRAIN
- 10** THE HELGREN SITE  
96 NYS ROUTE 41  
NORWECO ATU & DRIP IRRIGATION
- 11** THE FLEISS SITE  
1991 WOODLAND LANE  
CONSOLIDATED, INC. - ENVIROGUARD
- 12** THE 5 MILE POINT SITES  
PREMIER TECH ENVIRONMENT - TEXTILE PEAT FILTER  
ORENCO SYSTEMS INC - ADVANTEX &  
BOTOMLESS SAND FILTER
- 13**
- 14** THE POLLOCK SITE  
1749 SHADY BEND LANE  
QUANICS - AEROCCELL TRICKLING FILTER
- 15** THE KELLY SITE  
2727 EAST LAKE ROAD  
ORENCO-ADVANTEX  
SHALLOW PRESSURE DOSED TRENCHES





# NSF Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU)



# Foam

- Many pre-packaged systems
- Higher loadings
- Waterloo BioFilter
- Zabel Aero Cell





# Textile Filters

- Greater surface area
- Loadings up to **50** GPD/sqft
- Normally 10-25 GPD/sqft



# Peat Systems

- **Modularized**
  - Puraflo
- **Containerized/sized**
  - Eco-Pure
  - Eco-Flow
- **Trenches**
  - Brooks





# Nutrient Reduction Technologies

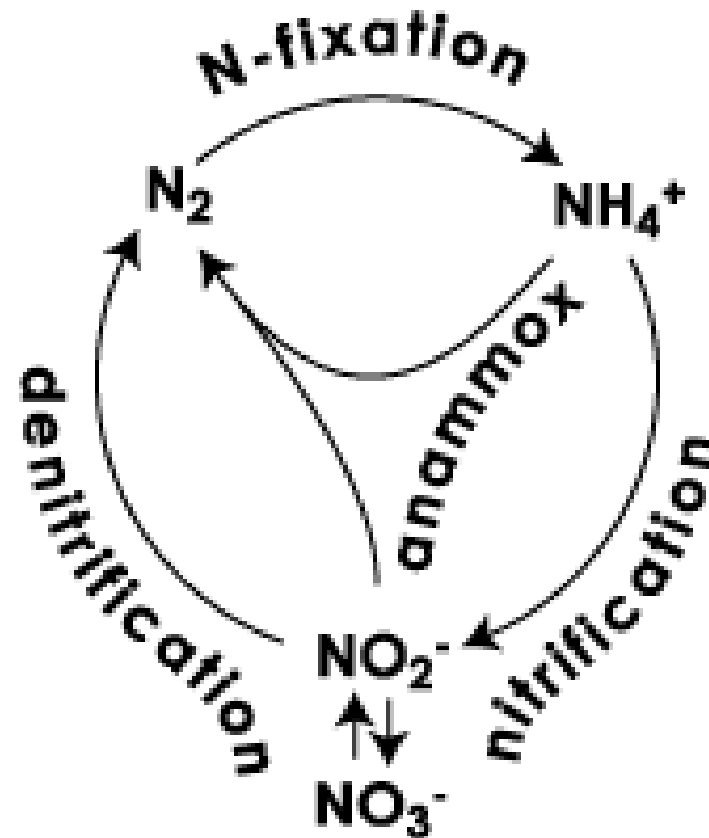
Nutrients (Nitrogen & Phosphorus) severely impact Water Quality & can affect Public Health

Traditional Onsite Systems are extremely limited in their ability to remove nutrients



# Nutrient Reduction: Nitrogen Cycle

**It's a Biological Process**



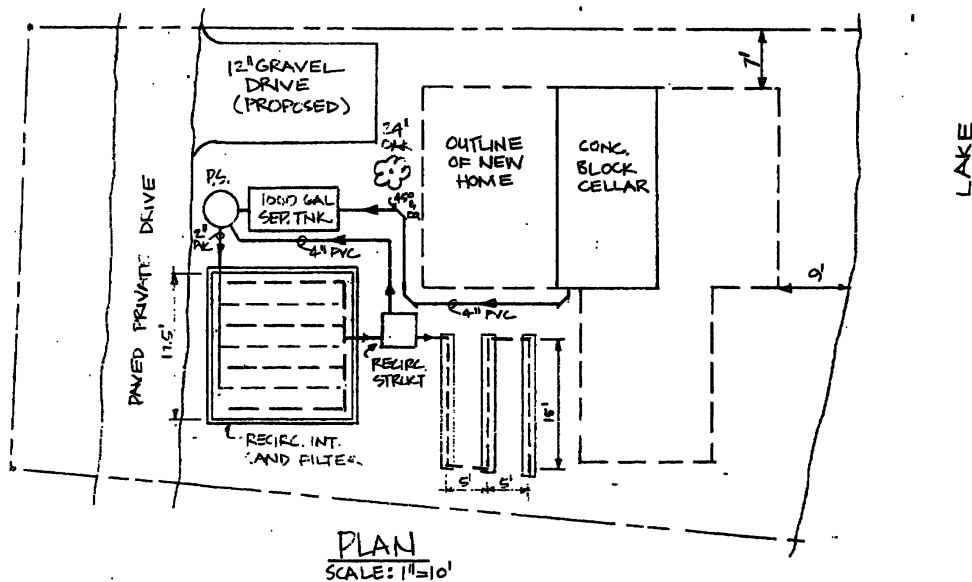
# Nitrogen Removal by Recirculation

- Recirculate secondary treated effluent to head of system
- Can be accomplished with:
  - Sand Filters
  - Media Filters
  - ATU's
  - Peat Systems



# Recirculating Sand & Media Filters

- Provides additional treatment of settled wastewater
- Can be configured to promote denitrification.



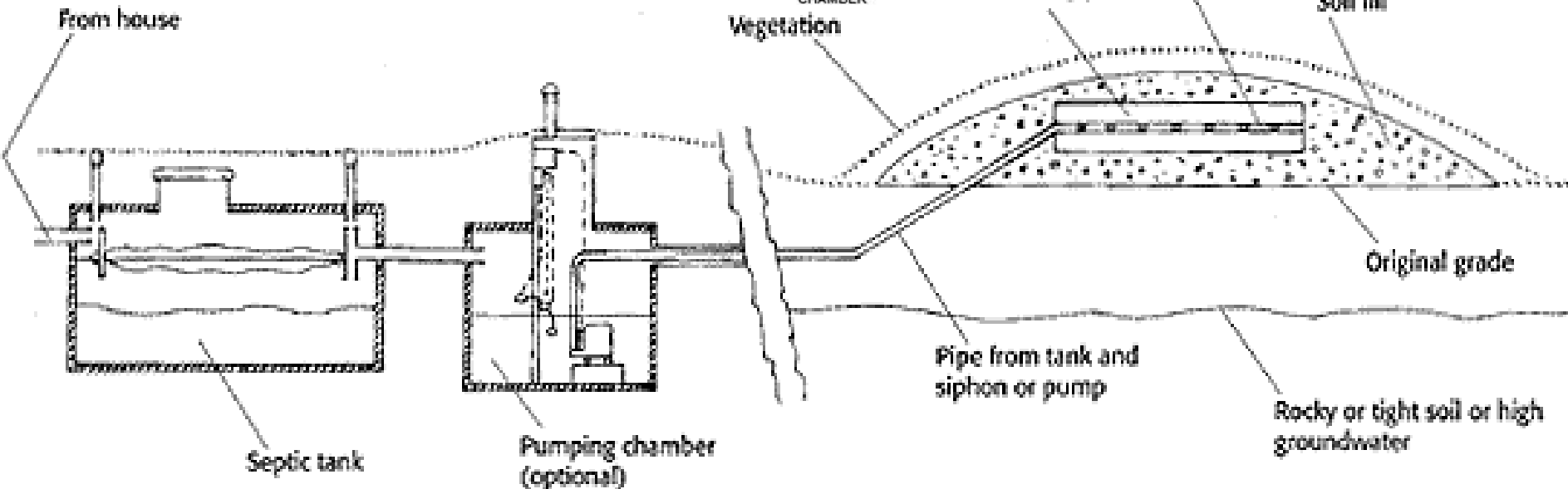
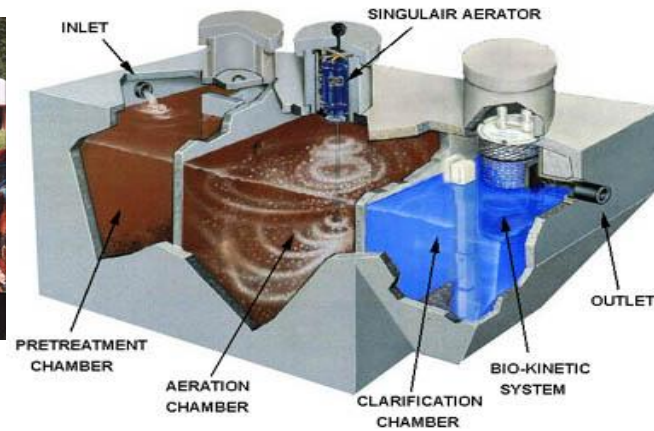


# *Phosphorus Removal Methodology*

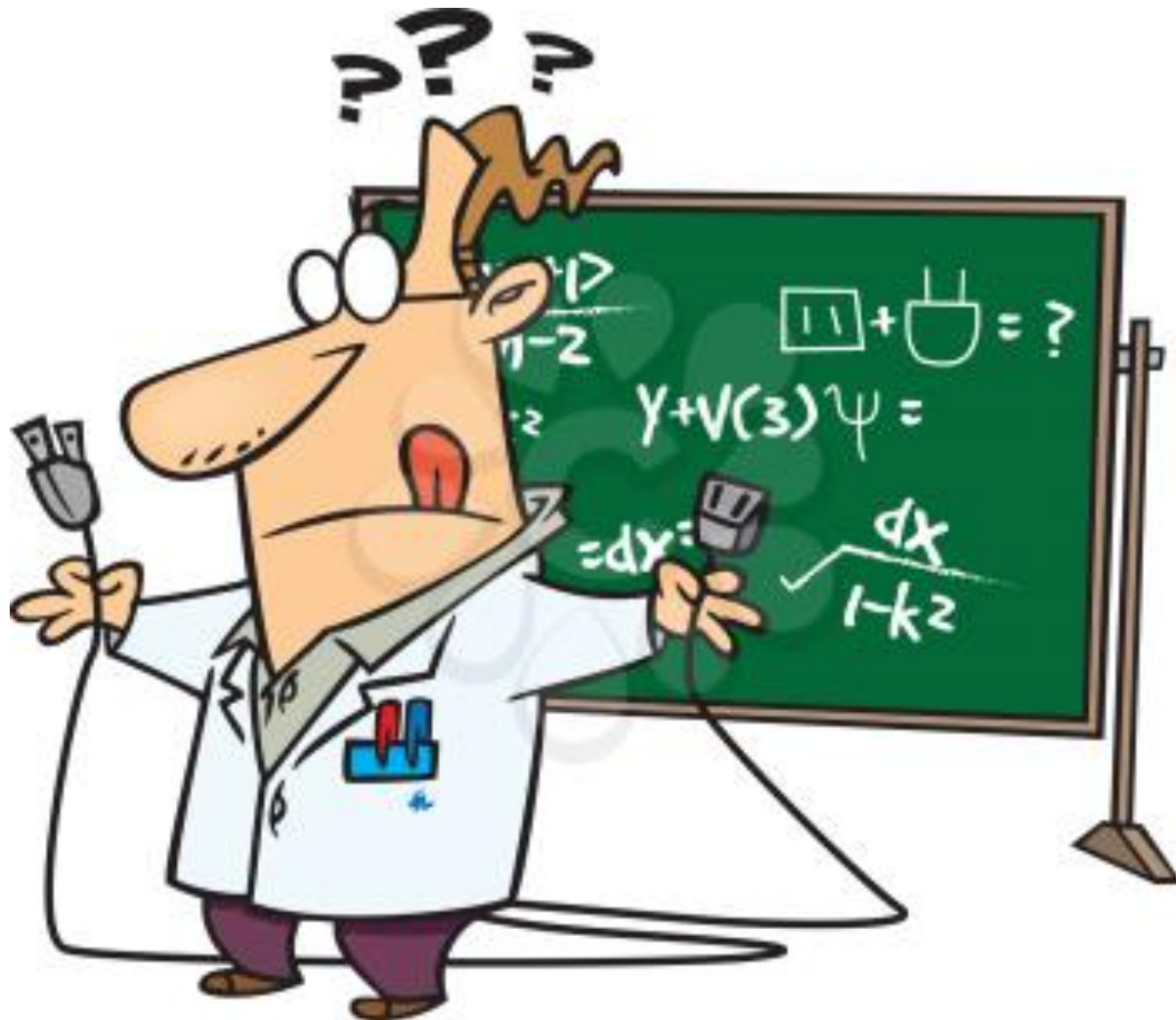
## **IONIC BONDING TO MEDIA**



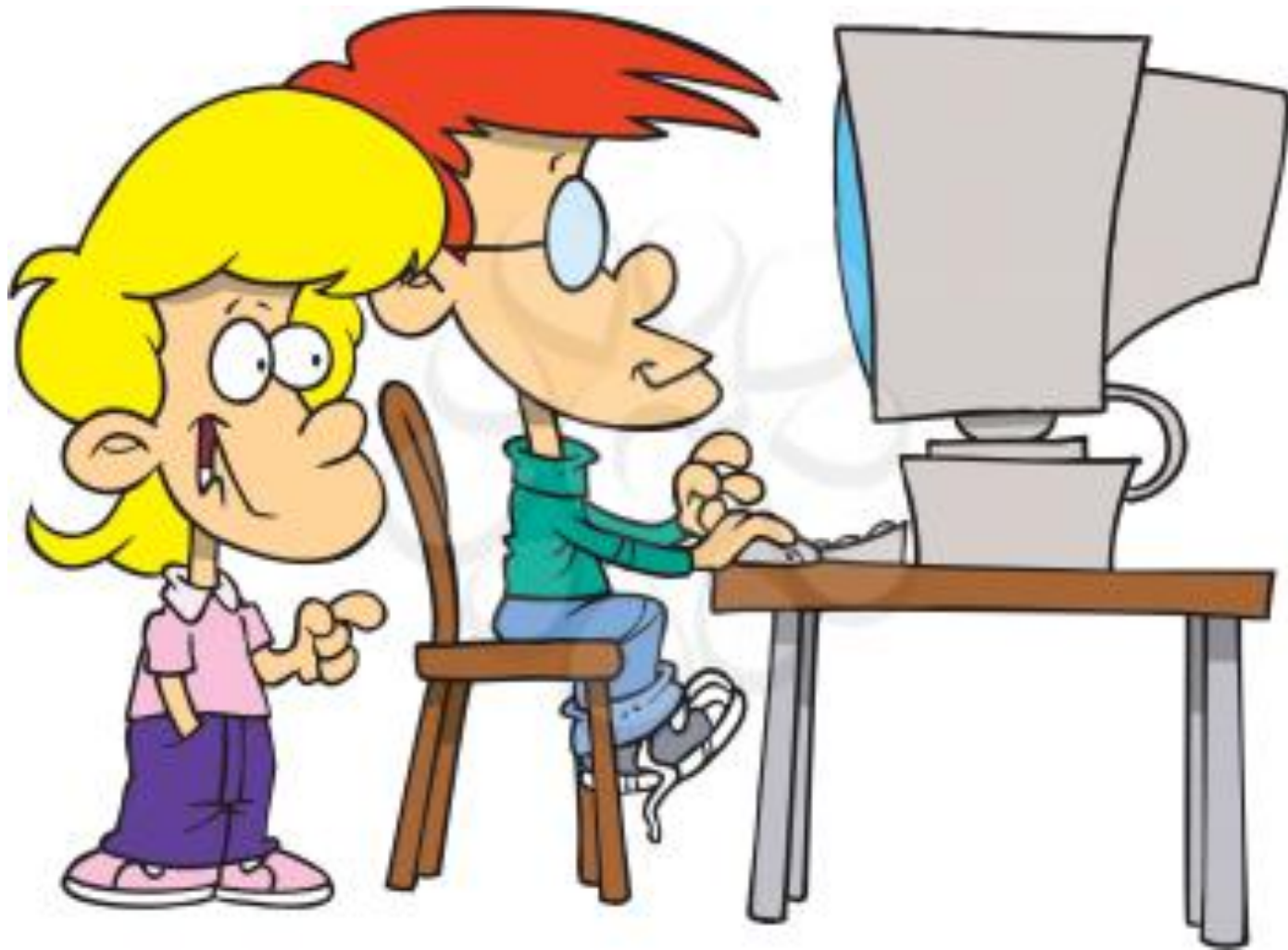
**The more advanced the treatment technology,  
the greater post installation attention required  
to assure proper performance.**



# Questions?







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