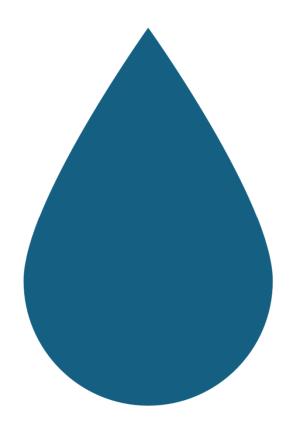


# City of Kotzebue Water Treatment Plant



## Successes and Challenges

- Culmination of 12 years of planning, design, and construction
- Six different grant agreements
- Construction started in March 2020, the month Covid changed the world
- Construction Change Orders have been roughly 4% of the contract.

## Challenges

- Significant deterioration in Raw Water Quality Since Design
- Pre-treatment systems were removed during design because of funding restrictions
- Tetra Tech is completing considerable work at no cost to the City right now
- Difficulty keeping our construction contractor engaged, which is necessary for quickly executing whatever construction is required

## **Treatment Challenges**

- Mn Removal and discoloration are biggest challenges
- Other challenges include
  - Plant automation and ongoing maintenance contract needs
  - Finalizing existing work in existing contracts
    - Chemical storage racks
    - Building hvac systems
    - Backwash tank

### Financial Overview

- Swalling Contract- \$21,781,498/ \$22,200,161
- Tetra Tech Contract- \$2,220,000/\$2,220,000
- Anticipated Change Orders-\$152,219.24
- Grant Funding Remaining -\$24,533.43
- Project did cover \$40K Forklift, and \$97K Highlift

## Financial Challenge

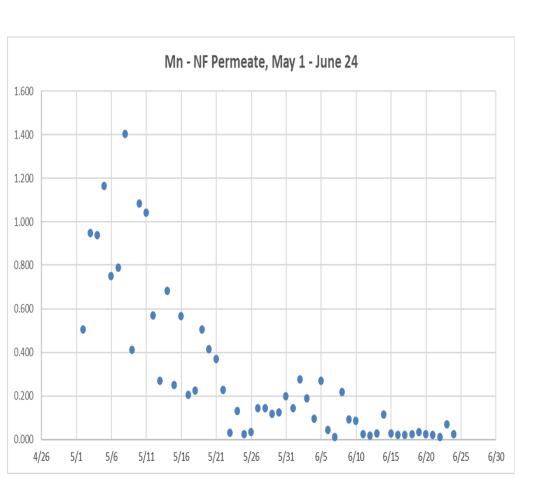
# Project will need more money

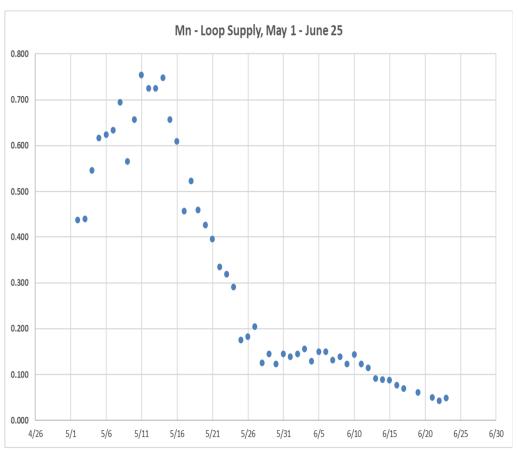
- ANTHC appears to not have more available funding
- USDA EGWAG is a possibility
  - Grant application submitted
- SOA ADEC SRF is a possibility
  - Grant application submitted

## Short Term and Long Term Action Plans

• Tetra Tech

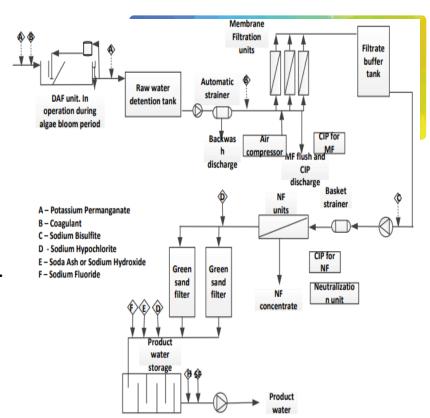
#### Continued Positive Results from the Plant





#### **Short-Term Action Items**

- Continue to maintain pH at 8.0 to 8.5 prior to the UF by:
  - Modify Sodium Hydroxide Storage & Feed systems
  - Install pH, Potassium Permanganate and TOC Analyzers
  - Revise the chemical monitoring & programming
- Optimize the UF and NF Operations by:
  - Work with contractor and the programmer to be able to maintain a constant raw water flow into the UF system
  - Work with contractor and the programmer to operate the UF system with all three trains operating during normal flows and two trains during a backwash on one train. This will help to balance the flows to the UF.
- Membrane Evaluation
  - Determine if UF & NF membranes can meet the flow requirements with Winter/Spring 2023 water quality.
  - Evaluate if additional UF membranes should be added on the three trains where there is space set aside already.
  - Evaluate if any NF membranes need to be replaced.



### Long Term Action Items

- Evaluate equipment options for treating raw water quality upstream of UF Filters:
  - Greensand Filters
  - Pyrolusite Filters
  - Dissolved Air Floatation (DAF)
  - Solid Contact or High- Rate Clarifiers
  - Evaluation considers effectiveness, backwash requirements, delivery schedule and guarantee/warranty
  - Evaluation provided to City and Contractor for review
- Evaluate equipment options for adding treatment after the NF Filters:
  - Greensand Filters
  - Pyrolusite Filters
  - Evaluation considers effectiveness, backwash requirements, delivery schedule and guarantee/warranty
  - Evaluation provided to City and Contractor for review

