

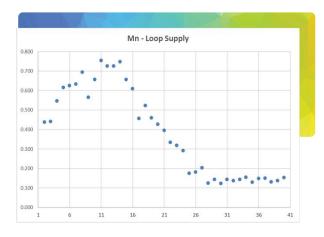


## Kotzebue Water Treatment Plant Action Plan

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# **Executive Summary**

- Water Quality from the Plant is improving due to the increase in pH of 8.0 to 8.5 coupled with the permanganate injection at Devils Lake.
- Short Term Plant Modifications are needed to provide consistent flow and chemical feed.
- Two longer-term improvements are being analyzed:
  - Addition of a Clarifier, DAF, Greensand Filter or High-rate Clarifier prior to the UF System.
  - Addition of a Greensand Filter downstream of the NF system to capture any Manganese that passes thru the NF system.
- These longer-term improvements need to be further analyzed for capital costs, operating costs, funding potential and effectiveness.
- Team needs to analyze which proposed action meet the Raw Water quality experienced in Winter & Spring of 2024
- A revised Action Plan is provided at the end of the presentation



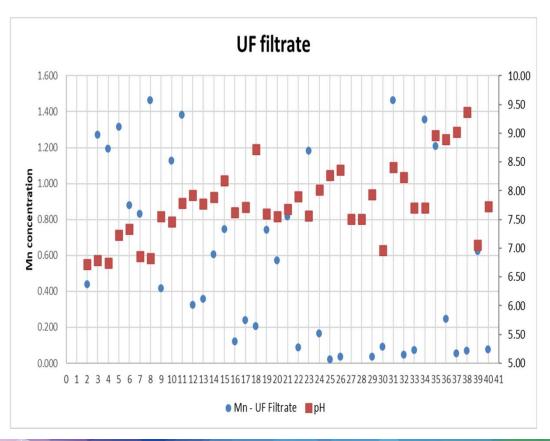
Raw Water Quality Monthly Averages

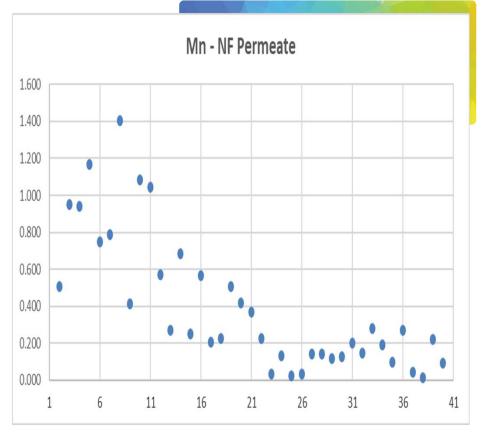
|           | Mar-19 | Mar-24 | Increase |      |
|-----------|--------|--------|----------|------|
|           |        |        | Factor   | %    |
| Temp      | 37.1   | 35.7   | 1.0      | -4%  |
| рН        | 6.85   | 6.84   | 1.0      | 0%   |
| Color     | 78     | 243    | 3.1      | 210% |
| Turbidity | 4.83   | 7.36   | 1.5      | 53%  |
| Mn        | 0.34   | 0.82   | 2.4      | 137% |
| Fe        | 1.28   | 6.05   | 4.7      | 373% |
| TOC       | 15.0   | 24.1   | 1.6      | 61%  |

#### **Current Positive Results from the Plant**

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Recent changes to raise the pH have shown positive results.





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



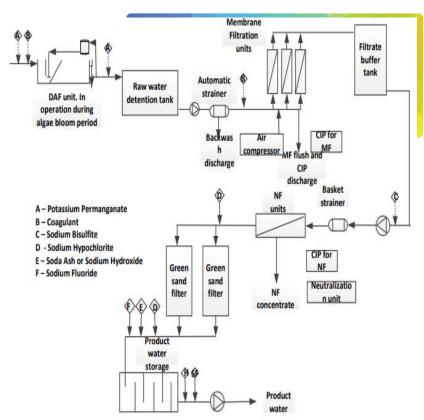
- Continue to maintain pH at 8.0 to 8.5 prior to the UF by:
  - Add pH sensor after the NAOH and before the UF system. Use a cartridge filter or strainer before the sensor to prevent clogging. Program using a compound loop with raw water flow as the primary with a pH trim.

 Add pH sensor after the UF to confirm pH and provide warning and shutdown alarms.

- Consider adding additional contact tanks before the UF System (if available).
- Optimize the UF and NF Operations by:

 Work with Delco and the programmer to be able to maintain a constant raw water flow into the UF system

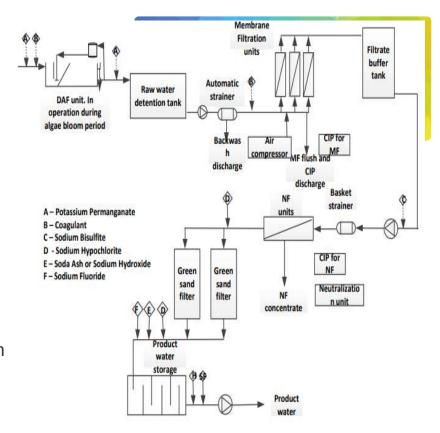
- Work with Delco and the programmer to operate the UF system with all three trains operating during normal flows and two trains during a backwash on one train. This will help to balance the flows to the UF.
- Membrane Evaluation
  - Determine if UF & NF membranes can meet the flow requirements with 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**



- Additional Bench and/or Pilot Testing:
  - Perform bench scale testing in July 2024
  - Consider Pilot Testing Greensand Filters and Clarifiers?
- Evaluate Options for Improvements Upstream of UF:
  - Greensand Filters
  - DAF
  - Solid Contact Clarifier
  - High-Rate Clarifier
  - Evaluate each option based on Capital Cost, Operating Cost, Funding potential and effectiveness at treating Raw Water Similar to Winter/Spring 2024
- Addition of Greensand Filters After the NF System
- Membrane Replacement :
  - Order UF membranes to be installed in the open spaces in the racks
  - Order up to 40% of NF membranes to be replaced if required.



### **Draft Layout of Potential Improvements**



