



# Activated Sludge May 13-14, 2020 Halifax, NS

## Activated Sludge Operations Training Outline

### Day 1

8:00 am – 10:00 am

#### Overview of Biological Treatment

- Introduction to Treatment
- Treatment Steps – Preliminary, Primary, Equalization, Secondary, Sludge Handling

10:00 – 10:15 am Break

10:15 – 12:00 Noon

#### Primary Clarifier Operations

- Evaluating performance
- Negative impacts on activated sludge

#### Growth Pressures

- Effects of: Temperature, pH, Organic loading, Dissolved oxygen, Toxics, Hydraulic loading, Spills, Nutrients

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 pm

#### Process Control and Monitoring Tests for Activated Sludge Operations

- Settrometer – measuring/assessing sludge settling characteristics
- Depth of blanket - determining clarifier inventory and sludge detention time
- Microscope - determining microbial health
- Oxygen uptake - determining metabolic rate, detecting and managing toxicity, spills

2:00- 2:15 pm Break

2:30 – 5:00pm

#### Controlling Recycle Sludge Flow

- RSF strategies
- Optimizing clarifier capacity
- Clarifier State Point Analysis

### Day 2

8:00 am – 10:00 am

#### Controlling Waste Sludge Flow

- MCRT/Sludge age
- F/M
- Sludge yield
- MLSS concentration
- Sludge Inventory

10:00 -10:15 am Break

10:15 – 12:00 Noon

#### Controlling Aeration

- Types of Aeration, Equipment
- Monitoring, D.O. probes
- Oxygen demand, effects of spills

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#### Nutrient Management

- Nutrients - ammonia, phosphate, nitrate
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- Nitrification/Denitrification

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#### Troubleshooting Sludge Settling Problems

- Foaming
- Floc Formation problems – pin floc, straggler floc
- Filamentous and slime bulking
- Low D.O. bulking, Low F/M bulking
- Nutrient-deficient bulking
- Septic/sulfide bulking
- Toxicity

**PRESENTER:**

Rick Marshall specializes in start-up, optimizing, and troubleshooting of wastewater and water treatment facilities, along with work in producing O & M manuals, troubleshooting guides, SOPs and other technical documents. He has over 35 years of experience in industrial (Pulp & Paper, various types of food processing, chemical, refinery) and municipal treatment systems. He has dealt with a variety operating problems ranging from sludge settling problems, floc formation problems, biomass toxicity, effluent toxicity, foaming and floating sludge problems.

**COURSE LOCATION:**

Halifax Water 455 Cowie Hill  
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**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Registration can be made by faxing or mailing the registration form on the reverse of this page. For further information, Clara Shea at 902-434-8874.

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Members \$630.00 plus HST 15% = \$724.50  
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