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# **Update on EPA's Arsenic Removal Technology Demonstration Program**

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## **Timelines and Major Events**

1975 SDWA set As MCL at 0.05 mg/L

- 1996 SDWA amended to require EPA to develop an As research strategy and publish proposal to revise As MCL by 01/00
- 02/98 EPA published Arsenic Research Plan
- 01/22/01 EPA finalized As MCL at 10 µg/L
- 10/31/01 EPA Administrator announced As final standard as 10 µg/L and pledged to provide \$20 M for R&D of more costeffective technologies and technical assistance and training to operators of small systems (Arsenic Rule Implementation Research Program)

03/25/03 EPA revised rule text to express MCL as 0.010 mg/L

02/22/06 Final rule to become effective

Final rule to be enforced

02/23/06



### **EPA Arsenic Removal Technology Demonstration Program**

- Round 1: 12 sites
- Round 2: 31 sites
- Full-scale, long-term (1 year) in scope
- Focused on commercially ready technologies or engineering approaches



## **Goals of Demonstration**

- Determine/document construction costs/operational costs of the new system or the modifications of existing systems to achieve compliance
- Determine/document performance of the new process or process modifications of existing treatment for 1 year in achieving compliance
- Determine the operational and maintenance requirements of treatment system
- Characterize the residuals produced by the process; quantity and chemical characteristics
- Evaluate impact of the treatment process on the distribution system



## **Selection Process**



## **Major Activities**

- Conduct Introductory meeting with EPA, State drinking water official(s), facility, vendor, and engineering firms
- Issue Letter of Understanding
- Issue study plan
- Establish contract(s) with vendor for equipment/system engineering, site engineering, installation/shakedown, and operator training, and coordinate O&M and troubleshoot needs
- Obtain permit(s)
- Oversee system installation/shakedown
- Provide operator training for sampling and on-site measurements and As speciation
- Track system performance for one year with weekly sampling and monthly As speciation
- Prepare progress reports to EPA/prepare reports for Office of Budget and Management
- Prepare final technology evaluation report



## Round 1 – 12 Sites in 9 States



## **Summary of Round 1 Sites**

- States 9
- Sites per state 1 to 2
- CWS 12
- NTNCWS 0
- Multi contaminant sites- 1 (As, nitrate)
- Size 37 to 640 gpm



#### **Technologies Selected/Evaluated**

- Adsorptive media system (9)
  - Iron-based media: E 33 (6), GFH (1), G2 (1)
  - Alumina-based media: AAFS (1)
- Anion exchange system (1)
- Iron removal system (1)
- System modification (1)
  - Iron removal process: iron addition



## **Sites/Technologies Evaluated**

					Conc. (µg/L)/Unit		Jnit
State	Facility	Technology	Vendor	Flowrate (gpm)	As	Fe	рН
NH	Bow	G2	ADI	70	39	<25	7.7
NH	Rollinsford	E33	AE	100	36	46	8.2
MD	Queen Anne's County	E33	STS	300	19	270	7.3
MI	Brown City	E33	STS	640	14	127	7.3
MN	Climax	C/F	К	140	39	546	7.4
ND	Lidgerwood	SM	к	250	146	1,325	7.2
NM	Desert Sands MDWCA	E33	STS	320	23	39	7.7
NM	Nambe Pueblo	E33	AE	145	33	<25	8.5
AZ	Rimrock	E33	AE	90	50	170	7.2
AZ	Valley Vista	AAFS	К	37	41	<25	7.8
ID	Fruitland	IX	К	250	44	<25	7.4
NV	STMGID	GFH	USF	350	39	<25	7.4

AE = AdEdge; K = Kinetico; STS = Severn Trent Services; USF = USFilter;

MDWCA = Mutual Domestic Water Consumer's Association;STMGID = South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District

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## **Adsorptive Media Systems Design**

		Media Vessels			Media	
Media Type	Site	No.	Configu- ration	Material	Volume per Vessel (ft <sup>3</sup> )	EBCT at Design Flow (min)
G2	Bow, NH	2	Series	SS	85	18 <sup>(a)</sup>
E33	Desert Sands MDWCA, NM	2	Parallel	FRP	80	3.7
E33	Brown City, MI	4	Parallel	FRP	80	3.7
E33	Queen Anne's County, MD	2	Parallel	FRP	80	4.0
E33	Nambe Pueblo, NM	3	Parallel	FRP	27	4.2
E33	Rimrock, AZ	2	Series	FRP	27	4.5 <sup>(a)</sup>
E33	Rollinsford, NH	2	Parallel	FRP	27	4.0
GFH	STMGID, NV	3	Parallel	CS	80	5.1
AAFS50	Valley Vista, AZ	2	Series	FRP	22	4.4 <sup>(a)</sup>

(a) EBCT is for one vessel only.



## **Pre and Post-Treatment**

Media Type	Site	Pre-Cl <sub>2</sub>	Pre-pH Adjustment	Post-Cl <sub>2</sub>	Post-pH Adjustment
G2	Bow, NH	Yes	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	No	NaOH
E33	DSMDWCA, NM	Yes	No	No	No
E33	Brown City, MI	No	No	Yes	No
E33	QAC, MD	No	No	Yes	No
E33	Nambe Pueblo, NM	Yes	CO <sub>2</sub>	No	No
E33	Rimrock, AZ	Yes	No	No	No
E33	Rollinsford, NH	Yes	CO <sub>2</sub>	No	No
GFH	STMGID, NV	No	No	Yes	No
AAFS50	Valley Vista, AZ	Yes	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	No	No



## **Round 1 Status**

- 8 systems operational
- 1 system under iron-addition testing (Lidgerwood, ND)
- 1 system installation complete (Fruitland, ID)
- 2 systems to be installed/tested by end of year (Nambe Pueblo, NM and STMGID, NV)



### **APU-300 Systems**

Top: Desert Sands MDWCA, NM Right: Queen Anne's County, MD Left: Brown City, MI





#### **APU-100 System at Rollinsford Site**



#### **G2 System at Bow Site**





#### **AAFS50 System at Valley Vista Site**



#### **Anion Exchange and C/F Systems**

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Right: Fruitland, ID Left: Climax, MN

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### **System Modification at Lidgerwood Site**





## **Residuals Generation and Disposal**

Technology	Site	Spent Media (ft³)	Backwash Water (kgal) (Bed Volume)	Backwash Water Disposal
G2	Bow, NH	170	2.3 – 3.4 (2 – 3 BV)	Surface leach field
E33	DSMDWCA, NM	160	12 – 18 (10 – 15 BV)	Holding pond
E33	Brown City, MI	320	24 – 36 (10 – 15 BV)	Ditch
E33	QAC, MD	160	12 – 18 (10 – 15 BV)	Off-site disposal
E33	Nambe Pueblo, NM	81	6.1 – 9.1 (10 – 15 BV)	Holding pond
E33	Rimrock, AZ	54	4 – 6 (10 – 15 BV)	Recycling
E33	Rollinsford, NH	54	4 – 6 (10 – 15 BV)	Subsurface septic system
GFH	STMGID, NV	240	13 – 17 (7 – 10 BV)	Sanitary sewer
AAFS50	Valley Vista, AZ	44	1.1 – 1.4 (3 – 4 BV)	Recycling
C/F	Climax, MN	N/A	1.6 – 2.0	Sanitary sewer
IX	Fruitland, ID	N/A	7 – 10	Sanitary sewer
SM	Lidgerwood, ND	N/A	9.6	Recycling

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#### Round 2 – 31 Sites in 19 States



#### **Round 2 Demonstration Sites**

#### East

Felton, DE Wales, ME Goffstown, NH N. Springfield, RI Dummerston, VT

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#### **Central Midwest**

Grove City, OH Newark, OH Springfield, OH Pentwater, MI Sandusky, MI Sabin, MN\* Sauk Centre, MN Stewart, MN Delavan, WI Greenville, WI\*

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Midwest

Arnaudville, LA Lyman, NE Stromsburg, NE Alvin, TX Bruni, TX Wellman, TX\*

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#### **Far West**

Tohono O'odham Nation, AZ (Sells)\* Lake Isabella, CA Susanville, CA Techachapi, CA\* Homedale, ID Three Forks, MT Klamath Falls, OR Vale, OR Taos, NM Okanogand, WA

(10)

\* Site selected, but not funded in Round 1

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## **Summary of Round 2 Sites**

- States 19
- Sites per State 1 to 3
- CWS 28
- NTNCWS 4
- Multi contaminant sites 4 (As, U, gross alpha, nitrate)
- Size 7 to 600 gpm



## **Changes from Round 1**

- Includes non-transient non-community water systems (NTNCWS)
- Allows for demonstration of POU/POE approaches
- Multi-contaminant treatment



## **Round 2 Technologies**

- Proposals received 148
- Companies 24
- Proposals per site 2 to 8
- Technology proposed
  - Adsorption technologies
  - Oxidation/filtration
  - Iron coagulation/filtration
  - Reverse osmosis
  - Ion exchange
  - Process modification
  - Dissolved air flotation/filtration
  - Distillation

\*\*POUs (included in above technologies)



## **Round 2 Status**

- Introductory meetings for technology selection held at 19 sites
- Project planning meetings held at 5 sites to define roles and responsibilities
- Draft Letter of Understanding issued for 2 sites



## **Further Information**

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