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# ***TYPES OF INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND HOW THEY CAN IMPACT A TREATMENT PLANT***

# Types of Industrial Waste

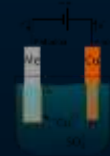
**Airport Deicing**



**Breweries**



**Electroplating**



**Fruits and Vegetable Processing**



**Semiconductor**

**Metal Finishing**

**Transportation Equipment**



**Dairy Products Processing**



# Effects on Collection System

Hydraulic Loading  
pH  
Blockages  
Odors  
Flammables  
Inhalation Hazards /  
Toxic Fumes  
Corrosion  
Reactive



# Hydraulic Capacity

**Large slug wastewater or continuous flow**

**- sewer backup or pump station overflow**

**- process disruptions at treatment plant**

**Flow equalization**

**Flow monitoring**

**Slug discharge or flow control plan**

<b>Industries of Concern</b>	
Dairy Products Processing	Breweries
Meat & Poultry Products	Electrical/Electronic Components
Transportation Equipment Cleaning	Soap & Detergent Manufacturing
Fruits & Vegetable Processing	Centralized Waste Treatment



# pH

Acidic or alkaline wastewater - corrosion of sewer pipes and facilities

Typical limits 5.5 - 10 on standard units scale (0 - 14)

pH neutralization equipment

Equalization

Slug discharge control plans

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Most Common Chemicals Used	
Sodium Hydroxide	Hydrochloric Acid
Sulfuric Acid	Potassium Hydroxide
Sodium Hypochlorite	
Citric Acid	

# Blockages

Fibrous or stringy materials

Heavy solids

Floatable solids

FOG

Drain traps

Grease traps & interceptors

Dissolved Air Flotation

Precipitation / Clarifiers /

Filter Presses



## Industries of Concern

Detention Centers (Jails)	Breweries
Meat Poultry Products	Transportation Equipment Cleaning
Restaurants	Dairy Products Processing
Fruits & Vegetable Processing	

# Flammables

Petroleum fuels

Plant based fuels / alcohols

Organic solvents

H<sub>2</sub>S

Storage / containment

Solvent Mgmt Plans

LEL gas sensors



# Toxic Fumes

Toxic organic solvents

H<sub>2</sub>S

Cyanide

Chlorine

Phosgene

Arsine / Phosphine

Solvent Mgmt Plans  
Lab Mgmt Plans





# Toxic Fumes

## Phosgene

$\text{COCl}_2$

Produced UV,  $\text{O}_2$ , chloromethanes

Disrupts blood-oxygen barrier in lungs

- Suffocation

Odor threshold 0.4 ppm, 4X TLV



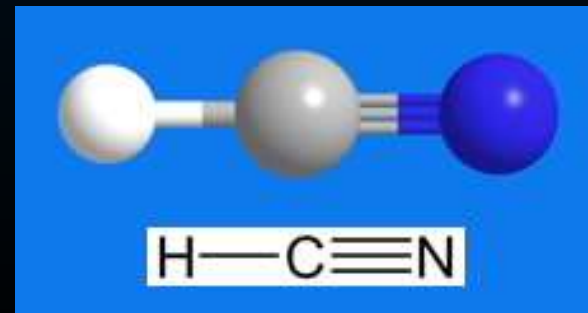
## Hydrogen Cyanide

Colorless

Flammable

Extremely poisonous - binds to Fe in blood and

Inhibits cellular respiration



# Reactive

Sodium azide

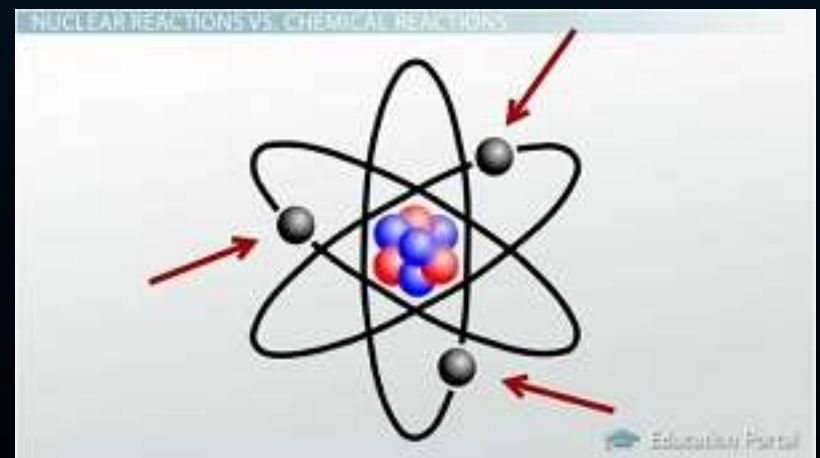
Hydrogen-producing reactions

H<sub>2</sub>S-producing reactions

Phosgene-productions reactions

Solvent mgmt plans

Lab mgmt plans



# ts on Treatment Plant Processes

Loading

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Metals

Dyes / Photoresist

Dissolved solids

# Hydraulic Loading

**Large slug wastewater or continuous flow**

**Decrease efficiency of treatment processes**

**Increase solids carryover**

**Unit processes such as neutralization, sedimentation, and biological treatment operate best at a constant flow rate**

**Flow equalization**

**Flow monitoring**

**Slug discharge or flow control plan**



# pH

## Acidic wastewater

Increased H<sub>2</sub>S production and odor

Increased suspended solids from secondary clarifier such

Decreased COD removal

Typical limits 5.5 - 10 on standard units scale (0 - 14)

pH neutralization equipment

Equalization

Slug discharge control plans



# Odors

H<sub>2</sub>S - sulfur bearing compounds

Amines - nitrogen bearing compounds

Putrescibles



# Flammables

Petroleum fuels

Plant based fuels / alcohols

Organic solvents

H<sub>2</sub>S

LEL gas sensors



# Toxic Fumes

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Arsine / Phospine





# A Word About Phosphine . . .



# Metals - Zinc

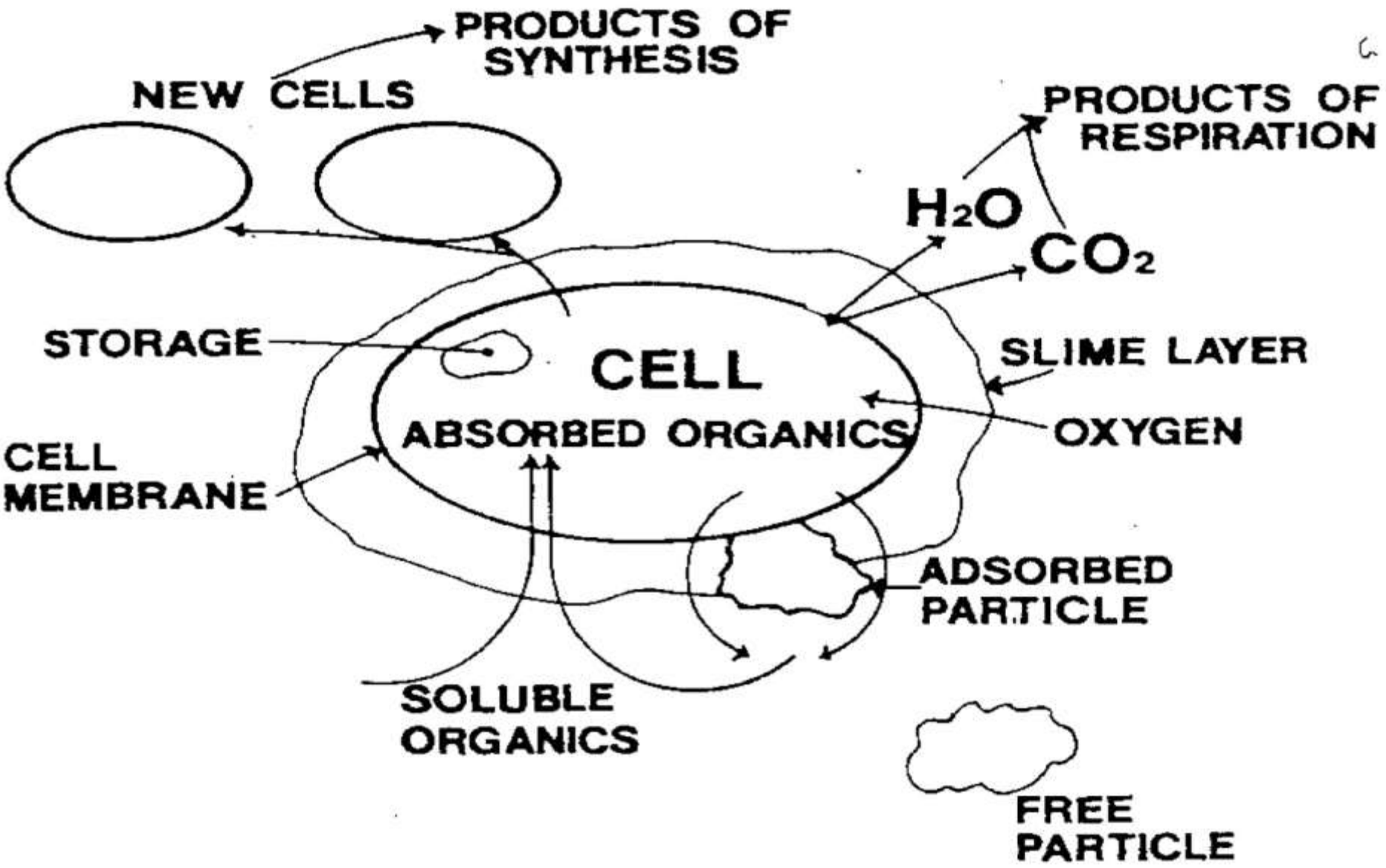
Essential for life of organisms

Excess - toxicity *anti-microbial*

Balance of binding with proteins & essential for numerous cellular functions - viability

Intoxication - disrupts balance of functions especially oxidative stress and ability to take up carbon





# Metals - Copper

Essential for life of organisms

Excess - toxicity *anti-microbial*

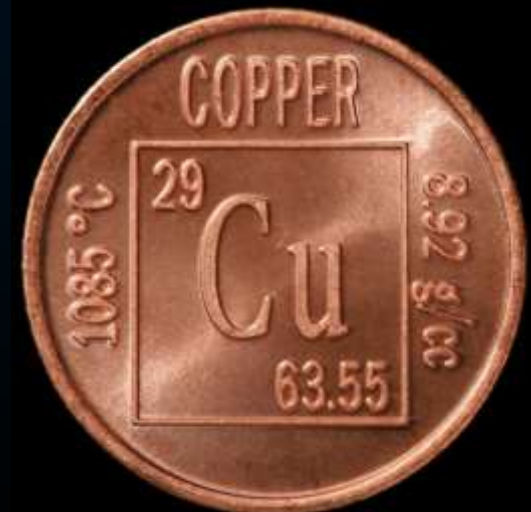
*Oligodynamic effect*

Balance of binding with proteins & essential for numerous cellular functions - viability

Intoxication - disrupts balance of functions - promotes development of oxygen reactive compounds

Drinking water - 1.3 mg/L EPA Standard

Organic ligand vs. metallic



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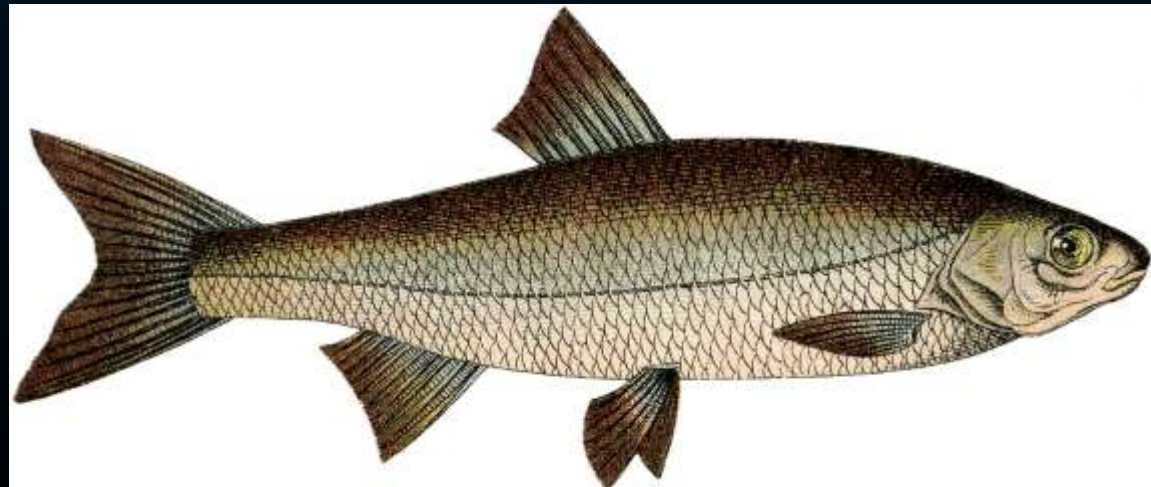
Essential for life of aquatic life

Excess . . .

Acute - mortality

Chronic - survival, growth and reproduction

(Brain function, metabolism, enzyme activity, blood chemistry)



# Metals - Cadmium

**Catalyst in forming reactive oxygen compounds**

**Exposure:**

**Uptake in plants from soils**

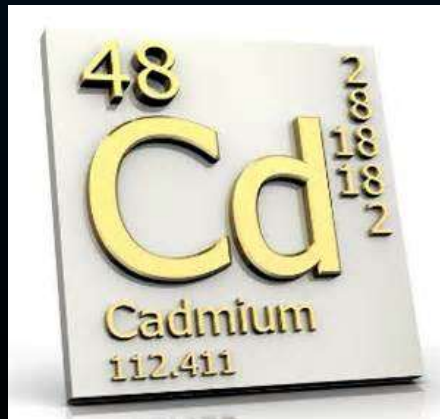
**Cigarette smoke**

**Workplace inhalation**

**Low limits for Biosolids application**

**Batteries, pigments, plastic stabilizers, platings, photovoltaics**

**Buildup in kidneys - renal failures**



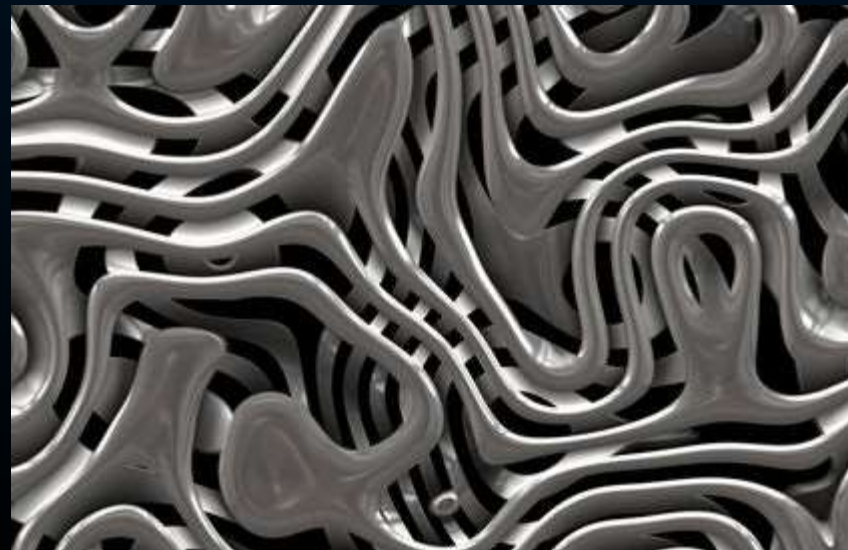
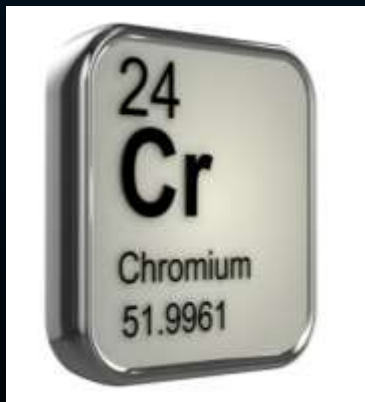
# Metals - Chromium

**Inhibits respiratory activity and cellular growth - activated sludge**

**Inhibition of nitrification process Cr+6**

**Higher concentrations**

**Cr+6 crosses membrane into cell & forms Cr+3**



# Lead

7-day toxicity much greater than 24-hour  
Particularly degrading to nitrification  
OUR responds quickly to addition of Pb

Developing nervous systems - children

Wide range neurological effects

Renal effects and gout

Interferes and inhibits enzymatic and hormonal conversions e.g. Vitamin D





# Mercury

May inhibit cellular growth

Accumulates in aquatic food chain - methylated form

Treatment plants removed 90% of Hg

Ingestion of metallic mercury - typically 0.01% absorbed into body. For organic mercury, 95%

Inhalation of vapors - 80%



# Nickel

**Inhibits respiratory activity and cellular growth –  
activated sludge**

**Inhibition of nitrification process**

**Carcinogen (Ni compounds)**

**Dermatitis**

# Effects on Plant Effluent / Receiving Waters

**Bioaccumulation in aquatic life & food chain**  
**Hormonal disruptions**  
**Fish behavioral disruptions**



# Anaerobic Digestion

Anaerobic systems have a narrower spectrum of life forms and are more sensitive to heavy metals



# Microbeads

Tiny bits of plastic - soaps, cosmetics

Can adsorb toxic compounds

Ingested by fish

Microbead-Free Waters Act  
Of 2015

2017 !



# Total Dissolved Solids

Minerals, salts, anions, cations, metals dissolved in water  
Typ. Magnesium, sodium, potassium, borates, chlorides,  
calcium, carbonates, sulfate

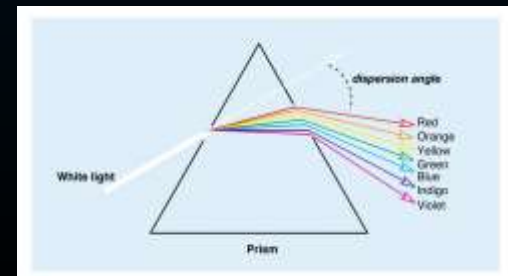
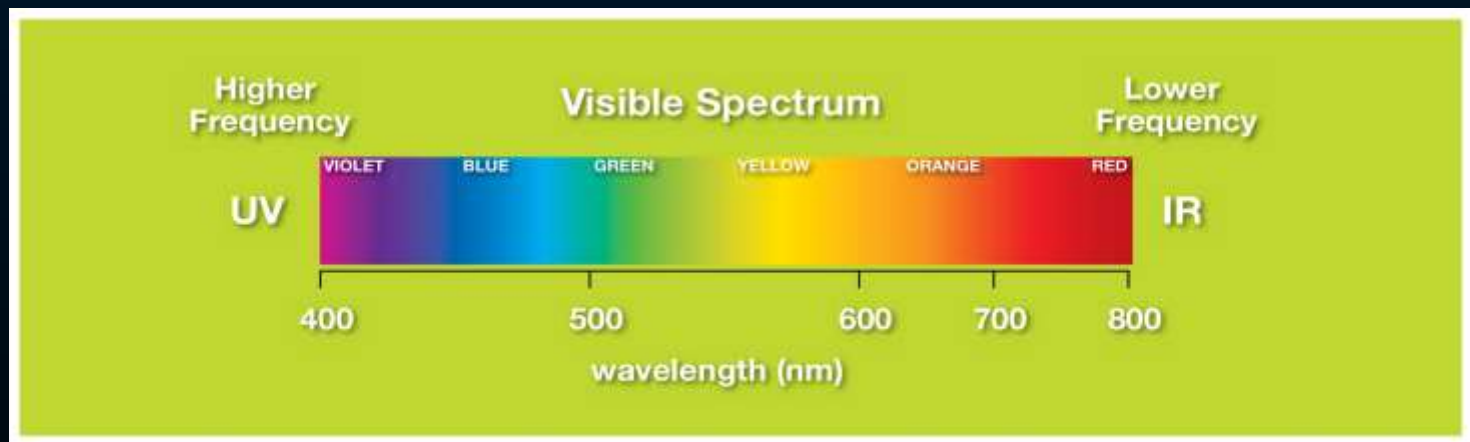
Affects to Whole Effluent Toxicity tests

General ROT: 1,500 mg/L or higher

Varies - hardness, composite of TDS, species tested

# Dyes / Photoresist

Affects transmittance of UV light in water for disinfection



# A Word on Perfluorinated Compounds

PFAS – perfluoroalkyl substances

PFOA – perfluorooctanoic acid

PFOS – perfluorooctane sulfonate

Bioaccumulative, persistent

Possible growth inhibition, mortality

Water and stain resistant materials

Keep food from sticking to packaging





# A Word on Nonylphenols . . .

Highly toxic to fish, aquatic invertebrates, plants

As low as 0.12 mg/L

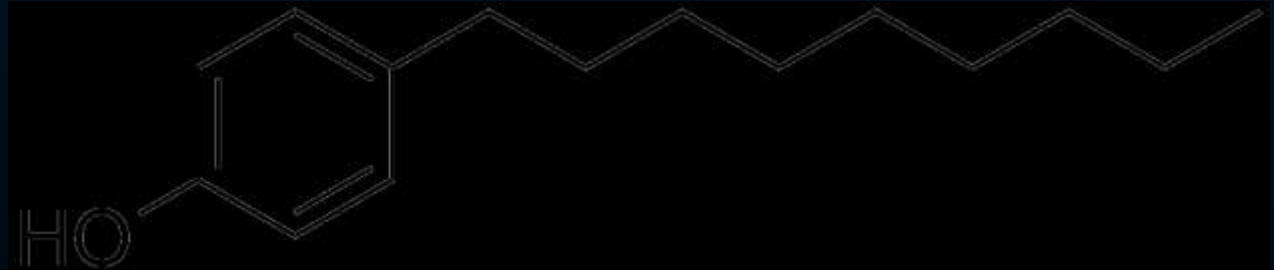
Industrial laundries

Textile & paper coatings

Adhesives

Degreasers

Deicers



Encourage uses of other alkylphenols

# A Word on Sodium Azide . . .



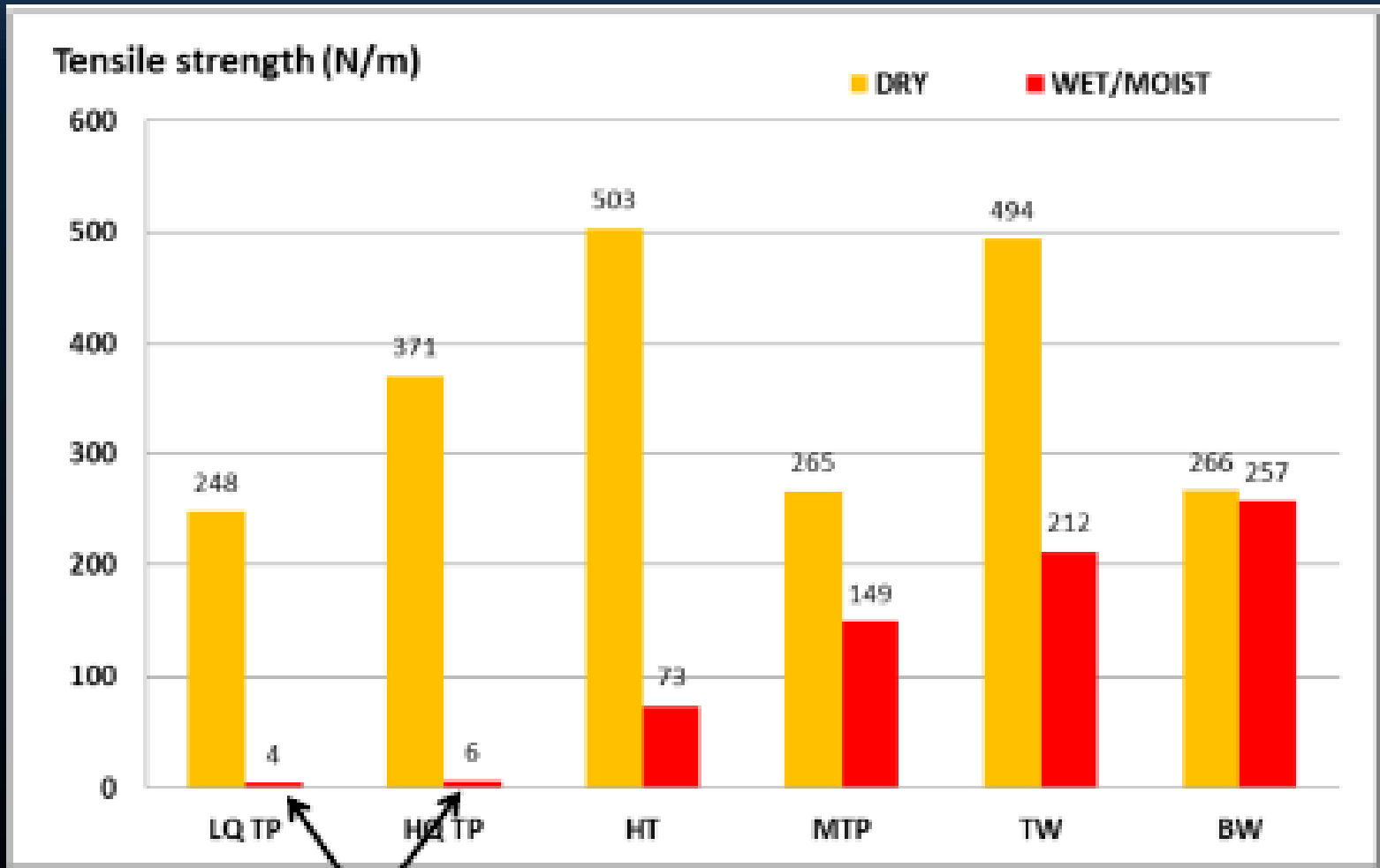
Biocide in hospitals

Similar to CO – attaching to hemoglobin

Reactive – acids



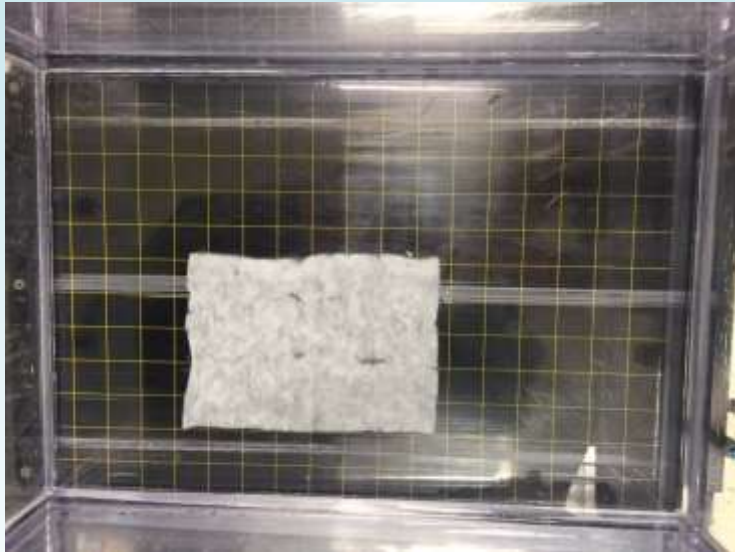
# Dry & Wet Strength



# Slosh Box – Reynold's # Correlation

$$Re = R_h V \rho / \mu$$

Ratio of inertia force, and viscous (friction) force





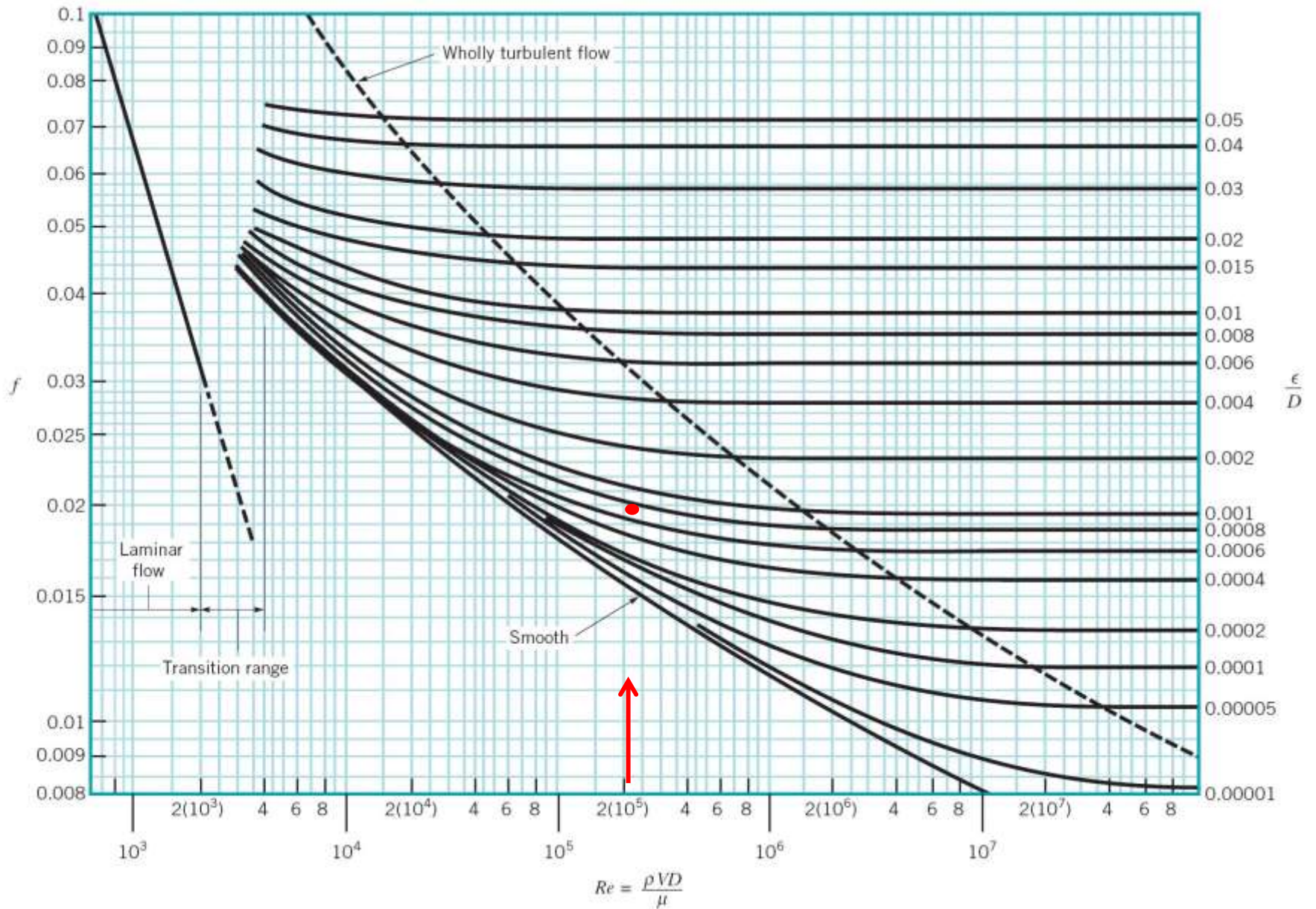
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**20,000**

**8" sewer lines**

**2 fps**

**0.0022 slope**





**South Interceptor 1.5 fps 32 min (2,816 ft)**

