

REGULATORY AND ENHANCED WATER QUALITY PILOT STUDIES

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AGENDA

- Team Introductions
- Pilot Test Overview
 - Considerations
 - Timeline
- Regulatory Pilot Test & Enhanced Water Quality Pilot Test
 - Approach
 - Equipment
 - Results
- Summary
- Questions & Answers



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PROJECT TEAM MEMBERS - *Introductions*



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Owner



Owner's Engineer



Owner's Engineer



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DBOM Contractor



Engineer of Record



**Duranceau Consulting
Post Treatment Specialist**



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PILOT TEST OVERVIEW



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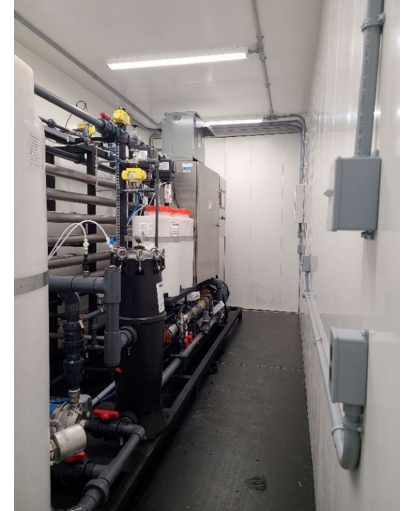
KSDF KEY PILOT TESTS CONSIDERATION

- **Regulatory Pilot Test**

- Demonstrate compliance with Hawai'i Department of Health's (DOH) requirements including Ground Water Rule, New and Modified Public Water Systems, DOH's Guidance for Use of Alternative Filtration Technologies (AFT) and EPA Safe Drinking Water Act requirements

- **Enhanced Water Quality Pilot Test**

- Assist BWS in assessing the potential for any impacts due to the introduction and use of the proposed Product Water as a new source of drinking water.



PILOT TEST WITHIN PROJECT TIMELINE



Operations Period Commences After Acceptance
20 Years with Two Additional 5-year Renewal Terms at BWS's Discretion



REGULATORY PILOT TEST



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REGULATORY - OVERALL PILOT APPROACH

- RO System Performance Monitoring
- Sampling & Analysis
 - Source Seawater
 - Permeate Water
 - Product Water
 - Pilot System Waste Streams



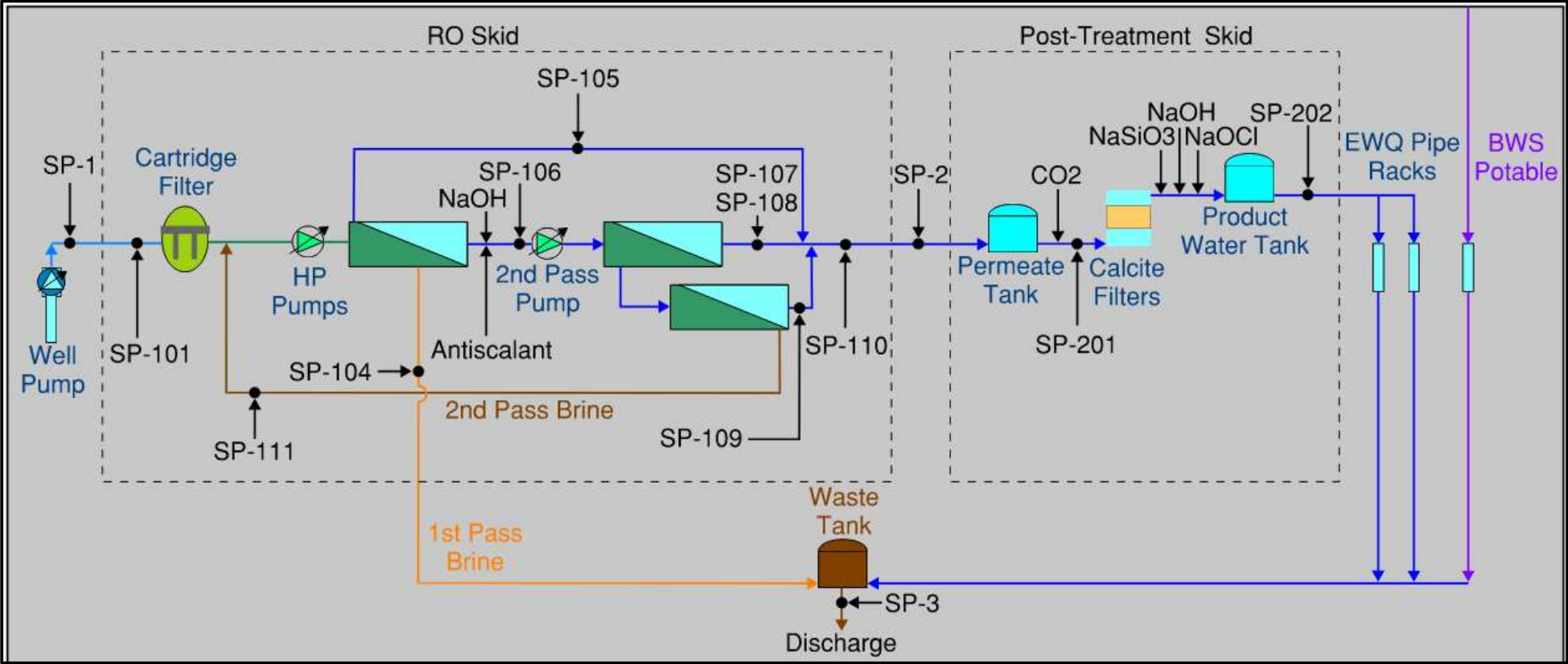
REGULATORY - OVERALL PILOT APPROACH

Source Seawater Sampling & Analysis

- General Water Chemistry
 - MPA Analysis
 - Bacteriological Analysis
 - Radionuclides
 - Petroleum Organics (gas, oil & diesel)
 - UCMR5 (40 PFAS compounds/ Method 1633)
 - Volatile Organic Compounds (89 compounds /Method 624.2)
 - Semi Volatile Compounds (84 compounds /Method 625.1)
 - Organochlorine Pesticides & PCBs (29 constituents / Method 608.3)
 - Herbicides (10 constituents /Method 8151A)
 - Lithium
 - Particle Count and Size Distribution
- Total of Approximately 360 Constituents**



PILOT TEST EQUIPMENT FLOW DIAGRAM



REGULATORY PILOT TEST EQUIPMENT

- Partial 2 Pass RO System
 - 5 micron Prefilter
 - 1st Pass - SWRO Membranes
 - 1 - 8" vessel - 7 elements in series
 - 2nd Pass - BWRO Membranes
 - 3:1 2.5" vessel array – 7 elements in series
 - Chemical Injection



REGULATORY PILOT TEST RESULTS



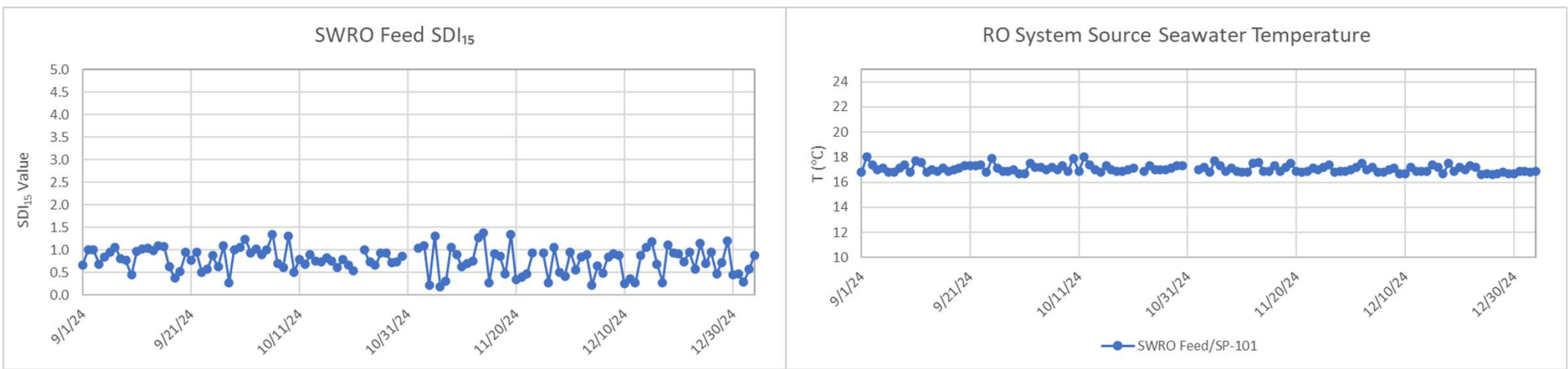
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REGULATORY PILOT TEST RESULTS

Source Seawater Feed



REGULATORY PILOT TEST RESULTS

Source Seawater Feed

- High Quality Feed Water
- No Groundwater Influence Observed
- SDI Values All Well Below Membrane Mfr. Recommended Limits
- All Sampled Volatile Organics, Pesticides, and Other Constituents tested Showed ND Results



REGULATORY PILOT TEST RESULTS

Product Water

- Very High-Quality Stable Drinking Water
- Meets all US EPA and DOH Drinking Water Standards
- Confirmed Constituents for Sampling & Analysis were ND or below EPA MCL for Drinking Water



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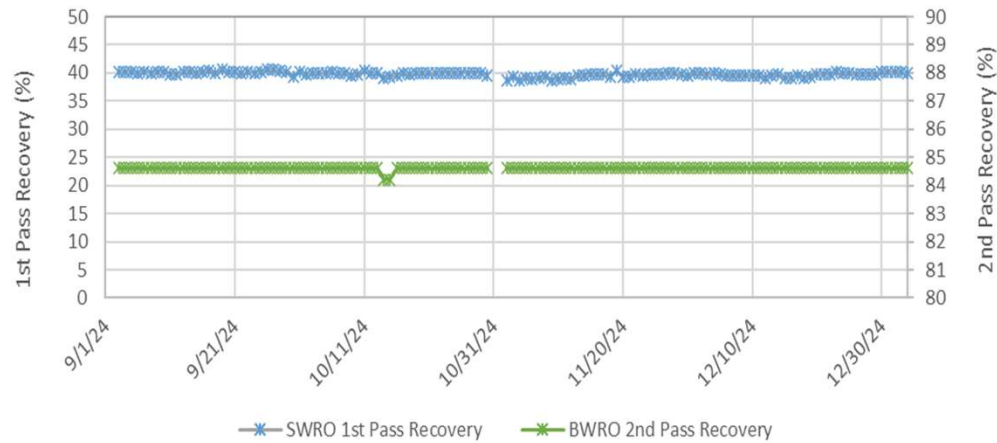
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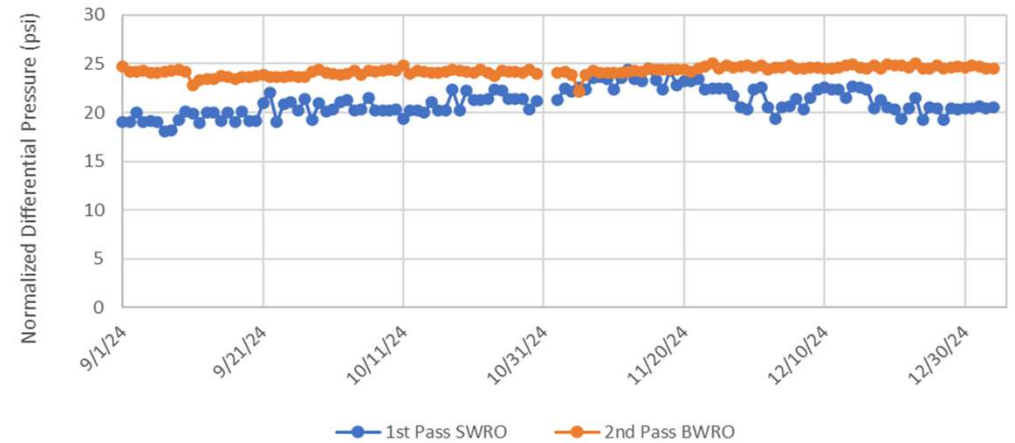
RO System Performance

- Confirmed & Optimized Facility Post Treatment Design
- Stable Operation

RO System Recovery



Normalized Differential Pressure



ENHANCED WATER QUALITY PILOT TEST



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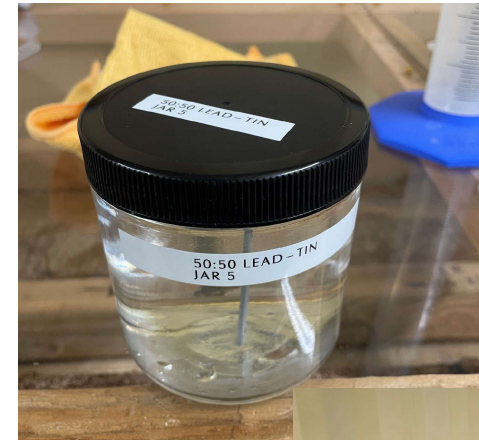
EWQ - OVERALL PILOT APPROACH

- Customer Outreach
- BWS Pipe Harvesting
 - Corrosion Mechanism Assessment of BWS Pipes
 - Corrosion Studies and Assessment of BWS Pipes



EWQ - OVERALL PILOT APPROACH

- Treatment Processes Sampling & Analysis
 - Optimization of Silica Concentration
- Coupon Immersion Jar Testing
- Disinfection Stability Desktop Study
- Campbell Industrial Park Sampling & Analysis



EWQ - PILOT TEST EQUIPMENT

- Post Treatment
 - CO₂ Injection
 - Calcite Reactor
 - Chemical Injection (SiO₂, NaOH)
 - Disinfection (NaOCl)



ENHANCED WATER QUALITY PILOT TEST RESULTS

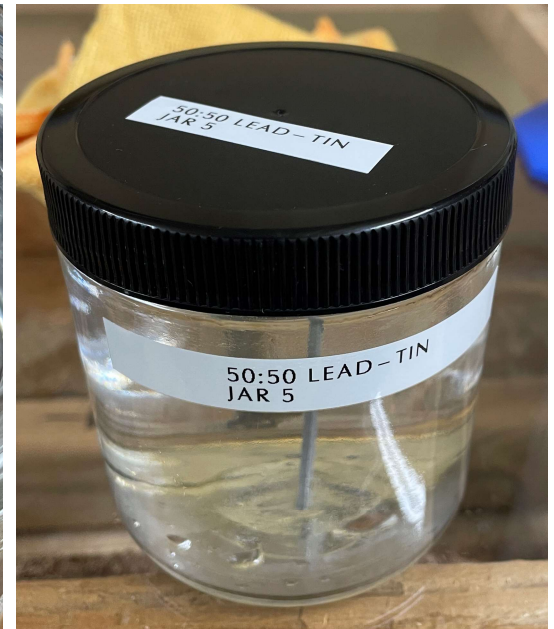


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EWQ PILOT RESULTS | COUPON JAR TESTING

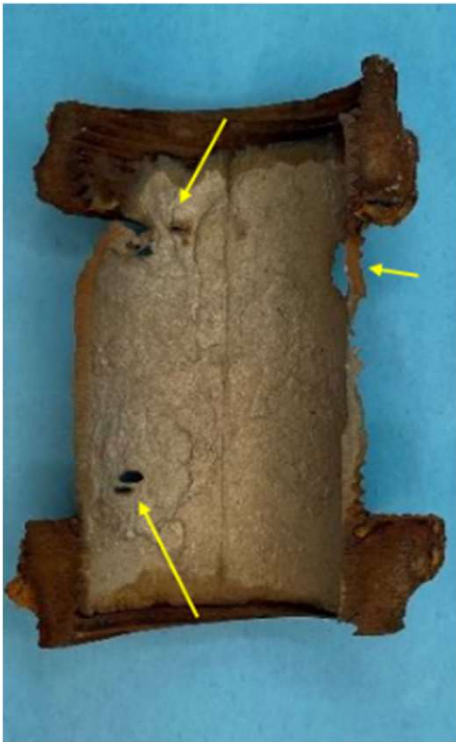


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EWQ PILOT RESULTS | BWS PIPE CORROSION MECHANISM RESULTS



4C – 1.5" Galvanized Steel



12" Cast Iron



3C – 2" Galvanized Steel

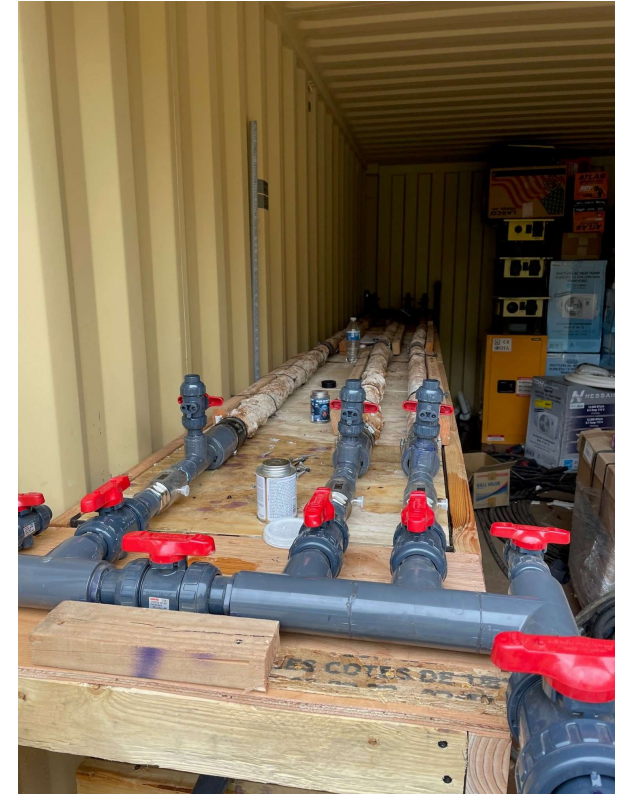


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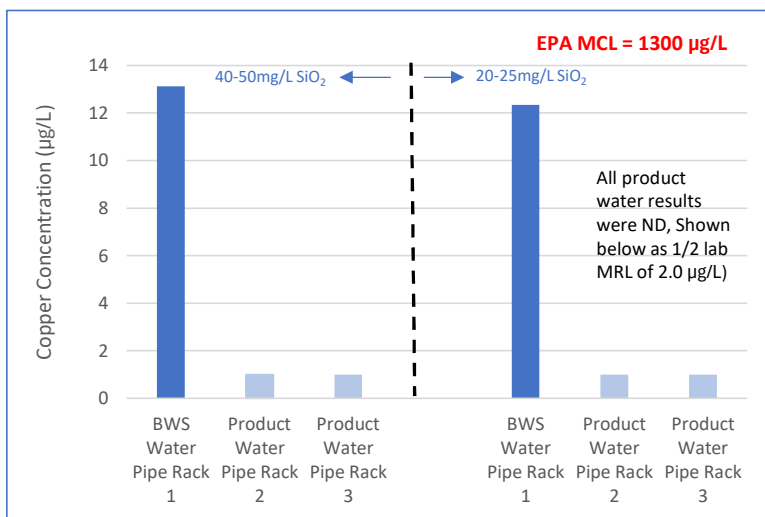
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EWQ PILOT RESULTS | PIPE RACK FLOW THROUGH TEST

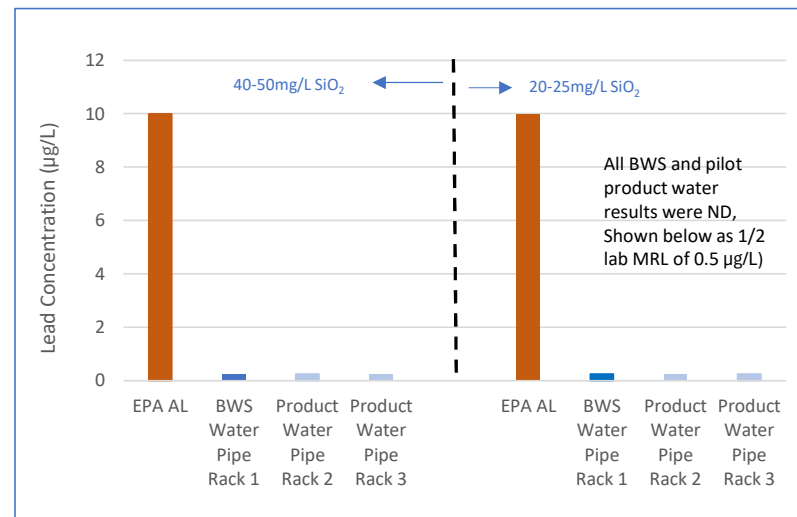


EWQ PILOT RESULTS | PIPE RACK FLOW THROUGH TEST RESULTS

Copper



Lead



- There should not have been copper in pipe rack effluents from galvanized lines, as shown in the graph above.
- Copper in BWS pipe rack effluent from naturally occurring copper concentrations in groundwater source.

- There should not have been lead in pipe rack effluents from galvanized lines, as shown in the graph above.
- Note the EPA AL for lead is changing to 10 µg/L in 2027 but is currently 15 µg/L .



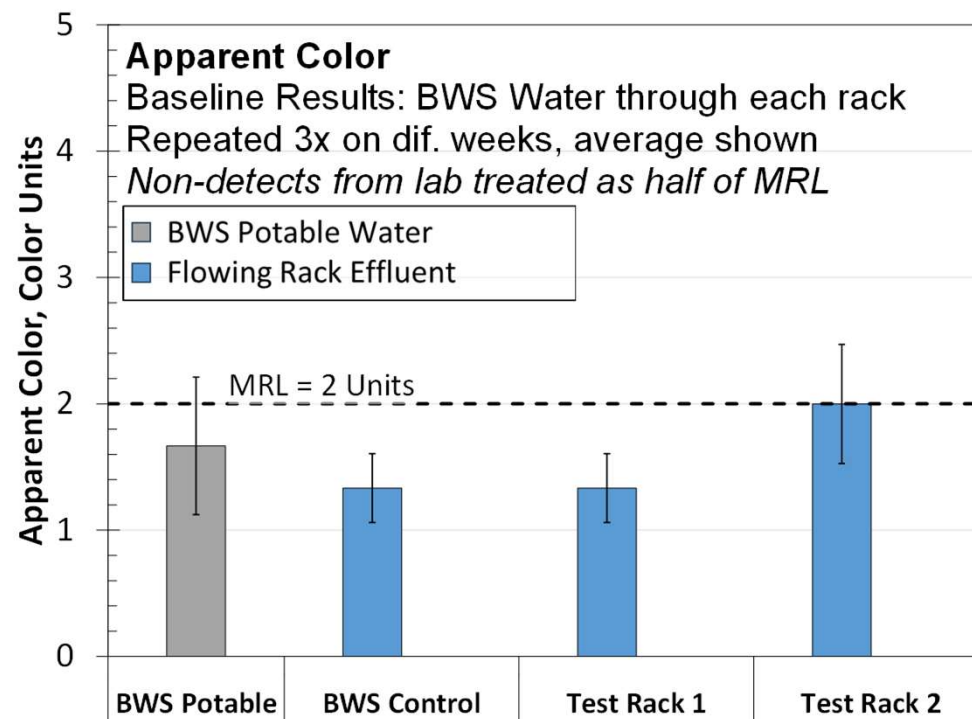
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SILICA

- BWS Silica concentrations: 65-85 mg/L
- Phase II Silica Concentrations:
 - Phase II.a – 40-50 mg/L
 - Phase II.b – 20-25 mg/L

RESULTS:

- Turbidity – None Detected
- Color – Very little detected



KSDF PILOT TESTING SUMMARY

- REGULATORY PILOT
 - The RO configuration and process design was validated and optimized.
 - The proposed treatment process demonstrated the capacity to meet all applicable US EPA and HI DOH groundwater drinking water regulatory requirements for the product water
 - The extensive sampling and analysis verified:
 - The seawater source is high quality and amenable to treatment by the RO process
 - The permeate water meets the goals dictating the partial 2-pass RO design (specifically boron)
 - The concentrate and waste streams are acceptable for UIC discharge



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KSDF PILOT TESTING SUMMARY

- ENHANCED WATER QUALITY PILOT
 - Customer Outreach allowed the team to identify the types of customers in the Campbell Industrial Park and understand their needs while also informing the customer base of the project details
 - Confirmed stable product water was able to be achieved by the post treatment processes and chemical additions
 - Coupon jar testing showed that reduced silica concentrations in the product water did not have adverse effects on metal leaching from conditioned lead or copper coupons.
 - BWS pipe rack flow through test results indicate that pilot product water pipe rack effluents were of stable water quality at a silica dose as low as 20-25 mg/L SiO₂ with no detrimental impact to the BWS pipes
 - Campbell Industrial Park Sampling verified BWS water quality for baseline characterization to compare after KSDF operation



Mahalo!

Questions?

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