

# THERMAL HYDROLYSIS

MAXIMIZING WATER TREATMENT ACROSS CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO'S MEDINA COUNTY, AND MICHIGAN'S OAKLAGIDNCTY

#### INTRODUCTIONS



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#### SAFETY TIPS FOR VISITING A FACILITY WITH A THP SYSTEM



#### **ANAEROBIC DIGESTION DEWATERING & DRYING**



## WHY THP IS THE FUTURE?



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#### THERMAL HYDROLYSIS SYSTEM OPERATION

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#### Washington, DC Blue Plains WWTP

Kiewit Engineering Group Washington DC WASA Blue Plains WWTP Cambi THP

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Washington, DC Blue Plains WWTP

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Washington, DC Blue Plains WWTP

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**Operations Start:** January 2013

Flow Rate: 400 mgd

**Biosolids Reduction and Hauling:** 500 tons/day; lower transportation costs and environmental impact

**Cost Savings:** \$1 million/month on biosolids reuse

**Increased Biosolids Dryness:** Consistent improvement in biosolids dryness percentage, resulting in reduced hauling volume and potential for further treatment or beneficial use.

**Optimized Plant Operation:** Correlation between plant flow and biosolids generation suggests effective process control and energy efficiency.

Stable Biogas Production: Consistent output year-round.

**Energy Potential:** Significant biogas for electricity, heat, or other uses.

FRANKLIN WATER RECLAMATION THERMAL HYDROLYSIS SYSTEM

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DRAIN

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#### STARTUP AND COMMISSIONING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

• Kiewit Industrial and Water Engineering (KIWE) — developed start-up and commissioning plans in partnership with the project start-up team

#### STARTUP AND COMMISSIONING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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Comprehensive start-up, testing, and commissioning plans broken down by module included the following:

- a) Schedule
- b) Safety precautions and troubleshooting guides
- c) Contingency plans
- d) Certification of proper installation forms
- e) PLC I/O sign-off forms
- f) Instrument calibration forms
- g) Operational readiness testing procedures
- h) Functional demonstration testing procedures
- i) System commissioning procedures
- j) Performance testing procedures

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## STARTUP AND COMMISSIONING PLAN DEVELOPMENT

- Commissioning activities included purging the digester system with nitrogen and seeding the digesters with Class A biosolids from Blue Plains WWTP
- KIWE provided in person training to commissioning and O&M team as well as a Unit Process Control Manual for each group of modules

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#### FRANKLIN, TN

- Screw conveyors specified with over torque protection with shear pins (sheared many times replaced with roller chain couplings without shear pins).
- Plant staff struggled for first year of operations

## MEDINA, OH

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## MEDINA, OH

- THP reactor was exposed to elements and froze in winter
- Poor maintenance access
- Control panels were exposed to elements and needed to install tent to block wind and rain
- Wet cake bin was exposed to elements
- Biogas engine generator had common exhaust header, so condensation formed in exhaust duct and leaked into off-duty generator, causing severe corrosion and damage
- Very tight and poor maintenance access in pre-dewatering and final dewatering building
- Frequent progressing cavity pump stator replacement

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#### MEDINA, OH (SOLIDS TOTALS)

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## OAKLAND COUNTY (CLINTON RIVER, MI)

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## OAKLAND COUNTY (CLINTON RIVER, MI)

- No training and commissioning support provided by contracted team
- · Pre-dewatering sludge blend tanks are too small
- · Lacked inspection ports for THP reactors
- Air changes per hour in steam boiler room were inadequate, and the boiler room was so hot, workers could not enter to work there
- No spare capacity for pulper or flash tank provided
- · Foul gas skid and biosolids belt conveyors froze in winter months

- No spare foul gas skid spare parts
- Hydrogen sulfide gas buildup below pre-dewatering equipment caused maintenance hazards and corrosion issues
- · Control room was not sealed from process flows, and air conditioner units
- wore out constantly
- · Excess polymer dose caused digester foaming
- Annual Cambi THP system shutdown caused odor issues and was
  expensive to haul odorous class B cake

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## FRANKLIN, TN

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