

# OPERATOR AWARENESS



**WELCOME  
TO  
AFNWA  
TRAINING**

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**LET'S GET TO KNOW YOU!!!!!!!**

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## What will we do today?

- **Safety in the Workplace**
- **Importance of Operator's Job**
- **Plant Equipment Instrumentation**
- **Analyzers**
- **Analyzer Exercise**

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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Daily Safety Objective**
  - Return to your family healthy
- **Hazards**
  - Electricity
  - Harmful Chemicals
  - Heavy Pumps & Motors
  - Housekeeping
  - Stored Energy
  - Climbing Tanks
  - Chronic Injuries
  - Confined Space

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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Electricity**
  - **Voltage levels in your plant**
    - **AC Voltages – 120, 220, 277, 480, 600**
    - **DC Voltages – 1.5, 6, 12, 24, 40, 110**
    - **40 & 110 DC are not Common but May Be in Your Plants**
  - **Current kills**
    - **0.001 Amps - Barely perceptible**
    - **0.016 Amps - Maximum current before you let go**
    - **0.100 Amps - Ventricular fibrillation**
    - **2.0 Amps – Heart stops, organ damage**



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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Deadly Chemicals**
  - Chlorine
  - Chloramine
  - Ammonia
  - Bleach
  - Waste Water Gases –  $H_2S$



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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Heavy Pumps & Motors**
  - **Motors**
    - **Single-Phase**
    - **Three-Phase**
  - **Pumps**
    - **Metering**
    - **Centrifugal**
    - **Positive Displacement**
    - **Diaphragm**
    - **Submersible**





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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Housekeeping**
  - **Eliminates Hazards**
  - **Organization**
  - **Neatness**
  - **Cleanliness**
  - **Standardization**
  - **Discipline**



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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Stored Energy**
  - **Water Pressure**
  - **Disassembling Piping**
  - **Thermal Expansion**

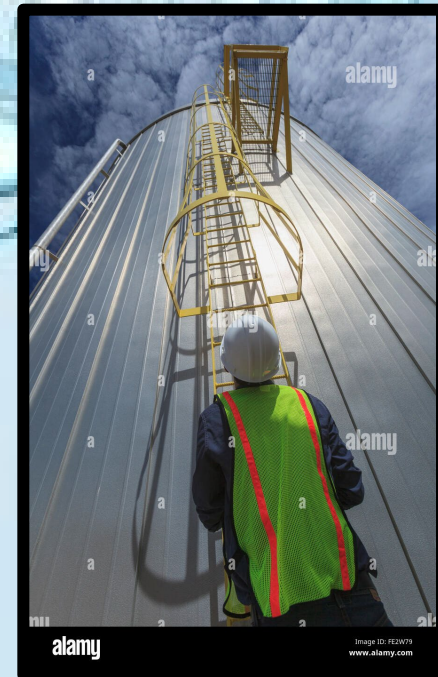


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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Climbing Tanks**
  - **Fall Protection (Training Required)**
  - **Anchor Points**
  - **100% Tie-Off**
  - **Enclosed Ladders**
  - **Guard Rails**
  - **Ladder Inspection/Maintenance**
  - **Know Your Limits/Pace Yourself**



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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Chronic Injuries**
  - Overusing One Body Area Over a Long Period
  - Long Term Healing
  - Most Common in Joints



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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **Confined Space**

- **Training Required**

- **Pump Rooms**

- **Ventilation**

- **Tanks**

- **Respirators**

- **SCBA**

- <https://vimeo.com/149325335>

**CONFINED SPACES**  
**They Can Be**  
**Death Traps**



**Follow Confined Space Entry**  
**Procedures Before Entering**

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## SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

- **What is your reason for working safe today?**



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# FEEDBACK?

**Hazards**

**Your Reason to Work Safe Today**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **Who Depends on the Plant Operator**

- **People**
- **Community Centers**
- **Businesses**
- **EVERYONE**
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S1wUOad-0ag&t=46s>



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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **Plant Operator's Responsibilities**
  - **Monitoring Water Quality**
  - **Operating and Maintaining Water Treatment Equipment**
  - **Monitoring pH, Turbidity and Chlorine Levels in the Water**
  - **Water Testing**
  - **Maintaining Records on Water Quality**
  - **Equipment Failures, Power Outages, Water Quality Issues**
  - **Play a Key Role in Protecting Public Health**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **Basic Operator Duties**
  - **Monitoring Equipment**
  - **Recording Data**
  - **Conducting Routine Maintenance**
  - **Work Under the Supervision of a More Senior Operator**
  - **Participate in On-The-Job Training**
  - **Basic Education Courses**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **Extended Operator Duties**
  - **Operating and Maintaining Equipment**
  - **Conduct Analyzer Verification Tests**
  - **Responding to Emergencies**
  - **Supporting other Operators**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **Advanced Operator Duties**
  - **Manage Plant Operations**
  - **Ensure Compliance**
  - **Improving Plant Operations and Procedures**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **When Things Go Wrong**
  - 1993 Milwaukee Disaster – Cryptosporidium protozoan
  - 2000 Walkerton – Falsified Test Results
  - 2014 Flint, Michigan – Lead Leaching

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **How to Avoid Disasters**
  - **Operator Training**
  - **Levels of Security**
  - **Back-up Systems**
  - **Avoid Complacency**

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## IMPORTANCE OF OPERATOR'S JOB

- **How to Build Confidence**
  - **Training**
  - **Support Systems**
  - **Time & Experience**
  - **Continuous Improvement**

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# FEEDBACK?

**Customers**

**Operator Responsibilities**

**Disasters**

**Confidence**



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Instrumentation – Operator's Assistant**
  - **Regulation & Compliance**
  - **Measurement**
  - **Control**
  - **Valves**
  - **Analyzers**
  - **Water Treatment Process Instrumentation**
  - **SCADA**

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Regulation & Compliance**
  - **Water Quality Regulators**
  - **Due Diligence**
  - **Regulation and Compliance**

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Water Quality Regulators**

- **Environmental Protection Agency – EPA**

- <https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/water-quality-standards-handbook>

- **Government Of Canada Guidelines for Drinking Water Quality**

- <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/environmental-workplace-health/reports-publications/water-quality/guidelines-canadian-drinking-water-quality-summary-table.html#t1>

- **Nova Scotia Resource Water Management Strategy**

- <https://novascotia.ca/nse/water.strategy/#:~:text=It%20aims%20to%20ensure%20sustainability,of%20IWM%20and%20the%20s trategy.>

- **Safe Drinking Water for First Nations Act**

- <https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1697555066364/1697555089256>

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Due Diligence**
  - A process or effort to collect and analyze information to avoid any loss or damage.

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Regulation & Compliance**
  - **Meet Drinking Water Standards**
  - **Employ Certified Operators**
  - **Lab Certification**
  - **Monitor and Test Routinely**
  - **Protect Source Water**
  - **Keep Records**
  - **Report on Water Quality**
  - **Conduct System Assessments**
  - **Ensure appropriate and adequate operation**

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Measurement**
- **Transmitters (Indicators)**

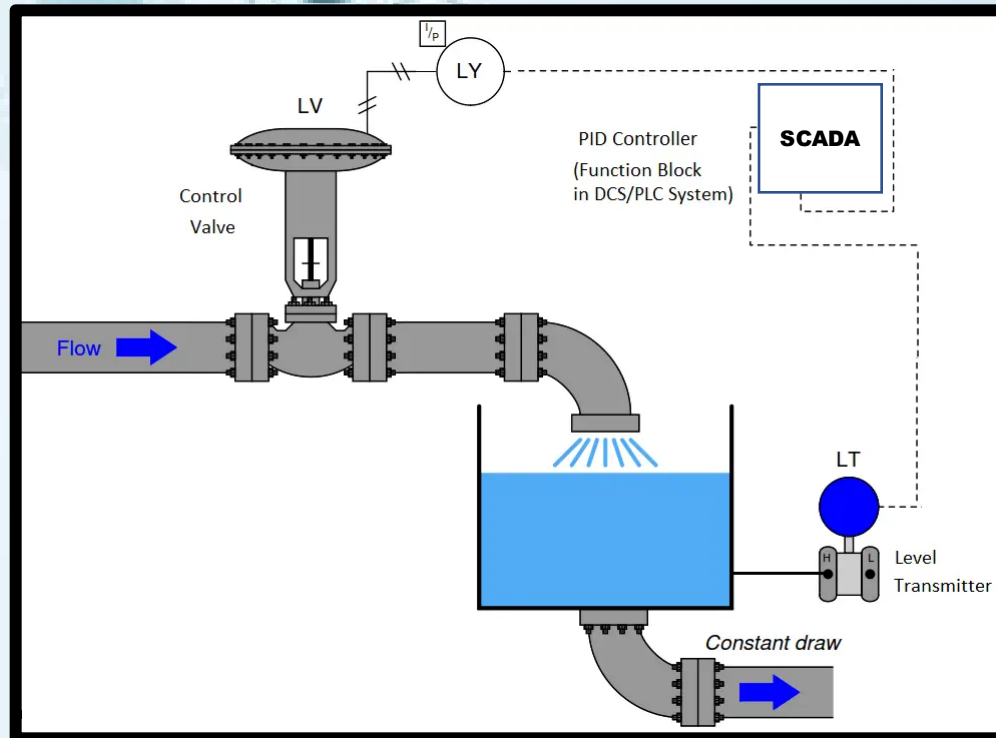


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Control**
- **Control Loops – Control Valve**

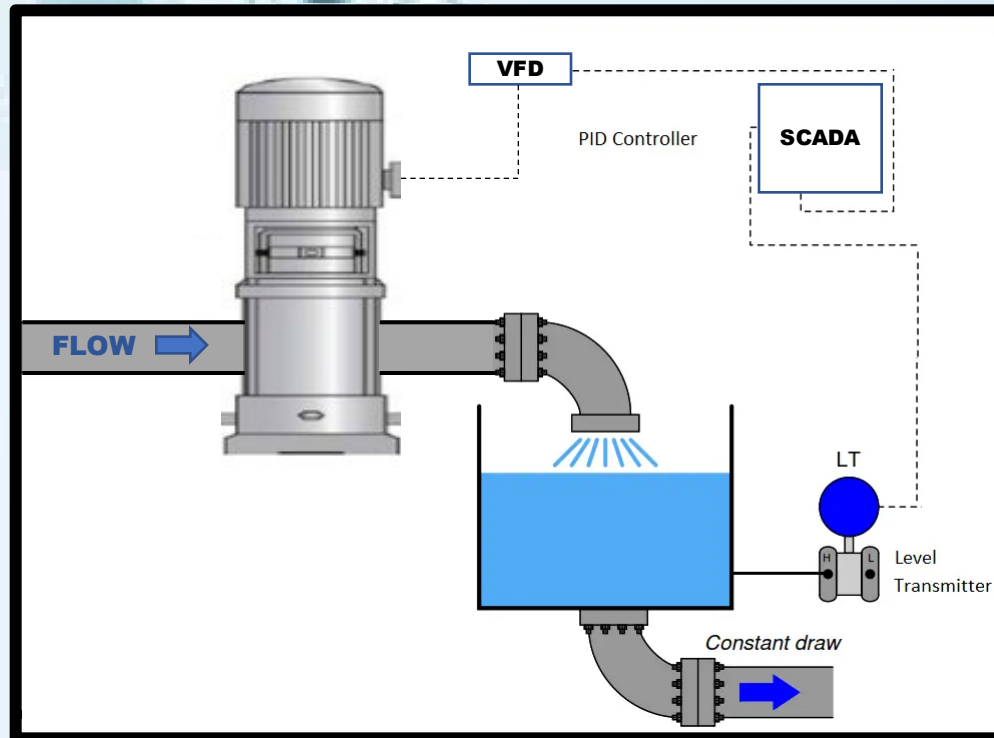


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Control**
  - **Control Loops – Variable Speed Drive**



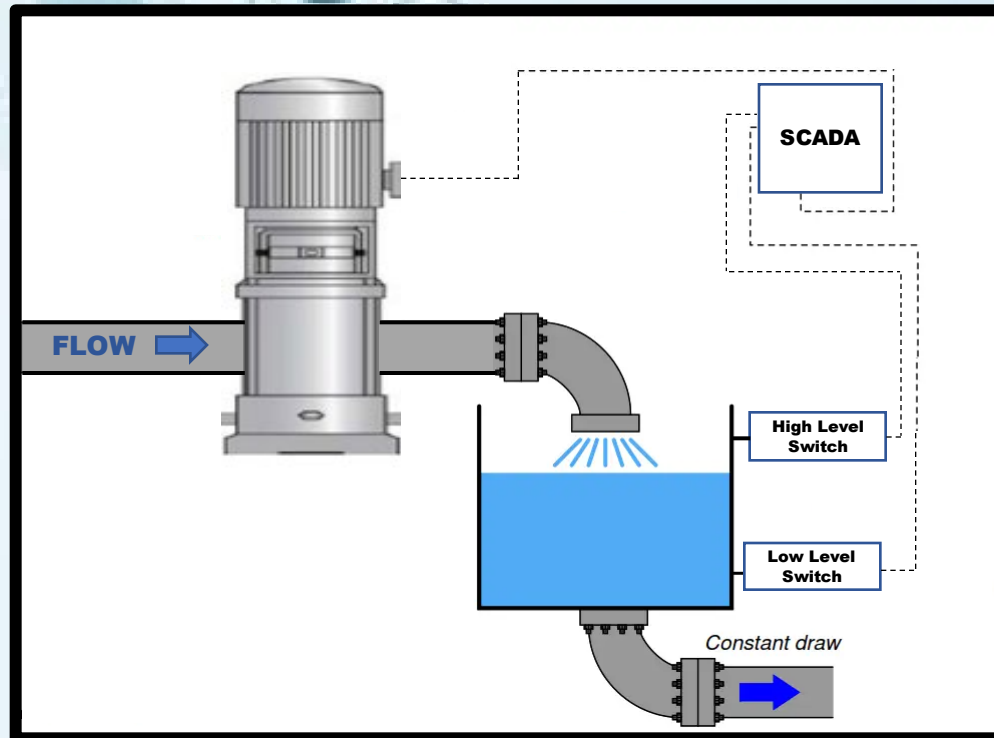


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Control**
  - **Control Loops – High/Low Level Switches – ON/OFF Control**

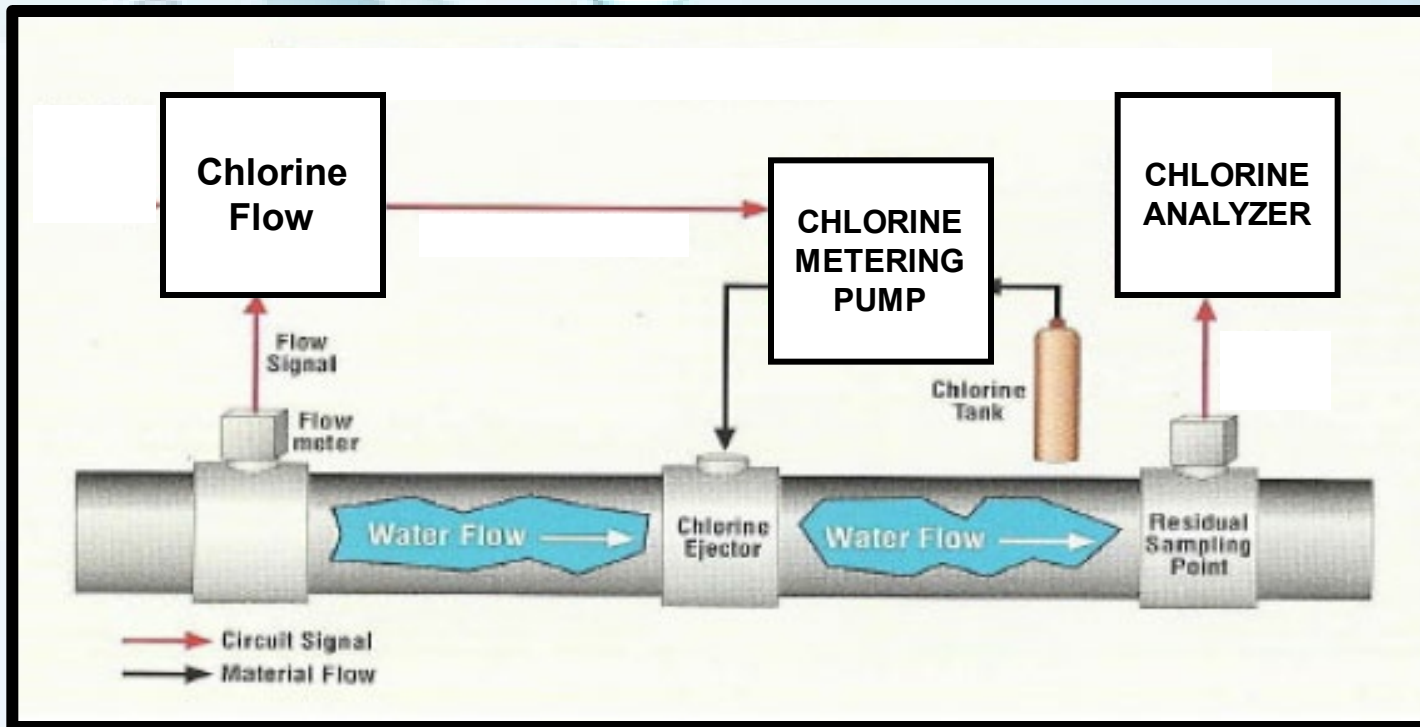


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Control**
  - **Control Loops – Flow/Chlorine Stroke Adjustment Injection**
  - **Most Common in Your Plants**

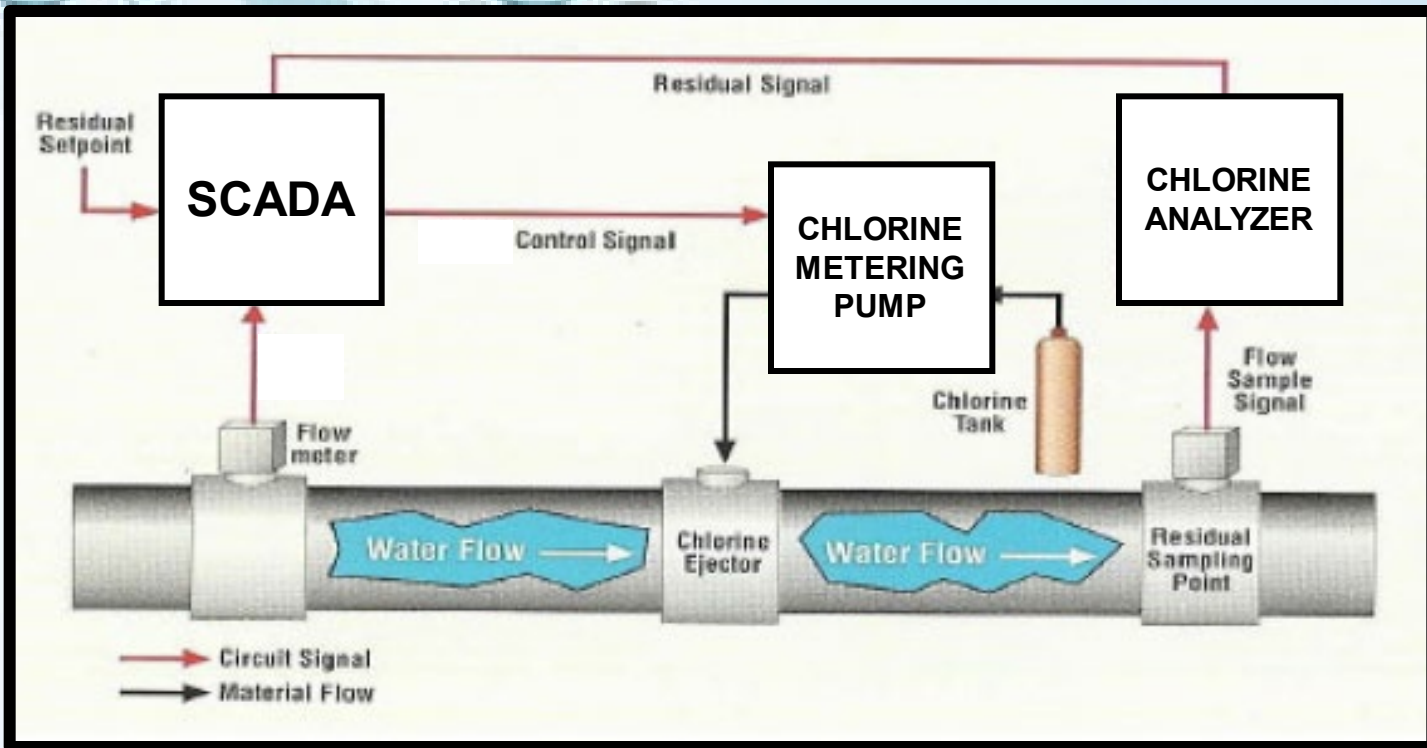


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Control**
- **Control Loops – Automatic Chlorine Injection**

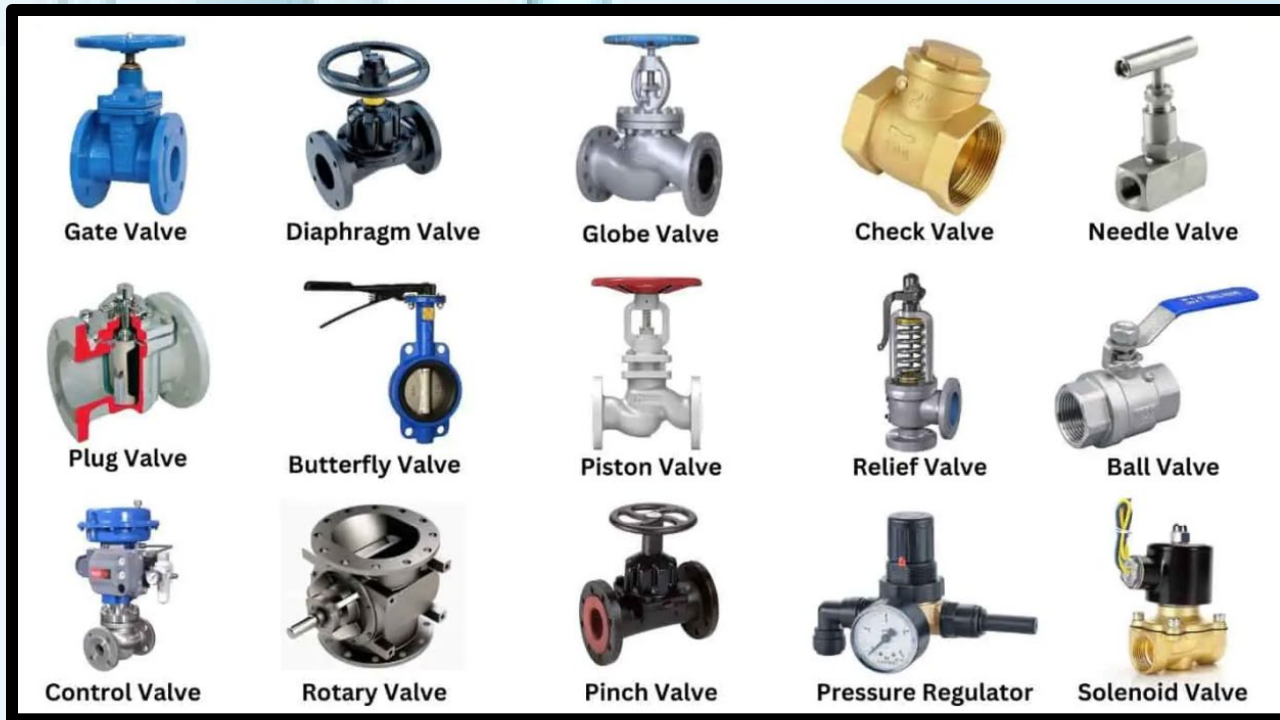


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Valves**
  - Valve – Manual Actuators
  - These Valves Seen Throughout Your Plants

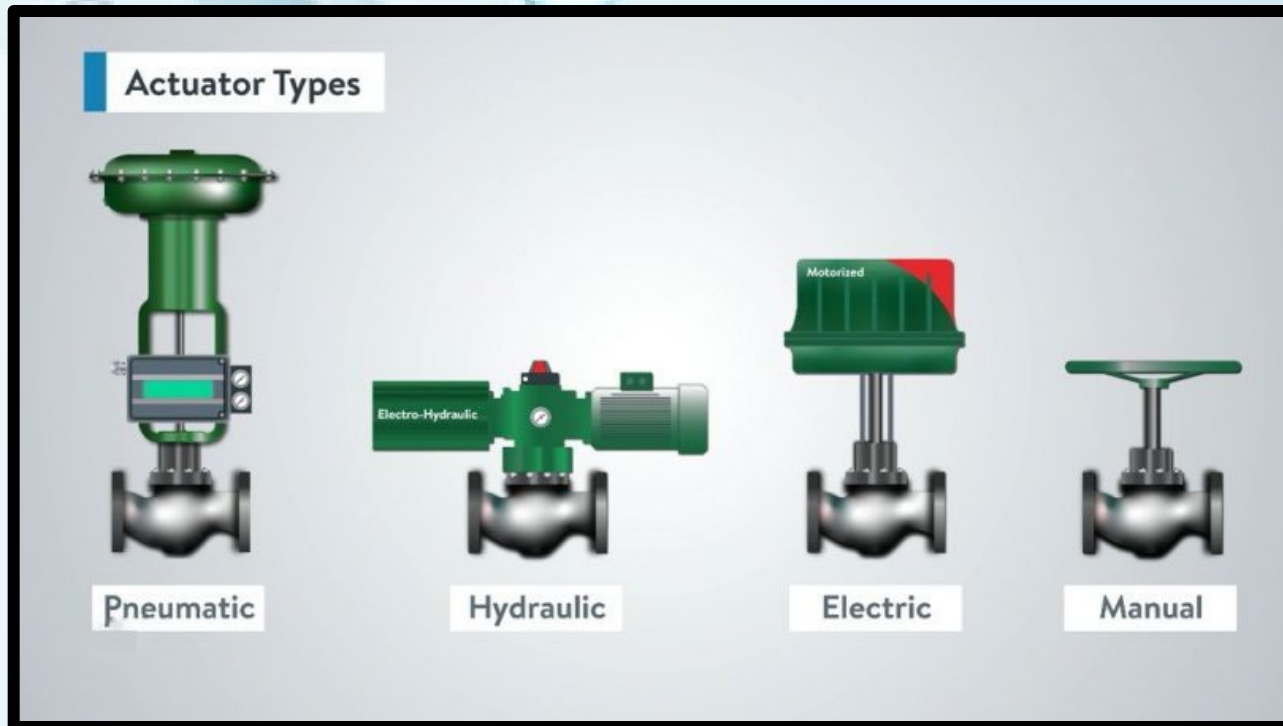


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Valves**
  - **Valve Actuators**
    - **Most Actuators in Your plants are Manual and Electric**



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Analyzers**
  - **pH**
  - **Turbidity**
  - **Chlorine**
  - **Conductivity**
  - **Total Dissolved Oxygen**

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **pH Analyzers**
  - Acidity or Alkalinity
  - Unitless Number
  - 6.8 – 8.5



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Turbidity Analyzers**
  - **Water Clarity or Transparency**
  - **Unit:**
  - **Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)**
    - **Your Plants All Use (NTU)**
  - **Formazin Nephelometric Units (FNU)**
  - **Ideally Not More Than 1(NTU) & Never More than 5 (NTU)**





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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Chlorine Analyzers**
  - Residual Chlorine from Drinking Water
  - Unit:
    - Mg/Liter
    - PPM (Parts Per Million)
    - 0.5 Mg/Liter or 1.0 PPM



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Conductivity Analyzers**
  - Solution's ability to conduct electricity
  - Unit - microsiemens per centimeter (mcg/cm)
  - 1,000 microsiemens per centimeter (mcg/cm)



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT & MAINTENANCE

- **Total Dissolved Oxygen Analyzers**
  - Amount of gaseous oxygen contained in water
  - **Unit:**
    - mg/L
    - PPM (Parts per Million)
    - Percent (%)
  - Minimum 5mg/L to Maximum 18mg/L
  - Normally used at water outfall in waste treatment plants
  - Ensures correct amount of oxygen in water to maintain wildlife



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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

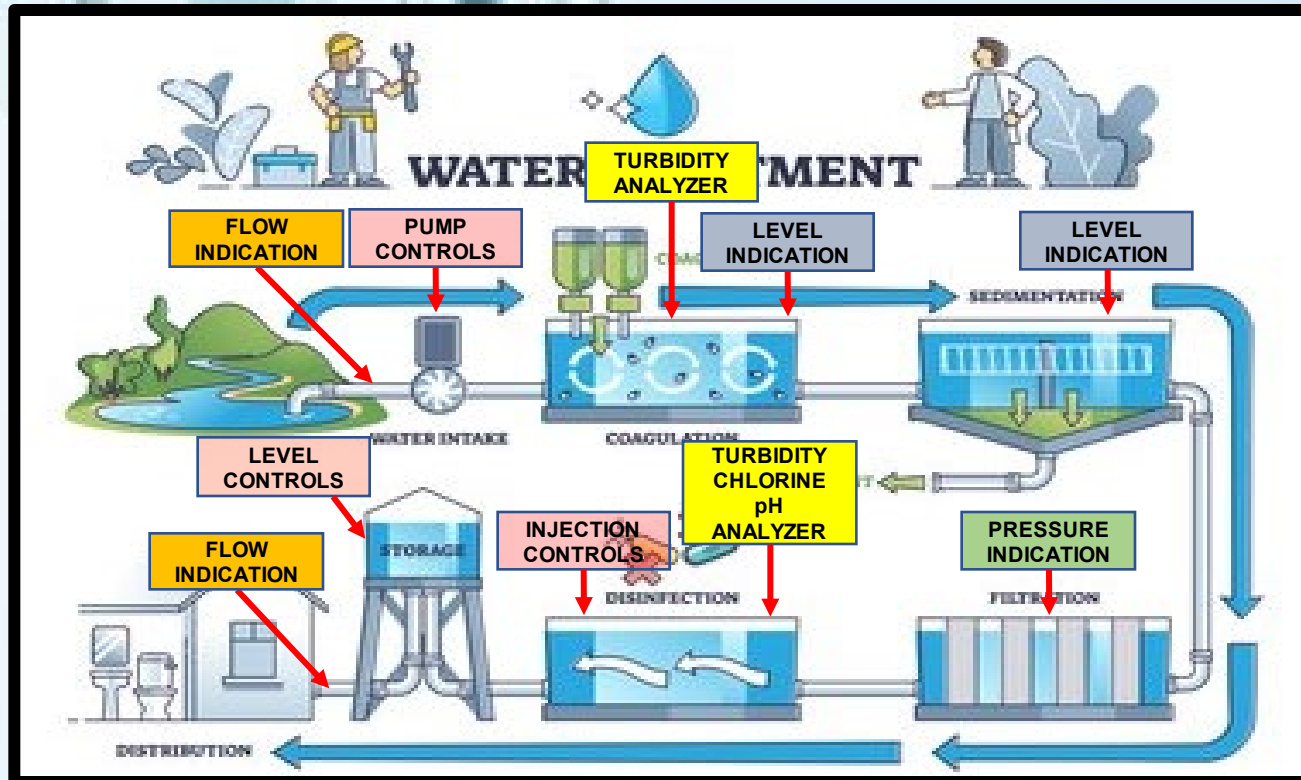
- **Water Treatment Process**
  - **Purification**
  - **Distribution**
  - **Waste Treatment**

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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Purification**
- **Water Purification Instrumentation**

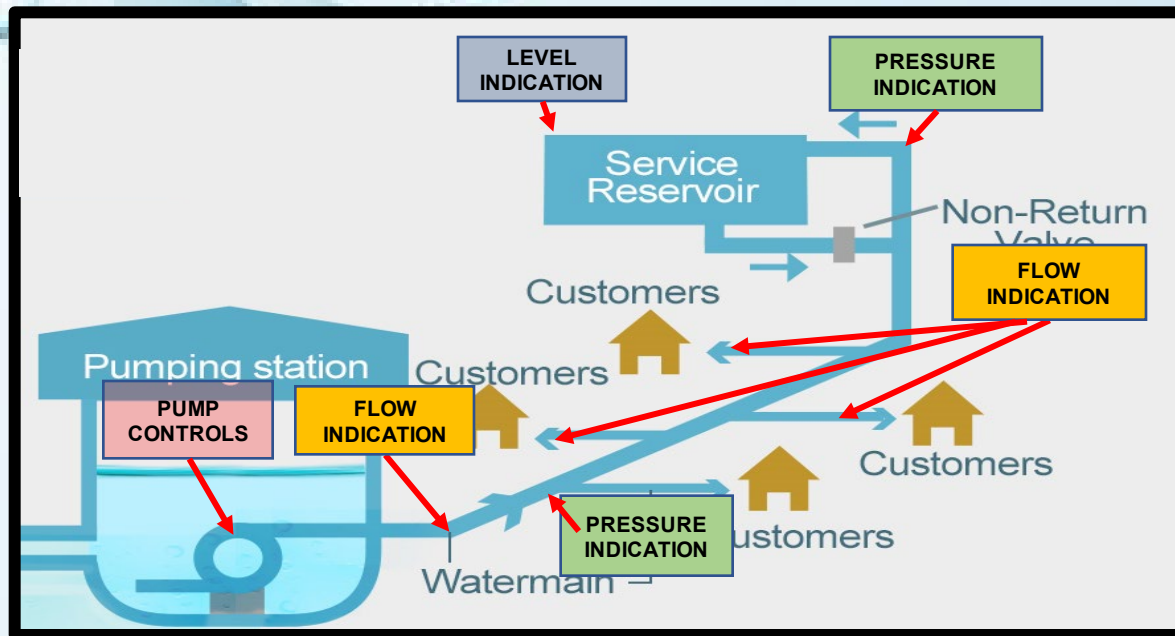


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Distribution**
  - Water Distribution Instrumentation
  - AFNWA Meters Commercial Customers - Not Residential

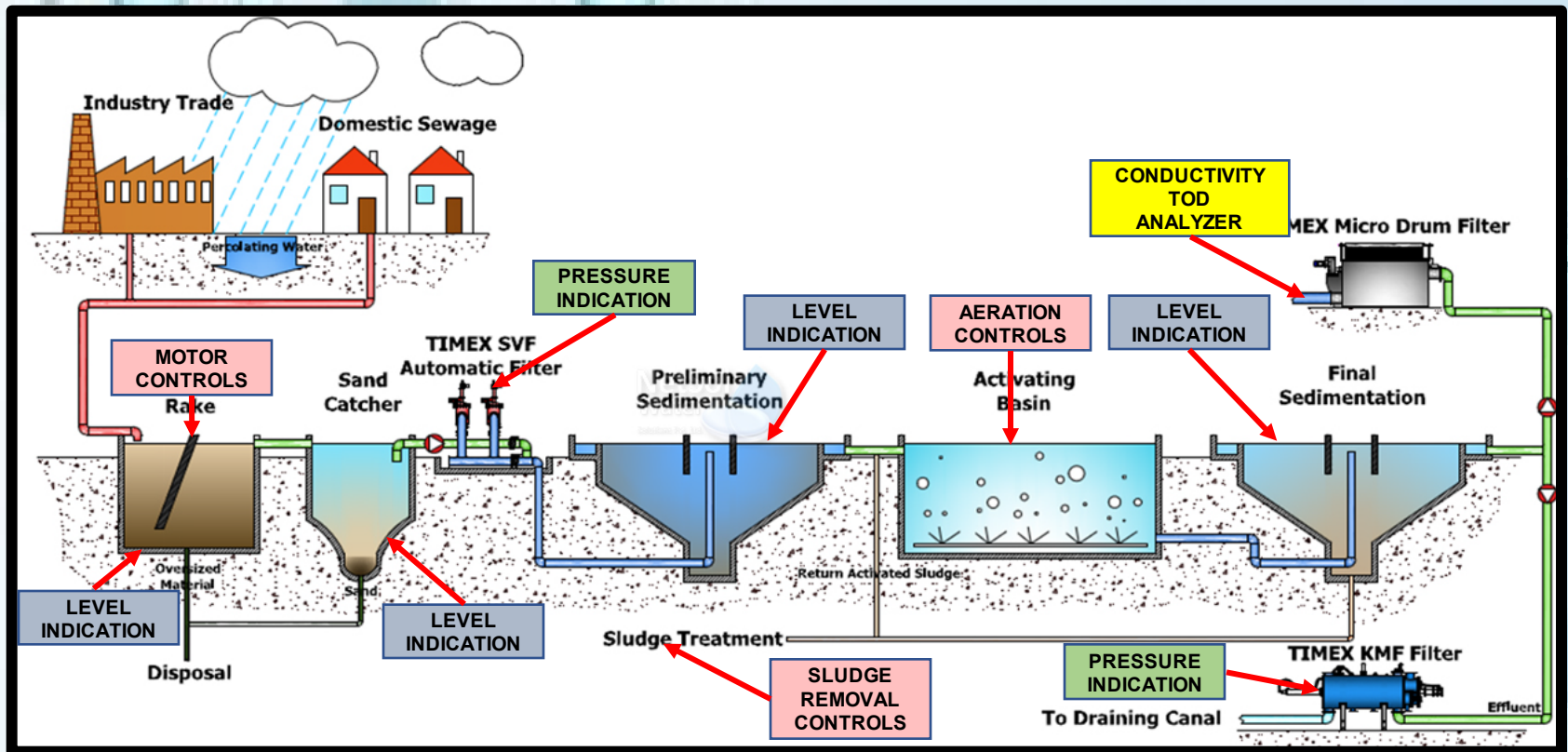


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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **Waste Treatment**
- **Waste Water Treatment Instrumentation**

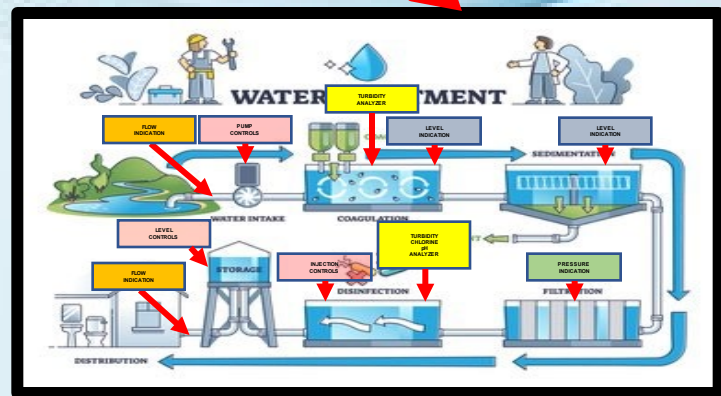
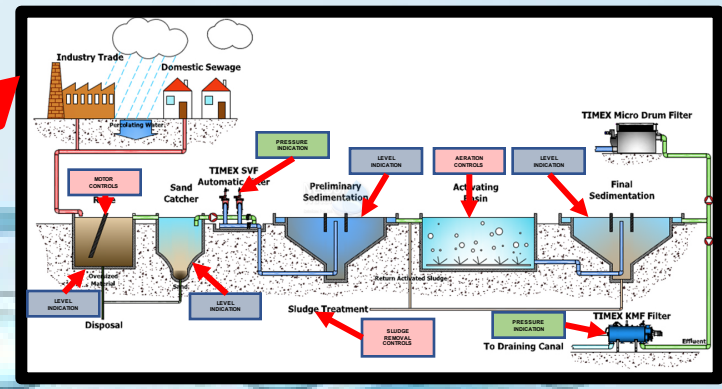
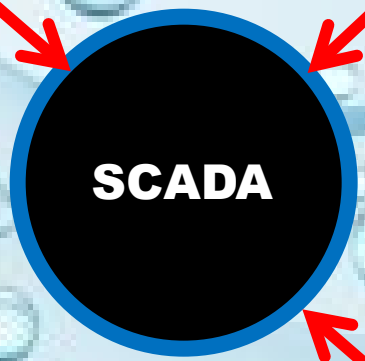
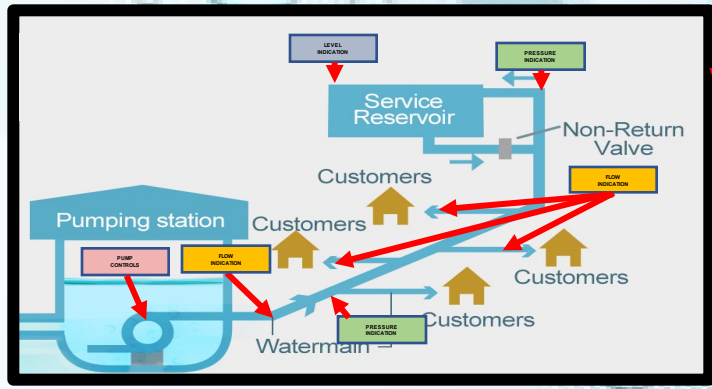




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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **SCADA**
- **SCADA Communications**





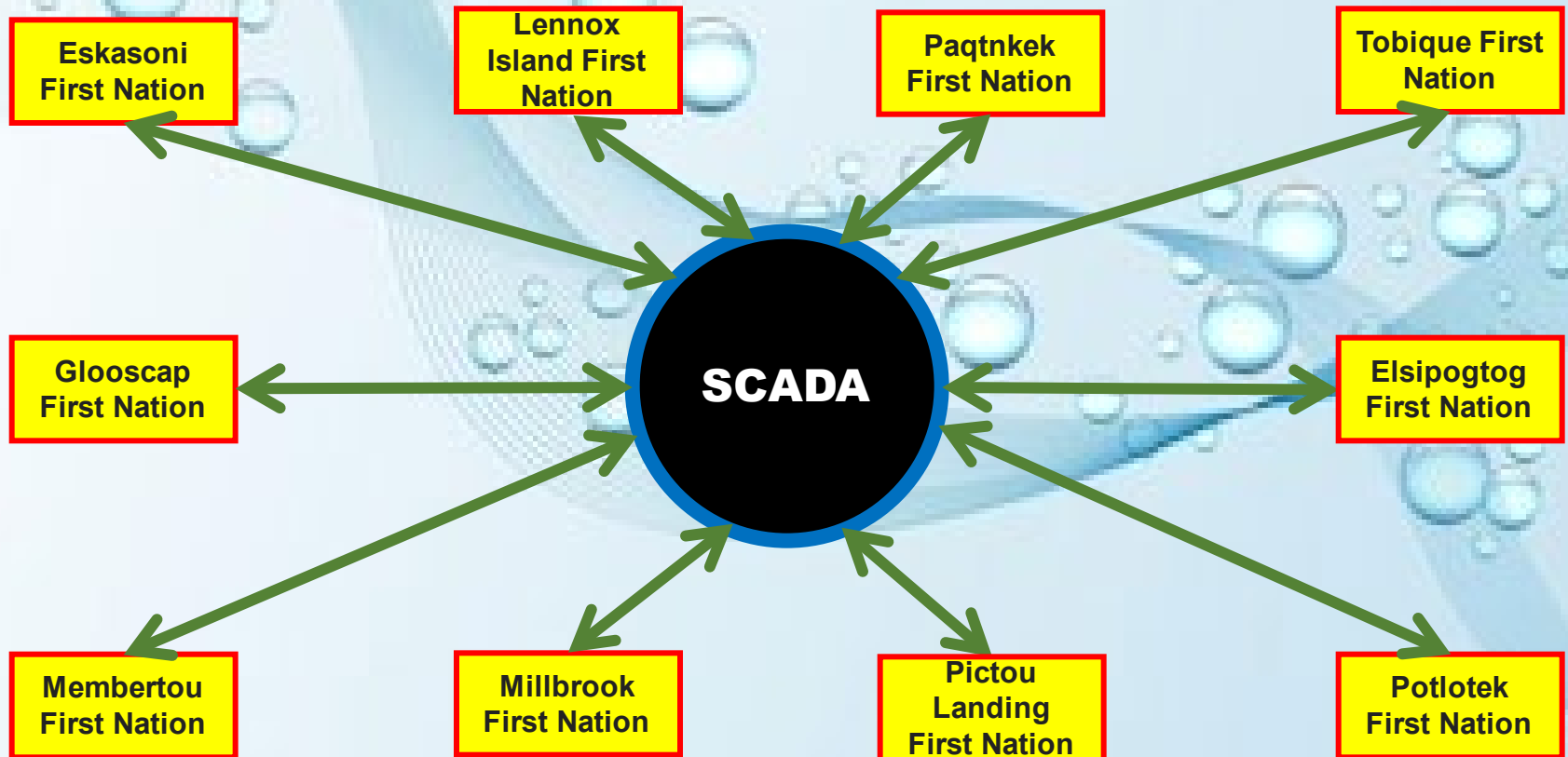
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## PLANT EQUIPMENT INSTRUMENTATION

- **SCADA**

- **SCADA Communications**



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# FEEDBACK?

**Measurement**

**Control**

**Analyzers**

**Water Treatment Process**

**Instrumentation**

**SCADA**

**Regulation & Compliance**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Analyzers**
  - **Accuracy**
  - **Validation**
  - **Verification**
  - **Calibration**
  - **Maintenance**
  - **Technology Advances**
  - **HACH TU5300 SC Turbidity Analyzer**
  - **HACH CL17 SC Chlorine Analyzer**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Analyzer Accuracy**
  - Accuracy Important to Maintain Water Quality
    - **Reliable Results**
    - **Quality Assurance**
    - **Traceability**
    - **Regulatory Compliance**
    - **Cost Savings**
    - **Builds Confidence in Equipment & Process**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Validation**
  - **Comparison to a Independent Source**
  - **Quantify Analyzer Performance**
  - **Determines Analyzer Capabilities**
  - **Determines if the Analyzer Matches the Application**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Verification**
  - **One-Point Check**
  - **Appropriate Reference**
  - **Compare Measurement to Single Point Reference**
  - **Follow Verification Procedures**
  - **Notify Tech Services of Irregularities**
  - **Repeat Verification at a Specified Frequency**
  - **Record verification in logbook and SCADA operator notes for records**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Calibration**
  - Verifies the overall accuracy
  - Adjusted to a known standard
  - Compare Measurement to Multi-Point Reference
  - Follow Manufacturer's Calibration Procedures
  - Record Calibration Results
  - Done by Utility Techs

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## ANALYZERS

- **Maintenance**
  - **Operator Maintenance**
    - **Verifying Analyzer Sample Flow**
    - **Cleaning Measuring Cell**
    - **Check Filters**
    - **Check for Leaks**
    - **Verification Check**



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## ANALYZERS

- **Maintenance**
  - **Technician Maintenance**
    - **Verifying Analyzer Sample Flow**
    - **Repair Sampling System**
    - **Replace Measuring Cell**
    - **Replace Filters**
    - **Analyzer Calibration**

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## ANALYZERS

- **Technology Advances**
  - Automation of calibration processes
  - Remote calibration capabilities
  - Integration of calibration data with data management

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# FEEDBACK?

**Accuracy**

**Validation**

**Verification**

**Calibration**

**Maintenance**

**Technology Advances**

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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH TU5300 SC Turbidity Analyzer**
  - **Principle of Operation**
    - **Light Intensity**
    - **Higher the Turbidity – Less Light Passes**

<https://uk.hach.com/tu5300-sc-low-range-laser-turbidimeter-with-rfid-iso-version/product-video?id=25114274377>

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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH TU5300 SC Turbidity Analyzer**
  - **Verification**
    - **Refer to the HACH TU5300 SC Verification Procedure**

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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH TU5300 SC Turbidity Analyzer**
  - Cell Cleaning
  - Refer to the **HACH TU5300 SC Cell Cleaning Procedure**

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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH CL17 SC Chlorine Analyzer**

- Analyzes Both Free and Total Chlorine
- Sample Mixed with Reagent to Form a Colored Solution
- Intensity of Colored Solution Determines Chlorine

### Content

- [https://www.google.ca/search?sca\\_esv=1e69a4e84dfc1d5f&q=MEasuring+principle+of+a+HACH+cl17sc+chlorine+analyzer&tbm=vid&source=Inms&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiW2fnpzZSEAxUbmYkEHfjxA0cQ0pQJegQIDBAB&biw=1920&bih=892&dpr=1#fpstate=i ve&vld=cid:34dcb314,vid:dxkp-VnJ1FU,st:0](https://www.google.ca/search?sca_esv=1e69a4e84dfc1d5f&q=MEasuring+principle+of+a+HACH+cl17sc+chlorine+analyzer&tbm=vid&source=Inms&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiW2fnpzZSEAxUbmYkEHfjxA0cQ0pQJegQIDBAB&biw=1920&bih=892&dpr=1#fpstate=i ve&vld=cid:34dcb314,vid:dxkp-VnJ1FU,st:0)
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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH CL17 SC Chlorine Analyzer**
  - **Verification**
    - **Refer to the HACH CL17 SC Verification Procedure**



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## ANALYZER EXERCISE

- **HACH CL17 SC Chlorine Analyzer**
  - **Cell Cleaning**
    - **Refer to the HACH CL17 SC Cell Cleaning Procedure**

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**THANKS FOR YOUR TIME**  
**WORK SAFE**