WASTEWATER TREATMENT, RECYCLING & DEMINERALIZATION PLANT IN CPCL’S MANALI REFINERY

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which includes all the waste streams (resid area OWS, effluent from ETP–I and contaminated rain water).

Average feed parameters are:

- Total Oil: 31000mg/l (free oil –30500mg/l & emulsified oil 500 mg/l)
- COD: 550 mg/l
- BOD: 270mg/l
- TSS: 2600 mg/l

**Scheme**

Two major types of effluents viz. process effluent and utilities effluent are treated in the plant. Process effluent comprises of waste from resid area and OWS, effluent from ETP–I and contaminated rainwater. Utilities effluent comprises of cooling water blow down and other utilities. The process effluents are subjected to free oil and emulsified oil removal. Free oil is removed in API separator and TPI separator installed in series. Over all free oil removal efficiency achieved is 95 percent in plant. The effluent treated for free oil in the API and TPI separators are further treated in DAF for removal of emulsified oil. Separated slop oil is collected and stored in the oil collection tank.

The slop oil is further transferred to the Refinery storage facility for further processing. The volatile organic compounds generated from oily effluent handling units API, TPI, DAF and sludge tank etc. are vented to activated carbon based adsorbers for adsorption of hydrocarbons in VOC system.

The sludge from the primary treatment units is collected in oily sludge tank and is de–watered in oily–centrifuge and sent for disposal.

Primary treated process effluent is fed to secondary treatment plant that consists of Sequential Bio–reactor (SBR). Bio–sludge wasted from SBR unit is de–watered in a bio–centrifuge and sent for disposal. Average outlet quality after SBR treatment is:

- TSS: 20 mg/l
- COD: 125 mg/l
- BOD: 15 mg/l
- TDS: 1400 mg/l

The secondary treated effluent is further subjected to High Rate Solid Contact Clarifier (HRSCC) and the clarified water is stored in filter feed tank.

The utilities effluent is treated in a separate High Rate Solid Contact Clarifier (HRSCC) and the clarified water are mixed with the treated process effluent in filter feed tank. Feed parameters of utilities effluent are:

- TSS: 114 mg/l
- COD: 62 mg/l
- BOD: 11 mg/l
- TDS: 4400 mg/l

The mix of process and utilities treated effluents are further fed to Dual Media Filter (DMF) followed by Activated Carbon Filter (ACF), which are provided in series and then the filtered effluent is further subjected to tertiary treatment. Average quality at ACF outlet is:

- TSS: 20 mg/l
- COD: 125 mg/l
- BOD: 15 mg/l
- TSS: 2600 mg/l

The filtered effluent is then treated in Ultrafiltration followed by a Reverse Osmosis system. Average achieved recovery of UF system is 90 percent. UF permeate is further passed through RO system. The recovery of RO system is 85 percent. The overall recovery of tertiary system is 76.5 percent.

The reject generated from RO system is collected in the RO reject tank and the permeate is stored in RO permeate tank which is further sent to DM plant for production of de–mineralized water. Desalinated water from desalination plant of CPCL Refinery is also sent to DM plant which is used as a substitute to ETP RO permeates for production of de–mineralized water. RO permeate quality generated from ETP is:

- TSS: NIL mg/l
- COD: BDL mg/l
- BOD: BDL mg/l
- TDS: 36 mg/l

RO permeate generated from ETP is first passed through the Dual Media Filter (DMF) and then passed through RO membranes. The permeate generated from the RO membranes is then sent to Mixed bed exchangers for production of de–mineralized water. Final DM water quality is:

- TDS: <0.2 mg/l
- Reactive Silica: <0.02 mg/l
- Conductivity: <0.3 μhos/cm

The DM water of such highest quality so produced from effluents is sent to Refinery for their use in captive power plant boilers thus enabling water starved CPCL refinery to reuse 76.5 percent of their effluents generated from refinery.

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