

# Moving Toward the Times

Treatment Plant Optimization

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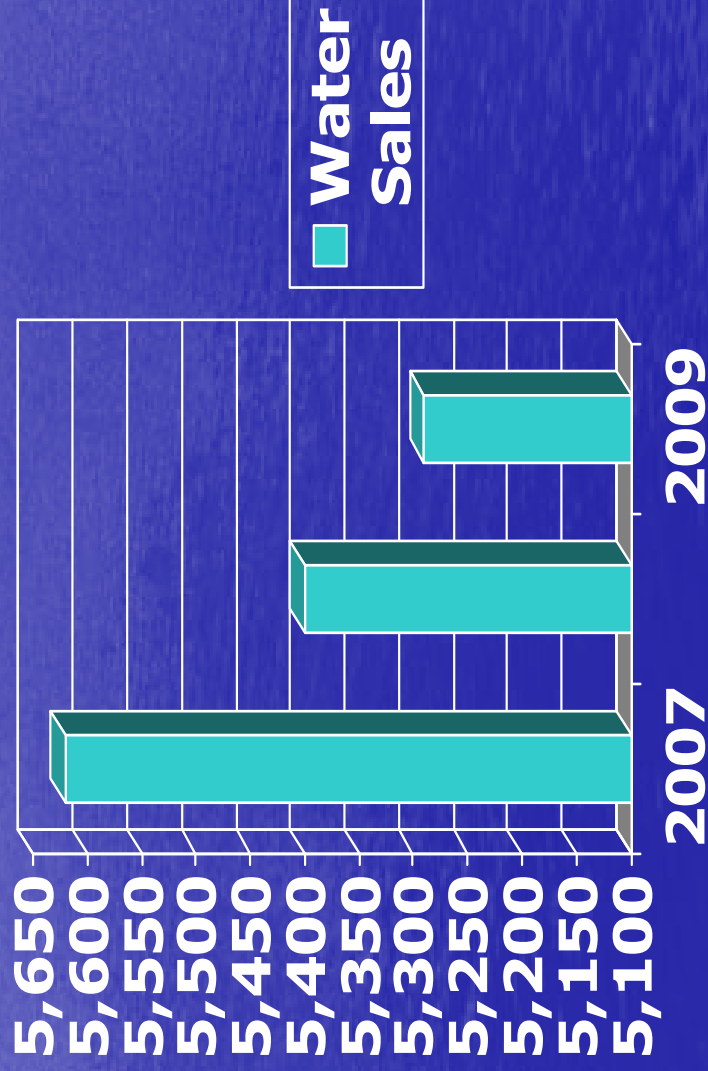
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# Goals of Plant Operation

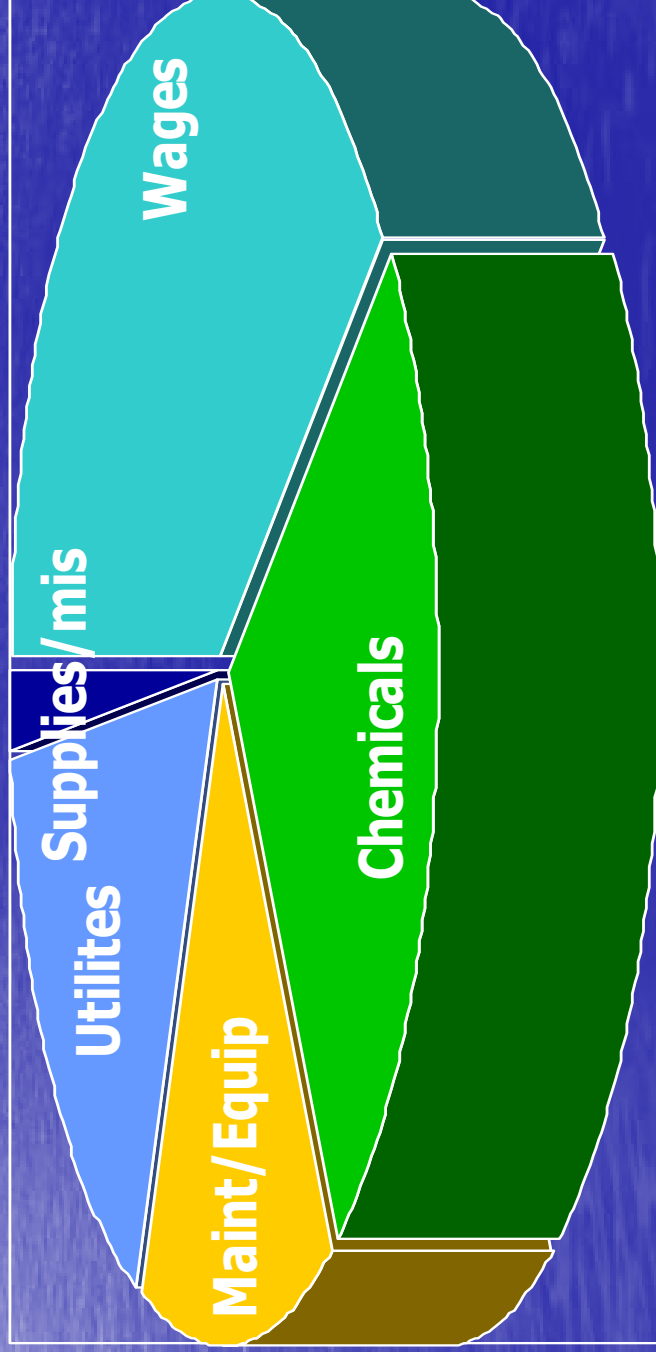
- Production of a safe drinking water
- Production of an aesthetically pleasing drinking water
- Production of drinking water at a reasonable cost

# Revenue – Water Sales

- 2007 - \$5,620,000
- 2008 - \$5,400,000
- 2009 – Projected to be - \$5,380,000



# Treatment Plant Budget Analysis



# Where Do You Start?

- Rate Increase
  - Pass it on to the customers?
  - At this point it is not an option.
  - YET!
- Staffing
- Chemicals
- Utilities
- Maintenance & Equipment

# Staffing

- Overtime
- Calling in Maintenance for equipment failure
  - Redundancy
  - Use your best judgment
  - If your not sure CALL Your Supervisor
- Water Main Breaks
  - Can it wait until normal business hours?
    - ❖ Small Leak?
- Special Bacteria Testing
  - In house testing plan around Certified Personal

# Chemicals

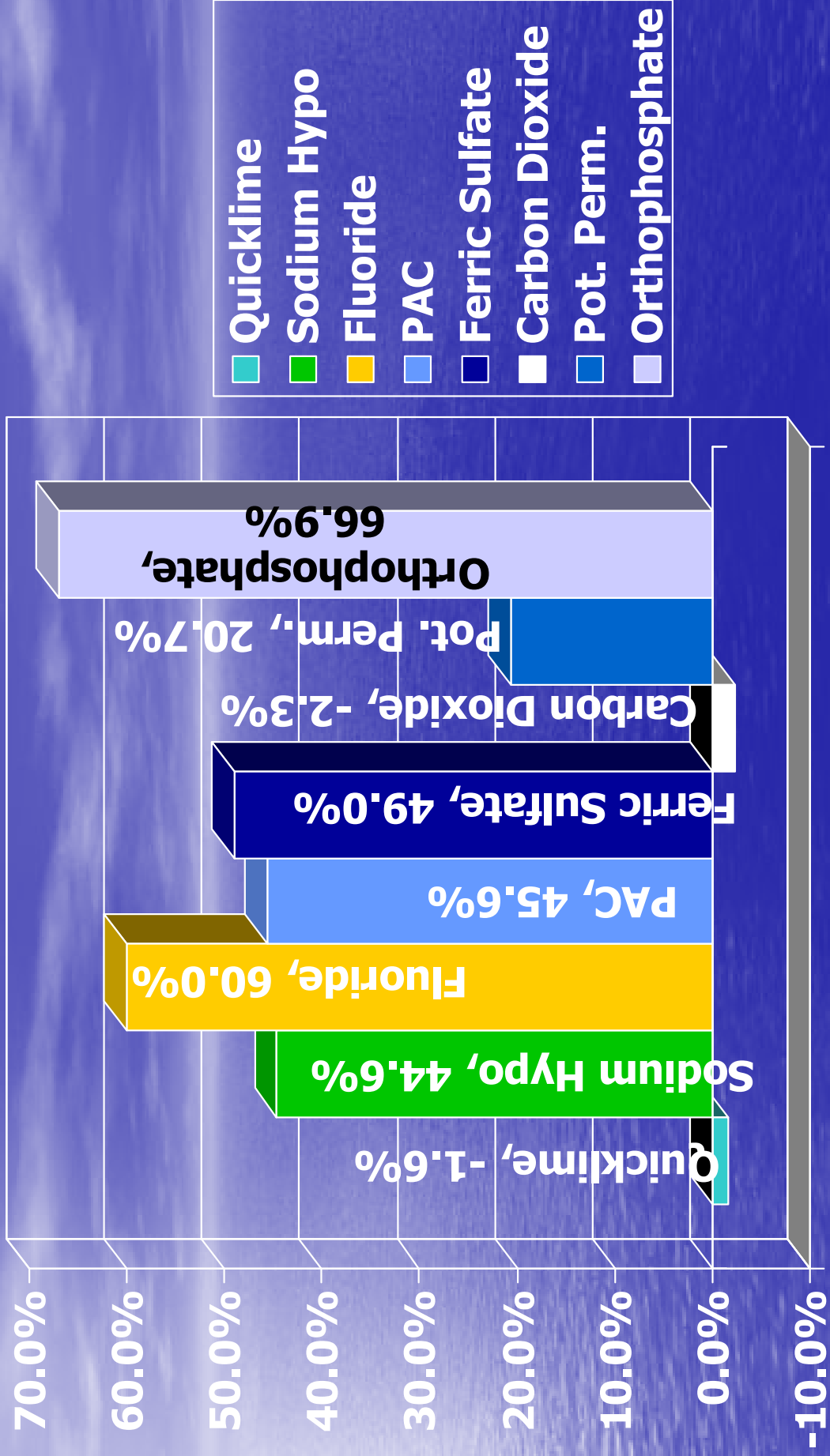
- Powdered Activated Carbon
- Potassium Permanganate
- Ferric Sulfate
- Quicklime
- Carbon dioxide
- Sodium Hypochlorite
- Orthophosphate
- Fluoride

# 2007

- Quicklime – \$223,200
- Hypochlorite – \$30,444
- Fluoride – \$14,500
- PAC – \$79,680
- Ferric Sulfate - \$108,637
- Carbon Dioxide - \$19,800
- Permanganate - \$14,400
- Phosphate - \$14,900

# 2009

- Quicklime – \$219,600
- Hypochlorite – \$54,926
- Fluoride – \$36,200
- PAC - \$146,560
- Ferric Sulfate - \$212,857
- Carbon Dioxide - \$19,350
- Permanganate - \$18,150
- Phosphate - \$44,950



**% Chemical Cost for 2007 - 2009**

- Quicklime
- Sodium Hypo
- Fluoride
- PAC
- Ferric Sulfate
- Carbon Dioxide
- Pot. Perm.
- Orthophosphate

# Re-Think Treatment

- Where can we make adjustment?
  - Fluoride
    - The optimal level is 1.0mg/l
    - The low end is 0.8mg/l
  - The source water has a level of 0.2mg/l
  - With the feed rate at 0.8mg/l
  - Made a feed rate adjustment to .65mg/l
- How can 0.15mg/l make a difference?
  - Lets Break it down

# Fluoride

$$\frac{(0.8\text{mg/l}) (7.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(23\%) (0.79\text{wt.F}) (24\text{hrs}) (1.18\text{SG})} = 1.13\text{gal/hr}$$

$$\frac{(0.65\text{mg/l}) (7.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(23\%) (0.79\text{wt.F}) (24\text{hrs}) (1.18\text{SG})} = 0.92\text{gal/hr}$$

## Fluoride - cont.

1.13 gal/hr

- 0.92 gal/hr

= 0.21 gal/hr

(24hr/day) = 5.10 gal/day

(365days/yr) = 1860.1 gal/yr

(1860.10 gallons/year) (\$3.62 per gallon)

Savings of

= \$6,733.57/year

# Ferric Sulfate

- Back to the Basics
  - Jar Testing
    - Not sure how?
      - Take a Class, Perhaps OTCO?
    - Dosages in 2007
      - Winter -- 15mg/l
      - Summer -- 10mg/l
  - After jar testing
    - Dosages in 2008
      - Winter -- 7mg/l
      - Summer -- 5mg/l

# Ferric Sulfate – Winter Nov-April

$$\frac{(15\text{mg/l}) (9.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(45\%) (1.55 \text{ S.G.}) (24\text{hrs})}$$

$$= 8.33 \text{ gal/hr}$$

$$\frac{(7.0\text{mg/l}) (9.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(45\%) (1.55 \text{ S.G.}) (24\text{hrs})}$$

$$= 3.89 \text{ gal/hr}$$

# Ferric – Winter is based on 181days

$$\begin{aligned} & 8.33 \text{ gal/hr} \\ - & \underline{3.89 \text{ gal/hr}} \\ = & 4.44 \text{ gal/hr} \end{aligned}$$

$$(24\text{hr/day}) = 106.67 \text{ gal/day}$$

$$(181\text{days/Bi-yr}) = 19,307 \text{ gal/bi-yr}$$

$$(19,307\text{gal/bi-yr}) (8.34\text{lbs/gal}) (1.55\text{S.G.}) (12\%) = 29,949 \text{ lbs}$$

$$(29,949\text{Lbs } 12\% \text{ Fe/year}) (\$1.53 \text{ per lb of } 12\% \text{ Fe})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Savings of} & \\ & = \$45,822.39/\text{Biannually} \end{aligned}$$

# Ferric Sulfate – Summer May-Oct

$$\frac{(10\text{mg/l}) (9.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(45\%) (1.55 \text{ S.G.}) (24\text{hrs})}$$

$$= 5.56 \text{ gal/hr}$$

$$\frac{(5.0\text{mg/l}) (9.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(45\%) (1.55 \text{ S.G.}) (24\text{hrs})}$$

$$= 2.78 \text{ gal/hr}$$

# Ferric – Summer based on 184 days

5.56 gal/hr

- 2.78 gal/hr

= 2.78 gal/hr

(24hr/day) = 66.67 gal/day

(184days/Bi-yr) = 12,067 gal/bi-yr

(12,067gal/bi-yr) (8.34Lbs/gal) (1.55S.G.) (12%) = 18,718 lbs

(18,718Lbs 12% Fe/year) (\$1.53 per lb of 12% Fe)

Savings of

= \$28,638.99/Biannually

# Total Ferric Cost Savings

- Winter      – \$45,822.39
- Summer     – \$28,638.99
- Total Yearly savings = \$74,461.38

# Powdered Activated Carbon & Potassium Permanganate

- Why are we feeding these chemicals?
- Is one single treatment process applicable to all taste and odor problems?

# Why are we feeding Chemicals?

- Taste & Odors are the most common and difficult problems that confront water operators
- Biological Growth in Source Water
  - Geosmin
    - A natural chemical by-product of various species of blue-green algae
      - (earthy odor)
  - Filamentous Bacterial Growth
    - Grows in sediments, water, and aquatic plant life.
      - (earthy-musty taste & odor)

Is one single treatment process applicable to all taste and odor problems?

- Because both chemicals have a different function an evaluation of the source water should be done.
- Just a couple of things to look at before making adjustments?
  - TOC levels
  - Atrazine levels

# Taste & Odor Control

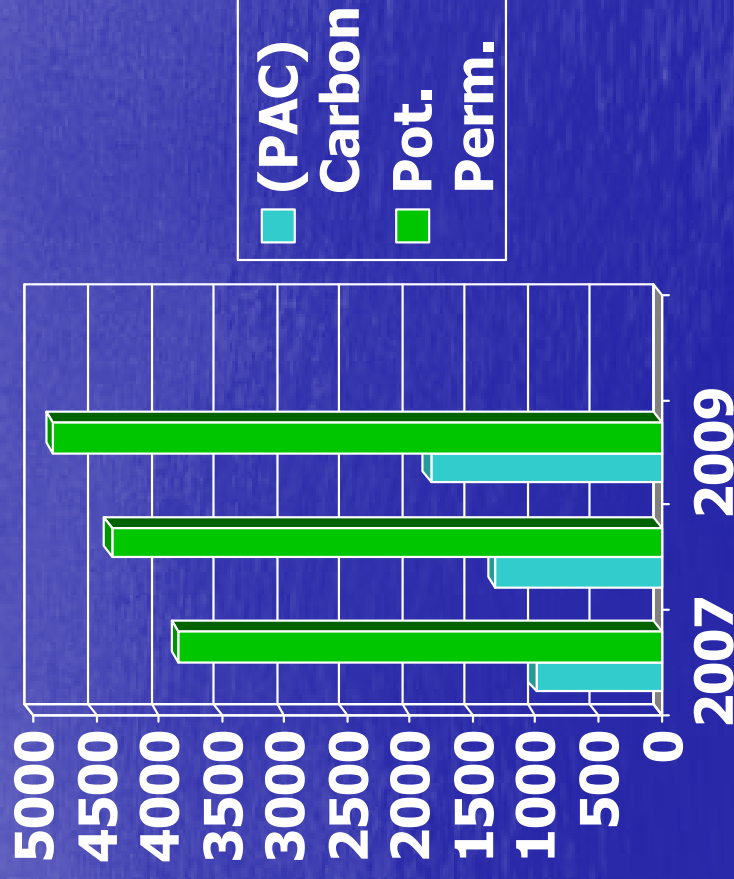
- Powdered Activated Carbon
  - Adsorption
  - Most common technique used
  - Wood, Coal, Coconut shells, or Bones

# Taste & Odor Control

- Potassium Permanganate (KMnO<sub>4</sub>)
  - Strong Oxidizer
  - Destroys many organic compounds
    - Natural and manufactured
  - Commonly used to oxidize iron and manganese

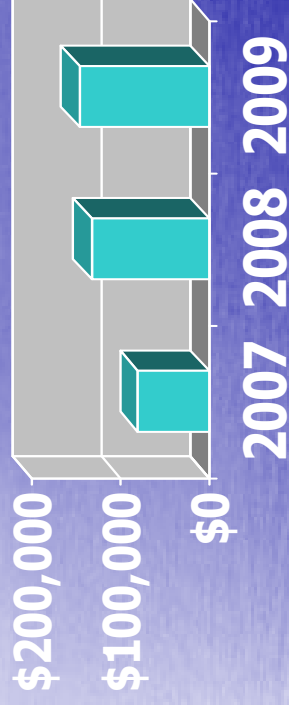
# 2007 – 2009 Review

- Powdered Activated Carbon Increase by 45.6%
- Potassium Permanganate Increase by 20.7%

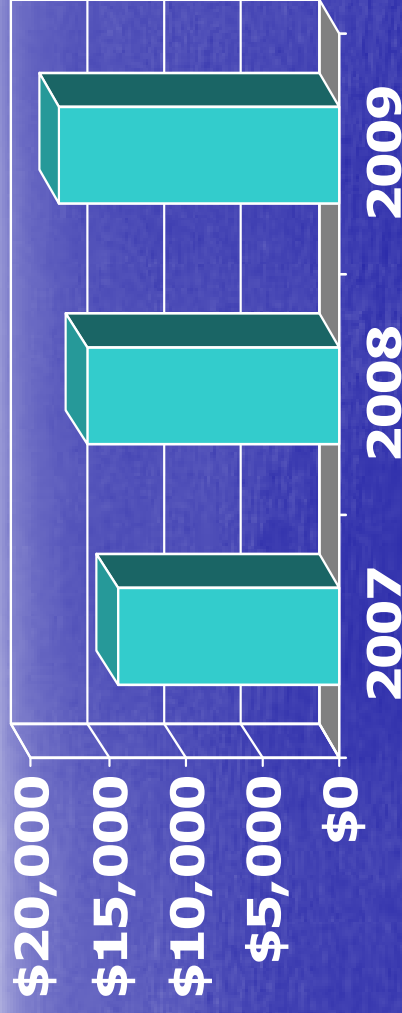


# Total Estimated Chemical Cost/Yr.

PAC



Potassium Permanganate



- Powdered Activated Carbon (2007) - \$79,680
- Powdered Activated Carbon (2009) - \$146,560
- Potassium Permanganate (2007) - \$14,400
- Potassium Permanganate (2009) - \$18,150

# No-Brainer

- Shut off the Carbon
- Potassium injected at the beginning of the Pre oxidation basin feed rate 0.7mg/l

# PAC – Winter Nov-April

(5mg/l) (7.6 MGD) (100)  
(10.7%) (24hrs)

= 14.8 gal/hr

(0.0mg/l) (7.6 MGD) (100)  
(45%) (24hrs)

=0.00 gal/hr

# PAC – Based on 181days

14.80 gal/hr

- 0.00 gal/hr

= 14.80 gal/hr

(24hr/day) = 355.14 gal/day

(181 days) = 64,280 gal/biannually

(64,280 gal/biannually) (\$0.916 per lbs)

1 lb = 1 gallon (10.7%)

Savings of

= \$58,880.82/biannually

# Orthophosphate

$$\frac{(1.0\text{mg/l}) (7.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(36\%) (1.24\text{SG}) (24\text{hrs})} = 0.68\text{gal/hr}$$

$$\frac{(0.5\text{mg/l}) (7.3\text{MGD}) (100)}{(36\%) (1.24\text{SG}) (24\text{hrs})} = 0.34\text{gal/hr}$$

# Orthophosphate

0.68 gal/hr

- 0.34 gal/hr

= 0.34 gal/hr

(24hr/day) = 8.18 gal/day

(365days/yr) = 2,984.43 gal/yr

(2,984.43 gallons/year) (\$2.98 per gallon)

Savings of = \$26,830.03/year

# Weighed the benefits

- Fluoride = \$ 6,733.57
- Ferric Sulfate = \$74,461.38
- PAC = \$58,880.82
- Ortho = \$26,830.03
  
- Total Yearly Savings = \$166905.80

# Utilities – Electricity

- Motion sensors for lighting through out Plant
- More energy efficient light bulbs
- Heating / Cooling system updates

# Power Factor Correction Device

- Raw Water pumps
  - Before PFC device 78% efficient
  - After PFC device 94% efficient
- Carbon Mixer 40 Hp motor
  - Before PFC device 35% efficient
  - After PFC device 97% efficient
- Hot Water 7.5 Hp motor
  - Before PFC device 81%
  - After PFC device 98%

# Plant Maintenance

- Maintenance Program
  - Planning & Scheduling
  - Records Management
  - Spare Parts Management
  - Cost and Budget Control
  - Emergency Repair Procedures
  - Training Program

# Supplies

- Laboratory & Equipment Parts
  - Let the supplier stock it for you
    - Order what you Need
  - Delivery time
- Janitorial
  - Do you need it?
  - Shop around
- Office
  - Paper/Toner or Ink
    - Print ONLY what you need
- Do your part & Recycle 😊