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#### ABSTRACT

Serious sewage treatment problems have been encountered by the City of Lethbridge, Alberta, because of the large number of food processing plants located there. The city's sewage service by-law provides heavy penalties for plants discharging effluents surpassing the limits set for BOD, suspended solids, and grease. Plants that install wastewater treatment facilities can, however, obtain rebates on previously paid penalties. With this incentive, the Swift Canadian Company Limited meat packing plant selected a Lectro Clear Z (LCZ) unit to improve the quality of wastewater being discharged to the city's system. Because this unit would require practically no chemical flocculant addition, it was anticipated that some added revenue could be gained by recovery of by-products from the wastewater.

The Lectro Clear Z unit was installed in the early summer of 1979. However, due to a variety of problems, primarily associated with the electrical system, a consistent level of operation was not attained until February 1980. Detailed information concerning an eight-week evaluation conducted in March and April 1980 is provided in this report.

As a result of the test run it was determined that the LCZ unit could achieve BOD and suspended solids reductions of about 55 to 65 percent on the total "existing" catch basin effluent. In addition to achieving an acceptable level of treatment, it was confirmed that by-product recovery from the LCZ skimmings was possible.

With the assistance of the Toronto engineering staff and the Lethbridge plant staff of Swift Canadian Company, an economic evaluation of the system was made.

#### RÉSUMÉ

Lethbridge, en Alberta, a dû faire face à de graves problèmes d'épuration des eaux usées à cause des nombreuses usines de produits alimentaires qui y sont situées. Son règlement prévoit des peines sévères à l'endroit des usines qui rejettent des effluents dont la DBO et la teneur en matières en suspension et en graisses dépassent les limites établies. Toutefois, les usines qui s'équipent d'installations d'épuration peuvent se faire rembourser une partie des amendes acquittées antérieurement; c'est ce qui a amené la conserverie de viande de la Swift Canadian Company Limited de se doter d'une unité "Lectro Clear Z" (LCZ). Comme cette unité n'aura presque pas besoin d'ajouts de floculant chimique, on prévoit réaliser un certain revenu supplémentaire de la récupération de sous-produits des eaux usées.

L'unité a été installé au début de l'été 1979, mais à cause de divers problèmes, associés principalement au système électrique, elle n'a pas pu atteindre un régime de fonctionnement constant avant février 1980. Le présent rapport contient de plus amples renseignements sur l'évaluation de huit semaines menée en mars et avril 1980.

Suite à la mise à l'essai, on a déterminé que l'unité LCZ pourrait réduire de 55 à 65% la DBO et la teneur en MES de l'effluent "actuel" du bassin collecteur. L'unité ne procure pas seulement un traitement acceptable, mais elle permet de récupérer certains sous-produits des matières flottantes.

L'évaluation économique a été effectuée avec l'aide des ingénieurs de Toronto et du personnel de Lethbridge de la compagnie.

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#### SUMMARY

#### Conclusions

- 1. The Lectro Clear Z unit proved capable of reducing BOD and suspended solids concentrations in meat packing plant wastewater by 50 to 70 percent.
- 2. The LCZ unit had relatively little effect on the soluble BOD/COD content of the wastewater.
- 3. The success of the LCZ unit depends on good housekeeping practices in the plant and regular inspection and maintenance of LCZ operation.
- 4. Float material from the LCZ unit contained more moisture (90-92 percent) than anticipated, but was economically suitable for rendering into saleable by-products. The high moisture content of the float solids was attributable, in part, to the skimmer operation and various electrical malfunctions, most notably electrode problems.
- 5. Although the LCZ unit proved capable of producing an effluent within the City of Lethbridge's sewer service by-law standards, frequent malfunctions in its electrical system seriously affected its reliability.
- 6. The problems encountered with the LCZ's electrical system were partially attributed to variations in the conductivity of the wastewater caused by differences in the blood content, and changes in the mineral content of the city water supply. The remaining source of difficulty appeared to be related to an electrode contact malfunction, as well as the inability of the rectifier to effectively handle significant variations in voltage.

#### Recommendations

- 1. Particular attention should be paid to the specifications, installation and operating parameters relating to the electrical components of LCZ units in future applications.
- 2. Because the LCZ relies heavily on pH control for efficient operation it is recommended that a maintenance procedure be established for regular inspection and cleaning of electrodes to minimize malfunctions due to fouling of the probes.
- 3. The effect on the LCZ process of variations in the conductivity of the wastewater treated should be investigated, and provisions made to monitor conductivity and maintain it within acceptable limits, if necessary.

- 4. It is recommended that the effects of wastewater temperature on the LCZ process be investigated.
- 5. Because the moisture content of recovered skimmings has considerable influence on the economics of the rendering process, the time interval for skimming the LCZ float material should be investigated to determine the operating program that will yield the optimum moisture content.
- 6. Hydrogen sulphide should be monitored in all LCZ installations and particular attention paid to ventilation.
- 7. It is recommended that LCZ units be provided at the time of manufacture with access for sampling influent, effluent and float material.
- Although not highlighted during the study, a form of sedimentation/equalization preceding the LCZ is essential to remove discrete readily-settleable solids and to smooth out daily flow variations.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

The City of Lethbridge is located in southern Alberta, about 95 km north of the U.S. border at an elevation of 885 m on the plateau to the east of the Oldman River. The city depends upon this river, which has a limited flow, for both water supply and waste disposal.

The combination of relatively flat areas of good soil, a fairly long growing season, with hot, sunny weather through the middle of the summer, and the availability of adequate water supplies from irrigation systems has created a very large agricultural area characterized by the production of many kinds of vegetables. A high acreage of sugar beets has laid the foundation for a large sugar refining industry, while market garden vegetables support considerable vegetable processing and canning. Large areas outside the irrigated districts produce cereal grains such as wheat, oats, barley and rye, and support a large acreage of oil seeds. Finally, the ranch lands in the area are large producers of beef cattle which, in turn, are fed on the extensive crop of feed grains, and on the by-proudcts of the food processing plants.

Lethbridge is a centre for a wide variety of food processing industries. These include vegetable processing and canning plants, an oil seed and margarine plant, a flour and feed milling plant, a poultry processing plant, meat packing and processing plants, a distillery and a brewery. Some of these plants operate on a large scale, and together they account for about a third of the total flow of wastewater from the city. This has created some serious sewage treatment problems for this relatively small city with a population of approximately 52 000.

Effluents from food processing plants are usually characterized by high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), suspended solids, and sometimes grease loadings. In addition, these plants tend to have somewhat irregular effluents, both in quality and quantity, varying greatly from season to season, day to day and often hour to hour. These heavily loaded and erratic flows have created serious operating problems for the Lethbridge sewage treatment plant. The problem is further compounded by the strict limits placed by the Alberta Department of Environment on treatment plant discharges to the Oldman River, which has low flows during the latter part of the summer, and is ice-covered during the winter.

Since 1970, modifications have been made to Lethbridge's treatment plants, including construction of activated sludge units at the North plant to afford secondary

treatment at that point. Initial problems with fats and grease were largely overcome by initiation of pretreatment at the industrial plants. However, various other factors, including the nature of the waste and the extremely variable flow, combined to produce relatively poor quality effluent for a secondary treatment system, and the solids loading has frequently exceeded Government of Alberta limits.

Two approaches were taken in attempting to rectify the problem. The earliest was the setting of an industrial sewage by-law. Under this law, plants are charged on the basis of the volume of sewage discharged to the city system. In addition, limits were set on the BOD, suspended solids and grease loadings in waste from the various industries. Surcharges are levied on the industries according to the extent that each plant fails to meet these limits.

The first limits were set in 1975 and have since been lowered twice, in 1977 and 1979, as follows:

	1 Oct. 75	1 Oct. 77	1 Oct. 79
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	800	600	300
BOD (mg/L)	800	600	300
Grease (mg/L)	300	200	100

The basis upon which individual plants are assessed is reached by a somewhat complex set of formulae. A discussion of this by-law and examples of its application appear in Appendix I.

The second approach to the sewage treatment program was initiated recently. A cooperative industrial waste pretreatment plant is to be built by the City of Lethbridge near the site of the present main treatment plant. Waste from seven industrial plants participating in the cooperative program will be brought to the 9 100 m<sup>3</sup>/d pretreatment plant through a series of special collector sewers. The combined industrial wastewater will be pretreated to the by-law loading limits before discharge to the municipal treatment plant.

Two of the larger industrial plants in Lethbridge, Swift Canadian and Palliser Distilleries, elected not to join the cooperative plan. Swift Canadian meat packers decided to install its own treatment system. The city offers rebates on previously paid surcharges to plants that choose this alternative. The system chosen, a Lectro Clear Z (LCZ) unit, also offered the company the potential for recovery of saleable by-products from its wastewater, and appeared capable of producing an effluent that would meet the stringent new sewage by-law limits.

#### 2 LECTRO CLEAR Z PROCESS DESCRIPTION

#### 2.1 General

Aside from complete biological treatment, there is a wide selection of alternative wastewater treatment systems. They all depend basically upon some method of promoting flocculation of the fine suspended solids in the wastewater, so that these may be removed from the system. Some floc tends to be heavier than water, and normally such floc is encouraged to settle to the bottom of the reaction vessel, from which it is removed as bottom sludge. Some floc, naturally lighter than water, tends to float and the resultant floating mat of floc is scraped off into troughs by skimmers. Under "natural" conditions this tends to separate organic material, such as fats, oils and similar material from inorganic substances such as silt, sand and fine gravel. The separation is, however, usually far from perfect, and there has been a tendency towards attempting to float as much of the flocculated material as possible. In the case of such industries as meat packing, this usually results in better recovery of fats and grease which can potentially be recovered for rendering.

Flocculation-flotation-settling processes divide logically into two operations:

- a) floc formation, and
- b) promoting settling or flotation of the floc.

Floc formation tends to occur naturally in many wastewaters. Numerous schemes have been attempted to promote settlement or flotation of floc. Where settling is desired, some kind of weighting material is sometimes added to promote formation of a heavier floc. Clays, such as bentonite, are an example. Flotation depends upon maintaining a light floc, and assisting flotation with an ascending stream of gas bubbles. The earliest attempt and probably still the most common method, is dissolved air flotation (DAF). In this method, air is dissolved in all or part of the wastewater by pressurizing the water. When the pressure is released, the air comes out of solution and bubbles are formed which rise to the surface carrying the floc with them. DAF usually requires some chemical addition to achieve efficient removals.

Basic DAF floc formation is often slow and usually far from perfect, so many modifications have been introduced to improve the process. These range from pH adjustment, to chemical addition and electrolysis, and various combinations of these.

Chemical addition is one of the oldest and perhaps still the most effective method. It has the disadvantage of being relatively costly because of the continual use of chemical, and is likely to become more so as the cost of chemicals increases. Further disadvantages are the contamination of potential by-products, especially the float material, with undesirable quantities of chemical, and the production of significant quantities of material for disposal. Electrolysis and pH adjustment are newer methods, some aspects of which are still in an experimental stage. The Lectro Clear Z process uses these methods in combination.

#### 2.2 Lectro Clear Z System

The basic principle of the Lectro Clear Z process is formation of a floc through adjustment of the pH of the wastewater and the addition of a very small amount of chemical, accompanied by some breakdown of water in the system by electrolysis to form hydrogen and oxygen. The pH of the wastewater is adjusted to the zero Zeta potential, at which point the average surface charge on particulates is approximately zero. In the case of packing house wastewater, this is reached in the pH range 4.0-4.5. Once the surface charges have been neutralized, there is a tendency for the minute particles in suspension to agglomerate to form a floc.

Hydrogen and oxygen, formed at electrodes, stream to the surface of the liquid as bubbles which attach themselves to the floc fragments, carrying them upwards and picking up further fragments of floc in the process. Eventually these particles form a mat on the surface supported by the gas bubbles. This mat is skimmed off by a conventional skimming system into a trough which runs to a holding tank.

Lectro Clear Z process units are custom-tailored for the installations they are to serve, since the effluents treated, chemicals available and electrical power requirements can vary widely. The design parameters required are established by on-site testing.

The operating manual for the unit installed at the Swift Canadian plant in Lethbridge gives the following description\*:

"The raw waste is pumped from the existing basin to the electro-coagulation cell, the waste stream is exposed to the electrolytic gas bubbles which combine with the embryo floc. Polymer is added in the pipe run before the cell and the clarifier. As the

<sup>\*&</sup>quot;Operating Manual for Lectro Clear Z Wastewater Treatment System - Swift Canadian Company Limited, Lethbridge, Alberta", issued by Sutherland-Schultz Limited, 859 Courtland Avenue East, Kitchener, Ontario, July 17, 1979.

polymer mixes with the solution, it produces a larger, more buoyant floc. The current density and therefore bubble generation is highest in the area upstream of the basin baffle where much of the total floc will rise. The waste stream passes through the clarifier and then is piped to the city sewer.

Drain lines from the electrocoagulation cell and from the clarifier sections are intended to provide a means to clean settled sludge from the bottom of these vessels as needed. The sulphuric acid, caustic and polymer solutions are fed into the waste stream by means of individual metering pumps which have adjustable pumping rates so that the amount of chemical added can be varied to suit contaminant levels and waste stream flow rates. Additional flexibility can be achieved by varying the concentration of the chemical solution or slurry. The polymer pump is associated with two chemical tanks - a 1000 gallon [4546 L] main tank and a 250 gallon [1140 L] side tank. The chemicals are mixed in the large tank and after being mixed, are gravity fed into the smaller tank through the interconnecting piping and valves. The pump empties the 1000 gallon tank first and while the next batches of solutions are being prepared in the large tank, the side tank is used to continue the process treatment.

The 1000 gallon tank is equipped with a mixer. Once in solution, the polymer does not require further mixing.

The electrical phase of Lectro Clear Z involves the use of low voltage, relatively high current DC power and special alloy electrodes to produce microbubbles of hydrogen and oxygen gas. Electrodes are located in both the electrocoagulation cell and the clarifier and DC power is supplied to them by two rectifiers - one for each vessel. Because deposits on the cathodic (negative) electrode act as an electrical insulator, a reversing switch is used to alternate the polarity of each electrode. These cathodic deposits are dissipated while the electrode is used as an anode. Since some base metal is consumed when electrodes are used as anodes, polarity reversal also equalizes the useful life of all of the electrodes. These operations require polarity reversals once each day."

The Lectro Clear Z unit installed at Lethbridge was designed to process a maximum of 600,000 Igal/day (2 730 m<sup>3</sup>/d). The normal operating range is 300 000 - 400 000 Igal/day (1 400 - 1 800 m<sup>3</sup>/d).

Unlike many flocculation-flotation processes, the LCZ system does not require the addition of significant quantities of chemicals to promote floc formation. Sulphuric acid and sodium hydroxide are used for pH control, and a small amount of anionic polymer (approximately 3 mg/L) is added. The float material is therefore essentially free of the chemicals, usually metal salts, that would be present in flocs from many similar systems. This factor was important in the selection of the LCZ process for the Swift Canadian plant, because it was desirable that the float material be suitable for rendering into inedible tallow and animal protein feed (cracklings) for sale. As this material had previously been wasted, this represented an additional source of revenue for the company.

#### 3 INSTALLATION AT SWIFT CANADIAN COMPANY LIMITED PLANT

#### 3.1 Plant Description

The Swift Canadian plant in Lethbridge was started up in March 1971, and was designed exclusively for beef processing. The rated capacity of the plant is 600 head per day (eight-hour shift), though a maximum of 650-670 head has been reached. Only minor changes have been made in the main section of the plant since it was first opened; two cookers and a blow tank having been added to the rendering section. At present, six cookers are in operation in the inedible rendering section, and one in the edible section.

Processing is basically limited to fresh beef, though in 1979-1980 packaging facilities were added to market primal cuts of top grade meats.

Plant water use figures from the City of Lethbridge meter are shown as part of Appendix II. Water use during the evaluation period (March-April 1980) varied between 2.27 and 3.40 m<sup>3</sup> per head processed, based on the water used during the operating day (0800 h to midnight), which accounts for about 79 percent of the total water consumed by the plant.

#### 3.2 Original Treatment System

Prior to installation of the Lectro Clear Z unit, wastewater treatment provisions consisted of a large catch basin and a bar screen. Wastewater was discharged directly from the basin to the city sewer. The basin interrupted the wastewater flow, allowing floating solids, including fat, to rise to the surface where a skimmer removed them for transfer to rendering. The remaining solids settled as sludge, which a scraper moved to a collection pit. This was periodically pumped out to trucks and hauled away to a dump site. The amount of sludge hauled varied somewhat, but averaged two loads per day, approximately  $23 \text{ m}^3$ . The majority of the fine solids that did not either rise or sink passed out in the plant effluent, frequently producing very heavy BOD and suspended solids loadings.

Between the first quarter of 1977 and the third quarter of 1979 the average plant effluent concentration was 674 mg/L BOD and 429 mg/L suspended solids. These concentrations were marginally above and below the 600 mg/L limits set by the city in 1977 and 1978, but far above the 300 mg/L limit now in force. The LCZ unit went into partial operation in mid1979, and full operation in March 1980. Since that time the effluent, as analyzed by the city, appears much improved (Appendix II). Between March and April 1980, the catch basin effluent varied from a high of 1 520 mg/L to a low of 550 mg/L for BOD and a high of 1 274 mg/L to a low of 408 mg/L for suspended solids. This would have represented figures for plant effluent to the city sewage system had the LCZ unit not been in place. A noticeable feature of the original catch basin effluent was the tremendous daily variation in BOD and suspended solids values, probably representing daily changes in plant processes and housekeeping operations.

During the trial run in March-April 1980, samples of the existing catch basin float solids were taken three times a week at the time of pumping out to rendering, and analyzed for moisture (Appendix III). There were wide variations in the moisture content, but examination of the figures suggests an average content of about 50 percent. While determination of the fat content was not requested, the appearance of the samples after heating to drive off moisture suggested a heavy fat content.

As in the case of the liquid effluent from the existing catch basin, it may be assumed that essentially no change has taken place in the float solids since installation of the Lectro Clear Z unit.

During the March - April trial run, samples of bottom sludge from the existing catch basin were taken on a daily basis and analyzed for moisture. Results of these analyses are also shown in Appendix III. As will be noted from the table, on the average, the moisture content of this sludge was remarkably uniform, averaging slightly over 90 percent by weight. It can be assumed that prior to installation of the Lectro Clear Z unit, this sludge was not greatly different in quantity or consistency.

#### 3.3 Anticipated Benefits from LCZ Installation

Two principal benefits were anticipated from the installation of the Lectro Clear Z unit:

- i) a reduction of the sewer service charges; and
- ii) additional by-product recovery.

Both were financially important to Swift Canadian Company Limited, and the City would obtain some relief from the operational problems at its treatment plant. BOD and suspended solids concentrations in the plant's wastewater were expected to be reduced to the City of Lethbridge by-law discharge levels. By installing a treatment unit to upgrade treatment facilities to meet the by-law requirements, the company would become eligible for a rebate of a portion of surcharges previously paid (banked for three years). A further benefit accrues if the reduction in waste strength equals 65 percent of the plant's long-term average loadings.

The second principal benefit anticipated from the installation of the Lectro Clear Z system was the potential for additional by-product recovery. Unlike many flocculation-flotation processes, the LCZ system can achieve a satisfactory effluent without the use of metal salts as flocculent aids. Aside from sulphuric acid and sodium hydroxide for pH control only a small amount of anionic polymer is added (approximately 3 mg/L). Thus, the float material is essentially free from chemicals and can be rendered into inedible tallow and cracklings, providing an additional source of revenue and eliminating a solid waste disposal problem.

#### 3.4 Installation and Start-up of LCZ

Since the Lectro Clear Z was installed beyond the existing catch basin, very few changes in the original waste treatment system were required. The catch basin effluent became the LCZ unit influent, with the catch basin acting as an equalization tank and providing removal of coarse solids. A line was installed from the float collection trough on the electro-coagulation section of the Lectro Clear Z unit to a holding tank. The float skimmings accumulate in the holding tank and are pumped periodically to the plant's rendering section, where they are cooked with the float from the original catch basin to produce inedible tallow and cracklings. Figure 1 shows the principal components of the treatment system. The main LCZ unit, and all the required accessory equipment, chemical and electrical, is housed in a single building connected to the back of the plant.

Operating parameters for the LCZ unit (i.e., pH, chemical dosages and electrical current densities) were set on the basis of the original pilot tests performed on-site and were not substantially changed during the trial conducted in March and April 1980.

The Lectro Clear unit was started up in July 1979. Almost immediately there were problems with the electrical system. Trouble developed in the no. 1 rectifier, which supplies current to the electrodes in the clarifier-settling section of the unit. A three-phase VPC (Voltage Phase Control) board was replaced by a representative of Sutherland-Schultz Limited and Dorren Electric in Lethbridge, and the unit placed back in operation. In August, representatives of Clinton Supply Company were called in to check the no. 2 rectifier, which supplies current to electrodes in the electrocoagulation section.

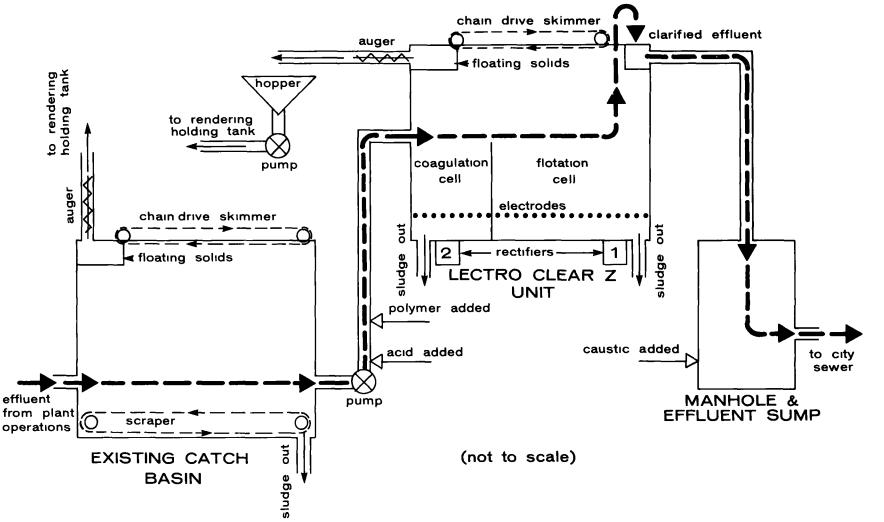


FIGURE 1 SCHEMATIC OF LECTRO CLEAR Z INSTALLATION AT SWIFT CANADIAN COMPANY LIMITED, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

It was discovered that a secondary winding had blown, due possibly to vapour in the cooling tube, which caused the tube to heat up and disintegrate. A three-phase VPC board in this portion of the unit had to be replaced twice.

In September an SCR (selenium rectifier) in the primary circuits of the flotation cell (no. 1) rectifier blew and had to be replaced. This put the no. 1 rectifier back in service, though on a somewhat irregular basis. Early in November there was further trouble with the no. 1 rectifier as the SCR had again blown. Representatives of Sutherland-Schultz and Clinton Supply Company, together with the Lethbridge plant electricians, checked the no. 1 rectifier systems. The unit was finally put back into service. However, almost immediately, one of the transformers blew to ground and the no. 1 rectifier was again shut down. Finally, about the end of November, the no. 1 rectifier was returned to Lethbridge in January and re-installed during the early part of the month.

At the time the rectifier was reinstalled, a complete check was carried out on the voltage regulation in the whole plant since it was suspected that insufficient regulation of the system voltage may have contributed to the recurring breakdowns. It was discovered that the plant voltage was ranging between 420 and 520. This range exceeded the specified input voltage limit for the LCZ unit of  $460 \pm 10$  percent.

Steps were taken to ensure that the plant voltage was maintained within a range acceptable for the LCZ. As no further breakdowns of the no. 1 rectifier have occurred since the re-installation in January 1980, the efforts to regulate the plant voltage were apparently successful in improving the LCZ unit's reliability. A check of plant voltage in July 1980 showed a range of 488 to 490 volts.

#### 4 EVALUATION PROGRAM

#### 4.1 Wastewater Sampling and Analysis

The Lectro Clear Z unit was installed early in 1979. However, the evaluation program was delayed several times due to the electrical problems. Final arrangements for the program were not completed until a meeting held at the plant in Lethbridge on February 25, 1980, and sampling commenced on that date. As a result of discussions at the meeting, it was decided to regard the week of February 25-29 as a trial period, so that the actual evaluation program began on March 3 and extended to April 25, covering eight weeks of operation.

The sampling program of the evaluation called for composite samples of influent and effluent to be taken during the normal plant operating period from 0800 h to 1600 h, and the cleanup period from 1700 h to midnight. It soon became evident that the 0800 h - 1600 h period usually produced significantly higher loadings in the LCZ influent than did the 1700 h - midnight shift. The LCZ unit appeared capable of achieving a BOD reduction in the range of 50 to 70 percent, with a corresponding reduction in suspended solids. As might be expected, somewhat higher percentage reductions were usually obtained when influent BOD and suspended solids were higher. In spite of the improved performance of the LCZ on the more heavily loaded influent, the effluent quality during the operating period was poorer than that during the clean-up shift. In addition, the improved performance during the operating shift was not good enough to provide an effluent BOD in the range of 225-250 mg/L (required for 65 percent improvement in removal and payment of rebate) when the influent BOD exceeded approximately 600 mg/L.

It became evident that attainment of a satisfactory effluent from the LCZ unit would be dependent upon providing a reasonably good quality of influent. Much time and effort was expended during the evaluation run in attempting to improve what might be broadly described as housekeeping practices that could affect the quality of the influent wastewater reaching the LCZ. Careful attention to plant processing and clean-up operations was encouraged and, in particular, very strict attempts were made to limit the amount of blood entering the waste streams. Results achieved indicate that these efforts were largely successful. An important decision taken at the outset was to run chemical oxygen demand determinations on all wastewater samples as well as the biochemical oxygen demand analyses. This was based principally upon the very much improved control of the operation that would result from using COD concentrations. The standard five-day duration of the BOD determination causes a minimum lapse of six days between taking the samples and obtaining the results. In view of the nature of the project and the likelihood of having to make revisions during the course of the run, it was felt this interval of almost a week between sampling and reporting of results was unacceptable. With COD analyses, it was possible to take samples one day, refrigerate them overnight, fly them to the laboratory in Edmonton the following morning for analysis and, if necessary, results could be telephoned to the Lethbridge plant the same afternoon.

In general, a fairly consistent ratio of BOD to COD was observed throughout the test run, BOD/COD usually being in the range of 0.45 to 0.60. Using an average of 0.55, BOD concentrations could be anticipated with reasonable accuracy within 24-36 hours of taking the samples.

A further important reason for the decision to run COD determinations as well as BOD was the generally much more reliable nature of the COD determination. In spite of careful adherence to <u>Standard Methods</u>\*, BOD results have occasionally tended to be quite unpredictable. Particularly in conducting experimental work, this necessitates freezing a portion of each sample so that it may subsequently be re-run if the first set of analyses proves inconclusive.

Because of the difficulty of measuring flows at any given time, and because flow to the LCZ unit was maintained constant, it was decided to take hourly samples of equal size throughout the sampling period. Influent samples were taken from a line cut into the influent line just before the unit. At the beginning of the program, samples of the effluent were taken from the overflow weir at the outlet of the settling section of the LCZ unit. Since this would have required that someone climb a 4.5-m vertical iron ladder to take the sample, a sampling line was cut into the trough just below the weir so that samples could be taken from the floor below the unit.

<sup>\*</sup> American Public Health Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, Water Pollution Control Federation, <u>Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater</u>, 14th edition, 1975.

Each hour a sample of approximately one-half litre was taken at the influent. This was poured into a four-gallon (18-L) covered plastic container. A similar sample of the effluent was also taken and poured into another plastic container. These containers were kept just outside of the door of the building housing the LCZ unit. Since the weather was cool, it was considered that this would provide adequate refrigeration. At the end of each shift, the sample in each four-gallon container was thoroughly mixed and then poured into one-quart (1-L) plastic bottles. These were frozen in the plant freezer and held overnight for air shipment to Edmonton. The samples were delivered in Edmonton shortly after noon on the day following sampling and the COD determination usually made the same afternoon.

Because of the relatively short period between sampling and analysis, as well as the requirement that BOD determinations be made on all samples, no chemical additions or preservatives were used. Refrigeration and, in some cases, freezing of the samples was considered adequate under the circumstances. This treatment of the samples was greatly assisted by weather conditions, outdoor temperatures fluctuating between about  $-5^{\circ}C$  and  $+5^{\circ}C$  during most of the eight-week period.

The analytical procedures used are described in Appendix III.

#### 4.2 Analytical Results

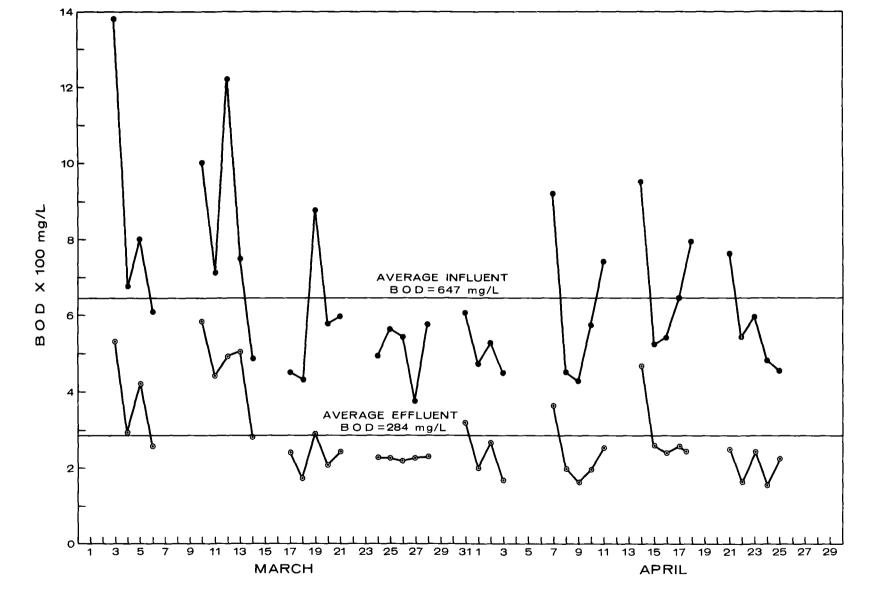
All data obtained from the sampling/analytical program is provided in Appendix III. As described, samples were composited by shift, rather than for the operating day (0800 h - midnight) or the 24-hour day. No night samples were taken. Water passing through the plant between midnight and 0800 h consists principally of cooling water used in the plant refrigeration system, and LCZ rectifiers are usually shut down approximately two hours after the end of the clean-up shift.

The performance of the LCZ unit in terms of BOD, suspended solids, and fat, oil and grease (FOG) removals is summarized in Table 1. The analytical results are presented graphically in Figures 2, 3 and 4.

The averaged results from the evaluation program's operating and cleanup shift samples of the LCZ unit effluent are compared with results obtained by the City of Lethbridge on samples composited over 24 hours in Table 2. Although the evaluation program samples and the city's samples were taken at different locations, over slightly different time periods, and by different methods, and were analysed by different laboratories, the analytical results show remarkably good agreement. The city's 24-hour

BOD		Total Sus	pended Soli	ds	FOG				
Date	Influent (mg/L)	Effluent (mg/L)	% Rem.	Influent (mg/L)	Effluent (mg/L)	% Rem.	Influent (mg/L)	Effluent (mg/L)	% Rem
Mar. 3	1365	533	61	1086	492	55	193	66	66
4	679	<b>29</b> 5	57	580	154	73	129	35	73
5	803	423	47	653	209	68	95	38	60
6	611	258	58	447	137	69	41	8	80
10	1002	584	42	738	396	46	158	60	62
11	714	439	39	545	287	47	90	44	51
12	1220	492	60	912	300	67	209	58	72
13	751	506	33	667	380	43	69	23	67
14	485	280	42	616	335	46	60	29	52
17	454	241	47	413	168	59	37	13	65
18	431	172	60	415	57	87	41	4	90
18	877	291	67	661	160	87 76	154	24	84
					180	78 74		16	84 84
20	579	207	64 50	708			101		
21	596	242	59	461	249	46 72	82	20	76
24	495	229	54	473	127	73	54	9	83
25	564	228	60	453	142	69	82	16	80
26	540	218	60	449	126	72	27	4	85
27	377	228	60	362	169	53	28	11	61
28	576	230	60	513	121	76	34	9	74
31	607	319	47	414	112	73	74	13	82
Apr. 1	471	201	57	417	91	78	16	4	75
2	529	269	49	375	105	72	32	24	24
3	4 <i>5</i> 0	167	63	461	188	59	40	9	78
7	923	362	61	706	241	66	167	61	63
8	451	196	57	284	89	69	45	7	84
9	430	162	62	346	114	67	27	4	85
10	574	191	67	478	77	84	93	5	95
11	745	252	66	648	121	81	248	44	82
14	950	467	51	667	307	54	129	50	61
15	521	256	51	361	187	48	46	24	48
16	542	239	56	330	72	78	31	5	84
17	648	256	60	468	106	77	53	8	85
18	795	245	69	550	126	77	125	23	82
21	764	240	67	541	95	82	104	14	82 87
21	764 546	163	70	397	37	82 91	48	3	87 94
							48 57	13	77
23	596	240	60	485	121	75 87			
24	481	153	68	313	42	87 (5	35	5 9	86
25	452	225	50	441	153	65	23	7 	61
Average	647	284	57	522	173	68	81	21	74

# TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF LECTRO CLEAR Z PERFORMANCE TREATING MEAT PACKING PLANT WASTEWATER



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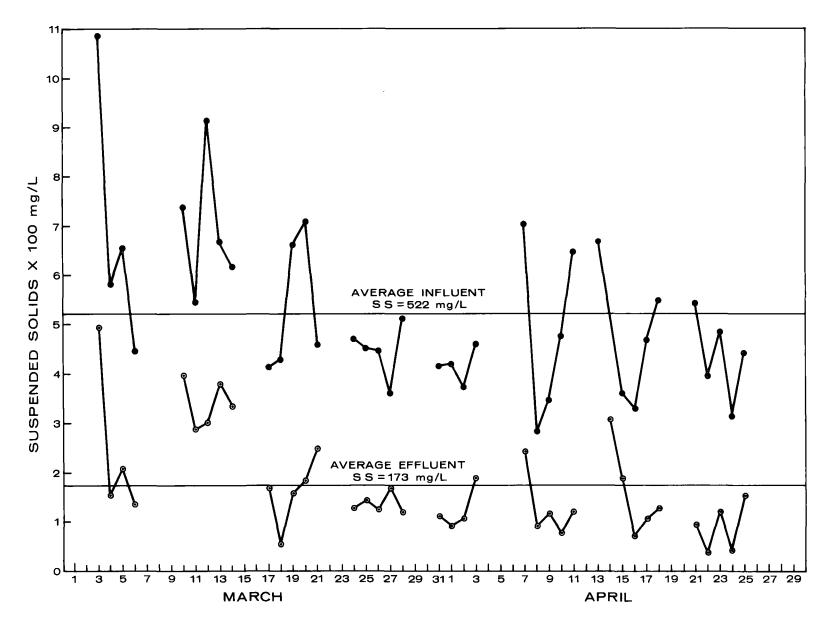
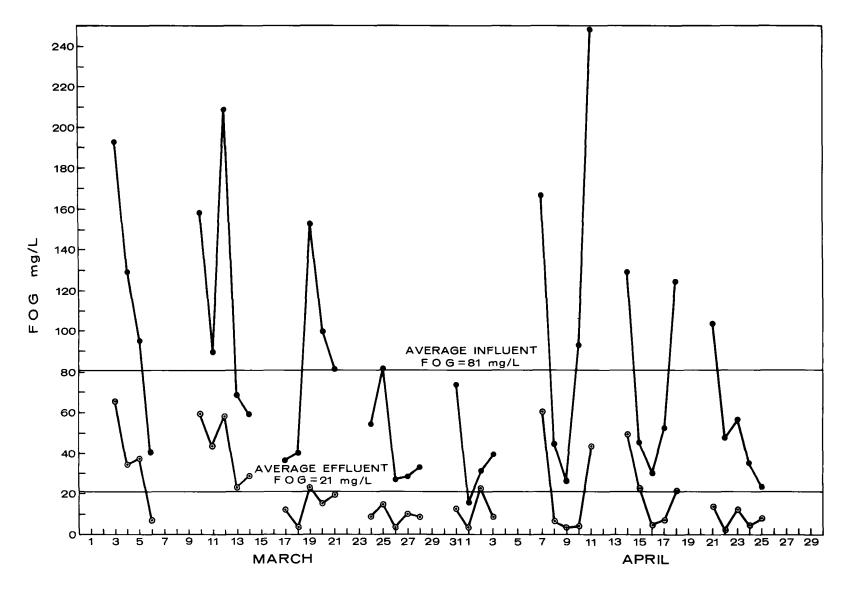


FIGURE 3 SUSPENDED SOLIDS CONCENTRATIONS IN LCZ INFLUENT AND EFFLUENT





	BOD (mg/L)		Suspended Solids (mg/L)		
Date*	LCZ Program**	City***	LCZ Program**	City***	
March 3	535	385	515	199	
4	295	309	154	155	
5	423	347	209	200	
6	258	195	137	124	
13	506	495	380	286	
20	207	240	184	151	
24	229	197	127	165	
25	228	213	142	148	
26	218	224	126	170	
27	228	188	169	145	
April 2	269	240	105	120	
10	191	200	77	95	
17	256	213	106	120	
24	153	174	42	98	
Average	281	259	177	155	

TABLE 2	COMPARISON OF ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM EVALUATION
	PROGRAM AND CITY OF LETHBRIDGE DATA

\* Missing dates are those for which no city data were available.

\*\* Concentrations are the weighted averages of composite samples for two shifts per day; night flows excluded.

\*\*\* Automatically composited daily samples, including night flows.

composites averaged about 10 percent lower than the averaged shift samples, which can be attributed to the inclusion of the plant cooling water discharged at night.

The results for soluble COD and BOD (Appendix III) indicate that the Lectro Clear Z was relatively unsuccessful in reducing this characteristic. The soluble COD/BOD is probably due largely to protein and other organic material that may be partially water soluble. One substance of this type is blood. Although it was originally suggested that the anionic polymer, with pH control and the electrolytic effect, may cause coagulation of

dissolved and colloidal material, rendering it susceptible to flocculation, the results indicate that in practice, very little coagulation and flocculation of dissolved material actually takes place.

This emphasizes the importance of limiting the amount of blood entering the plant's waste streams through good housekeeping and maintenance practices.

#### 4.3 Operation

Operation of the Lectro Clear Z is relatively simple. Once the operating parameters have been determined, i.e. flow, pH setting, polymer addition, skimming rate, and electrical current density, the plant as installed at Lethbridge is reasonably self-operating. However, this is not to say that supervision and maintenance can be done away with. Control of pH is, for example, quite critical, and while this is basically an automatic system, the equipment responsible for this function is subject to breakdowns including electrical malfunctions and electrode fouling. This occurred on April 2, when the pH of the wastewater passing through the system fell to between 3.75 to 4.00, and on April 3, when it ranged from 3.25 to 5.40. BOD reduction during a significant part of this period was not satisfactory. Trouble was located in the sensing unit, which in turn is supposed to control the acid feed. The same observations could be made concerning any of the other portions of the automatic regulating equipment.

Probably the most trouble-prone portion of the Lectro Clear Z was the electrical system. From the time the unit was first installed electrical problems plagued the operation. In fact, between July 1979 and January 1980, the unit was frequently either partially or wholly inoperative because of electrical problems. Worst of all, the unit would operate well for several days, then have to be shut down due to an electrical failure. This in turn meant that the only treatment received by the effluent was that provided by the existing catch basin. Under terms of the Lethbridge sewage by-law, two or three days ineffective waste treatment may easily nullify weeks of effective waste treatment equipment. A very high premium must therefore be placed on the reliability of treatment equipment, and the Lectro Clear Z unit was unable to provide this during its early operation.

Following re-installation of the no. 1 rectifier in January 1980, the electrical system appeared to work reasonably well, although best results appeared to be obtained when the rectifiers were run at voltages higher than those suggested in the operating

manual. Current density in the electrical system is one of the parameters referred to in the operating manual that has to be adjusted to local operating conditions.

The following settings were suggested by the manufacturer for the Lectro Clear Z unit:

	No. 1 Rectifier Flotation Section	No. 2 Rectifier Electrocoagulation Section
Voltage	12 d.c.	8 d.c.
Amperes	2500	3000

However, to obtain a good level of operation, it was found necessary to run at a higher voltage, as indicated below:

	No. 1 Rectifier Flotation Section	No. 2 Rectifier Electrocoagulation Section
Voltage	20-25	15-17
Amperes	2000	2000 - 2500

It is possible that, within certain limits, it may be found desirable to adjust these settings to meet requirements of individual systems.

After the evaluation period (March-April 1980), two problems were discovered that could have significantly affected operation of the LCZ system. The first problem was discovered in the electrode system. Fuse holders required by local legislation malfunctioned and it has been estimated that up to 60 percent of the electrodes may have been inoperative during the study. This may have contributed to the increased voltage requirements. The second problem involved the conductivity of the wastewater. Background information indicated that the pilot tests, upon which the initial operational parameters were based, may have been affected by the absence of blood-containing curbing installed later on the kill floor, and the level of mineral salts in the city water supply.

Blood containment was introduced at the beginning of the evaluation program. However, during the pilot testing and start-up period for the LCZ unit, inadequately controlled blood was entering the wastewater system instead of being directed to the plant's holding tanks. Blood is a good electrolyte and could have affected the conductivity of the wastewater during the pilot tests. Lethbridge's water supply is subject to elevated mineral salt concentrations caused by altered sub-surface hydrology when local irrigation operations cease. As the pilot testing was carried out during this annual elevation of mineral salts in the city's water, a second possible influence on the conductivity of the packing plant's wastewater was introduced.

If both of these factors are superimposed, the conductivity of the Swift Canadian plant's wastewater would have been high during the pilot tests, and the voltage requirements set for the LCZ system would have been low.

During initial start-up of the full-scale LCZ, the operating parameters established from the pilot testing were used. At that time the only influence upon the conductivity of the wastewater would have been the blood. This would probably have maintained good conductivity in the system throughout the operating day, but dilution would significantly lower the conductivity during the clean-up shift. In restrospect, this could have caused some of the early electrical problems encountered with the rectifiers, aside from manufacturing defects. Upon re-installation of the no. 1 rectifier, voltage suppression was installed to minimize the range of the incoming voltage; this appeared to stabilize the operation.

When Swift Canadian checked the diurnal variation of the wastewater's conductivity it exhibited a broad range of values. Over the five days monitored, values as high as 10 000  $\mu$  mhos and as low as 800  $\mu$  mhos were observed, with corresponding voltage readings as follows:

	Conductivity (µmhos)		
	High (10 000)	Low (800)	
Voltage (Rectifier 1)	9.5	29.5	
Voltage (Rectifier 2)	6.5	25.5	

It was determined that the low conductivity placed an excessive demand on the LCZ rectifier, requiring an input voltage outside the tolerances of the rectifiers.

#### 4.4 Hydrogen Sulphide

During the entire trial run a distinct odour of hydrogen sulphide was noted in the area housing the Lectro Clear Z unit. This probably was caused by partial decomposition of protein material in the waste during electrolysis. Tests for hydrogen sulphide were made at a number of points. All confirmed presence of the gas, although none found levels that actually exceeded provincial safety limits except one test made in a sump into which the treated effluent runs before discharge to the city sewer. A forced-air ventilation system in the LCZ area is probably responsible for maintaining a fairly low  $H_2S$  level in the atmosphere and, as long as ventilation is properly installed and maintained, no great hazard likely exists. It was also noted that the sludge accumulating in the clarifier-settling section of the unit, which has to be cleaned out from time to time, was nearly black in colour, and had a strong odour of hydrogen sulphide. This condition may have been aggravated by the electrical malfunctions previously noted, which left material to decompose anaerobically.

#### 4.5 Skimmings Recovery

One of the benefits anticipated from use of the Lectro Clear Z process was the recovery of a substantial quantity of float material or skimmings from the coagulation section which would contain considerable fat and be free from chemical additives such as ferrous sulphate. This material would then be available for transfer to the rendering section, providing an additional source of revenue.

During the March - April trial run, samples were taken three times daily from the trough at the head end of the Lectro Clear Z unit where the float skimmings were being moved by auger to the tank from which they are pumped into the rendering system. These grab samples were combined into a daily composite of LCZ float material. These composites were analyzed for moisture content and some of them for fat content. Results of these analyses are shown in one of the tables in Appendix III. The float solids averaged about 92 percent moisture, while on a dry basis the solids analyzed to about 50 percent fat. Thus, the entire volume of float material as recovered during the run averaged about five percent fat. This was well below results originally anticipated and led to some investigation of the skimming procedure.

Apparently, during the test run, the skimmer was operated on a continuous basis, and no suggestion had been made that this procedure be changed. Later, skimming was changed to operate "15 minutes on - 15 minutes off". One set of grab samples indicated that this produced a float material with a moisture content of 91.08 percent, hardly any improvement over continuous skimming. Samples were again taken in June and analysed, with the following results:

Sample Date	Skimming Interval	Moisture by Wt.
4 June, 1980	15 min. on - 15. min. off	88.73%
16 June, 1980	6 min. on - 1 hour off	87.66%

#### 4.6 Economic Considerations

The potential for the recovery of saleable by-products was a major factor in selecting the LCZ unit for use at the Swift Canadian plant. The costs of operating the LCZ unit and rendering the by-products are estimated and compared with the revenue gained in Appendix IV. This comparison is summarized in Table 3. Excluding the capital cost of the unit and the savings anticipated in surcharges to the City of Lethbridge, the LCZ unit was estimated to provide approximately \$500/day net revenue to the plant. Two variables could significantly affect this estimate:

- the number of head of cattle processed per day, and
- the moisture content of the skimmings to be rendered.

The figures in Table 3 assume 600 head of cattle processed per day. If the plant through-put were to fall to 400 head/day, the projected daily revenue would be cut from about \$1070 to about \$720, with only a slight reduction in the associated operating costs. Table 3 also shows that the steam cost for rendering a 92 percent moisture skimming is about \$175/day higher than for rendering a skimming containing only 80 percent moisture. This places great economic importance on reducing the moisture content in the skimmings.

Although the LCZ system produced a float with an average of 92 percent moisture content during the study, the return on investment calculations assumed 80 percent. This was considered to be realistic and attainable, since the system operated at this point shortly after the study when most of the electrical problems were solved.

The original capital cost of installing the LCZ unit was \$522 000. This comprises \$137 000 for the building, and \$385 000 for the equipment, including all costs associated with construction and installation. Allowing for an estimated income of about \$270 000 per year from the sale of recovered by-products, and operating costs of about \$117 000 per year, several cases were developed to determine possible rates of return on investment. Table 4 shows the returns on investment and pay back periods for the base

Variable	Cost/day*	Revenue Gained/day*
LCZ Unit		
Polymer	\$ 7.84	
Acid	28.62	
Caustic	44.01	
Electricity	33.00	
Labour	96.88	
Maintenance	120.00	
By-product Recovery		
Labour	22.50	
Steam (80% moisture/		
92% moisture)	115.71/289.28	
By-product Sale**		
Meat meal		\$ 407.55
Tallow		662,35
Totals	\$468.56/642.13	\$1069.90
* 1979	·····	

# TABLE 3COMPARISON OF LCZ UNIT OPERATING COSTS AND REVENUE<br/>FROM BY-PRODUCT RECOVERY

\* 1979

\*\* Assumes processing of 600 head/day.

# TABLE 4 SUMMARY OF RETURN-ON-INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS

	R.O.I. (%)	Payback Period (years)
Base Case	16.6	4.9
Surcharge Considered	28.8	3.2
(without surcharge)	21.4	3.5

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case, using only the operating expenses and by-product revenue; a second case which incorporates non-payment of city surcharges as income; and, a third example allowing for Environment Canada's Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance (ACCA). The detailed calculations are presented in Appendix IV.

#### 5 DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

At its best, during the evaluation trial in Lethbridge, the Lectro Clear Z unit was able to achieve quite impressive reductions in BOD and suspended solids, the BOD reduction averaging around 60 percent. It produced a float (skimmings) material that contained relatively small amounts of metals and could be rendered to produce saleable by-products. Analysis of dried LCZ float material by Environment Canada yielded results as shown below:

Element	ppm
Aluminum	600
Calcium	2400
Cadmium	0.6
Chromium	138
Copper	30
Iron	5400
Manganese	8.7
Nickel	1.5
Lead	7.5
Zinc	85
Sodium	2360

The float material recovered during the Lethbridge evaluation contained considerably more moisture than had been anticipated (about 90 -92 percent). Whether this percentage of moisture can be decreased by altering the skimming procedure, for example by allowing the mat of floating material to build up and using the skimmer only a few minutes out of every hour, could be determined only by conducting an experimental program in which different skimming intervals were used, and the resultant skimmed material analyzed for moisture.

In many municipalities, and certainly under the by-law in force at Lethbridge, a high premium is put on the reliability of the waste treatment process. A day of poor treatment conditions may nullify several days or weeks of satisfactory treatment insofar as loading penalties are concerned. Because of electrical system problems encountered, this has so far proved to be the weakest point in the Lectro Clear Z process. In the final analysis, application of the Lectro Clear Z process rather than a different in-plant treatment process, or allowing wastewater to go to a municipal system with a minimum of treatment and accepting the financial penalties, becomes largely a question of balancing costs. Apart from the original capital cost of the Lectro Clear system, the principal costs of the LCZ unit operation are incurred by power consumption and operator wages, plus whatever maintenance is required. Because of the relatively short operating history of the unit, little information is available concerning possible maintenance costs; however, reasonable estimates using plant information have been made and are given in Table 3. Since no treatment unit of any complexity can be expected to function indefinitely without some supervision it is not likely that the LCZ unit would differ significantly. However, by controlling pH, and maintaining current densities and other operating parameters, an acceptable effluent is attainable.

As the Lectro Clear Z is primarily an electrical system of treatment rather than a chemical system, it follows that it is reasonably power intensive compared to a conventional DAF system. This is not to say that no chemical costs are involved, since acid and sodium hydroxide additions are necessary for pH control. Costs for power and chemical use at Lethbridge are given in Appendix IV. Comparison of this aspect of LCZ operation with a system using more chemical and perhaps less power would depend upon the relative cost of chemicals and power, and a projection of these costs into the future. Although DAF units require extra equipment of other types (compressors and pumps) and typically employ higher chemical additions, they may prove similar to the LCZ in actual operating cost. However, the typical DAF unit has little potential for producing a saleable by-product. As already suggested, the value of potential by-products is likely to vary from one type of operation to another.

The Lectro Clear Z appears to offer considerable promise in the field of non-biological waste treatment. Its full potential can be determined only by more extensive experimental operation on various types of wastewater, and under a variety of operating conditions.

#### 6 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 6.1 Electrical System

Since the LCZ relies primarily on its electrical system to achieve the desired wastewater treatment results, it is important that attention be paid to all electrical aspects of the installation. It was in this area that the most persistent operating problems were encountered in the Lethbridge unit. Frequent malfunctions during the first six months of operation either reduced the efficiency of the unit or shut it down completely. Various causes have been suggested for these malfunctions.

Insufficient regulation of voltage reaching the plant from the city system has apparently resulted in wide swings and excessive voltage applied to the rectifiers, causing them to overload and burn out. Faulty components within the rectifier system have also been suggested, and in fact some of these units have been replaced. In the fall of 1980 increasing resistance to current flow suggested possible deterioration in the electrodes. Investigation appears to have located the problem in the contacts where the electrodes join the rest of the electrical system.

Early in the operation of the unit it appeared that adequate treatment could only be achieved by using a higher voltage on the rectifiers than recommended by the manufacturers. It was later surmised that this may have been due to a lack of attention to the conductivity of the wastewater during the pilot tests. The use of higher voltage may in itself have either caused or aggravated the electrical problems. After the study ended the water-cooled rectifiers were replaced with a newer design of air-cooled units. These rectifiers apparently are capable of handling higher voltage shifts.

Since the Lethbridge LCZ installation was essentially an experimental unit, many of the electrical problems may be regarded as the type of "bugs" that appear during the break-in of any new process. Nevertheless, the unexpected appearance and stubborn persistence of these problems suggest the advisability of tighter specifications for manufacture, installation and operation of the electrical components. This includes identification of the components most likely to cause operating problems. Replacements for these should be kept on hand so that operation of the LCZ unit would not be interrupted for long periods.

### 6.2 Conductivity of Wastewater

Wide variations in the wastewater's conductivity may have significantly contributed to the electrical problems encountered by necessitating an increase in voltage

applied to the rectifiers. Yet nowhere in LCZ literature, including the pilot study report, is reference made to the importance of conductivity regulation. In addition to the possible changes in conductivity caused by variations in the blood content of the wastewater and the mineral content of the city water supply, another variable was introduced during the evaluation period. At the Lethbridge plant there is a hide-processing system using a brine tank. This tank had formerly overflowed from time to time into the wastewater system. Among the housekeeping measures undertaken was elimination of this overflow, since it was thought the brine might carry undesirable dissolved protein material into the waste system. Unfortunately, this also reduced the amount of brine in the wastewater. Although it seemed probable that the conductivity of the wastewater could have been affected, leading in turn to increased voltage requirements to the LCZ unit, such discharges may have been too infrequent to cause significant variations.

In view of the demonstrated importance of wastewater conductivity, it is recommended that studies be undertaken to determine the effect of wastewater conductivity on LCZ operation. Provisions should be made for continuously monitoring wastewater conductivity, and for providing a method of keeping it within desired limits if necessary. This should be supplemented by provision of a means of suppressing the effects of changing conductivity on the rectifiers.

#### 6.3 pH Adjustment

The importance of pH control to LCZ operation has already been mentioned. Maintenance of the influent pH in the desired range of about 4.0 - 4.5 is accomplished by feeding sulphuric acid to the influent stream at a preset rate. This addition is monitored by a pH sensing electrode set in the line beyond the point where the acid is added. This is supposed to measure and record pH of the incoming LCZ feed and make automatic adjustments of acid feed rates to maintain the desired pH. On at least one occasion during the March-April trial period this system failed to function, causing inferior BOD and solids removal. A somewhat similar arrangement for pH control is used where caustic is added to the LCZ effluent to bring it to the range 5.5 - 6.5 before discharge to the city sewer.

Because of the possibility of failure in these sensing and control units, it is recommended that samples of LCZ influent and effluent be taken routinely twice a shift by the operator and checked by use of a laboratory pH meter.

Probes on the continuous monitoring system should be checked and cleaned on a regular basis, and the read-out system checked and calibrated at regular intervals. A record should be kept and any differences between the continuous monitor readings and the laboratory pH meter readings should be noted and immediate steps taken to locate and remedy the problem.

#### 6.4 Chemical Facilities

The additives used (acid, caustic and polymer) are brought to the proper strength by adding water and are stored in feed tanks, the polymer in a plastic tank and the caustic and acid in plastic-lined metal tanks.

It is recommended that these be marked or monitored in appropriate units, and that the quantities used per shift be recorded as an additional check on the rate of chemical usage.

#### 6.5 Temperature of LCZ influent

Few references are made anywhere to optimum temperature of operation for the LCZ process, although about 40°C has been suggested as the maximum desirable. Because of the lack of definite directions on temperature, no effort was made during the trial run to adjust the temperature of unit feed water. However, temperatures were taken hourly on the influent and effluent. Temperatures varied from a low of 25°C to a high of 40°C. Most readings were in the range of 30 to 40°C. It appears likely that too high a temperature may affect the stability of the polymer and have undesirable effects upon grease recovery.

It is recommended that the effects of temperature on the LCZ process be investigated during pilot testing. Depending upon the findings, measures should be taken to monitor and control operating temperatures within optimum limits.

#### 6.6 Skimming LCZ Float Material

Little attention is paid in the LCZ unit operating instructions to the timing of skimming operations. During the trial run in March-April 1980, skimming was carried on continually. The recovered skimmings during the study had a moisture content of about 92 percent. This was much higher than was expected based on the pilot tests.

It is evident that more attention should be paid to the timing of skimming operations, since the moisture content of the skimmings has a considerable influence on the economics of the rendering process. It is likely that different time intervals for skimming may be necessary with different wastes. Past experience with other systems with skimming devices suggests that continuous operation does not allow sufficient time for formation of the float, while dissociation of the skimmings blanket may result if it is left too long.

It is recommended that samples be taken from the recovered float skimmings and analyzed for moisture to determine the best skimming program. This sampling and analysis should be carried out periodically to ensure efficient operation of the skimming sequence.

#### 6.7 Hydrogen Sulphide Formation

Throughout the test run a distinct odour of hydrogen sulphide was evident in the LCZ building. Tests were run using both  $H_2S$ -sensitive paper discs (Hach) and a Draeger hand-operated  $H_2S$  tester. Presence of  $H_2S$  was confirmed at all points in the building, although the only point showing a dangerous level was in the pit into which the LCZ effluent discharged. However, this situation may have been aggravated by the inefficient operation of the electrodes.

The presence of  $H_2S$  at all points at which tests were made indicates a potential hazard. It should be noted, too, that relatively little information is available concerning the effect of long-term exposure to low levels of  $H_2S$ .

It is recommended that particular attention be paid to ventilation in all LCZ installations, and that regular  $H_2S$  monitoring programs be conducted.

#### 6.8 Accessibility and Safety

As originally installed at Lethbridge, the LCZ unit had no real provison for taking samples, and holes had to be cut to install sample collection lines.

It is recommended that all LCZ units be provided at time of manufacture or installation with access for easy sampling of at least the influent, effluent and recovered float material.

General accessibility of the Lethbridge unit was only fair. Access to the tank at the influent end and along the west side was cramped and awkward. The top of the reaction basin, some 4.5 m above the floor, could be reached only by a vertical iron ladder without guards. There were no platforms or catwalks for access to any point away from the top of this ladder, and points across the tank had to be reached by placing planks across the top. It is recommended that ladders be protected by some type of guard to minimize danger of falling, and that railed catwalks be provided to give access to the top of the reaction basin.

#### 6.9 Turbulence in Coagulation Section

During the sampling program, considerable turbulence was noted in the coagulation section of the unit. This tended to break up and disperse the float blanket and possibly hindered proper flocculation. The most likely cause of this turbulence at the time of the study appeared to be the flow from the LCZ influent line. Subsequent investigation revealed a loose baffle in this section.

It is recommended that inlet structures be provided with velocity breakers and adequate structures to direct the flow to reduce the potential for interference with the float. The inlet system should be checked regularly for undue turbulence and the cause corrected if turbulence appears to be interfering with stability of the floc blanket.

#### 6.10 Laboratory Control of Process

No system, no matter how well designed nor how fully automated can be counted on to operate forever without some measure of control. Mention has already been made of the failure of the automated pH control unit. This failure, suspected because of erratic performance of the recording apparatus, was confirmed very quickly because routine checks were made during the test program on the pH of the LCZ influent by taking samples which were checked on a laboratory pH meter.

The LCZ literature makes no suggestions concerning adequate laboratory control of the process. Yet the possibly serious consequences of faulty operation indicate that it is important to ensure that the unit is operating efficiently. This is particularly critical in view of the severe penalties that may result from release of wastewater with characteristics above the limits set by the municipality, or the financial loss which may result from inefficient recovery of by-products.

It is recommended that a laboratory control program be instituted to monitor:

#### 1) LCZ effluent

- a. COD determination once daily on a composite of at least three hourly samples.
- b. pH check at least twice daily to ensure the effluent is within pH limits.

#### 2) LCZ influent

a. Laboratory pH check of the influent twice daily to ensure influent is within pH limits.

- b. Twice daily check of temperature of incoming wastewater.
- c. Twice daily check of conductivity of incoming wastewater.

#### 3) LCZ float material (skimmings)

Samples should be taken at least three times per shift from the trough into which LCZ float material is skimmed. These should be composited to make up a single daily sample which should be checked for moisture content. A record should be kept of the intervals of skimmer operation and this correlated on a chart against moisture in the recovered skimmings. If the moisture content appears to be too high, or shows a continuing tendency to rise, adjustment of the skimming interval should be considered. However, other process variables should also be examined.

No provision has been suggested for laboratory control of suspended solids or grease and fats. Suspended solids reductions were found to run roughly parallel to BOD/COD reductions, and the COD determination, which is relatively quick and accurate when carefully performed, is likely to give a sufficiently good routine check on the acceptability of the effluent. Grease was not found to be a problem in the LCZ application at Lethbridge and, as analysis for grease is time-consuming, no suggestion has been made that it be carried out.

This is not to say that regular checks for both suspended solids and grease should be overlooked as a possible requirement in LCZ installations operating in other plants or under other conditions. Adequate laboratory control, tailored to requirements of the individual installation is a requisite for efficient operation of the system.

#### 6.11 Pretreatment Requirements

Preparation of the wastewater prior to the LCZ unit received little attention during the study because a form of pretreatment, the existing basin, was already in place. However, for a new plant or one without an existing basin it is essential that some kind of sedimentation and equalization be considered. Sedimentation allows discrete or readily settleable material to be removed, thus eliminating a potential electrode fouling problem in the LCZ, and the need for excessive sludge removal equipment. Equalization of the waste stream will smooth out large variations in flow and enhance the operation of the LCZ.

# **CITY OF LETHBRIDGE**

SEWER SERVICE BY-LAW

#### **APPENDIX I**

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#### APPENDIX I - CITY OF LETHBRIDGE SEWER SERVICE BY-LAW

The basis upon which individual industrial plants are assessed is a somewhat complex set of formulae. A basic service charge is levied, based upon the volume of wastewater produced by the plant. This is supplemented by a heavy surcharge which depends upon the plant's failure to remain below the maximum allowed BOD, suspended solids and grease loadings. The method used in making these calculations is shown below.

#### 1) Basic Service Charge

This is calculated on the basis of:

- a. volume of waste put out by the individual industrial plant;
- b. the BOD loading of the individual waste; and
- c. the suspended solids (SS) loading of the individual waste.
- a. <u>Volume</u>. A sum that includes quarterly operating costs plus debt retirement for the present sewage treatment plant is assigned to each industrial plant. This sum varies with the sewage treatment plant operating cost. The industrial plant's volume service charge is calculated using:

$$C \quad x \stackrel{P}{\vee} x \quad 0.4$$

where: C = the variable operating cost plus debt retirement,

P = volume of waste from the individual plant,

V = total volume of city sewage.

b. <u>BOD Service Charge</u>. This is determined using:

lb BOD contributed by individual plant

total lb BOD loading reaching city sewage plant

c. <u>SS Service Charge</u>. This charge is calculated using the same formula as for BOD, using SS loading figure.

x 0.3

The basic service charge for each plant is calculated on a quarterly basis.

2) <u>Surcharges</u>. When the effluent from any individual plant exceeds the by-law limits set 1 October 1979 (i.e., 300 mg/L for BOD, 300 mg/L for suspended solids, and 100 mg/L for grease) a further surcharge is applied. The surcharge is 0.5 x quarterly service charge for every day the plant is over these limits, irrespective of whether it is over the limit on one parameter or on all three.

The BOD, suspended solids and grease loadings from each plant are calculated on the basis of a comprehensive analytical program carried out on a random selection of plants. At each plant an automatic sampling and compositing device is located on the effluent line. This device takes hourly samples from the line, based on the measured volume of flow each hour. Five composite samples are taken during a week. The sample containers are picked up each morning from Monday to Friday, so that the samples represent daily composites for Monday through Thursday, and a three-day composite for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Nine plants are involved in this sampling program. Prior to the beginning of each quarter, the names of the nine plants are drawn at random, the order in which they are drawn determining the order in which they will be sampled during the quarter. Only suspended solids are analyzed each day during any five-day testing period; BOD and grease are analyzed once or twice a week at random. On the basis of these tests, the number of days the plant may be in violation during any one quarter is five days. However, if a plant initially has a fairly high volume service charge, this surcharge may increase its sewer service costs very substantially.

For example, if a plant has a basic service charge of \$10 000 and is in violation of the specified limits on all five days of a test period, its total sewer service charge plus surcharge for the quarter would amount to:

 $5 \text{ days x } 0.5 \text{ x } \$10 \ 000 = \$25 \ 000 + \$10 \ 000 = \$35 \ 000$ 

During the first quarter of 1978 when the Swift plant was in violation of the limits on four of five test days. During the quarter, the basic service charge was \$13 292.96. Application of the surcharge increased this as follows:

4 days x 0.5 x \$13 292.96 = \$26 585.92

This figure plus the original service charge of \$13 292.96 produces a total sewer service charge plus surcharge for the quarter of \$39 878.88.

The surcharge provides considerable incentive to reduce loadings as far as possible, and certainly to keep them below the maximum specified limits.

Plants that have joined the city's pretreatment program are completely excluded from the application of the present sewage treatment by-law. Under the new arrangement, each industry is assigned a proportion of the industrial pretreatment plant costs. The proportion assigned to any plant is calculated on the plant's volume of wastewater, its BOD loading, and its loading of suspended solids, all assessed in proportion to the total loading on the pretreatment plant. This assessment is weighted 40 percent for volume, 30 percent for BOD and 30 percent for suspended solids. Each industry will be charged a proportion of the \$2 000 000 capital cost and a similar proportion of the monthly operating cost, the charge based on the plant's proportion of the total loading reaching the pretreatment facility. The quarterly analytical program referred to earlier will be carried on and the monthly operating charge to the industry will be adjusted according to the percentage of time the industry is in excess of limits, based on previous performance.

In addition, the city is offering to all plants an incentive to upgrade their effluent. Fifty percent of the surcharge paid by an industry over the past three years is available for rebate to plants that spend the money upgrading waste treatment facilities. Additionally, if the industry can remove 65 percent of the average BOD and suspended solids concentrations over the past three years, up to 70 percent of the surcharges paid is repayable.

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#### APPENDIX II

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### CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

# DATA FOR EFFLUENT FROM SWIFT CANADIAN

## COMPANY LIMITED 1977-80

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#### NOTES TO APPENDIX II

- 1) All data in this appendix are from City of Lethbridge sewage treatment plant.
- 2) Samples were composited during the periods indicated by an automatic sampler in the Swift Canadian effluent line outside the plant. Normally, samples were composited from about 11:00 a.m. one day to 11:00 a.m. the following day. Where a three-day interval is shown this indicates a week-end, i.e., a.m. Friday to a.m. Monday.
- Because of the system used for calculating city surcharges, only five composite samples are completely analyzed during each quarter. The sampling period is chosen at random (see Appendix I).
- 4) All analytical work on the samples was done at the City of Lethbridge sewage plant laboratory.
- 5) The Swift Canadian LCZ equipment was in partial operation commencing in the third quarter of 1979 and in continual operation during the first quarter (24-31 March) of 1980.

Period	Water Used	Suspended Solids	BOD	Grease
	(m²)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
1977 FIRST QUARTER		,,,,,,,,		
7-8 Feb.	2558	461	560	391
8-9 Feb.	2045	512	76 <i>5</i>	354
9-10 Feb.	2088	641	766	379
10-11 Feb.	1533	482	632	287
11-14 Feb.	2806	611	631	403
1977 SECOND QUARTER				
25-26 May	1665	219	498	102
26-27 May	1849	505	803	370
27-30 May	2826	349	627	208
30-31 May	1858	528	1069	337
31 May - 1 June	1730	579	1148	443
1977 THIRD QUARTER				
6-7 Sept.	2387	431	693	248
7-8 Sept.	2354	268	443	107
8-9 Sept.	2494	373	623	201
9-12 Sept.	3927	307	546	154
12-13 Sept.	2268	375	556	204
1977 FOURTH QUARTER				
17-18 Oct.	1764	342	632	187
18-19 Oct.	1566	240	431	109
19-20 Oct.	1759	760	1177	566
20-21 Oct.	1555	237	356	140
21-24 Oct.	2926	230	258	124
1978 FIRST QUARTER				
23-24 Jan.	1362	825	966	406
24-25 Jan.	2447	457	754	221
25-26 Jan.	2826	454	465	211
26-27 Jan.	2249	498	578	239
27-30 Jan.	2931	317	442	146
1978 SECOND QUARTER				
23-24 May	1807	214	442	83
24-25 May	1773	553	762	364
25-26 May	1501	429	743	290
26-29 May	2504	413	621	308
29-30 May	1439	615	991	475

#### APPENDIX II DATA ON EFFLUENT FROM SWIFT CANADIAN PLANT -LETHBRIDGE

Period	Water Used (m <sup>2</sup> )	Suspended Solids (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	Grease (mg/L)
1978 THIRD QUARTER		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u></u>	
13-14 Sept. 14-15 Sept. 15-18 Sept. 18-19 Sept. 19-20 Sept.	1572 1419 2529 1425 1422	234 277 384 530 446	276 435 483 861 589	94 172 200 501 324
1978 FOURTH QUARTER				
25-26 Oct. 26-27 Oct. 27-30 Oct. 30-31 Oct. 31 Oct 1 Nov.	1597 1232 2110 1337 1379	454 393 349 662 363	695 627 568 1156 646	302 257 196 511 217
1979 FIRST QUARTER				
17-18 Jan. 18-19 Jan. 19-22 Jan. 22-23 Jan. 23-24 Jan.	1326 1388 1377 1186 1238	385 419 500 549 264	546 432 833 916 552	204 279 327 31 <i>5</i> 128
1979 SECOND QUARTER				
11-12 June 12-13 June 13-14 June 14-15 June 15-18 June	1000 1095 1163 1068 979	479 543 410 237 327	807 1095 856 616 721	203 330 177 101 177
1979 THIRD QUARTER				
30-31 Aug. 31 Aug 4 Sept. 4-5 Sept. 5-6 Sept. 6-7 Sept.	1906 2017 1950 1795 1885	125 148 131 110 125	174 132 292 73 88	 20 8 18
1979 FOURTH QUARTER				
19-20 Nov. 20-21 Nov. 21-22 Nov. 22-23 Nov. 23-26 Nov.	1657 1729 1929 1748 2049	191 287 264 207 324	301 450 361 269 446	51 80 120 49 159

#### APPENDIX II DATA ON EFFLUENT FROM SWIFT CANADIAN PLANT -LETHBRIDGE (cont'd)

Period	Water Used (m²)	Suspended Solids (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	Grease (mg/L)
1980 FIRST QUARTER		<u></u>		
24-25 Mar.	1939	165	197	38
25-26 Mar.	1962	148	213	59
26-27 Mar.	1980	170	224	34
27-28 Mar.	1942	145	188	47
28-31 Mar.	2280	160	238	32

# APPENDIX II DATA ON EFFLUENT FROM SWIFT CANADIAN PLANT -LETHBRIDGE (cont'd)

APPENDIX III

ANALYTICAL METHODS AND RESULTS

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#### APPENDIX III ANALYTICAL METHODS AND RESULTS

#### Analytical Methods - Description

Unless otherwise noted, all references are to <u>Standard Methods For</u> Examination of Water and Waste Water, 14th Edition, 1975.

<u>Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)</u>. Method 507 (p. 543). In general, three different dilutions of the samples were used. In spite of taking all possible precautions, there was occasional difficulty in obtaining a reasonable set of results on the various dilutions. Because of this, it became routine procedure to freeze the residue of all samples so that some material would be available if the initial BOD determination appeared doubtful.

<u>Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)</u>. Method 508 (p. 550). The dichromate reflux method was used, employing a silver sulphate catalyst, and mercuric sulphate to minimize chloride interference. Blanks were run with each set of samples. Occasional results were obtained that did not appear logical. In such cases, the determination was repeated, the relative rapidity of the determination making this repetition relatively simple.

<u>Suspended Solids (Non-filtrable Residue) (SS)</u>. Method 208D (p. 94). The method outlined was followed, using Cooch crucibles fitted with Reeve Angel glass fibre filter discs grade 934AH. No serious problems were encountered. Determinations were made in duplicate, the average of the two results being reported.

<u>Oil and Grease</u>. Method 502A (p. 515). Freon was used as the extracting solvent. Since the samples were composites that had been handled several times, some slight loss of grease by adhesion to the walls of the containers was possible. It was considered that, in view of the relatively non-greasy nature of the samples, any such loss would be minimal.

#### Ammonia Nitrogen.

- Orion Research 95-10 Ammonia Electrode.
- Orion Research 407A/L Specific Ion Meter.

Details of the method are contained in Orion Research Manual for the 95-10 ammonia electrode, issued with the equipment, and in the manuals accompanying the 407A/L specific ion meter. The apparatus is calibrated using a set of standards prepared by dissolving 0.382 g reagent grade  $NH_4C1$  in 50 ml distilled water, and diluting to 100 ml to make 100 ml of a 1000 ppm (N) standard solution. Standards of 100 and 10 ppm are

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prepared from the original by serial dilution. The 407A/L specific ion meter has a direct reading scale so that each standard should register at the appropriate point on the scale. Similarly, the N content of the samples to be tested can be read directly from the scale.

Comparison of this method with former methods such as Nesslerization have given excellent checks. Aside from speed and simplicity of operation, this method has the advantage of not requiring a distillation procedure, which almost invariably results in loss of ammonia.

<u>Soluble BOD/COD</u>. On two days each week, samples were checked for soluble BOD and COD. This was done by filtering the samples through no. 40 Whatman filter paper and then analyzing the filtrate in the usual manner. It was noticeable that the BOD and COD were substantially lower than for the corresponding unfiltered samples, especially in the case of the influents. It was also quite evident that the reduction of soluble BOD through the LCZ unit was in most cases relatively slight.

#### Sludge Samples.

Moisture - Standard Method 208A (p. 91)
 Analysis of Water and Sewage, Theroux, Eldridge and Mallmann,

third ed., McGraw-Hill, 1943, p. 70, Moisture of Sewage Sludge.

These methods are similar, although the standard method 208A is actually intended for use with water samples. The Theroux, Eldridge and Mallmann method is summarized as follows:

- a. Ignite, cool in a dessicator and weigh a clean evaporating dish of about 50 ml capacity.
- b. Mix the sludge thoroughly and pour approximately 25 ml into the dish.
- c. Reweigh immediately, avoiding delay as the sludge changes in weight rapidly.
- d. Evaporate on a water bath until dry.
- e. Place in a 103°C oven for at least one hour, cool in a dessicator and weigh.

Calculation: Loss in weight  $(g) \ge 100$ Weight of wet sludge (g) = percent moisture

 <u>Suspended Solids (Non-filtrable residue)</u> - Standard Method 208D, Total Nonfiltrable Residue dried at 103-105°C - Total Suspended Matter.

This method was used for sludge solids from the electrocoagulation section of the LCZ unit because in most cases it appeared that the solids content was very low.

3) <u>Oil & Grease</u> - Standard Methods 502D (p. 519). Because it was felt desirable to determine the average fat content of skimmings from the LCZ unit, some of the samples were analyzed using method 502D.

								NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	Soluble	COD/BOI	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН		COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 26 Feb. 80	1513	756	0.50		688	103	3.63	22.1				
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 26 Feb. 80	878	413	0.47	46	334	53	3.38	22.4				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 26 Feb. 80	801	423	0.53		318	43	3.77	30.5				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 26 Feb. 80	649	349	0.54	17	1 <b>98</b>	18	3.69	31.1				
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 27 Feb. 80	2170	1204	0.55		964	105	3.99		348	196	0.56	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 27 Feb. 80	1569	813	0.52	32	388	56	3.93		302	178	0.59	9.2
<b>Influent</b> 1700 h-2400 h 27 Feb. 80	1366	676	0.49		352	15	3.85		528	308	0.58	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 27 Feb. 80	1365	706	0.52	NIL	352	15	3.81	-	451	308	0.68	NIL

				% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)				Soluble	COD/BOI	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD			Oil & Grease (mg/L)	рН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 28 Feb. 80	1105	532	0.48		458	19	4.59					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 28 Feb. 80	531	280	0.53	47	190	5	4.27					
<b>Influent</b> 1700 h-2400 h 28 Feb. 80	80 <i>5</i>	421	0.52		336	18	3.73					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 28 Feb. 80	524	290	0.53	31	162	7	3.75					
<b>Influent</b> 0800 h-1600 h 29 Feb. 80	2543	1329	0.52		1020	51	4.05					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 29 Feb. 80	1968	923	0.47	31	780	25	3.77					
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 3 Mar. 80	2795	1 <i>5</i> 20	0.54		1274	225	4.94	11.7	311	188	0.60	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 3 Mar. 80	982	537	0.55	65	356	77	4.27	9.5	371	185	0.50	1.6

				% BOD Reduction			рН	NH3N (mg/L)	Soluble	COD/BOD	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD		TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)			COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 3 Mar. 80	2164	1175	0.54		856	153	5.77	27.5	272	157	0.58	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 3 Mar. 80	1004	529	0.53	55	658	53	4.49	25.1	364	202	0.55	NIL
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 4 Mar. 80	1593	757	0.48		622	120	4.69	19.5	360	198	0.55	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 4 Mar. 80	67 <i>5</i>	304	0.45	60	164	38	4.53	19.0	317	160	0.50	19.2
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 4 Mar. 80	1140	573	0.50		524	142	4.30	28.7	362	190	0.52	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 4 Mar. 80	570	262	0.46	54	130	31	4.41	28.5	368	190	0.52	NIL
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 5 Mar. 80	1972	1010	0.51		854	105	5.07					
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 5 Mar. 80	1026	567	0.55	44	336	67	4.49					

				% BOD Reduction		Oil & Grease (mg/L)	рН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	Soluble	COD/BOI	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD		TSS (mg/L)				COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 1900 h-2400 h 5 Mar. 80	746	550	0.74		408	83	4.57					
Effluent 1900 h-2400 h 5 Mar. 80	459	245	0.53	55	51	3	4.49					
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 6 Mar. 80	1474	727	0.47		546	55						
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 6 Mar. 80	609	294	0.48	60	142	11						
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 6 Mar. 80	821	450	0.55		310	22						
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 6 Mar. 80	392	210	0.54	53	130	3						
Influent 0900 h-1500 h 7 Mar. 80	1304	626	0.48		564	70						
Effluent 0900 h-1500 h 7 Mar. 80	542	292	0.54	53	170	14						48.W

						Oil & Grease (mg/L)		NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	Soluble	COD/BOD	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)		pН		COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 1000 h-1600 h 10 Mar. 80	2692	1218	0.45		852	189	6.13	26.0	463	247	0.53	
Effluent 1000 h-1700 h 10 Mar. 80	1450	687	0.47	44	484	79	5.65	24.5	355	168	0.47	32
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 10 Mar. 80	2191	748	0.34		604	121	4.73	33.3	404	200	0.50	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 10 Mar. 80	1080	463	0.43	38	292	38	4.09	32.5	359	1 <b>92</b>	0.53	4
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 11 Mar. 80	1762	860	0.49		728	120	4.81	23.9				
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 11 Mar. 80	1101	488	0.44	43	358	59	4.32	23.1				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 11 Mar. 80	1013	485	0.48		282	47	4.23	29.0				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 11 Mar. 80	823	371	0.45	24	186	22	4.01	28.0				

Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	Soluble COD/BOD			
									COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 12 Mar. 80	2823	1577	0.56		1164	328	4.28		369	181	0.49	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 12 Mar. 80	923	496	0.54	69	294	84	4.46		330	158	0.48	13
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 12 Mar. 80	1604	800	0.50		616	70	4.74		543	272	0.50	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 12 Mar. 80	1006	488	0.49	39	306	27	4.33		505	255	0.50	6
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 13 Mar. 80	1580	864	0.55		758	77	4.38					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 13 Mar. 80	980	513	0.52	41	366	14	4.28					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 13 Mar. 80	1271	602	0.47		546	59	3.87					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 13 Mar. 80	861	497	0.58	17	398	35	3.98					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	рН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	Soluble COD/BOD			
									COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 14 Mar. 80	1815	587	0.32		870	76	4.32					
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 14 Mar. 80	898	360	0.40	39	474	4 )	4.02					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 14 Mar. 80	778	365	0.47		318	41	4.11					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 14 Mar. 80	347	187	0.54	49	171	14	4.18					
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 17 Mar. 80	956	503	0.53		488	47	4.24	18.6				
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 17 Mar. 80	522	240	0.46	52	192	21	4.09	17.1				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 17 Mar. 80	795	400	0.50		332	27	4.28	27.9				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 17 Mar. 80	474	244	0.55	39	142	4	4.10	26.0				

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									COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 18 Mar. 80	948	482	0.51		524	52	4.19	20.0	224	112	0.50	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 18 Mar. 80	288	156	0.54	68	64	1	4.25	19.3	193	102	0.52	8.9
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 18 Mar. 80	827	372	0.45		315	29	4.40	24.3	264	143	0.54	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 18 Mar. 80	343	190	0.55	49	49	8	4.39	24.9	267	146	0.55	NIL
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 19 Mar. 80	19 <b>2</b> 1	964	0.50		776	214	4.34		268	147	0.55	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 19 Mar. 80	538	267	0.50	72	139	26	4.50		225	126	0.49	14.3
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 19 Mar. 80	1616	7 <i>5</i> 8	0.47		502	70	4.34		326	148	0.45	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 19 Mar. 80	654	320	0.49	58	188	22	4.18	an 44 44	293	129	0.44	12.8

									Soluble	COD/BOI	)	
Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 20 Mar. 80	1512	675	0.45		873	139	4.37					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 20 Mar. 80	453	217	0.48	68	204	19	4.45					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 20 Mar. 80	1083	456	0.42		498	52	4.36					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 20 Mar. 80	343	195	0.57	57	158	12	4.28	<b>-</b>				
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 21 Mar. 80	1065	600	0.56		438	88	4.1					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 21 Mar. 80	429	278	0.58	54	330	20	4.6					
Influent 1600 h-1900 h 21 Mar. 80	1123	592	0.53		490	75	3.6					
Effluent 1600 h-1900 h 21 Mar. 80	384	199	0.52	66	149	21	4.9					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 1000 h-1500 h 24 Mar. 80	1089	592	0.54		568	78	5.64					
Effluent 1000 h-1500 h 24 Mar. 80	408	227	0.56	61	116	6	4.58					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 24 Mar. 80	677	362	0.53		342	21	5.42					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 24 Mar. 80	450	232	0.52	36	142	12	4.41					
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 25 Mar. 80	1329	672	0.51		598	111	4.55	14.7	216	130	0.60	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 25 Mar. 80	358	198	0.55	71	132	17	4.88	14.5	198	100	0.51	23
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 25 Mar. 80	787	409	0.52		269	46	4.52	19.9	191	116	0.61	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 25 Mar. 80	517	265	0.51	35	154	14	4.22	20.3	164	116	0.71	NIL

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 26 Mar. 80	1146	580	0.51		446	33	4.64	15.1				
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 26 Mar. 80	362	173	0.48	70	85	3	4.40	14.3				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 26 Mar. 80	1051	483	0.46		454	18	3.82	24.5				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 26 Mar. 80	608	282	0.46	42	183	6	3.90	24.9				
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 27 Mar. 80	947	440	0.46		442	27	4.34					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 27 Mar. 80	642	308	0.48	30	258	15	4.49					
Influent 1800 h-2400 h 27 Mar. 80	579	300	0.52		264	30	4.30					
Effluent 1800 h-2400 h 27 Mar. 80	248	130	0.52	57	60	5	4.56					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 1000 h-1600 h 28 Mar. 80	1440	683	0.47	<b>.</b>	640	42	4.42	~~~	275	143	0.52	
Effluent 1000 h-1600 h 28 Mar. 80	519	255	0.49	63	1 <i>5</i> 0	13	4.30		236	134	0.57	6.3
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 28 Mar. 80	881	433	0.49		344	24	3.92		245	145	0.59	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 28 Mar. 80	426	198	0.47	54	82	4	3.89		285	155	0.54	NIL
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 31 Mar. 80	1456	740	0.51		544	113	4.50	34.7				
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 31 Mar. 80	740	386	0.52	48	142	18	3.47	43.0				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 31 Mar. 80	874	474	0.54		284	34	4.18	33.1				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 31 Mar. 80	453	250	0.56	47	81	7	3.85	33.0				

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	рН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 1 Apr. 80	798	466	0.58		496	17	4.08	20.6	243	127	0.52	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 1 Apr. 80	361	195	0.54	58	110	6	4.17	21.1	239	122	0.51	4
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 1 Apr. 80	793	476	0.60		324	15	4.06	27.5	336	183	0.54	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 1 Apr. 80	373	207	0.55	57	68	1	4.09	26.3	338	170	0.50	7
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 2 Apr. 80	1134	672	0.59		460	33	3.79					
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 2 Apr. 80	469	282	0.60	58	124	35	3.77					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 2 Apr. 80	642	348	0.54		266	30	3.85					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 2 Apr. 80	454	252	0.56	28	81	9	4.00					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 3 Apr. 80	880	490	0.56		482	31	3.25		240	173	0.72	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 3 Apr. 80	245	151	0.62	69	156	9	3.62		171	127	0.74	27
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 3 Apr. 80	704	397	0.56		432	53	5.40		293	202	0.69	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 3 Apr. 80	323	190	0.59	52	230	10	4.60		246	173	0.70	14
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 7 Apr. 80	1905	1248	0.65		934	253	4.80					
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 7 Apr. 80	920	488	0.53	61	366	102	4.88					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 7 Apr. 80	919	509	0.55		416	58	4.26					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 7 Apr. 80	358	1 <b>99</b>	0.56	60	83	9	4.20					

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Influent 0800 h-1600 h 8 Apr. 80	959	530	0.55		468	59	4.37	18.8				
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 8 Apr. 80	329	190	0.58	64	98	10	4.34	19.0				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 8 Apr. 80	749	359	0.48		69	29	4.45	25.7				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 8 Apr. 80	335	203	0.61	43	78	3	4.13	25.3				
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 9 Apr. 80	918	481	0.52		404	25	4.34	22.2	356	177	0.50	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 9 Apr. 80	277	175	0.63	64	134	4	4.22	22.0	308	148	0.48	16
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 9 Apr. 80	665	370	0.56		278	30	4.30	20.3	259	134	0.52	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 9 Apr. 80	276	146	0.53	61	90	4	4.39	24.3	251	121	0.48	10

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Influent 0800 h-1600 h 10 Apr. 80	970	609	0.63		538	122	4.38		275	158	0.57	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 10 Apr. 80	296	167	0.56	73	77	5	4.32		191	118	0.62	25
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 10 Apr. 80	882	537	0.61		412	62	5.23		290	176	0.61	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 10 Apr. 80	356	218	0.61	59	77	4	5.05		251	147	0.59	16
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 11 Apr. 80	1906	989	0.52		976	381	4.82					
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 11 Apr. 80	557	339	0.61	66	178	81	4.72					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 11 Apr. 80	819	456	0.56		320	114	4.58					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 11 Apr. 80	329	166	0.50	64	64	7	4.80					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 14 Apr. 80	2119	1311	0.64		912	186	5.30	28.4				
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 14 Apr. 80	1138	621	0.54	53	408	81	5.50	27.9				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 14 Apr. 80	982	526	0.54		380	63	5.10	24.5	<b></b> -			
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 14 Apr. 80	523	289	0.55	45	188	14	5.05	27.1				
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 15 Apr. 80	1168	695	0.60		456	57	5.40	21.2				
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 15 Apr. 80	702	387	0.55	44	262	34	5.30	16.1				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 15 Apr. 80	633	324	0.51		254	36	4.85	17.8				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 15 Apr. 80	200	110	0.55	66	102	12	4.50	15.2			_~~	

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Influent 0900 h-1600 h 16 Apr. 80	1011	605	0.60		342	24	4.50		360	214	0.59	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 16 Apr. 80	339	221	0.65	63	68	8	4.64		310	171	0.55	20
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 16 Apr. 80	858	464	0.54		316	40	4.30		351	196	0.56	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 16 Apr. 80	372	263	0.70	43	77	1	4.25		332	183	0.55	7
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 17 Apr. 80	1395	795	0.57		572	71	4.58					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 17 Apr. 80	425	258	0.61	68	110	10	4.50					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 17 Apr. 80	845	468	0.55		340	30	4.15					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 17 Apr. 80	448	254	0.57	46	100	6	4.13					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 18 Apr. 80	1834	888	0.48		640	102	4.39		350	156	0.45	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 18 Apr. 80	574	301	0.52	66	150	24	4.37		296	141	0.48	10
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 18 Apr. 80	1280	695	0.54		452	149	4.20		271	128	0.47	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 18 Apr. 80	389	183	0.47	73	100	22	4.10		261	128	0.49	NIL
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 21 Apr. 80	1782	976	0.55		680	132	4.01					
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 21 Apr. 80	504	261	0.52	73	104	17	4.00					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 21 Apr. 80	992	460	0.46		340	63	3.58					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 21 Apr. 80	426	234	0.55	49	82	10	3.89					

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Sample Point and Time	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	рН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 22 Apr. 80	1228	625	0.51		468	50	4.60	11.6				
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 22 Apr. 80	324	163	0.50	74	44	3	4.55	10.4				
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 22 Apr. 80	856	432	0.50		296	44	4.05	17.1				
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 22 Apr. 80	333	162	0.49	63	28	4	4.05	17.0				
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 23 Apr. 80	1173	601	0.51		508	42	3.80	12.0	348	191	0.55	
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 23 Apr. 80	462	263	0.57	56	116	14	3.65	15.0	232	139	0.60	27.2
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 23 Apr. 80	1061	591	0.56		458	74	4.20	14.9	222	137	0.62	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 23 Apr. 80	392	213	0.54	64	127	11	4.26	14.1	217	128	0.59	6.6

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Sample Point and Time		BOD (mg/L) BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	TSS (mg/L)	Oil & Grease (mg/L)	pН	NH <sub>3</sub> N (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)	BOD (mg/L)	BOD/COD	% BOD Reduction	
Influent 0800 h-1600 h 24 Apr. 80	904	498	0.55		348	37	4.40		236	209	0.88	
Effluent 0800 h-1600 h 24 Apr. 80	252	149	0.59	70	37	7	4.39		190	97	0.51	
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 24 Apr. 80	817	460	0.56		272	32	4.30		227	110	0.48	
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 24 Apr. 80	248	157	0.63	66	48	3	4.38		234	132	0.56	
Influent 0900 h-1600 h 25 Apr. 80	923	478	0.52		562	23	4.58	<b>-</b>				
Effluent 0900 h-1600 h 25 Apr. 80	334	207	0.62	57	147	7	4.30					
Influent 1700 h-2400 h 25 Apr. 80	760	418	0.55		286	24	4.87					
Effluent 1700 h-2400 h 25 Apr. 80	417	249	0.60	40	161	12	4.16					

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# APPENDIX III ANALYSIS OF FLOAT SAMPLES - EXISTING BASIN

Moisture sh	own in	percent	by	weight
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Sample Date	Time	Moisture
3 March 80	0920 h	65.58
5 March 80	0845 h	59.43
7 March 80	0830 h	57.94
10 March 80	0830 h	65.46
12 March 80	0845 h	60.73
14 March 80	0910 h	63.82
17 March 80	0945 h	61.32
19 March 80	0830 h	57.65
21 March 80	0800 h	47.57
26 March 80	0830 h	52.42
28 March 80	0830 h	15.91
31 March 80	0830 h	64.04
2 April 80	0830 h	62.60
7 April 80	081 <i>5</i> h	41.47
9 April 80	0830 h	50.16
11 April 80	0830 h	33.26
14 April 80	0830 h	65.75
16 April 80	0830 h	35.48
18 April 80	0830 h	24.19
21 April 80	0830 h	59.93
23 April 80	0830 h	31.54
25 April 80	0830 h	32.88

Note: A good deal of free oil and fat was noticeable in nearly all samples.

# APPENDIX III ANALYSIS OF BOTTOM SLUDGE SAMPLES - EXISTING BASIN

Sample Date	Time	Moisture
4 March 80	0930 h	87.29
5 March 80	0930 h	88.34
6 March 80	1230 h	88.15
7 March 80	0950 h	86.17
10 March 80	0930 h	97.37
11 March 80	0945 h	92.02
12 March 80	104 <i>5</i> h	88.14
13 March 80	0930 h	91.90
14 March 80	0930 h	84.62
17 March 80	0945 h	85.90
18 March 80	0930 h	89.56
19 March 80	0930 h	92.78
20 March 80	0945 h	89.38
21 March 80	0930 h	96.43
25 March 80	0930 h	92.82 East pipe
25 March 80	0930 h	95.11 West pipe
26 March 80	0930 h	89.40
27 March 80	094 <i>5</i> h	91.32
28 March 80	0930 h	89.94
31 March 80	<b>0930</b> h	91.32
1 April 80	0930 h	89.30
2 April 80	0930 h	87.37
3 April 80	0930 h	89.17
7 April 80	0930 h	91.06
8 April 80	0930 h	92.62
9 April 80	0930 h	92.90
10 April 80	0930 h	92.89
11 April 80	0930 h	87.10
14 April 80	0930 h	85.67
15 April 80	0930 h	91.75
16 April 80	<b>0930</b> h	90.23
17 April 80	0930 h	82.04
18 April 80	0930 h	97.06
21 April 80	0930 h	92.00
22 April 80	0930 h	93.20
23 April 80	0930 h	90.12
24 April 80	0930 h	86.81
25 April 80	0930 h	95.57

Moisture shown in percent by weight

Sample Date	Time	Temp. (°C)	рН	Moisture (%)	Oil & Grease (Freon Extractable) as % of dry solids
3 March	1855 h				
	2200 h				
	2325 h			86.66	53.21
4 March	1100 h				
	1430 h		4.8		
	222 <i>5</i> h		4.4	91.70	54.15
5 March	0840 h	30	4.8		
	2235 h	35	4.8		
	2325 h	37	4.8 4.9	92.51	57.00
	2527 N	57	4.7	72.71	57.00
6 March	174 <i>5</i> h	32	4.7		
	220 <i>5</i> h	30	4.5		
	2325 h	28	4.3	93.09	31.00
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7 March	1025 h	34	4.7		
	1320 h	27	4.7	•· •·	
	1 <i>5</i> 10 h	29	4.5	94.04	38.49
10 March	1630 h	30	4.4		
	2000 h	32	4.3		
	224 <i>5</i> h	32	4.3	91.96	68.09
11 March	1245 h	29	4.3		
	1630 h	28	4.6		
	2330 h	28	4.9	93.39	42.61
12 March	1625 h	30	4.4		
	2130 h	30	4.3		
	2340 h	29	4.3	93.82	54.71
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13 March	1014 h	26	4.5		
	1830 h	29	4.7		
	2330 h	28	3.9	94.61	37.54
14 March	1100 5	21	4.0		
14 March	1100 h	21	4.0		
	1830 h 2320 h	29	4.3	02 (4	
	2320 h	29	4.7	93.64	
17 March	1030 h	19	4.4		
	1820 h	28	4.4		
	2300 h	31	4.4	94.30	

APPENDIX III	MOISTURE AND OIL AND GREASE ANALYSES - LCZ FLOAT
	SAMPLES

Sample Date	Time	Temp. (°C)	рН	Moisture (%)	Oil & Grease (Freon Extractable) as % of dry solids
18 March	1625 h	31	4.5		
	2025 h	32	4.6		
	2340 h	31	4.4	94.56	
19 March	1120 h	26	4.6		
	1930 h	29	4.7		
	2325 h	29	4.3	92.26	
20 March	1130 h	28	4.9		
	1925 h	29	4.5		
	2315 h	28	4.9	80.36	
21 March	2330 h	24	4.7		
	1830 h	29	4.8	93.68	
24 March	1745 h	30	4.5		
	2400 h	27	4.7	93.33	
25 March	1200 h	28	5.0		
	1830 h	28	4.3		
	2315 h	29	4.6	92.65	
26 March	1030 h	29	3.9		
	2045 h	35	5.2		
	2330 h	31		93.68	
27 March	1820 h	27	4.7		
	2330 h	30	4.5	94.01	
28 March	1120 h	24	5.7		
	1820 h	32	4.2		
	2400 h	28	3.8	92.40	
31 March	1520 h	30	4.0	93.78	
	2145 h	32	3.9		
	2350 h	30	4.0		
1 April	1200 h	28	4.1	94.40	
	1820 h	29	4.2		
	2345 h	28	4.1		
2 April	1115 h	26	3.9	93.43	
	1700 h	29	4.2		
	2320 h	28	4.1		

# APPENDIX III MOISTURE AND OIL AND GREASE ANALYSES - LCZ FLOAT SAMPLES (cont'd)

Sample Date	Time	Temp. (°C)	рН	Moisture (%)	Oil & Grease (Freon Extractable) as % of dry solids
3 April	1410 h	31	3.8	94.54	
	1910 h	31	4.9		
	2320 h	27	4.8		
7 April	1430 h	30	4.6	91.00	
•	2315 h	30	3.9		
8 April	1215 h	29	4.5	93.21	
•	1850 h	29	4.3		
	2340 h	29	4.3		
9 April	1230 h	29	4.5	94.25	
•	1910 h	33	4.6		
	2320 h	30	4.8		
10 April	1220 h	29	4.6	93.70	
•	1820 h	31	5.3		
	2320 h	28	5.3		
11 April	1220 h	30	4.8	89.31	
-	1845 h	32	5.3		
	2300 h	28	4.6		
14 April	1700 h	32	5.4	94.07	
	2200 h	32	4.7		
	2345 h	31	4.5		
15 April	141 <b>5</b> h	29	5.3	94.41	
	2020 h	30	6.4		
	2315 h	28	4.5		
16 April	1330 h	29	4.6	93.16	
	201 <i>5</i> h	33	4.7		
	2320 h	31	4.5		
17 April	1320 h	31	4.6	92.13	
	1930 h	33	4.3		
	2320 h	33	4.6		
18 April	1300 h	29	4.6	90.36	
	1850 h	28	4.5		
	2315 h	28	4.4		

APPENDIX III	MOISTURE AND OIL AND GREASE ANALYSES - LCZ FLOAT
	SAMPLES (cont'd)

Sample Date	Time	Temp. (°C)	рН	Moisture (%)	Oil & Grease (Freon Extractable) as % of dry solids
21 April	1920 h 2320 h	33 29	4.3 4.0	91.46	
22 April	1345 h 1950 h 2330 h	29 34 32	4.9 4.6 4.7	93.15	
23 April	1315 h 1915 h 2315 h	30 32 30	8.5* 4.7 4.4	90.54	
24 April	1350 h 2020 h 2350 h	33 35 29	4.7 5.0 4.4	93.40	
25 April	1330 h 1950 h 0020 h	29 34 27	5.0 4.7 4.3	93.06	

# APPENDIX III MOISTURE AND OIL AND GREASE ANALYSES - LCZ FLOAT SAMPLES (cont'd)

\* Reported from plant - possibly in error; probably should read 4.5

# APPENDIX IV

# OPERATING COSTS AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS

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#### APPENDIX IV OPERATING COSTS AND RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS

# 1) Estimated By-product Recovery from Operation of LCZ.\*

# Meat Meal (APF or Cracklings)

Annual average yield 1977, 1978, 1979	22.62 kg/head
Average head processed per day	600
Total daily production APF, 22.62 x 600 =	13 573 kg
Average yield 1980	24.68 kg/head
Average head processed per day	600
Total daily production APF, 24.68 x 600 =	14 809 kg
Increase in daily production, 14 809 - 13 573	= 1 236 kg

#### Inedible Tallow

Swift data shows a substantial increase in inedible tallow recovery during 1979 due to in-house improvements. Therefore 1979 is assumed to be the base year and the increase in recovery from the LCZ is the increase in 1980 over the 1979 figure.

Based on processing 600 head per day this increase in recovery is 1 309 kg/d.

Increase in Revenue

Price for APF	\$	0.330/kg
Price for inedible tallow		0.506/kg
AFP revenue, 1 235 x 0.330		407.55
Inedible tallow revenue, 1 309 x 0.506		662.35
Total increase in revenue per day	\$ 1	069.90

#### 2) Daily LCZ Operating Costs

#### Chemical Usage

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Polymer	1.18 kg @ \$6.64	7.84
Acid	27.00 kg @ \$1.06	28.62
Caustic	27.00 kg @ \$1.63	44.01
		\$ 80.47
Electrical	Costs	\$ 33.00

\* Yield figures supplied by Swift Canadian Ltd.

# Wastewater Labour

Operator	\$ 84.24	
Cleaning Unit - once per month, 2 men, \$252.72, pro-rated on basis of		
20 days per month – daily	12.64	
	\$ 96.88	\$ 96.88
Rendering Labour		
LCZ requires approximately 3 hours additional labor @ \$7.50 p	per hour	\$ 22.50
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Maintenance		
Cost of replacing electrodes - Total number of electrodes 500, Estimated life 5-6 years, Cost per unit \$100 - \$150, Assume life of 5 years and replacement cost of \$150.		
Replacement cost of 500 electrodes in five years is 500 x 150 = \$75 000.00		
Cost per year = \$15 000.00		
Assuming a 250-day operating year, cost per day is	\$ 60.00	
Allowing \$60.00 per day for labour for replacements and for		
escalation in electrode cost	<u>60.00</u>	¢ 100 00
	\$120.00	\$ 120.00

Steam costs for rendering -

Cost of steam at Lethbridge is \$2.69 per 1 000 lb (\$5.92 per 1 000 kg). Approximately 10 455 kg steam is required to render 6 818 kg wet skimmings. <u>Case 1</u> - Assume additional daily yield of 2 545 kg dry weight (total cracks and inedible tallow).

Assuming 80% moisture, the total amount to render is

$$\frac{2545 \times 100}{20} = 12725 \text{ kg}$$

Steam required  $\frac{12\ 725}{6\ 818}$  = 1.87 x 10 455 = 19 513 kg

Cost of steam/day =  $\frac{19513 \times 5.93}{1000}$  = \$115.71

Assume 92% moisture (as determined during March - April run). Total amount to render is

$$\frac{2545 \times 100}{8} = 31812 \text{ kg}$$

Steam required  $\frac{31\ 812}{6\ 818} = 48\ 782\ \text{kg}$ Cost of steam per day  $\frac{48\ 782\ x\ 5.93}{1\ 000} = \$289.28$ 

#### 3) Summary - Daily Costs and Revenue

Costs			Revenue	
Chemicals			APF	407.55
Polymer	7.84		Tallow	662.35
Acid	28.62			1 069.90
Caustic	44.01			
	80.47	80.47		
Electricity		33.00		
Labour				
LCZ	96.88			
Rendering	22.50			
	119.38	119.38		

Maintenance	<u>120.00</u> 352.85
Steam Costs	
Case 1	Case 2
(80% moisture)	(92% moisture)
115.71	289.28
115.71 <u>352.85</u>	289.28 <u>352.85</u>

Difference between Case 1 and Case 2 = \$173.57

# 4) Capital Costs and Return on Investment - Evaluation Factors and Assumptions

Capital Expenditure:	\$522 000
Tax Depreciation*:	Double declining balance, 12-year tax life.
Book Depreciation*:	Straight line, 12-year life, \$70 000 salvage value after 12 years.
Financing:	10-year loan, at a 9.5% interest rate, repayment started in 1979 of \$522 000.
Tax Rate:	50%
Revenue*:	267 475/year
Operating Costs*:	117 140/year

	*Notes:	1)	Book depreciation rate is 8.3	%
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2) Tax depreciation is twice book rate. Assume 17%.

3) Net revenue realized in 1980, one year after repayment of capital begins.

4) Both 'revenue' and 'operating costs' were determined based on the assumption that 80% moisture was attained in the float.

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# DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Year	Undepreciated Capital Cost	Depreciation*
1980	\$522 000	\$88 740
1981	433 260	73 654
1982	359 606	61 133
1983	298 473	50 740
1984	247 733	42 115
1985	205 618	34 955
1986	170 663	29 013
1987	141 650	24 081
1988	117 569	19 987
1989	97 582	16 589
1990	80 993	13 769
1991	67 224	11 428
1992	55 796	

\* Declining balance @ 17% per annum.

# NOTES REGARDING DISCOUNTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS AND PROCEDURES - BASE CASE

#### Assumptions

- 1) Total investment repayment started in 1979.
- 2) Net revenue not realized until 1980.
- 3) Net revenue is constant for the duration of the tax life, i.e., 12 years.
- 4) Salvage value at the end of 12 years is \$70 000.

#### Explanation of R.O.I. Calculations

- 1) <u>Depreciation</u> calculated at 17% on a double declining balance approach, (calculations shown in <u>Depreciation Schedule</u>).
- 2) <u>Taxable profit</u> is determined by subtracting the depreciation in column 3 from the net revenue in column 2.
- 3) After-tax profit is determined by multiplying taxable profit by tax factor (50%).
- 4) After-tax cash flow is the sum of the after-tax profit and the depreciation.
- 5) <u>Present value</u> or present worth is calculated by multiplying the after-tax cash flow by the present value factor at a given percentage, in this case 18% and 16%.
- 6) <u>Return on Investment\*</u> is determined by summing the present values for the tax life period (12 years), including the present value of the salvage value, and comparing them to the initial investment. If equal, the appropriate R.O.I. has been determined for the given conditions.

#### \*Notes: Initial Trial (18%)

- sum of present value < initial investment
- results in a negative net present value
- implies that R.O.I. is less than 18%

#### Second Trial (16%)

- sum of present value > initial investment
- results in a positive net present value
- implies that R.O.I. is greater than 16%
- exact determination can be determined by interpolation (arithmetic or graphic).

#### Actual R.O.I.

- interval between the sum of the present value at 18% and 16% is \$39 679.
- the difference between the investment and the sum of the present value at 16% (net PV) is \$12 480.
- the ratio of 12 480/39 679 = 0.31 or (0.31 x 2 = 0.62%)
- the actual R.O.I. is 16.62%; say <u>16.6%</u>.

Payback Period

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- determined from after-tax cash flow
- summing after-tax cash flow (cumulative) until a range about the initial investment is found yields between 4 and 5 years.
- by interpolating: interval year 4-5 \$96 225 interval year 4 total to initial investment \$84 195 ratio 84 195/96 225 = 0.90 actual payback period is 4.9 years.

#### **RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATION TABLE - BASE CASE**

Year	l Investment	2 Net Revenue	3 Depreciation	4 Taxable Profit	5 After Tax Profit	6 After Tax Cash Flow	7 PV Factor @ 18%	8 PV	9 PV Factor @ 16%	10 PV
1979	-522 000						1.0	-522 000	1.0	-522 000
1980		150 335	88 740	61 595	30 798	119 538	.8474	101 297	.8621	103 054
1981		150 335	73 654	76 681	33 341	111 995	.7182	80 435	.7432	83 235
1982		150 335	61 133	89 202	44 601	105 734	.6086	64 350	.6407	67 744
1983		150 335	50 740	99 595	49 798	100 538	.5158	51 858	.5523	55 527
1984		150 335	42 115	108 220	54 110	96 225	.4371	42 060	.4761	45 813
1985		150 335	34 955	115 380	57 690	92 645	.3704	34 316	.4104	38 022
1986		150 335	29 013	121 322	60 661	89 674	.3139	28 149	.3538	31 727
1 <b>987</b>		150 335	24 081	126 254	63 127	87 208	.2660	23 197	.3050	26 598
1988		150 335	19 987	130 349	65 174	85 161	.2255	19 204	.2630	22 397
1989		150 335	16 589	133 746	66 873	83 462	.1911	15 950	.2267	18 921
1990		150 335	13 769	136 566	68 283	82 052	.1619	13 284	.1954	16 033
1991		150 335	11 428	138 907	69 454	80 882	.1372	11 097	.1684	13 621
1991		70 000					.1372	9604	.1684	11 788
								494 801		534 480
							Net Present Value	-27 199		12 480

# NOTES REGARDING RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS ASSUMING NON-PAYMENT OF SURCHARGES AS AN INCOME

- 1) In a manner similar to the previous calculations the additional value of \$100 000/annum was added to the net revenue.
- 2) An initial R.O.I. of 25% was assumed.
- 3) Total present value was \$575 939 which implies that the actual R.O.I. is greater than 25%.
- 4) Second trial R.O.I. of 35% was assumed.
- 5) Total present value was \$434 827 which implies that the actual R.O.I. is less than 35%.
- 6) Actual R.O.I. is 28.8%.
- 7) Payback Period is 3.2 years.

Year	l Investment	2 Net Revenue	3 Depreciation	4 Taxable Profıt	5 After Tax Profit	6 After Tax Cash Flow	7 PV Factor @ 35%	8 PV	9 PV Factor @ 25%	10 PV
1979	-522 000						1.0	-522 000	1.0	-522 000
1980		250 335	88 740	161 595	80 798	169 538	0.7407	125 577	0.8000	135 630
1981		250 335	73 654	176 654	88 341	161 995	0.5487	88 887	0.6400	103 677
1 <b>98</b> 2		250 335	61 133	189 202	94 601	155 734	0.4064	63 290	0.5120	79 736
1983		250 335	50 740	199 595	99 798	150 538	0.3011	45 327	0.4096	61 660
1984		250 335	42 115	208 220	104 110	146 225	0.2230	32 608	0.3277	47 918
1985		250 335	34 955	215 380	107 690	142 645	0.1652	23 565	0.2621	37 387
1986		250 335	29 013	221 322	110 661	139 674	0.1224	17 096	0.2097	29 290
1987		250 335	24 081	226 254	113 127	137 208	0.0906	12 431	0.1678	23 024
1988		250 335	19 987	230 348	115 174	135 161	0.0671	9 069	0.1342	18 139
1989		250 335	16 589	233 746	116 873	133 462	0.0497	6 633	0.1074	14 334
1990		250 335	13 769	236 566	118 283	132 052	0.0368	4 860	0.0859	11 343
1991		250 335	11 428	238 907	119 454	130 882	0.0273	3 573	0.0687	8 992
1991		70 000					0.0273	<u> </u>	0.0687	4 809
								434 827		575 939
							Net Present Value	-87 173		53 939

#### RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATION TABLE - ASSUMING NON-PAYMENT OF SURCHARGE AS AN INCOME

# NOTES REGARDING RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATIONS USING ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S ACCELERATED CAPITAL COST ALLOWANCE (ACCA)

- 1) All evaluation factors and assumptions are the same as those in the first example, with one exception.
- 2) ACCA program allows 50% write-off of capital cost in each of the first two years.
- 3) All R.O.I. calculations are shown in table.
- 4) The major deviation comes in the <u>taxable profit column</u>, wherein the result of subtracting the depreciation from the net revenue is negative.
- 5) In a 50% tax bracket half of the taxable profit then becomes an <u>after-tax profit</u> as shown, which is added to the depreciation to yield the after-tax cash flow.
- 6) The initial trial at an assumed R.O.I. of 25% resulted in a negative net present value (NPV), i.e., actual percent return is lower.
- 7) The second trial at 20% had a positive NPV, i.e. the actual return is higher.
- 8) By interpolation the actual R.O.I. is 21.4%
- 9) Similarly the payback period is 3.5 years.

#### SUMMARY OF R.O.I. CALCULATIONS

	R.O.I. (%)	Payback Period (years)
Base Case	16.6	4.9
Surcharge Considered	28.8	3.2
ACCA (without surcharge)	21.4	3.5

Year	l Investment	2 Net Revenue	3 Depreciation	4 Taxable Profit	5 After Tax Profit	6 After Tax Cash Flow	7 PV Factor @ 25%	8 PV	9 PV Factor @ 20%	10 PV
1979	-522 000						1.0	-522 000	1.0	-522 000
1980		150 335	261 000	-110 665	-55 333	205 667	.8000	164 534	.8333	171 382
1981		150 335	261 000	-110 665	-55 333	205 667	.6400	131 627	.6944	142 815
1982		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.5120	38 486	.5787	43 500
1983		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.4096	30 789	.4823	36 254
1984		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.3277	24 633	.4019	30 210
1985		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.2621	19 702	.3349	25 174
1986		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.2097	15 763	.2791	20 979
1987		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.1678	12 613	.2326	17 484
1988		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.1342	10 088	.1938	14 568
1989		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.1074	8 073	.1615	12 140
1990		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.0859	6 457	.1346	10 118
1991		150 335	261 000	150 335	75 168	75 168	.0687	5 164	.1122	8 434
1991		70 000					.0687	4 809	.1122	7 854
							Total	\$472 738		\$540 912
							Net Present Value	-49 262		18 912

#### **RETURN ON INVESTMENT CALCULATION TABLE - "ACCA"**