AQUASBR® SYSTEMS ABOVE 10 MGD

Since 1986, Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. has installed more than 1,100 AquaSBR® Systems worldwide in a variety of municipal and industrial applications at flows ranging from a few thousand gallons to millions of gallons per day.

All of the benefits that the AquaSBR offers for small flow plants are also applicable to large flows. These benefits include components that can be retrievable and accessible, small footprint, separation of aeration and mixing for power cost savings and operational flexibility and the ability to achieve nutrient removal. Also, the AquaSBR operates in a True Batch treatment mode, which means that only the highest quality effluent is achieved.

According to an EPA Summary Report, SBR technology is a more economical alternative compared to conventional activated sludge and oxidation ditch systems. This conclusion was based on total installed capital cost and overall life cycle cost for flows ranging from 1 MGD to 50 MGD.

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The Newburgh treatment plant was updated in 2000 to a 5-basin AquaSBR® system, designed to treat a maximum day flow of 9.4 MGD and a peak hour flow of 14.8 MGD. In 2010, three additional reactors were added to handle a maximum day flow of 14.9 MGD and a peak hour flow of 19 MGD.

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The Withlacoochee plant was designed after disastrous flooding was experienced by the old plant in April 2009. The new plant is situated outside of the flood plain at a 60 foot higher elevation than the old plant. The new SBR system assists in the successful handling of high flow rainstorm events by preventing the overloading of units downstream.
To accommodate increased growth, Keegans Bayou replaced an old trickling filter system with an AquaSBR® system. The expansion tripled the plant’s capacity and services all of east Biloxi including an area of casino-hotel chains.

Operated by the City of Tulare, the Tulare Industrial WWTP is surrounded by rich farming communities. The 6-basin AquaSBR® system treats primarily industrial processing waste from six large milk processing facilities. This plant is one of the largest industrial SBR systems in the nation and provides quality recycled water to the Tulare community.

The Broad River WWTP consists of a 4-basin AquaSBR® system. One of the main drivers for the technology selection was the system’s biological phosphorus removal capability. The plant started up in October 2008.

This 3-basin AquaSBR® system was built to expand the capacity of the existing oxidation plant which was re-purposed for storage tanks. The system has been designed to easily add a fourth SBR basin to increase treatment capacity in the future. The SBR system started operation late 2019.
The Camp Pendleton AquaSBR® system was built in phases, starting in 2006 with 4-basins, then expanding in 2013 with the addition of two SBR reactors. One of the main drivers of the system was the turn-down capability with the ability to operate with seasonal flows and loadings.

The West Central Conservancy District (WCCD) in Hendricks County, IN was established in 1992 and comprised of 5 geographical locations. An expansion in 2005 included the installation of a 4-basin AquaSBR® system which has the capacity to treat a much larger capacity (up to 8 basins) in a small footprint on the available land space.

AquaSBR® SYSTEM ADVANTAGES

- Low construction, installation, operation and maintenance costs
- Tolerates variable hydraulic and organic loads
- Limits filamentous growth
- Independent aeration and mixing provides lower energy consumption
- True-batch system allows React, Settle and Decant phases to occur within the same reactor
- Time-managed operation offers process flexibility with greater handling of hydraulic fluctuations
- Durable, floating decanter provides subsurface withdrawal of decant volume
- No secondary clarifiers or return activated sludge (RAS) lines
- Small footprint
- Simple to expand or upgrade
- Produces low effluent BOD$_5$, COD, TSS, TN & TP from industrial and municipal wastewater treatment processes