



# Cooling Tower Water Treatment

MIOX Superior Disinfection

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*On-Demand Chemistry*



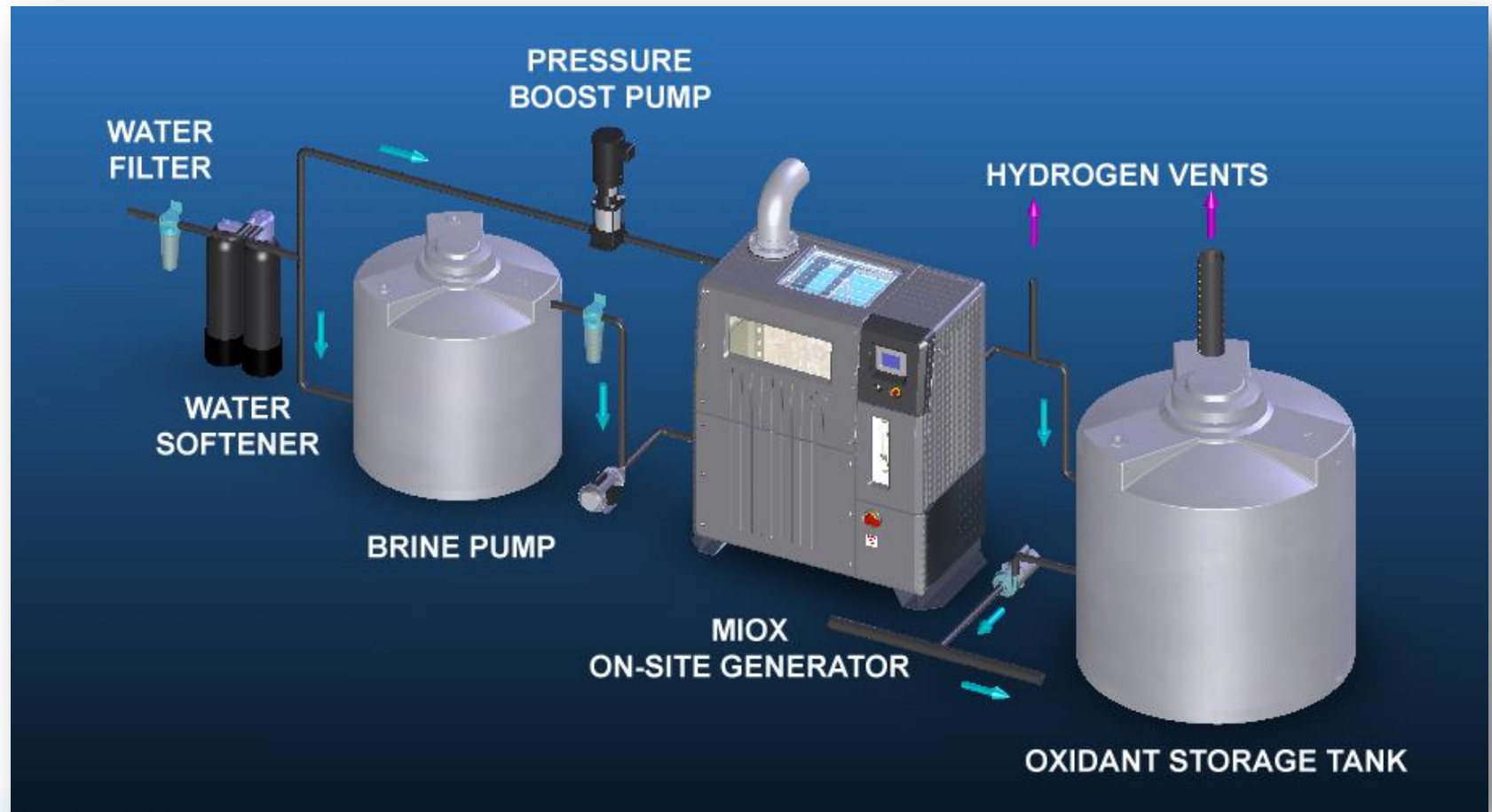
# What is On-Site Chemical Generation?



**SALTS + ON-SITE WATER + POWER = CUSTOM CHEMICAL**

- ▶ Specialty chemistry generated on site, on demand
- ▶ Replaces multiple delivered chemicals
- ▶ Ability to create unique product characteristics

# On-demand Chemical Process



# Two System Configurations Include:

## ▶ Basic Bleach Generators

- Nominally 0.6 – 0.8% concentration
- Very efficient salt and energy conversion efficiencies
- Good “general purpose” biocide

## ▶ Mixed Oxidant Generators

- Uses slightly more power to make stronger oxidant
- Great biopenetrant for better biofilm and organism control
- Also has stronger oxidation power for certain applications



# Mixed Oxidant Solution Chemistry

Vital Disinfectant for Cooling Towers and Loop (Exchanges, Chillers)

## Major Challenges in Tower Maintenance

- 1) Control disease outbreaks caused by aerosolization of bacteria
  - 2) Prevent fouling in exchangers / condensers
  - 3) Control microbiological growth
  - 4) Control scale deposition
  - 5) Provide corrosion protection
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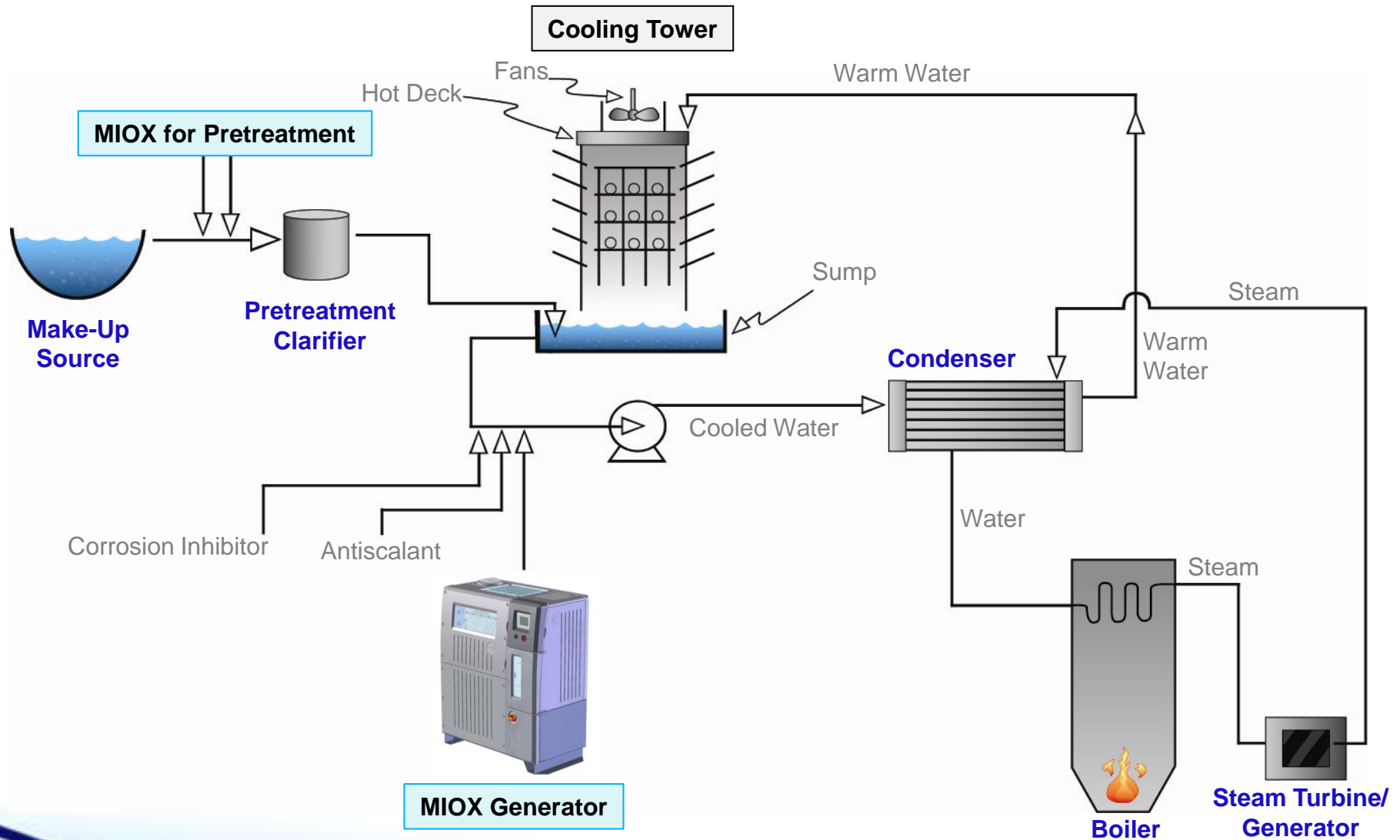
## Mixed Oxidant Solution Chemistry

- ✓ Superior disinfectant even at high pHs
- ✓ Replaces chlorine, bromine, proprietary biocides and algaecides
- ✓ Eliminates Biofilm: Control Legionella Growth & pitting corrosion
- ✓ Improves plant and community safety

**...at a comparative price to Bulk Hypochlorite**



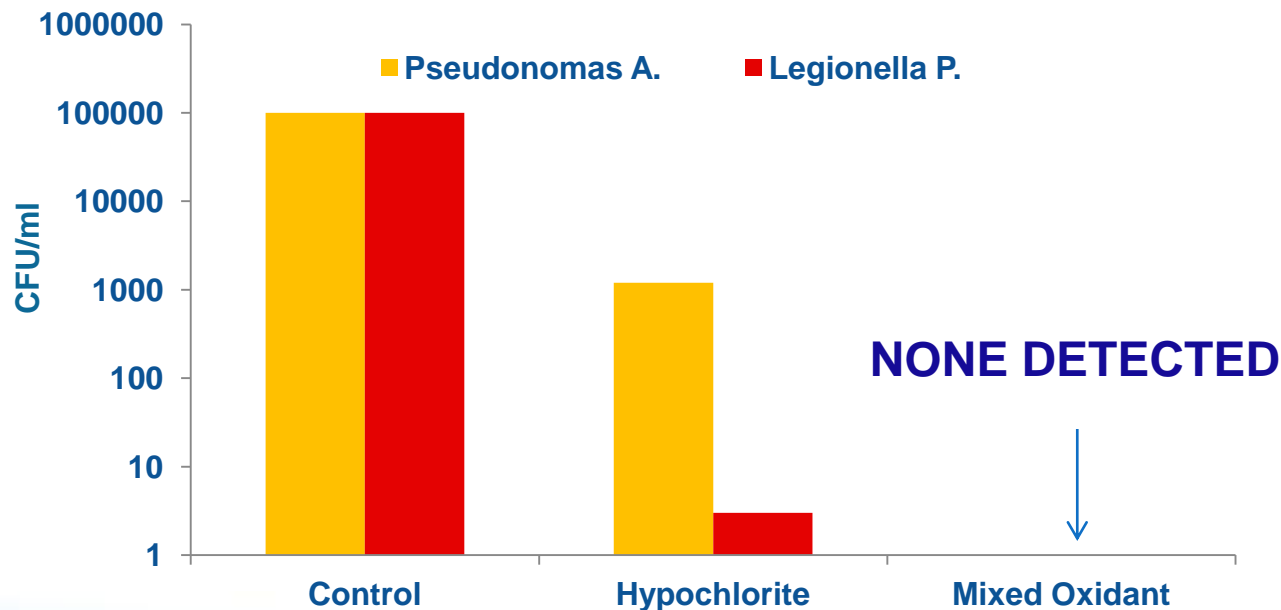
# Process Train for Cooling Water Treatment



# Disinfection Comparable to or Better Than Hypochlorite and Bromine Chemistry

- ▶ Produces more powerful disinfectant than Hypochlorite
- ▶ Easily replaces proprietary biocides (NIPSCO, IN; San Juan, PR) even at higher pH
- ▶ More power is derived from Hydrogen Peroxide in solution with Hypochlorite in 24-48 hrs

**No Legionella detected at 2 mg/L Mixed Oxidant solution at 8.0 pH in 10 mins**



Larry Barton, PhD, University of New Mexico  
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# Eliminate Biofilm

## CASE STUDY

Spa in Japan previously using **Bulk Hypochlorite** 1.5 mg/L had Legionella cases. In 5 hours of Mixed Oxidant solution biofilm started sloughing

### BEFORE MIOX



### 22 days AFTER MIOX



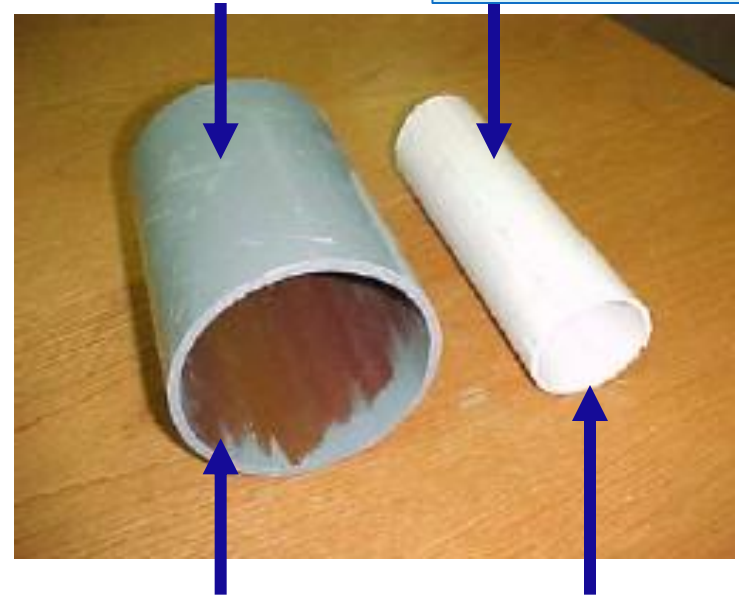
- ▶ Extensive biofilm
- ▶ Legionella CFU >5
- ▶ Dose: 1.5 mg/L Hypo
- ▶ Residual: 0.2 mg/L

- ▶ Biofilm eliminated
- ▶ No bacterial hits
- ▶ Dose: 0.6 mg/L Hypo
- ▶ Residual: 0.4 mg/L

## CASE STUDY

A city in Texas was using **Gas Chlorine** where brown biofilm slime on pipes in distribution system commonly noticed.

### BEFORE MIOX



Distance from  
Treatment Plant:  
**200 feet**

### 1 Year AFTER MIOX



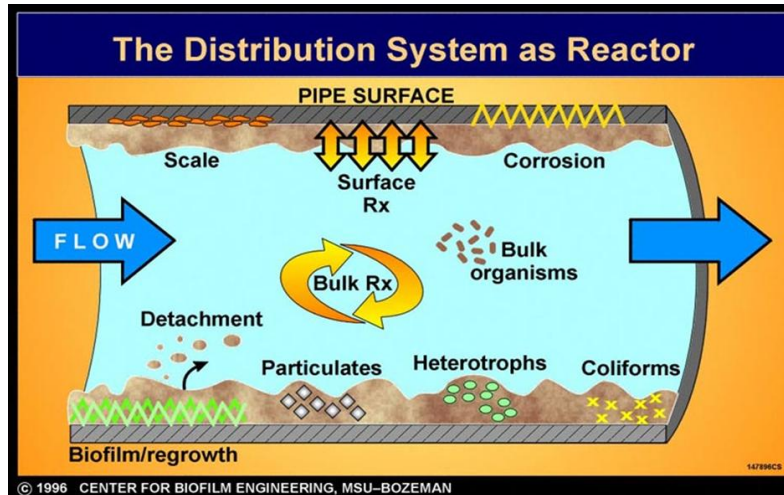
Distance from  
Treatment Plant:  
**1/2 mile**



# Biofilm Harbors Legionella & Corrosion

## Biofilm Harbors Coliforms

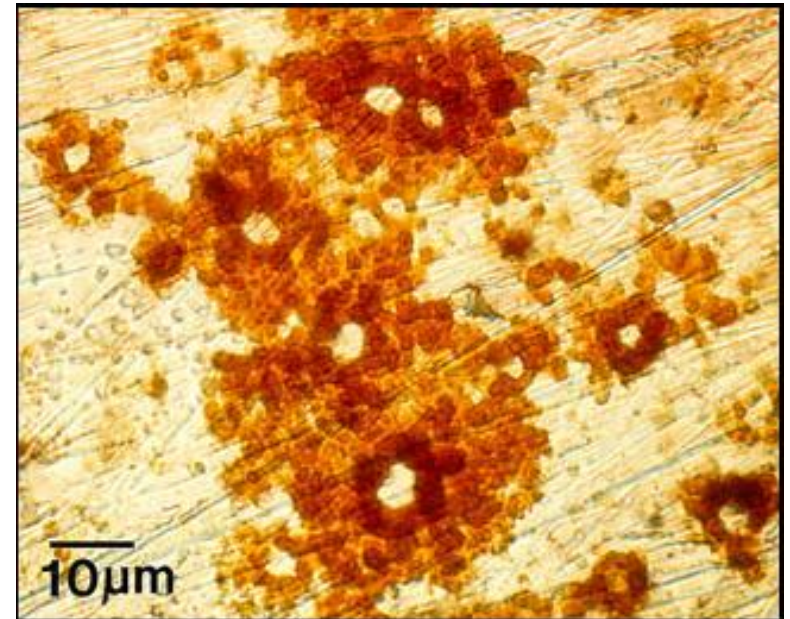
Collective neutralizing power of groups of cells leads to slow and incomplete penetration of the antimicrobial in the biofilm.\*



***Although Hypochlorite and other proprietary biocides perfectly inactivates Legionella, it cannot inactivate Legionella in the Biofilm***

## Microbially Influenced Corrosion (MIC)

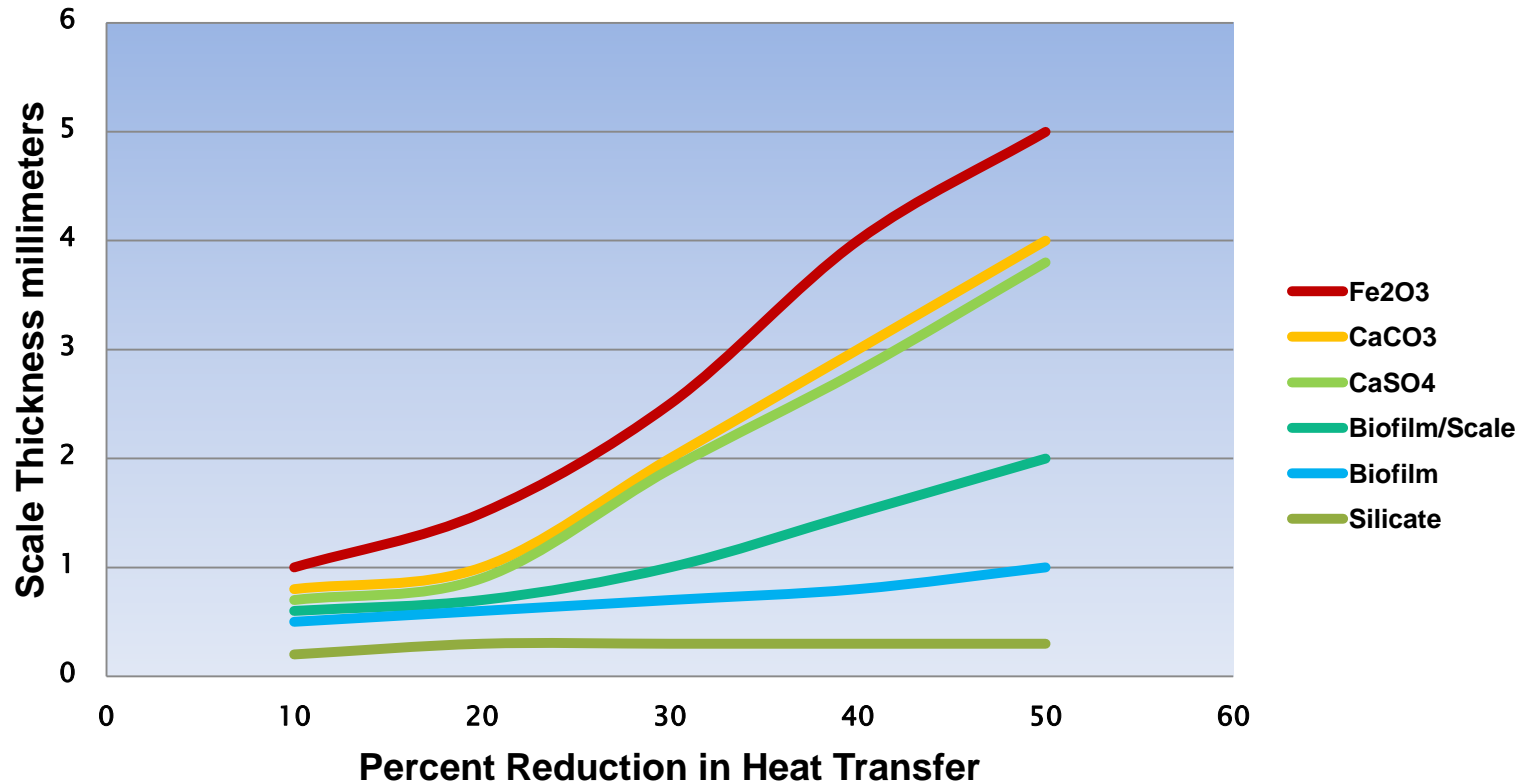
The presence of biofilm modifies deposition and dissolution rates of minerals, and by this mechanism, influences the electrochemical properties of the metals or alloys. Pitting corrosion is a great example as seen below.\*



Pitting corrosion on 316S stainless steel\*

\* Montana State University, Center of Biofilm Engineering (MSU-CB)

# Biofilm Reduces Thermal Efficiency



- *Biofilm (1mm thick) Reduces Heat Transfer by 50%*
- *In a 200 ton chiller, energy costs can increase by 35%*

# Mixed Oxidant Solution Chemistry

*Less corrosive than Hypochlorite at same doses*

0.2 mg/L DOSE			
Mixed Oxidant Solution		Sodium Hypochlorite	
Total Pb	Total Cu	Total Pb	Total Cu
Pb .16	-	.20	-
Cu -	.20	-	.47
Pb/Cu .17	.10	.21	.51

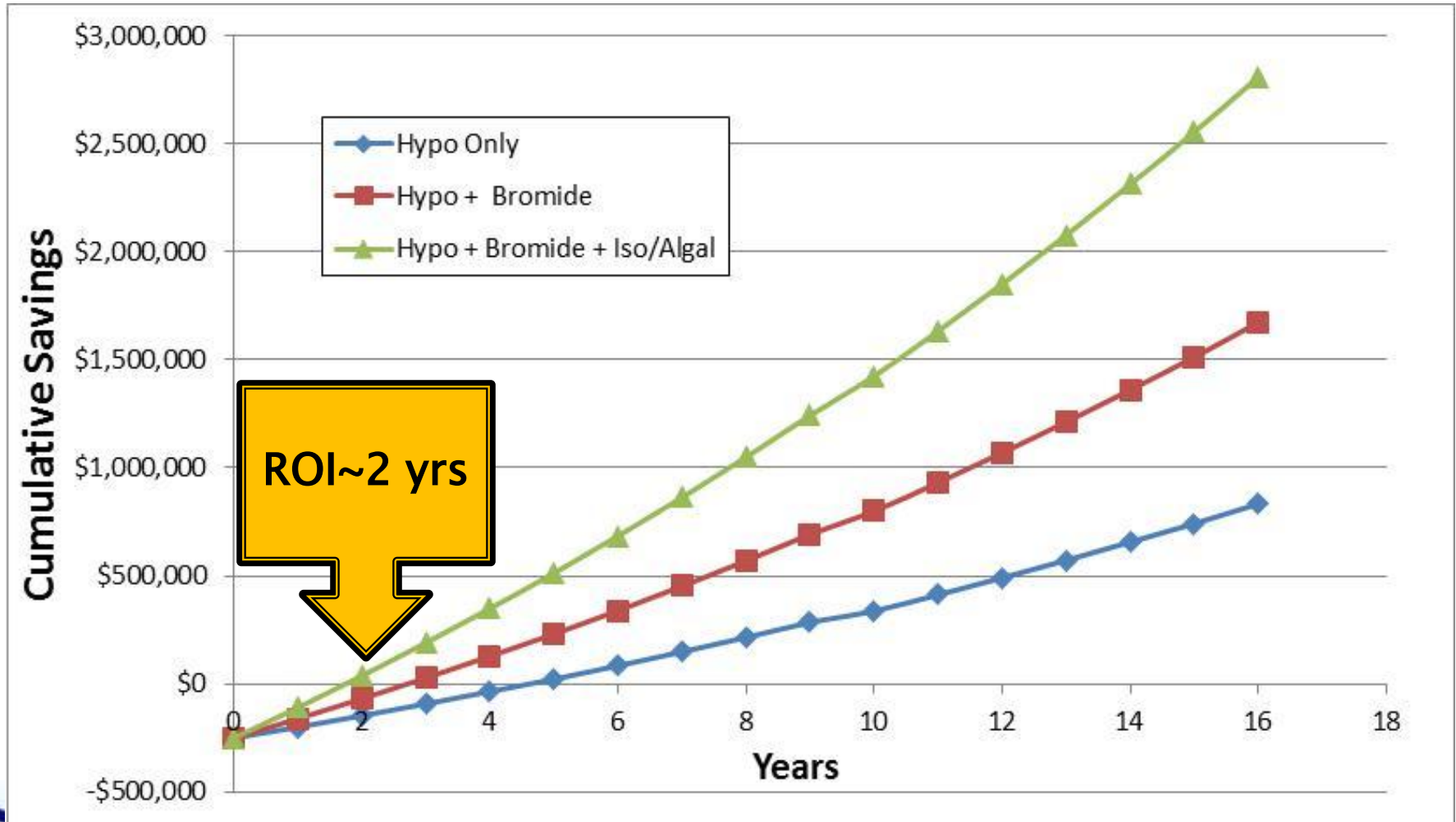
1.2 mg/L DOSE			
Mixed Oxidant Solution		Sodium Hypochlorite	
Total Pb	Total Cu	Total Pb	Total Cu
.14	-	.31	-
-	.17	-	.45
.14	.04	.38	.48

## 4 WEEK AVERAGE CORROSION RATES, mg/L

*\*\*Corrosion Study done by C&E Engineering Partners Inc. at Westerly, RI installation*

# Sample ROI

*Less than 2 years payback when compare to Biocide regimes*



# Sample Cost Saving With MIOX

## Replace Current Disinfectants

	Today	With MIOX	Net Savings
Hypochlorite cost (\$/year)	\$ 164,250	-	
Sodium Bromide (\$/year)	\$ 55,480		
MIOX Salt consumption	-	\$ 32,850	
MIOX Electricity consumption	-	\$ 13,688	
<b>TOTAL Operational Cost</b>	<b>\$ 219,730</b>	<b>\$ 46,538</b>	<b>\$ 173,193</b>

**Return on Investment = 21 months**

### Assumptions

- 90,000 ton tower, 4 cycles
- 300 lbs/day 100% FAC
- Bulk Hypo 12.5% cost \$0.15/lbs
- Sodium Bromide Active \$3.8/lbs

### MIOX Equipment

- RIO M5 – 300 lbs of 100% FAC/day
- Equipment cost \$125,000
- Peripheral + Installation \$175,000
- Total out of pocket \$300,000



# Puerto Rico PREPA Power Plant

*Biofilm Removal → Increased Thermal Efficiency → ~9% Production Capacity Increase*

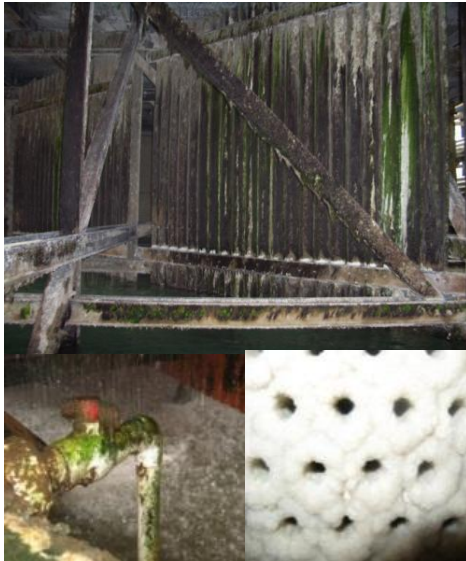
## Problem

- ▶ Proprietary biocides could not control biofilm in 40,000 ton tower. Visible biofilm/scale build up.

## Results After Using MIOX

- ▶ Improved thermal efficiency; increased production load by 9%, equaling to \$30 million+
- ▶ <2 months payback
- ▶ Reduction in 31,000 lbs delivered chemical/year
- ▶ 57% reduction in water consumption and O&M costs
- ▶ Mixed oxidant chemistry eradicated the biofilm. Replaced the biocide regime.

**BEFORE MIOX**

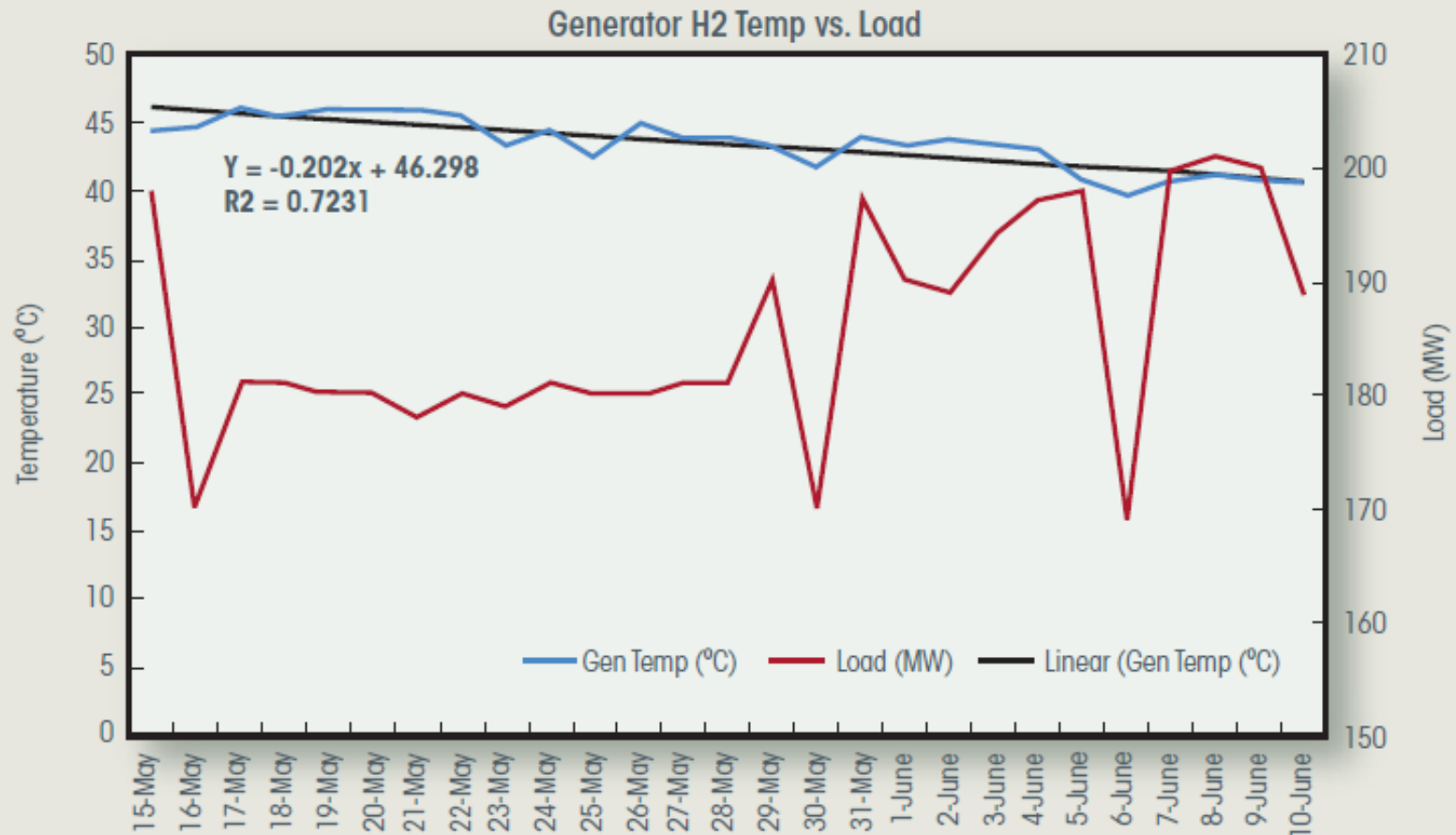


**AFTER MIOX**



# PREPA Power Plant – Production Load

## Palo Seco Unit #3

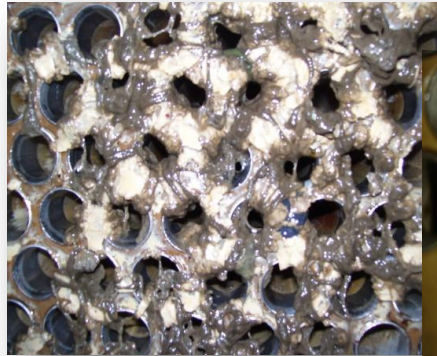


*This graph shows results after using MIOX. The temperature drop increased by as much as 6-7°C and the power plant load increased on average by a minimum of 10 percent, or 20 megawatts. Graph courtesy of PREPA.*

# NIPSCO Power Plant

*Cleaner Condensers, Saving ~\$160,000/yr per tower, totaling ~\$640,000/yr*

**BEFORE MIOX**



**AFTER MIOX**



*Cooling Tower Condenser Tube Sheet*

## Problem

- ▶ Proprietary biocides could not control biofilm in 90,000 ton tower. Visible biofilm build up in the condenser (seen on the left)

## Results After Using MIOX

- ▶ Mixed oxidant chemistry eradicated the biofilm. Replaced the biocide regime.
- ▶ **<36 months payback**
- ▶ Reduced chemical cost with complete biofilm removal

*“Reducing our treatment regimen ...down to a single mixed oxidant product generated on site has resulted in substantial treatment chemical and labor cost savings.”*

*--Paul Schrock, NIPSCO Senior Chemist*



# Thermal Chicago Cooling Tower

*Cost effective Algae and Biofilm control*

## Problem

- ▶ Constant biofilm and algae growth with Sodium Hypochlorite and Isothiazolin

## Results After Using MIOX

- ▶ Cooling basin cleared of algae in 2 weeks
- ▶ Biofilm cleared in 4 weeks
- ▶ <18 months payback
- ▶ No degradation of scale/corrosion inhibitors (phosphonates, polymer or azole)
- ▶ Low corrosion: steel corrosion at ~1 mpy, yellow metal corrosion <0.1 mpy
- ▶ Excellent microbial control even at elevated pH
- ▶ Eliminated disposal of 51 chemical drums





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