

# FGD Purge ZLD

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# ZLD

# Zero Liquid Discharge

## “Concentration”

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# A Solution To Pollution!

# ZLD A Viable Reality



## ENEL, Italy Locations

# ZLD A Viable Reality



ENEL Location	Power MW (Wet FGD)	ZLD Cap. in GPM	Date Stopped Discharge
<b>Brindisi</b>	4 x 660	BC 2 x 300 FC 1 x 77	August 2008
<b>Fusina</b>	2 x 330 2 x 165	BC 2 x 150 FC 1 x 55	May 2008
<b>Sulcis</b>	1 x 240	BC 1 x 55 FC 1 x 22	June 2008
<b>LaSpezia</b>	1 x 600	BC 1 x 66 FC 1 x 27	November 2008 (Under Testing)
<b>Torrevaldaliga</b>	3 x 660	BC 2 x 155 FC 1 x 62	December 2008 (New Power Plant)

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BC = Brine Concentrator FC = Crystallizer GPM = Gallons / Minute MW = Megawatt

# Typical FGD Purge WW



• pH:	6.5	–	8.0	
• Temperature:	100	–	110	°F
• Hardness (Ca + Mg):	17,500	–	28,000	ppm CaCO <sub>3</sub>
• Sulfates:	3500	–	7000	ppm
• Chlorides:	10,000	–	30,000	ppm
• Total dissolved solids:	20,000	–	50,000	ppm
• COD / BOD:	None	–	1500	ppm *
• Trace Heavy metals:	10	–	100	ppm
• Selenium:	0.5	–	15	ppm
• Boron:	25	–	650	ppm
• Ammonia Nitrogen:	5	–	35	ppm
• Nitrate Nitrogen:	25	–	500	ppm

\*dependent on usage of buffers like DBA or Formic acid

# Key Purge WW Design Variables

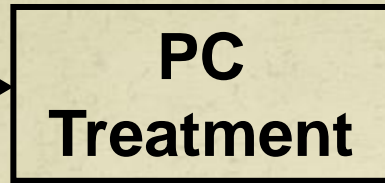


- Quality of coal
- Make up water source
- Scrubber design
- Scrubbing agent composition
- Scrubber additives (DBA, other organics)

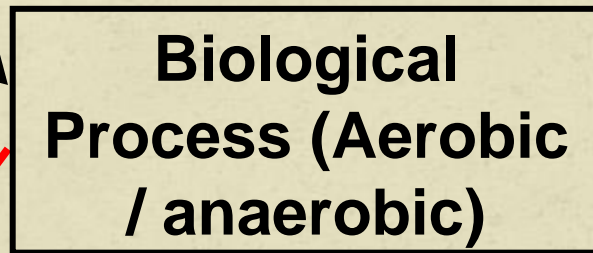
# Purge Treatment Options



FGD  
Purge  
WW



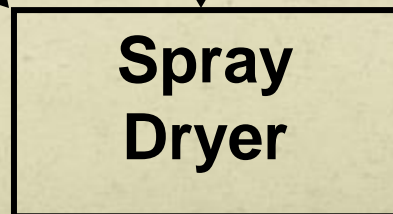
Treated  
Wastewater  
Discharge **1**



**2**



Concentrate  
Disposal on  
Fly Ash **3**



Zero  
Liquid  
Discharge **4**

# FGD Purge Treatment In USA So Far



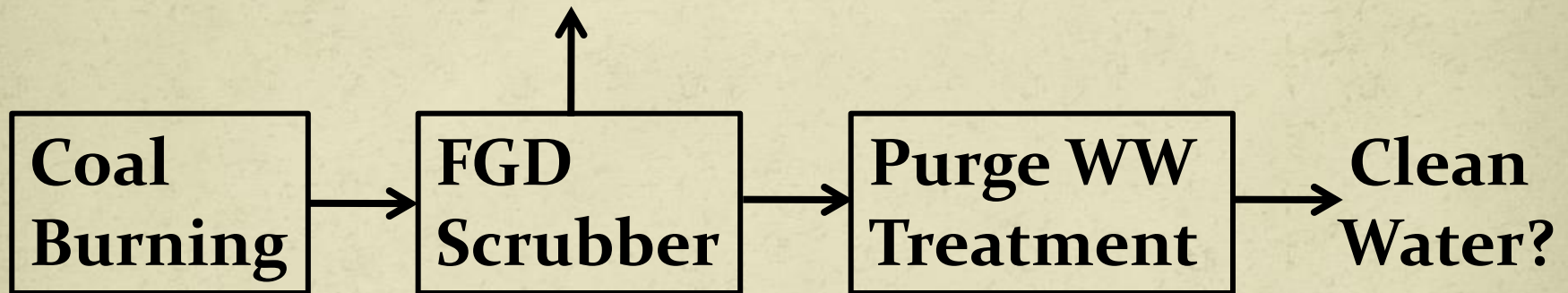
- Physical Chemical (Well Established)
  - Calcium Sulfate desaturation & clarification
  - Sulfide precipitation & clarification
- Biological treatment (Developing)
  - Selenium & heavy metal reduction
  - BOD & or N reduction



# Clean Air! Clean Water?



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- Is this really a complete solution?
- Limited number of constituents reduced
- High salinity still being discharged
- What about tightening regulation?

# Troubling Constituents

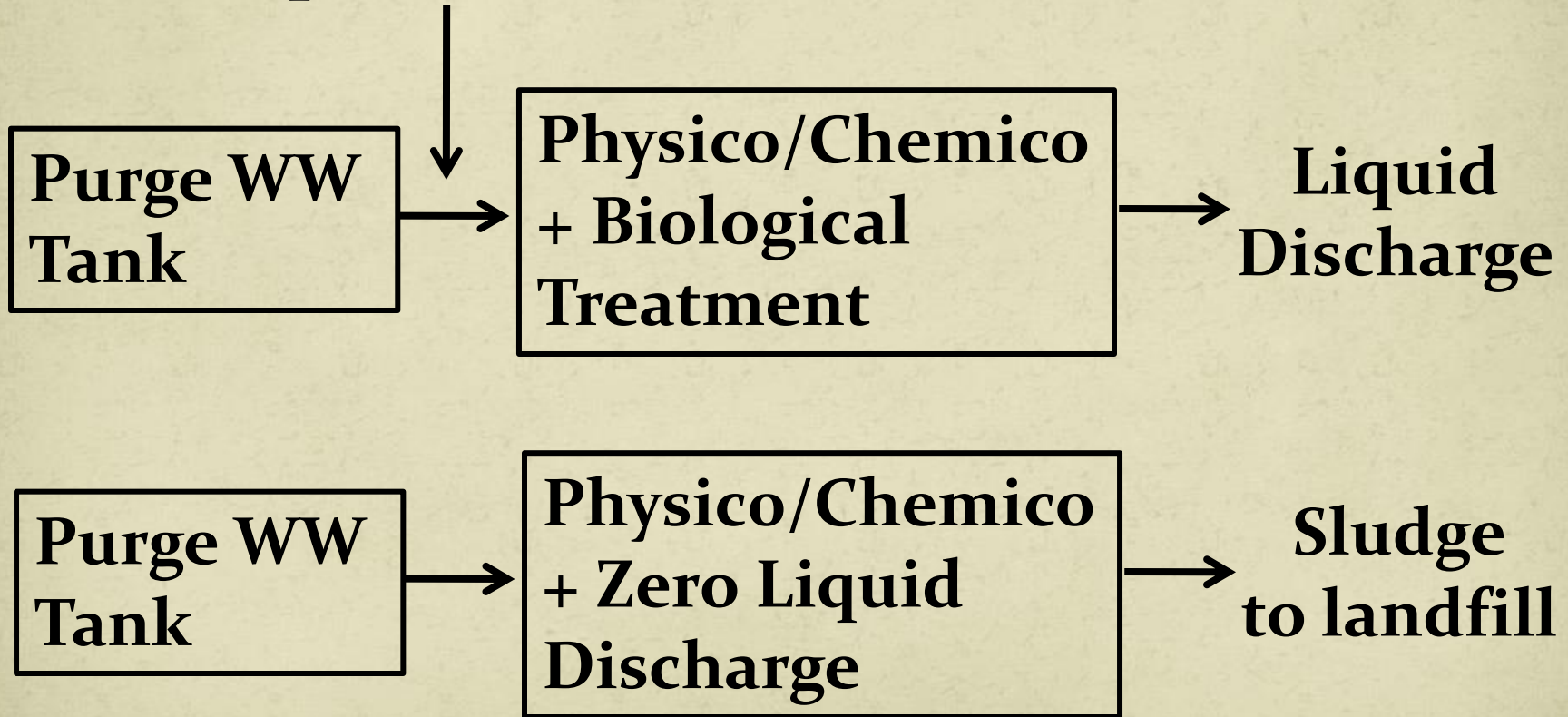


Constituent	Key Issue / Discharge Limit	Impact by physical chemical or biological treatment
Calcium	Scaling	Reduction by precipitation
Sulfate	Scaling w/hardness	Settling in clarifier w/hardness
Chloride	Corrosion	No reduction
TDS	Discharge issues	No reduction; likely to increase
Mercury	Limits getting stringent i.e. in ppt	Reduction possible; requires elaborate process including ion selective ion exchange resins
Selenium	Limits getting stringent i.e. ppb	Selenites can be reduced in physical chemical; lower limits require biological treatment
Nitrates	Some cases have seen 3 ppm total nitrogen	Requires nitrogen reduction via biological process; difficult in high TDS environment
Trace metals	Site specific issues	Depends on the trace metal
Boron	Site specific issues	No reduction

# Dilution Vs. Concentration



**Dilution Water  
(for process control)**





# Myths Against ZLD

- Technology does not exist
- Existing technology
  - Does not work
  - Is extremely expensive
  - Is difficult to operate

# Fact Check!!!

- Technology does ~~not~~ exist
- Existing technology
  - Does ~~not~~ work
  - Is extremely ~~expensive~~ cost comparable to physico chemical & biological treatment
  - Is ~~difficult~~ straight forward to operate
- No liquid discharge; complete solution
- Process simplicity; elimination of biological treatment possible
- No specialty bugs or bacteria; doesn't require a biologist or biochemist to run the unit
- Higher operating reliability

# ZLD Selection Criteria



- Corporate social initiative (ENEL)
- Permitting issues
  - Discharge not allowed
  - Discharge limits stringent or not achievable by physical chemical or biological treatment
- Waste water characteristics
  - Variation due to variety of coal used
  - Constituents not treatable by other processes e.g. boron
- Cost of waste water treatment
  - Cost comparison with biological treatment
  - Capacity of waste water treatment unit

# ENEL Design Purge WW



Parameter as ppm	Brindisi	Fusina	LaSpezia	Sulcis	Torrevaldaliga
Suspended Solids	1 to 1.5%	1 to 1.5%	1 to 1.5%	1 to 1.5%	1 to 1.5%
Calcium, Ca	42,00	8,400	8,400	1,200	12,000
Magnesium, Mg	250	4,500	4,500	1,200	6,400
Sulfate, SO <sub>4</sub>	11,900	10,900	10,900	24,500	17,700
Chloride, Cl	22,800	25,000	25,000	15,400	30,000
Nitrate, NO <sub>3</sub>	300		300		300
Fluoride, F	25		350		1,000
Alkalinity, HCO <sub>3</sub>	80		600		600

- Each power plant uses multiple sources of coal; worst value from several coal values reported above for each parameter
- Each ZLD plant designed for over 30,000 ppm TDS in feed



**Lime Clarifiers**

# Brindisi Pictures Aquatech



**Brine Concentrator**



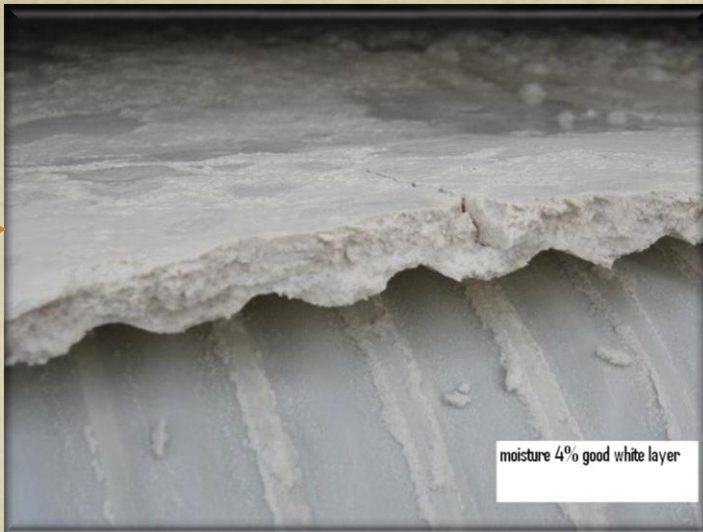
**Crystallizer**



# Brindisi Pictures



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**Belt Press**



**Sludge Handling**



**Sludge For Disposal**



**Fusina**

**Sulcis**



**LaSpezia**

**Torrevaldaliga**



# ENEL Plant Operation



- Coal
  - Imported from several countries
  - Variability in purge waste water
- Evaporator
  - Operated in seeded slurry mode
  - WW feed variability managed by local operators
- Sludge
  - Calcium carbonate sludge recycled to scrubber
  - Evaporator sludge
    - Approx. 85% plus dry solids
    - Non classified; disposed through authorized agency
    - Passed leachability (TCLP)
- Distillate recycled to scrubber and cooling tower

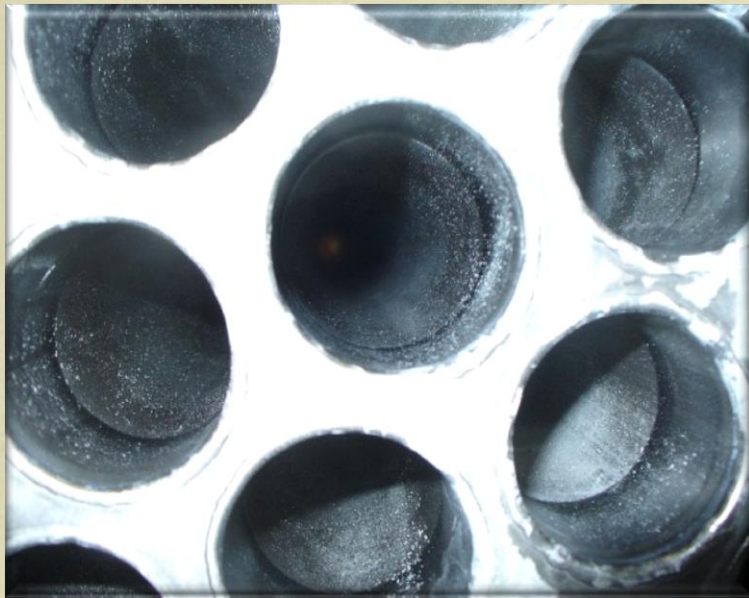
# ZLD Design



- Requires prior experience
- Careful consideration of waste water data
- Proper selection of metallurgy
- Proper selection of operating parameters i.e. pH, concentration factors, etc.
- Design safety margin important

**Once properly designed,  
operating issues are straight forward**

# ENEL Operation



- Clean tubes after 6 months of operation
- Equipment operated by local operators
- Operating parameter controls already set

# Aquatech's Other Coal Connections

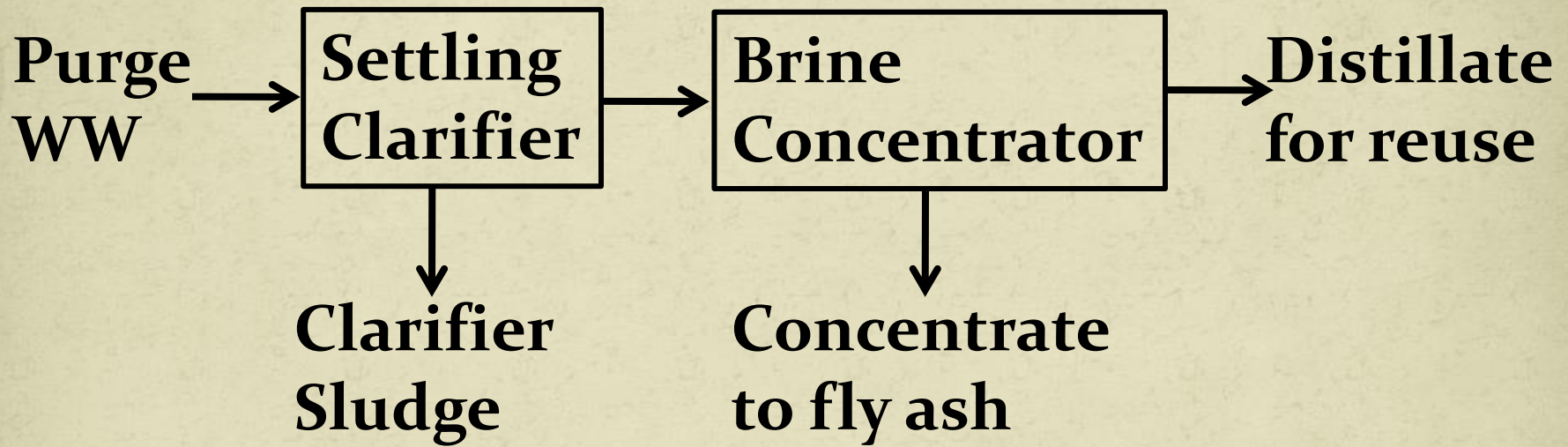


- Aquatech evaporators in IGCC units operating for 20 to 25+ years
  - North Dakota Gasification (Lurgi Process)
  - Tampa Electric (Texaco Process)
  - Demkolec IGCC (Shell Process)
- Upcoming IGCC projects
- CO<sub>2</sub> capture retrofits or new units
- Coal plant cooling tower ZLD

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# KCPL System





# KCPL Design Purge WW



• pH	6.0	
• Suspended solids	30,000	ppm
• Calcium	4,250	ppm
• Magnesium	950	ppm
• Sodium	590	ppm
• Potassium	25	ppm
• Iron	15	ppm
• Chloride	10,000	ppm
• Sulfate	1,320	ppm
• Nitrate	90	ppm
• Fluoride	12	ppm
• Silica	28	ppm
• Alkalinity	280	ppm



**CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY, YES.  
DIRTY PLANET, NO.**

*Aquatech ZLD system for  
FGD at ENEL's Brindisi, Italy  
4 x 660 MWe power plant.*





# FGD Purge ZLD

“Truly Part Of”

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Clean Coal

# Additional Information Aquatech

- Devesh Mittal 281.794.3113 or [mittald@aquatech.com](mailto:mittald@aquatech.com)
- Aquatech Technical Material
  - International Water Conference Papers
    - IWC 06 Hoskin & Mittal
    - IWC 06 Bjorklund
    - IWC 07 Mandigo
    - IWC 08 Donadono & Rao
  - Project profiles
  - Technical write ups and flow diagrams
- Project specific design assistance

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