

FUNDAMENTALS AND TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS FOR THE ANAEROBIC TREATMENT OF LIQUID WASTES

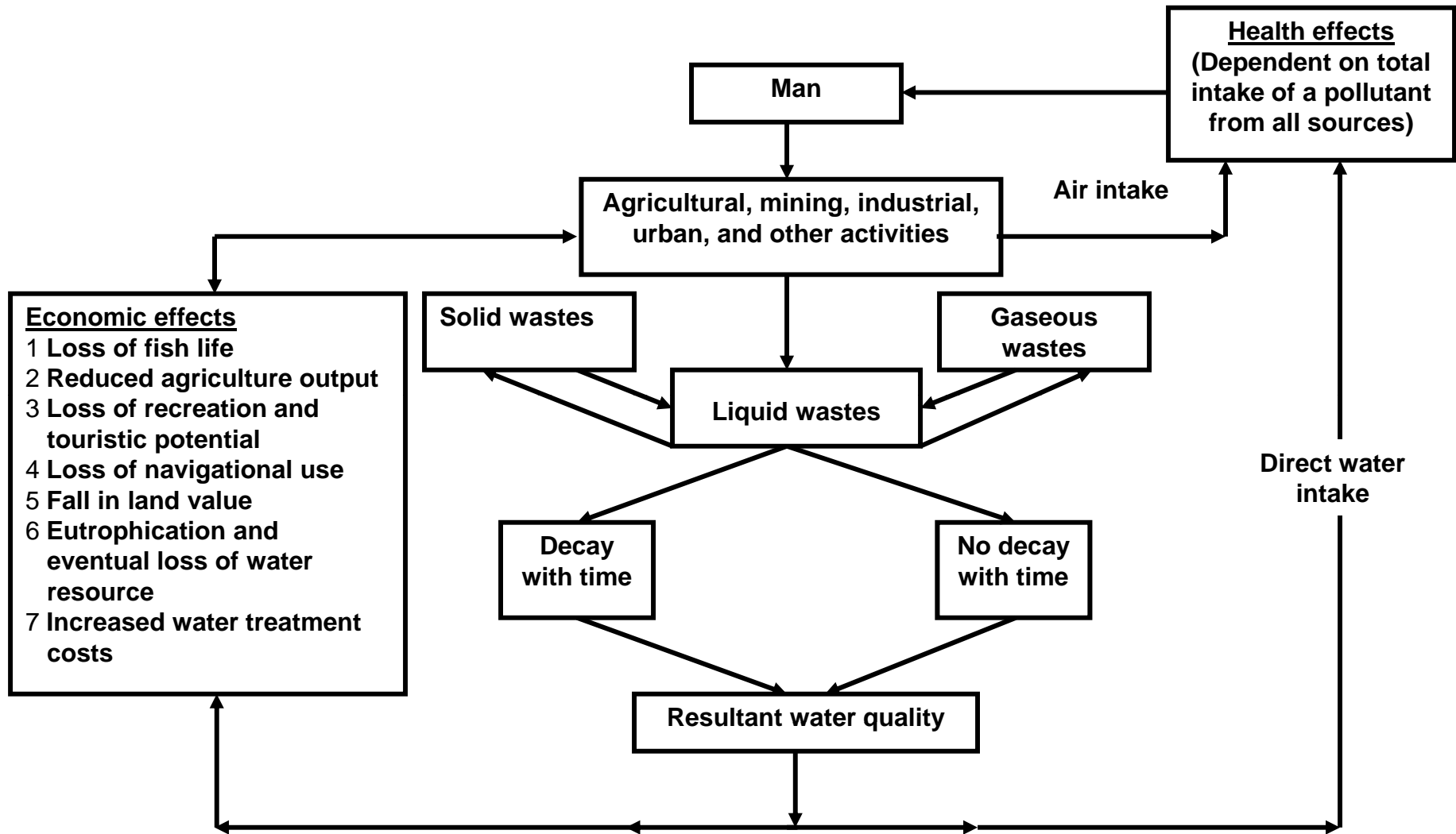


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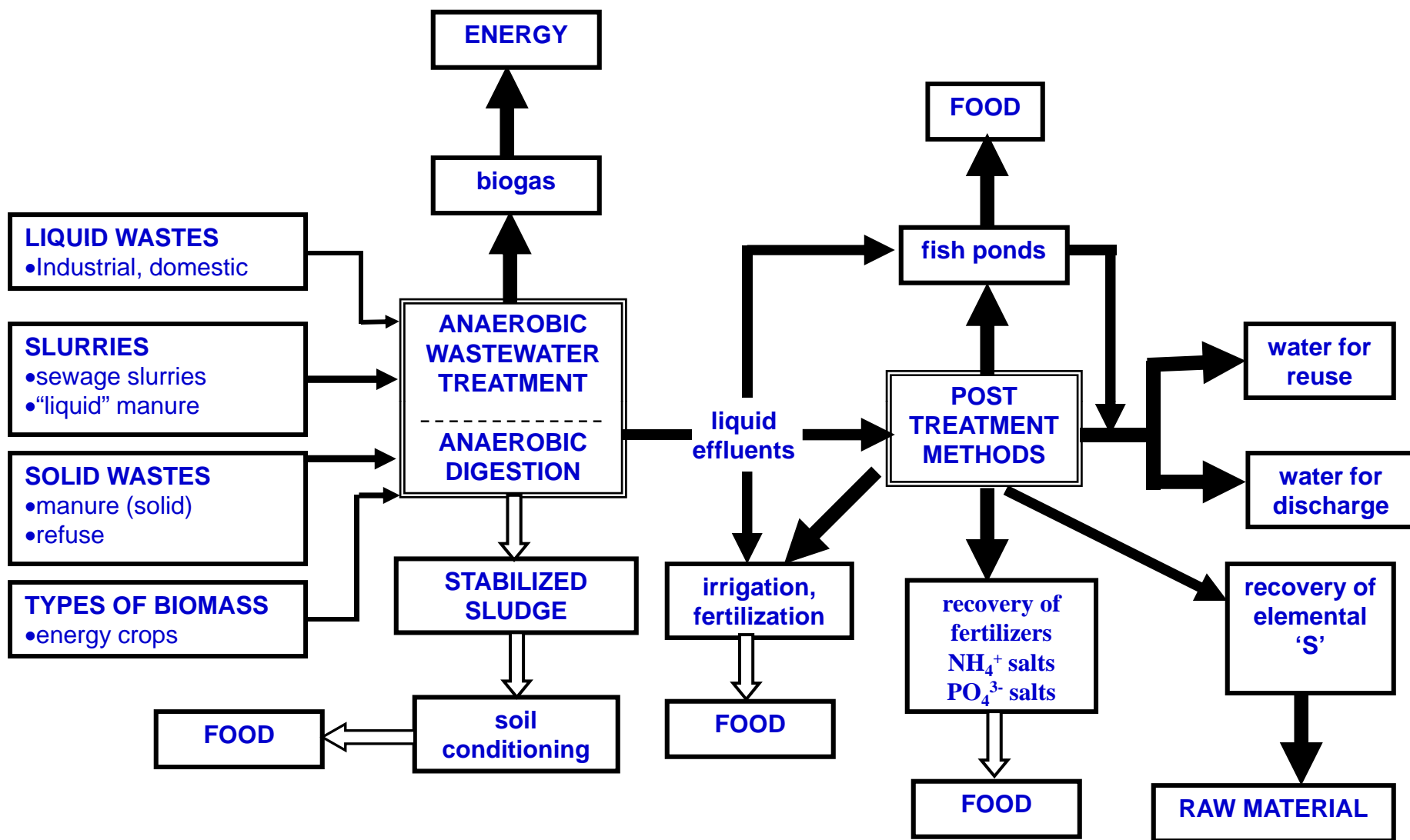
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EFFECTS OF WASTEWATER



LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

AEROBIC PROCESS

Organic
Pollution

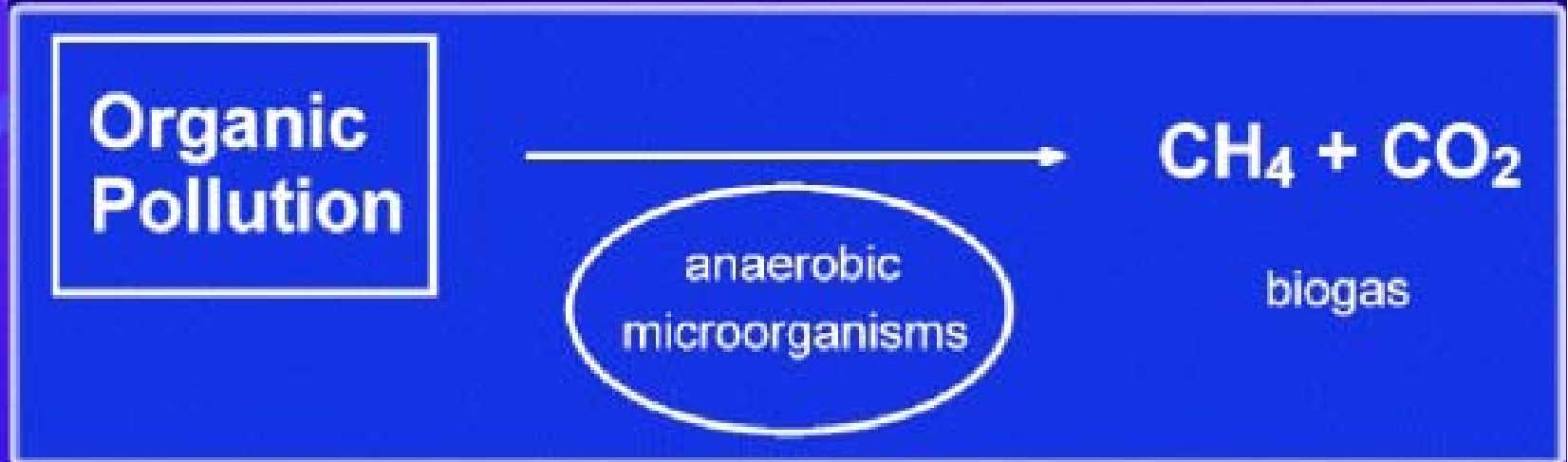


anaerobic
microorganisms

$\text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$

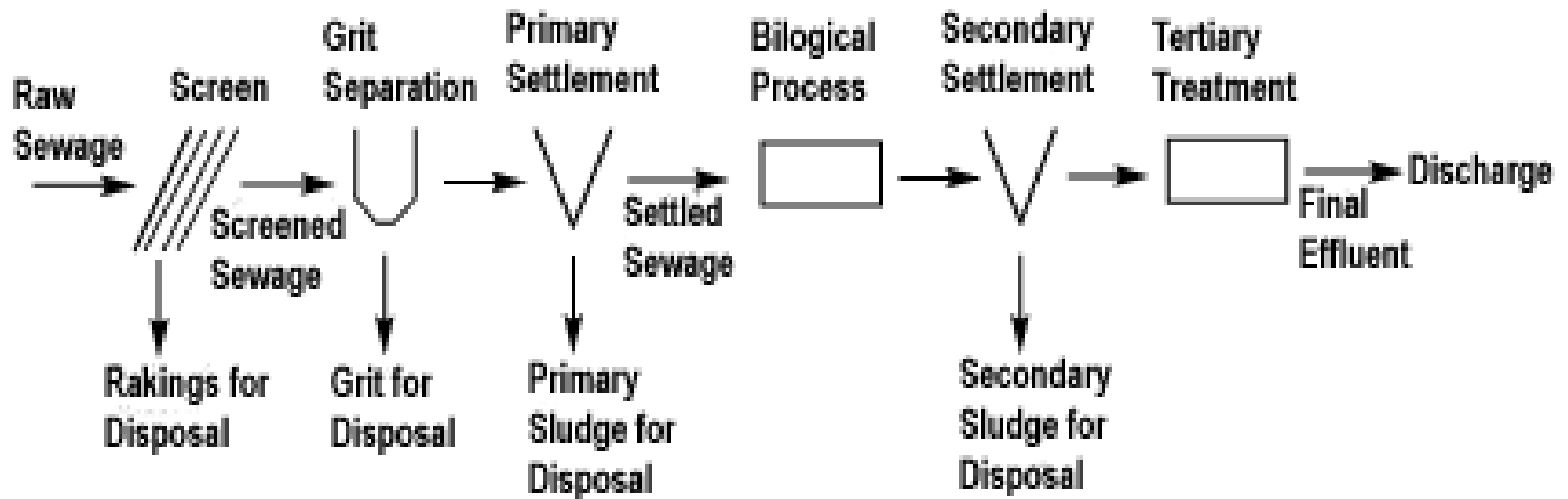
biogas

What is Anaerobic Biodegradation?



UNIT OPERATIONS

- a) Physical unit operations**
- b) Chemical unit operations**
- c) Biological unit operations**



Typical Flow Diagram of Treatment Plant

Biological processes for wastewater treatment

Type	Common Name
Aerobic processes Suspended growth	Activated-sludge process Aerated lagoons Aerobic digestion
Attached growth	Trickling filter Rotating biological contractors Packed-bed reactors
Anaerobic processes	
Suspended growth	Anaerobic contact processes
Attached growth	Anaerobic digestion
Sludge blanket	Anaerobic packed and fluidized bed
Hybrid	Upflow anaerobic sludge blanket

Biological treatment systems adopted for treating wastewater

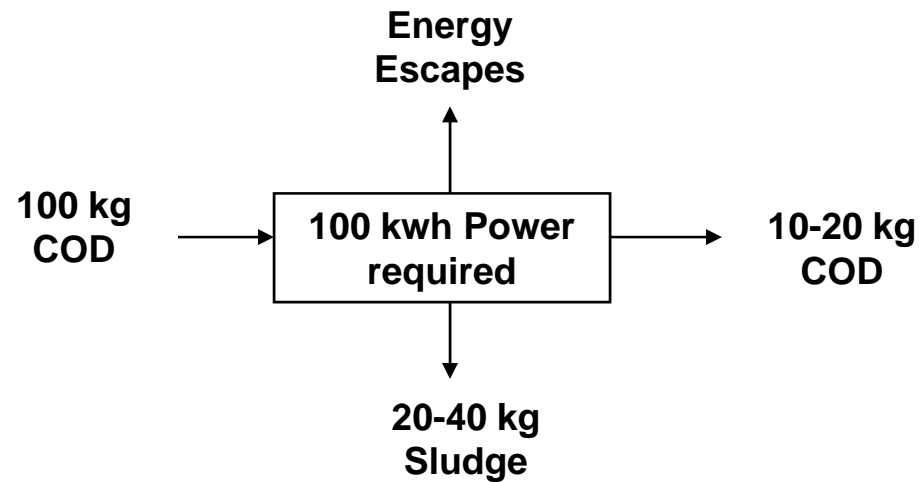
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- II Septic tank
- II Anaerobic lagoon
- II Imhoff tank
- II Anaerobic filter
- II UASB

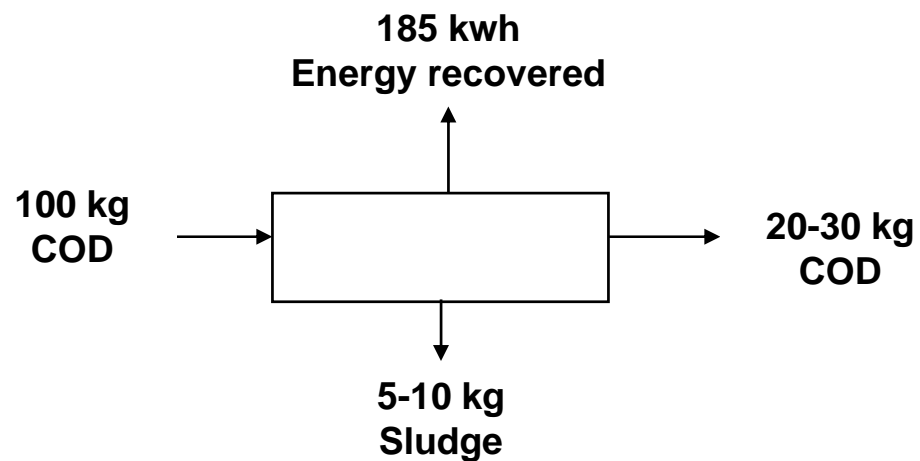
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- ॐ Activated sludge process
- ॐ Oxidation ditch
- ॐ Oxidation pond
- ॐ Aerobic lagoon

AEROBIC REACTOR



ANAEROBIC REACTOR



ADVANTAGES OF ANAEROBIC REACTORS

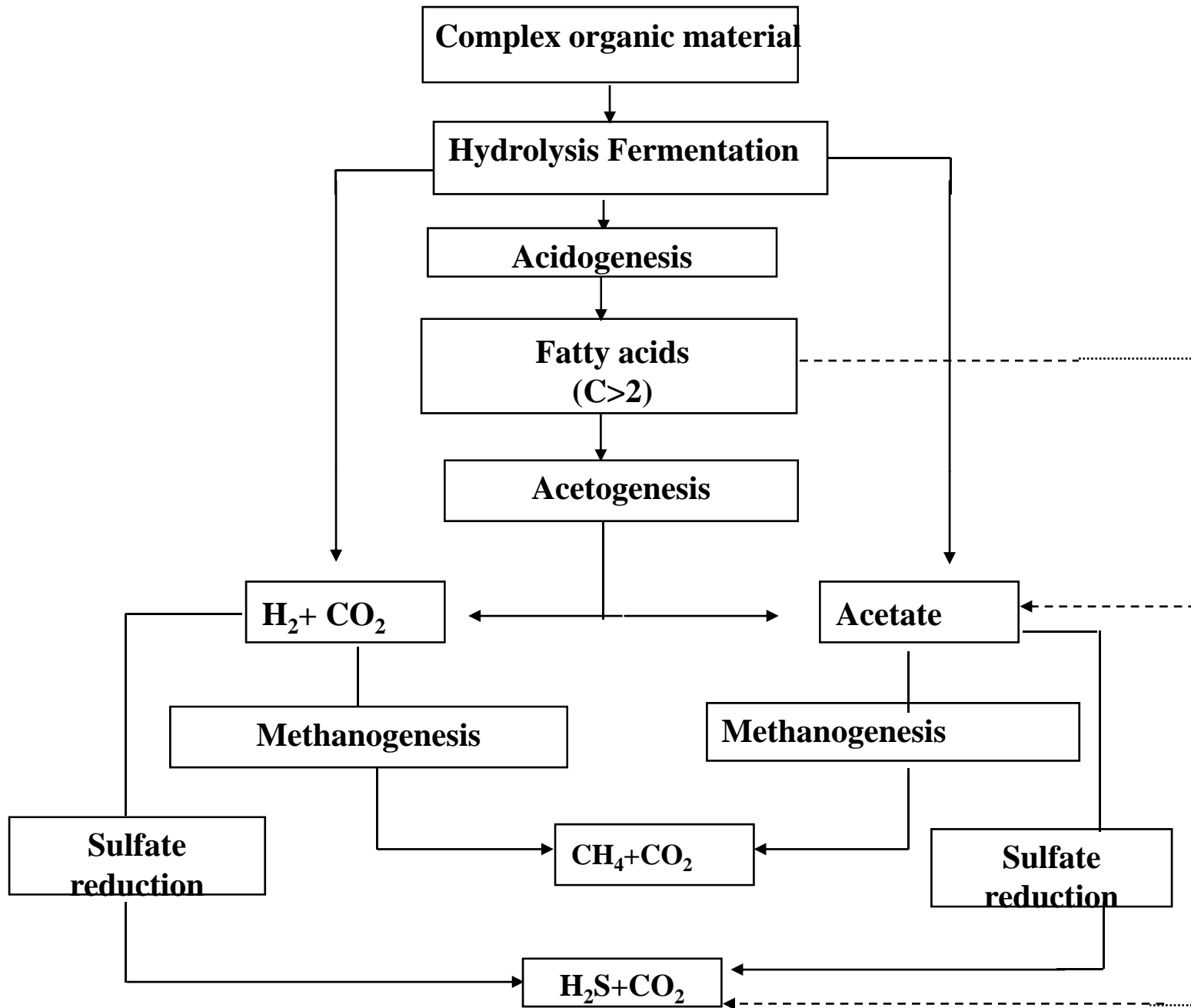
- **Low energy cost**
- **Less bio-mass generation**
- **Less solid waste to dispose**
- **Stable digested sludge is produced**
- **Less N&P requirement**
- **Less space required**
- **Off-gas air pollution eliminated**

DISADVANTAGES OF ANAEROBIC LAGOON

- **LAND AREA REQUIRED IS HIGH**
- **DEGRADATION IS SLOW**
- **PERIODICAL CLEANING REQUIRED**
- **LESS EFFICIENT**



ANAEROBIC LAGOON



Flow Chart: Anaerobic Digestion of Sulfate Rich Waste

HYDROLYSIS

In the hydrolysis step large organic molecules such as proteins, poly-saccharides and fats are degraded into small and soluble components (sugars, amino-acids, fatty acids) by enzymes excreted by fermentative bacteria.

ACIDOGENESIS

In the Acidification step soluble compounds are converted into a number of simple, low-molecular compounds: volatile fatty acids such as acetic acid, propionic acid, butyric acid, etc., alcohols, aldehydes, mercaptanes, CO_2 , H_2 , NH_3 . New biomass is also formed.

ACETOGENESIS

Products of the acidification step can be converted into acetate, H_2 and CO_2 by acetogenic bacteria. New biomass is formed as well. The organic loading rates applied in the treatment of domestic wastewater are so low that the concentrations of the products of acidogenesis and acetogenesis are only present in very low concentrations.

METHANOGENESIS

In the final phase of anaerobic decomposition, the products of the first three phases: acetic acid, H_2 and CO_2 , formic acid and methanol are converted into methane and CO_2 as well as new biomass. In this phase the actual COD-removal takes place.

ATTACHED GROWTH ANAEROBIC REACTOR

- **Upflow contact filter**
- **Downflow contact filter**
- **Fluidized Bed Reactor**

SUSPENDED GROWTH REACTOR

- **Anaerobic Lagoon**
- **Up flow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket (UASB)**

DEVELOPMENT OF ANAERPIC REACTORS

- 1. Septic Tank**
- 2. Imhoff Tank**
- 3. Single stage anaerobic reactors**
- 4. Anaerobic Filter (AF)**
- 5. Anaerobic Fluidized Bed Reactor**
- 6. Upflow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket**

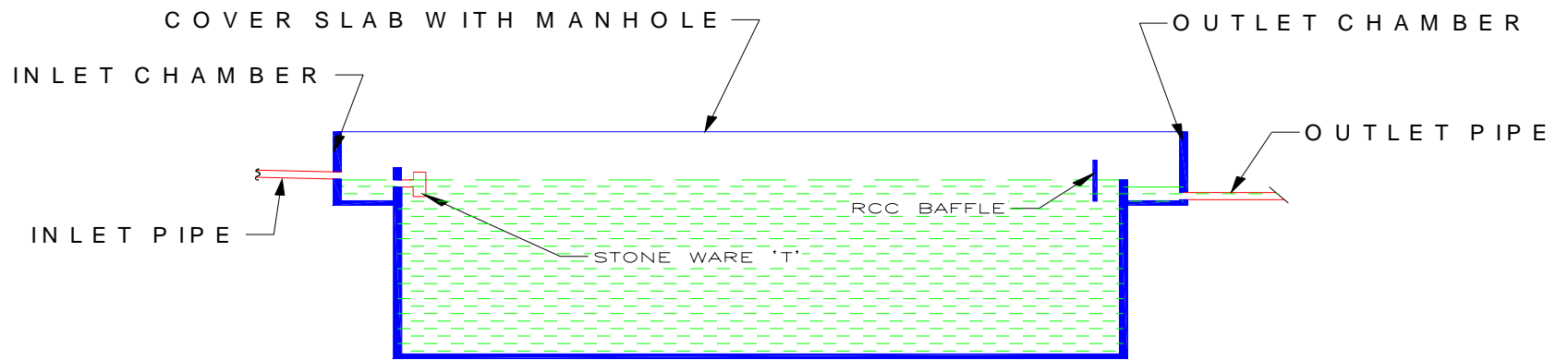


FIG 1 SEPTIC TANK

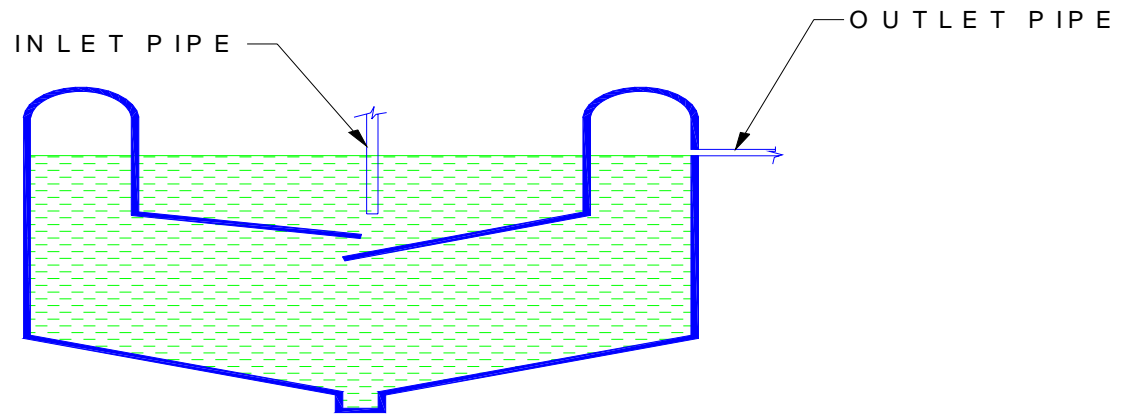


FIG 2 IMHOFF TANK

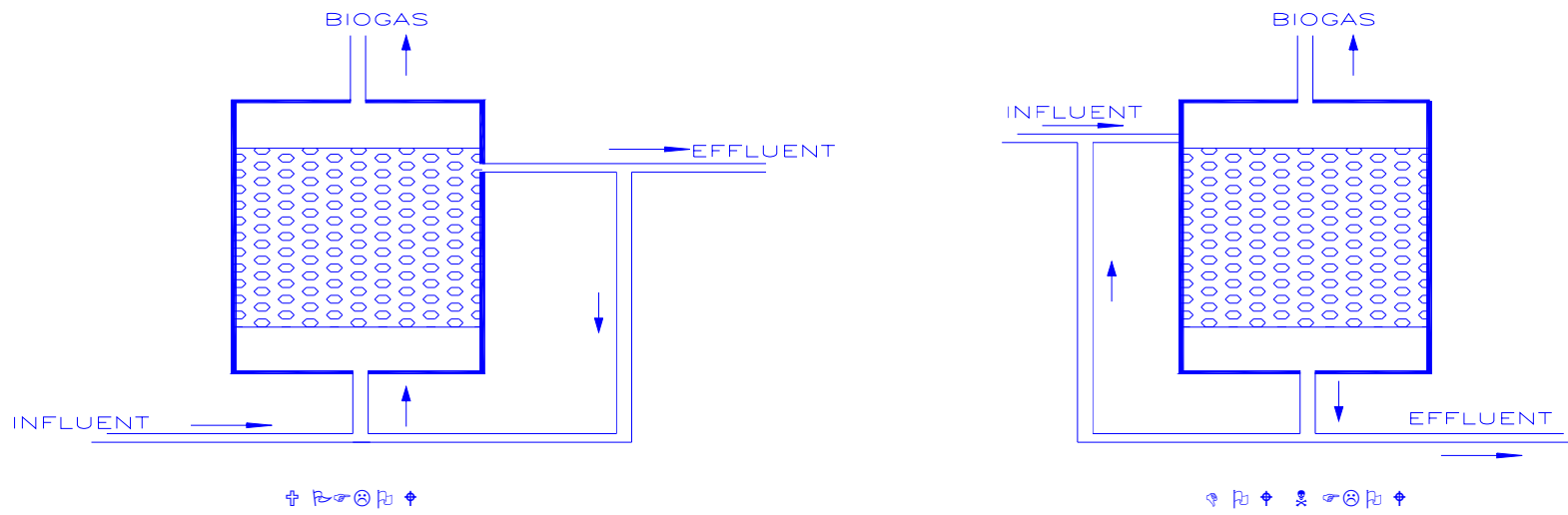


FIG 3 ANAEROBIC FILTERS

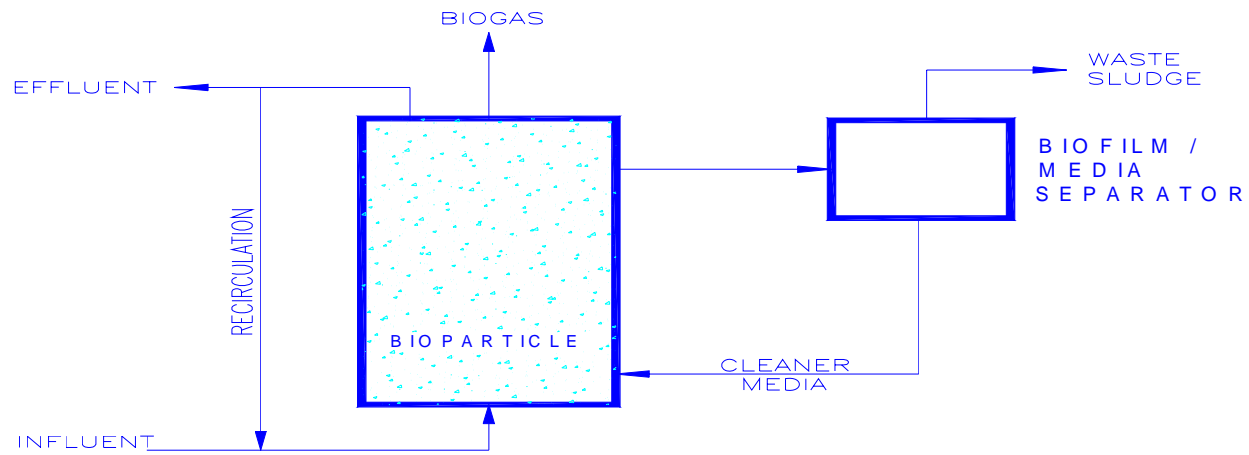
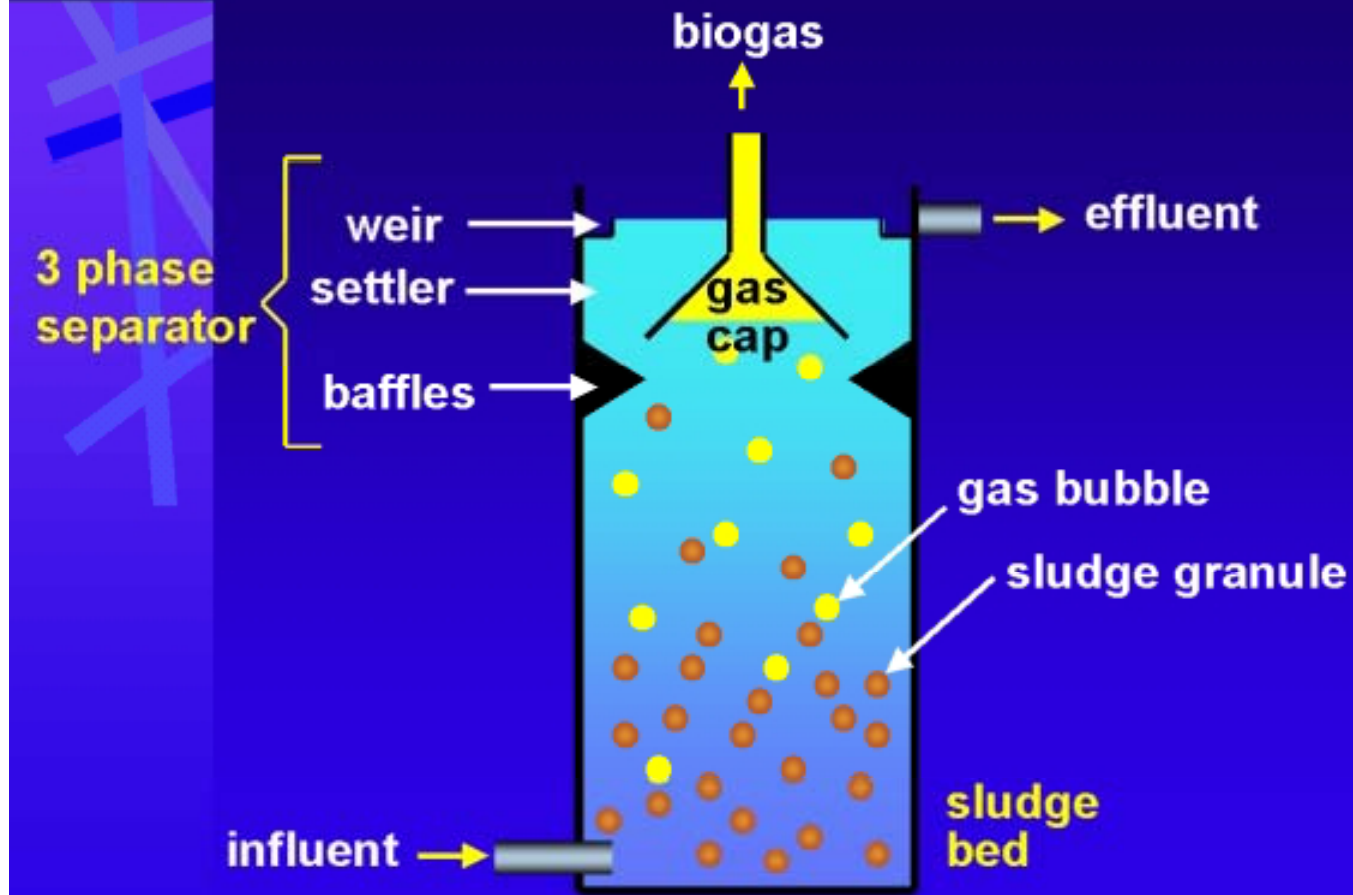


FIG 4 ANAEROBIC FLUIDIZED BED REACTOR

Upward-flow Anaerobic Sludge Blanket



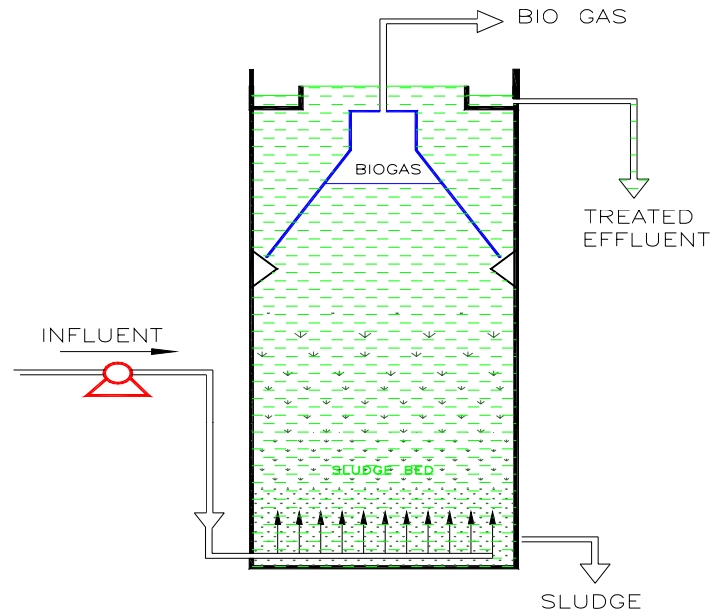


FIG 5 UPFLOW ANAEROBIC SLUDGE BLANKET

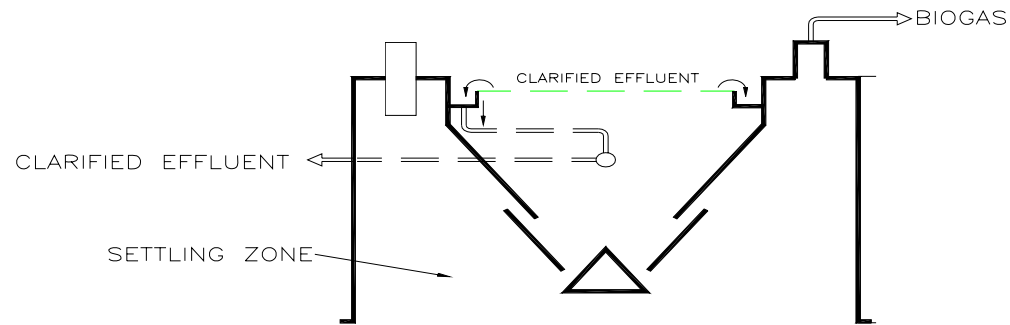
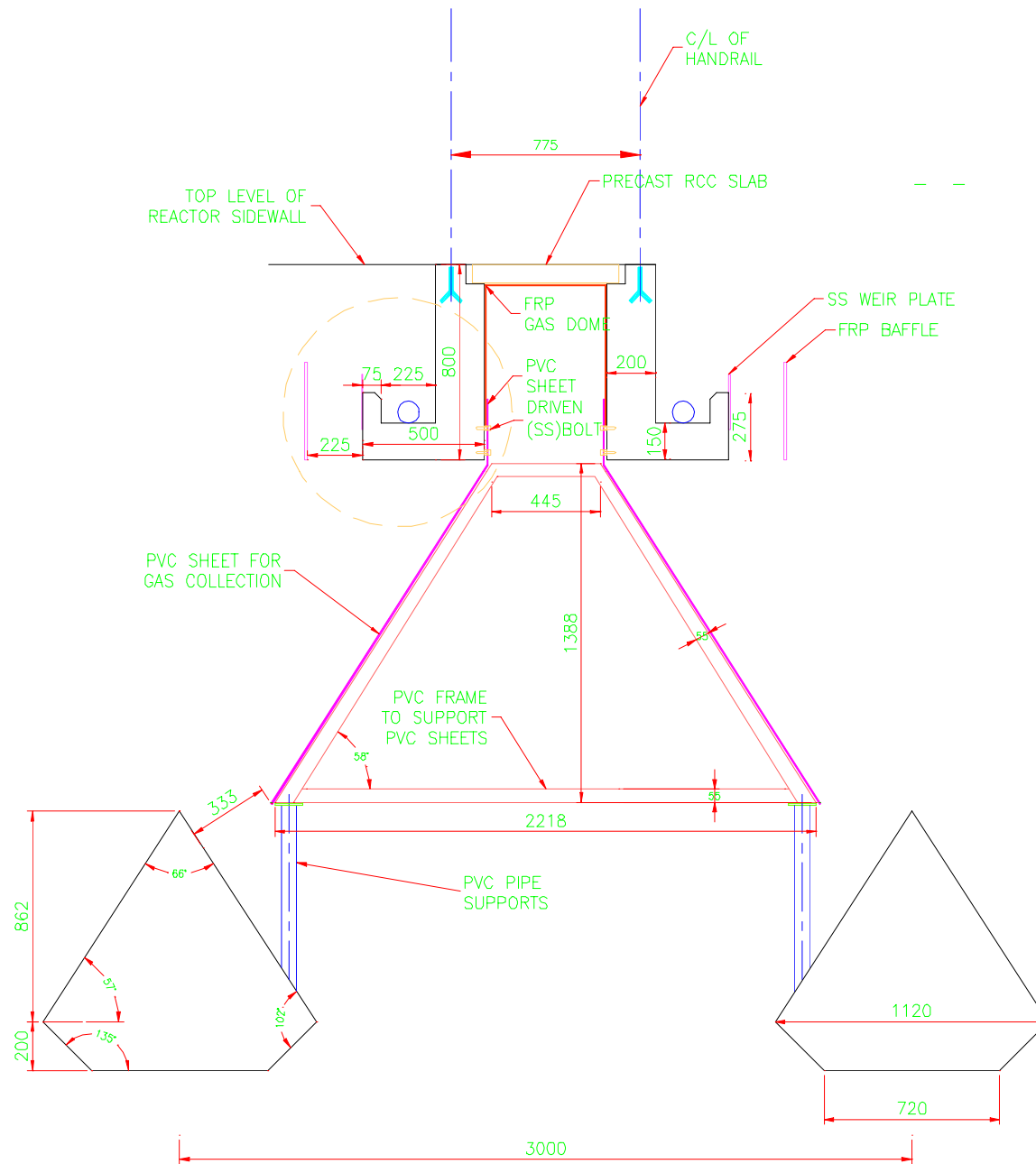
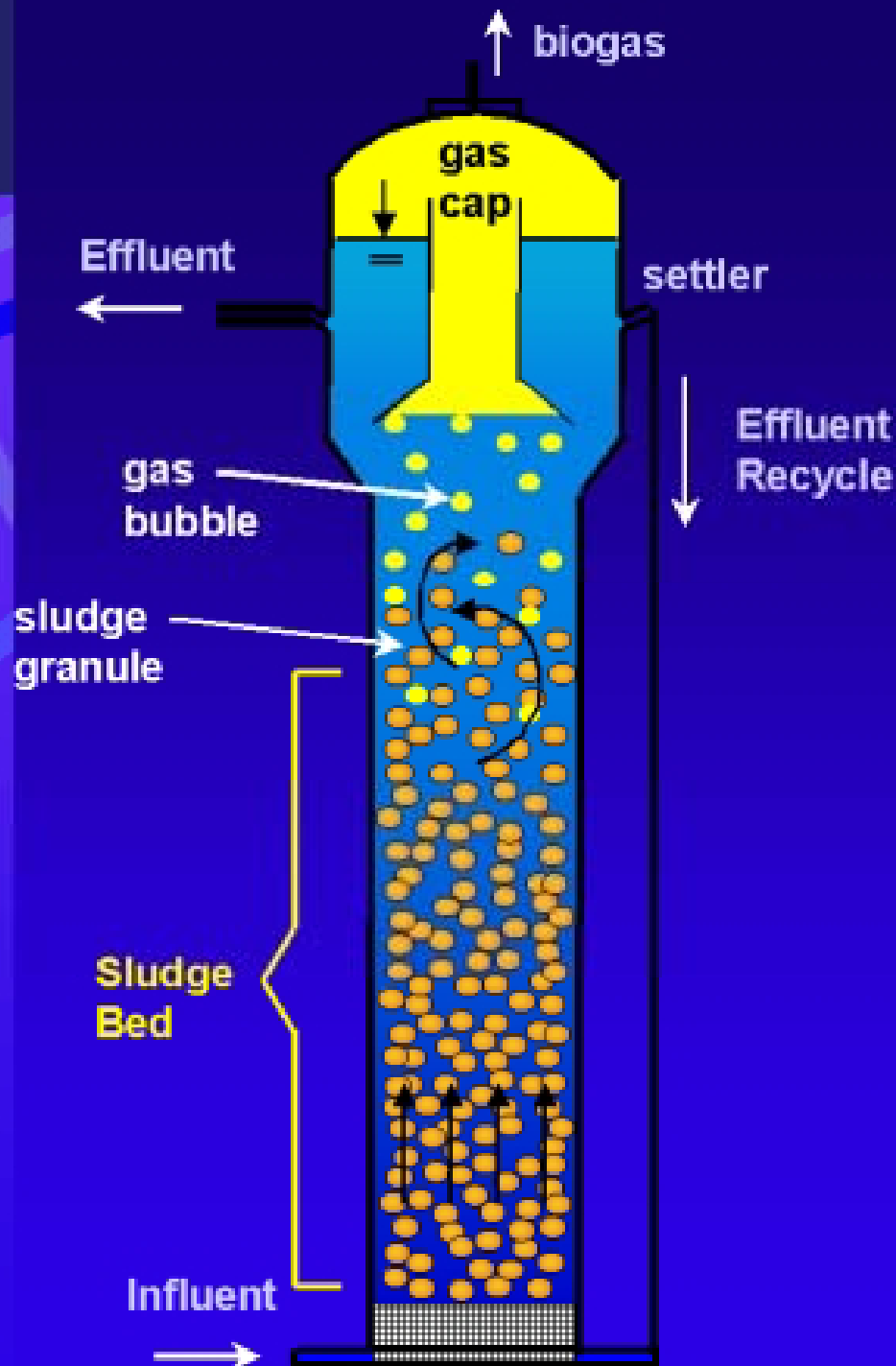


FIG 6 GLS SEPARATOR



Expanded Granular Sludge Bed



EGSB



Gist Brocades (yeast, pharmaceuticals) The Netherlands



UASB

DESIGN CRITERIA FOR UASB REACTOR

- **LD in UASB Reactor** **5 – 5.5 m**
- **Hydraulic retention Time** **6 - 10 hrs**
- **Sludge Production** **COD x 0.75x 0.08**
- **Organic loading rate** **1.5-2 Kg/m³/day**
- **Biogas yield** **0.20 – 0.25 m³/kg of
COD removed**
- **Hood width** **0.45m**

TYPICAL DESIGN OF UASB REACTOR

- **Flow** **10MLD**
- **BOD Conc.** **350 mg/L**
- **COD Conc.** **700 mg/L**
- **COD Load** **7000 kg/day**

REACTOR VOLUME BASED ON ORGANIC LOADING RATE

- Vol. of Reactor :

COD load/day

COD load per m³ of reactor

7000

----- = 4666 m³

1.5

REACTOR VOLUME BASED ON HYDRAULIC RETENTION TIME

- Vol. of Reactor :

Flow x HRT

$10 \times 10 \times 10^3$

$$= \frac{24}{4166} \text{ m}^3$$

FLOOR AREA OF THE UASB REACTOR

- Area of the reactor:

Volume

Height

$$= 933 \text{ m}^2$$

LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE REACTOR

- Area of the reactor:

$$\frac{\text{Area}}{\text{Width}} = \frac{933}{16}$$

$$\text{Length} = 58 \text{ m}$$

NUMBER OF REACTORS

- **Assuming 1:2 ratio Divide the length of the Reactor into two**
- **Fix the length of the reactor as 32 m**
- **The length of the reactor may be in the multiples of four**
- **Size of each reactor: 3**

Design of GLS separator

- Assume 4 m centre to centre gas dome
- Assume 18% aperture length
- Width of the Gas collector: $4 \times 0.82 = 3.28$ m
- Angle of Gas dome: 45°

Design of GLS separator

- **Overlap** **0.15 mm**
- **Width of Gas Dome:** **0.45 m**
- **Length of projection:** **1.41 m**







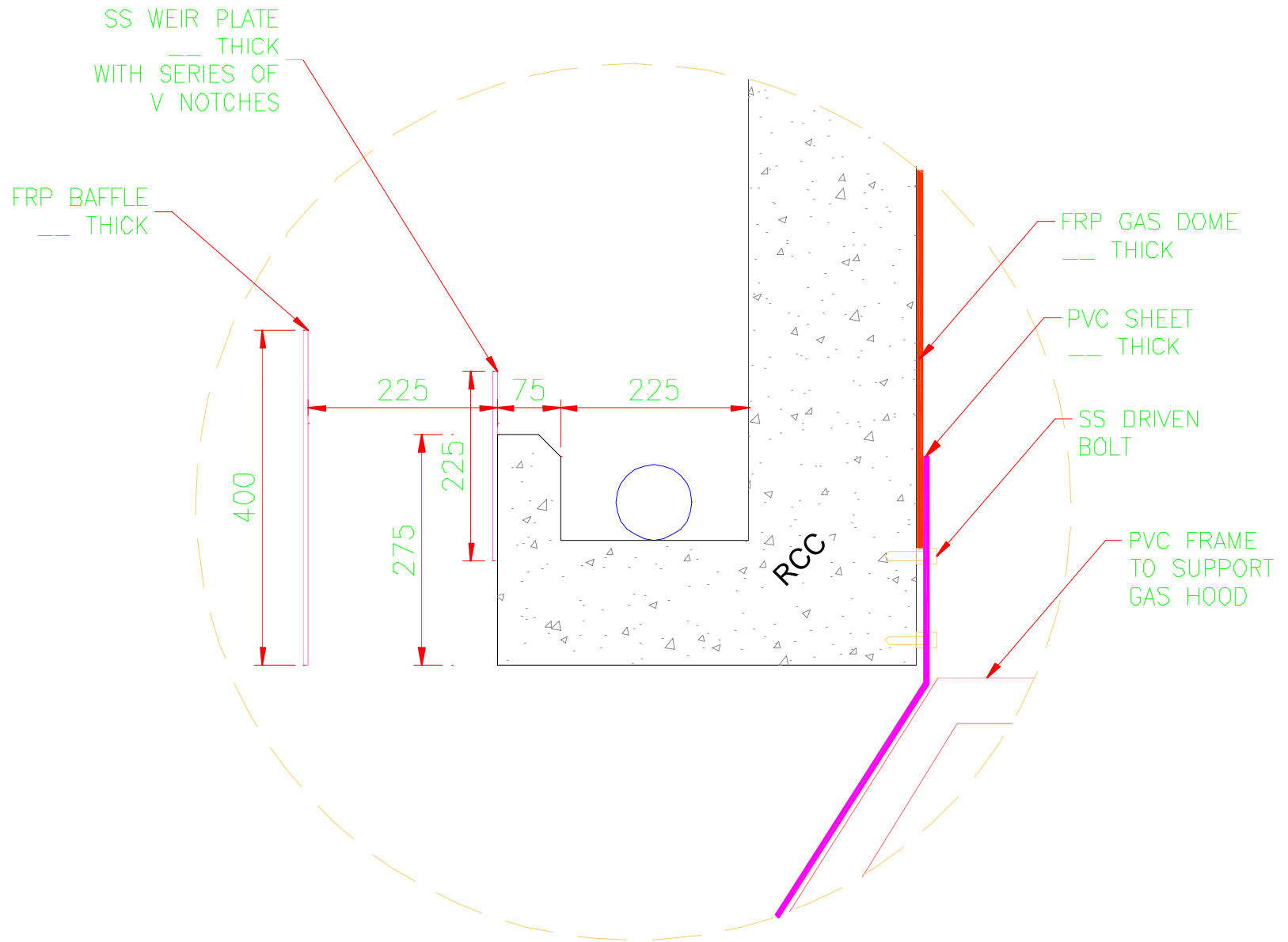
FEED INLET ARRANGEMENTS



FEED INLET PIPES IN UASB



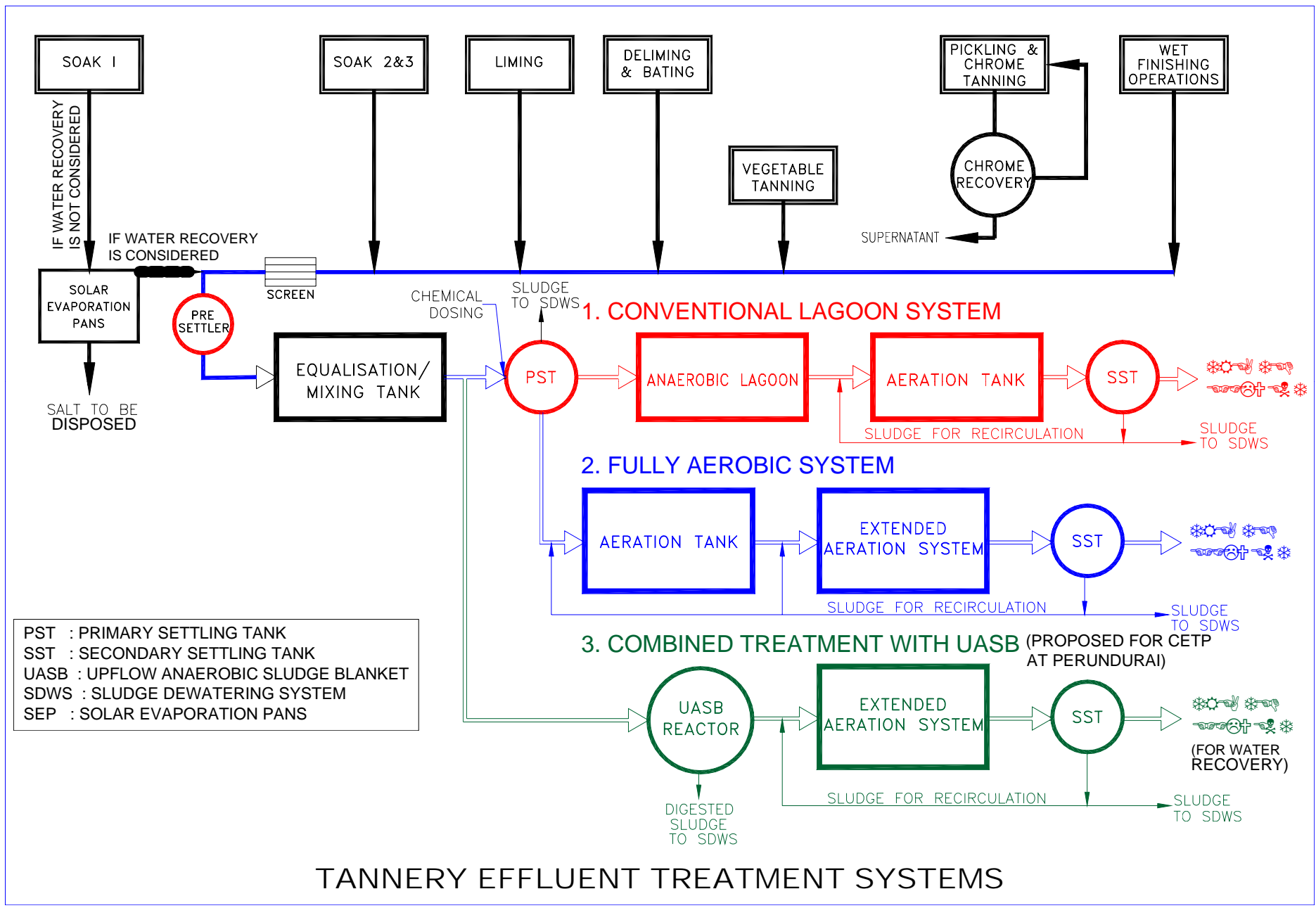
FEED INLET POINT & DEFLECTOR BEAM

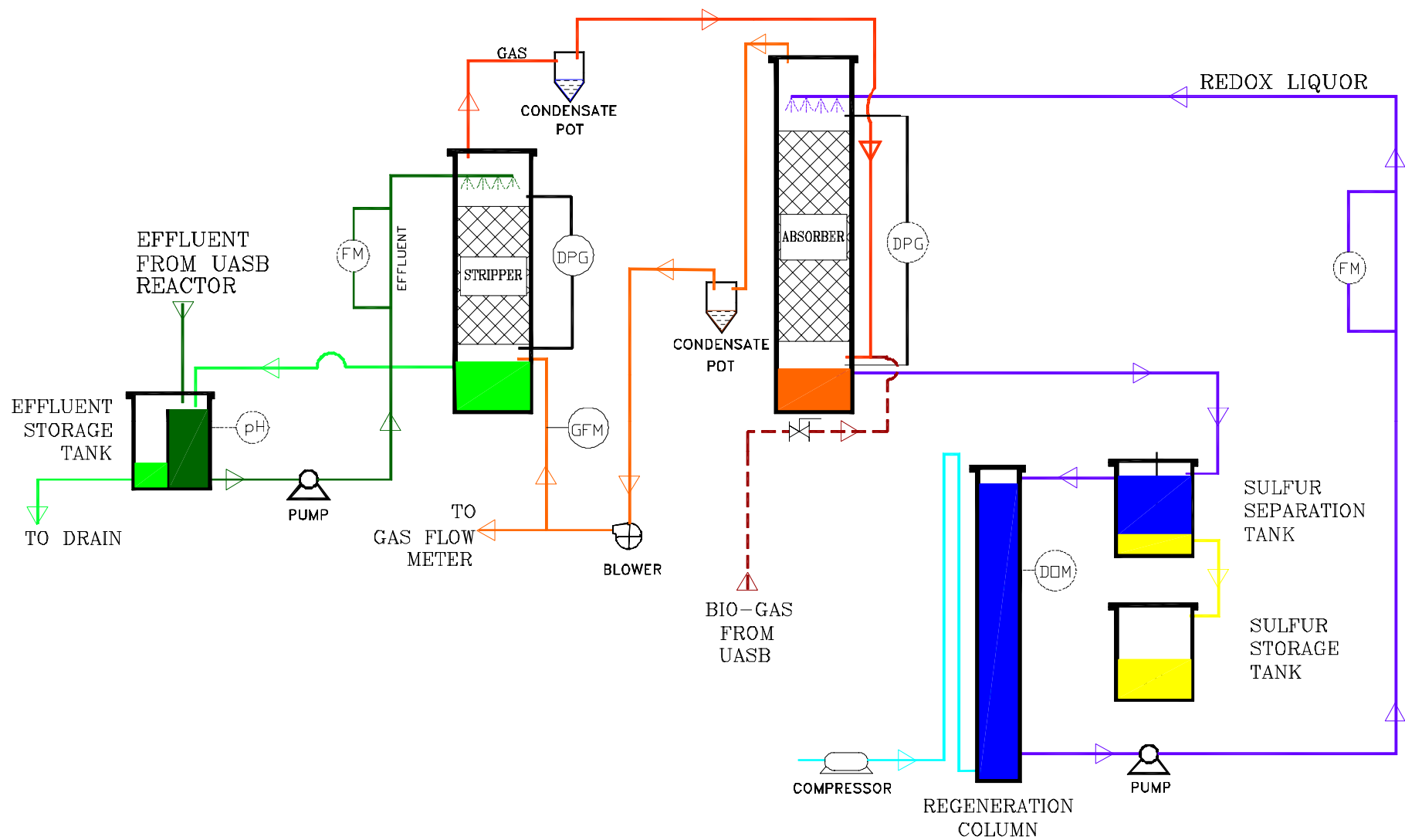






SLUDGE WITHDRAWAL PIPES

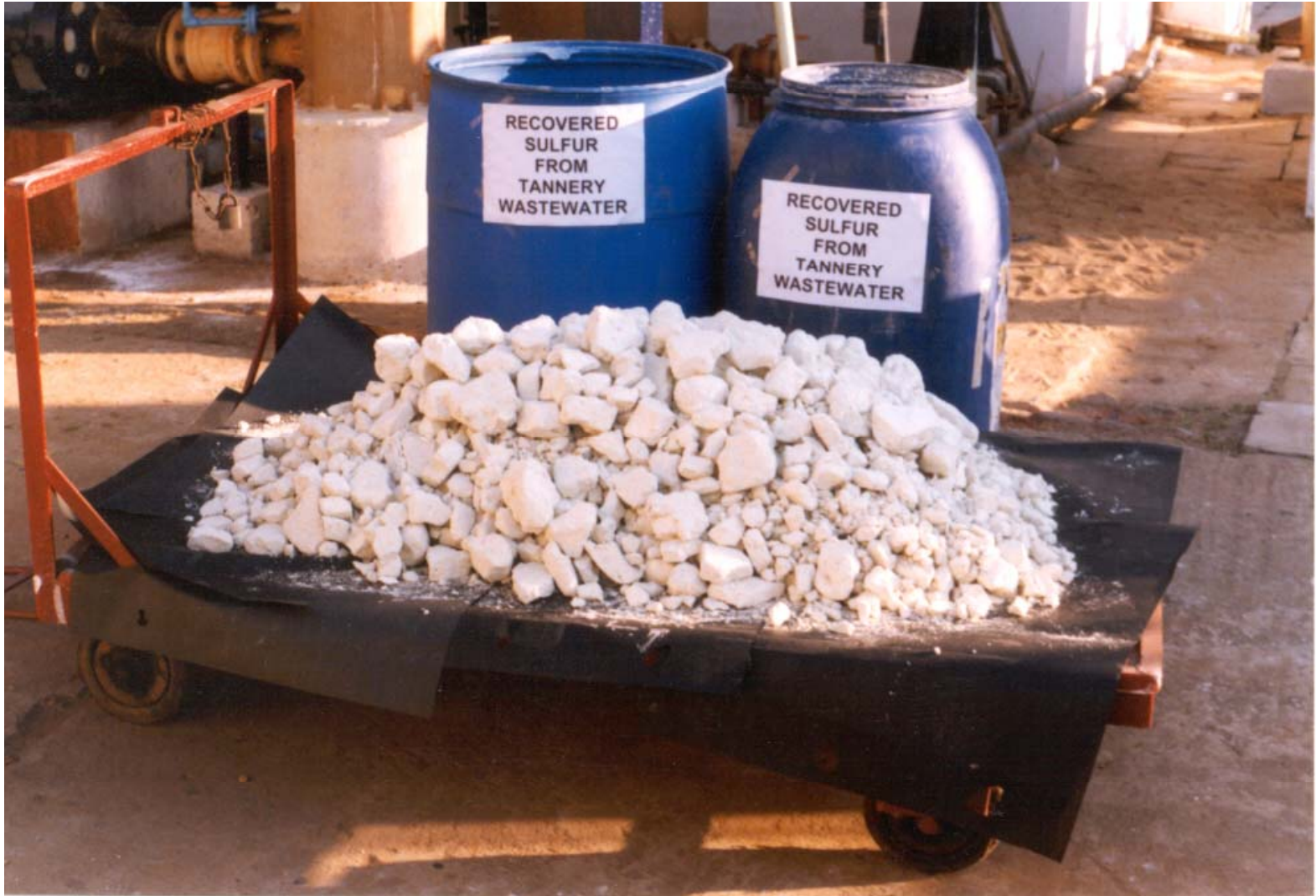




FLOW DIAGRAM OF PILOT SCALE SULFUR RECOVERY UNIT
CLRI, CHENNAI, INDIA



SULPHUR RECOVERY UNIT



RECOVERED
SULFUR
FROM
TANNERY
WASTEWATER

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LIMITATIONS OF UASB

- **Post Aerobic Treatment is required (one day polishing pond for sewage).**
- **To meet coliform level in the treated effluent maturation pond or chemical treatment is required.**



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