

Iowa Water Treatment & Wastewater

I. Water Laws & Regulations

1. Drinking water supplies in the United States are some of the best worldwide.

Circle One : True False

2. Identify the intent of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974?

Ensure + protect the quality of American drinking water

3. What government agency sets drinking water standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act?

Environmental Protection Agency

4. Over how many different substances does the EPA set maximum contaminant levels?

90 +

5. List the six groups of contaminants that the EPA regulates.

1. Microorganisms 2. Disinfectants 3. Disinfectant By-Products
 4. Inorganic Chemicals 5. Organic Chemicals 6. Radionuclides

6. List two contaminants that the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations address.

1. Cosmetic Effects Contaminants 2. Aesthetic Effects Contaminants
 (skin, tooth discoloration) (taste, odor, color)

II. Des Moines Water Treatment

1. Match each step of water treatment with the correct definitions. (Steps in order of treatment)

1. <u>D.</u> Coagulation	A. Particles bind & form larger particles called flocs
2. <u>A.</u> Flocculation	B. Clear water on top passes through filters to remove impurities
3. <u>E.</u> Sedimentation	C. Disinfectants, such as chlorine, are added to kill microorganisms
4. <u>B.</u> Filtration	D. Dirt & dissolved particles neutralized with added chemicals
5. <u>C.</u> Disinfection	E. Flocs settle to the bottom of the water supply

2. How many millions of gallons per day does each Des Moines Water Works plant treat?

Fleur Drive Treatment Plant : 100 MGD

L.D. McMullen Treatment Plant at Maffitt Reservoir : 25 MGD

Saylorville Treatment Plant at Saylorville Reservoir : 10 MGD

3. Identify the steps involved with treating water at each Des Moines water treatment plant.

Fleur Drive Treatment Plant

1. Carbon added to reduce dissolved organic matter (pre-treatment)
 2. Bacteria removed (lime softening)
 3. Water filtered through sand/gravel (remove particles)
 4. Ion exchange removes nitrates
 5. Fluoride added / Chlorine added

4. Identify the steps involved with treating wastewater at the Davenport plant.

1. Preliminary Treatment (Screening)

1. 96 inch wide pipe (45 ft. belowground) deliver water
2. Initial wastewater = 99.5% water; 0.5% pollutants
3. Bar screen traps large solids (plastics, sticks, cans)
4. Giant rake cleans bar screen (Solids in hoppers sent to land fill)

2. Primary Treatment (Settling/ Floating)

1-3 million gallons →

1. Wastewater enters 1 of 4 clarifier tanks
2. Heavy solids removed after settling (2-4 hours)
3. Grease + floatable materials skimmed off (removed)
4. 65% of organic solids removed here

3. Secondary Treatment (Activated Sludge)

750,000 gallons each →

1. Flow moves from primary tank to activated sludge area
2. Nutrient-rich wastewater mixed with air in 8 tanks
3. Oxygen provided for microorganisms (bacteria, fungi, protozoa)
4. Microorganisms consume pollutants (6 hour exposure)

4. Additional Treatment

1. Wastewater sent to secondary clarifiers (4 total)
2. Flow moves to secondary clarifiers (5 hours)
3. Flow settles in activated sludge area (returned to aeration)
4. Skimmer removes any floating material

5. What percentage of removed wastes does the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit require of the Davenport Wastewater Treatment facility?

85 %

6. What is the average removal rate of wastes from the Davenport Wastewater Treatment Plant?

90+ %