

INSTRUMENTATION

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Options for Monitoring Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal

Cheapest

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Environmental conditions

DO	hand held membrane DO meter	hand held LDO meter	hand held LDO with thumb drive	in-line DO probe	in-line connected to SCADA
ORP	pen/stick measure	hand held ORP meter	hand held ORP meter with thumb drive	in-line ORP probe	in-line connected to SCADA
pH	test strips	pen/stick measure	benchtop pH	in-line pH probe	in-line connected to SCADA
Alkalinity	test strips	test strips	spectrophotometer	benchtop pH w/ titration	benchtop pH w/ titration

Nitrogen

TKN	estimate: Ammonia + 2.0 mg/L	estimate: Ammonia + 2.0 mg/L	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer
Ammonia	test strips	test strips	spectrophotometer	in-line instrument (\$\$)	in-line connected to SCADA (\$\$)
Nitrate	test strips	test strips	spectrophotometer	in-line instrument (\$\$)	in-line connected to SCADA (\$\$)
Nitrite	test strips	test strips	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer

Phosphorus

total-P	estimate: TSSx0.05 + test strips	estimate: TSSx0.05 + test strips	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer	spectrophotometer
ortho-P	test strips	test strips	spectrophotometer	in-line instrument (\$\$)	in-line connected to SCADA (\$\$)

Options for Monitoring Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal: Small Plants – Less than 1.0 MGD

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Options for Monitoring Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal: 2-5 MGD

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Options for Monitoring Nitrogen and Phosphorus Removal: 5+ MGD ... or, 6 mg/L tN limit or 0.5 mg/L tP limit

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