



The Up-Flo Filter

An Advanced Novel High-Rate Filtration System for Stormwater Treatment

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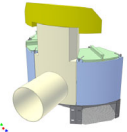
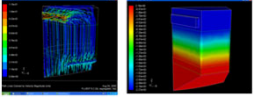




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Presentation Overview

- Upflow Filtration
 - Background
 - **Key Differentiation!**
- Development and Verification
 - EPA SBIR Research – Bob Pitt
 - Phase 1 & Phase 2
 - Commercialization by Hydro
 - Further Developments..
- Verifications
 - TARP Testing – NJCAT
 - Bama Belle
- Discussion and Q&A

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Background to Development

MCTT work by Bob Pitt
EPA's SBIR Funded Research

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Sand Filters

Delaware sand filter, edge drain

Early Austin, TX, sand filter

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Conventional Surface Filtration

- Requires a low filtration rate and large volume to increase residence time
- Prone to clogging
- High Maintenance
- Requires Pretreatment
- “Wormhole” Phenomenon
- Intermittent Flows
 - Compression of media
 - Less of filter depth dries



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Development of New Control Devices for Critical Source Areas

- Multiple treatment processes that could be incorporated into stormwater treatment units sized for various applications.
 - Gross solids and floatables control (screening)
 - Capture of fine solids (settling or filtration)
 - Control of targeted dissolved pollutants (sorption/ion exchange)

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Multi-Chambered Treatment Tank

Pilot and Lab Scale Treatment Tests

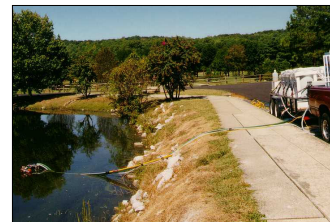


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Multi-Chambered Treatment Tank

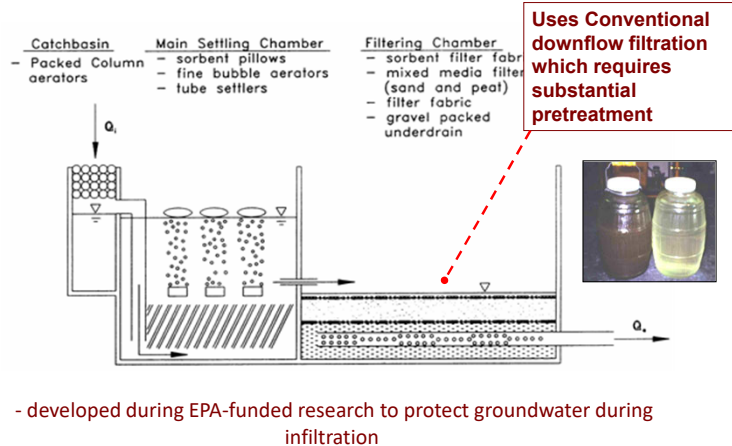
Pilot Scale Filters Examining Different Media



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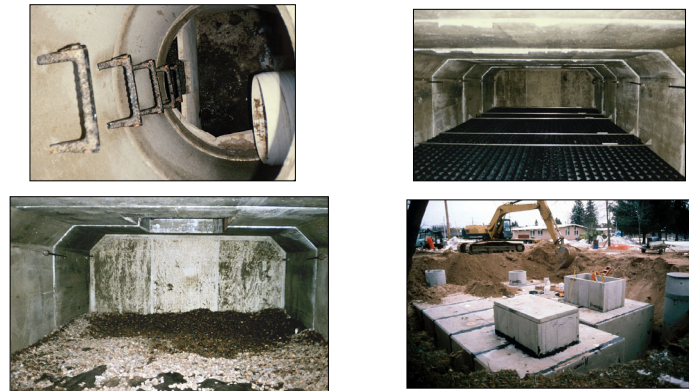
Multi-Chambered Treatment Train (MCTT)



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MCTT

Minocqua, WI, MCTT (2.5 acre commercial parking)



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MCTT

- System works
- Perceived to be too costly
- Need for device or system that can be utilized upstream to address source critical areas

Stormwater runoff from critical source areas, such as parking lots, vehicle fueling and maintenance stations, and public works storage areas, may contain pollutant loadings of hydrocarbons, toxic trace metals, nutrients, pathogens, and/or other toxicants and pollutants that are greater than the loadings of "normal" stormwater runoff.

(Bannerman, et al. 1993; Pitt, et al. 1995; Claytor and Schueler 1996)

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Further Work at Univ. of Alabama



- Side by Side comparison of Upflow and Downflow Filtration modes.



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Benefits of Upflow Technology

- Side by Side comparison showed benefits of upflow:
 - Longer filter runs
 - Higher treatment flow capacities
 - Pollutants 'fall away' during drain-down period
 - Media drains down between events
 - Minimizes re-release of captured materials
 - Minimizes media degradation and leaching

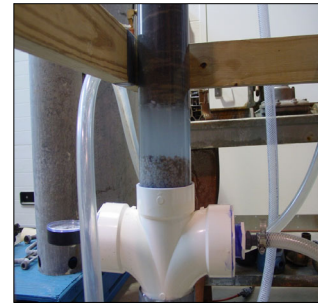


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Lab Scale Upflow Filter

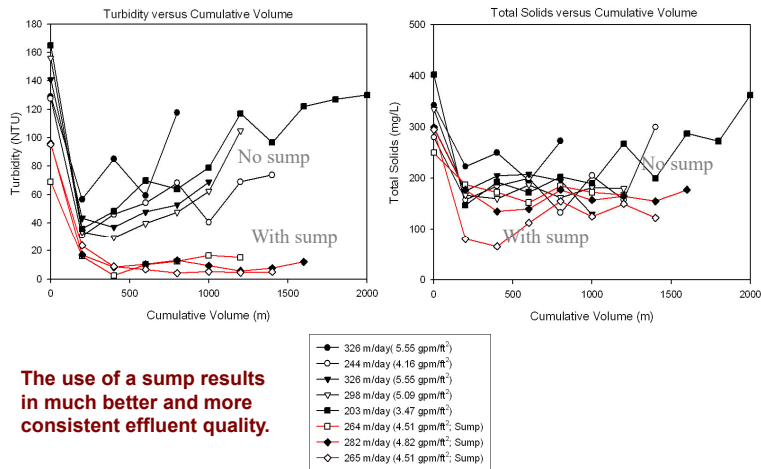
- Important attributes and features determined, such as...



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Enhanced Upflow Filtration using Sumps as part of Pretreatment



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Laboratory Media Studies

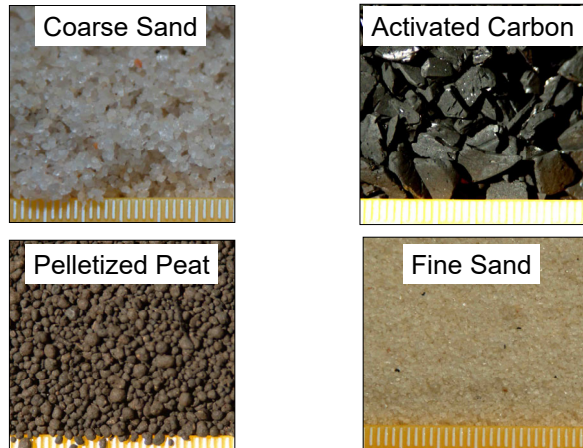
- Rate and extent of metals capture
 - (variable for different concentrations)
- Capacity studies
- Effect of pH
- Packed bed breakthrough studies
- Physical properties and surface area determinations



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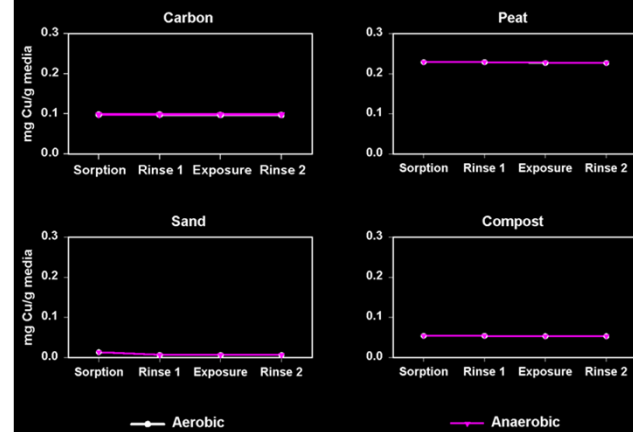
Tests on Different Media



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ANAEROBIC STRIPPING OF SORBED POLLUTANTS TOTAL COPPER Star Lake Water, Hoover, Alabama

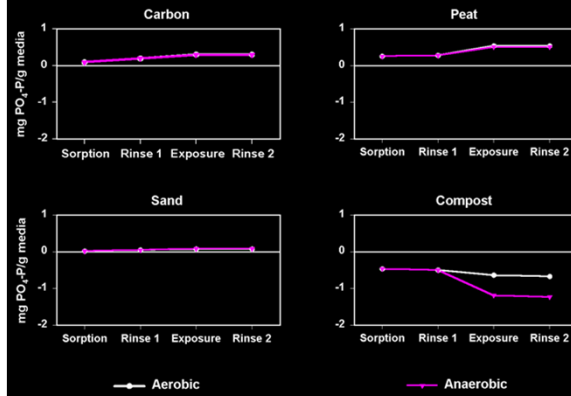


Most metals are strongly and permanently sorbed under both aerobic and anaerobic conditions

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ANAEROBIC STRIPPING OF SORBED POLLUTANTS SOLUBLE PHOSPHATE Star Lake Water, Hoover, Alabama



However, some nutrients are lost during anaerobic conditions on some media.

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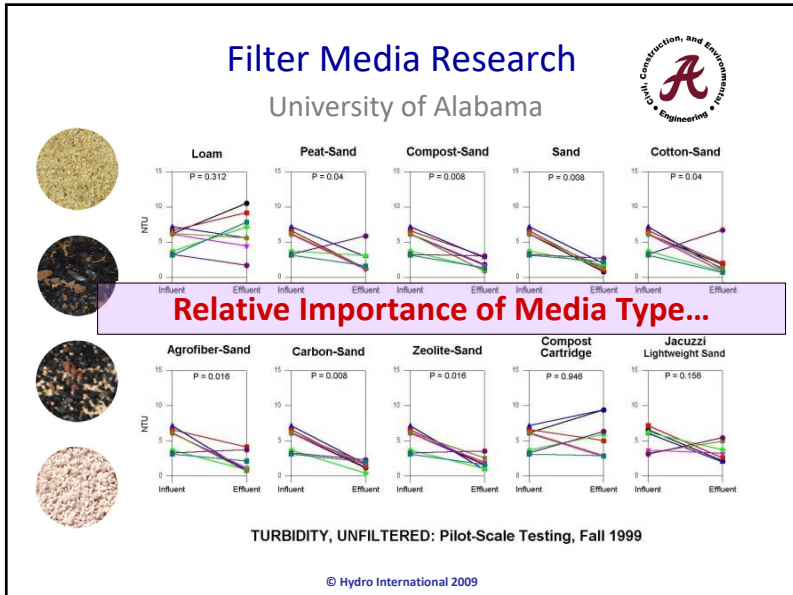
Media Studies



Close up of Sil-Co-Sil particles Settling in Carbon Reef Media

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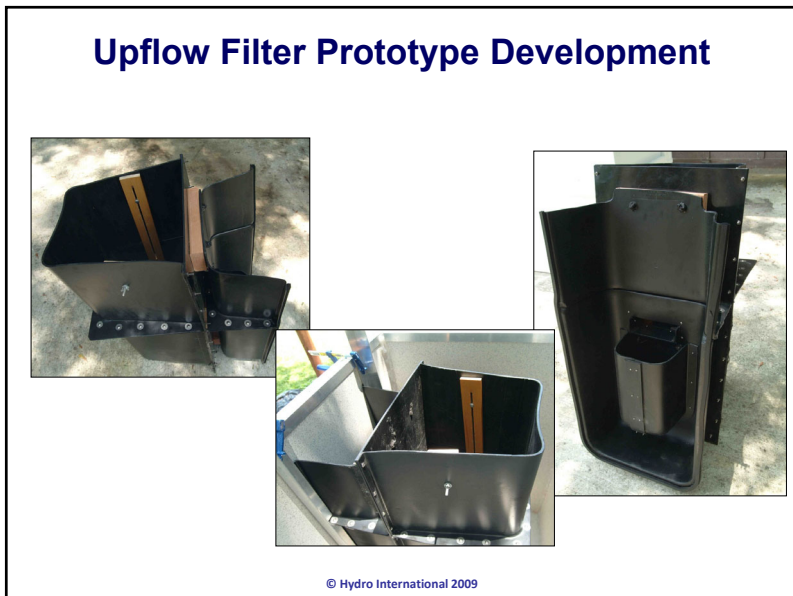


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Prototype Development

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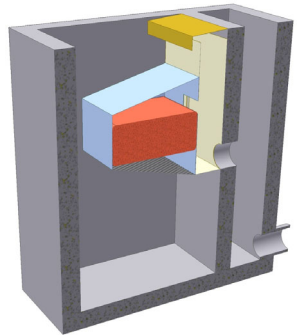
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Important Attributes of Upflow Filtration Systems

- Should have features of a multi-treatment train
 - Screening, Settling, Filtration, Absorption/ion-exchange ..
- Incorporate a Sump
- Should use non-leaching media
- Media should be restrained
- Should prevent anaerobic conditions in media (i.e., drain down between events)
- Should be readily accessible for maintenance
- Should have overflow bypass capacity to prevent upstream flooding
- Have retrofit capabilities



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Site of Prototype Installation



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Field Monitoring of Prototype

- Data collected through extensive field testing by the University of Alabama
 - No chemical exhaustion of media after 12 months of field testing
 - Greater than 70% removal of particulate metals & nutrients and fine TSS
 - Filtration rate steady at 20 gpm/ft² after 12 months in the field



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Commercialization of Upflow
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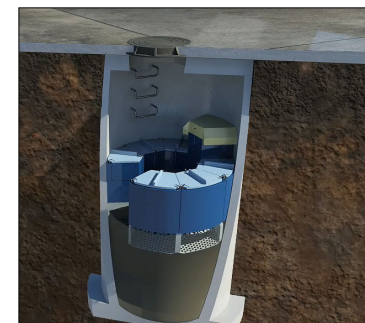
Rocla

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Ideal Filtration Systems

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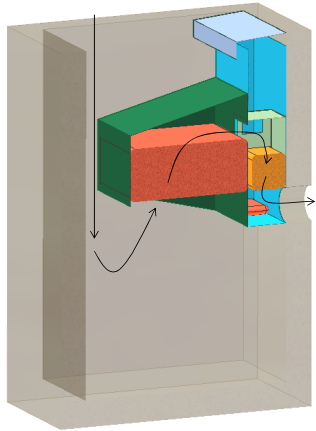


The **Up-Flo**® Filter – has these attributes

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From *Prototype* to Product

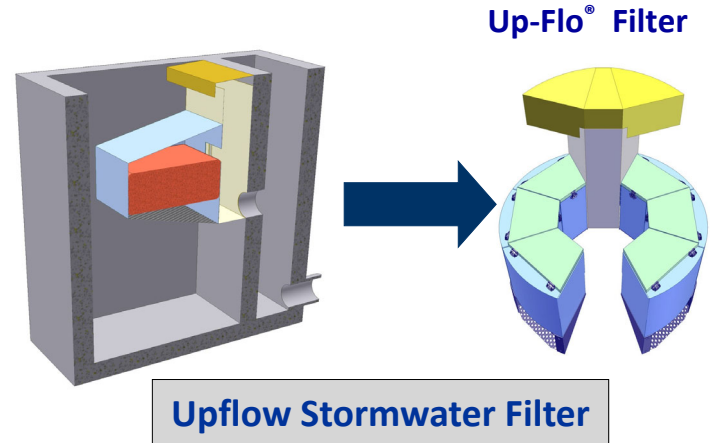


- Sump
- Screen
- Upflow Filter
 - Media Bags
- Weephole
- Bypass
- Floatables Trap
- *Secondary Media*

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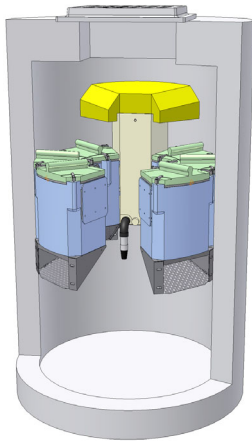
Up-Flo® Filter

Upflow Stormwater Filter

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Up-Flo™ Filter

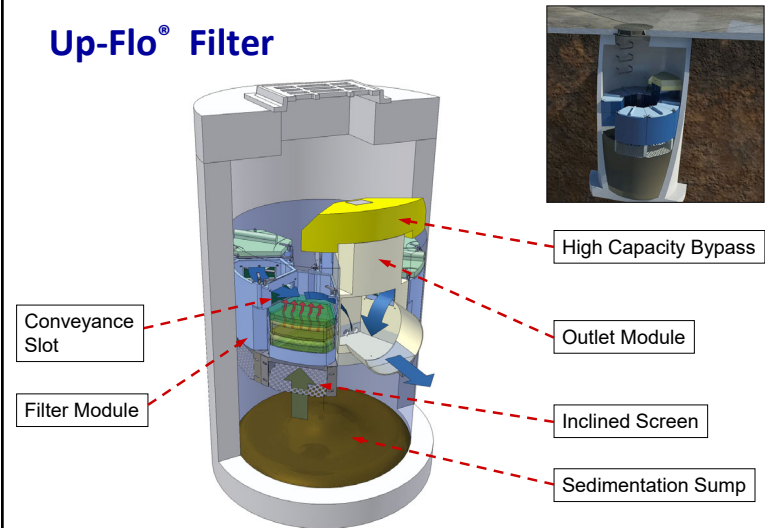
Fluidized Bed Filtration

optimal design :: *unparalleled performance*

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Up-Flo® Filter



High Capacity Bypass

Outlet Module

Inclined Screen

Sedimentation Sump

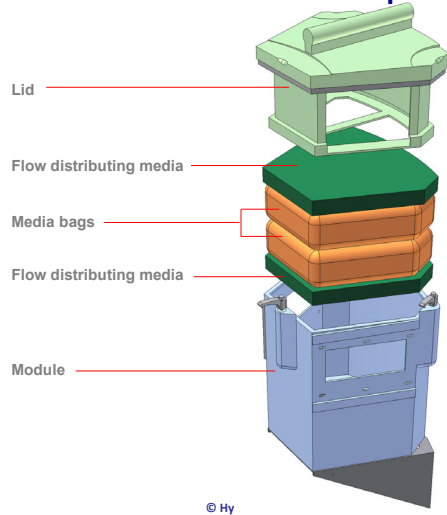
Conveyance Slot

Filter Module

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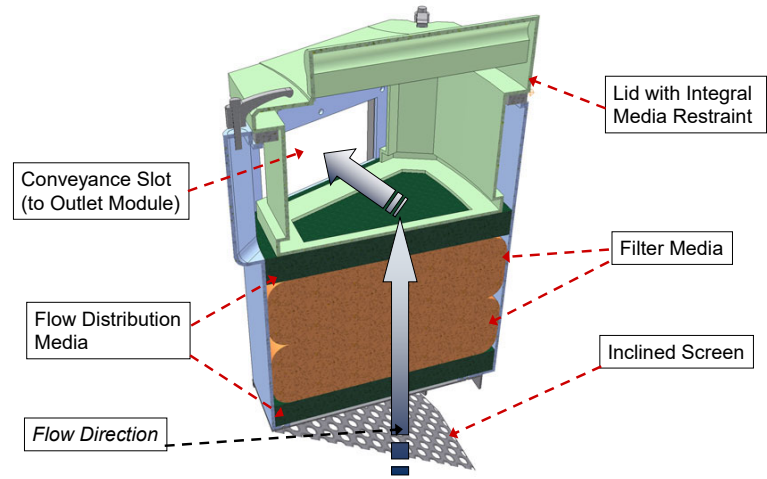
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Filter Module Components



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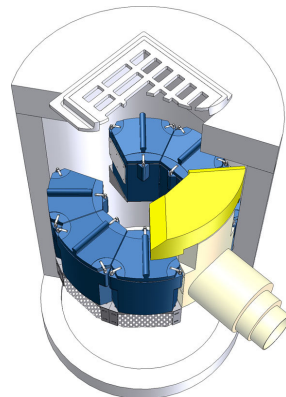
Up-Flo® Filter Module



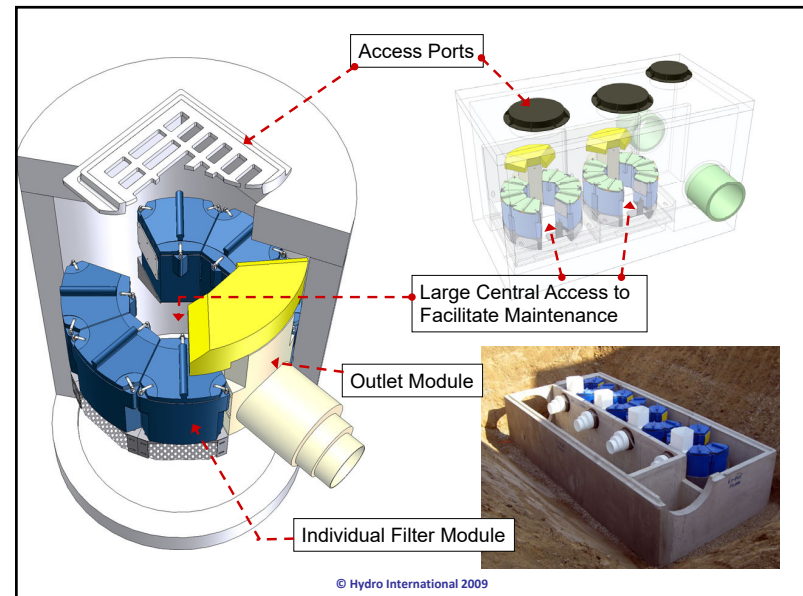
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Designed for Maintenance

- Components fit through standard manhole access port.
- Wide central access region to facilitate maintenance.
- No lifting gear required to maintain.



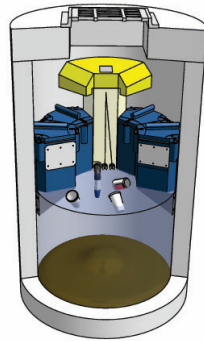
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Multi-Stage Treatment

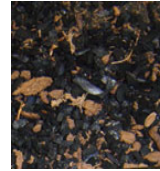
- Chamber – Floatables and trash
- Angled Screens – Neutrally buoyant material
- Sump – Coarse grit and gross debris
- Filter media:
 - Fine sediment
 - Hydrocarbons
 - Metals
 - Organics (pesticides, herbicides)
 - Nutrients (particulate phosphorus)



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Media Options



CPZ™ Mix

Carbon, Peat,
Manganese
Coated Zeolite



CPS™ Mix

The cold climate
alternative to our
CPZ™ Mix



HFS™ Mix

Hydro Filter Sand

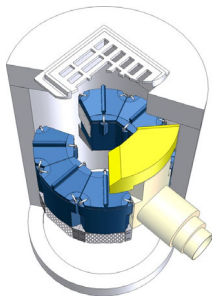


Perlite

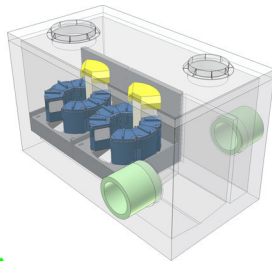
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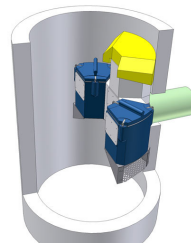
Configurations



Standard Manhole
(1 Ring) Upstream source
control small drainage sites



Vault
(2 -3 Rings)
Larger catchments



Up-Flo Retro
Retrofit applications for
small or irregular catch
basins

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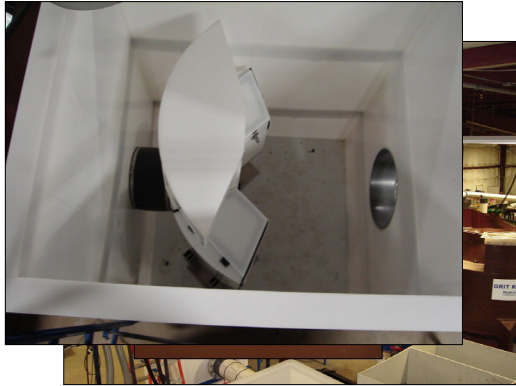
Performance Verification



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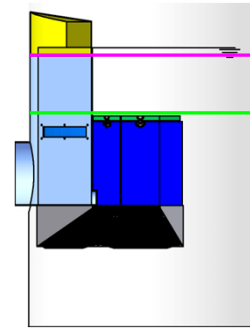
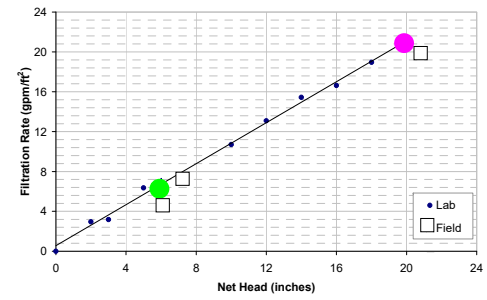
Lab. Characterization



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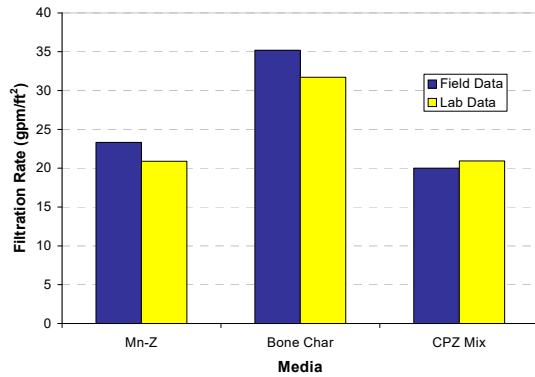
CPZ Mix Filter Media



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Benchmarking of Filter Media

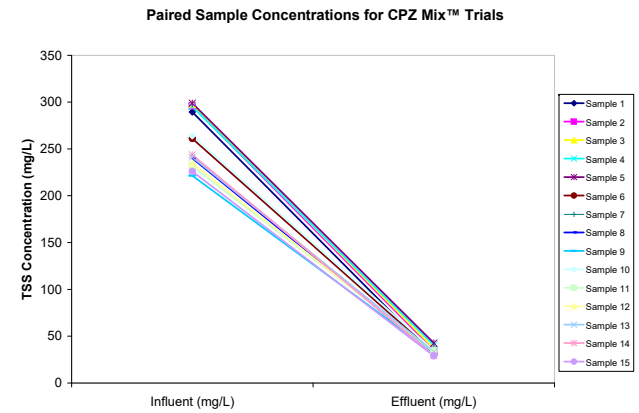


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Sil-Co-Sil 106 Testing Results

Average removal of 87% at 25 gpm per Filter Module



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TSS Removal Rates



CPZ™ Mix
•Over 85% removal of Sil-Co-Sil 106
•1.6 l/s per module



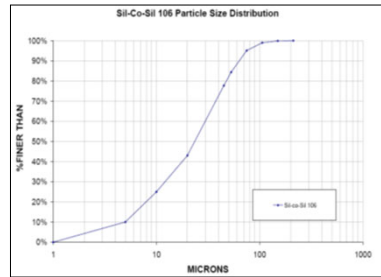
CPS™ Mix
•Over 80% removal of Sil-Co-Sil 106
•1.26 l/s per module



Filter Sand
•Over 90% removal of Sil-Co-Sil 106
•1.45 l/s per module



Perlite
•Over 85% removal of Sil-Co-Sil 106
•1.77 l/s per module



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Perlite Studies

Preliminary Results for Oil

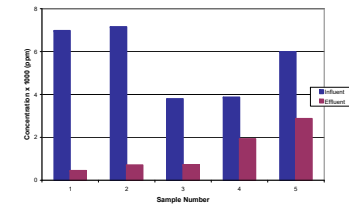
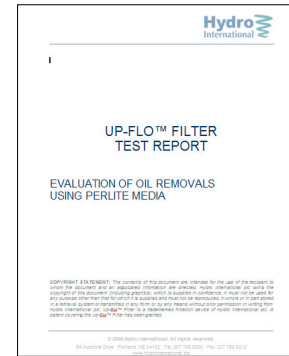


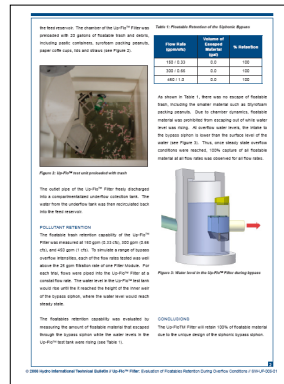
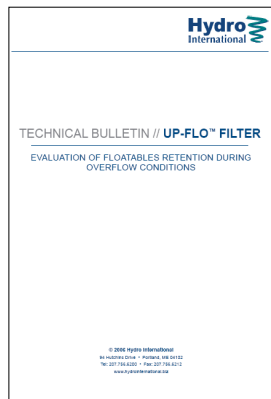
Figure 1: Influent and effluent concentrations for perlite oils testing

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Floatables Removal

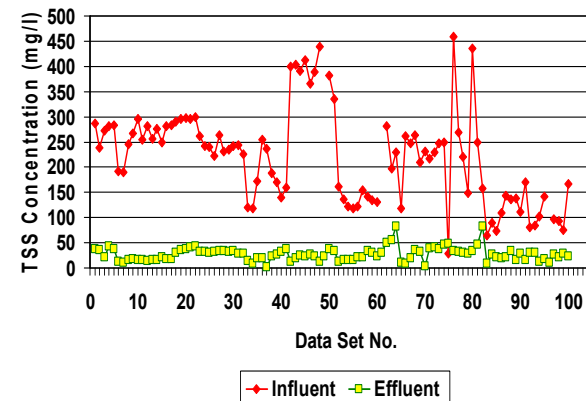
During Bypass Operation



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Pre-commercialization Test Data



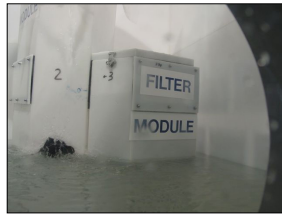
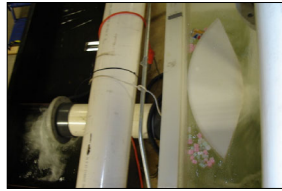
Data Set No:	Media
1 - 41	CPZ
42 - 49	Perlite
50 - 61	Sand & Perlite
62 - 71	Mycelex
72 - 81	CPS
82 - 107	CPZ (ETV Phase 1)

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Verification Tests

- Hydraulic characterizations benchmark well (both Lab and Field)
- Filtration rate of up to ~25 gpm per Filter Module (150 gpm per 4-ft manhole system) confirmed.
 - Upflow filtration is a higher-rate filtration alternative to surface filtration such as down-flow and radial-flow
- >80% removal Sil-Co-Sil 106 at ~ 20 gpm per Filter Module
- Upflow filtration provides a high degree of TSS removal and control at high filtration rates



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Nutrient & Metals

- Phosphorus Removal:
 - Particulate Phosphorus
- Metals Removal:
 - Associated with removal of fines
 - Typically greater than 70%
 - Iron
 - Chromium
 - Lead
 - Zinc
 - Copper



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...how do I know the Up-Flo®
Filter Works?

Performance Verification



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NJCAT Verification

TARP Tier 1 Testing



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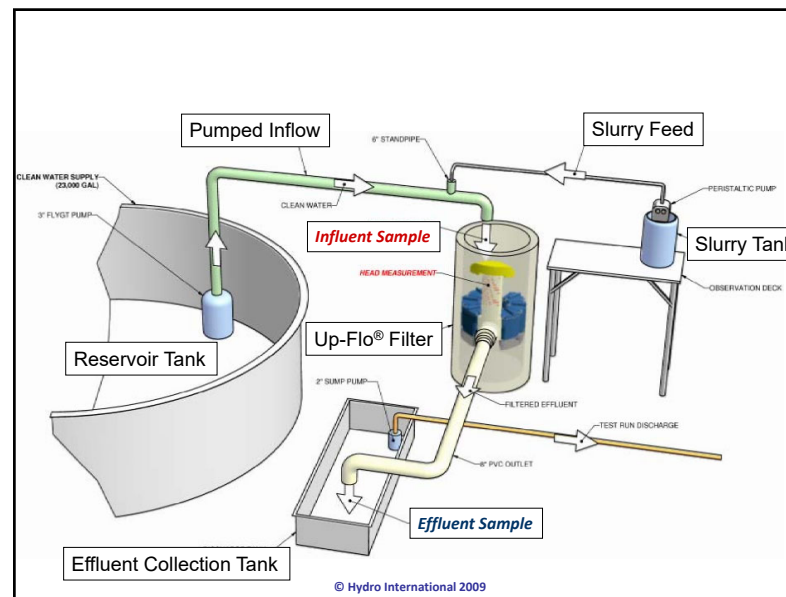
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Test Rig



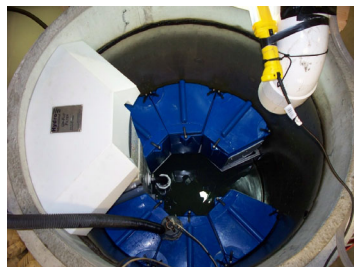
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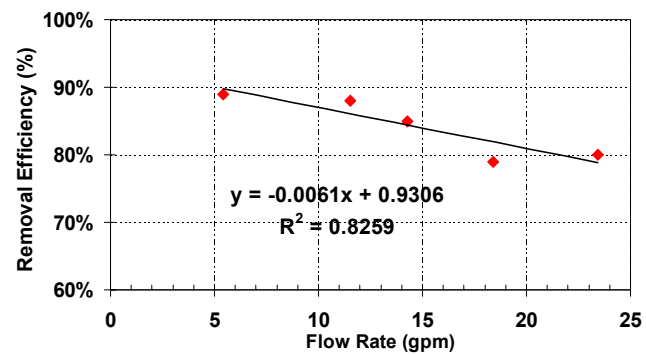
Test Rig: 6-Modules



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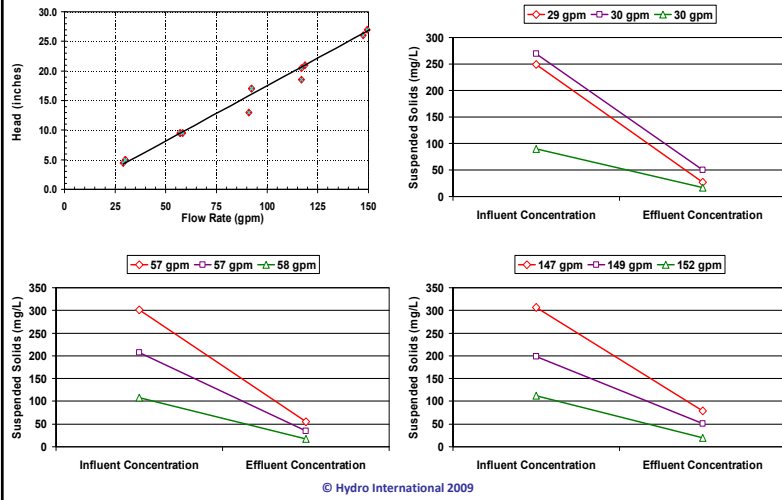
One module test results



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Results for 6 - modules



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NJCAT Verification



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VERIFICATION

To: Mr. David Scott
Hydro International
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Portland, Maine 04102


Re: Identification of Technology:
The Up-Flo® Filter - is an upward flow stormwater filtration system that includes pretreatment prior to filtration in one device.

Identification of Claims:
Technical Performance Claim:
Claim: The Up-Flo® Filter equipped with Hydro-Filter-Sand (HFS™) with one to six 1.1 ft2 Filter Modules and results in a 4-foot diameter manhole minimum 1.9 ratio of sump cross-sectional area to filter surface area with a 3-foot sump, having a design hydraulic loading rate of 20 gpm per Filter Module (18.2 gpm/ft2) and an operating head of 20 inches above the filter (31 inch above the outlet invert elevation), has been shown to have greater than 80% TSS removal efficiency, measured as suspended solids concentration (SSC), for Sil-Co-Sil 106, a manufactured silica product with a d50 of 22 microns, with influent sediment concentrations ranging from 90.4 to 413 mg/L in laboratory studies using simulated stormwater.

This will confirm that NJCAT has concluded the evaluation of the above captioned claims for the above captioned technology, pursuant to your application and our mutually agreed plan of evaluation. NJCAT is pleased to provide a copy of this final report, "NJCAT Technology Verification-Hydro International Up-Flo® Filter" detailing the review procedures conducted to evaluate the claims.

The verification offers four special NJCAT verifications in that final verification of the Hydro International Up-Flo® Filter technology awaits completed field testing that meets the full requirements of the Technology Assistance and Reciprocity Partnership (TARP) - Stormwater Best Management Practice Tier III Protocol for Immediate Responsibility for stormwater treatment technology. This verification reflects an evaluation of Hydro International Up-Flo® Filter - initial performance claims for the technology based primarily on carefully conducted laboratory studies. These claims are expected to be verified and expanded following completion of the TARP required field testing.

NJCAT is pleased to confirm that the above captioned claims have been verified by our review procedures and that Hydro International may use the notation "NJCAT Verified" and the Verification Mark in its literature describing the claims in accordance with the Verification Agreement.



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By: <i>[Signature]</i> BY: RYAN WEINBERG BREKKE Executive Director	Accepted: <i>[Signature]</i> By: David Wengert General Manager US Stormwater Division
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Technical Performance Claim

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- > 80% TSS Removal
- 20 gpm per Module

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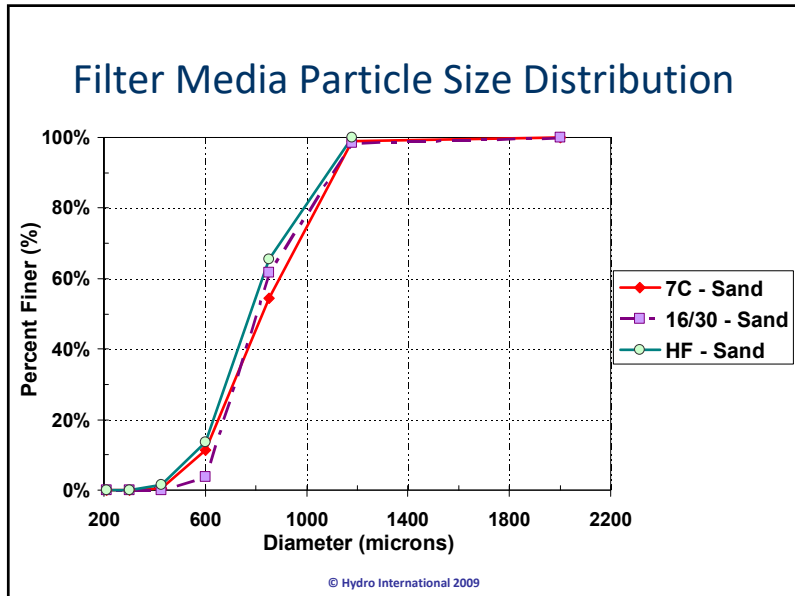


Australian Up-Flo® Filter Media

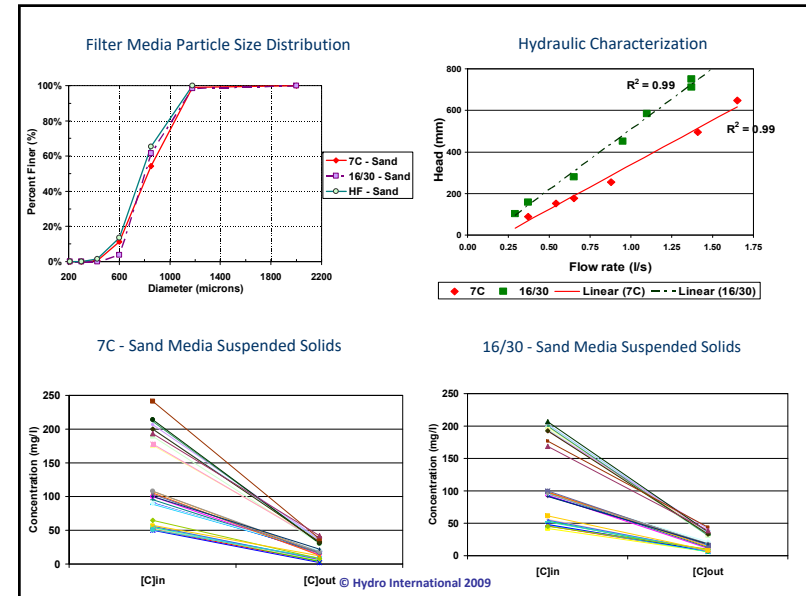
How does the proposed media to be used by Rocla compare?

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University of Alabama

- Unit installed (*new module*)
- Controlled sediment testing underway
- Storm event testing to begin this summer
- Scope to test different media types
- Protocols to both TARP & TAPE

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Bama Belle Site

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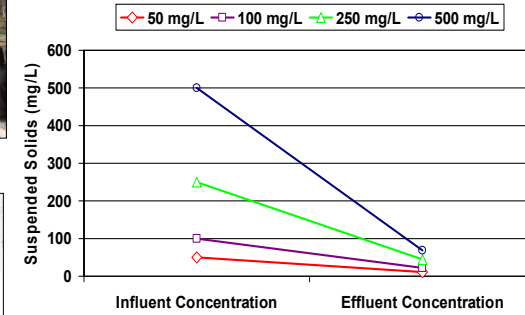
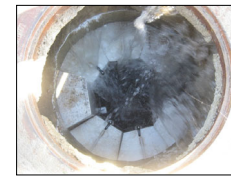
Bama Belle Site



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Bama Belle Site - UAB



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Test Site Makes News!

Device reduces stormwater pollutants to keep it from draining into river

By Robert DeWitt
Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA (A University of Alabama engineering professor and the Office for City Engineers are working together on a project that can reduce stormwater pollutants entering the Black Warrior river.

Robert P.M. Caldwell, Professor



A series of three units, which are placed along the Black Warrior River. The filter, now being used as a test site, can reduce stormwater pollutants from entering the river through storm drains.

...determine how well it treats stormwater," DeWitt said. "We are going to use the results of the study to measure the quality of the water being discharged into the river."

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Water Quality Control



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Two Person Team

retired couple maintenance crew



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Vactor Pump Out



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Spent Filter Bags



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New Media Bags



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Replacing Bags



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Spent Media - Disposal



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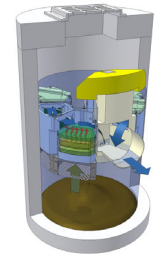
Close up of Media Bags



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- **Conclusions**
 - The Up-Flo™ Filter is an advanced, novel, passive, high capacity, proprietary *upflow* filtration system that incorporates multiple elements of a treatment train (*screening, sedimentation and high-rate filtration*) in a compact modular device.
 - The device uses a sedimentation sump and screening system to pre-treat stormwater runoff before it flows up through the filter media where final polishing via filtration occurs.
 - A high-capacity siphoning bypass safeguards against upstream ponding or flooding during high-flow events. The siphon also serves as a floatables baffle to prevent the escape of floatable trash.

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