

MEMORANDUM

September 13, 2024

TO: Historical Memo

FM: Matt Macdonald

RE: Carnation Wastewater Treatment Plant
August 2024 Process Summary

The Carnation Treatment Plant (CTP) continued to discharge to the Snoqualmie river outfall in August to facilitate commissioning the new UV system. Reclaimed water regulations require that the new UV system have a bioassay validation that confirms virus removal performance prior to producing reclaimed water. The bioassay report draft was received and is being finalized. Effluent Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD₅) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) averaged <1.0 mg/L and <2.1 mg/L, respectively. CBOD₅ and TSS removals were >99% and >99%, respectively. All fecal coliform and *E.coli* grab samples for the month produced no colony forming units.

The influent composite sampler was replaced on August 1, and thereafter, the influent sample contained less TSS than expected. After ensuring the sample tubing was sloped correctly and verifying that the sample point was set up the same way as the previous sampler, the influent composite TSS remained too low. The average influent TSS in July was 365-mg/L and just 201-mg/L in August. It was determined to be an issue with the amount of time the sample line is allowed to flush before the sampler collects an aliquot. Troubleshooting of the issue continued into September.

Effluent flow averaged 0.099-MGD. Influent flow averaged 0.105-MGD; influent flow is slightly higher than effluent flow due to internal recycle flows. The influent flow meter continued to report artificially high flow totals for the duration of the month. In response, daily influent flow totals were estimated by summing the measured effluent flow and an estimate of the internal recycle and wasted activated sludge.

Effluent total-nitrogen (TN) averaged 7.1-mg/L as N. Ammonia (NH₃) and nitrite plus nitrate (NO₂+NO₃) averaged 0.19-mg/L and 5.4-mg/L, respectively. The max-weekly average effluent TN was 10.0-mg/L as N and the monthly average TN removal rate was 88%¹ in August. Effluent total phosphorus (P) averaged 4.2 mg/L for the month with a Total P removal of 49%. Effluent nutrient sampling in August 2024 was performed twice per week (Monday and Tuesday composite sample); influent nutrient sampling was performed once per week (Tuesday composite sample).

Alkalinity was added to the secondary process to maintain the instantaneous effluent pH above pH 6.9. A total of approximately 530² gallons of Caustic Soda (25% NaOH solution) was added. Effluent alkalinity averaged 121-mg/L (with a range of 115-133 mg/L) as CaCO₃; influent alkalinity was in the range of 219-287 mg/l as CaCO₃. Alkalinity addition replaces the alkalinity lost during nitrification; the effluent pH would likely fall below the permitted minimum pH 6.0 if alkalinity addition stopped.

The plant operated with Aeration Basin 2 (AB2) in service. The mixed liquor total suspended solids (MLSS) averaged 9,900-mg/L with a range of 8,900-mg/L to 11,100-mg/L. An estimated 8200 dry lbs. of

¹Calculated using days when both influent and effluent nutrients were sampled.

²Calculated by tank level drop.

waste activated sludge were hauled to the South Plant for further treatment. Of the volume wasted, 96% was from the memDense hydrocyclone.

Membrane train 4 remains out of service while the VFD is being replaced. Membrane Train 5 was out of service from August 19 until August 29. The UV system was operated with two UV reactors in series for the whole month of August. UV train 1 (the new UV system) operated for the duration of August.

Table 1 presents membrane performance data. Trans-membrane pressure (TMP) averaged 0.45-psi and temperature corrected permeability averaged 16.9-gfd/psi. The control system limits flow through the membranes to a TMP value of 8.0-psi; this protects the membranes' integrity.

Table 1: Membrane Performance August 2024

MEMBRANE PARAMETERS	Train 1	Train 2	Train 3	Train 4 Out of Service	Train 5
Permeate Turbidity (NTU)¹					
Average for Month	0.10	0.16	0.09		0.18
<i>Design</i>	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2
Permeate Flow (GPD)²					
Average Daily for Month	35,757	35,596	35,425		21,120
<i>AADF (Annual Average Flow) Design</i>	97,500	97,500	97,500	97,500	97,500
Maximum Daily for Month	76,327	77,382	73,338		63,735
<i>PDF (Peak Day) Design</i>	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000	165,000
Permeate Flow Rate (GPM)³					
Average for Month	35	35	35		20
Peak Hour for Month	147	183	104		169
<i>PHF (Peak Hour) Design</i>	180	180	180	180	180
Instantaneous Flux (GFD⁴)⁵					
Average for Month	8.1	8.2	8.2		8.5
Trans-Membrane Pressure (PSI)⁶					
Average for Month	0.4	0.5	0.4		0.4
Maximum for Month	1.9	1.8	1.1		4.0
<i>(Average/Maximum) Design</i>	2.0/10	2.0/10	2.0/10	2.0/10	2.0/10
Permeate Temperature (°C)⁷					
Minimum for Month	23.0	23.0	23.0		23.0
<i>Design</i>	>12	> 12	> 12	> 12	> 12
Permeability at 20°C (GFD/PSI)⁸					
Average for Month	17.9	15.2	17.1		17.3
<i>(Recovery Clean Trigger) Design</i>	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0	< 3.0

¹ Permeate turbidity – indication of membrane integrity.

² Permeate flow – compares operating to design capacity. The design capacity (AADF and PDF) are both based on entire treatment plant flow with four membrane trains available.

³ Permeate flow rate – check of acute operating conditions to confirm peak hour design condition is not being approached. The design capacity (PHF) is based on entire treatment plant flow with five membrane trains available. The average rate is only for when the membrane is operating.

⁴ “GFD” is shorthand for “GPD/Ft²”. GFD is a flux measurement based on the flow (gallons/day) of permeate that passes through a square foot of membrane surface. Each train has one membrane cassette with 16,340 square feet of surface area (formerly 12,920 square feet).

⁵ Instantaneous flux – check of membrane operating flux. Instantaneous differs from net flux in that it does not account for backpulse and/or relax periods (It is therefore always slightly higher). The design condition is based on net flux and therefore not included. The permeate flow design conditions provide the same information since only a single cassette is operating in each membrane train.

⁶ Trans-membrane pressure – provides information related to fouling and biological process operation (MLSS and filterability). The average and maximum TMP are included for reference. Control system limits TMP to 8 psi.

⁷ Permeate temperature – listed since the hydraulic capacity can be reduced when operating below the minimum design temperature (de-rating of membrane capacity).

⁸ Permeability (temperature corrected to 20°C) – parameter assesses fouled condition of membrane. The trigger value listed is from the GE O&M manual.