FILTER MEDIA PROCESSING FOR WATER & WASTEWATER TREATMENT

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OUTLINE

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DEFINITION OF FILTER MEDIA

Filter media are the granular filtering materials which are installed in the filters. Their function is to retain the suspended solids during the filtration process.

FILTRATION DEFINITION

Filtration is defined as the passage of a fluid through a porous medium (or media) in order to remove matter held in suspension

SIZE COMPARISON OF WATERBORNE PARTICLES AND FILTER PORES (FILTRATION SPECTRUM)



FILTER MEDIA/FILTRATION PROCESSES

Pressure and Gravity Filtration

VERTICAL TYPE PRESSURE FILTER (SINGLE MEDIUM)



VERTICAL TYPE PRESSURE FILTER (DUAL MEDIA)



GRAVITY TYPE FILTER



FILTER MEDIA/FILTRATION PROCESS

Selection

of Filter Media

Particle size distribution Uniformity coefficient Size range Effective size

Specific gravity

Particle size distribution

 Use filter media of narrow size distribution for good porosity, long filter runs and no loss of filter media during backwash







Bad porosity

Uniformity Coefficient



Size range (i.e. 0.425-0.85 mm)
Effective size = d10
Specific gravity

DELMON CO LTD FLOW DIAGRAM



DELMON CO LTD LABORATORY FOR QA/QC

Analyses performed by lab for QA/QC

- Sieve analysis
- Average fine size
- Average grain size
- Moisture content
- Silica content
- Clay content
- Bulk density
- Specific gravity
- Acid solubility
- ADV (Acid demand value)
- LOI (Loss on ignition)
- pH-Test









PILOT PLANT TESTING OF FILTER MEDIA



DETERMINATION OF OPTIMUM BACKWASH VELOCITIES



DETERMINATION OF BED EXPANSIONS



Anthracite expansion curve
 Anthracite + sand expansion curve
 Sand expansion curve

Backwash rate

CONCLUSIONS

Use narrow size distribution filter media (sand U.C.<1.3, anthracite U.C.<1.5)

- Use compatible filter media configuration by considering the size range and specific gravity
- Take all necessary precautions and care in all the stages involved in the processing of the filter media (washing drying screening and packing) and most importantly QA/QC
 - Determine optimum backwash velocities and bed expansions for best filter media cleaning and to avoid loss of filter media during backwash

END OF PRESENTATION

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WASHING THE RAW MATERIAL





DRYING THE WASHED MATERIAL





SCREENING THE DRIED MATERIAL





SCREENING THE DRIED MATERIAL





PACKING MACHINE





STORING THE SCREEN MATERIAL

