Emerging TrendsIn Odor Control

Real World

Case Studies

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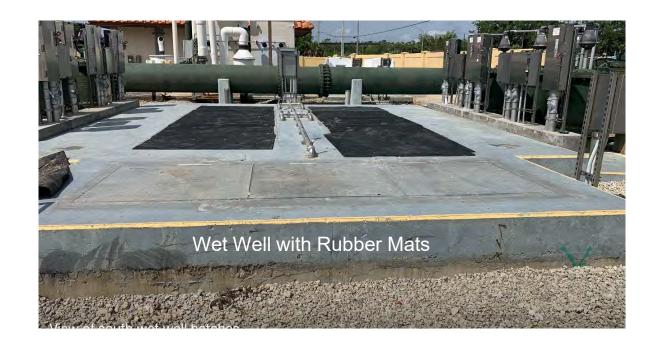
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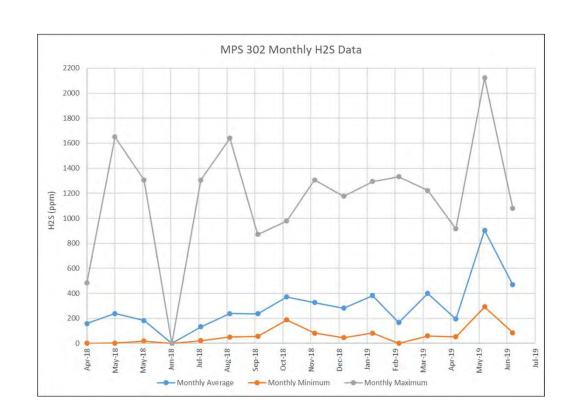
Master Pump Station 302

Naples, Collier County, Florida

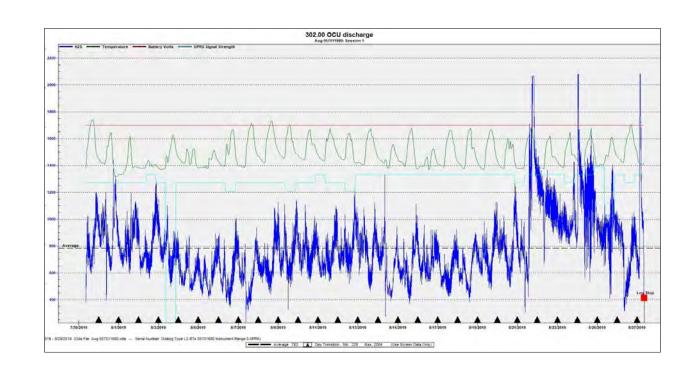
- 8 Submersible pumps
- All inflow from 3 other pump stations (no gravity)
- · Diffused aeration in wet well
- Existing Odor Control
 - Two Xylem Zaboc 5000s in series
 - Bioglas media
 - ~600 cfm



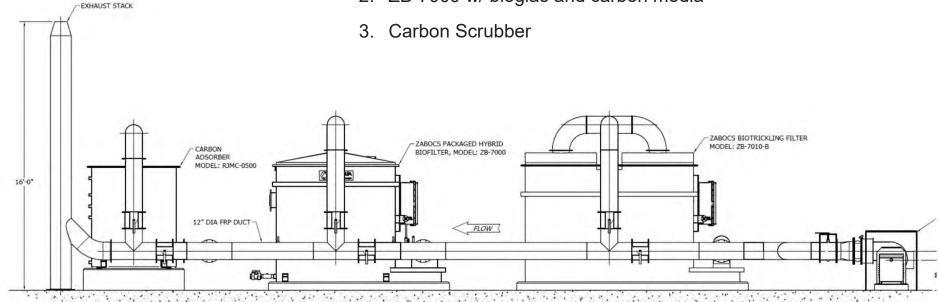
- Continuous inlet and outlet H₂S data
- 200 to 400 ppm H₂S
- Existing Zaboc 5000 units historically effective
- Site improvements required relocation of odor control system
- New odor control system to replace existing



- Much higher H₂S in August 2019
- 800 ppm average H₂S
- Wet well cleaning interruption
- Carbon polishing scrubber added



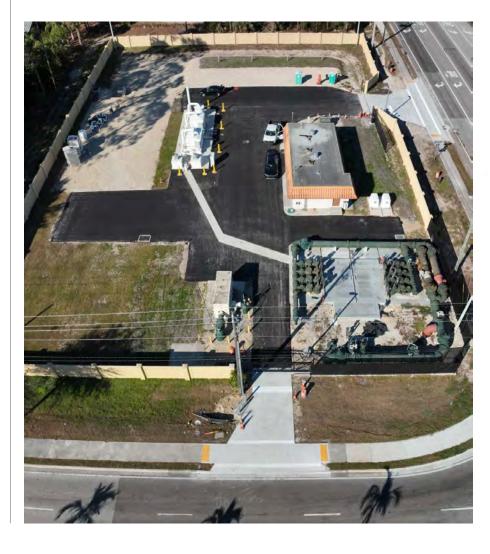
- Double airflow from 600 to 1200 cfm
- 550 ppm avg. inlet H₂S
- 3-Stage Treatment System
 - 1. Zaboc ZB-7010 w/ bioglas media
 - 2. ZB-7000 w/ bioglas and carbon media



- 3 Treatment Units
- Ability to operate with 1, 2 or 3 units
- Dual Fans (1+1)
- Duct and dampers for flexibility







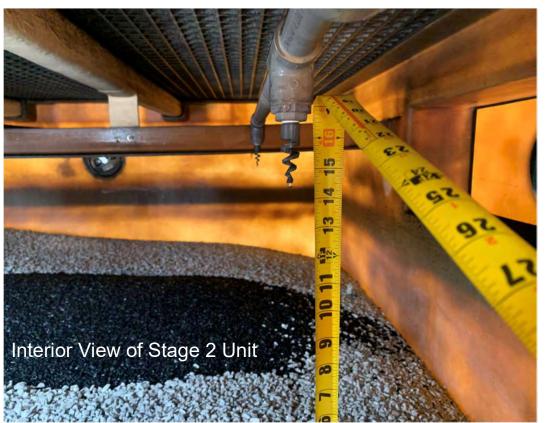
Drone View of Completed Project



- Note old Zaboc units along left fence for size comparison
- · Site area more than doubled
 - Expanded drives and parking
 - Expanded stormwater detention/treatment
 - Space for larger, multi-stage system
- Improved access to all areas including new odor control system

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- New odor control system still in commissioning and testing
- Inlet H₂S 250 ppm avg. (Jan 2025)
- Data indicates >99.5% H2S removal
- Moisture due to drain x-connect
- Drain issue corrected and commissioning and ongoing
- Wet well aeration now continuous to minimize H₂S spikes
- Performance testing pending



- Increased airflow
 - Contains odors without need for rubber mats
 - · Provides more dilution air
- 24/7 wet well aeration
 - Strips more H₂S from wastewater
 - Controls FOG in wet well
- Multi-stage system capable of treating increased H₂S

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New Natomas Pump Station

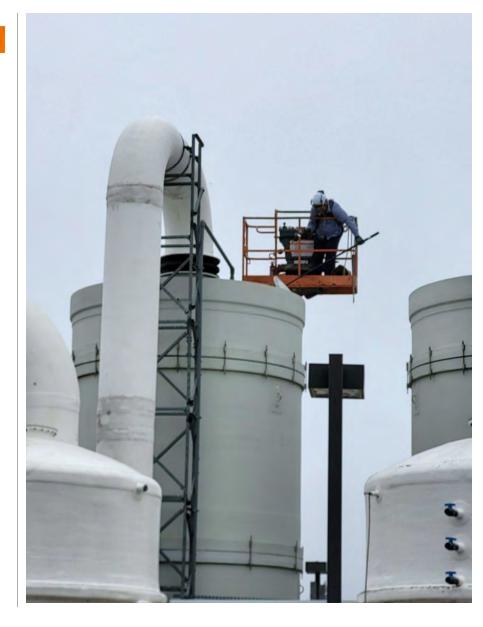
Sacramento Area Sewer District, California



New Natomas Pump Station

Large Pump Station on Interceptor Sewer

- 16,000 cfm Odor Control System
- 2-Stage Treatment
 - Bioway BTFs
 - Dual-bed carbon scrubbers
- Two Parallel Trains
- Bioxide Feed in Wet Well
- Gravity inflow
- Operating since 2009



New Natomas Pump Station

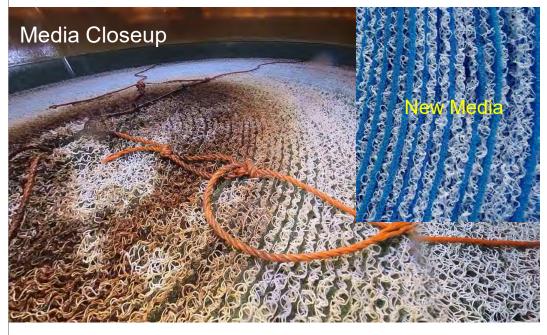
Operational Issues



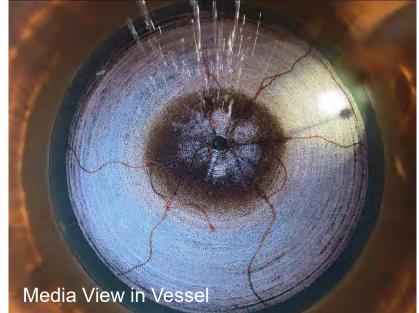
- Odor Breakthrough Fall 2024
 - North Train Only
 - At Carbon Scrubber Stack
 - Trains not interconnected after BTF inlets
- 10 ppm inlet H₂S
- 50-75% H₂S removal in BTFs
- Train taken offline for inspection
- Inspection by camera insertion thru manway

New Natomas Pump Station

Media Condition







New Natomas Pump Station Irrigation





New Natomas Pump Station

- Physical Inspection did not indicate any major issues with media
- Irrigation spray pattern good, but coverage near vessel wall may be less than needed
- Spray nozzle replacement recommended
- Carbon media replacement recommended
- Restart North train BTF
- Evaluate process control including pH and flow rates of irrigation water

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Case Study #3

VSD WWTP Headworks Biofilter

Indio, California Valley Sanitary District

VSD Biofilter

Biofilter Treating WWTP Headworks



- Original 3,000 cfm mulch biofilter operating since early 2000s
- Capacity increased to 4,000 cfm for headworks expansion project
- Biofilter was sufficient for 4,000 cfm
- New 4,000 cfm FRP fan installed

VSD Biofilter

Biofilter Treating WWTP Headworks



- New fan was underperforming
- Fan testing confirmed static pressure much higher than specified
- Biofilter inspection recommended to identify possible causes
- Video camera insertion revealed that air distribution piping under biofilter nearly half full of sand
- · Project to clean air piping and replace media underway

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- 35+ years of experience in municipal wastewater conveyance and treatment
- 25+ years of experience in wastewater odor control project experience across the US

Takeaways

- Collect data
- Inspect existing systems