

# **PRELIMINARY TREATMENT (aka PRETREATMENT)**

**WE WILL DISCUSS THE HEADWORKS:**

- **WET WELL (PUMPS)**
- **SCREENS**
- **GRIT REMOVAL**
- **SHREDDERS**



**MOST TREATMENT  
PLANTS ARE BUILT  
DOWN-GRADIENT  
FROM THE AREA  
SERVED**

**WWTP**

**SAVES \$ TO MAKE USE OF "NATURAL"  
FORCES—GRAVITY, SUNLIGHT, WIND  
BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY**

**SOMETIMES, PLANTS HAVE TO  
BE LOCATED "UP-GRADIENT...**

- LAND AVAILABILITY
- HIGH GROUND WATER TABLE

**MIGHT REQUIRE LOW-LIFT PUMPS**

# PUMPS

**REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD  
PUMP ARE:**

- **HANDLES VARIABLE FLOW**

- **MUST HANDLE DEBRIS**

- **FEWER MOVING PARTS—  
THE BETTER**

# SCREW PUMPS





**ARCHIMEDES  
INVENTED THE  
SCREW PUMP**

**ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
"ARCHIMEDES SCREW"**

# **ARCHIMEDES MORE FAMOUS FOR HIS "LAW OF BUOYANCY"**

## **ALSO INVENTED/DEVELOPED:**

- CATAPULTS**
- BURNING MIRRORS**
- LEVER THEORY**

# SCREW PUMPS

## USED FOR:

- RAW AND TREATED SEWAGE  
LIFT STATIONS
- ACTIVATED SLUDGE RETURN
- STORM WATER PUMPING
- LAND DRAINAGE/INDUSTRIAL  
WASTE



# **SCREW PUMPS**

- **AVAILABLE FROM 1-FOOT TO 12 FEET DIAMETER**

- **HANDLES FLOWS FROM:  
100 to 95,000 GAL/MIN**

- **LIFTS FROM 6 to 40 FEET**



**CLOSED SCREW PUMP**

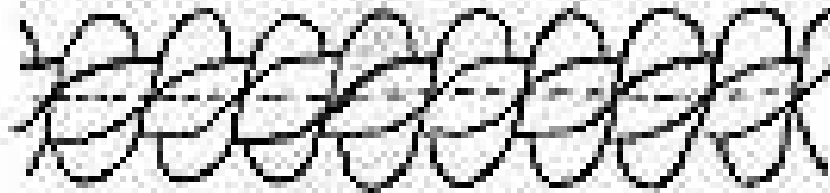


**OPEN SCREW PUMP**

ONE  
FLIGHT



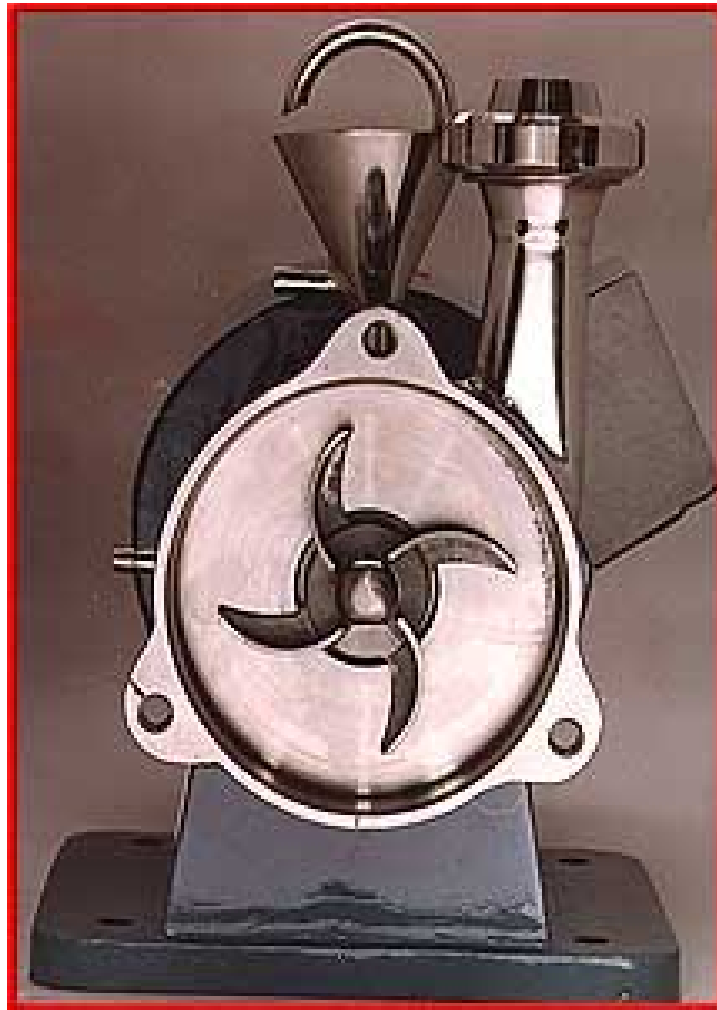
TWO  
FLIGHT



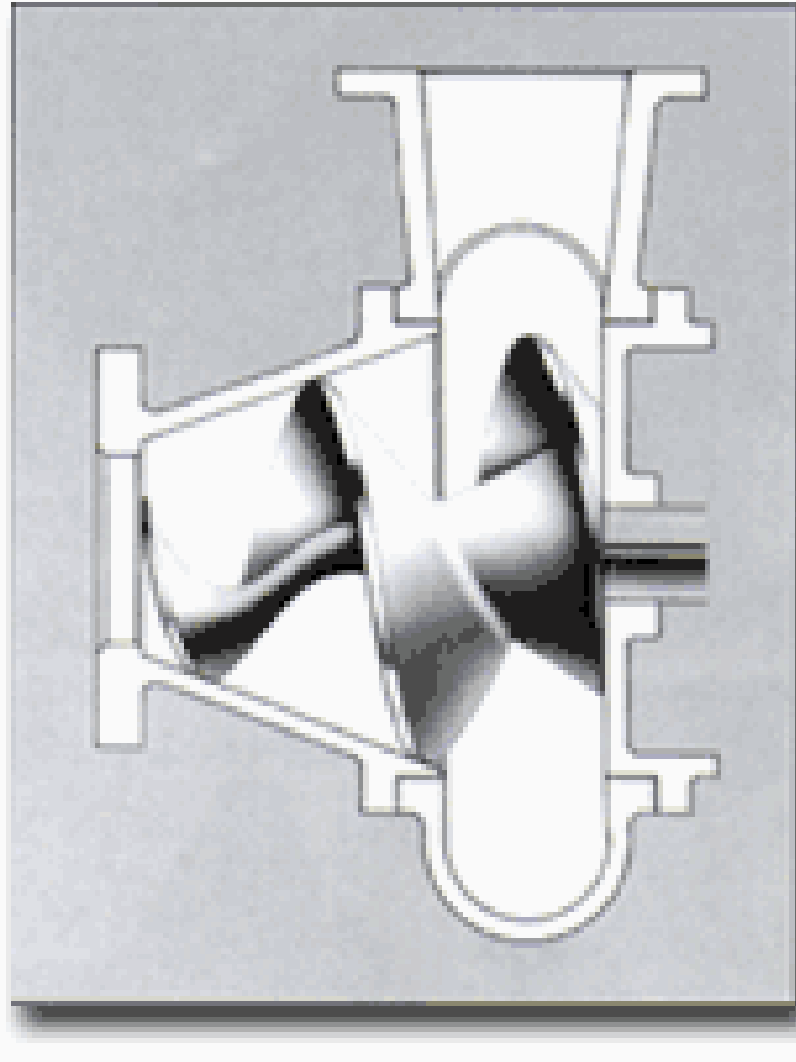
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**FLIGHTS (or HELIXES) ON A  
SCREW PUMP**



**CENTRIFUGAL PUMP**



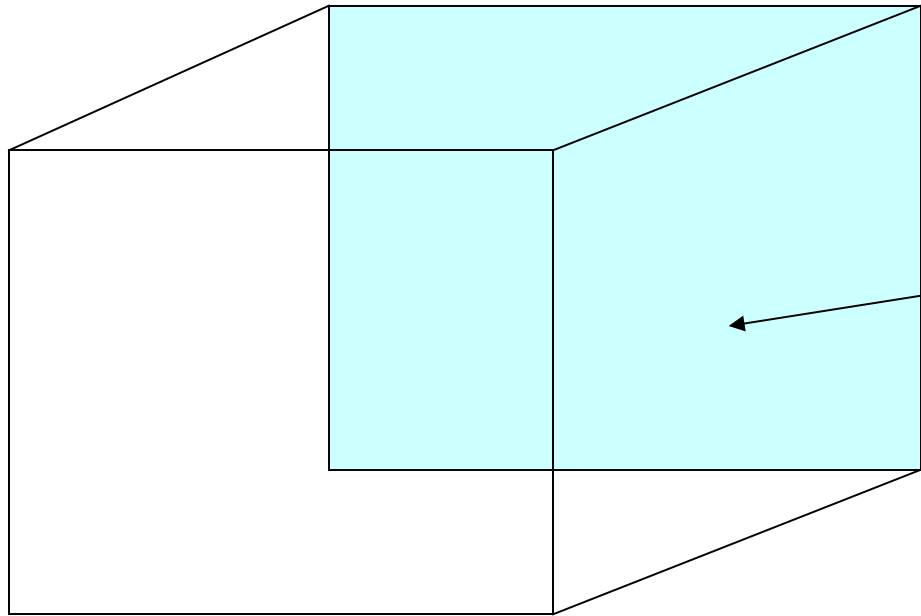
**CENTRIFUGAL SCREW PUMP**

## **"HEAD" and "HEAD LOSS"**

**"HEAD" REFERS TO FLUID  
PRESSURE or ENERGY**

**"HEAD LOSS" REFERS TO  
ENERGY or FRICTION LOSS**

**BOTH ARE EXPRESSED IN INCHES  
or FEET of WATER**



**One  
cubic  
foot of  
water**

**WEIGHS 62.4 POUNDS**

**ONE FOOT OF "HEAD" IS  
EQUIVALENT TO 0.433 pounds/sq in**



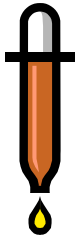
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## **(aka PRETREATMENT)**

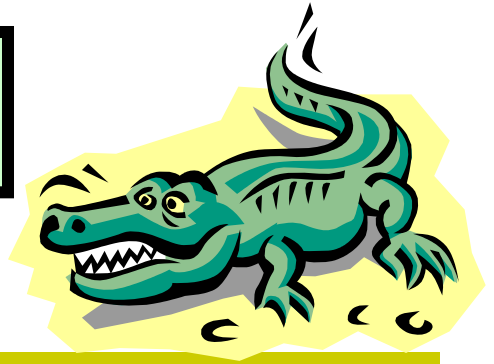
- SCREENING: TO REMOVE  
LARGE

DEBRIS

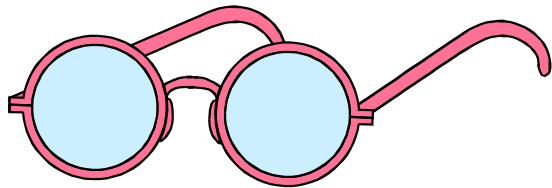
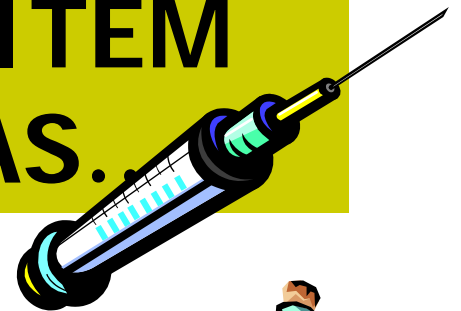
- **RACKS and BAR SCREENS**



# SCREENING



**PURPOSE: TO REMOVE LARGE,  
NON-BIODEGRADABLE ITEM  
FROM SEWAGE SUCH AS.**



# RACKS

- BAR SPACING 3 to 4 INCHES

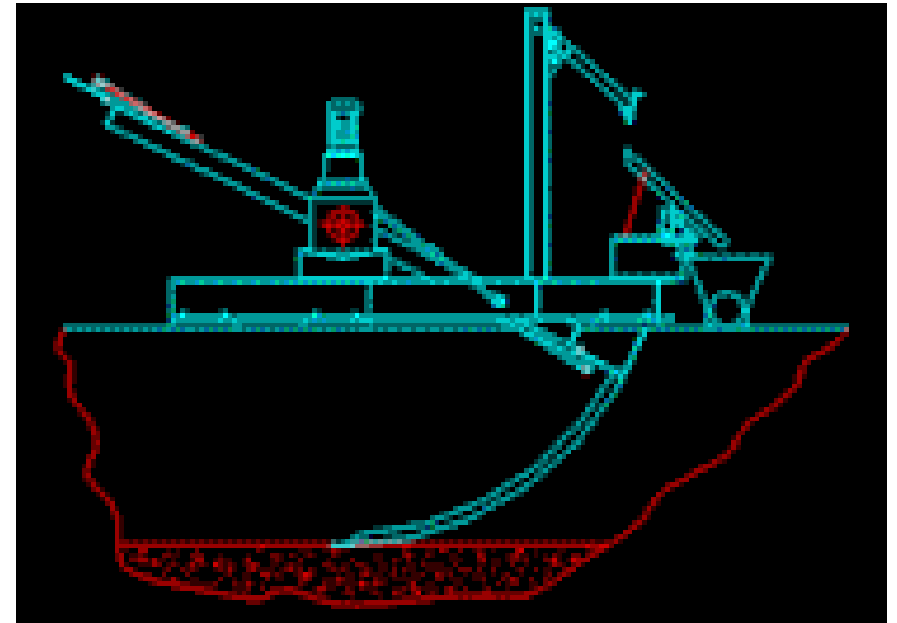
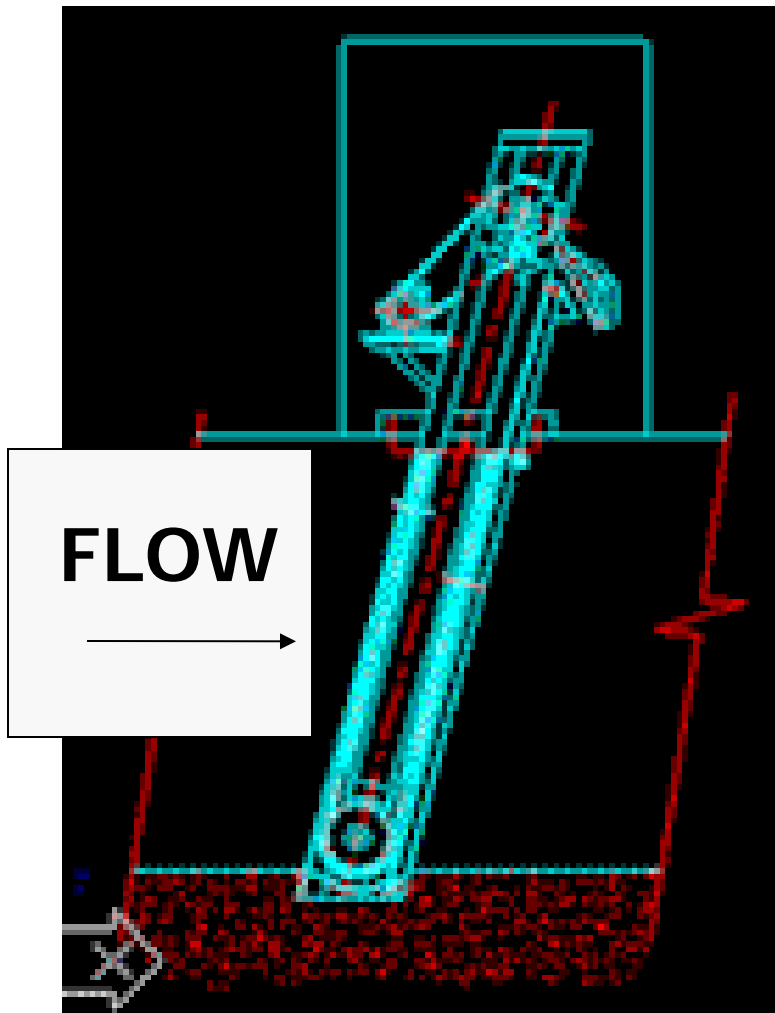
- INCLINED UP TO 45 DEGREES

- USUALLY MANUALLY CLEANED

## **BAR SCREENS**

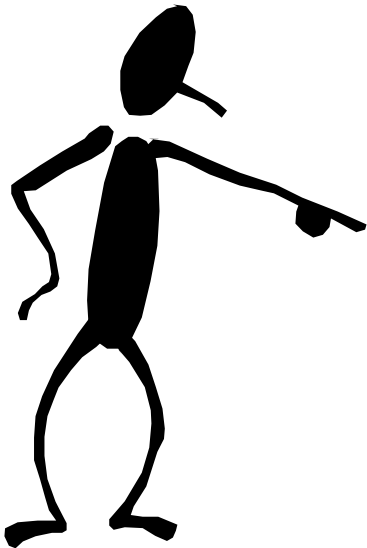
- **BAR SPACING 3/8 to 2 INCHES**

- **OFTEN MECHANICALLY CLEANED**

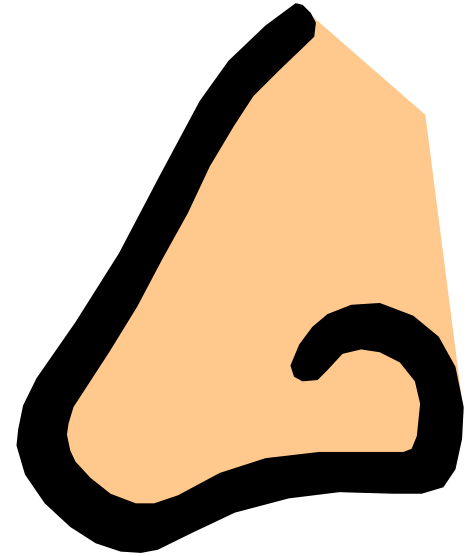
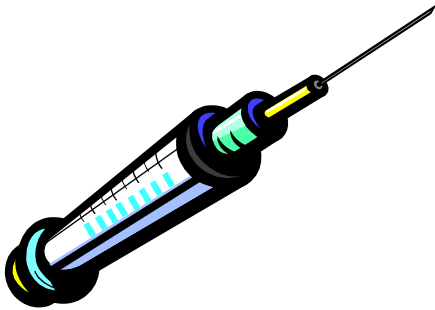


## **INCLINED & RADIAL BAR SCREENS**

**TURN OFF AND LOCK-OUT  
ANY ELECTRICAL  
EQUIPMENT BEFORE YOU  
WORK ON THEM!**

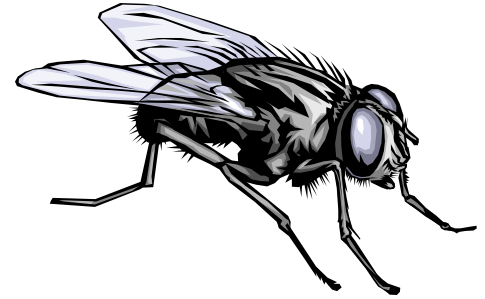


**KEEP THE SCREENS  
CLEAN TO REDUCE HEAD  
LOSS (AND COSTS)**



**SCREENINGS "STINK" AND MAY  
BE HAZARDOUS**

**DISPOSE OF BY BURIAL OR  
INCINERATION**



- BURY WITH AT LEAST 6 INCHES OF COVER- - TO DISCOURAGE VECTORS

- NO ADVERSE AFFECTS ON GROUND OR SURFACE WATERS



# **GRIT REMOVAL**

**RECALL:**

**“GRIT” IS HEAVY INORGANIC  
MATERIAL SUCH AS SAND, EGG  
SHELLS, CINDERS**

**"GRIT", WHEN MIXED  
WITH GREASE, TAR AND  
OTHER CEMENTING  
MATERIALS...**

- **WILL CAUSE EXCESSIVE WEAR  
ON PUMPS**

- **WILL CLOG PIPES and SUMPS**

**GRIT + OIL + GREASE =**  
**DETRITUS**

**IN SOME AREAS, GRIT  
CHAMBERS (or  
CHANNELS) ARE CALLED  
“DETRITUS TANKS”**

**WASTEWATER CONTAINS  
SOME SOLIDS THAT WILL  
NEITHER SINK NOR FLOAT!**

- COLLOIDS = FINELY DIVIDED  
DISPERSED SOLIDS
- EMULSIONS = LIQUIDS THAT  
WILL NOT DISSOLVE IN EACH  
OTHER (GREASE, FATS, OIL in  
WATER)

# FLOATATION PROCESS

AIR IS PUMPED INTO THE  
WASTEWATER THEN REMOVED BY  
VACUUM OR RELEASED UNDER  
PRESSURE TO REMOVE COLLOIDS and  
EMULSIONS

# **TYPES OF GRIT CHAMBERS**

**1) HORIZONTAL FLOW**

**2) AERATED**

**3) VORTEX (cyclone separator)**

# **HORIZONTAL GRIT CHAMBER**

- **OLDEST TYPE AND  
MOST COMMON**

- **EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN A  
VELOCITY AROUND 1 ft /sec IS  
BEST FOR GRIT REMOVAL**

**MAINTAINING A CONSTANT  
FLOW THROUGH THE CHAMBER**

**BECAUSE INFLUENT QUANTITIES  
VARY, YOU MUST:**

- **VARY THE NUMBER OF CHAMBERS  
ON LINE**
- **USE A PROPORTIONAL (aka SUTRO)  
WEIR AT THE OUTLET OF THE CHAMBER**



# **WHAT'S A PROPORTIONAL WEIR?**

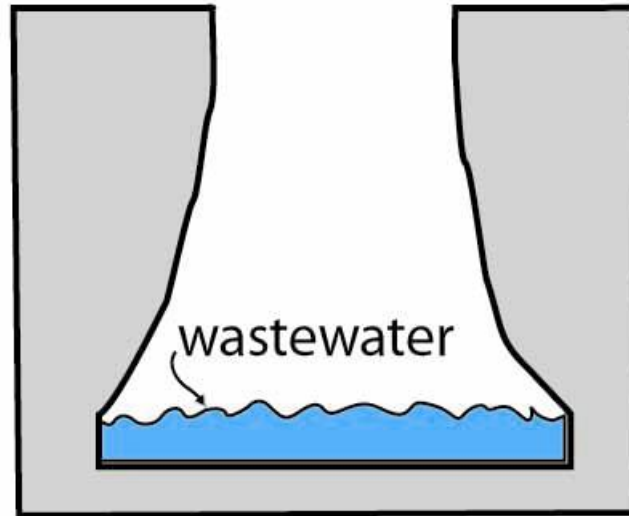
**A SPECIALLY DESIGNED  
CONSTRICTION TO GO IN THE  
EFFLUENT END OF A GRIT  
CHAMBER**

**FLOW THROUGH THE WEIR IS  
PROPORTIONAL TO THE HEIGHT OF  
THE WATER IN THE CHANNEL**

# HOW A PROPORTIONAL WEIR WORKS:

$$Q = \underline{V} \times \underline{A}$$

WHERE:  $Q$  IS  
THE FLOW;  
 $V$  IS THE  
VELOCITY, AND  
 $A$  IS THE  
CROSS-  
SECTIONAL  
AREA



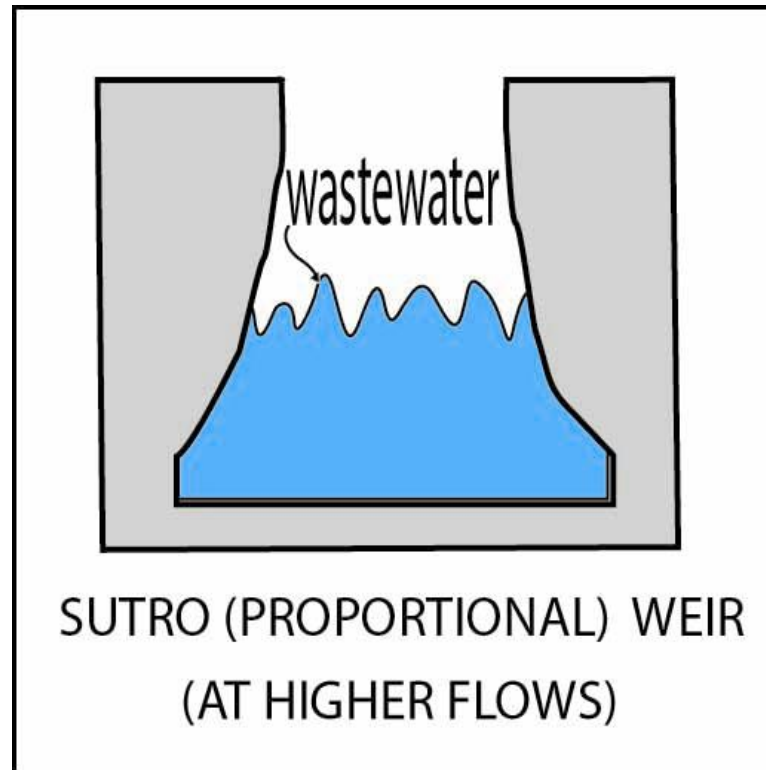
SUTRO (PROPORTIONAL) WEIR  
(AT LOW FLOWS)

VELOCITY = 1 FPS

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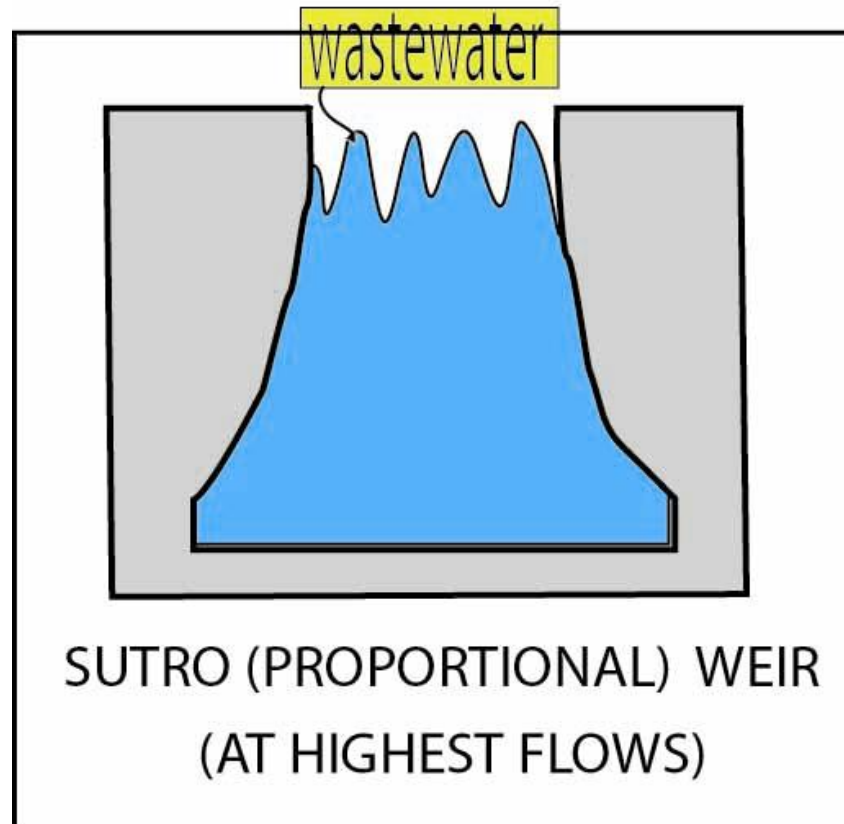
$$V=Q/A$$

AS  $Q$   
INCREASES,  
 $A$  MUST  
DECREASE  
FOR  $V$  TO  
REMAIN AT  
1 FPS.



VELOCITY = 1 FPS

# HOW A PROPORTIONAL WEIR WORKS:



**VELOCITY remains = 1 FPS**

# **HOW TO MEASURE VELOCITY IN A GRIT CHAMBER**

**ONE EASY WAY IS TO DROP  
IN SOMETHING THAT  
FLOATS AND TIME IT OVER  
A MEASURED DISTANCE**

## GRIT CHAMBER VELOCITY

**EXAMPLE: YOU DROP IN  
A STICK AND IT TAKES  
20 SECONDS TO FLOAT  
25 FEET.**

$$\text{VELOCITY} = 25 \text{ FT} / 20 \text{ SEC} = \underline{1.25} \text{ fps}$$

# **PARTICLE REMOVAL in a grit chamber**

- **DESIGNED TO REMOVE  
0.2 mm SAND PARTICLES**
- **0.2 mm SAND SETTLES AT  
22 mm/sec (0.075 ft/sec)**
- **About 13 sec for a particle to  
settle 1 ft (1 ft/0.075 ft/sec  
= 13.3 sec)**

# **SHORT CIRCUITING AND “DEAD” SPOTS IN TANKS**

**NO TANK IS PERFECT WHEN IT  
COMES TO FLOW**

**DEAD SPOTS (LITTLE or NO FLOW)  
DEVELOP WHERE ORGANICS  
CAN SETTLE OUT**



# **DEAD SPOTS CAUSE PROBLEMS**

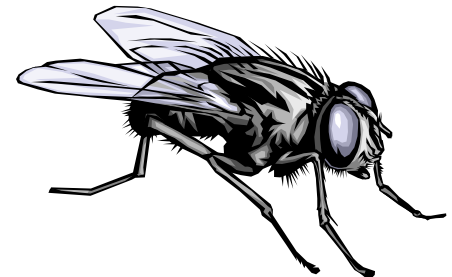
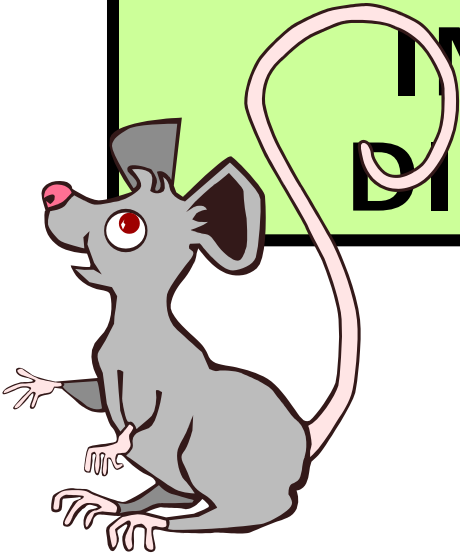
**ORGANICS BEGIN SETTLING  
AND BECOME "PUTRESCIBLE"**

**SOMETIMES DEFLECTORS CAN  
BE PLACED IN THE GRIT  
CHAMBER TO MINIMIZE DEAD  
SPOTS**

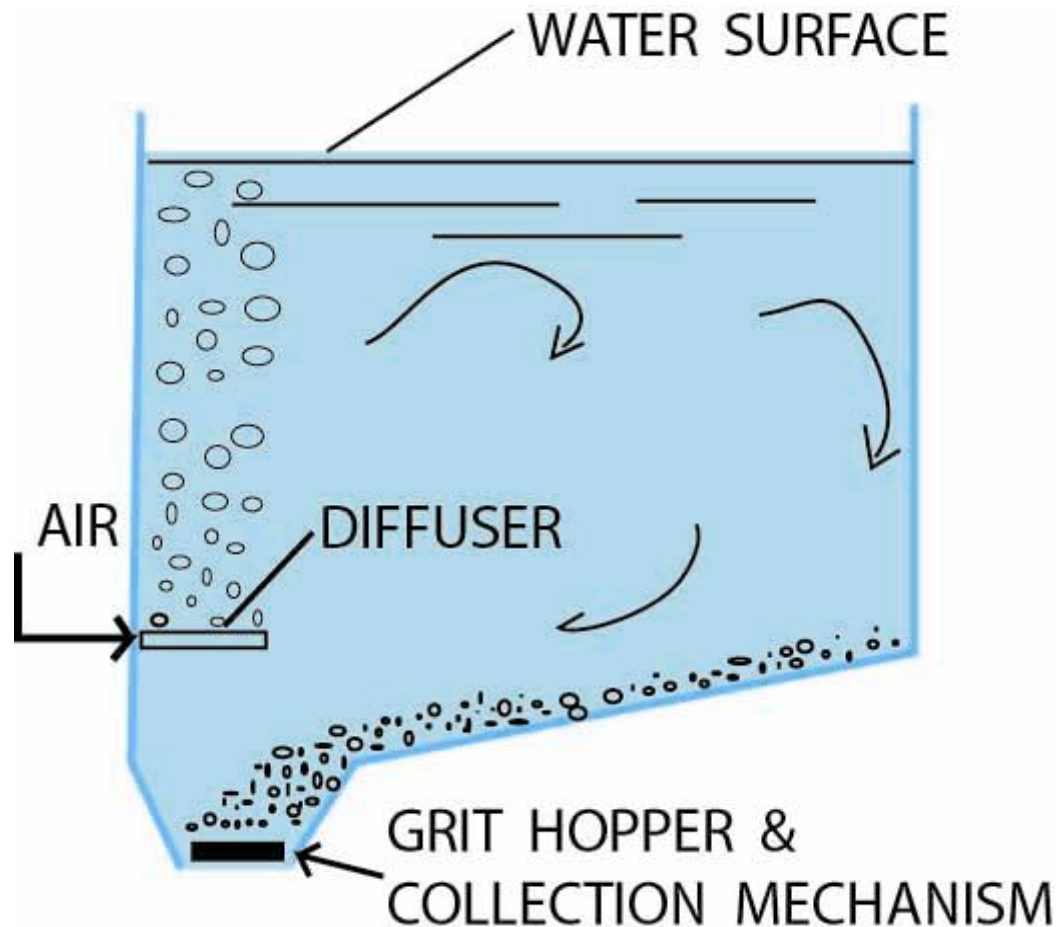
# GRIT DISPOSAL

- SHOULD BE REMOVED DAILY

- BURIED WITH AT LEAST 6  
INCHES OF COVER TO  
DISCOURAGE VECTORS



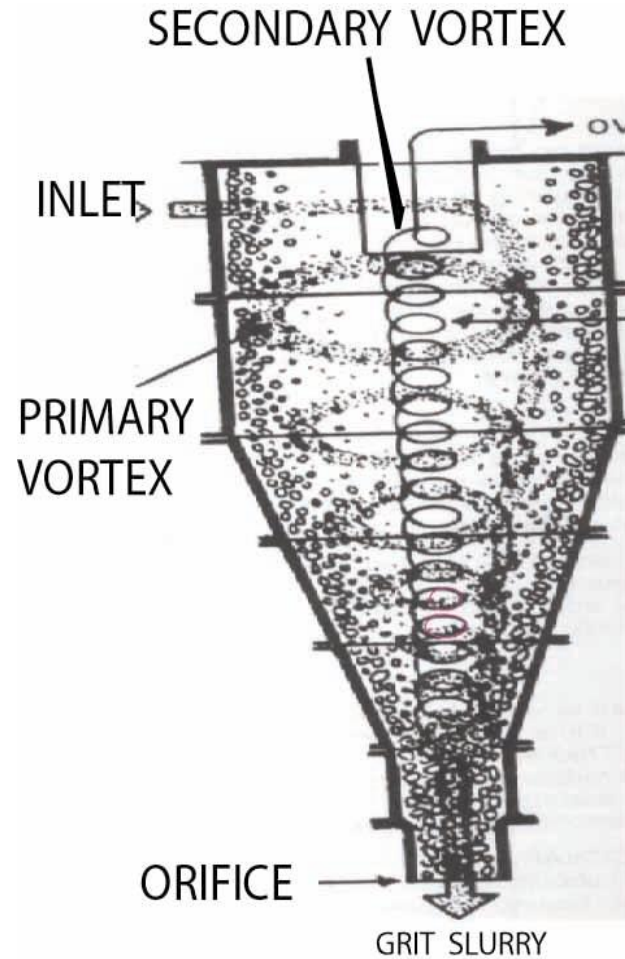
# **AERATED GRIT CHAMBER**



**AIR/WATER MIXTURE HAS LOWER SPECIFIC GRAVITY THAN WATER ALONE- GRIT SETTLES**

# VORTEX (CYCLONE) GRIT SEPARATOR

**CENTRIFUGAL  
FORCE MOVES  
HEAVIER  
PARTICLES TO  
OUTSIDE WALL**

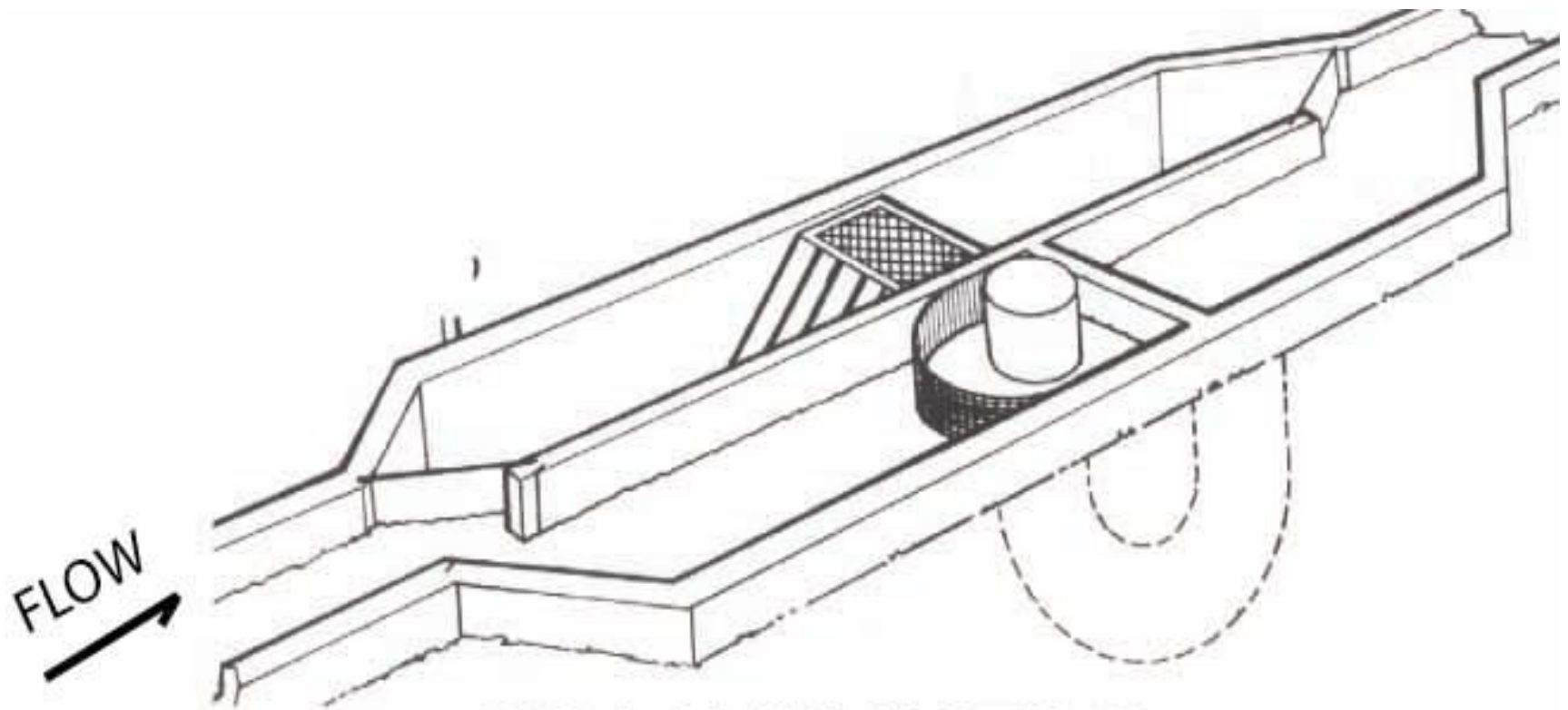


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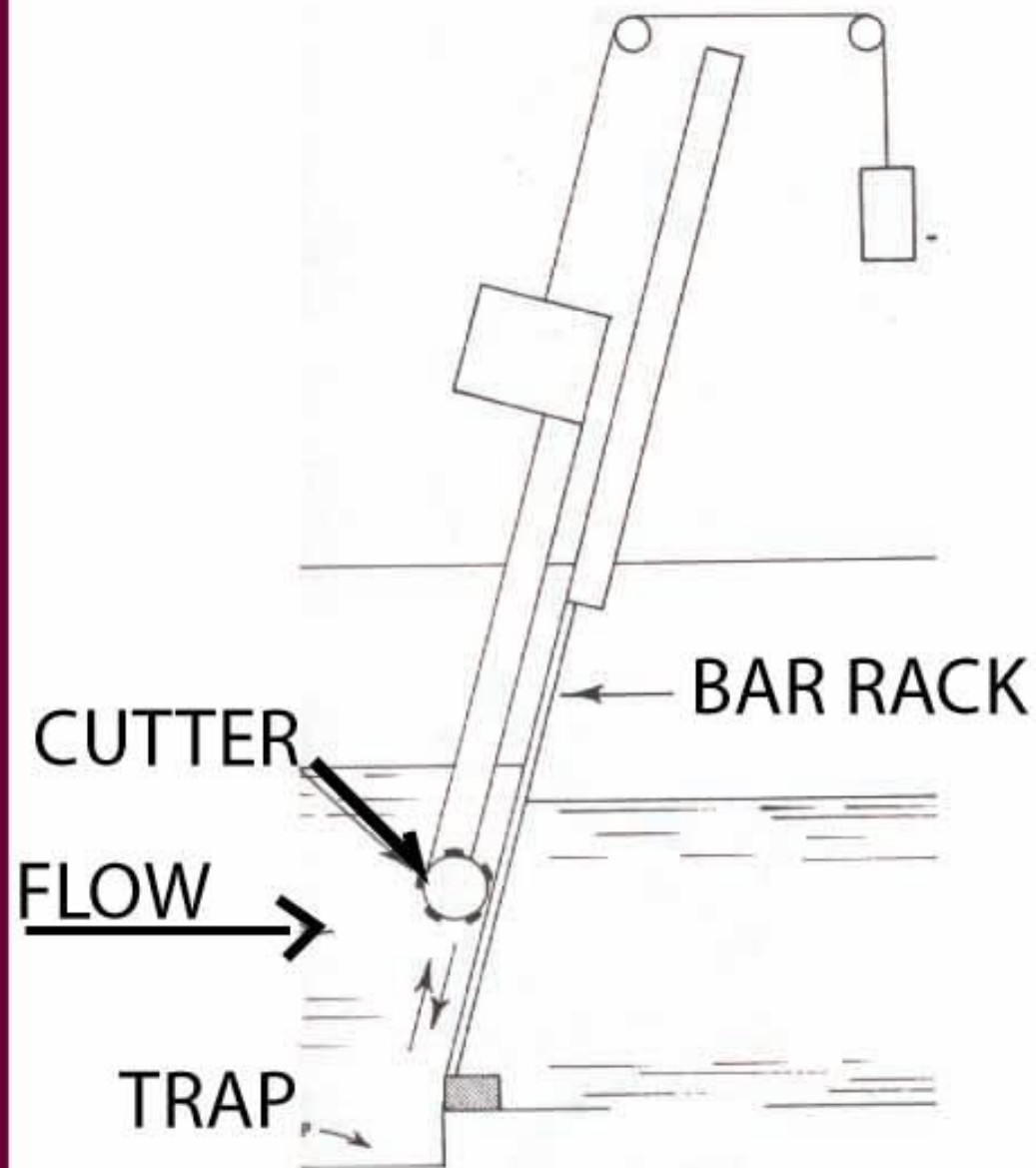
# **COMMINUTION (SHREDDING)**

**SOMETIMES...**

- **USED IN LIEU OF BAR SCREENS**
- **FOLLOW BAR SCREENS**
- **FOLLOW GRIT CHAMBER**



COMMINUTOR



BARMINUTOR (SIDE VIEW)

# NEWER TYPES OF SHREDDERS



**BAR SCREEN MONSTER®**



# NEWER TYPES OF SHREDDERS



**MUFFIN MONSTER®**

**WIDELY USED IN  
PRISONS TO PREVENT  
SEWER BACKUPS**

# NEWER TYPES OF SHREDDERS



**AUGER MONSTER®**

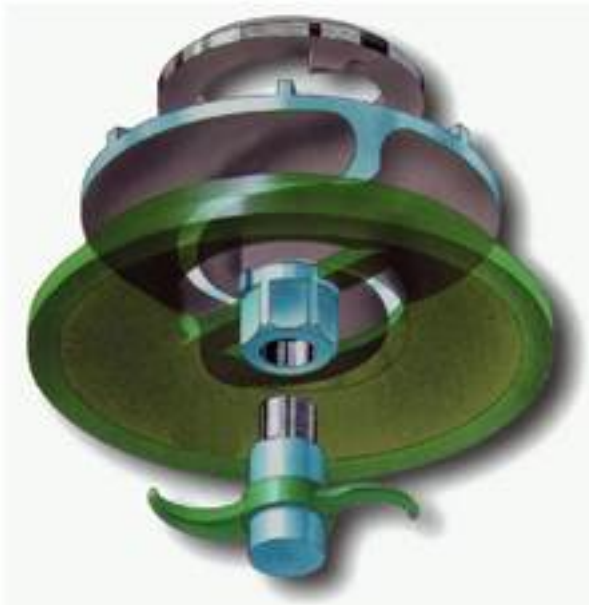
**OTHERS INCLUDE:  
Mini Monster;  
Macho Monster,  
Channel Monster**

# NEWER TYPES OF SHREDDERS

**DIMMINUTOR®**



# NEWER TYPES OF SHREDDERS



**CHOPPER PUMP**