Passively-Enhanced Lime Mixing and Dissolution

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Semi-Active Lime Dissolution

- Water powered Lime Dosers.
- Long Dissolution Channel.
- Lime Buildup in Channel or Ponds.
- Carbon Dioxide Reacts to Form Calcite.





Manor Site – Clearfield County, PA



Site overview



Raw Water Chemistry

Parameter	Date							Units
Date	1-6-12	1-16-12	1-23-12	1-31-12	2-7-12	2-21-12	Avg.	
pH Field	3.48	3.43	3.53	3.38	3.45	3.69	3.48	S. U.
Acidity	466	468	458	445	422	417	446	mg/L
Iron	233	201	231	183	210	203	203	mg/L
Aluminum	19.3	22.3	15.6	12.9	11.4	16.8	16.8	mg/L
Manganes e	3.62	2.99	3.13	3.23	3.43	3.40	3.4	mg/L
Calcium	166	140	160	138	145	141	141	mg/L
Magnesiu m	43.3	49.7	51.7	54.1	44.9	45.7	45.7	mg/L

Add Pebble Quicklime



MixWell

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Raw water is feed to the bottom of the MixWell.

• Lime or lime slurry is added to the annulus and sinks to the bottom.

- The lime is agitated by the raw water.
- Only small particles rise to the discharge.









Particles Retained in MixWell



Lime Particles from MixWell



A-Mixer

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• Compressed Air supplied by Trompe.

- Airlift created in 12 inch pipe.
- Circulation in tank keeps small particles suspended.
- Airlift provides oxygen for iron oxidation.

A-Mixer







Lime Particles from A-Mixer

A-Mixer discharge

Pebble Quicklime

Raw Lime Particle Size Distribution MixWell Lime Particle Size Distribution 1/16/2024 1/24/2012 1/24/2012 100% 100% 80% 80% Percent Percent 60% 60% 40% 40% 20% 20% 0% 0% 80 - 200 200 - 325 +1010 - 60 60 - 80 +1010 - 60 60 - 80 80 - 200 200 - 325 Mesh Mesh A-Mixer **Particle Size Distribution** ■ 1/31/2012 ■ 2/21/2012 100.00% 80.00% Percent 60.00% 40.00% 20.00%

0.00%

+ 10

10 X 60

60 X 80

80 X 200

200 X 325

Chemical Reactions

 $Fe^{+2} + \frac{1}{4}O_2 + H^+ \rightarrow Fe^{+3} + \frac{1}{2}H_2O$ $Fe^{+3} + 3H_2O \rightarrow Fe(OH)_3 + 3H^+$

And / Or

 $Fe(OH)_2 + \frac{1}{2} H_2O + \frac{1}{4} O_2 \rightarrow Fe(OH)_3$

Process Chemistry



Gypsum Formation



Calculated Lime Efficiency



40% Cost Reduction

Manor Lime Utilization

Before After



Conclusions

- Passive mixing technology can have a very significant improvement in lime utilization where pebble lime is the source of the alkalinity.
- The MixWell technology is very effective at dissolving pebble quicklime and reducing the particle size of its effluent.

 The A-Mixer*, if operated at pH 7 or above, can advance the oxidation of ferrous iron while maintaining pH.

(*A-Mixer can be applied at Hydrated Lime/other sites)

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