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# NATURAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT

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- A Area,  $m^2$  or ha
- C Concentration, mg/l
- D Depth, m
- e Base of Naperian logarithms
- *e* Evaporation or evapotranspiration, mm/d
- $k_1$  First-order rate constant for BOD removal,  $d^{-1}$
- $k_A$  First-order area-based rate constant for BOD removal, m/d
- $k_{\rm B}$  First-order rate constant for FC removal, d<sup>-1</sup>
- $k_{\rm N}$  First-order area-based rate constant for ammonia-N removal, m/d
- *L* BOD concentration, mg/l
- *N* Number of FC per 100 ml
- *n* Number of maturation ponds
- *P* Population (or population equivalents) served
- Q Flow, m<sup>3</sup>/d
- ε Porosity
- $\theta$  Retention time, d
- $\lambda_S$  Surface BOD loading rate, kg/ha d
- φ Arrhenius constant

Subscripts:

- e effluent
- F facultative (pond)
- i influent
- M maturation (pond)
- M1 first maturation (pond)
- P polishing (pond)

## **A** BBREVIATIONS

| BOD   | Biochemical oxygen demand (5-day, 20°C)          |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| CAPEX | Capital expenditure                              |
| CVF   | Compact vertical-flow (CW)                       |
| CW    | Constructed wetland(s)                           |
| DEM   | Deutschmark(s)                                   |
| DWF   | Dry weather flow                                 |
| FC    | Faecal (i.e., thermotolerant) coliforms          |
| FWS   | Free-water-surface (CW)                          |
| HLR   | Hydraulic loading rate(s)                        |
| ICE   | Institution of Civil Engineers                   |
| IWA   | International Water Association                  |
| NWT   | Natural wastewater treatment                     |
| OPEX  | Operational expenditure                          |
| OTR   | Oxygen transfer rate(s)                          |
| O&M   | Operation and maintenance                        |
| p.e.  | Population equivalent                            |
| RBC   | Rotating biological contactor(s)                 |
| RF    | Rock filter(s)                                   |
| RW    | Raw wastewater                                   |
| SS    | Suspended solids (= total suspended solids, TSS) |
| SSHF  | Subsurface horizontal-flow (CW)                  |
| SUDS  | Sustainable drainage systems                     |
| TOC   | Total organic carbon                             |
| UASB  | Upflow anaerobic sludge blanket (reactor)        |
| USD   | United States dollar(s)                          |
| UWWTD | Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive            |
| VF    | Vertical-flow (CW)                               |
| WSP   | Waste stabilization pond(s)                      |
| WHO   | World Health Organization                        |
|       |                                                  |

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