# Industrial Wastewater to Crop Irrigation



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### Industrial Wastewater Background

- Source of Water
  - Discharge from Metal Finishing Plant
- Analysis/Contaminants
  - pH, suspended solids, toxic metals
- Treatment
  - Main focus, remove copper
- Use
  - Direct Crop Irrigation





#### Industrial Wastewater Analysis

#### • Analysis Physical Parameters

- o pH Test 3.5
- Turbidity Test 4.80 NTU
- TSS- Total Suspended Solids 120 mg/L
- TDS- Total Dissolved Solids 514.5 mg/L
- Conductivity 1029µs/cm

#### • Analysis Chemical Parameters

- Spectrophotometer .086A
- BOD/COD -No BOD, COD 35 mg/L
- Ion Chromatograph 15.4 mg/L Phosphate
- Colorimetric 1.94 mg/L NH4<sup>+</sup>





## **Copper Used in Metal Plating**

- Toxic Metal Measurement
  - Copper
    - Mixed 4.5mL of Copper solution with 0.5mL ammonia
      - Measured absorptivity of sample
- High levels of copper
  - Toxic to plants





#### Treatment Method

- Determine Optimum pH Level For Copper Precipitation
  - 6 0.5L of wastewater
  - NaOH added 0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 3mL
  - Solubility of Metals is Dependent on pH
  - Results determined 3mL was necessary
- Determine Optimum PAIC Addition for Copper Concentration Coagulation
  - 6 0.5L of wastewater
  - PAIC coagulant: 0, 50, 200, 400, 600, 1000 μL
  - Measure TSS to determine effectiveness
  - Results determined 1000µL was necessary





#### **Recycling Industrial Wastewater in Israel**

- Applications in Israel
  - Direct Crop Irrigation
    - Unrestricted/Restricted
- Applications in California
  - Direct Crop Irrigation: Currently 80% of CA water usage.



#### Metal Finishing in California

- Copper is used extensively in the chroming and electroplating process of metals.
- Southern California has a several chroming and electroplating facilities and washing off the parts carries the contamination to the waste water system.



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