



DATE: January 6, 2014

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FROM: Cullen J. Wilder, P.E.

SUBJECT: **Summary of Pilot Testing, Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1**

Dear Mr. Warner,

ATEC Systems Associates, Inc. pilot tested Rainier View Water Company's Cascade Highlands Well 1. The objective was to determine the efficacy of the ATEC system in removing iron and manganese from the water of this well, and to identify the optimal ATEC filtration equipment for treatment that will reliably remove these constituents to less than the following limits set by the USEPA: iron and manganese to less than one-half their Secondary Maximum Contamination Levels (SMCLs) of 0.300 mg/L and 0.050 mg/L, respectively. The treatment system should have a capacity of 50 gpm.

The pilot filter system is designed to simulate actual operation of an ATEC filter system on a small scale in terms of retention, media depth, flow per cubic foot of media, flow per square foot of media (loading rate) and so forth. For the test, differing amounts of chlorine are applied to the raw water and the loading rates are varied to determine the most economical filtration equipment necessary to meet the treatment objectives. During the pilot testing the pilot trailer's field lab was used to determine chlorine, iron, manganese, H₂S and ammonia concentrations in the raw and finished water.

Based on the results of the pilot testing, a system comprised of (6) 14-inch diameter vertical filters with 60-inch side walls containing 42-inches of AS-741M media (pyrolusite), is recommended. This system would be shipped on a single skid, finished painted with underdrain support, underdrain, piping, manifolds and valves shop assembled.

Preliminary drawings for the recommended system are included in this report. Dimensions are subject to change and points of connections can be revised to suit field conditions.

The remainder of the report discusses the pilot testing and the recommended system. This report is meant to summarize and document the results of the pilot testing and the basis for the recommended system. This pilot test report should be helpful in preparing a technical report given in WAC 246-290-110, but is not meant to wholly satisfy the requirements in this section.

Treated Water Objectives

A TEC guarantees the removal of iron and manganese to less than one-half their SMCLs of 0.300 mg/L and 0.050 mg/L, or 0.150 mg/L and 0.025 mg/L, respectively. These values are less than the concentrations we have found will cause odor, taste and staining.

Ammonia and H₂S can also be the cause of taste and odor problems. The A TEC system will also reduce the concentrations of these constituents, if present.

General Description of the A TEC Iron, Manganese Removal Process

A TEC Systems uses its proprietary AS-700 Series Filter Media, based on manganese dioxide mineral ore (Pyrolusite) as the basis for its high rate arsenic, iron, and manganese removal systems. This media is unusually robust, has a very high adsorptive capacity, and lends itself to the design of relatively simple treatment systems that do not require multi-media filter beds or the use of anthracite caps thus eliminating the need for surface wash and air scour systems. Currently A TEC has approximately 350 systems in operation. We have never supplied equipment that has failed to meet its treatment objectives.

The iron is oxidized to its insoluble state and filtered while the manganese is adsorbed on the surface of the media where it is secured and oxidized in place. Chlorine is injected immediately upstream of the filters. The chlorine is used to oxidize the iron and to maintain the filter bed in an oxidized state, not to oxidize and precipitate the manganese as is the case with most other treatment systems. This key difference allows for high loading rates and correspondingly small equipment footprints.

This is in sharp contrast with the more commonly used oxidation-precipitation-filtration methods where the iron is typically oxidized first with the addition of chlorine; manganese is often oxidized later with potassium permanganate prior to filtration. Depending on the pH of the water and other factors, detention often follows the

introduction of these oxidants to allow for the chemical reactions, usually manganese oxidation, to occur and for the oxidized iron and manganese to form a filterable floc. The presence of H₂S, ammonia, and/or organic matter (organic carbon) can make iron and manganese removal more difficult.

In this pilot test, chlorine was introduced to the influent immediately ahead of four 6-inch diameter filter columns with 60-inch filter sidewalls. The filters are manifolded together at the inlet and outlet and filled with 42-inches of AS-741M Filter Media. The pilot test characteristics are detailed in Tables 1 and 2.

Raw Water Quality, Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1 Wells

As given in Tables 3 and 4 and shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3 in this report, iron concentrations varied from 0.130 mg/L to 0.240 mg/L, averaging 0.170 mg/L, about 56 percent of the SMCL of 0.300 mg/L. Manganese concentrations in the raw water varied from 0.382 mg/L to 0.400 mg/L, averaging 0.391 mg/L or close to eight times the SMCL of 0.050 mg/L.

Two samples hydrogen sulfide were taken, one at non-detect and a second at 0.009 mg/L.

Two samples of ammonia were taken, one at non-detect and a second at 0.010 mg/L.

Iron and manganese at these levels are likely the cause of problems with taste, odor and staining.

The following table summarizes the raw water quality of the wells at the Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1.

**Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1 Wells
Raw Water Quality**

Parameter	Low	High	Average
Iron	0.130 mg/L	0.240 mg/L	0.170 mg/L
Manganese	0.382 mg/L	0.400 mg/L	0.391 mg/L
H ₂ S	Non-detect	0.009 mg/L	0.001 mg/L
Ammonia	Non-detect	0.010 mg/L	0.005 mg/L

Pilot Test Results, Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1 Wells

Pilot testing was performed on November 15, 2013. A total of 13 samples were taken over a period of 6 hours. Breakthrough, which would have been indicated by the spike in finish water iron and manganese concentrations, did not occur during the test.

Influent flow was varied from a low of 5.90 gpm to a high of 9.00 gpm corresponding to loading rates of 7.51 gpm/sqft and 11.45 gpm/sqft with an average loading rate of 9.11 gpm/sqft.¹

Chlorine was added to the influent water in varying amounts from a low of 1.12 mg/L to a high of 2.10 mg/L, averaging 1.50 mg/L. Total Chlorine concentration in the finish water varied from a low of 0.69 mg/L to a high of 1.59 mg/L, averaging 0.85 mg/L. Chlorine demand averaged 0.65 mg/L.

In order for the media to remain charged, it is necessary to maintain a residual chlorine concentration and we recommend a free chlorine residual of no less than 0.600 mg/L after filtration.

Finish water iron concentrations varied from Non-detect to 0.060 mg/L, averaging 0.010 mg/L, about 3 percent of the 0.300 mg/L SMCL.

Finish water manganese concentrations varied from 0.002 mg/L to 0.020 mg/L, averaging 0.011 mg/L, about 22 percent of the SMCL of 0.05 mg/L.

Two finish water samples of ammonia were taken at non-detect.² As well, two samples of hydrogen sulfide were taken, one at non-detect and another at 0.001 mg/L.

The taste of the finish water was reported as good.

The following table summarizes the pilot testing of the Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1.

¹ Area of the filter testing equipment is 0.784 sqft.

² Oxidation by chlorine can remove ammonia from water. When chlorine is added to water containing ammonia the ammonia initially reacts with hypochlorous acid to form chloramines. Continued contact with chlorine after the "breakpoint" when free chlorine forms, converts the chloramines to nitrogen gas.

**Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands Well 1 Well
Pilot Test Summary**

Parameter	Low	High	Average	Percent of SMCL
Iron	Non-detect	0.060 mg/L	0.001 mg/L	3.08 %
Manganese	0.002 mg/L	0.020 mg/L	0.011 mg/L	21.69 %
Loading Rate	7.51 gpm/sqft	11.45 gpm/sqft	9.11 gpm/sqft	-

Recommended System

At the 50 gpm required capacity, the recommended system of (6) 14-inch diameter filters would have a loading rate of 7.79 gpm/sqft during production and 9.35 gpm/sqft during backwash when one filter is out of production. The system would be shipped finish painted on a single skid, pre-plumbed, pre-wired, fusion epoxy coated tanks and manifolds, 0.25-inch heads and sidewalls. This includes 3-inch inlet and outlet manifolds, 3-inch backwash line, and a 120 VAC automatic controller. Also available and shipped loose by ATEC Systems, may be a 3-inch backwash assembly 60-inches long, which has a threaded port for a sight glass, and provisions for a backwash meter to set the backwash at the correct rate of 30 gpm (28 gpm/sqft).

ATEC guarantees this system will remove iron and manganese to or less than one-half their respective SMCLs.

Backwash

Based on ATEC's experience with similar water, we expect that the backwash interval proven with experience could be set at 24 hours of production.

The required backwash rate for the media is 28 gpm/sf, or 30 gpm for the 14-inch filters recommended. The gate valve provided in a backwash assembly is used to set the flow to that rate.

Filters are backwashed sequentially for five minutes each, using a portion of the finish water produced by the other filters. During the 30 minutes of backwash 30 gpm of the 50 gpm produced by the well would be used for backwash and approximately 20 gpm would be provided to the system.

The well operates a negligible or less than zero pressure since it is located above the system it pumps into. In order to regulate backwash, a minimum of 30 - 40 psi is required. Therefore, the designer must provide a pressure sustaining valve that would be activated to provide the 30 psi minimum pressure when the system is in backwash. The designer should also determine that at least 30 gpm can be provided by the well pump under a 30 psi head.

In addition the designer should provide some means to prevent the water in the filters from draining to the lower areas when the well pump is off.

Operating Characteristics of the Recommended Filter System

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Value</u>
Production Rate	50 gpm
Loading Rate	7.79 gpm/sqft
Backwash Rate	28 gpm/sqft
Backwash Flow	30 gpm
Backwash Duration	5-minutes per filter
Maximum Backwash Frequency	24 hours of production
Backwash Amount	900 gallons
Production Between Backwash Cycles	72,000 gallons
Backwash as a Percentage of Production	1.25 %

Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Yours truly,

Cullen Wilder

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**Table 1
Pilot Test Equipment Characteristics**

Pilot Filters¹

Sidewall Height (inches)	48 to 60
Overall Height (inches)	62 to 74
Diameter (inches)	6
Filter Surface Area (each) (ft. ²)	0.1964
Total Filter Surface Area (ft ²)	0.7854
Underdrain	Stainless Steel Wedgewire, 0.01" slots
Media Support	¾" minus crushed granite, 4"
Source Water Connections	¾" Standard Hose
Recommended Minimum/Maximum Working Pressure	20/90 psi

Filter Media²

Depth in Filters (inches)	36 to 48
Volume in Filters (ft ³)	2.36 to 3.15
Approximate Weight in Filters (lbs.)	285
Weight (lbs./ft ³)	120.5
Physical Size (mm)	0.32 –to-0.85

Maximum Removal Capacity

Iron Removal (mg/L)	10
Manganese Removal (mg/L)	10
Hydrogen Sulfide Removal (mg/L)	5
Non-Adsorptive Removal (microns)	>20

Chemical Dosing Equipment³

Stenner Peristaltic Solution Metering Pumps (up to 17.0 gpd @ 100 psi)
LMI Solution Metering Pumps (various capacities)

Analytical Equipment

See following page.

^{1/} The pilot filter plant consists of four, 6" filter columns connected by common manifolds for influent, effluent and backwash water. Each filter is controlled by a three-way ball valve. The system is set up to closely mimic a full-scale filter system in terms of media depth, application rates in terms of both area (gpm/ft² of filter area) and volume (gpm/ft³ of media), and backwash characteristics to the extent possible. Source water is metered using a totalizing flow meter. Pressure is measured on the influent and effluent manifold to determine headloss. Chemical injection points are located as close to the filter as possible to simulate actual operation. In cases where extended contact time is desired before the source water enters the filters, a pipe section of pre-determined volume is placed between the chemical injection points and the filters to provide accurate contact time measurement. Sidewall height is variable to a maximum of 60" without modification, allowing a maximum media bed depth of 48".

^{2/} AS-721M and AS-741M Filter Media, 0.85 to 2.36mm and 0.42mm to 0.85mm, respectively, are both granular manganese dioxide media, derived from naturally occurring pyrolusite, and are certified to ANSI/NSQFT Standard 61.

^{3/} Solution metering pumps are available for the injection of up to three chemicals, if needed. Normally, the only chemical injected is chlorine. And in the case of arsenic, ferric chloride. There are, however, provisions for special circumstances, such as pH adjustment for corrosion control or the treatment of water at fish hatcheries that do not permit chlorine.

Table 2 Analytical Equipment

The following analytical equipment is normally carried on our pilot trailers.

Spectrophotometer, Model DR/2800, Hach Co., Loveland, CO
Digital Titrator, Hach Co., Loveland, CO
pH Meter, Model 266, Orion Co., Boston, MA
Stir Plate, Hach Co., Loveland, CO
0.45-Micron Filter, Nalgene

Glassware—beakers, flasks, columns, sample cells, 10 and 25 ml

Although not normally carried in each trailer, a turbidity meter is available.

Reagents for the following field tests:

Spectrophotometer

Free Chlorine, DPD, Method 8021 and 10059 (300 tests)
Total Chlorine, DPD, Method 8167 or 10060 (300 tests)

Iron, FerroZine Method, Method 8147 (500 tests)
Iron, Total, FerroVer Method, Method 8008 (300 tests)

Manganese, Low Range, PAN Method, Method 8149 (500 tests)

Nitrogen, Ammonia, Salicylate Method, Method 8155 (100 tests)

Sulfide, Methylene Blue Method, Method 8131 (100 tests)

Silica, Molybdate Method, Method 8282 (100 tests)

Digital Titrator

Alkalinity, Phenolphthalein and Total Method, Method 8203 (100 tests)
Hardness, Phenolphthalein and Total Method, Method 8203 (100 tests)
Total Chlorine, Iodometric Method, Method 8209 (100 tests)

Field tests not listed above may be available. Please note that we send all tests for arsenic and other contaminants that require digestion or distillation to a commercial laboratory.

ATEC Iron and Manganese Removal Pilot Plant



The exterior of ATEC Systems' pilot trailer is shown above. The source and product water connections are shown entering and exiting the trailer. Inside dimensions are 14' x 6' x 6½'.



The front one-half of the trailer is shown above. The instrument foreground on the wall is an in-line chlorine analyzer. The smaller boxes on the wall above the light are electronic flow meters used to monitor cumulative as well as instantaneous flow for each treatment train in the pilot plant.



Picture above shows the interior of the pilot plant trailer from the rear. The sample outlets and the analytical equipment are on the desk in the front of the trailer.



The picture on the left shows one set of filters. Source water enters through the hose inlet in the wall, passes through a flow meter, past a chlorine injection point, through an in-line static mixer, into the inlet manifold, down through the filter media. Product water is discharged through the wall. The pail holding the sodium hypochlorite solution can be seen to the right of the filter vessels and the in-line chlorine analyzer is on the wall above the NaOCl container. The sample ports and analytical equipment is forward of the chlorine analyzer. A second container of Ferric Chloride solution and feed pump is provided for pilot testing for arsenic removal.

Table 3
Summary of Pilot Study Test Conditions
Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands, Well 1
November 15, 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sample Number</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Meter Reading (Gallons)</u>	<u>Average Flow (gpm)</u>	<u>Loading Rate (gpm/ft²)</u>	<u>Loading Rate (gpm/ft³)</u>	<u>Media Contact Time (Minutes)</u>	<u>Cl₂ Dose (mg/L)</u>	<u>Temp °C</u>
11/15	Start	9:00	-	6.70	8.53	2.44	3.91	2.10	9.9
	1	9:30	176.9	5.90	7.51	2.15	2.99	2.05	10.0
	2	10:00	396.5	7.32	9.32	2.66	2.41	1.37	10.0
	3	10:30	666.4	9.00	11.45	3.27	1.96	1.12	10.0
	4	11:00	893.9	7.58	9.66	2.76	2.33	1.33	10.0
	5	11:30	1,098.9	7.88	10.04	2.87	2.24	1.27	10.0
	6	12:00	1,281.6	6.09	7.75	2.22	2.90	1.65	10.0
	7	12:30	1,470.7	6.30	8.03	2.29	2.80	1.59	10.0
	8	13:00	1,671.5	6.69	8.52	2.43	2.64	1.50	10.0
	9	13:30	1,859.1	6.25	7.96	2.27	2.82	1.61	10.0
	10	14:00	2,111.5	8.41	10.71	3.06	2.10	1.19	10.0
	11	14:30	2,303.9	6.41	8.17	2.33	2.75	1.57	10.0
	12	15:00	2,557.2	8.44	10.75	3.07	2.09	1.19	10.0
	Total or Average		2,557.20	7.15	9.11	2.60	2.61	1.50	10.0

NA, indicates Not Applicable for this test

Not Dosed, (ND) indicating the period of the test

Not Tested, (NT) indicating no value entered because there was no sample to test

Media contact time = Empty bed contact time

45-50 gpm, <10 psi

Used 42" AS-741 media

Sodium Hypochlorite titrated @ 3618.6

BW start and end of the test

Used Rochelle Salts

Hardness = 138 as CaCO₃

Power lost 11:46 - 11:49

Table 4
Summary of Pilot Test Results
Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands, Well 1
November 15, 2013

Sample Number	Source Water							Product Water								
	pH (Units)	Fe (mg/L)	Mn (mg/L)	H ₂ S (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)	Silica (mg/L)	PSI	pH (Units)	Cl ₂ (F) (mg/L)	Cl ₂ (T) (mg/L)	Fe (mg/L)	Mn (mg/L)	H ₂ S (mg/L)	Ammonia (mg/L)	Silica (mg/L)	PSI
Start	7.92	0.24	0.382				28	7.89	1.14	1.59	0.06	0.020				24
1	7.85	0.19	0.400			35.50	22	7.89	0.93	1.29	0.03	0.008			38.70	23
2	7.94	0.21	0.385	0.009			24	7.89	0.37	0.76	0.03	0.011	0.001			20
3	7.96	0.13	0.389				25	7.90	0.58	0.70	-	0.014				20
4	7.95	0.14	0.395		0.010		25	7.93	0.60	0.69	-	0.015		-		20
5	7.94	0.14	0.389				26	7.91	0.62	0.79	-	0.009				21
6	8.30	0.14	0.388		-		26	8.31	0.61	0.78	-	0.007		-		21
7	8.01	0.16	0.399	-			26	8.03	0.61	0.75	-	0.015		-		21
8	7.88	0.19	0.384				26	7.99	0.60	0.69	-	0.008				22
9	7.99	0.17	0.393			27.60	28	8.00	0.63	0.80	-	0.002			34.30	22
10	7.99	0.14	0.392				28	8.00	0.62	0.72	-	0.011				24
11	7.98	0.20	0.396				28	7.90	0.53	0.79	-	0.009				23
12	7.97	0.14	0.391				28	7.95	0.63	0.76	-	0.012				23
Total or Average	7.98	0.17	0.391	0.005	0.005	31.55	26	7.97	0.65	0.85	0.01	0.011	0.001	-	36.50	22
Average as Percent of MCL		56.2%	782.0%								3.08%	21.69%				
Average Removal Rate											94.5%	97.23%				

Non Detect, indicating the absence of a metal or chemical at or above the method detection limit is shown as "-" and calculated in the total or average as zero.

Figure 1
Pilot Test Results
Chlorine Dosage and Free Residual Concentrations
Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands, Well 1
November 15, 2013

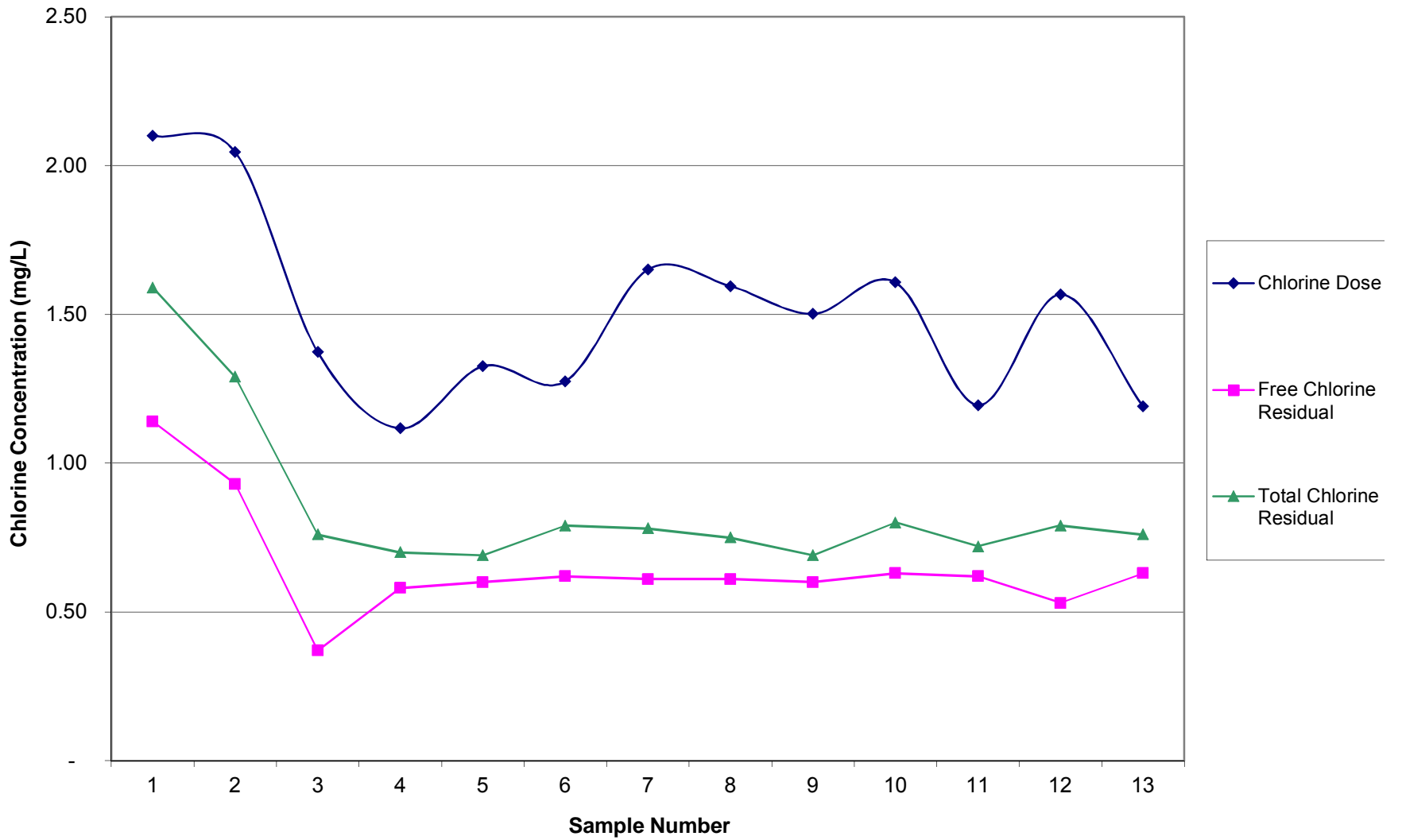


Figure 2
Pilot Test Results
Manganese Removal Using AS-741M Filter Media
Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands, Well 1
November 15, 2013

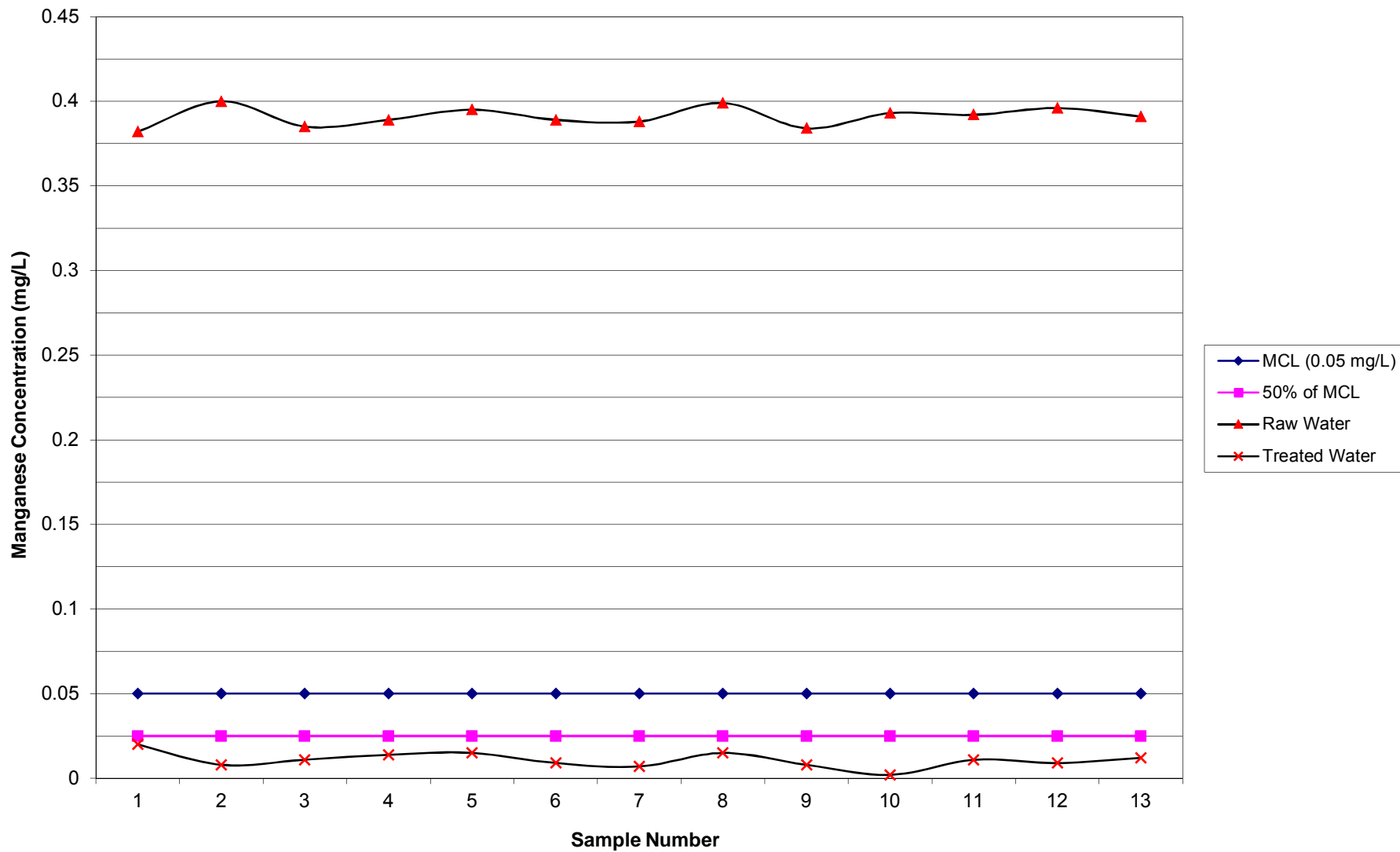
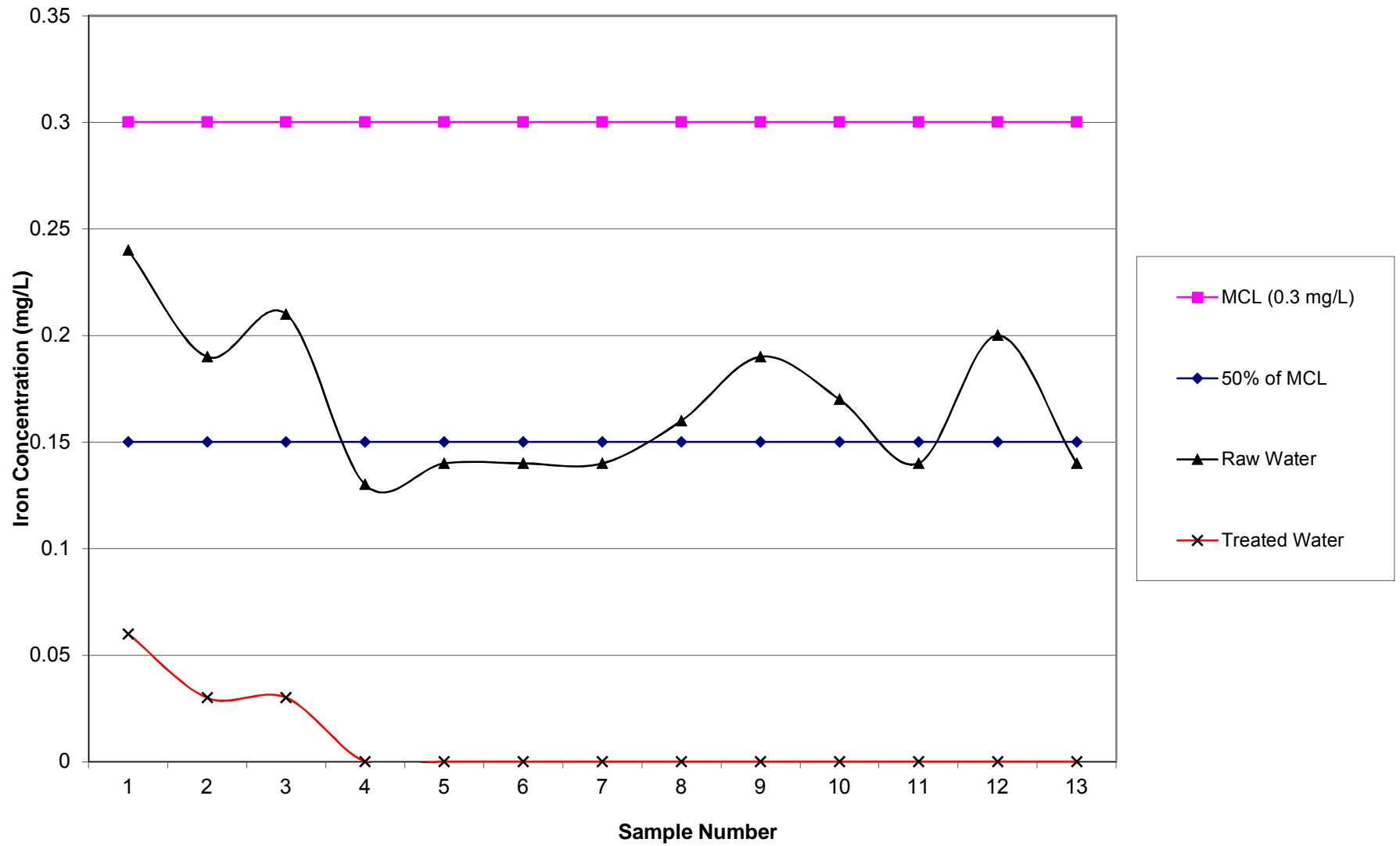
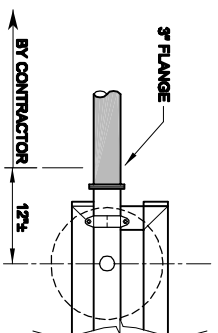
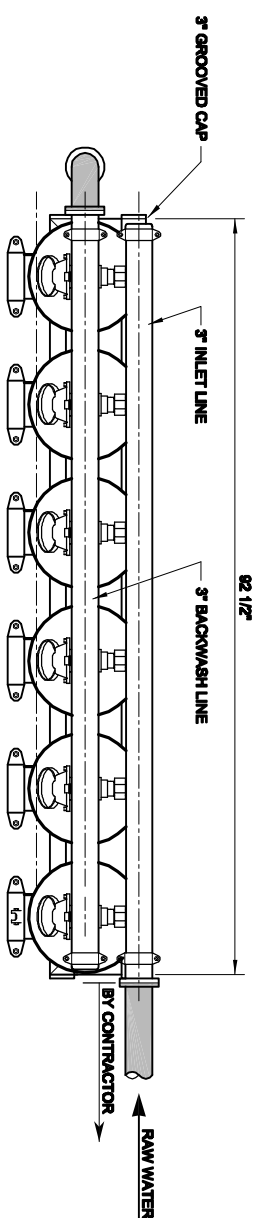


Figure 3
Pilot Test Results
Iron Removal Using ATEC AS-741M Filter Media
Rainier View Water Company, Cascade Highlands, Well 1
November 15, 2013

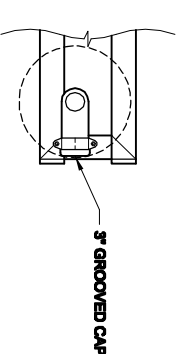




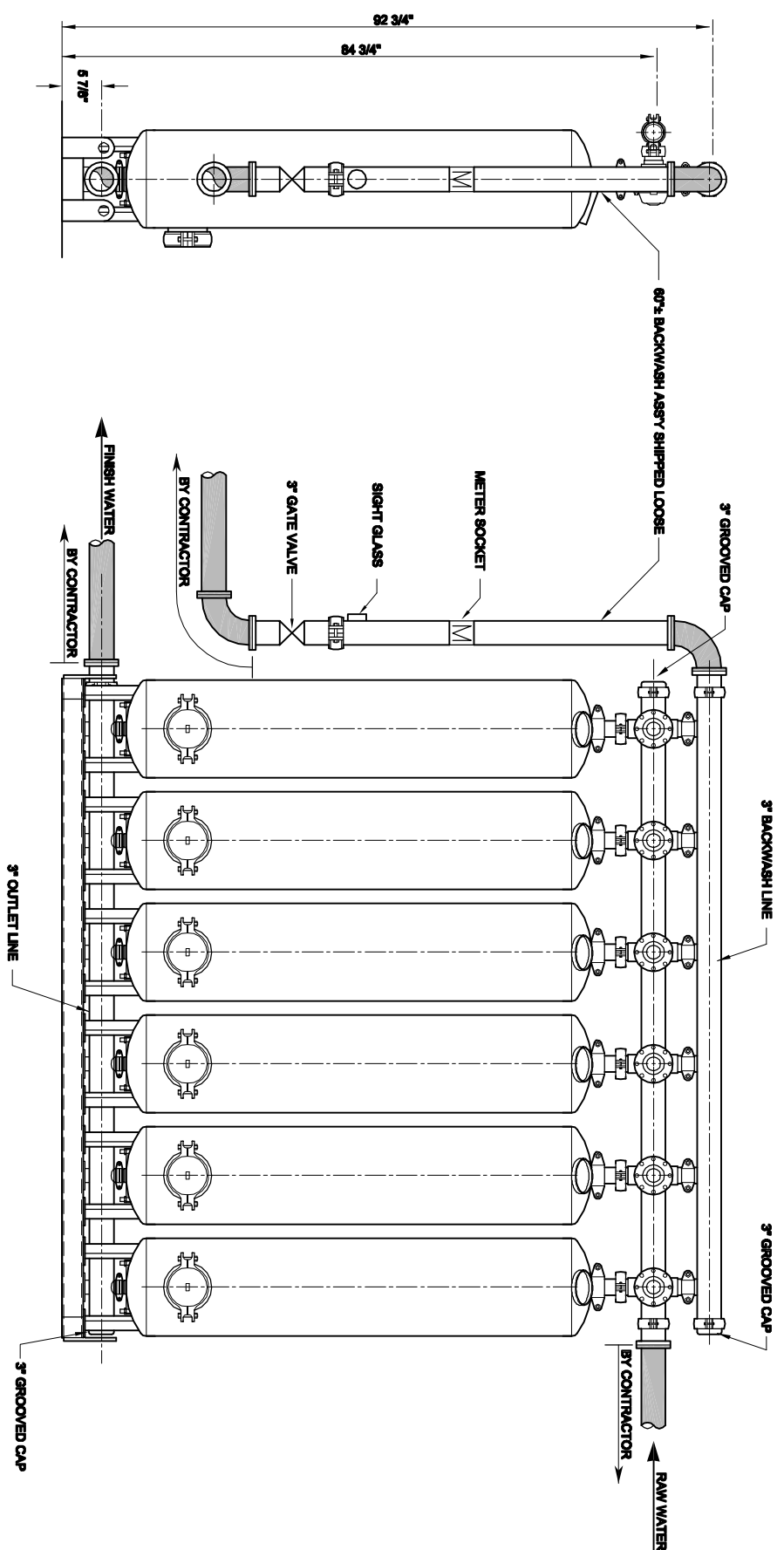
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PLAN VIEW

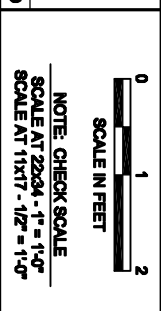


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DRAWN BY:	
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LINEAR ARRANGEMENT
CASCADE HIGHLANDS WELL 1
RAINER VIEW WATER CO.

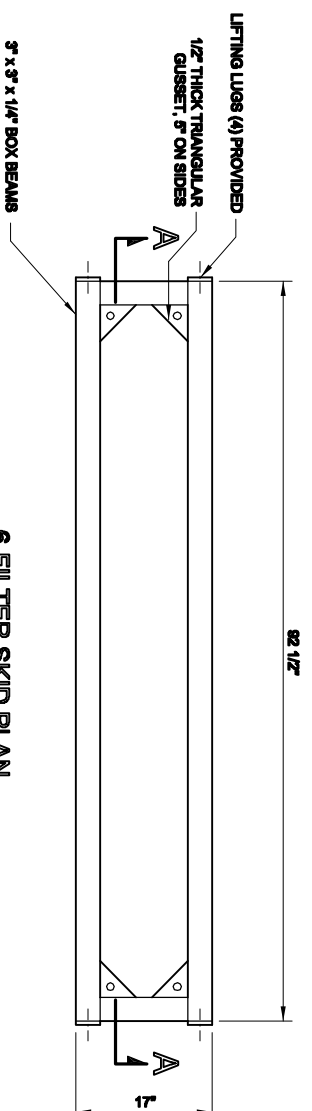
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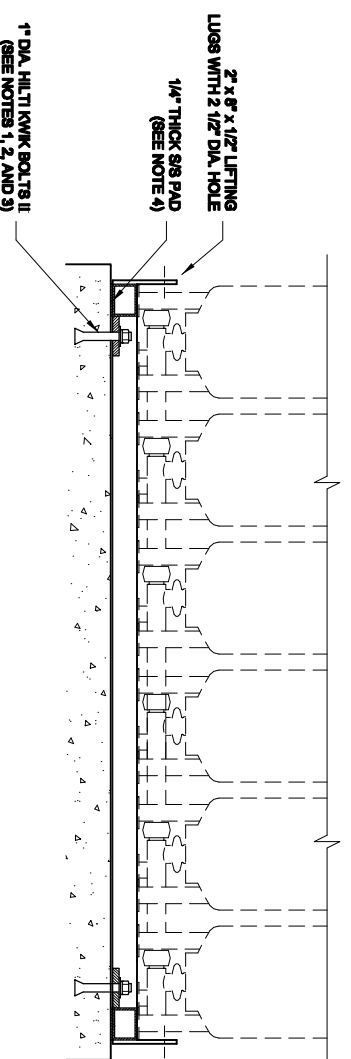
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1	1	PRS-CP1015	3" GROOVED COUPLING, CAST IRON W/ BOLTS & GASKET
2	3	PRS-CP102	3" GROOVED COUPLING, CAST IRON W/ BOLTS & GASKET
3	1	PRS-CA905	5" GROOVED END CAP
4	1	PRS=HHP6	6"x8" HAND HOLE PLATE
5	1	PRS=HHG6	6"x8" HAND HOLE GASKET
6	1	PRS=HHG56	6"x8" HAND HOLE BOLT SET
7	1	PRS=HHCR6	6"x8" HAND HOLE HOLD DOWN CRAB
8	1	V-BF3	3"x3"x2" BACKFLUSH VALVE, BERMAID
9	1	UNSS14	UNDER-DRAIN ASSEMBLY 31BL. SS. W/ SCH 80 CAP COMPLETE
10	1	79PPYVZCM24VOC	SOLENOID VALVE, PETER PAUL(NOT SHOWN)
11	1	PRS-CP105	5" GROOVED COUPLING, CAST IRON, W/BOLTS & GASKET

NOTE: QUANTITIES FOR (1) ONE TANK

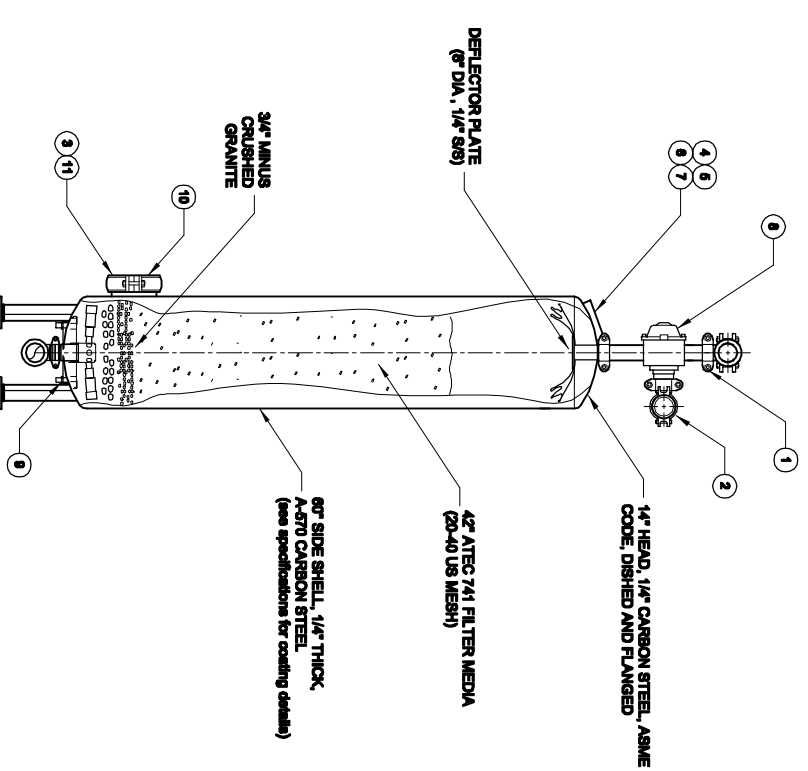
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6-FILTER SKID PLAN



SECTION A-A



SECTION THROUGH TANK



SYSTEMS ASSOCIATES

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DESIGN BY:	
DRAWN BY:	
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APPRO BY:	

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SCALE IN FEET
 NOTE: CHECK SCALE
 SCALE AT 22x34 - 1" = 1'-0"
 SCALE AT 11x17 - 1/2" = 1'-0"

LINEAR ARRANGEMENT
 CASCADE HIGHLANDS WELL 1
 RAINIER VIEW WATER CO.

FILTER DETAILS

SHEET NO.	2 of 2
DWG. NO.	
DATE:	12-2-13
FILE:	Cascade Highlands Well 1