

# Threshold Recognition of Water Turbidity for Clogging Prevention during Groundwater Recharge Using Secondary Effluent from Wastewater Treatment Plant

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**Table S1.** Threshold values of suspended solids concentration and turbidity for reclaimed water quality standards in different regions.

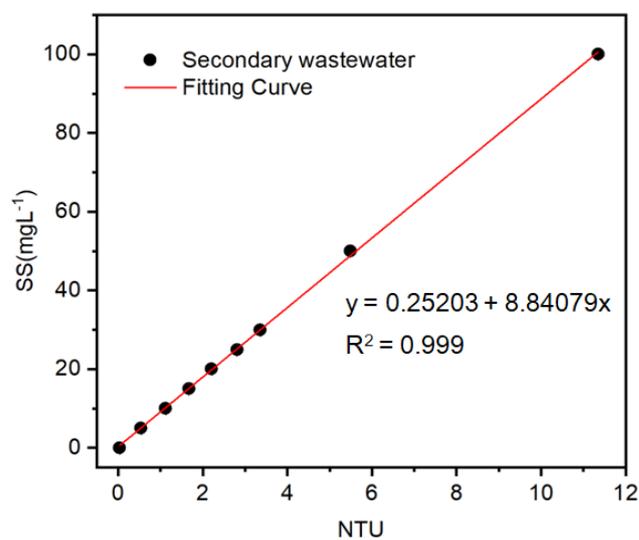
Standards/requirements of reclaimed water	area	Turbidity (NTU)	SS (mg/L)
Standards of reclaimed water quality (SL368-2006)	China	5.00	n
Water quality standard for groundwater recharge (GB/T19772-2005)	China	5.00	n
Reclaimed water quality and treatment requirements for 2012	Florida	n	5.00
Guidelines for water reuse (US EPA/600/R-12/618)	Massachusetts	2.00	5.00
(Nonpotable aquifer recharge)	Washington	2.00~5.00	5.00
(Potable aquifer recharge)	Washington	0.1~0.5	5.00
Australian guidelines for water recycling (managed aquifer recharge)	Australia	1.00	10.0
Standards for drinking water quality (GB 5749– 2006)	China	1.00	n
Drinking water guideline [1]	Spanish	1.00	n
Water quality standard for groundwater recharge [2]	Japan	n	2.00

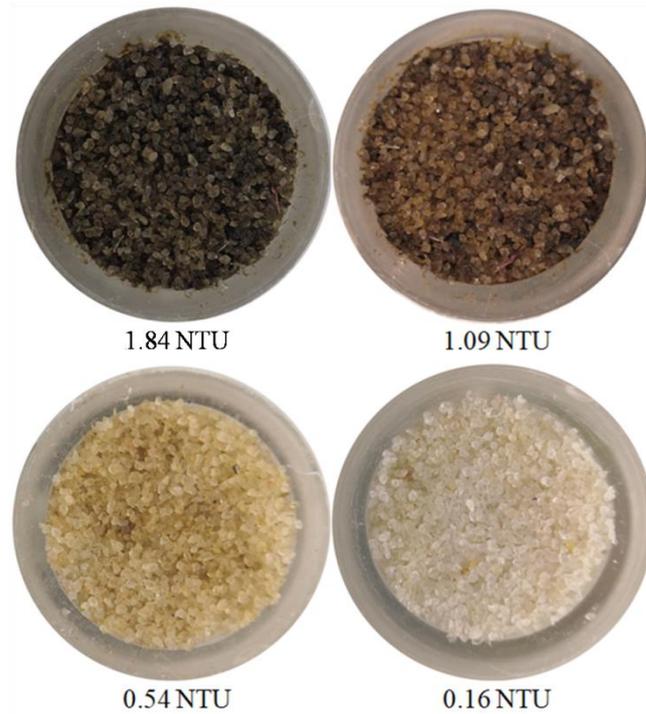
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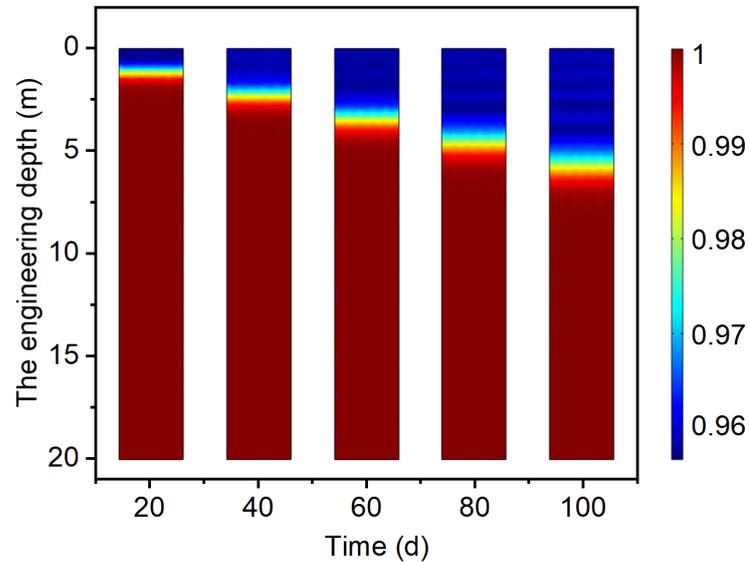
**Table S2.** The main water quality parameters of secondary wastewater.

Parameter	Values	Parameter	Values
SS	16.5 ± 0.440	Total organic carbon	7.69 ± 0.030
NTU	1.88 ± 0.050	Chemical oxygen demand	14.6 ± 1.15
pH	7.53 ± 0.060	Biological oxygen demand	0.600 ± 0.010
K <sup>+</sup>	14.8 ± 0.030	Total nitrogen	5.12 ± 0.440
Na <sup>+</sup>	70.5 ± 0.010	Total phosphorus	0.050 ± 0.000
NH <sup>4+</sup>	0.400 ± 0.010	Total bacterial count (cells/mL)	0.000
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	109 ± 0.370	Polysaccharide	1.10 ± 0.260
Mg <sup>2+</sup>	10.4 ± 0.040	Protein	13.5 ± 0.630
Al <sup>3+</sup>	0.210 ± 0.070	Zeta potential (mv)	-20.2 ± 0.500
NO <sup>3-</sup>	10.6 ± 0.010	Conductivity (mS/cm)	0.890 ± 0.000
NO <sup>2-</sup>	0.050 ± 0.000	Salinity	0.480 ± 0.000
Cl <sup>-</sup>	96.3 ± 0.160	UV <sub>254</sub>	0.110 ± 0.000
HCO <sup>3-</sup>	184 ± 0.210	Residual chlorine	> 0.500
Fe <sup>2+</sup>	0.180 ± 0.030		

**Figure S1.** Linear calibration curves of NTU and SS for suspended particles.



**Figure S2.** The pictures of the surface of porous medium at the end of the experiments.



**Figure S3.** Clogging of infiltration safety threshold recharge water at large-scale site.

**Text S1. Formulae for calculating  $\Phi_{VDW}$  and  $\Phi_{EDL}$ .**

The ordinate of the DLVO potential energy diagram corresponds to the interaction energy between the suspended and collected particles, while the abscissa represents the separation distance between them. The  $\Phi_{VDW}$  is calculated from the following equation:

$$\Phi_{VDW} = -\frac{Ar}{6(1+14h/\lambda)} \quad (1)$$

where  $A$  is the Hamaker constant for organic ( $6.50 \times 10^{-21}$  J) and inorganic particles ( $1.00 \times 10^{-20}$  J) [3],  $r$  is the radius of suspended particles,  $h$  is the separation distance between the surfaces of suspended particles and quartz sands, and  $\lambda$  is the characteristic wavelength of suspended particles ( $\lambda = 100$  nm) [4].

The  $\Phi_{EDL}$  can be calculated as:

$$\Phi_{dl} = \pi \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r \left\{ 2\psi_1 \psi_2 \ln \left[ \frac{1 + \exp(-\kappa y)}{1 - \exp(-\kappa y)} \right] + (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2) \ln[1 - \exp(-2\kappa y)] \right\} \quad (2)$$

where  $\varepsilon_0$  is the vacuum permittivity ( $8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C J}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ ),  $\varepsilon_r$  is the relative dielectric permittivity of water (82.1),  $\psi_1$  and  $\psi_2$  are the surface potentials of suspended particles and quartz sands, respectively, and  $\kappa$  is the Debye reciprocal length.

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