

Backwash water treatment at WTP Wierden Doeke Schippers - Vitens

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• Increase of sustainability by:

- Reuse of backwash water from the sand filtration in a way that the total exploitation costs will not increase;
- Reduction of the energy consumption per m³ produced water at WTP Wierden with 30 %;
- Reduction of chemical consumption;
- Reduction of ground water withdrawn;
- Reduction of water being discharged.



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Water quality: main goal of the installation



• Production of safe drinking water:

- Microbiological barrier;
- Reduction of metals;
- Reduction of turbidity (suspended solids).



Water quality: microbiological barrier







- From pilot research we know that manganese is not removed 100 %. This is the reason why the permeate is being fed to the secondary filtration (standard procedure of Vitens).
- In practice the concentration of other metals is being reduced with a factor of 10.
- Concentration of metals in permeate (beside manganese) is well below Vitens demands

Water quality: reduction of turbidity

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Energy consumption





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- Amount of treated water since February 2015 75.000 m^3
- Recovery 99%
- Still no intensive cleaning is necessary;
- Very few failures.



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- Permeate of installation fulfils the demands of Vitens, very high water quality;
- Installation is a very efficient barrier against micro organisms;
- Energy reduction of 30% is not reached yet, water is not being reused in the beginning;
- Iron chloride dosage is reduced with 90%.



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