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# Herzlich Willkommen Welcome !

**hanseWasser - waste water treatment**

14.09.2020, possible future project ideas - current challenges

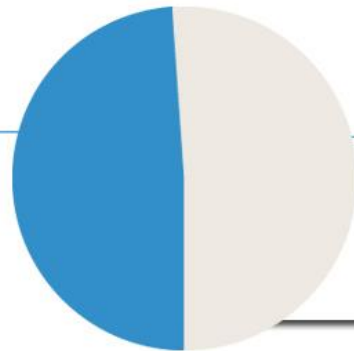
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# Company Structure



49 %

51 %

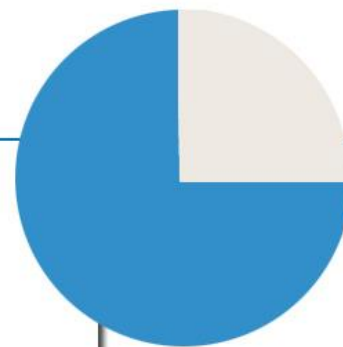


**hanseWasser**  
Ver- und Entsorgungs-GmbH



74,9 %

25,1 %



 **hanseWasser**  
Bremen GmbH

# Facts and Figures

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- **turnover** 101.2 m Euro
- **employee** 389
- 24,8 m Euro **investment** per year in waste water facilities
- **Carbon neutral** company from 2015
- Integrated **quality and environmental management**
- **EMAS-certificate** since 2012
- 2.82 Euro/m<sup>3</sup> **wastewater fee**
- 2.42 Euro/m<sup>3</sup> **sewage fee**
- 0.63 Euro/m<sup>2</sup> **rainwater fee**



# H(ealth) S(afety) E(nvironment) at hanseWasser

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- occupational health and safety and **climate and environmental protection** are important.
- **regular instruction in employee protection** and personal protective equipment.
- **H(ealth) S(afety) E(nvironmental)-Managementsystem** exceeds the guidelines.
- With **training and communication** we develop the employees **regarding employee protection**.
- Goal: **high level of safety , zero accidents!**



# Energy goals

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## Sustainability

- Economic activity focussed on environmental protection and sustainability.

## Responsibility

- Commitment to saving resources and climate protection

## Climate neutral

- The activities of hanseWasser are carbon neutral from 2015.

## Role model

- The behaviour of hanseWasser activities is an example to society.

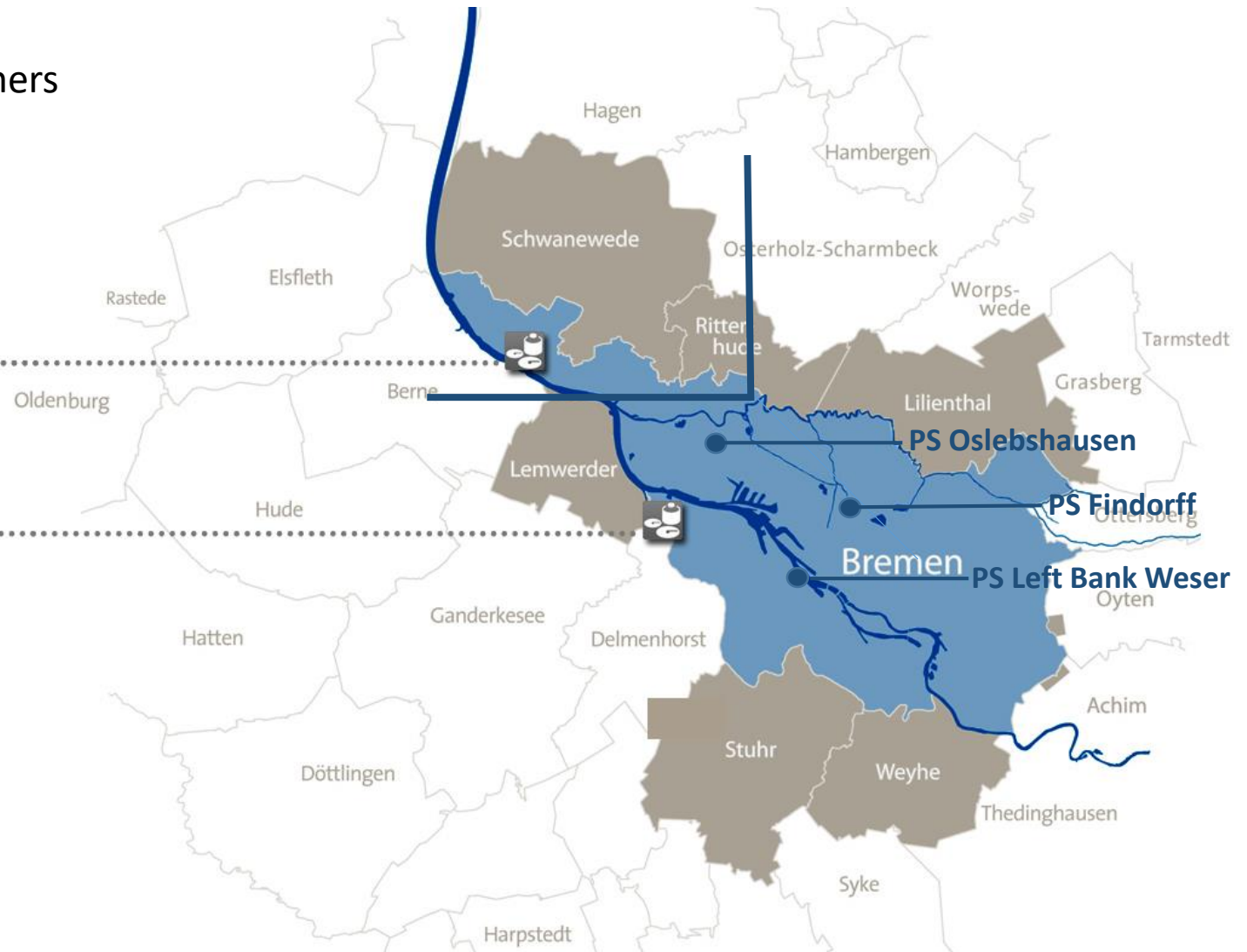
# Sewerage in the region Bremen

750.000 inhabitants  
1000 Commercial Customers

Sewage treatment plant  
Kläranlage Farge

Sewage treatment plant  
Kläranlage Seehausen

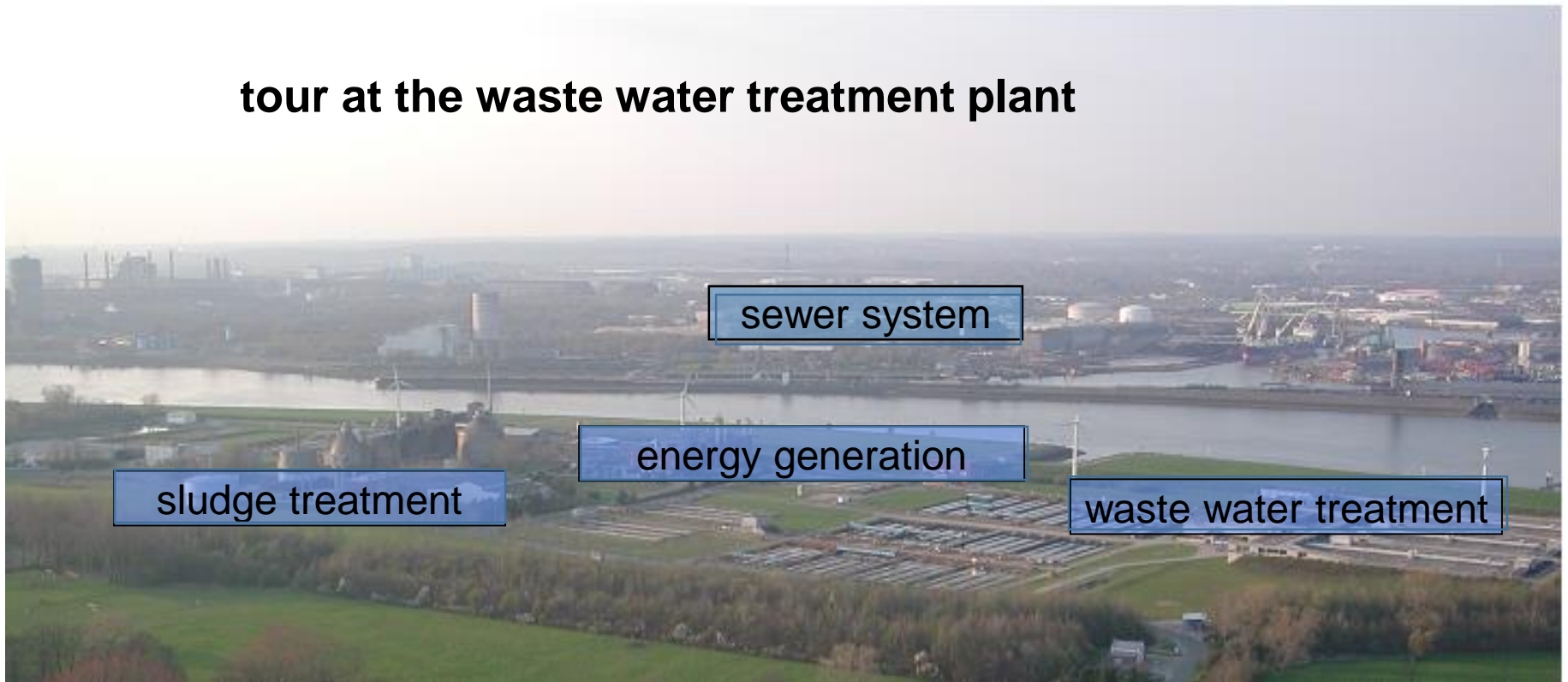
50 m<sup>3</sup> Mio  
Abwasser/Jahr  
Wastewater per Year



# Waste Water Treatment plant Seehausen

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**tour at the waste water treatment plant**



# Sewer System

## Combined- and separate system

- 2.300 km sewer system
- 669 km combined wastewater
- 791 km wastewater sewer
- 713 km rainwater sewer
- 300 pumping stations

## Stormwater storage capacity

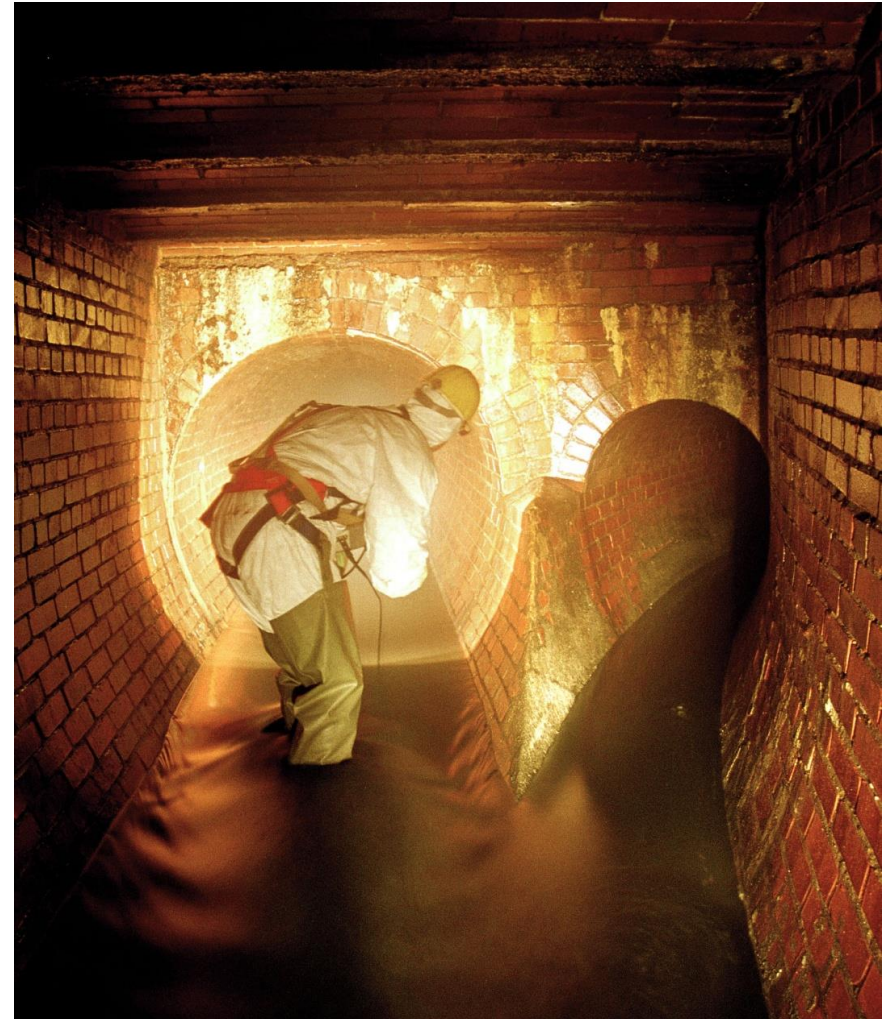
- 270.000 m<sup>3</sup> stormwater storage in sewer systems, stormwater tanks(overflow) and resevoirs

## Inspection

- 230 km sewer-TV-Inspections per year
- GIS sewer- information system

## Cleaning

- 700 km of sewer cleaned per year
- Sewer and plant information system





# Waste Water Treatment plant(wwtp) Bremen Seehausen

## Capacity:

1.0 m PE

## Load:

980,000 PE

## Inlet:

2.300 km sewer system  
in total max. 5,000 l/s to wwtp pumped

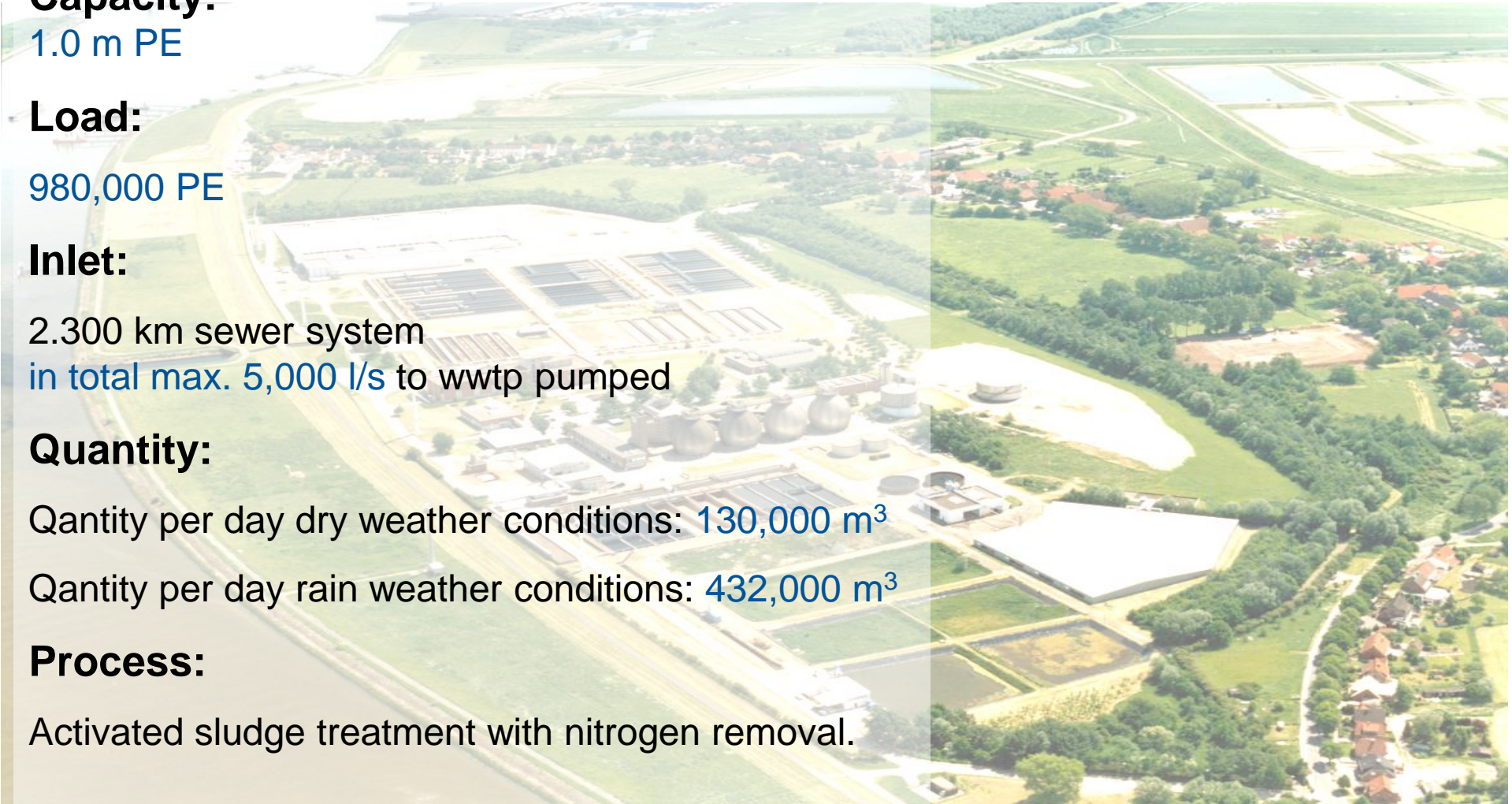
## Quantity:

Quantity per day dry weather conditions: 130,000 m<sup>3</sup>

Quantity per day rain weather conditions: 432,000 m<sup>3</sup>

## Process:

Activated sludge treatment with nitrogen removal.



# Inlet Pipes

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- WWTP inlet quantity measured to compare with the quantity measured at the pumping stations with the objective of leak detection





# Mechanical Treatment-Screen

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- Primary treatment , removal of waste materials greater than 1 cm
- **Amount of waste per day: approximately 5,400 kg**



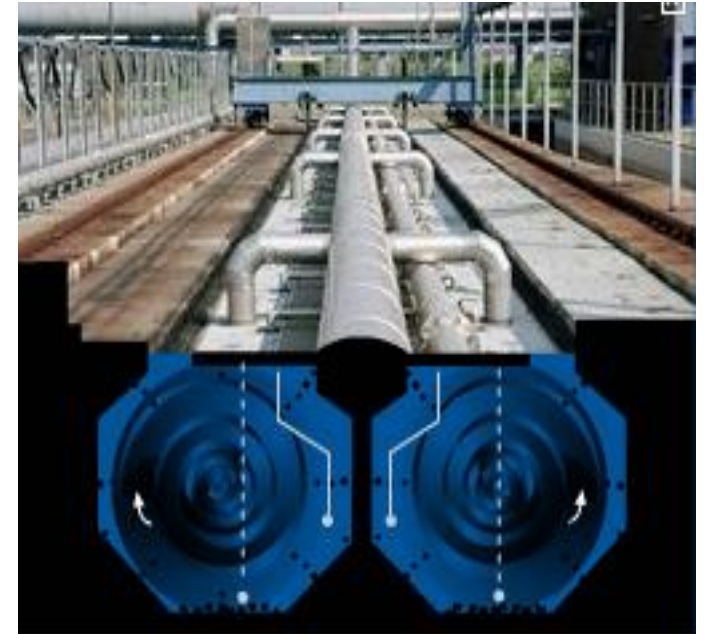
Waste from the screen



Screen system

# Mechanical Treatment-Grit Chamber

- Grit chamber. Compressed air causes the rotation of the waste water in longitudinal basins. The sand is drawn to the walls of the basin by centrifugal forces. It drops down and is removed from the bottom of the basins by pumps
- **Amount of sand per day: approximately 1,700 kg**



Grit chamber- functional principle



Sandfanggut



# Mechanical Treatment – Primary Settlement Tank

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- Primary settlement tank for faeces. Removal of the sludge from bottom and the surface of the tanks by scraper beams. The sludge is pumped to the digesters. This is the basis for the important production of energy.
- **Amount of primary sludge per day: approximately 1,500 m<sup>3</sup>**



# Biological Treatment –Activated Sludge Process

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- The process involves air being introduced into a mixture of screened, and primary treated sewage (wastewater) combined with organisms to develop a biological floc which reduces the organic content of the sewage. Activated sludge in a light optical microscope
- In a sewage treatment plant, the activated sludge process is a biological process that can be used for one or several of the following purposes:
  - oxidizing carbonaceous biological matter
  - oxidizing nitrogenous matter: mainly ammonium and nitrogen in biological matter
  - removing phosphates
  - driving off entrained gases such as carbon dioxide, ammonia, nitrogen, etc.
  - generating a biological floc that is easy to settle.
  - generating a liquor that is low in dissolved or suspended material



# Mechanical Treatment –Secondary Settlement Tank

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- Removal of the sludge from the bottom and the surface of the tanks by scraper beams.



# Sludge Treatment

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- Sludge storage tank. The sludge from the primary settlement tanks is mixed with the sludge from the activated sludge treatment step. This mixture is pumped into the digesters.



sludge storage tank



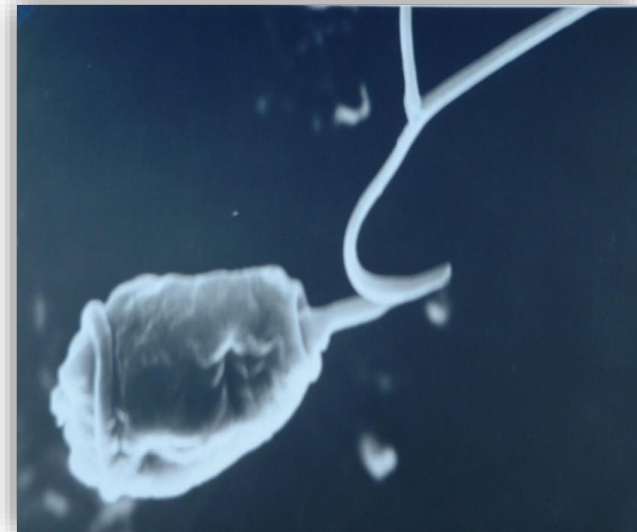
mixed sludge in the storage tank



# Sludge Treatment

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- In the digesters methanogenic bacteria start their work. With a temperature of 37°C in an aerobic and dark atmosphere the bacteria produce methane in a period of storage of about approximately 20 days. The treated sludge is used as fertilizer or burned in an incineration plant. The methane is used as fossil fuel to generate electricity and thermal energy to heat the digesters and the buildings at the plant.



bacteria in the digester

# Sludge Treatment

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- Two centrifuges reduce the moisture content in preparation for the use of the sludge as fertilizer or burning material. The water from the centrifuges is pumped to the pre clarification step and treated in the WWTP. The sludge is stored in two storage halls with air filter/cleaning systems to reduce the smell.



centrifuge with pipe system and thick material pump



sludge storage and lorry

# Sludge Treatment

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A manure distributor spreading the sludge before the field is tilled.



Sludge Incineration Plant.  
(KENOW/TWPF)



# Energy

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## Demand of electrical and thermal energy of the waste water treatment plant

- electrical: 24.30 m kWh/a demand of approx. 5.400 households
- thermal: 18.27 m kWh/a demand of approx. 900 households





# Energy

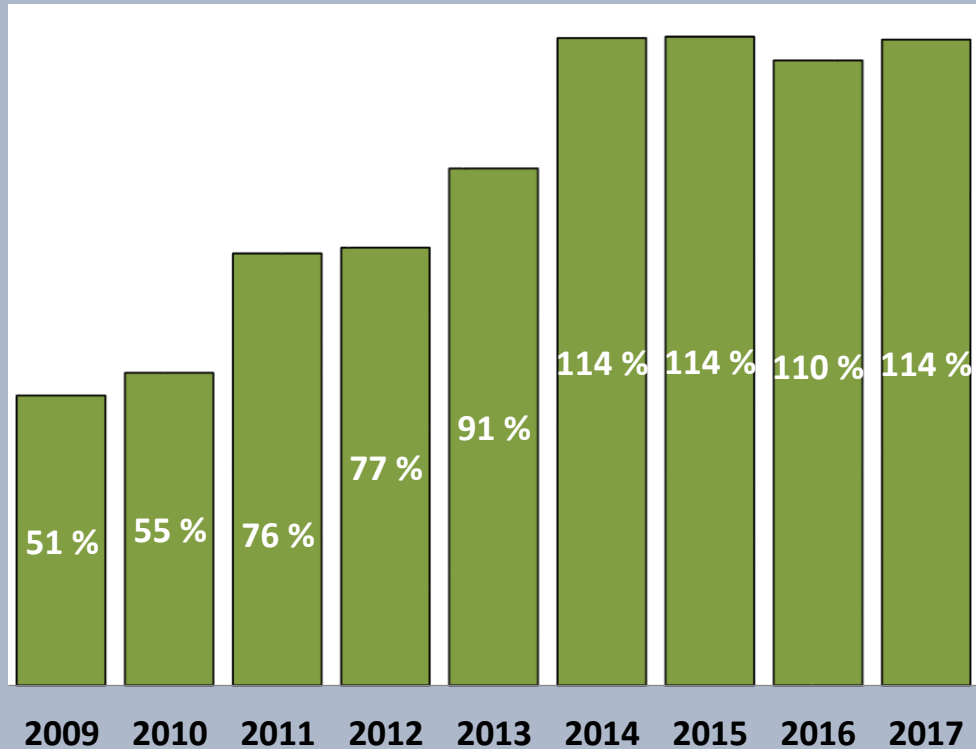
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- 3 combined heat and power unit(1.4 MW el/unit) and a wind turbine(2 MW) generate more than 100 % of the energy demand at the waste water treatment plant. In addition the CHP produces the heat which is necessary to warm up the digesters and the buildings at the plant

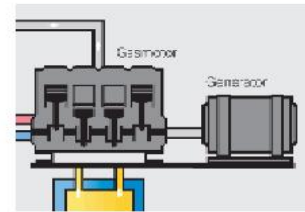


# Energy save

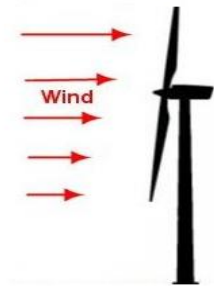
## Energy production WWTP Seehausen



BHKW(3\* 1,4 MW )



Windkraftanlage (1\*2 MW)



# Setup an Crisis and Emergency Management Group System

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- History of the planned development of a crisis prevention structure, based in a certain way on a structure for occupational safety that was established throughout the Group in 2004
- Background for the setup of a crisis management group was an existing structure for occupational safety in a way of cross company work
- Serious accidents at energy supply companies, securing basic energy supply by utilities, pandemic incidents since 2010
- Initial/ technical background  
General averages in companies of energy supply  
Securing of energy supply  
Pandemic incidents since 2010 (Avian flu etc.)
- Start of structural development of crisis and emergency management group systems in 2012
- Initiation of a new organised crisis and emergency management group systems in 2012 Establishment in the company - company rules/internal instructions manuals – information – training of the crisis management group
- Trainingsessions with different emphasis every year
- Readiness for work in 0,5-1 hour



# Potable water production from cleaned waste water

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- Three(four) Steps of wastewater cleaning
  - Sedimentation tank
  - Biological clarification
  - Sedimentation tank
  - Sand filter
- WWTP outlet filtration
  - Membrane filter
  - Activated carbon filter
- Staff training – sharing of knowledge
  - Know how
  - Expert and Craftsman - virtual meetings





# Crisis and Emergency Management Group System

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Coordination of shareholding and cooperation

- CV: Consultant engineer, head of the engineering department, member of supervisory board representative
- Technical focus: remediation of explosive factory, environmental remediation, waste management, water- and wastewater engineering
- Technical interest: exchange of knowledge with municipalities and companies for public services, energy - and water supply, wastewater treatment und waste management
- Organisations/Projects:
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| Focus exchange of experience |                            |
| City of Bremen               | - Ethekwini(Durban)        |
| German Water Partnership     | - Jordan                   |
| City of Bremen               | - Namiba, City of Windhoek |



# Vielen Dank. Thank you!

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