

# WRF Pilot Recovered the Highest Rate of Total P

## Water Research Foundation (WRF) Pilot

The CalPrex® pilot ran at Nine Springs Treatment Plant, a 42 MGD facility in Madison, Wisconsin in 2018. The pilot was a 10 gallon per minute system.

- Pilot between the acidogenic and methanogenic digesters
- CalPrex fed with acid digest
- [1] Centrisys CS10-4 decanter centrifuge dewatered the feed to 20% solids, which were conveyed to a [2] recombination tank
- Centrate dosed with [3] calcium hydroxide, causing the precipitation brushite, a form of phosphorus
- Brushite settled in a lamella clarifier
- Clarifier overflow recombined with the [2] acid digest cake and discharged to the methanogenic digester
- Settled brushite dewatered and cake dried as a high-quality fertilizer for a USDA-funded fertilizer study

## How CalPrex Works

CalPrex incorporates thickened sludge from a fermentation tank or acid digester to increase the amount of soluble phosphorus which increases the phosphorus recovery potential. CalPrex is uniquely suited for recovering a high rate of soluble phosphorus by adding calcium hydroxide without the need of ammonium. This high-value solution is for facilities needing phosphorus removal and recovery:

- Prior to thermal hydrolysis
- From waste activated sludge and/or primary sludge prior to anaerobic digestion
- From aerobic and post-aerobic digestion (PAD)

CalPrex is a viable solution for utilities seeking to mitigate operations and maintenance issues related to struvite scaling and poor sludge dewaterability.

**Contact Centrisys/CNP for pilot testing capabilities.**

## PILOT RESULTS

### Nine Springs Treatment Plant



Solubilized **66%** of the feed phosphorus



Mineralized **90%** of the feed phosphorus



Recovered **70%** of the feed soluble phosphorus as brushite



Recovered **45%** total phosphorus





## 11 Organizations

### Involved in WRF Pilot

- Water Research Foundation (WRF)
- Nine Springs Treatment Plant (Madison, WI)
- Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (Milwaukee, WI)
- Metro Wastewater Reclamation District (Denver, CO)
- Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (Boston, MA)
- Colorado School of Mines (Golden, CO)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison (Madison, WI)
- Black and Veatch (Madison, WI)
- Hazen and Sawyer (Virginia Beach, VA)
- Centrisys/CNP (Kenosha, WI)
- Nutrient Recovery and Upcycling (Madison, WI)

WRF published a peer-reviewed study to elaborate on the CalPrex process performance, benefits, costs and larger scale impact.

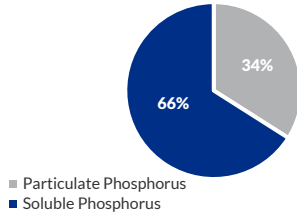


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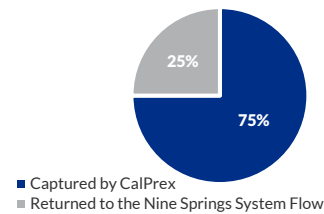
## CalPrex Pilot Phosphorus Recovery

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District's Nine Springs Treatment Plant  
Pilot Test Fall 2018

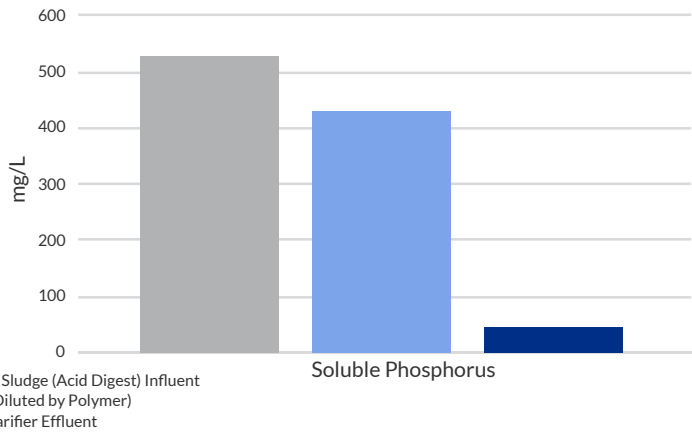
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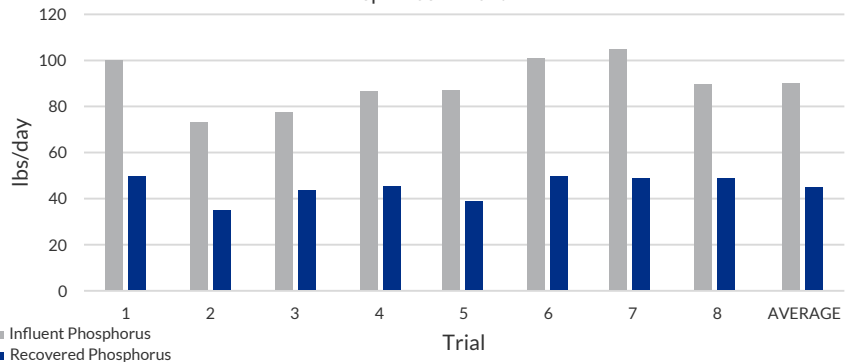
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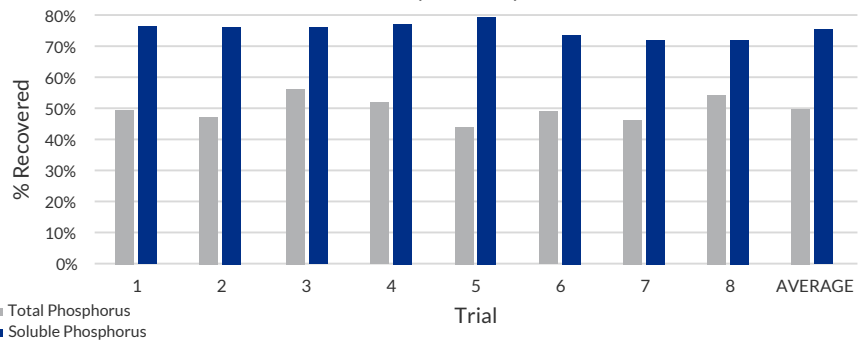
Soluble Phosphorus Concentrations



Phosphorus Reduction



Recovery Efficiency



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