

CASE STUDY:
Center Street WWTP
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

Application:	Flow Equalization and Anoxic Mixing
Design Flow (ADF):	3.7 MGD
Mixing Efficiency:	≈ 0.13 HP/1000 FT ³
Compressors:	One (1) 15 HP Rotary Screw
Mixing Nozzles:	140
Design Engineer:	Black & Veatch

Mount Pleasant WWTP Gains Enhanced Treatment Capacity & GPR funding with BioMix™ system

Mount Pleasant Waterworks (MPW) owns and operates two wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs): Center Street and Rifle Range Road. In 2014, the Center Street WWTP was comprehensively upgraded to provide improved treatment and increased capacity.

BioMix Compressed Gas Mixing was an integral part of the plant upgrade, replacing inefficient positive displacement blowers and coarse bubble aerated mixing in the flow equalization basin. BioMix was also installed to provide mixing in two BNR anoxic selector basins which were converted from primary clarifiers.

Due to the energy efficiency of the technology, the work related to the design and installation of BioMix qualified for Green Project Reserve (GPR) funding, a lower interest rate than traditional funding. Black & Veatch submitted a GPR Business Case to South Carolina’s Department of Health and Environmental Control that provided a cost/benefit analysis indicating the expected “green” benefits associated with the upgrade including BioMix. **The case indicated a 70% decrease in the power demand versus alternative mixing technology and highlighted the operational benefits of a mixing technology that requires no in-tank maintenance.**



Nozzle headers are custom designed to avoid tank obstructions.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

70% decrease in power demand versus traditional mixing technology



STRAIGHTFORWARD OPERATION

No in-tank moving or wearing parts
Non-clog, maintenance free performance



PROCESS OPTIMIZATION

Operator-adjustable firing parameters
Promotion of optimal conditions for BNR processes



UNPARALLELED FLEXIBILITY

No low-level limitations – ability to mix at any depth
Compatible with any tank geometry or configuration



Concentric rings of nozzle headers: Nozzles follow the slope of the tank floor.



Short duration, sequential bursts of compressed air uniformly mix the tank contents.

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Efficiency means little if the system fails to perform its intended function. The projected energy efficiency was proven during field performance testing, and BioMix demonstrated a competitive advantage over conventional diffused air or mechanical mixers by providing uniform mixing throughout the basin.

The BioMix system provided less than 1% coefficient of variation of solids concentration throughout the tanks.

BioMix Compressed Gas Mixing technology offers the following advantages:

- Bottom-up mixing in any size tanks
- Uniformly distributed mixing energy
- Improved mixing versus alternatives
- Lowest energy consumption mixing technology
- Minimized and localized maintenance requirements

Due to the years of efficient and low maintenance operations at Center Street, Operations Manager Greg Hill selected BioMix to be installed at MPW’s other facility, Rifle Range Road, when that plant was upgraded in 2020. He stated, “We’ve seen the benefits at Center Street, that’s why we employed BioMix at Rifle Range. It’s very easy to maintain and the efficiency is a big deal for us.”



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