

# EPS Part 1. Introduction

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**Up-flow Roughing Filter eliminates Suspended Matter without Chemicals.**

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1980  
Down flow & Up-flow

Mr. Fumio KIZUKI, DISCA in Tokyo.

I examined the performance of URF with students.

Eco-friendly system to make safe drinking water.

# EPS Part 4. Bucket model

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**Using the Bucket Model in JICA training**

**Part 4.**  
Water Supply Management and Ecological Purification System.  
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JICA EPS training started from Miyako-Jima

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EPS Nagano Japan → Miyako-Jima Okinawa → Fiji Samoa → Pacific islands

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Sedimentation tank

Up-flow Roughing tanks

Slow sand filter

Filtrate tank

Circulate water from filtrate tank

Calculate system model of Ecological Purification System for safe drinking water.

Up-flow Roughing Filter (URF) Tanks

Sedimentation tank (Flow water)

Slow sand filter

Bottom drainage pipe of the slow sand filter.

Washing the sand

Pump for circulation

Inside of Filtrate tank.



# Water Supply Management and Ecological Purification System.

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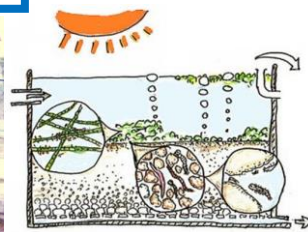
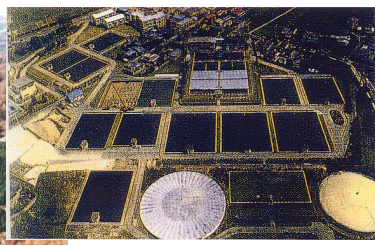
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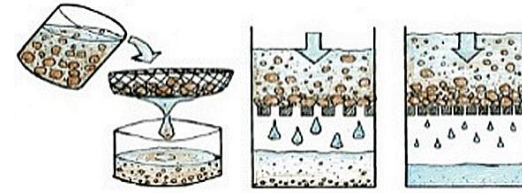




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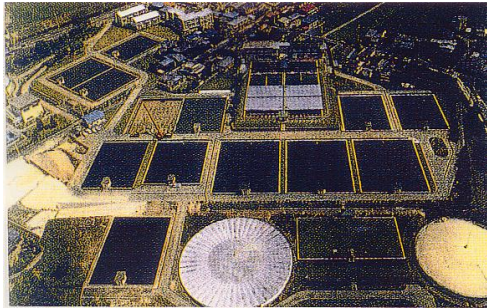
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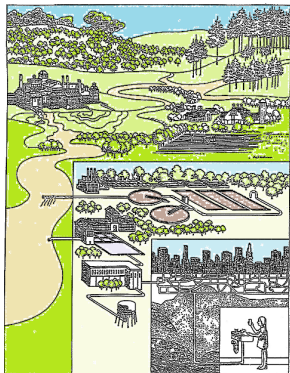
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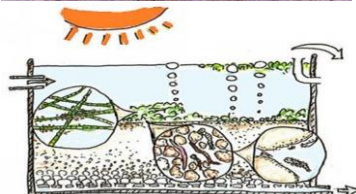
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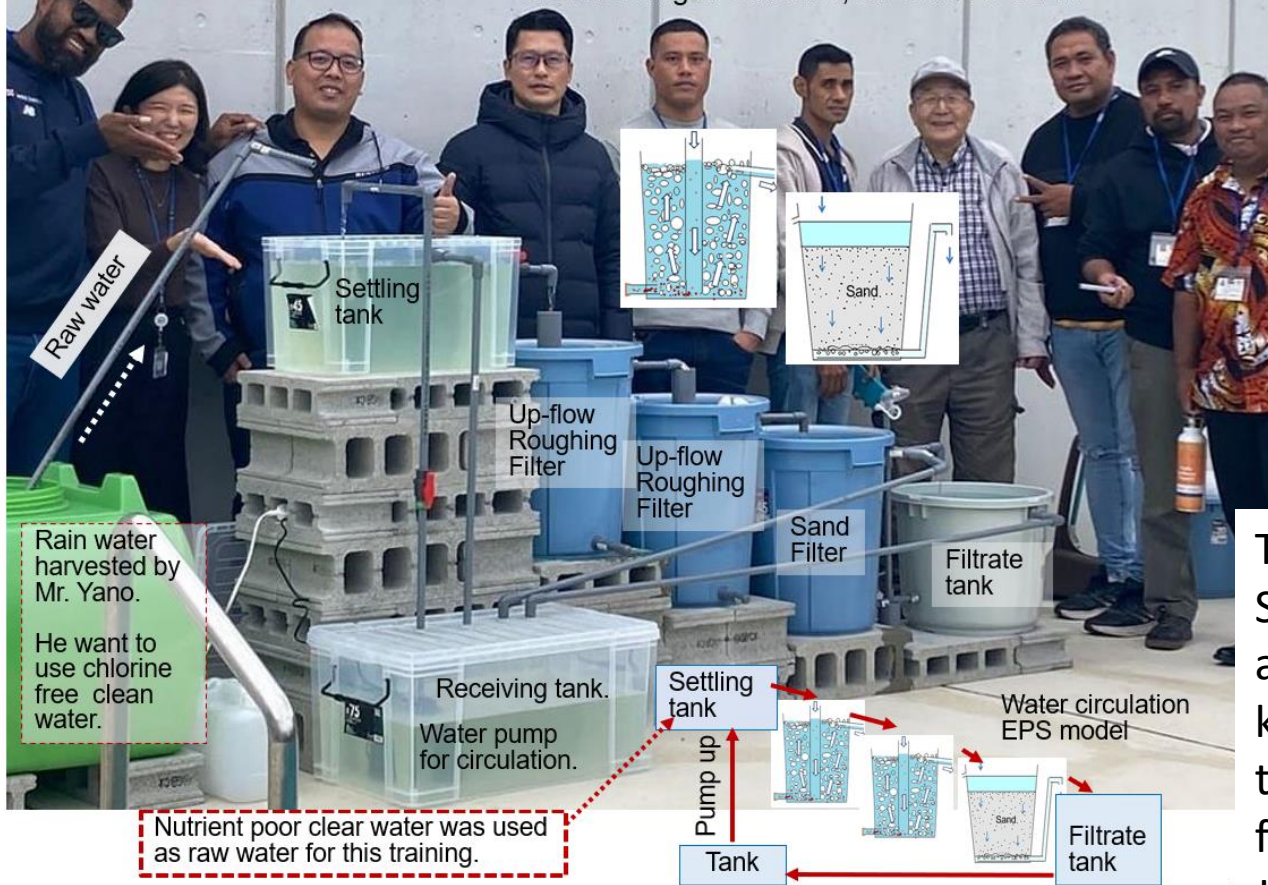
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Rain water harvested by Mr. Yano. He want to use chlorine free clean water.

Nutrient poor clear water was used as raw water for this training.



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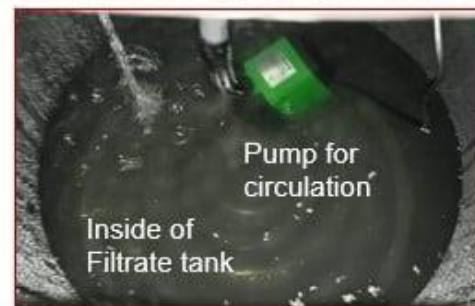
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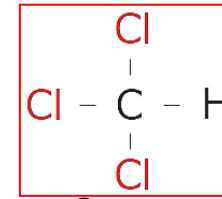
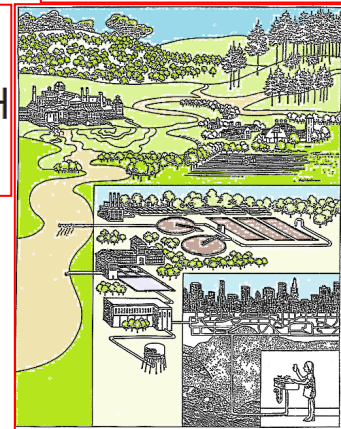
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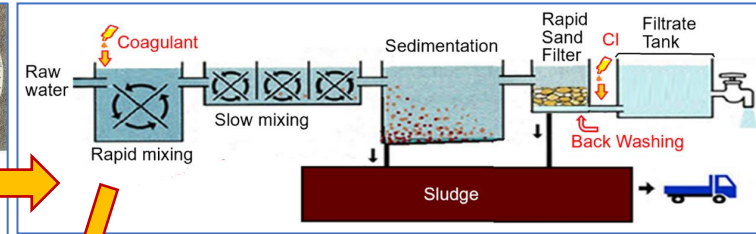
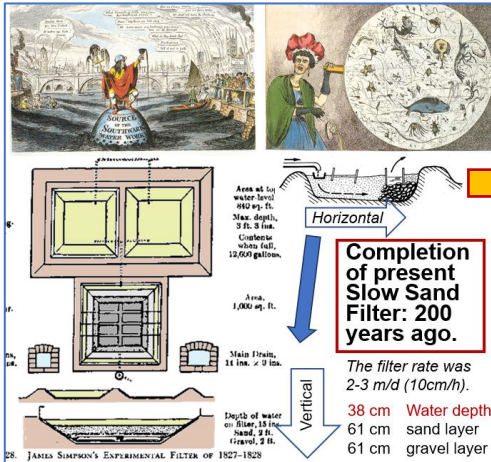
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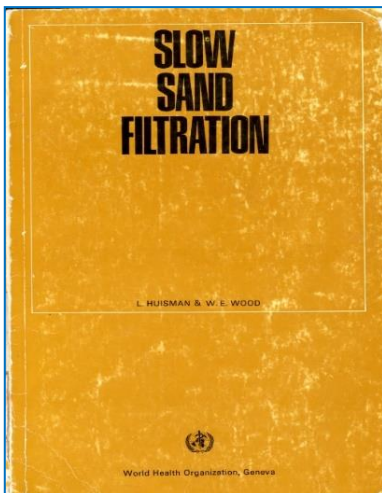
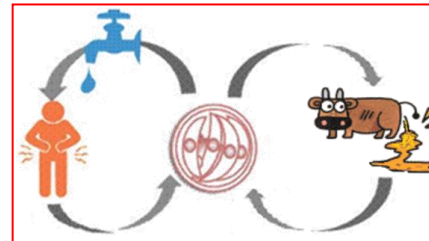


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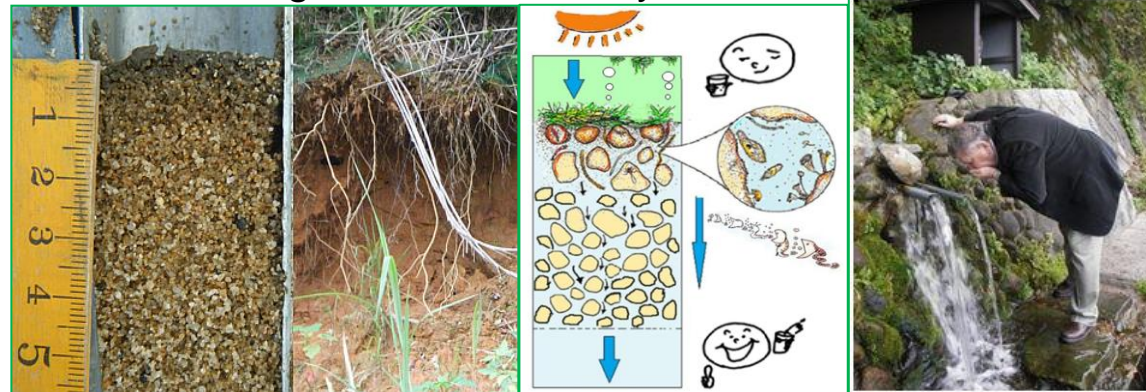


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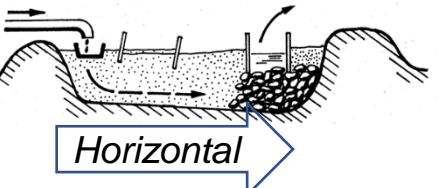
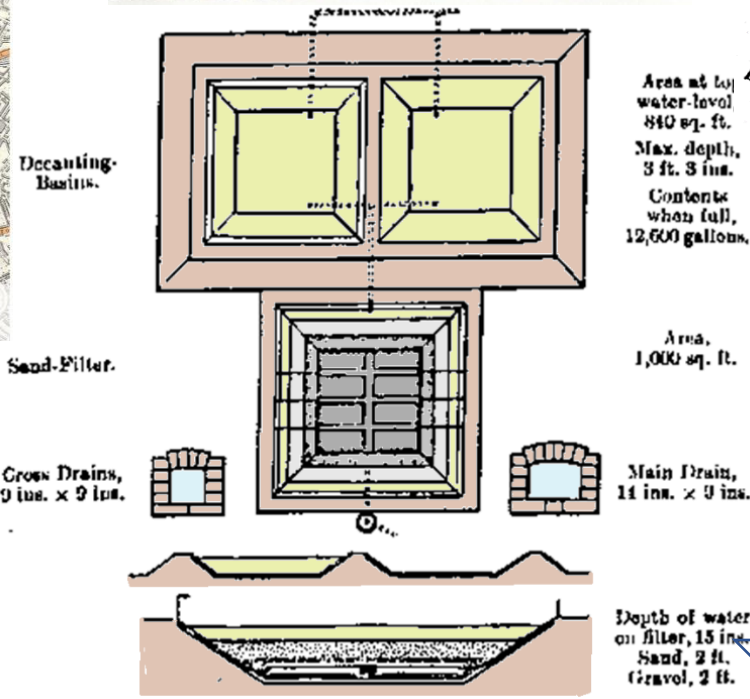
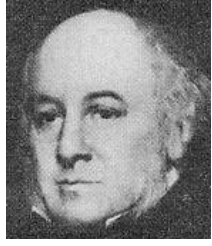
Delicious spring water 8



During the Industrial Revolution, the population gathered in cities. The rivers in cities were polluted.



James Simpson examined vertical type of slow sand filter from 1827-1828 and made a practical plant in 1829.



**Completion of present Slow Sand Filter: 200 years ago.**

The filter rate was 2-3 m/d (10cm/h).

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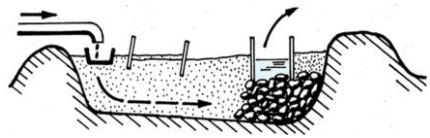


They believed that **Slow Sand Filter** purified by **slow** filtration with **fine sand**.

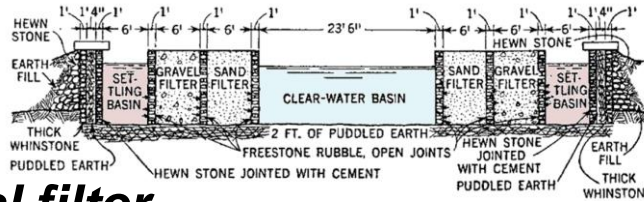
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# Vertical of slow sand filtration was the key.



Horizontal filter



The **shallow** depth and the **vertical** flow allowed creatures to be **active and safe** near the surface of sand layer.

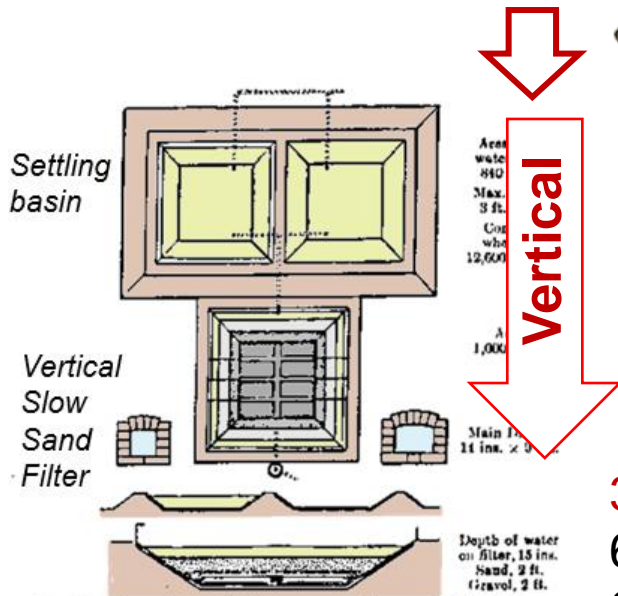


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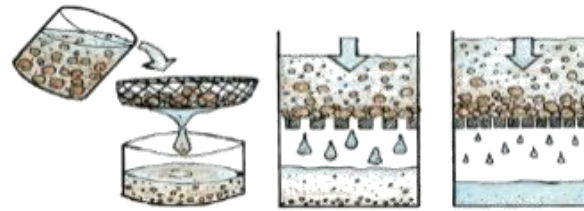


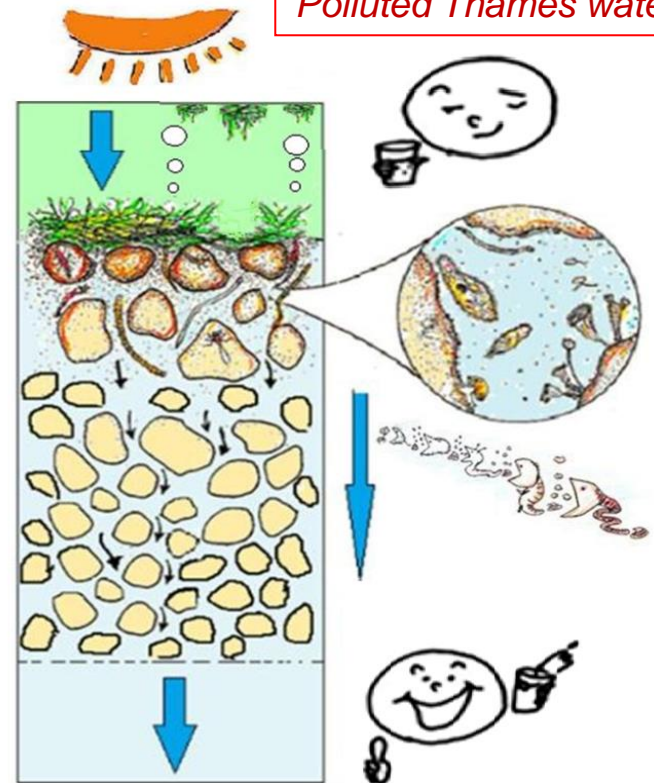
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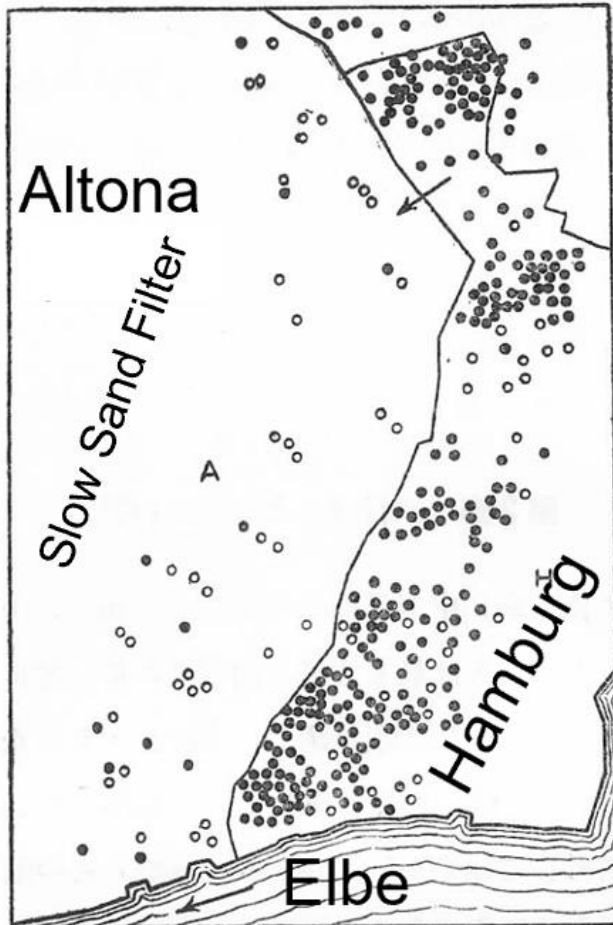
Simpson's filter is **vertical**. The sand will not move even if the flow speed changes high or slow.



Polluted Thames water

Germ free filtrate





The **clear proof of the filtration** was provided in **1892**. This was **133 years ago**. **Hamburg** suffered from a cholera epidemic that infected and caused more than 7,500 deaths, while **Altona** was few.



Dr. **Robert Koch** tested the bacteria in the water with slow sand filtration. When bacterial counts were less than **100 colony-forming units per mL (cfu/mL)**, epidemics of cholera and typhoid were reduced.



Present WHO safe standard for bacteria is referred to this 100 cfu/mL by Dr. R. Koch.

*They believed SSF was **mechanical reduction** of impurity by **slow filtration with fine sand**.*



*This idea is so called **Acceptable Risk**.*

**Wash our hands!**  
**Reduce the risk.**

**It was found that SSF could eliminate pathogens and spread all over the world as English Filter.**

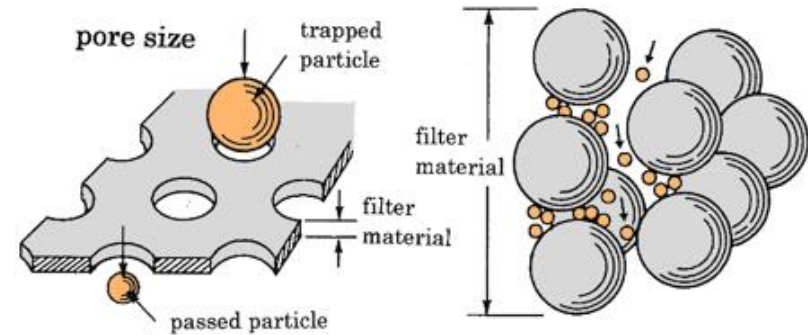
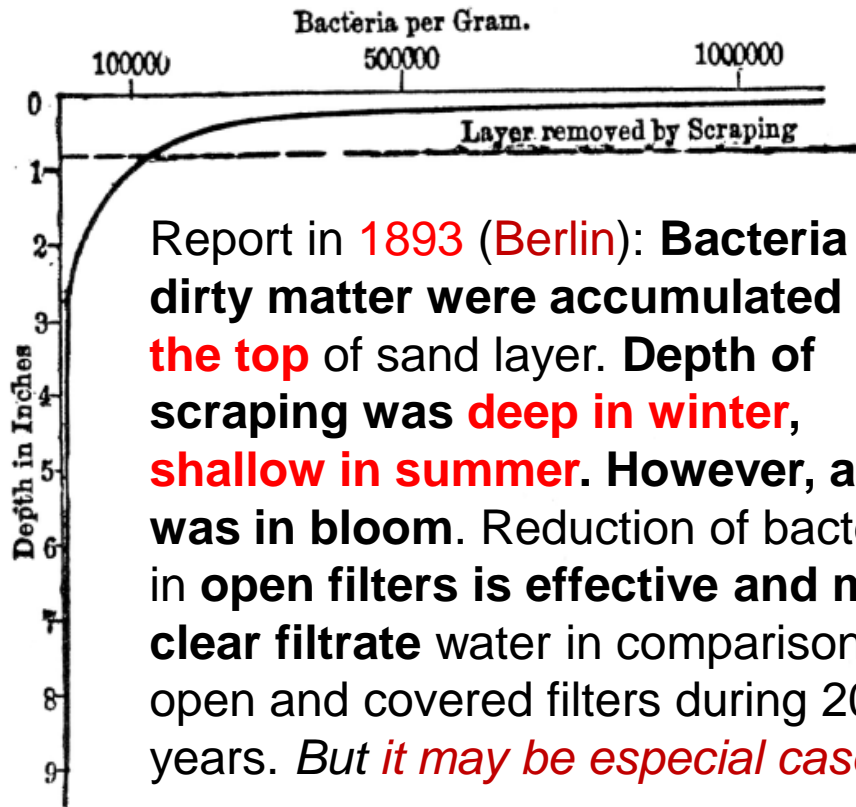




Monster Soup commonly called Thames Water on the Metropolitan Water supply in 1828.



1832 : The great common sewers discharged into the Thames river. This was the Source of the Southwark Water Works.



Removal of pathogens is not explained by these phenomena in comparison with size of microbial pathogens and opening space of sand grains. We can operate the filter without any clog during long filter run. **We can not explain the reduction mechanism of pathogens by physical phenomena.**

It was notified to biological phenomenon. However, he said that **physical process was main.**





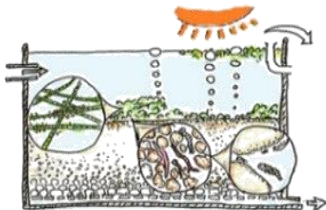
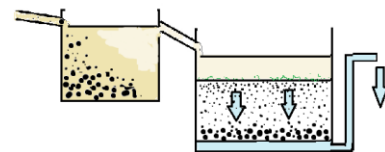
Covered filter, Albany, NY, US



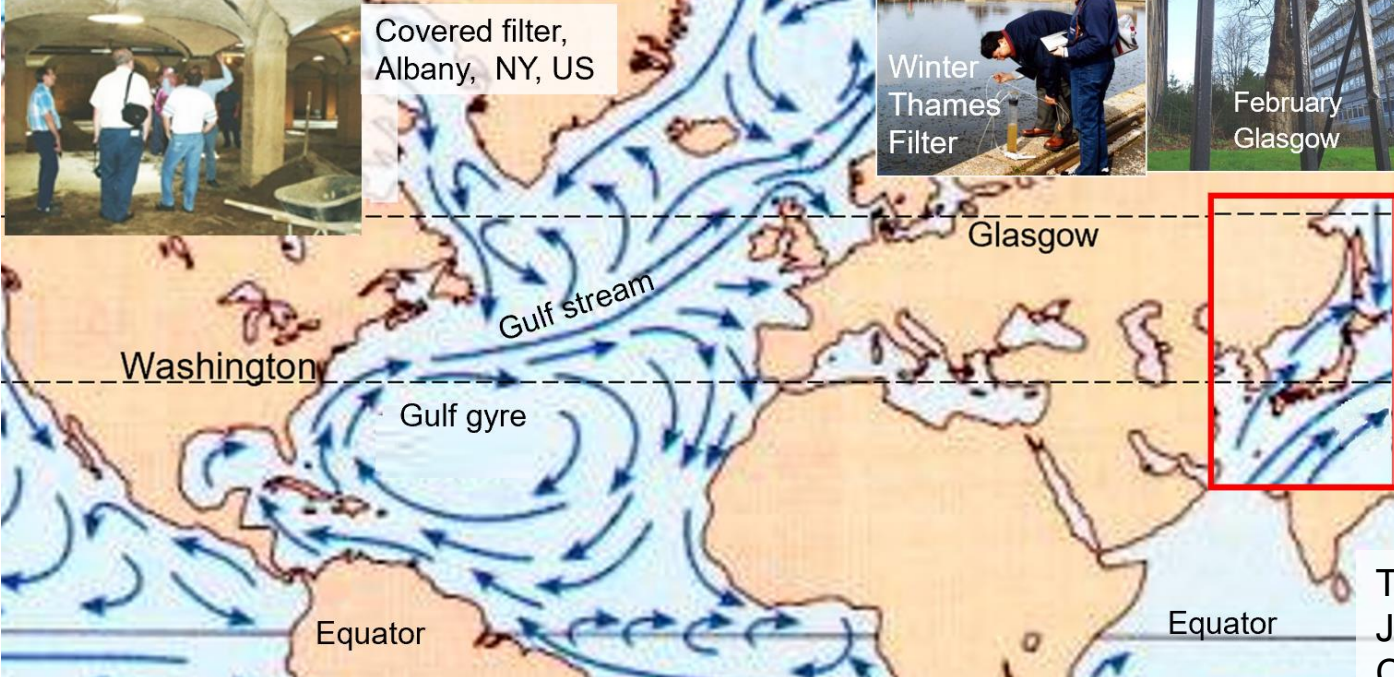
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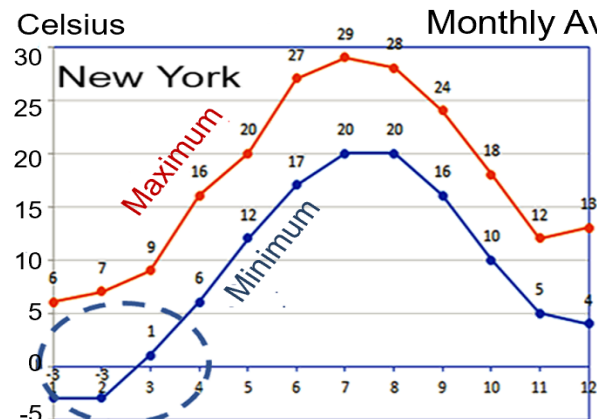
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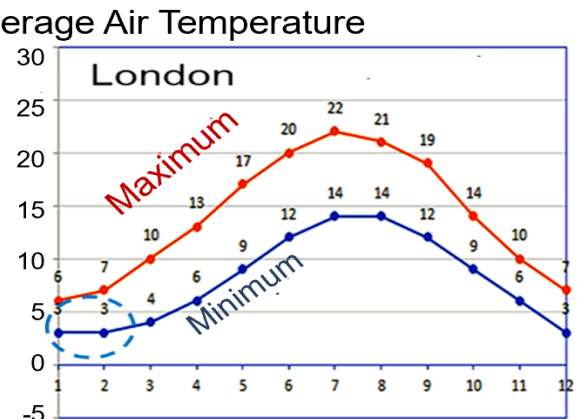
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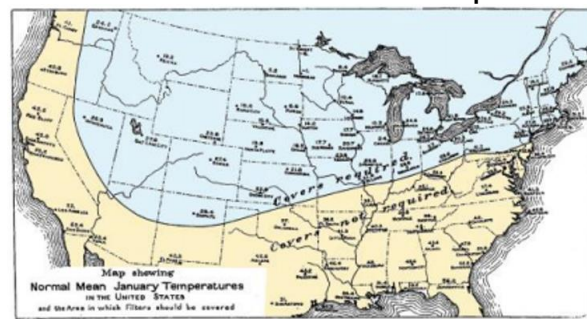
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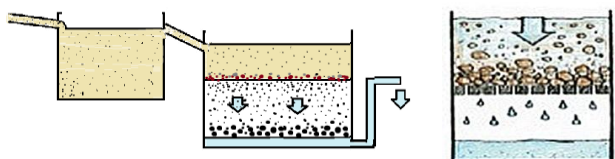
New York has cold winter and hot summers.



London is not cold even in winter due to the warm current.

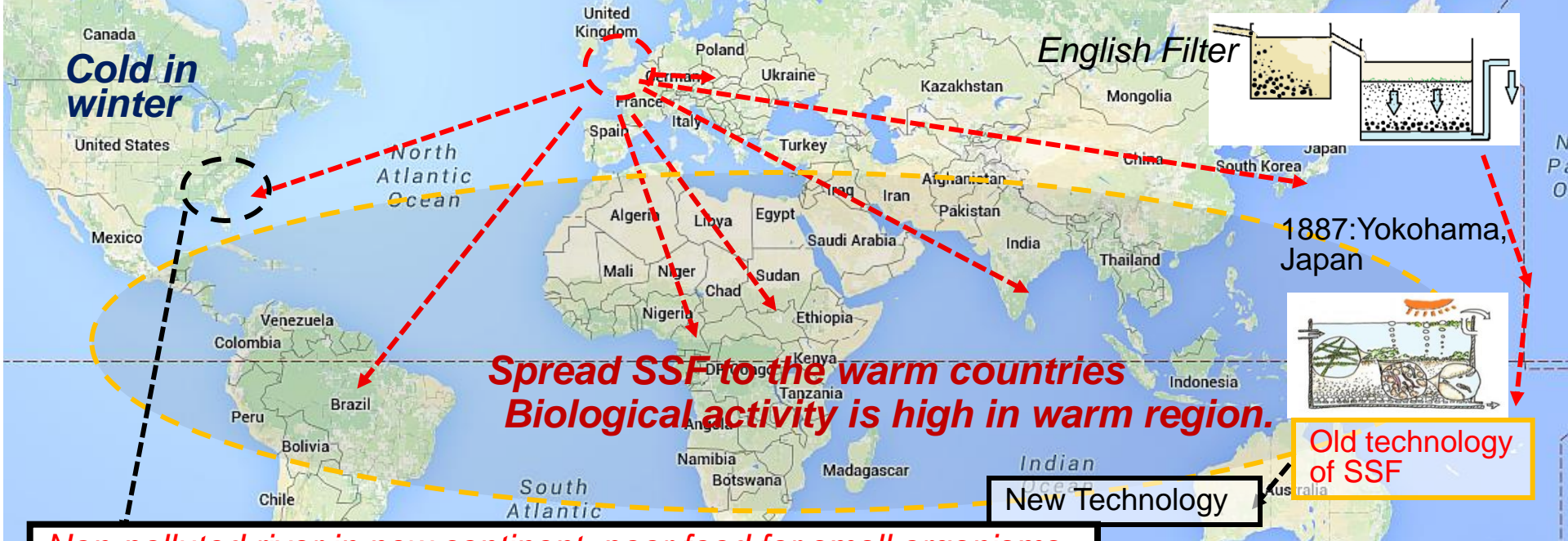


The turbidity of rivers in the continental plain is fine and difficult to sink.



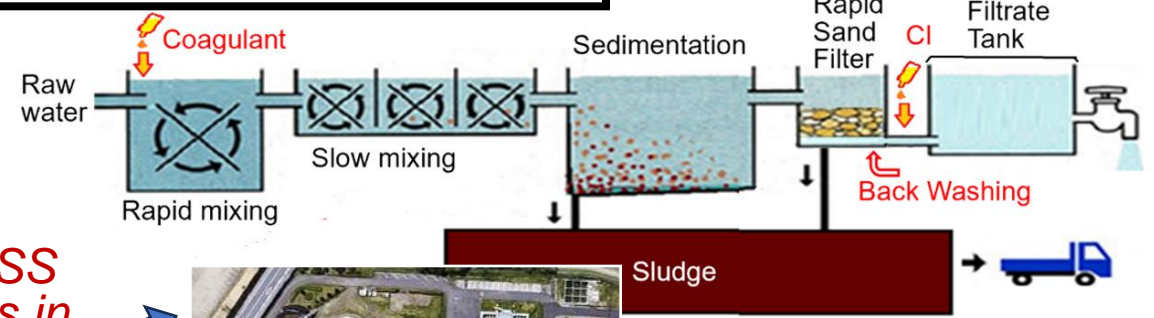
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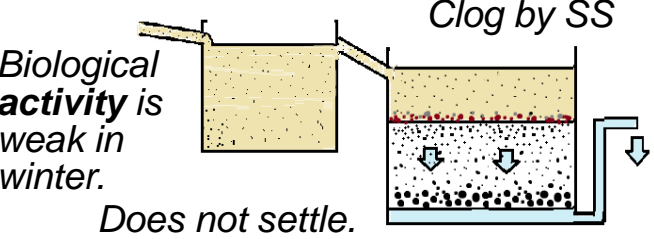


*Non-polluted river in new continent: poor food for small organisms*  
 1882: NJ, USA, Coagulation treatment : Origin of Rapid sand filter  
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**Rapid Sand Filter is chemical treatment.**



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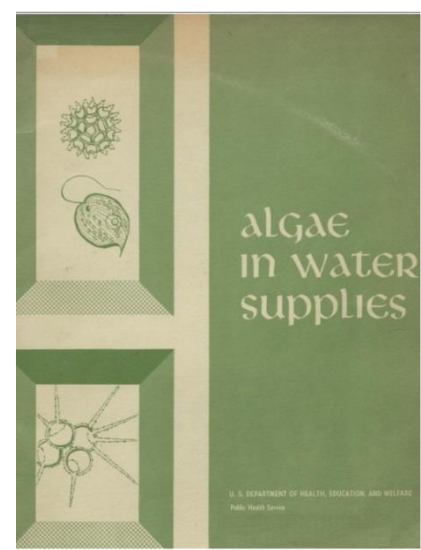
*Filter easy to brock by suspended solid.*



*People loves new technology.*

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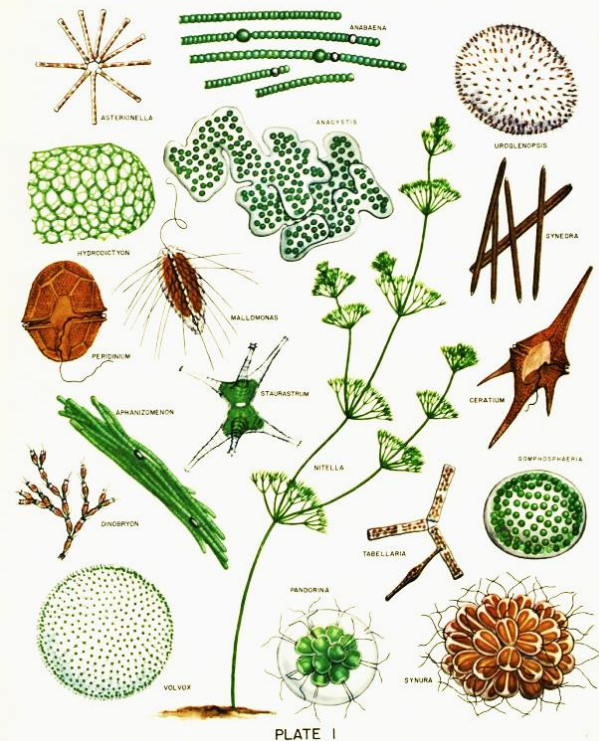
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*Algae had been trouble for the conventional filter (rapid sand filter) in US. Taste and odor algae, filter clogging algae are important in water supplies (Rapid Sand Filter).*

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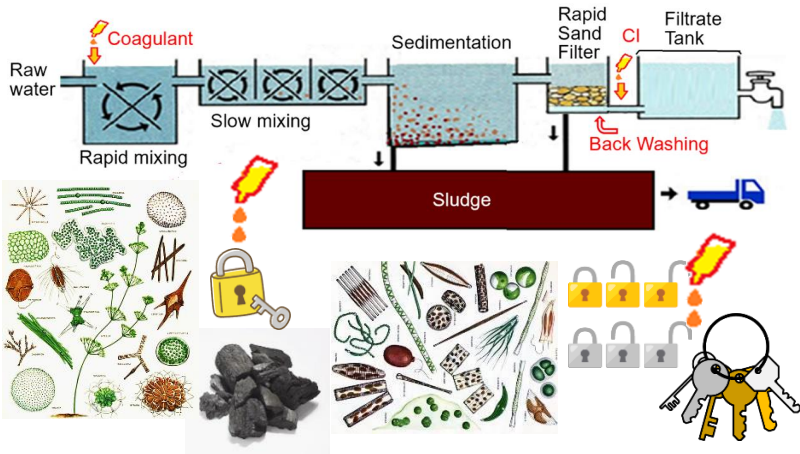


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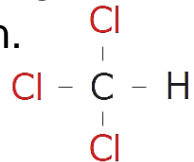
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Rachel Carson 1962

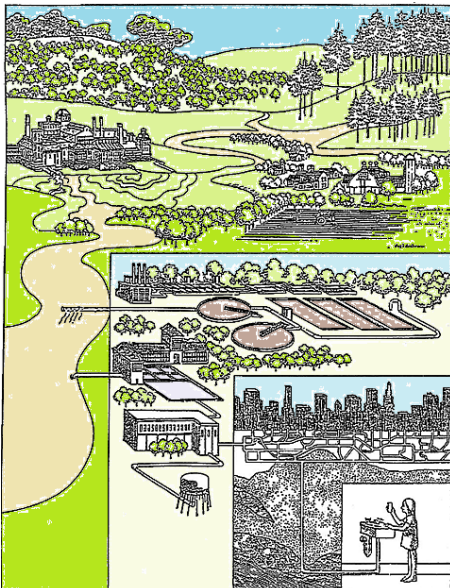
## Silent Spring.

Pesticides and herbicides have been pointed out the risk of chemical hazards through biological concentrations through the food chain.



That was Chlorine compound.

**Filter problem** : Odor, taste and filter clog problem caused by algae. New chemicals were developed one after another.



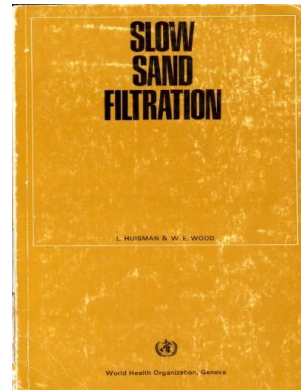
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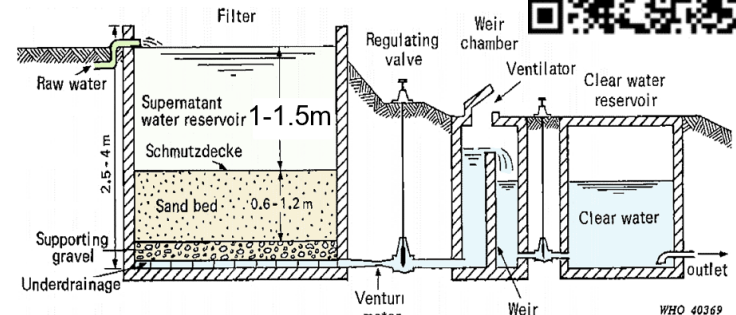
### PART 1: THE PROBLEM

Robert H. Harris et. al. 1974 Consumer Report.

**Chlorine sterilization** is essential for rapid filtration of **chemical treatment**. There is a warning that trihalomethane, which are **cancer risk** substances, are generated by adding chlorine.



WHO published a manual of Slow Sand Filtration which is **chemical free treatment** for safe drinking water in 1974.



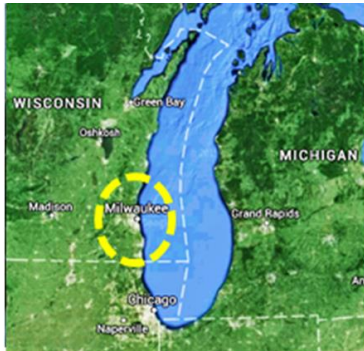
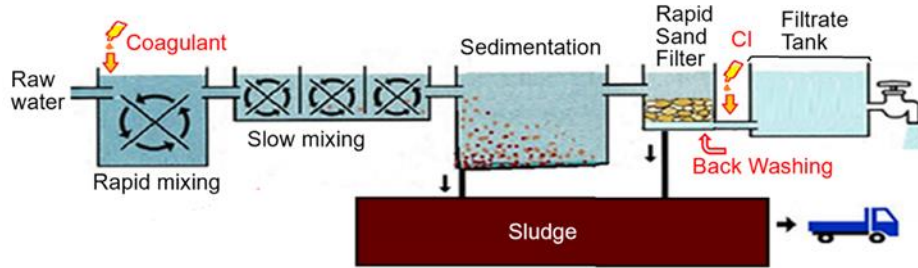
**Water depth is 1-1.5 m.**

**Simpson filter in 1827 is 38 cm.**



# The diarrhea-causing crypt parasites passed through the backwashing process of the rapid sand filtration.

In April 1993, an outbreak of massive diarrhea in 400,000 people due to Cryptosporidium occurred in Milwaukee, USA. The dormant protozoa had thick shells and passed through the rapid filter ponds and were not killed by the final chlorine.



In In September 1994, the American Water Works Association held a slow filtration workshop in Salem, Oregon.

*They said Refocus, Re-discovery, Timeless Technology for Modern Application.*



Only mammals with long intestinal tracts had watery diarrhea.

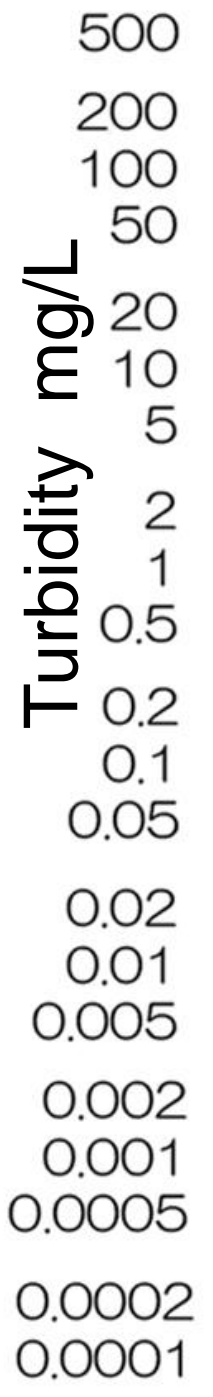
It became clear that RSF was a deadly process.

➔ However, people loves New Technology.



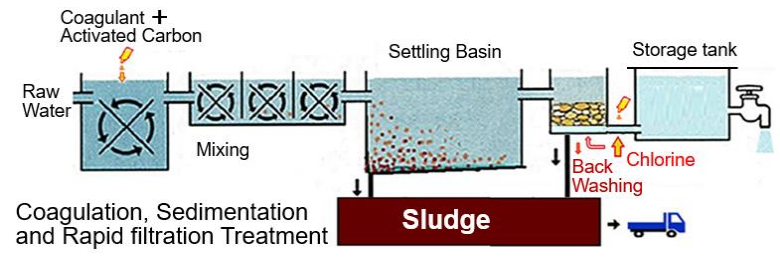
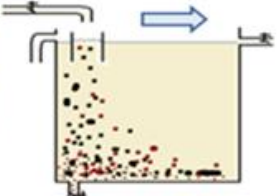






Storm event

Major turbid matter in mountain stream is easily set within several hours.



Coagulant + Chlorine  
Rapid Sand Filter

SS passes by  
backwash.

2 degrees  
Jap. standard

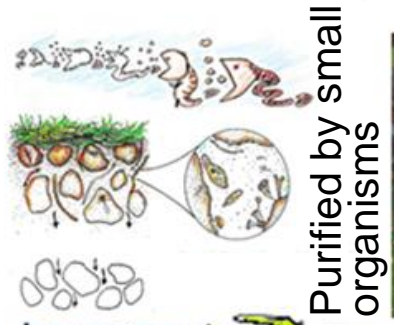


After Crypto  
outbreak.

Recommended  
to 0.1 degrees



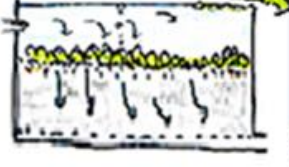
Chlorination  
is essential.



Purified by small  
organisms

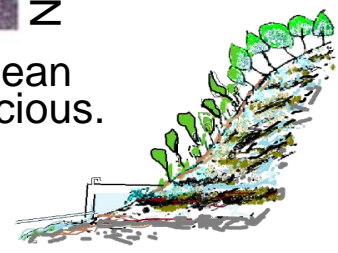


Natural spring  
is essential.

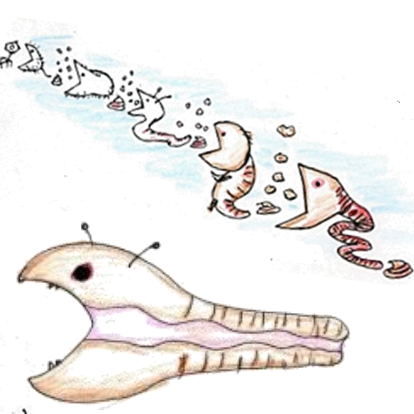
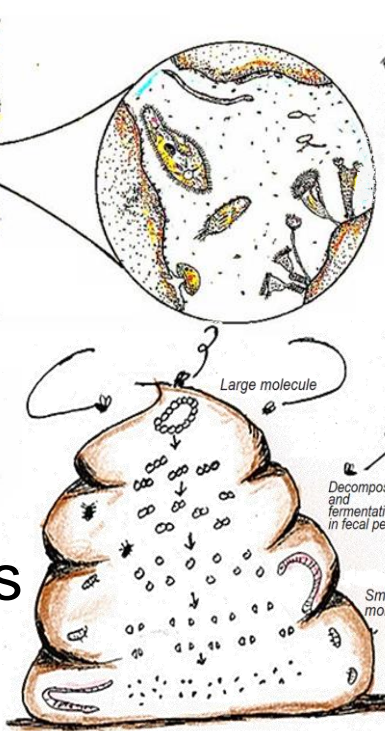
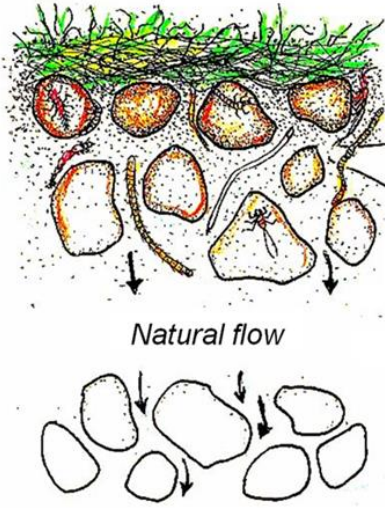


Super clean  
and delicious.

Artificial Natural spring water

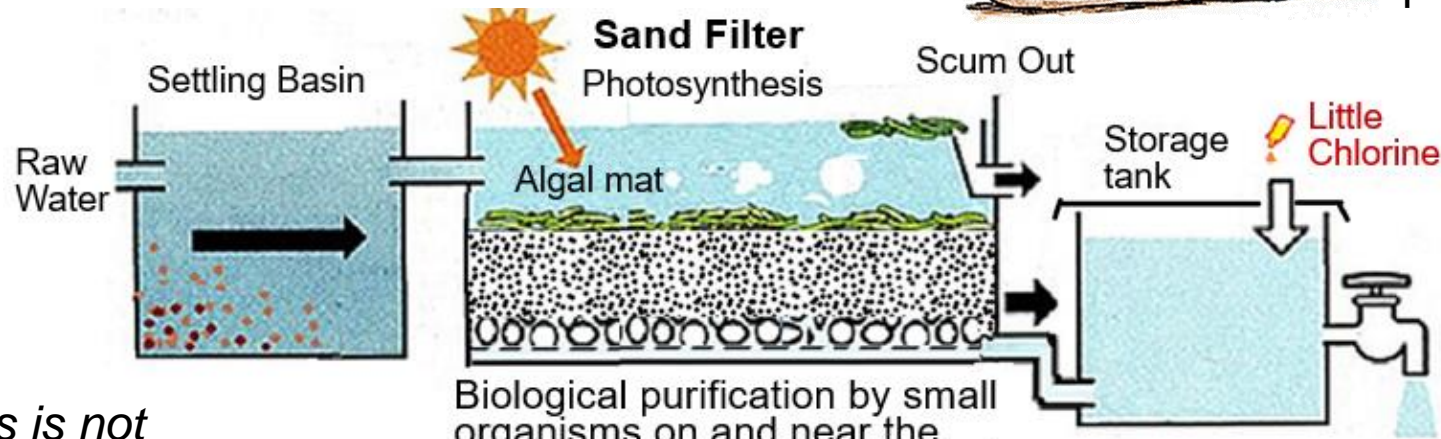






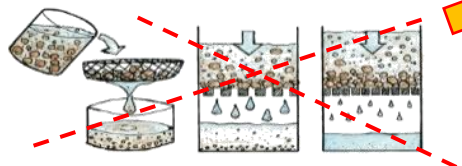
Large molecules are broken to small molecules under anaerobic condition in fecal pellets.

Purification is done by small organisms near the surface.

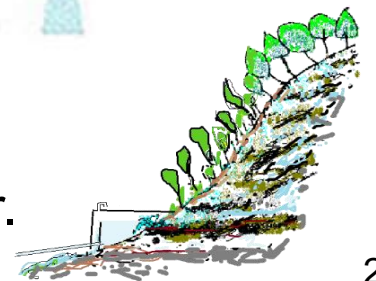


Biological purification by small organisms on and near the sand surface without chemicals.

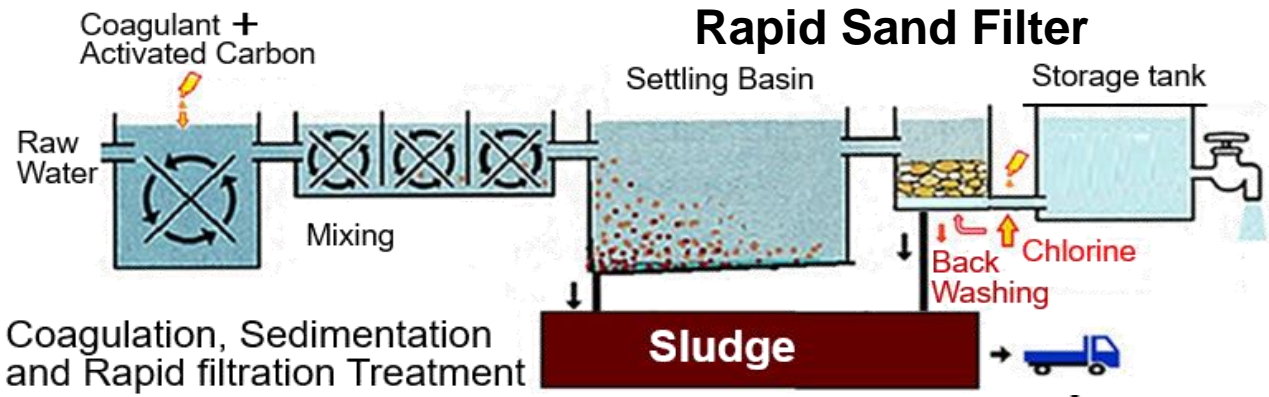
*This is not mechanical filter.*



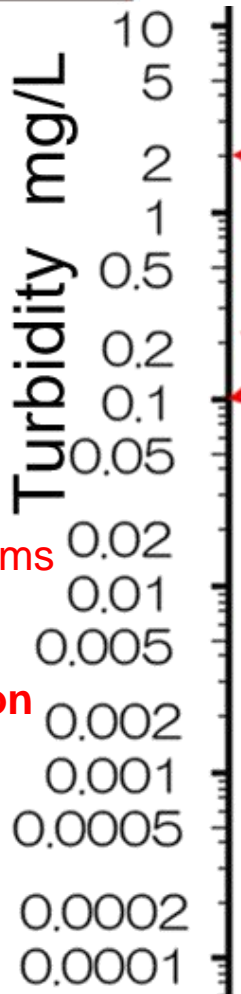
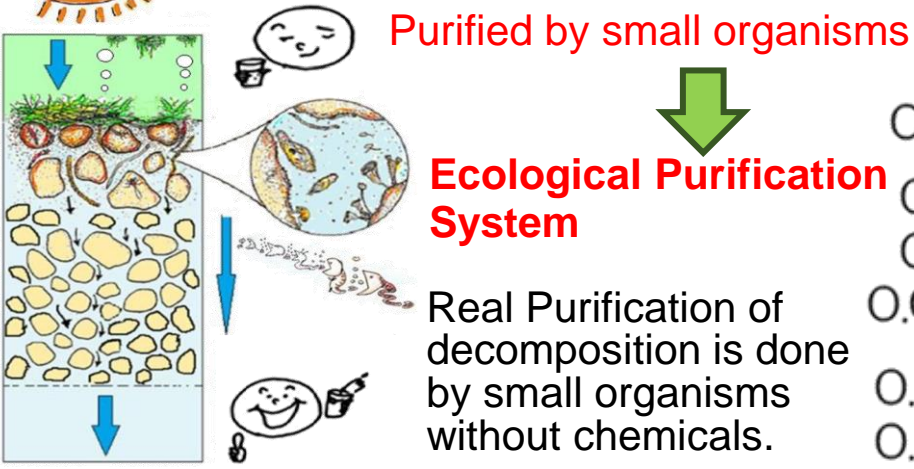
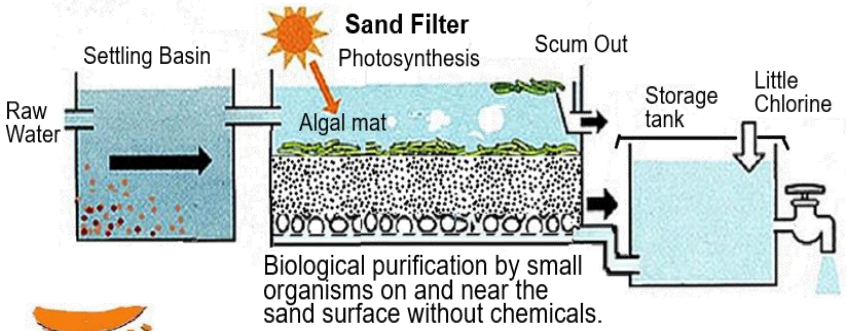
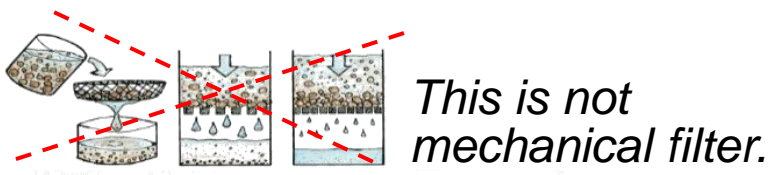
Function of Slow Sand Filter is to make an artificial natural spring water.







The turbidity is reacted with a flocculant to remove the precipitate, followed by rapid filtration. Remove turbidity by backwashing. A large amount of sludge treatment is required.



Coagulant + Chlorine Rapid Sand Filter

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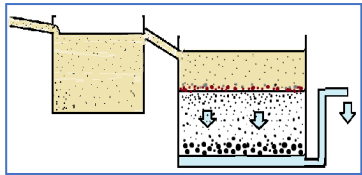


# Up-flow Roughing Filter eliminates Suspended Matter without Chemicals.

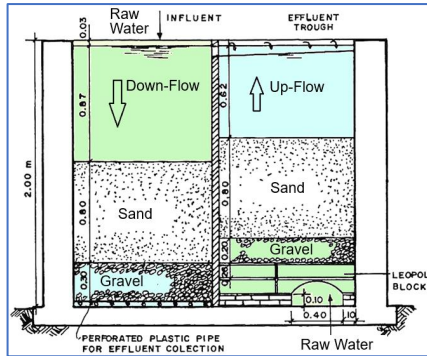
## Part 3.

Water Supply Management and Ecological Purification System.

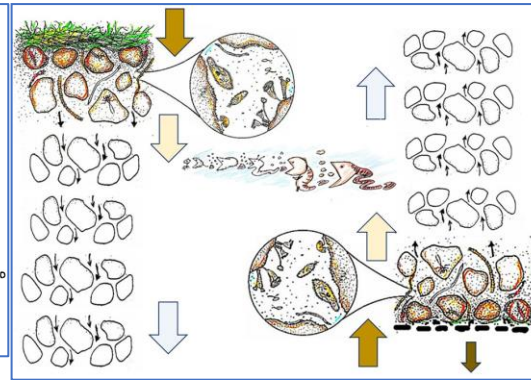
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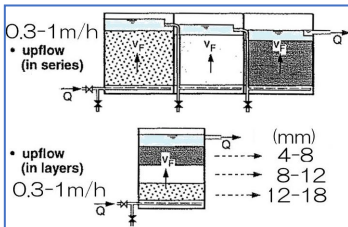
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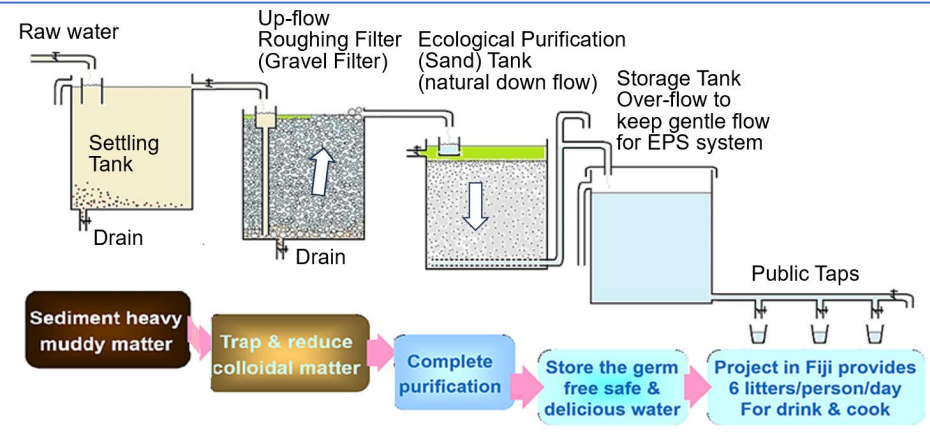
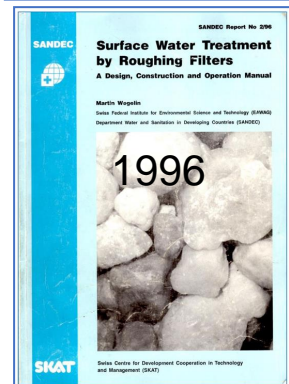
Down flow & Up-flow



Mr. Fumio KIZUKI, OISCA in Tokyo.



I examined the performance of URF with students.

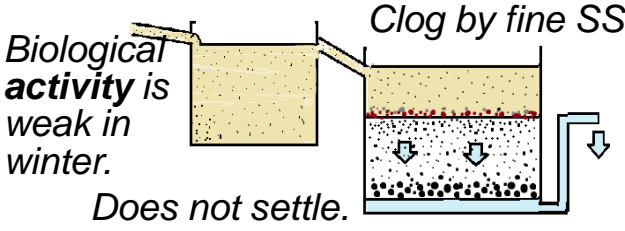
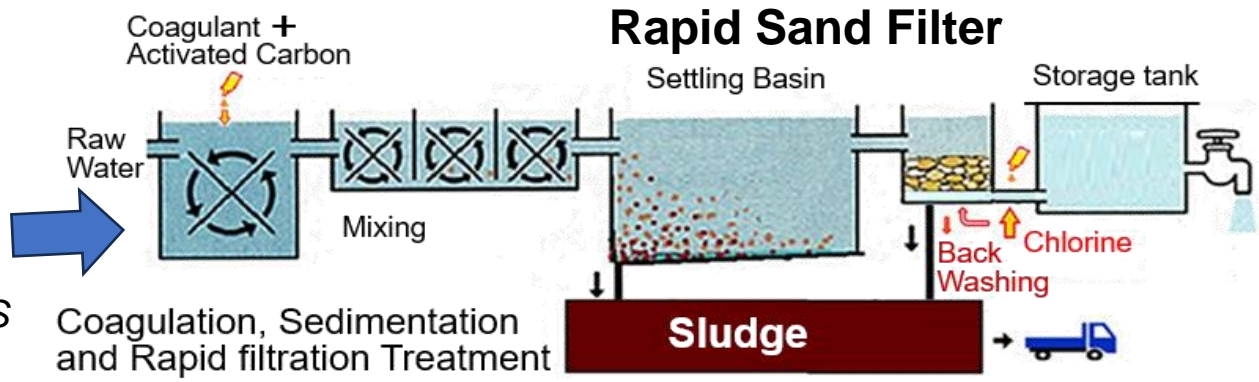


Eco-friendly system to make safe drinking water.

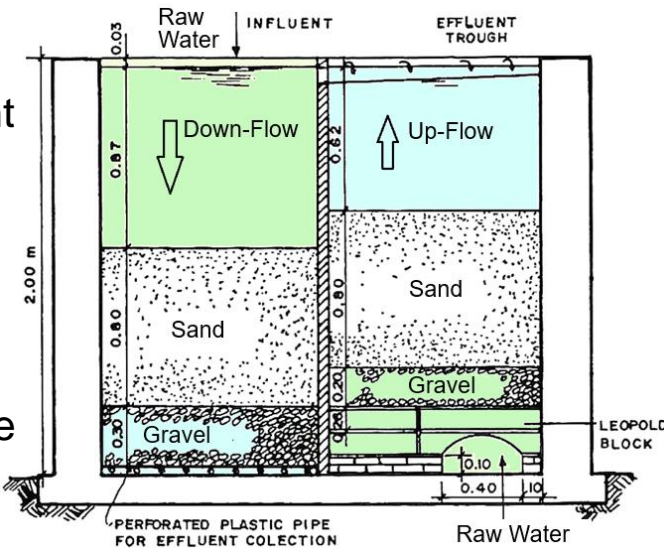




Fine suspended solid in continent rivers in USA

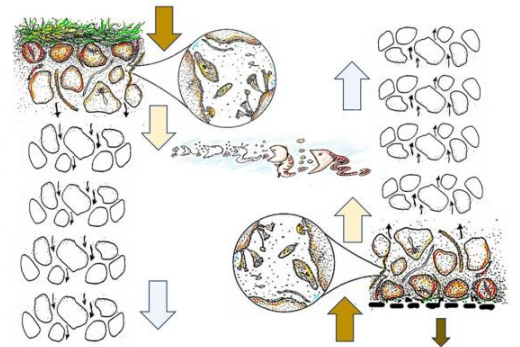
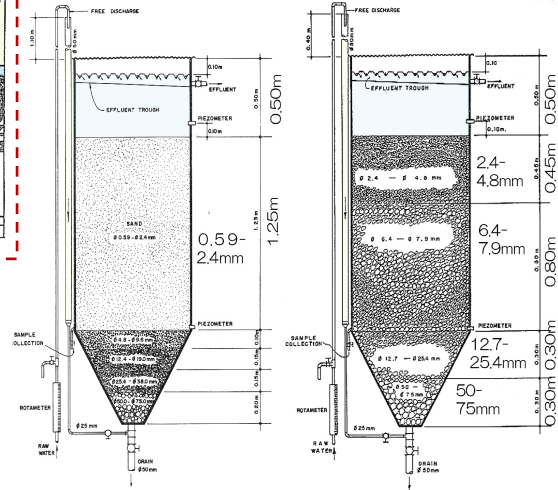


Down flow and Up-flow Roughing Filter Experiment



Master Thesis of Costa, R.H.R.: Univ. São Paulo, Brazil in 1980

Up-flow Roughing Filter of different size of sand and small stone.



Prof. Luiz Di Bernardo, Univ. São Paulo

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IS THE WATER SAFE TO DRINK?

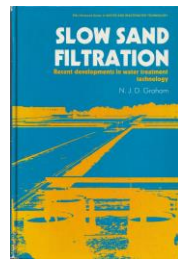
Research engineers researched ways to prevent turbidity without using chemicals.



Luiz Di Bernardo, Univ. São Paulo, Brazil: Roughing filter test (Master student report 1980)



1988



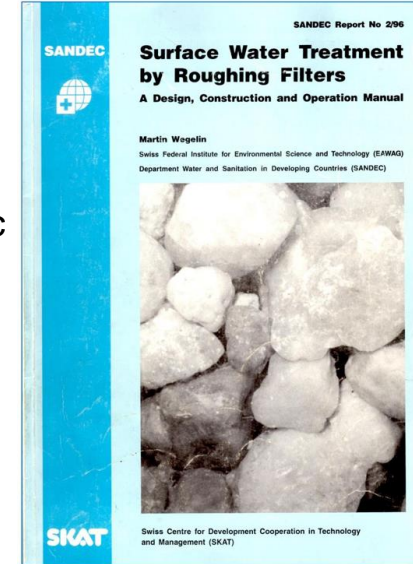
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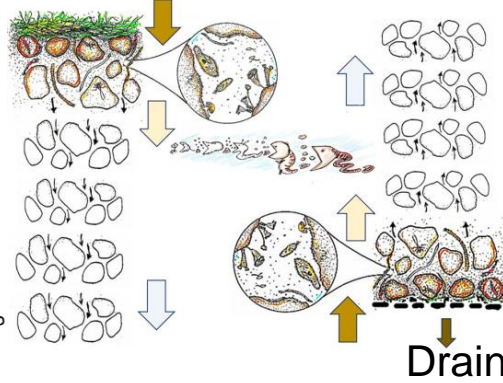
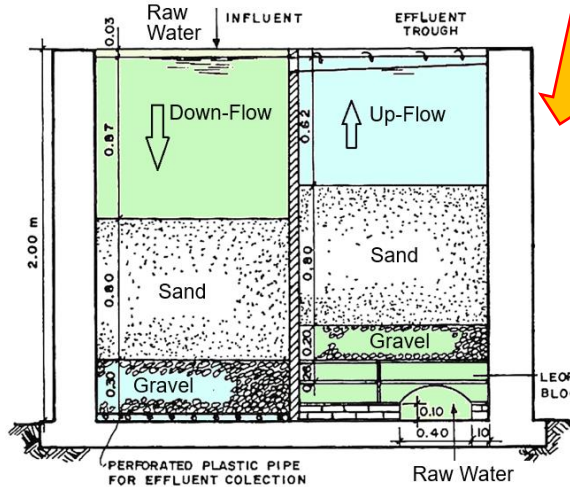
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Martin Wegelin

Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology

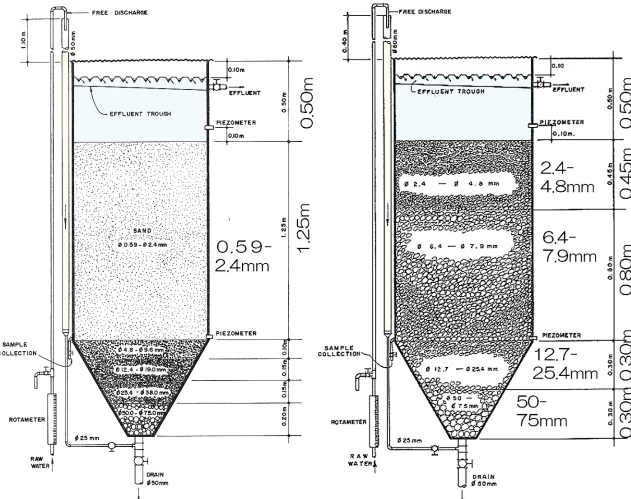


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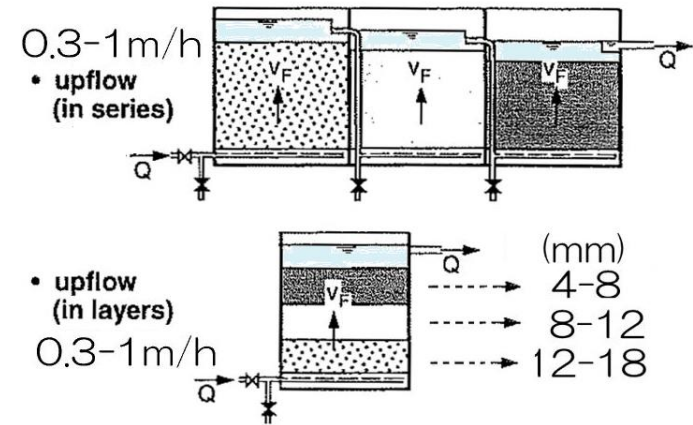
Down-Flow and Up-Flow

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Nakamoto was a JICA advisor of the control of a reservoir ecosystem to São Paulo Univ. in 1974 and Federal Univ. of São Carlos in 1976.

Sand URF and Gravel URF



They believe the main action is based by mechanical reduction.

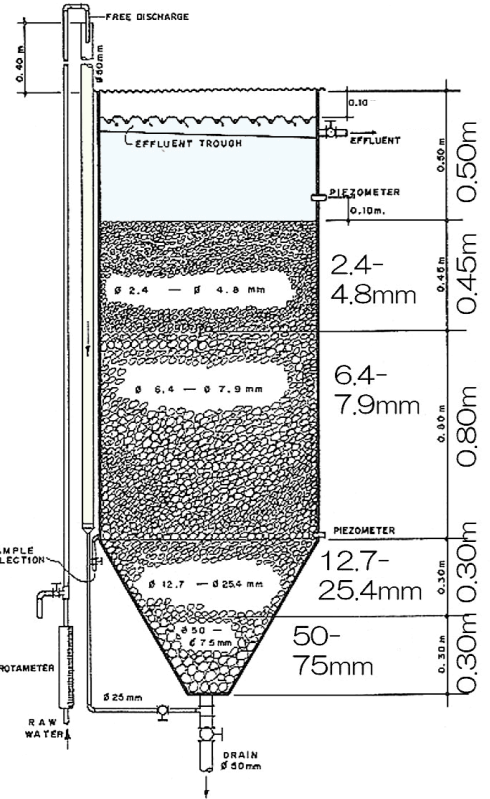
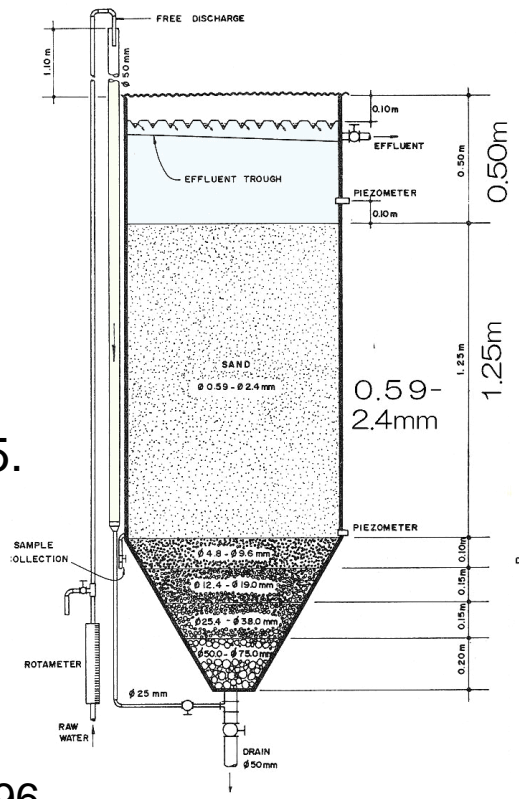
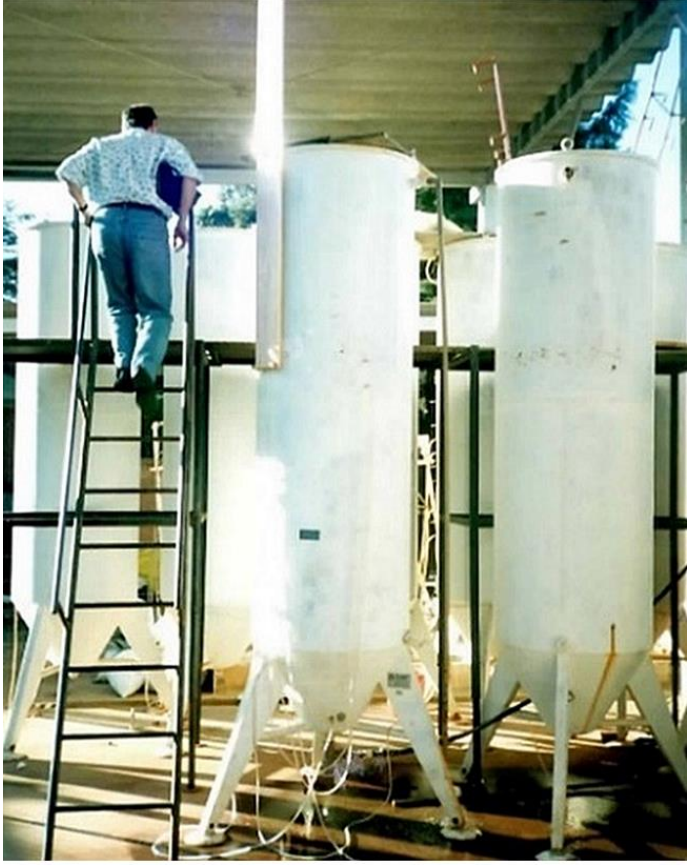




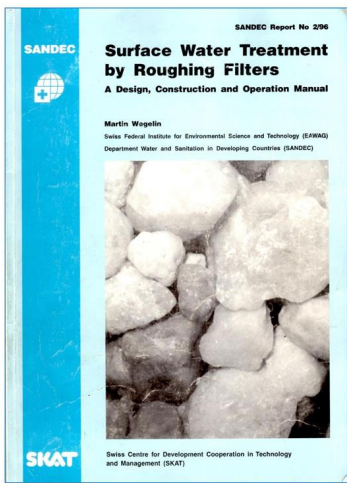
Luiz Di Bernardo examined chemical free roughing filter from 1980 in Brazil.

He reported the results in 1988, in London.

I visited São Carlos, Brazil in Aug. 1995. He still examined URF.



1996



I examined URF with students from 1996, I noticed a large contribution of biological action in URF.



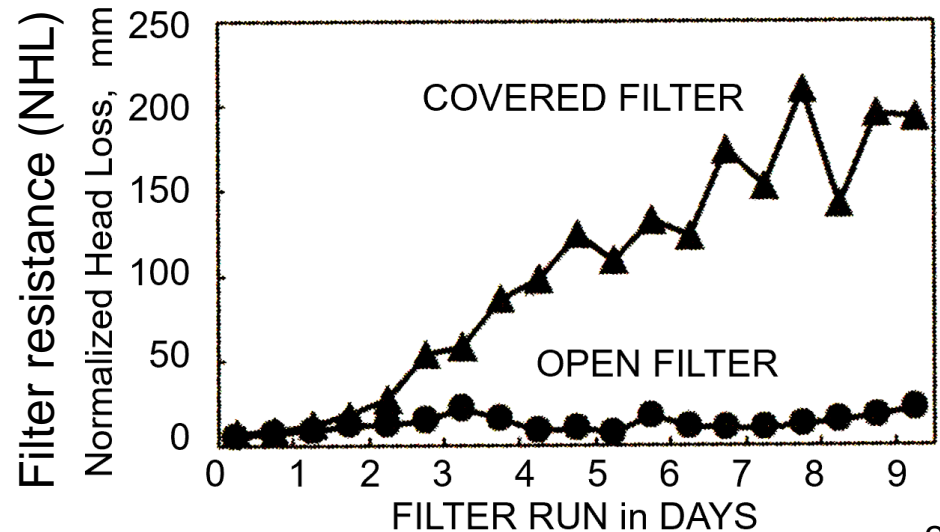
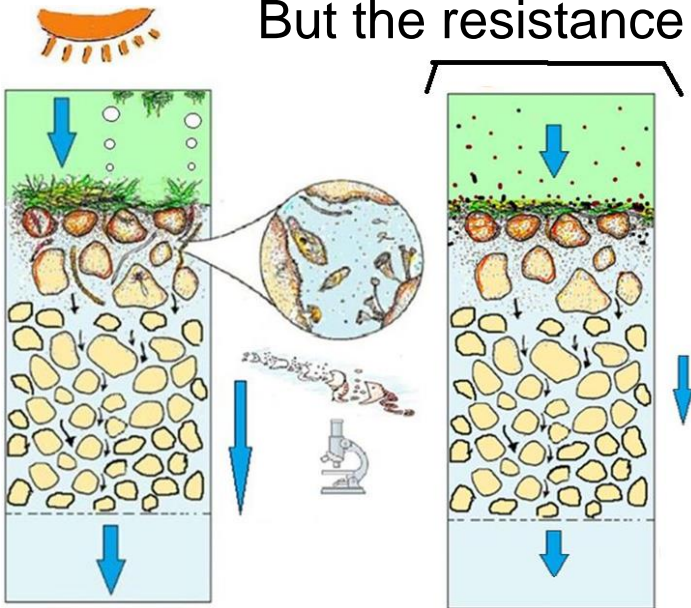
# Multiple Roughing Filters to eliminate SS from an irrigation canal water.



## Effect of open filter and covered filter.



Filter resistance (NHL) of Open filter was almost constant. But the resistance of Covered filter increased almost every day.





Mr. Fumio KIZUKI

OISCA (The Organization for Industrial,  
Spiritual and Cultural Advancement-  
International)



There are sedimentation tank,  
several gravel filter, and slow sand  
filter. Polluted water turns to safe  
and reliable water quality.

Polluted  
water of River  
Kanda, Tokyo  
is pumped up.

No detection of coli-form bacteria, lead,  
herbicides of Atrazine and Simazine. Nitrate  
N concentration : 2.0 mg/l, Nitrite N: 0 mg/l,  
pH8.5, total hardness: 250 mg/l and residual  
chlorine 0 mg/l.





OISCA Tokyo: polluted water (Kanda river) → gravel filter → gravel filter → small sand filter → safe water

Sri Lank: three Up flow roughing filters → sand filter → safe drinking water (300 liters / day). This water is the demand of safe drinking and cooking water for 5-6 families.



*Wise use of natural phenomena.  
We can easily get safe drinking water by ourselves. Mr. Fumio KIZUKI knew this EPS and applied it for villagers.*

### Three points worth to remember

1. Knowing is NOT enough; we must APPLY it to something useful.
2. Willingness is NOT enough; we must PUT it into the PLAN and ACTION.
3. Putting the PLAN into action is NOT enough; we must ACCOMPLISH the goals.





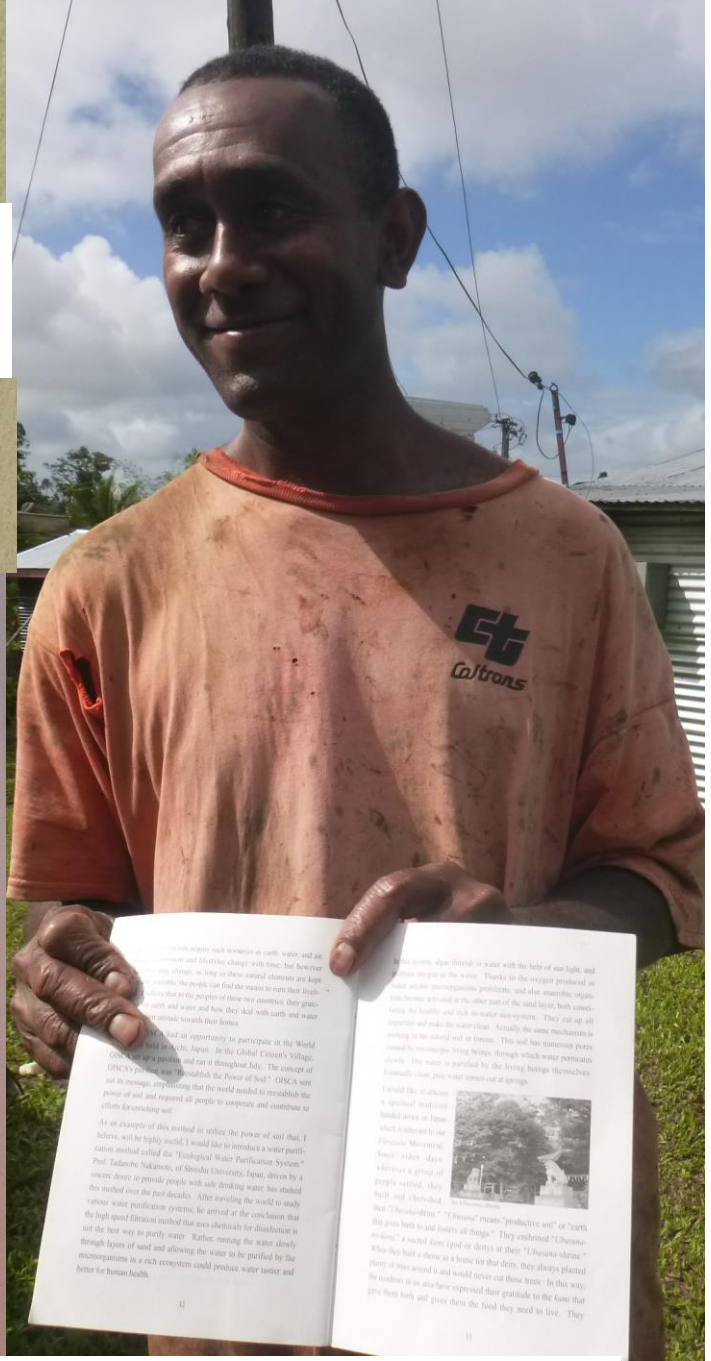
# OISCA International



*Niko-San participated OISCA training in Fukuoka, Japan, in 2007 during 1 year. He remember my work on Ecological Purification System.*

**Yoshiko Y. Nakano**

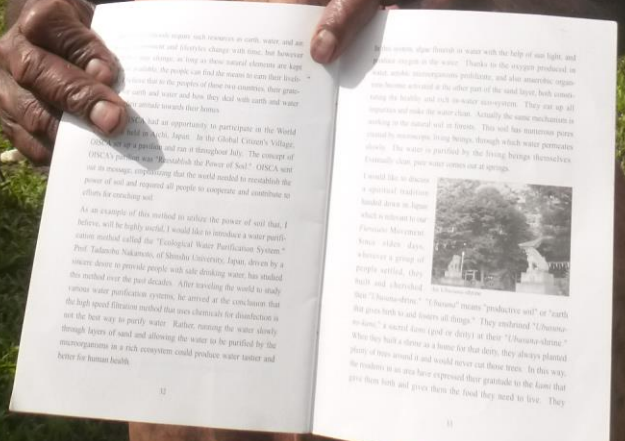
September 2006



As an example of this method to utilize the power of soil that, I believe, will be highly useful, I would like to introduce a water purification method called the "Ecological Water Purification System."  
*Nobutada*  
Prof. Tadanobu Nakamoto, of Shinshu University, Japan, driven by a sincere desire to provide people with safe drinking water, has studied this method over the past decades. After traveling the world to study various water purification systems, he arrived at the conclusion that the high speed filtration method that uses chemicals for disinfection is not the best way to purify water. Rather, running the water slowly through layers of sand and allowing the water to be purified by the microorganisms in a rich ecosystem could produce water tastier and better for human health.

2017/ 6/20

*I met Niko-San in Fiji, in June, 2017. He showed his text on EPS.*







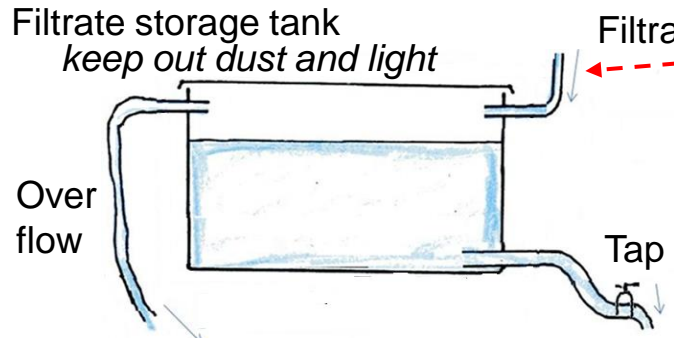
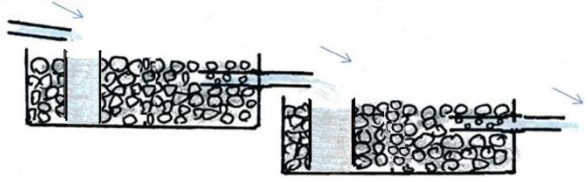
To keep continuous flow by a small pump



keep out small animals

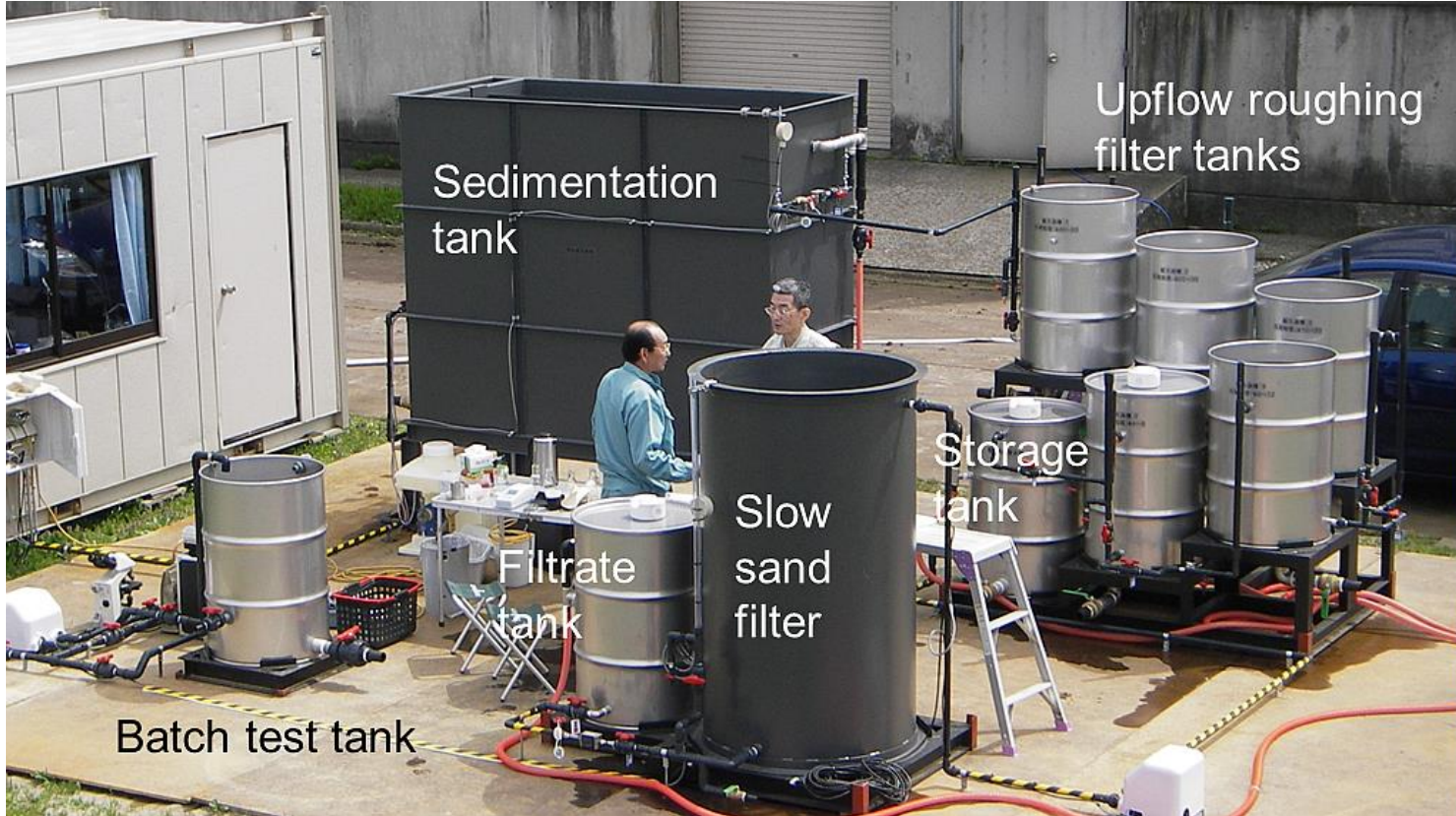
Up-flow roughing filter

To make subsurface suspension free clean water in the flood plain.

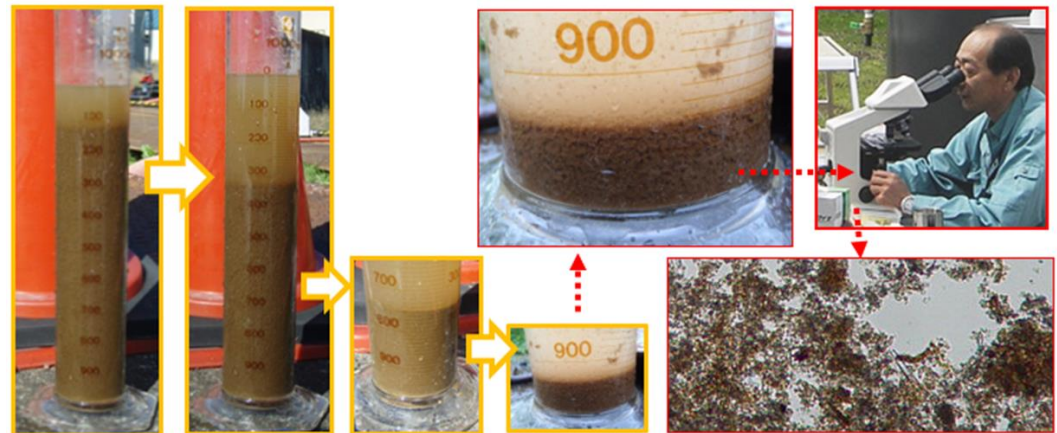


Under drainage porous pipe covered with mesh cloth.





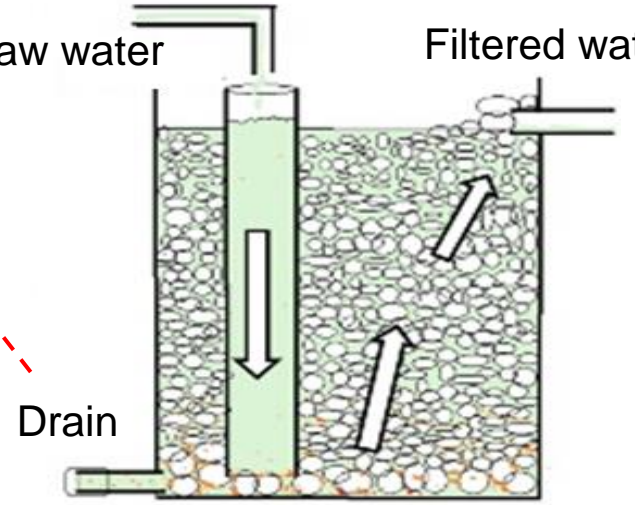
Multi-layers  
Upflow roughing  
filter tank



Drained sludge from URF settled Quickly.

Coagulated particles like an activated sludge.

Up-flow Roughing Filter (Gravel Filter)





*In Japan, river water is usually clear and small amount of water.*



*After heavy storm event, river water becomes dirty and rapidly increases.*



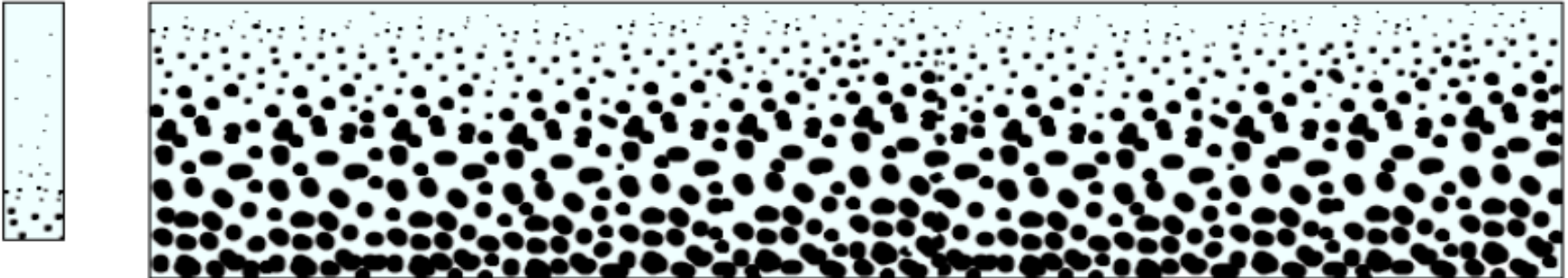
*Clear and suspended free water from spring is found in a flood plain.*



*Flood water is dirty. There is huge amount of soil matter from land surface.*

*Light and small particle which is not easily settled.*

**A large amount of heavy and large particles in a storm water.**

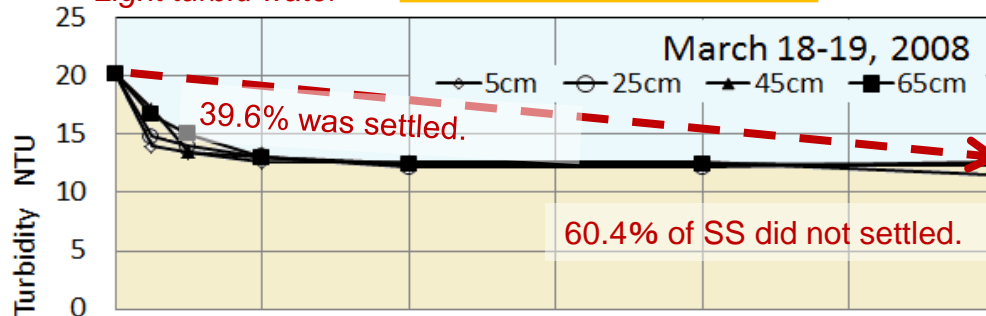




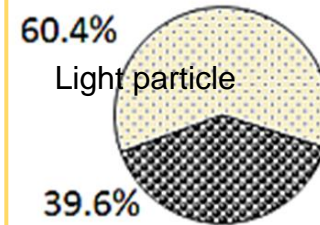


There were extremely small particles like as colloidal particles in case of small turbidity, like as less than 20 NTU. The rapid settling of turbid matters was observed **within 4 hrs.** However, a large portion of turbidity did not decrease.

Light turbid water

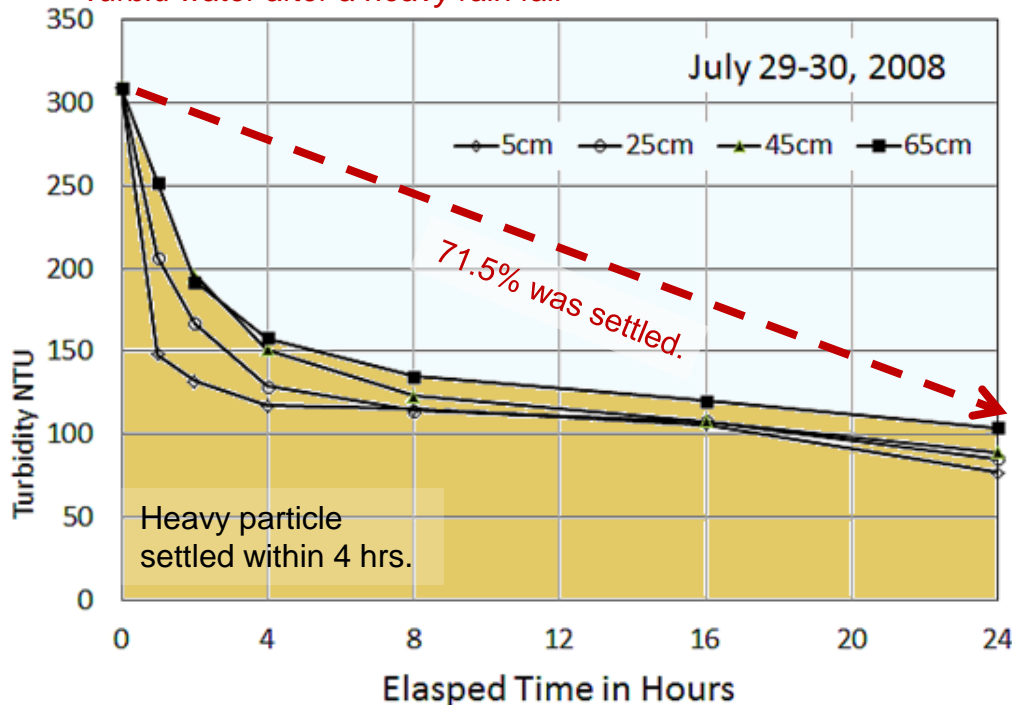


20 NTU water

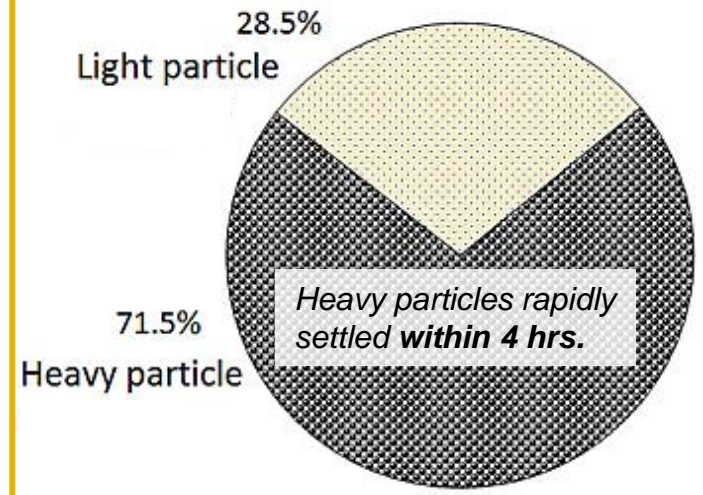


Light turbid water: small turbidity, a large portion of light particle.

Turbid water after a heavy rain fall



In case of turbid water, a large portion was heavy particles.



**4 hrs. settling is enough.**

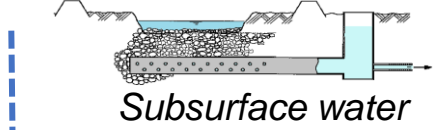


# EPS-Use of Natural Process-**Chemical Free** : **Gentle for small organisms**



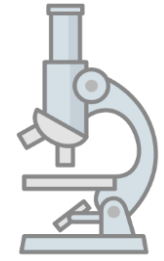
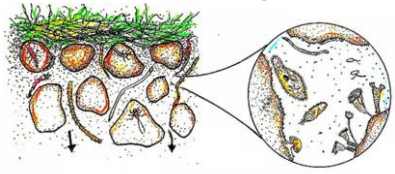
Surface stream water

Reservoir

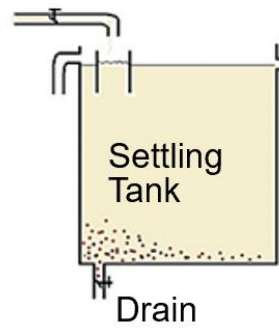


Subsurface water

Clean spring water



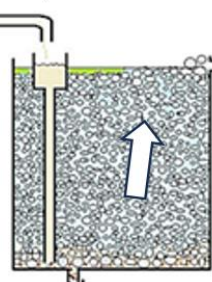
Raw water



Settling Tank

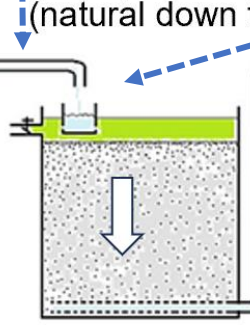
Drain

Up-flow Roughing Filter (Gravel Filter)

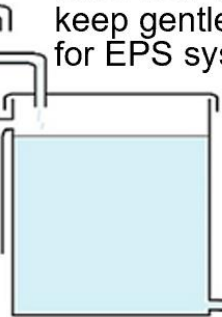


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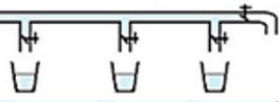
Ecological Purification (Sand) Tank (natural down flow)



Storage Tank Over-flow to keep gentle flow for EPS system



Public Taps



Borehole



**Sediment heavy muddy matter**  
Aeration

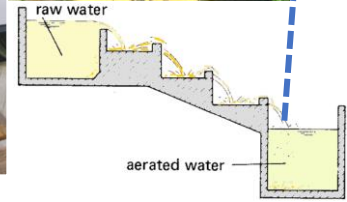


Trap & reduce colloidal matter

Complete purification

Store the germ free safe & delicious water

Project in Fiji provides 6 liters/person/day For drink & cook



raw water

aerated water



Food chain

**Smart Treatment System to make artificial spring water by Eco-friendly technique.**



# Using the Bucket Model in JICA training

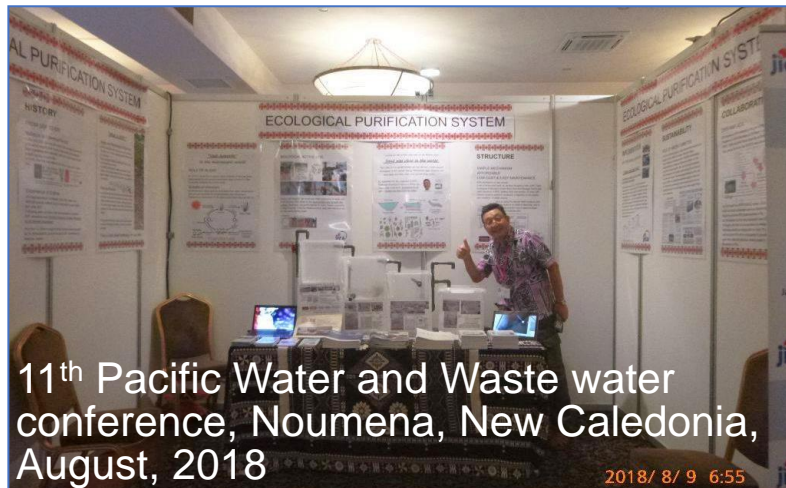
## Part 4.

Water Supply Management and Ecological Purification System.

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JICA EPS training started from Miyako-Jima



11th Pacific Water and Waste water conference, Noumea, New Caledonia, August, 2018

### Ecological Purification System for Safe Drinking Water

- Application of Natural Process -  
Eco-friendly technique to make artificial spring water

NAKAMOTO Nobutada, Dr. Science  
Prof. Emeritus of Shinshu University, Japan



Fig.0. Fijian EPS using rain harvest tanks in a village. August 2018



International EPS Workshop, Suva, Fiji in March 2019.



I studied on ecological function of Miyako-Jima wks. I made a video on EPS function of Miyako wks in March 2004 and published a book (How to make delicious water) in August 2005.



JICA training began in 2006.



Quest for Safe and Delicious Tap Water, Miyako-Jima, Island in March 2004. /15:22  
With English subtitle version in Oct. 2007.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1LIPuQliu0&t=16s>



JICA made Video in 2008

Ecological Purification System : JICA training for SIWA, April 18, 2013 at Miyako-Jima.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NCI9oeNM0aI>



Slow sand filtration: creating clean, safe water(Full ver) in 2020

Slow sand filtration: (Digest ver) in 2021/3:26



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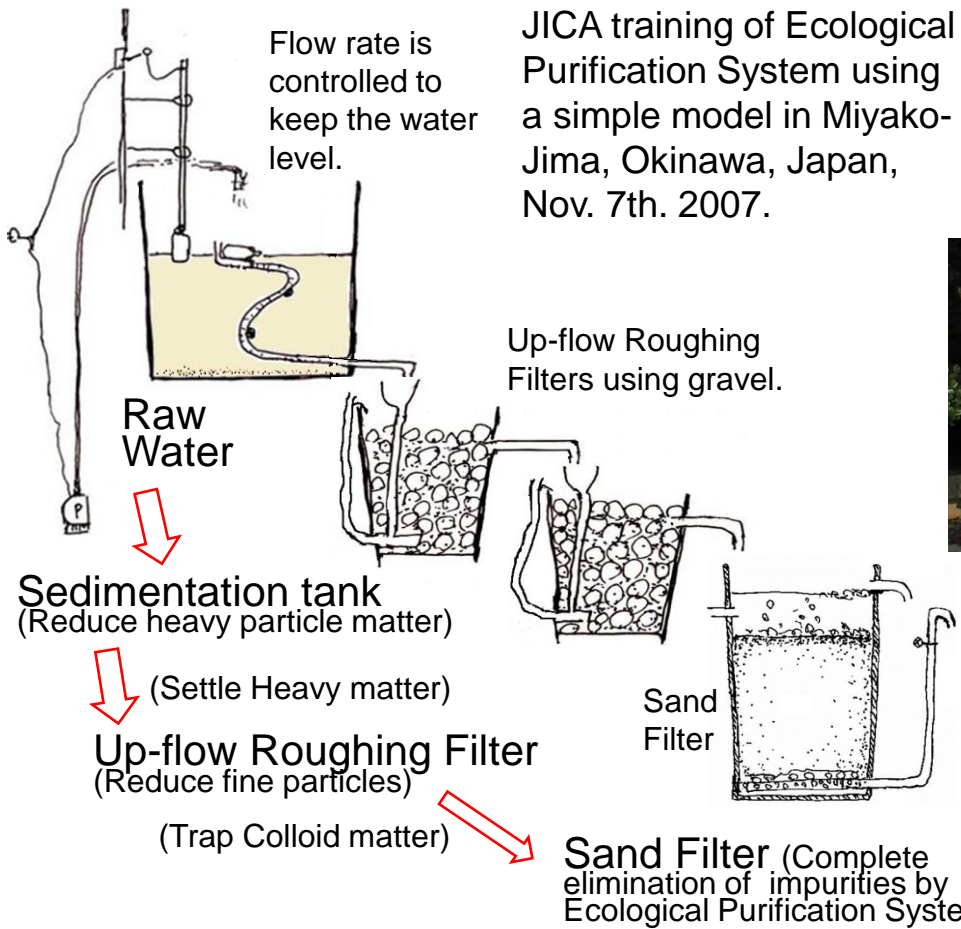
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Flow rate is controlled to keep the water level.

JICA training of Ecological Purification System using a simple model in Miyako-Jima, Okinawa, Japan, Nov. 7th. 2007.



Samoa

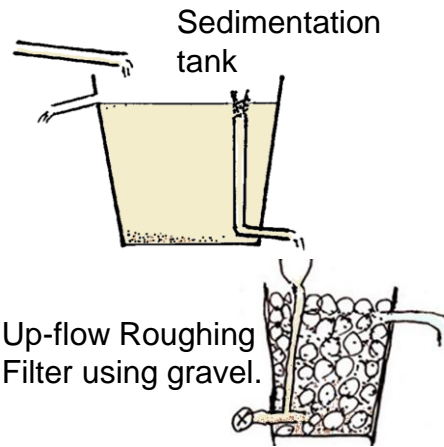
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Settling tank  
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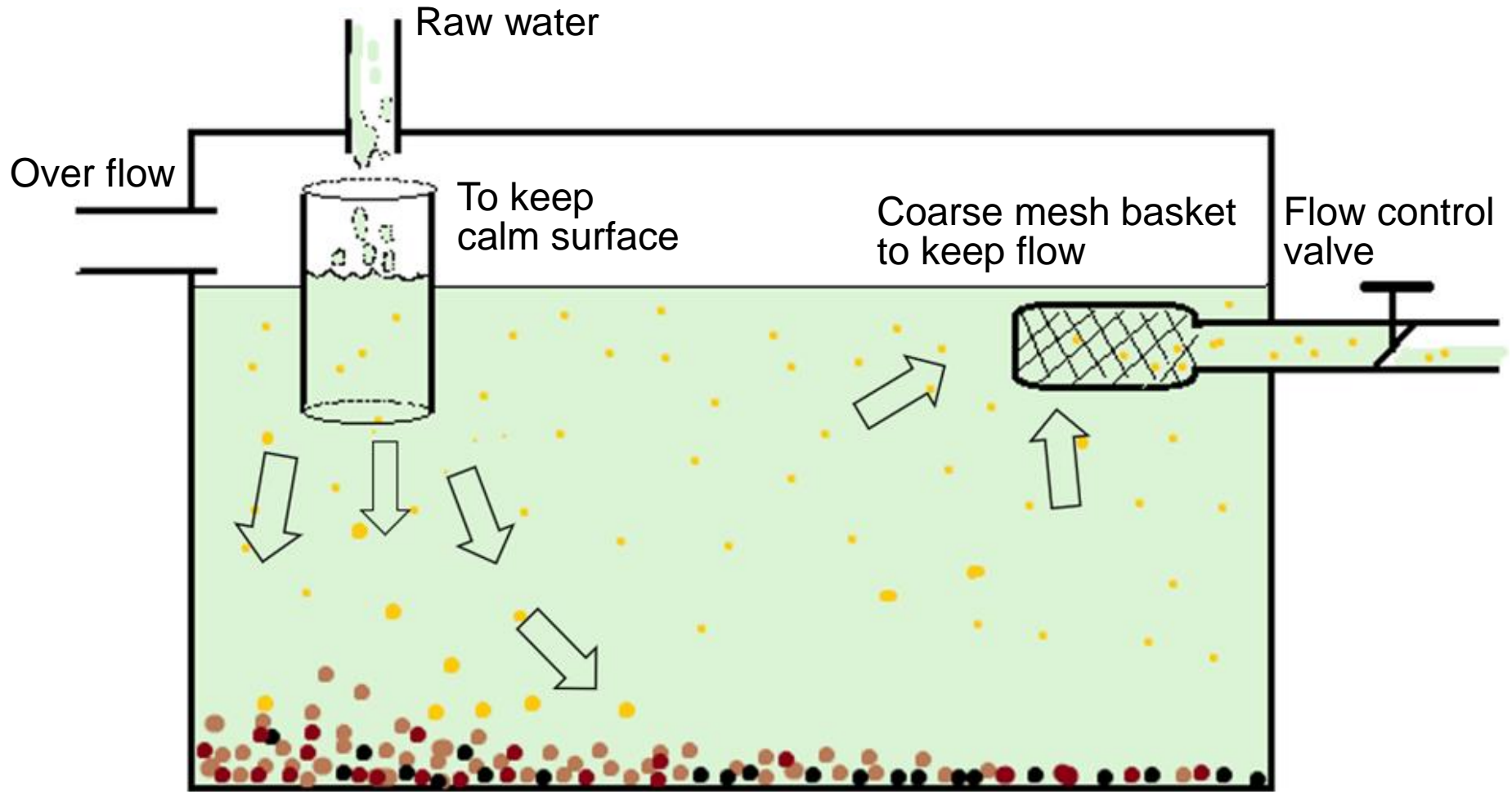
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# Receiving Tank (Settling Tank)

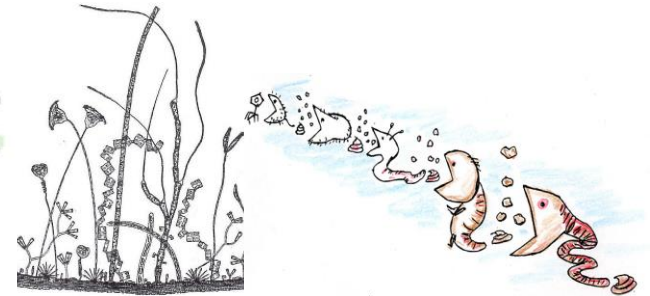
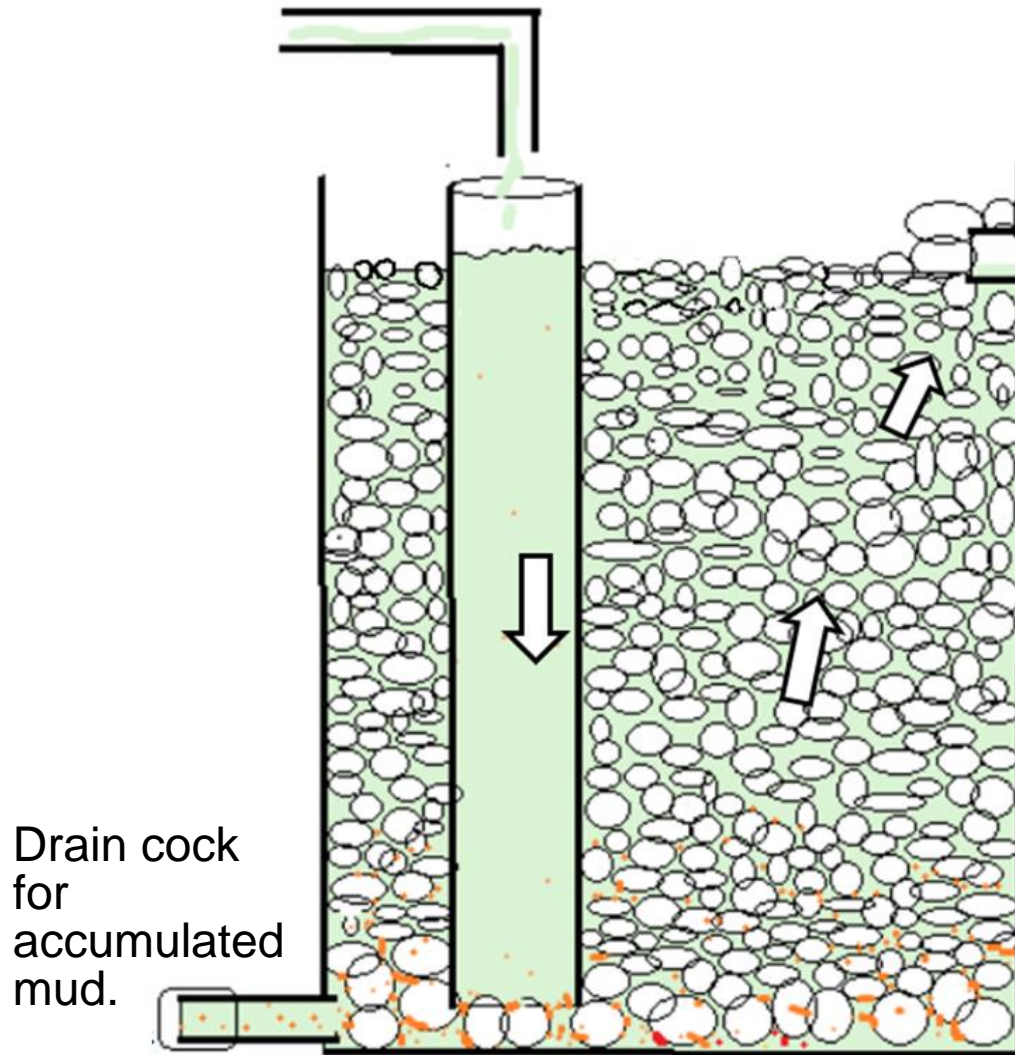


Heavy particulate matters are easily settled. However, colloidal light particles like silt material are not settled in this settling tank.



# Up-Flow Roughing Filter (URF): Gravel Filter

*Additional URF if necessary.*



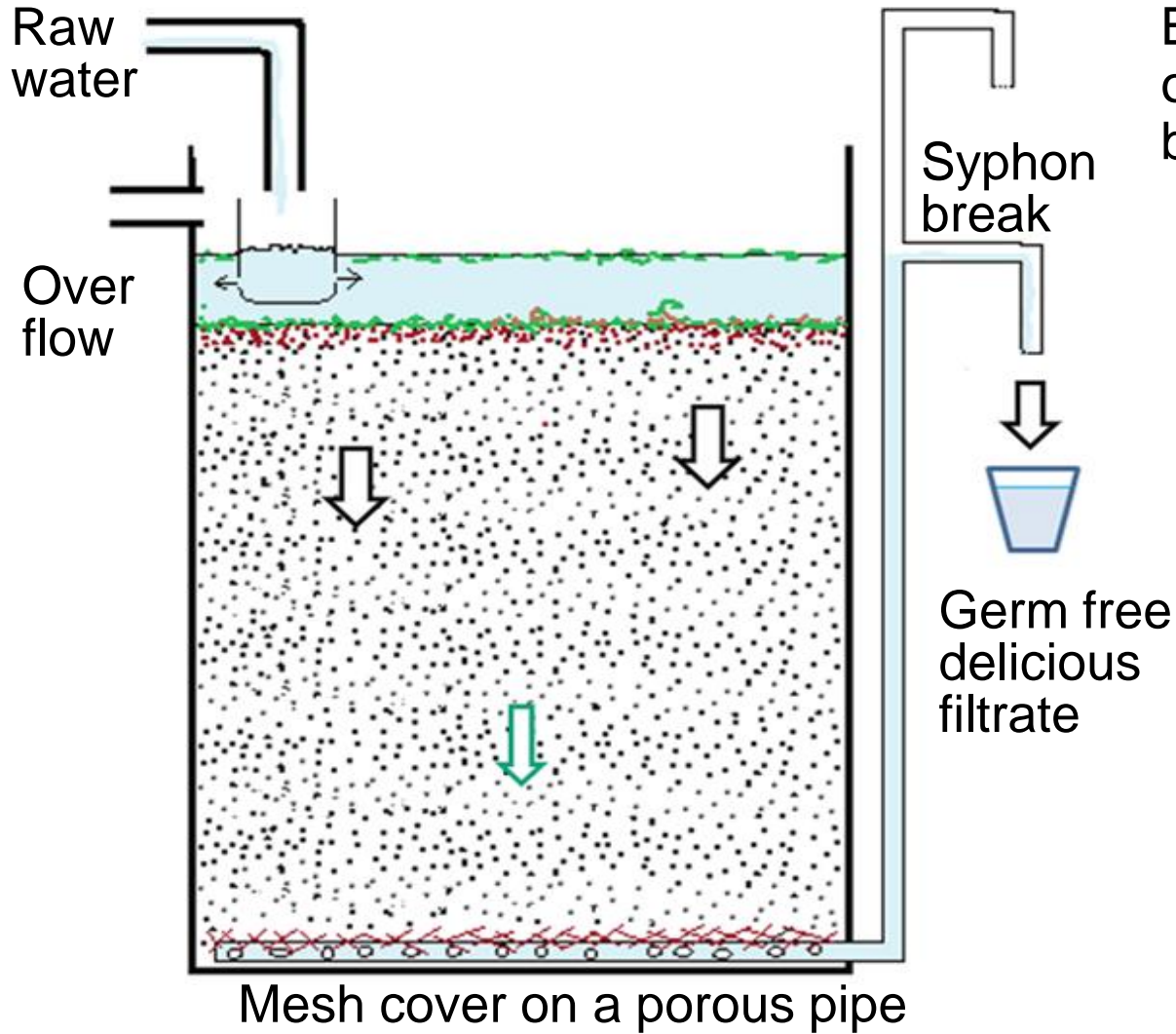
Colloidal fine particles adhesive to the surface of gravels. Small animals scrape them and produces fecal pellets. Fecal pellets accumulated to the bottom.

When the filter resistance increase, the drain cock is opened in short time to drain the mud (accumulated fecal pellets.)

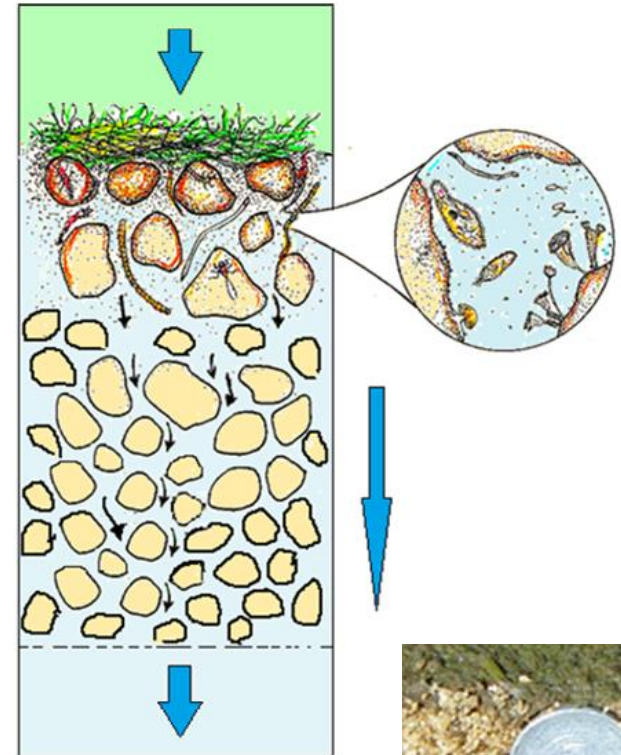


# EPS (Sand) Filter (Natural Down Flow)

Ecological Purification System



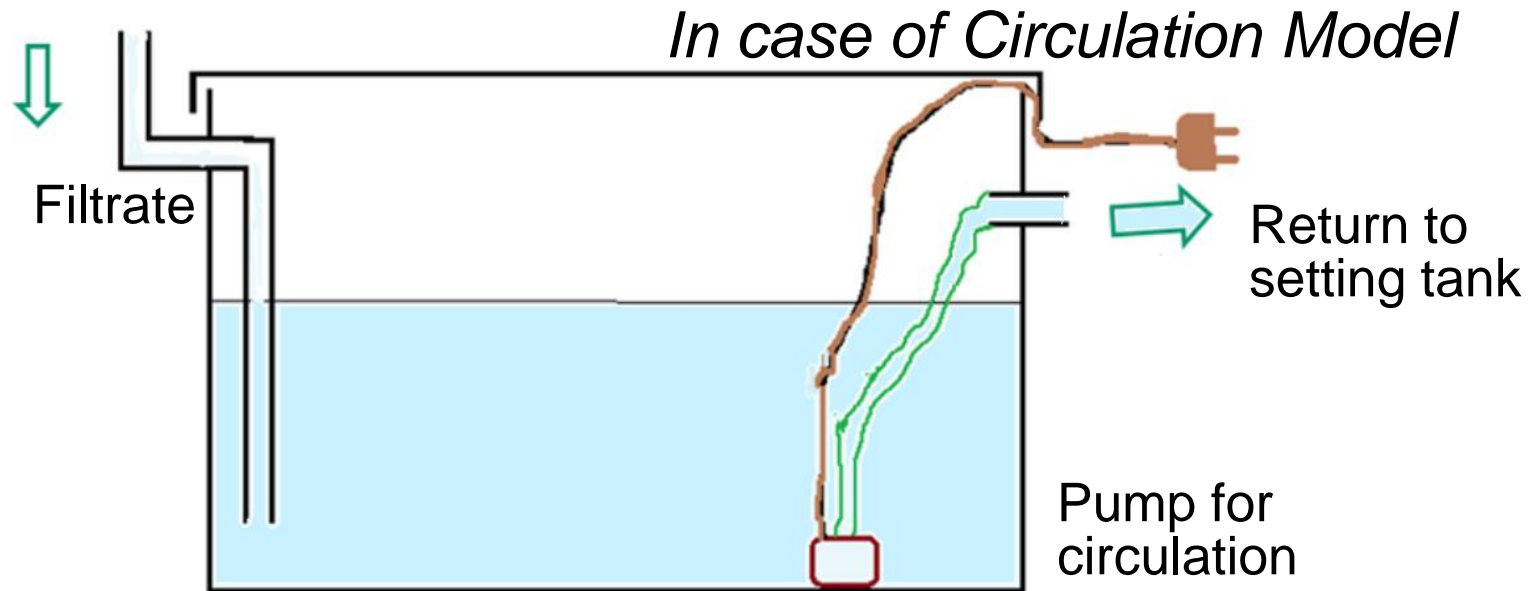
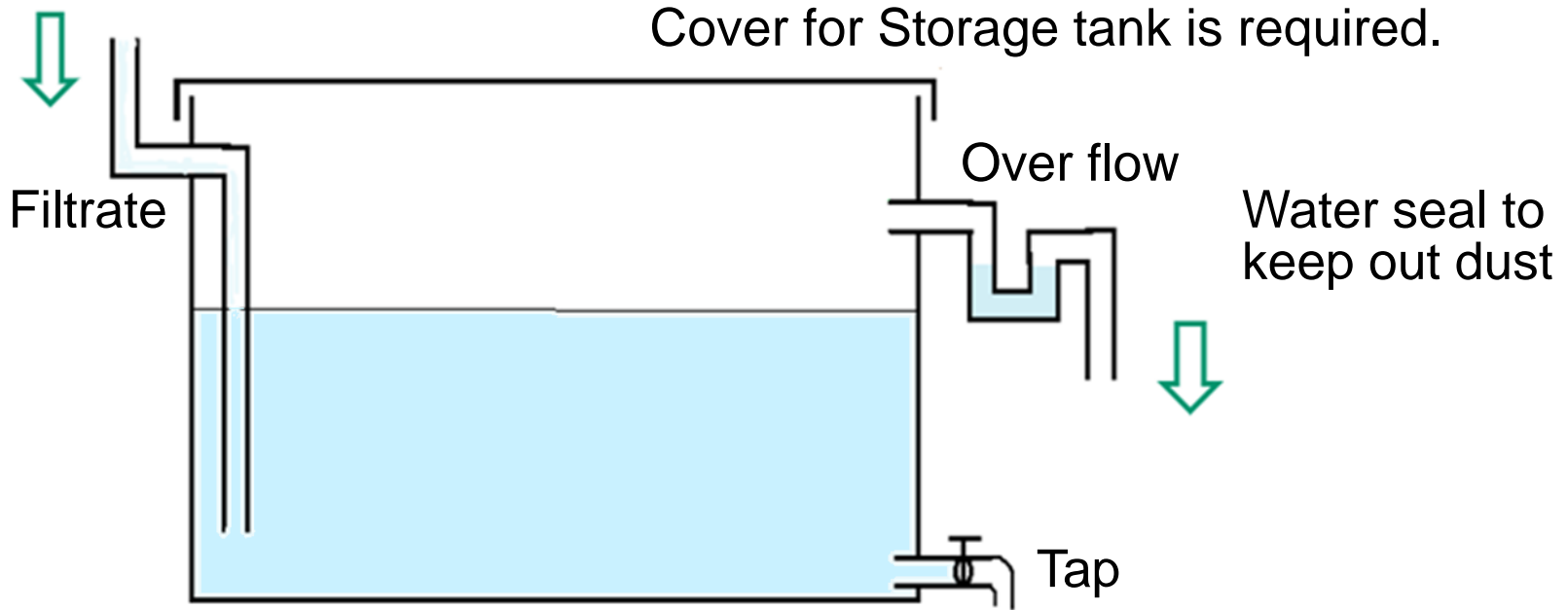
Biological active layer is only surface and thin layer beneath the surface.



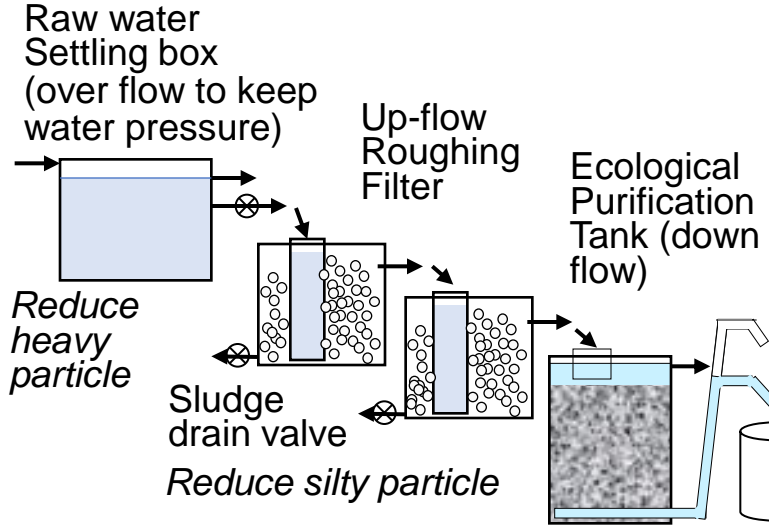
Algae and animals grow well on the sand surface.  
Deep sand layer is a guarantee layer for emergency.



# Storage (Filtrate) Tank

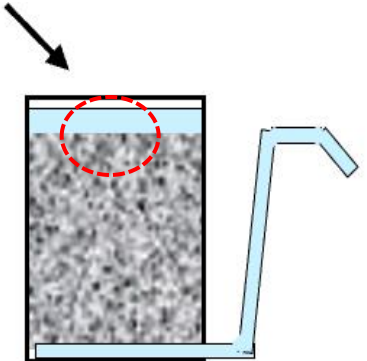






Filter area =  $30.5 \text{ cm} \times 44 \text{ cm} = 1,342 \text{ cm}^2$   
 In case of Present Thames filter rate (40cm/h =9.6m/d)  
 Filtrate/min =  $1,342 \text{ cm}^2 \times 40 \text{ cm/h} / 60 \text{ (min)} = 895 \text{ cm}^3(\text{ml})/\text{min}$   
 Filtrate/h =  $1,342 \text{ cm}^2 \times 40 \text{ cm/h} = 53,680 \text{ cm}^3/\text{h} = 53.7 \text{ liter/h}$   
 Filtrate/d =  $53.7 \text{ liter} \times 24 \text{ hrs} = 1.29 \text{ m}^3/\text{d}$

Filter rate can be measured using a cup and is regulated by a cock.



*Shallow water depth over sand is important to keep aerobic condition.*

*Passing time of water is shorter in shallower depth. And higher flow rate is also better to keep aerobic condition.*

	unit	Simpson 1829	English Filter	Present Thames Filter	Experiment in Samoa
Flow rate	m/d	2	4.8	9.6	20
	cm/h	8.3	20	40	83
Flow rate in sand layer (50% porosity)	cm/h	16.7	40	80	167
Passing time of 1 m sand layer	hr	6	2.5	1.25	0.6
Passing time of upper active 1 cm	min	3.6	1.5	0.75	0.36



# JICA Training on Ecological Purification System (EPS) in Okinawa, Japan in 2022

DIY EPS bucket model making 2022 - YouTube / 38:01

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz94KfKLL3E>



NGO Okinawa  
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**ECOLOGICAL PURIFICATION SYSTEM  
(EPS)**

JULY 20/2017 @ HIROSHIMA INTERNATIONAL PLAZA

Un sistema ecológico, económico y replicable que puede ser utilizado por pequeñas, medianas y grandes comunidades. Este sistema fue desarrollado por el Doctor Nobutada Nakamoto

– Ecological Purification System



Daniel Castro

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# Ecological Purification System for Safe Drinking Water

- Application of Natural Process -

Eco-friendly technique to make artificial spring water

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Fijian EPS using rain harvest tanks in a village.

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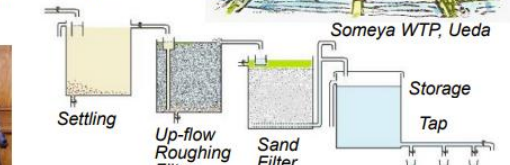
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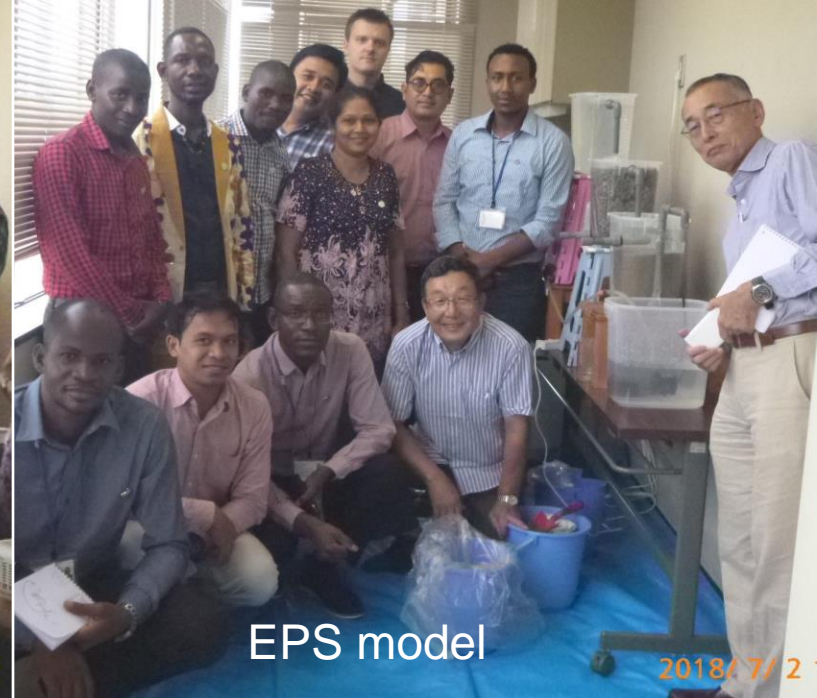




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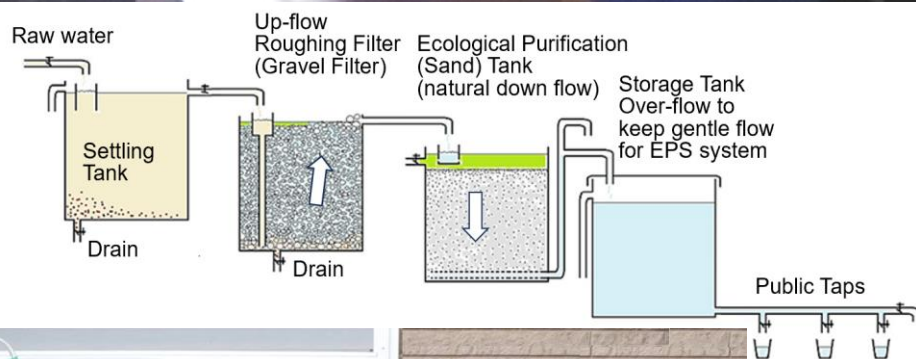


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**New plans for cleaner water**

For rural people from 2013 in Fiji.



To make artificial spring water from surface water.



EPS for Fiji village



JICA EPS training in Miyako-Jima, in Aug. 2011.

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Miyako-Jima Okinawa



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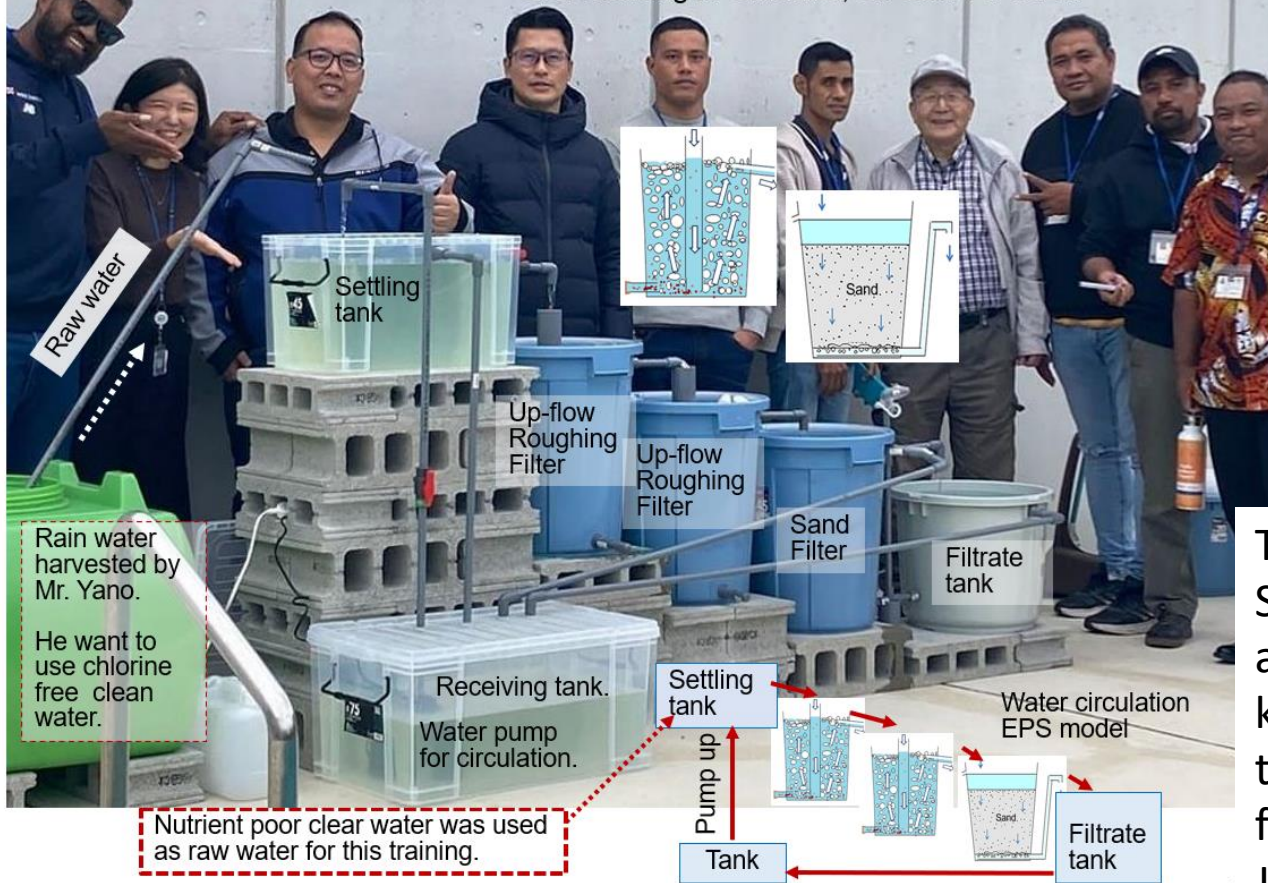
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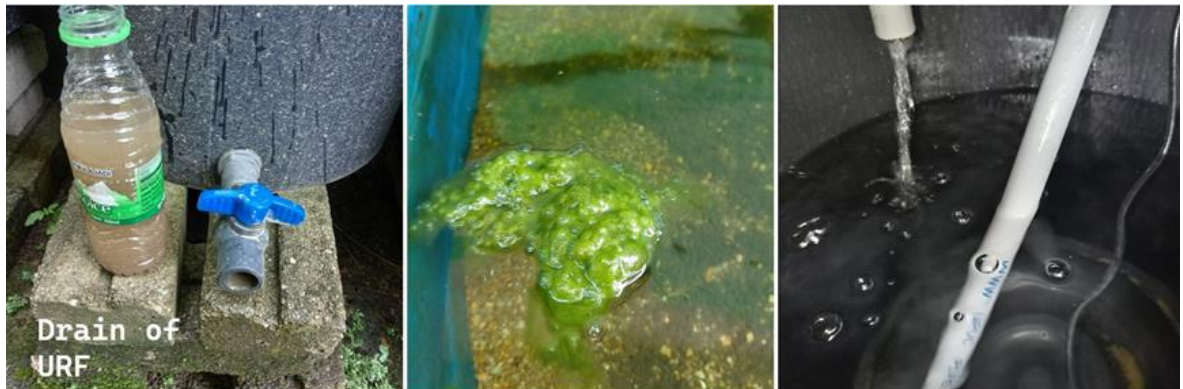
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Rain water harvested by Mr. Yano. He want to use chlorine free clean water.

Nutrient poor clear water was used as raw water for this training.

**After 5 months, still crystal-clear water produce**



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