Filters, Water & Instrumentation, Inc. Water Cycles of Concentration



Additive and Evaporative Cycles Of Concentration

Cycling Up or Down

While Cycles of Concentration is a simple concept to understand, it is a powerful concept in application within water treatment.

Cycles Up: Contaminant Level Increases

Cycles Down: Process Water Loses its Strength

Additive Cycles

Additive Cycles are a steady increase in contaminant from the outside, which over time disturbs the process. A cooling tower which continually picks up dust from the air is a classic application of additive cycles. (See Cooling Water Systems). Another similar example is using a filter on a recirculation bath to remove the increase of particle and/or organic contaminant to extend the life of the bath.

1000 Gallons & 10 Parts is 1%.

1000 gallons & 20 Parts is 2 %.

1000 gallons & 50 Parts is 5 %.

Same Volume - Increased Number - Concentration Up

1000 Gallons 10 Parts Bad	1000 Gallons 20 Parts Bad	1000 Gallons 50 Parts Bad
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Evaporative Cycles

Evaporative Cycles happen every day. When water evaporates the dissolved minerals in the water remain behind and build up in the water over time. Staining and scale build-up result from the precipitation of the dissolved minerals- typically white or light colored. Deionized or Softened water is used to minimize this scale build up and staining. (See Ion Exchange Page).

1000 Gallons & 10 Parts is 1%.

500 gallons & 10 Parts is 2 %.

100 gallons & 10 Parts is 10 %.

Same Number - Reduced Volume - Concentration Up

1000 Gallons 10 Parts Bad

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<u>500 Gallons</u> 10 Parts Bad



100 Gallons 10 Parts Bad



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