# Water Conservation and Energy Efficiency at Seagate

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# Seagate Technology

- Produces data storage devices
  - External Hard Drives, SSDs
- Normandale Facility
  - Bloomington, MN
  - 733,108 sq ft
  - 1,100 employees
  - R&D and semiconductor wafer manufacturing





# **Incentive to Change**

- Integrity, Innovation, and Inclusion
- Environmental Stewardship
  - Advance sustainable solutions
  - Reduce carbon footprint
  - Provide transparent metrics and goals
- Seagate Goals
  - Improve water recycling and reduce consumption
  - Reduce energy use and GHG emissions
  - Minimize waste disposal

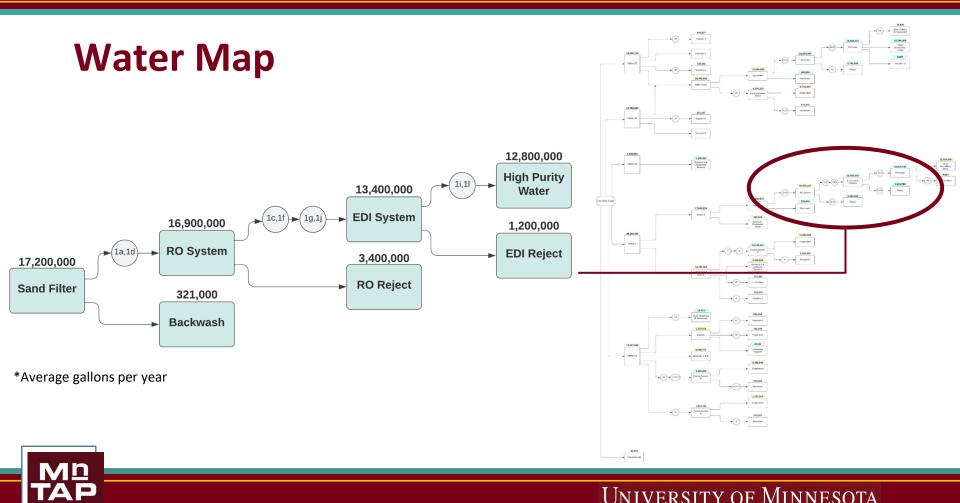




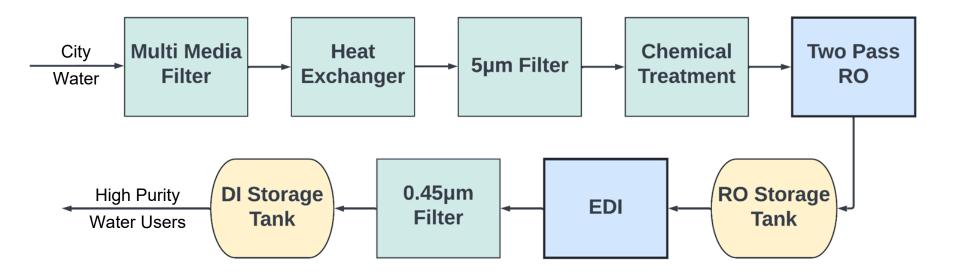
# Approach

- Water Mapping
  - Collected consumption data
  - Quantified largest water use
  - Crafted water map
- High Purity Water
  - Largest water use category
  - Important for facility and process





## **High Purity Water System**





## **Chemical Analysis**

	Total CI	Са	Mg	Silica	Hardness	TDS	рН	Cond.
	mg/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	ug/L	mg/L		uS/cm
City Water	1.6	11,300	16,900	9,740	97,800	130	8.9	218
RO Reject	<0.1	59,100	85,200	52,200	498,000	701	8.1	1,070
EDI Reject	<0.1	206	52.5	<214	732	<10	6.9	5.5



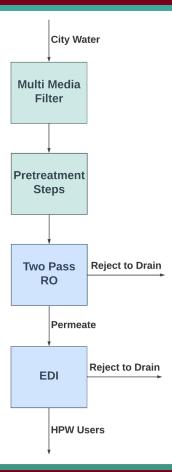
## **Frequency and Flow**

RO Reject Trend		Average	SD	EDI Reject Trend		Average	SD
Flow rate	gpm	13.7	0.6	Flow rate	gpm	9.7	0.5
Time running	min	87	19	Time running	min	41	2
Time btw Off/On	min	74	19	Time btw Off/On	min	103	8
Frequency	min	160	25	Frequency	min	144	7



## **Solutions**

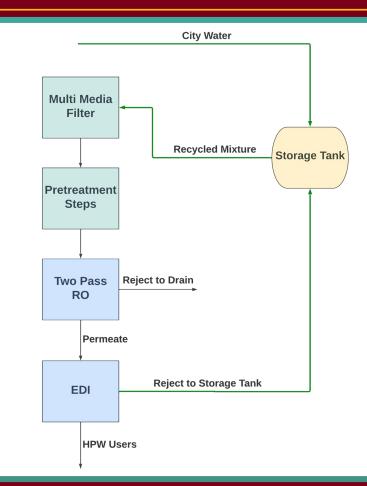
- Current Situation
  - EDI reject "cleaner" than city water
  - Consistent frequency and flow relationship
  - Proximity of systems
- Proposed Solutions
  - Recycle EDI Reject through HPW system
  - Reuse RO Reject for Irrigation





# **Solutions**

- Flow Path
  - Combine reject with incoming city water
    - 13% reject, 87% city
    - 3,000 gallon storage tank
  - Pump into multimedia filter
- Feed Composition
  - Lower concentration of contaminants
  - Negligible pH change
- Annual Savings
  - 1.5 million gallons of water
  - \$14,130 in sewer and usage costs
  - Decrease in chemicals for pretreatment





## **Solutions**

Recommendation	Annual reduction	Total cost	Annual savings	Payback period	Status
EDI Reject in HPW System	1,500,000 gal water	TBD	\$14,000	TBD	Recommended
RO Reject for Irrigation	1,200,000 gal water	TBD	\$11,000	TBD	Recommended
LED Fixture Upgrade	1,700,000 kWh	\$322,000	\$114,000	2.8 years	Recommended



# **Personal Benefits**

- Gained new technical skills
- Improved leadership and problem solving skills
- Learned about industry conservation efforts
- Worked with amazing individuals
  - Special thanks to:
    - MnTAP staff
    - Facilities/EHS team
    - Fellow interns





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