



## Evaluation of Two Screening Technologies – Maintenance vs Capture Rates

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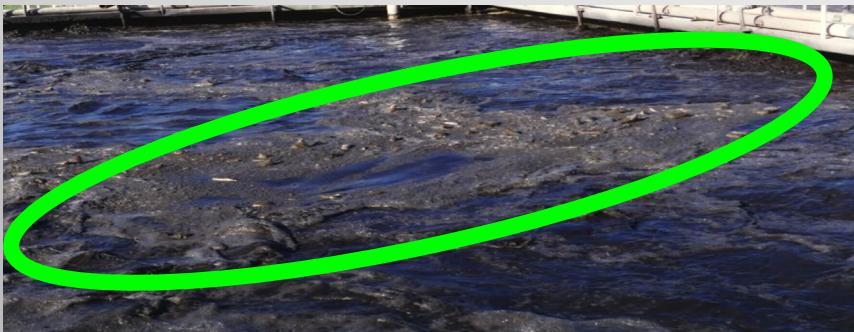
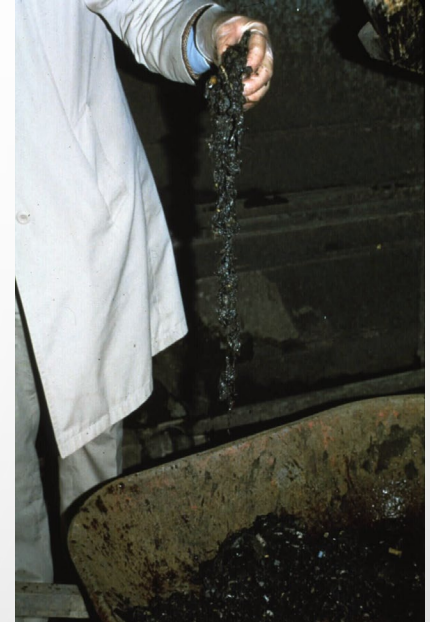
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# WHY SCREENING IS IMPORTANT

- PROTECTION OF DOWNSTREAM PROCESSES
  - MAINTAIN OPTIMIZATION OF DOWNSTREAM PROCESSES
  - REDUCED MAINTENANCE
  - MAINTAIN DESIGN DETENTION AND CONTACT TIMES
- REDUCED LONG TERM PLANT MAINTENANCE
- REDUCED PUMP MAINTENANCE
- REMOVAL OF INERTS
- REDUCED SLUDGE VOLUMES
- REDUCED BOD





# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN INERT SOLIDS ARE NOT SCREENED



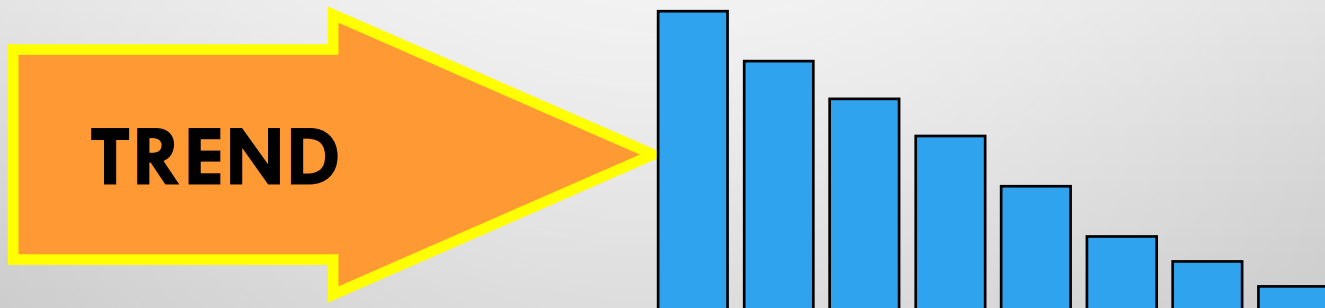
# IMPORTANCE OF SCREENING DESIGN AND FUNCTION

- APPLICATION ENVIRONMENT
  - HARSHER ENVIRONMENT – MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION
  - H<sub>2</sub>S HAS INCREASED AS A CONCERN AS ODOR CONTROL BECOMES MORE PREVALENT.
  - CORROSION INCREASES AT SOUTHERLY INSTALLATIONS AND NEAR OCEAN INSTALLATIONS
- DESIGN FOR PEAK FLOW
- CONSIDERATION AT LOW FLOWS AND AVERAGE DAILY FLOWS
- MAINTENANCE VS CAPTURE RATE

# SCREEN CATEGORIES AND TRENDS

- COARSE VS. FINE
- 3/8" TO 3" 1/4" AND LESS

- MANUAL VS. SELF CLEANING



As regulations tighten, downstream process become more sensitive, screening requirements become finer

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# TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS

# Types of Screens



Bars / slots



Aqua Guard Filter Element



Perforated



Mesh



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Bars (Rake Screen)

Capture Rates – 20% to 30% at ¼ inch

Lower Capture Rates

Lower Maintenance



Aqua Guard® Filter Element Belt

Capture Rates Aqua Guard –60%  
Aqua Guard UltraClean – 70%



Aqua Guard® Perforated Belt

Capture Rates – 80%+

Higher Capture Rates

Higher Maintenance



# TYPES OF HEADWORKS SCREENS

- BAR SCREENS
  - MULTI-RAKE SCREENS
  - CATENARY SCREENS
  - MODIFIED CATENARY SCREENS
  - RECIPROCATING SCREENS (GRABBERS, CLIMBERS)
- ELEMENT BELT SCREENS
- PERFORATED SCREENS
- STEP SCREENS
- ALL IN ONE
- INTERNALLY FED DRUM SCREENS
- EXTERNALLY FED DRUM SCREENS



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# IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY

# CASE STUDY: SOUTH TEXAS FILTER BELT ELEMENT SCREENS REPLACED STEP SCREENS

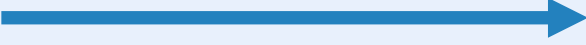
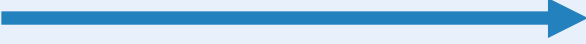
- QTY 4 STEP SCREENS INSTALLED IN 2002
- DESIGN MAXIMUM FLOW – 40 MGD 10 MGD PER SCREEN
- 4 FT WIDE X 10 FT DISCHARGE HEIGHT 6 MM SLOTS
- SCREENINGS DISCHARGE TO SPIRAL CONVEYOR AND WASHER/COMPACTOR
- ISSUES:
  - NO UPSTREAM PROTECTION OF STEP SCREEN
  - LOW CAPTURE RATES CREATED OPERATIONAL INEFFICIENCIES



Headworks Facility

# CASE STUDY: SOUTH TEXAS FILTER BELT ELEMENT SCREENS REPLACED STEP SCREENS

- ALL 4 STEP SCREENS REMOVED 2013
- QTY 2 AG-MN-UC INSTALLED 2013, QTY 2 AG-MN-UC INSTALLED 2015

Step Screen Performance	New Filter Element Screen Performance
8 hours labor per day to maintain pumps / sensitive equipment	8 hours labor in 2.5 years to clean pumps
4 hours labor per day to maintain screens	4 hours labor every 2 weeks to maintain screens
32 hours labor per quarter to drain and clean clarifier	NO labor hours for clarifier in 2.5 years
	Over 1,800 labor hours saved, so far.
	\$75,000.00 saved, so far. (At \$40/hour)



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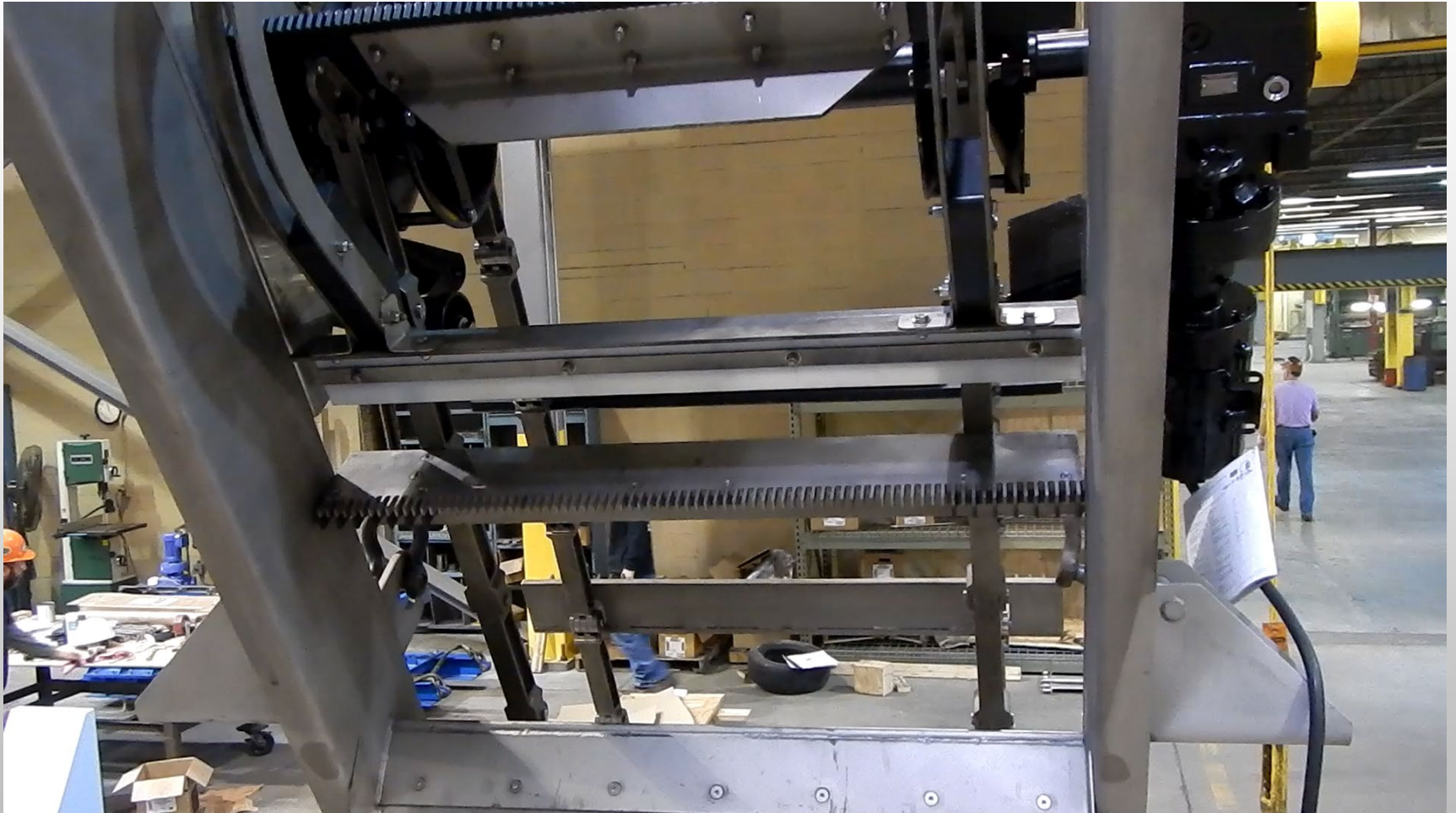
# **BAR SCREEN – AQUA CAIMAN**

## BAR SCREENS – AQUA CAIMAN

- STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS
- NO SPROCKET IN THE WATER
- VERY LOW MAINTENANCE
- CAN CARRY LARGE OBJECTS
- SAME FOOTPRINT AS OTHER BAR SCREENS
- LOW CAPTURE RATES
- HIGHER COST THAN OTHER BAR SCREENS



# WIPER ARM MOTION





# BAR SCREENS – AQUA CAIMAN



# BAR SCREENS – MODIFIED CATENARY SCREENS



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**FILTER BELT SCREEN – AQUA  
GUARD**

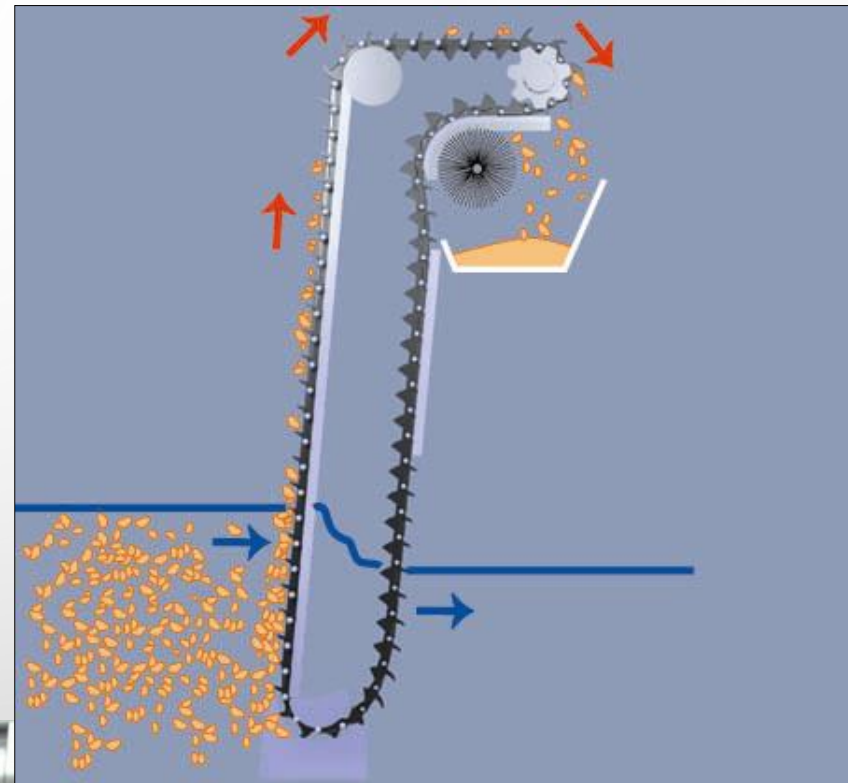
# Grid Structure Captures Solids



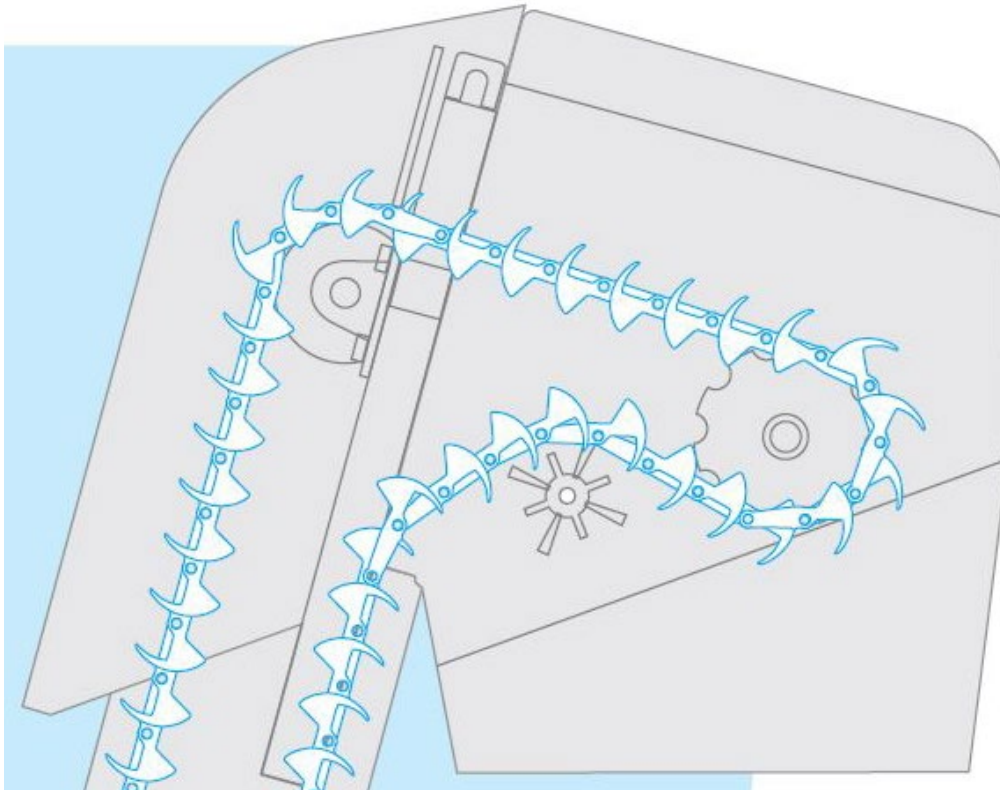
**Bar Racks: no grid**

## FILTER ELEMENT BELT SCREENS – AQUA GUARD

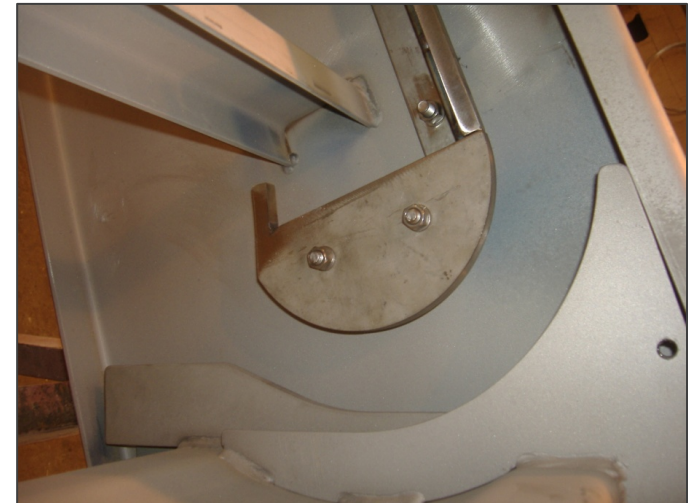
- STAINLESS STEEL MATERIALS
- ELEMENTS AVAILABLE IN SS AND POLYMERIC
- HIGH CAPTURE RATES
- RECENTLY MODIFIED DESIGNS REDUCE MAINTENANCE AND REDUCE CARRYOVER
- CARRYOVER POTENTIAL



# Aqua Guard® Screen Belt Path and Components



- Spray (optional)
- Guide Rails
- Brush
- Bottom Return Rail (no bearing)

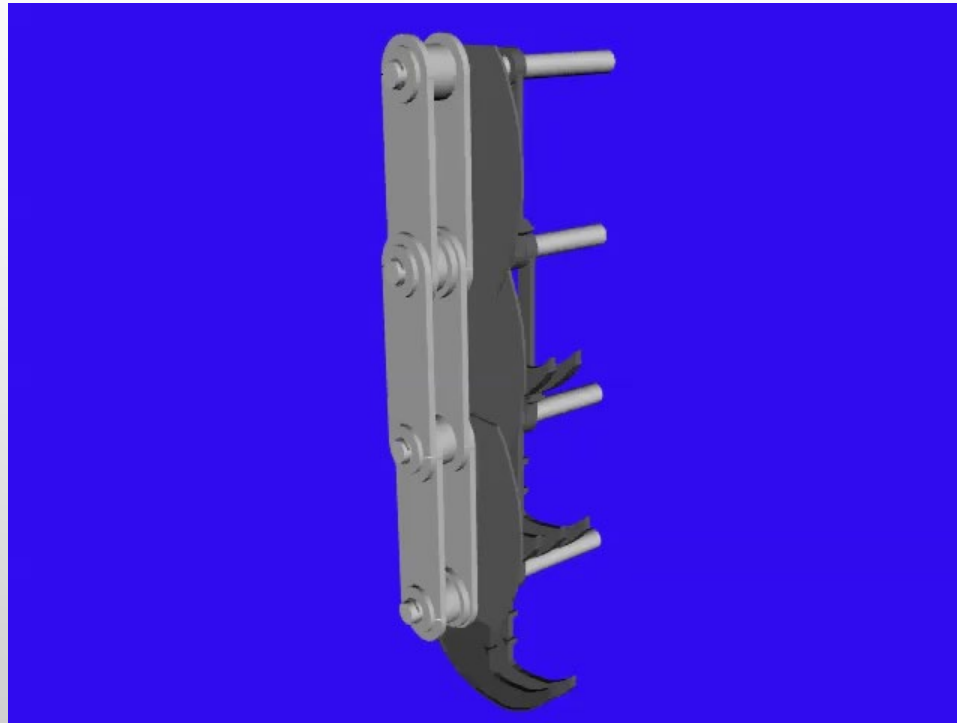


## Aqua Guard® Elements Grid Structure



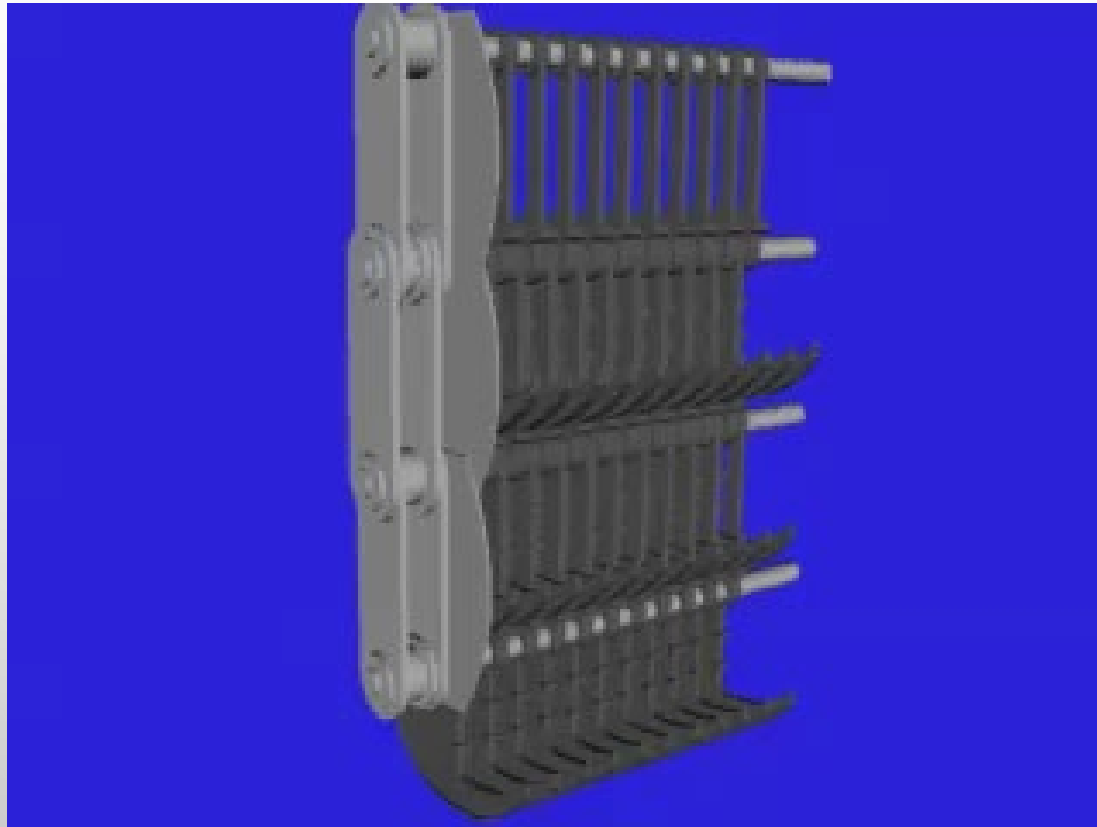
- **Polycarbonate Alloy**
- Hardness 13% more than ABS
- Tensile 24% more than ABS
- Impact resistance 320% more than ABS
- Per ASTM test results

# AQUA GUARD BELT CHAIN CONSTRUCTION

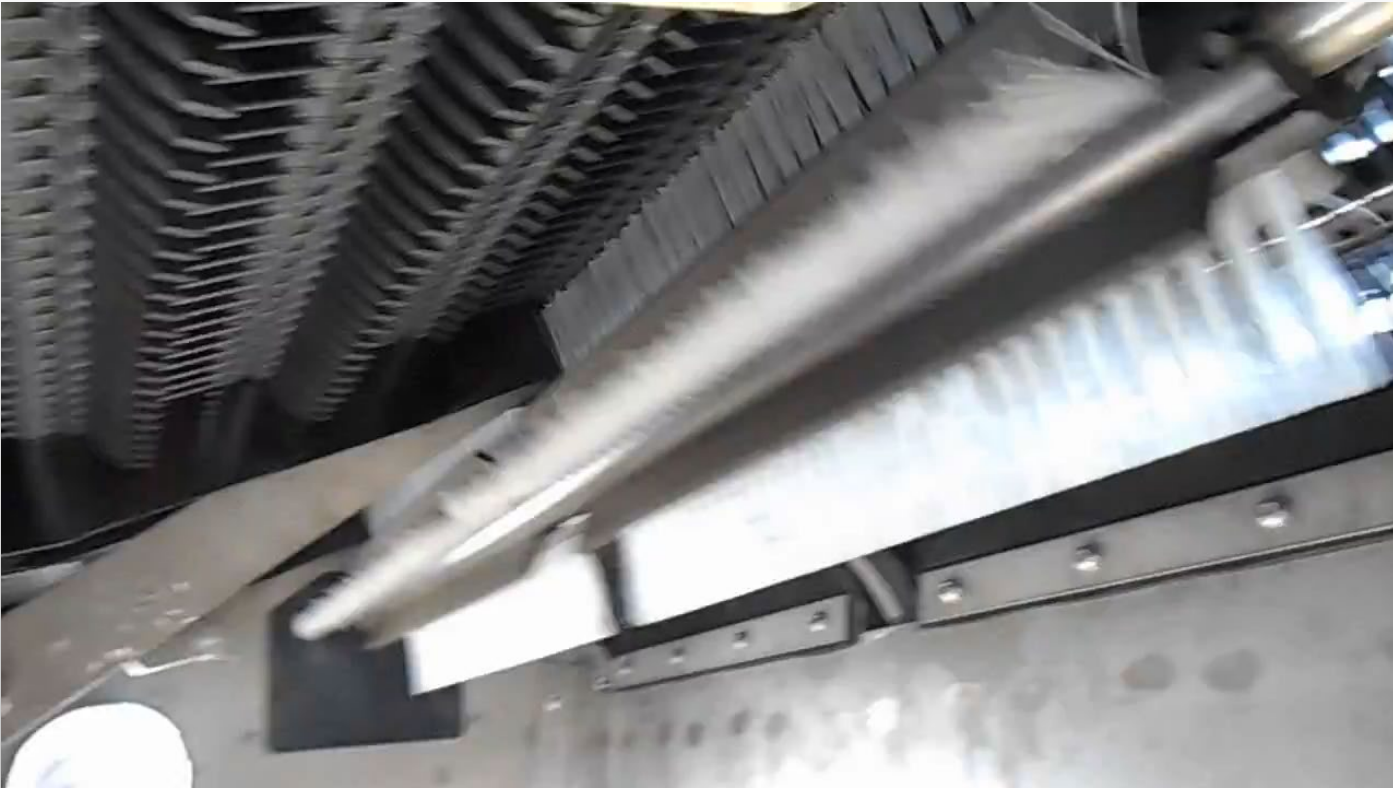




# AQUA GUARD ELEMENT MOVEMENT



## AQUA GUARD BELT BRUSH VIDEO



# AGUA GUARD ULTRACLEAN BRUSH VIDEO



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# COMPARISON TESTING



## TESTING SITE

- HEADWORKS SCREENS
- GRIT REMOVAL
- PRIMARY CLARIFIERS
- IFAS TRAIN
  - INTEGRATE FIXED-FILM  
ACTIVATED SLUDGE
- SECONDARY  
CLARIFIERS
- UV DISINFECTION

# TEST SITE CONDITIONS

- REDUNDANCY IN DESIGN
- PARALLEL INFLUENT CHANNELS
  - DESIGNED TO ALLOW PEAK FLOW THRU A SINGLE CHANNEL
- SINGLE WASHER COMPACTOR
- PLANT PROCESS FLOW
  - PEAK DESIGN OF 12.0 MGD
  - MAX DAILY FLOW OF 8.0 MGD
  - DAILY FLOW AVERAGING BETWEEN 4.5 AND 4.8 MGD

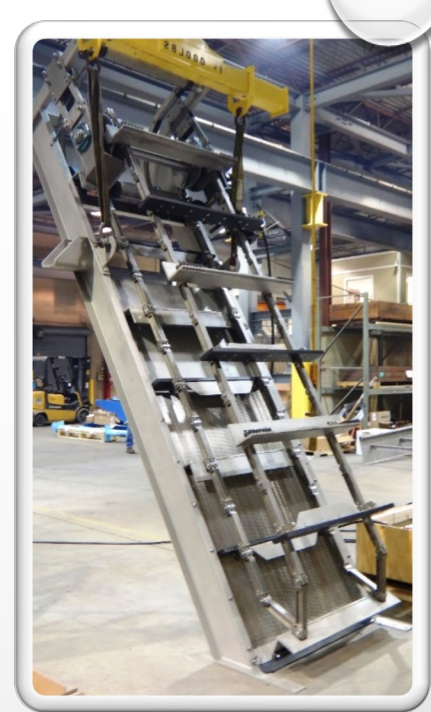
# TEST SITE EQUIPMENT

- BAR SCREEN – AQUA CAIMAN
- FILTER ELEMENT SCREEN – AQUA GUARD



## TEST SITE EQUIPMENT

- BAR SCREEN – AQUA CAIMAN
  - INSTALLED NEW 2017
  - REPLACED MANUAL SCREEN IN EMERGENCY BY-PASS CHANNEL
- FILTER ELEMENT SCREEN – AQUA GUARD
  - QTY 1 INSTALLED IN 1998, QTY 1 INSTALLED IN 2003
  - SCREEN SURFACE AND WEAR PARTS REFURBISHED IN 2012 AND 2013







## TESTING SITE CONFIGURATION



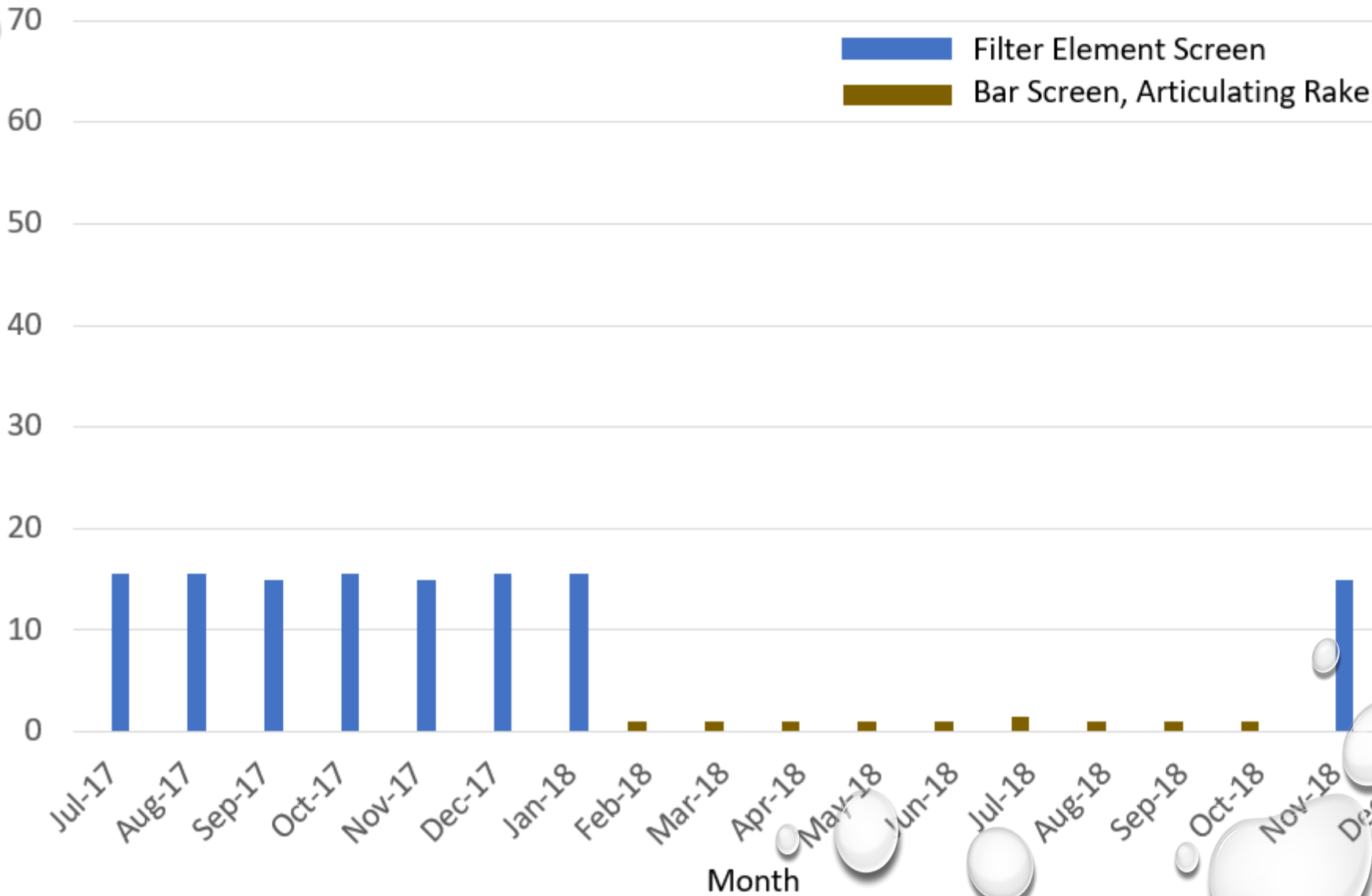


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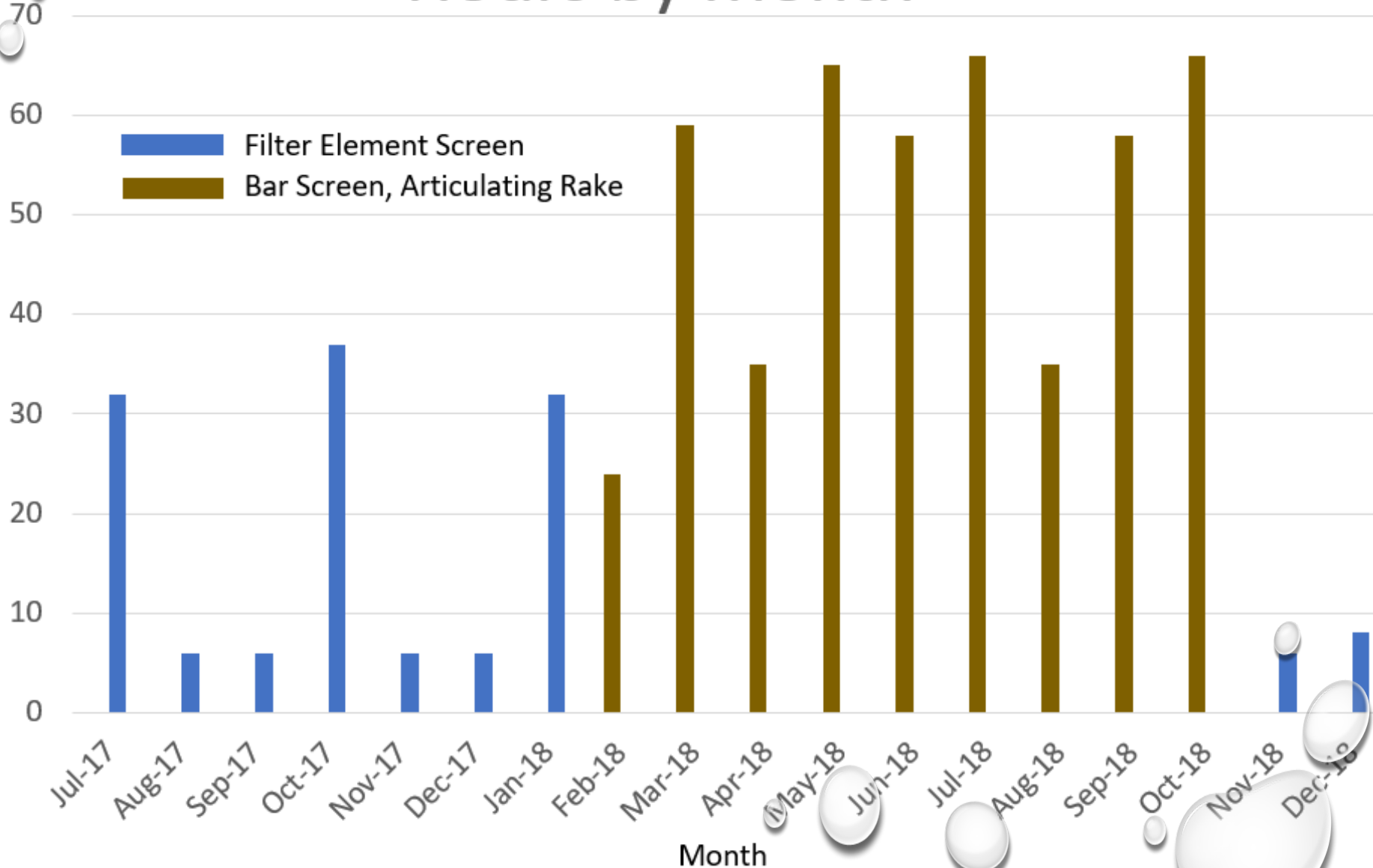
# TESTING OBJECTIVES AND METHODS

- INITIAL APPROACH – DUMPSTER WEIGHTS
  - SAME WASH PRESS FOR BOTH TYPES OF SCREENS
  - FORK LIFT SCALE (USED FOR PALLET WEIGHING)
  - DATA COLLECTION WAS PROBLEMATIC
  - GAP STILL LEFT FOR REAL WORLD INTERPRETATION
- MAINTENANCE LABOR
  - IMPROVED EFFICIENCY FOR STAFF TO COLLECT DATA
  - IMPROVED RECORDING
  - DIRECTLY APPLICABLE TO REAL WORLD OPERATIONS

# Screen Maintenance Labor Hours by Month

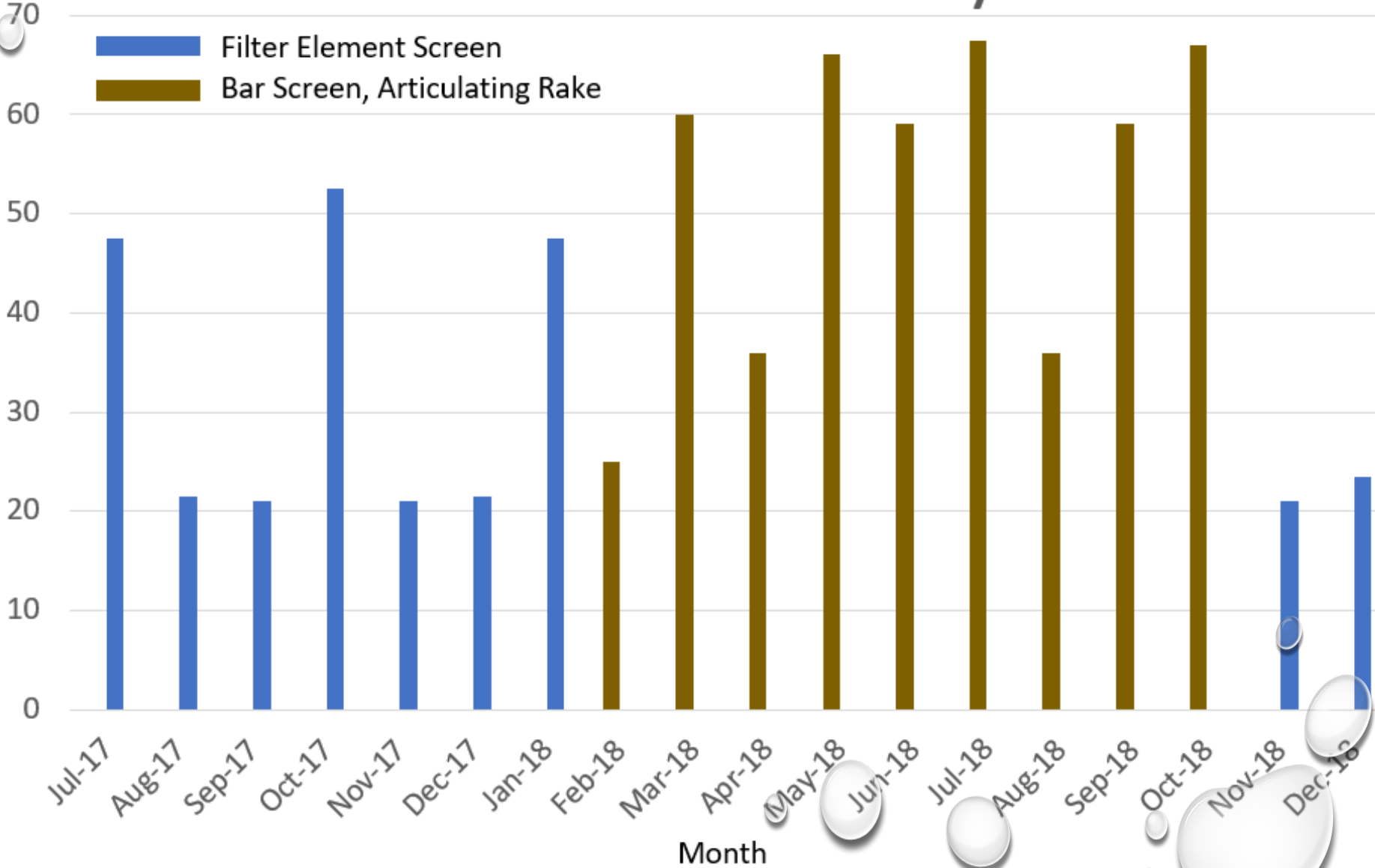


# Downstream Maintenance Labor Hours by Month

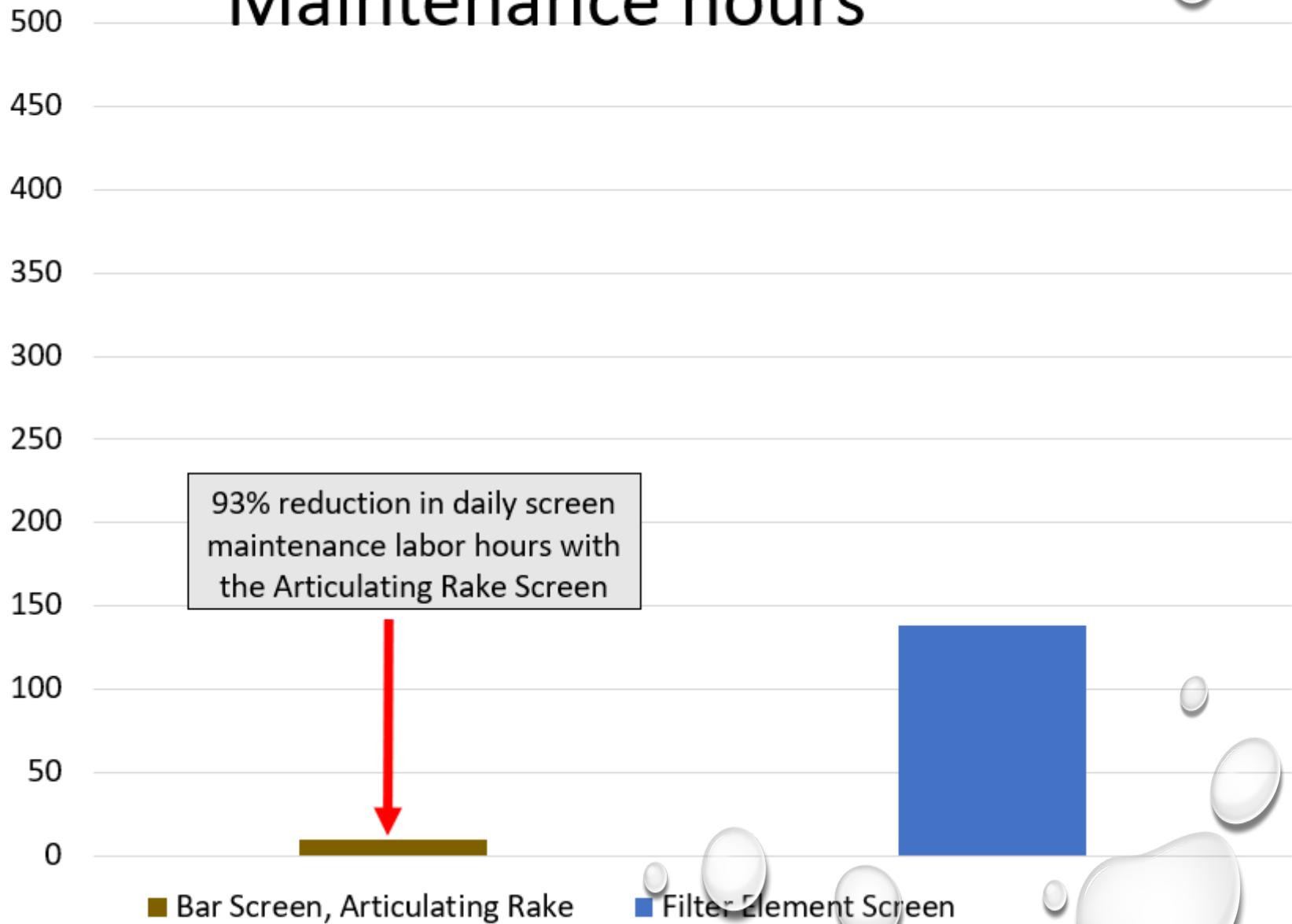


# Screen and Downstream

## Maintenance Labor Hours by Month



# Total AC and AG Screen Daily Maintenance hours

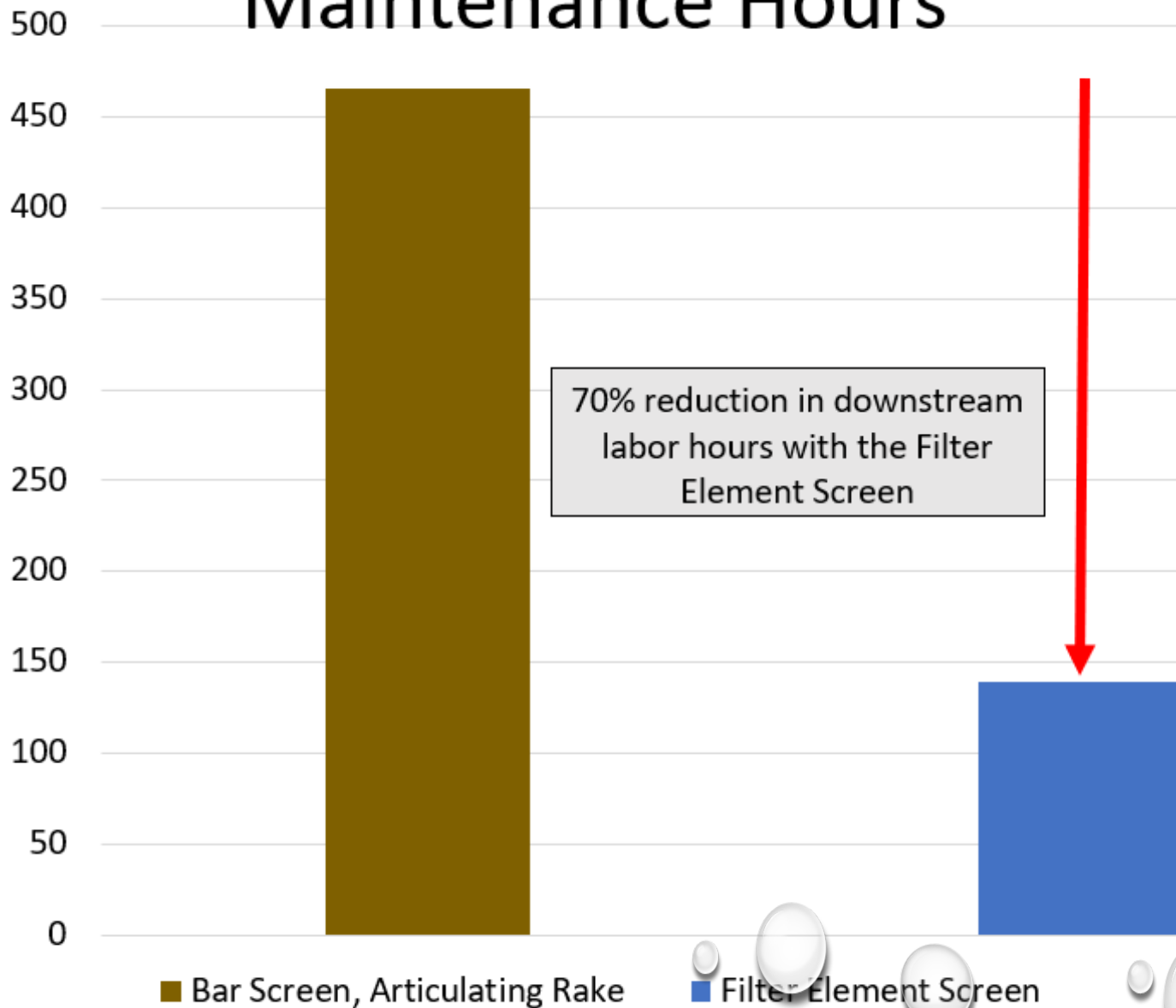


93% reduction in daily screen maintenance labor hours with the Articulating Rake Screen

■ Bar Screen, Articulating Rake

■ Filter Element Screen

# AC and AG Downstream Maintenance Hours



70% reduction in downstream labor hours with the Filter Element Screen

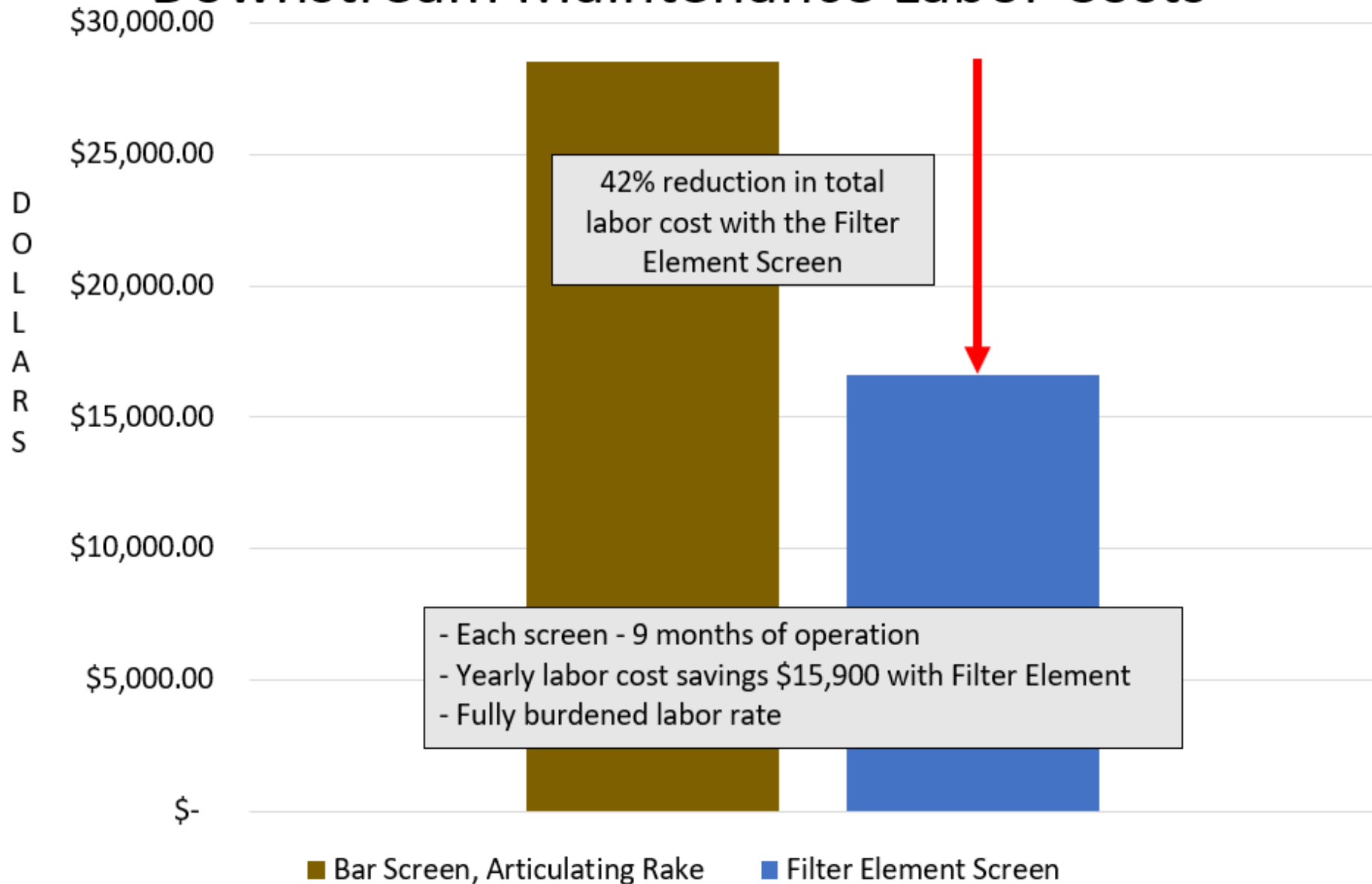
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# Total Screen Maintenance and Downstream Maintenance Labor Costs



# WASHER COMPACTORS



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