# CONVERTING TO CHLORAMINES





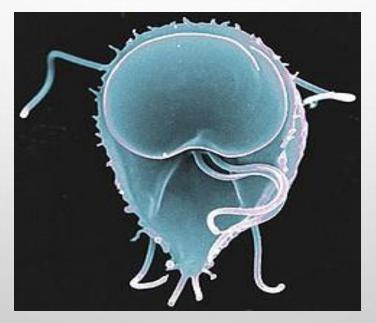




#### IMPORTANCE OF DISINFECTION

DISINFECTION KILLS OR
INACTIVATES ANY
PATHOGENS THAT PASS
THROUGH THE WATER
TREATMENT AND
FILTERING PROCESS





POSSIBLE PATHOGENS
INCLUDE ENTERIC
VIRUSES AND BACTERIA,
E. COLI, PROTOZOA,
GIARDIA AND
CRYPTOSPORIDIUM



- PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A RESIDUAL
   DISINFECTING AGENT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, IN WHICH
   WATER MAY REMAIN FOR DAYS BEFORE REACHING THE CONSUMER
- THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF DISINFECTIONS
  - PRIMARY DISINFECTION ACHIEVES THE DESIRED LEVEL OF MICROORGANISM KILL OR INACTIVATION
  - SECONDARY DISINFECTION MAINTAINS A DISINFECTANT RESIDUAL IN THE FINISHED WATER THAT PREVENTS THE REGROWTH OF MICROORGANISMS INSIDE THE WATER MAINS.



- DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS (DBP'S)
  - TRIHALOMETHANES (THMS) AND HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAS)
  - FORMED WHEN CHLORINE REACTS WITH ORGANIC AND INORGANIC COMPOUNDS IN THE WATER
  - SUSPECTED CARCINOGENS

- SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT (SDWA)
  - LOWERED DBP LIMITS FROM 100
     MICROGRAM PER LITER FOR THMS
  - NEW LIMITS
    - 80 MICROGRAMS PER LITER FOR THMS
    - 60 MICROGRAMS PER LITER FOR HAAS

Our system must comply with the new rule by the fall of 2015 Chloramines historically are a cost effective solution



- Was common in the 1920's 1940's
- Used in Ottawa, Ontario in 1916
- Used in Denver, CO in 1917
- Used in Greenville, TN in 1926
- Growth in popularity 1929 1939
- Free Residual Breakpoint Concept discovered in 1939
- Use of Chloramination decreased during WWII demand increases for ammonia





#### HISTORY OF CHLORAMINATION

**EXPERIENCED UTILITIES** 

- ➤ ST. LOUIS 1934
- ➤ BOSTON 1944
- ➤ INDIANAPOLIS 1954
- ➤ DALLAS 1959
- ➤ PHILADELPHIA 1969
- ➤ HOUSTON 1982
- MILWAUKEE 1962





#### NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES

#### **USING CHLORAMINES**

**GREENVILLE** 

**RALEIGH** 

**DURHAM** 

**OWASA** 

GOLDSBORO

**ROCKY MOUNT** 

**CARY** 

HILLSBOROUGH

**FAYETTEVILLE** 

**ASHEBORO** 

FORT BRAGG

**SANFORD** 

**CREEDMOOR** 

JOHNSTON COUNTY

**CHATHAM** 

**PITTSBORO** 

HIGH POINT

**GREENSBORO** 

**REIDSVILLE** 

**ARCHDALE** 

**JAMESTOWN** 

**RANDLEMAN** 

BURLINGTON

PIEDMONT TRIAD REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY



#### WHY CHLORAMINES?

- POPULARITY INCREASING NOW WITH CONCERNS OF CONTROLLING DISINFECTION BYPRODUCTS FORMATION
- IN 2013 THE CITY OF EDEN HIRED HAZEN AND SAWYER, ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS AND SCIENTIST, TO INVESTIGATE OPTIONS THAT INCLUDED ENHANCED COAGULATION, CHLORAMINATION, MAGNETIC ION EXCHANGE RESIN, GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON, POST-FILTER ANION EXCHANGE AND ALTERNATE WATER SOURCES
- THE CITY OF EDEN CHOSE CHLORAMINATION BECAUSE IT WAS THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION
- PERSISTENT DISINFECTANT MAINTAINS RESIDUAL IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LONGER THAN CHLORINE

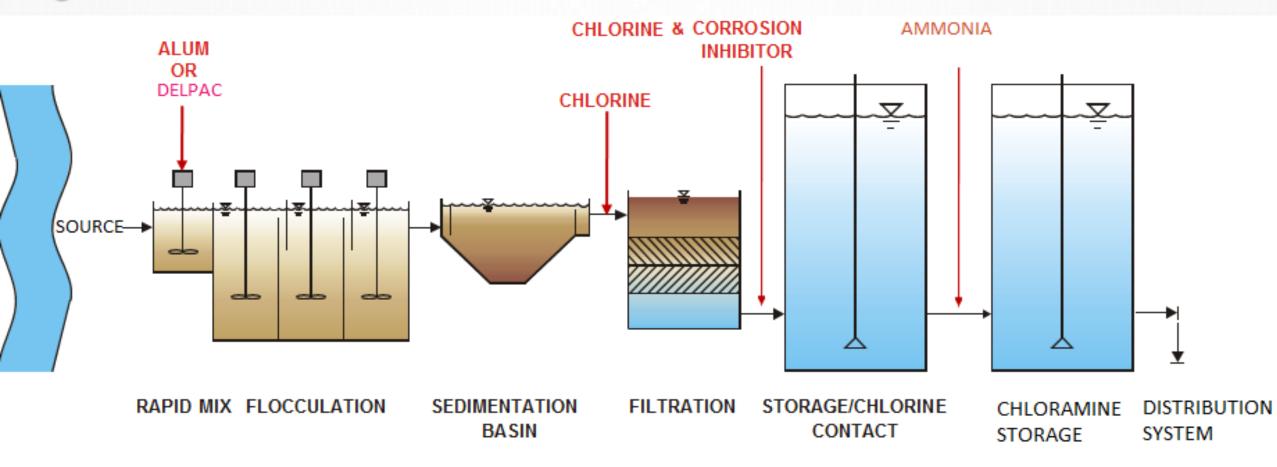


#### WHAT ARE CHLORAMINES?

CHLORAMINES ARE DISINFECTANTS USED TO TREAT DRINKING WATER. CHLORAMINES ARE MOST COMMONLY FORMED WHEN AMMONIA IS ADDED TO CHLORINE TO TREAT DRINKING WATER. THE TYPICAL PURPOSE OF CHLORAMINES IS TO PROVIDE LONGER-LASTING WATER TREATMENT AS THE WATER MOVES THROUGH PIPES TO CONSUMERS. THIS TYPE OF DISINFECTION IS KNOWN AS SECONDARY DISINFECTION.



#### WATER PLANT SCHEMATIC





#### **ADVANTAGES**

- DBP FORMATION SLOWS DRASTICALLY WHEN FREE CHLORINE COMBINES WITH AMMONIA TO FORM CHLORAMINES (FAST REACTION)
- MAINTAINS RESIDUAL IN THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LONGER THAN CHLORINE
- TASTE AND ODOR IMPROVEMENT OVER FREE CHLORINE WHEN PROCESS IS PROPERLY CONTROLLED
- RECENT RESEARCH INDICATES MORE EFFECTIVE ON LEGIONELLA
- FAVORABLE ECONOMICALLY OVER OTHER ALTERNATIVES

### IS CHLORAMINATION SAFE?

CHLORAMINATION IS SAFE FOR DRINKING, COOKING, BATHING AND OTHER DAILY WATER USES.

HOWEVER, SOME IDENTIFIED GROUPS NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS.

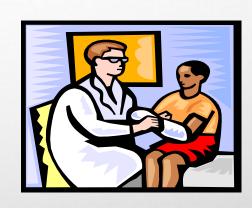
- >MEDICAL AND KIDNEY DIALYSIS
- > SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIES
- >FISH, POND, AND AQUARIUM OWNERS



## MEDICAL

- SIMILAR TO CHLORINE, CHLORAMINES CAN HARM KIDNEY DIALYSIS PATIENTS DURING THE DIALYSIS PROCESS IF THEY ARE NOT REMOVED BEFORE ENTERING THE BLOODSTREAM
- MEDICAL GROUPS INCLUDE:
  - MEDICAL FACILITIES
  - PRIVATE MEDICAL LABS
  - HOME EQUIPMENT DELIVERY SERVICES
  - SOCIAL AGENCIES

THESE GROUPS SHOULD ALL ASSESS THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF CHLORAMINES TO STANDARD OPERATION





#### SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIES

- BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES THAT USE WATER IN ANY PROCESS IN WHICH CHARACTERISTICS MUST BE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE CHANGE IN WATER DISINFECTION
- MAY REQUIRE COMPANIES TO ADJUST OR UPGRADE THEIR CURRENT FILTRATION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM
- CONTACT EQUIPMENT SUPPLIERS, EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS, OR OTHER SUPPLIERS TO DETERMINE NEEDS
- SPECIALIZED INDUSTRIES INCLUDE:

**MANUFACTURING PLANTS** 

LABORATORIES (ACADEMIC AND COMMERCIAL)

**BIOTECH COMPANIES** 

**PHOTOGRAPHY LABS** 

**DAY CARE CENTERS** 



## FISH, POND, AND AQUARIUM OWNERS

- BOTH CHLORINE AND AMMONIA ARE HARMFUL FOR FISH, AMPHIBIANS, AND REPTILES
- CHLORAMINES ENTER DIRECTLY INTO THE BLOODSTREAM THROUGH THE GILLS, WHICH INHIBITS THE RED BLOOD CELLS ABILITY TO CARRY OXYGEN
- CONTACT KNOWLEDGEABLE SUPPLIERS OR VETERINARIANS FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEUTRALIZATION OR REMOVAL OF CHLORAMINES

# THE EXPECTED TIME FOR THE CONVERSION IS ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

WHAT'S NEXT?

PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

VISIT THE CITY OF EDEN WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

HTTP://WWW.EDENNC.US/CHLORAMINECOVERSIONOVERVIEW.CFM



# QUESTIONS?