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Abbreviations

WWTP	Wastewater Treatment Plant
EU	European Union
SS	Suspended Solids
BREF	Best Available Techniques Reference Document
EMS	Environmental Management System
MoEUB	Republic of Turkey Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change
NOM	Natural Organic Matter
EMAS	Eco Management and Audit Program Directive
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
IPPC	Industrial Pollution Prevention and Control
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
FLOW	Best Techniques Available
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities
DGWM	General Directorate of Water Management
RO	Reverse Osmosis
MOAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of the Republic of Turkey
TurkStat	Turkish Statistical Institute
NF	Nanophilia
MF	Microfiltration
UF	Ultrafilt
GW	Groundwater
SW	Surface Water
EU	European Union

1 Introduction

Our country is located in the Mediterranean basin, where the effects of global climate change are felt intensely, and is considered among the regions that will be most affected by the negative effects of climate change. Projections on how our water resources in our basins will be affected in the future due to climate change show that our water resources may decrease by up to 25 percent in the next hundred years.

For 2022, the annual amount of usable water per capita in our country is 1,313 m³, and it is expected that the annual amount of usable water per capita will fall below 1,000 cubic meters after 2030 due to human pressures and the effects of climate change. It is obvious that if the necessary measures are not taken, Turkey will become a country suffering from water scarcity in the very near future and will bring many negative social and economic consequences. As can be understood from the results of future projections, the risk of drought and water scarcity awaiting our country necessitates the efficient and sustainable use of our existing water resources.

The concept of water efficiency *can be defined as* "the use of the least amount of water in the production of a product or service". Water efficiency approach; It is based on the rational, sharing, equitable, efficient and effective use of water in all sectors, especially drinking water, agriculture, industry and household uses, taking into account the needs of not only people but also ecosystem sensitivity and all living things by protecting it in terms of quantity and quality.

With the increasing demand for water resources, the change in precipitation and temperature regimes as a result of climate change, the increase in population, urbanization and pollution, it is becoming more and more important to share the usable water resources among the users in a fair and balanced way. For this reason, it has become a necessity to create a roadmap based on efficiency and optimization in order to protect and use limited water resources with sustainable management practices.

In the sustainable development vision determined by the United Nations, Goal 7 from the Millennium Development Goals: *Ensuring Environmental Sustainability* and Goal 9 from the Sustainable Development Goals: *Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure* and Goal 12: *Responsible Production and Consumption goals* Issues such as efficient, fair and sustainable use of resources, especially water, environmentally friendly production and consumption that is the concern of future generations are included.

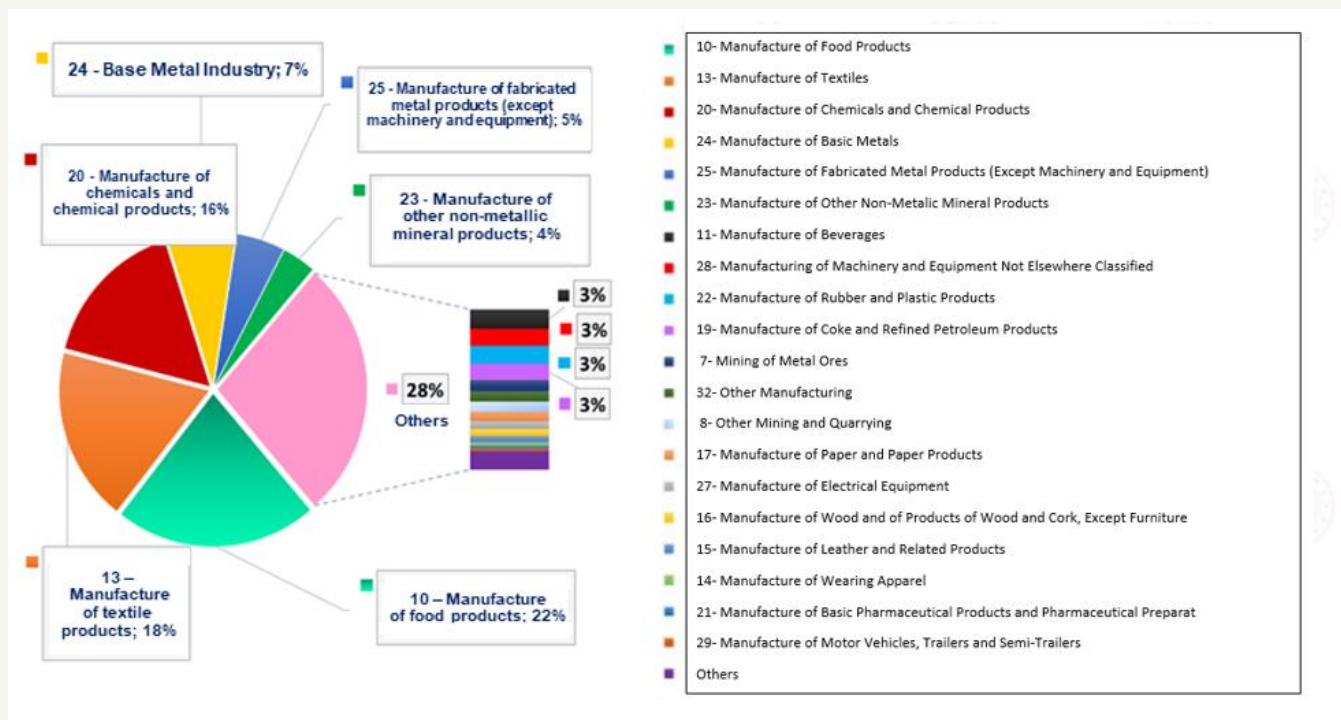
In the European Green Deal Action Plan prepared by our country within the scope of the European Green Deal, where member countries agree on goals such as implementing a clean, circular economy model with the goal of carbon neutrality, expanding the efficient use of resources and reducing environmental impacts, actions emphasizing water and resource efficiency in various fields, especially in industry, production and consumption have been determined.

The "Industrial Emissions Directive (EED)", which is one of the most important components of the European Union environmental legislation in terms of industry, includes the measures to be taken to control, prevent or reduce the discharges/emissions from industrial activities to the receiving environment, including air, water and soil, with an integrated approach. In the Directive, Best Available Techniques (BAT/ MET) are presented in order to systematize the applicability of cleaner production processes and to eliminate the difficulties experienced in practice. Considering the costs and benefits, METs are the most effective implementation techniques for a high level of environmental protection. In accordance with the Directive, Reference Documents (BAT-BREF) have been prepared for each sector, in which the METs are explained in detail. In BREF documents, METs are presented in a general framework such as good management practices, general precautionary techniques, chemical use and management, techniques for various production processes, wastewater management, emission management and waste management.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Water Management carries out studies aimed at disseminating efficient practices in urban, agricultural, industrial and individual water use and increasing social awareness. "Water Efficiency Strategy Document and Action Plan within the Framework of Adaptation to the Changing Climate **(2023-2033)**" **entered into force with the Presidential Circular No. 2023/9** Water efficiency action plans addressing all sectors and stakeholders have been prepared. In the Industrial Water Efficiency Action Plan, a total of 12 actions have been determined for the period 2023-2033 and responsible and relevant institutions have been appointed for these actions. Within the scope of the said Action Plan; Carrying out studies to determine specific water usage ranges and quality requirements on the basis of sub-sectors in the industry, organizing technical training programs and workshops on a sectoral basis, and preparing water efficiency guidance documents are defined as the responsibility of the General Directorate of Water Management.

On the other hand, with the "Industrial Water Use Efficiency Project According to NACE Codes" **carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Water Management**, the best sectoral techniques specific to our country have been determined within the scope of studies to improve water efficiency in the industry. As a result of the study, sectoral guidance documents and action plans classified with NACE codes, which include the measures recommended to improve water use efficiency in sectors with high water consumption operating in our country, have been prepared.

As in the world, the sectors with the highest share in water consumption in our country are food, textile, chemistry and basic metal sectors. Within the scope of the studies, field visits were carried out in enterprises representing 152 sub-sectors in 35 main sectors, especially food, textile, chemistry, basic metal industry, which will represent production areas of different capacities and diversity within the scope of NACE Codes, which operate in our country and have high water consumption, and provide data on water supply, sectoral water use, wastewater generation and recycling. and the best available techniques (MET) and sectoral reference documents (BREF) published by the European Union, water efficiency, cleaner production, water footprint, etc.



Distribution of water use in industry on a sectoral basis in our country

As a result of the studies, specific water consumption and potential savings rates for the processes of the enterprises were determined for 152 different 4-digit NACE codes with high water consumption, and water efficiency guidance documents were prepared by taking into account the EU best available techniques (MET) and other cleaner production techniques. The guidelines include 500 techniques for water efficiency (MET); It has been examined under 4 main groups: (i) Good Management Practices, (ii) General Water Efficiency BATs (iii) Measures Related to Auxiliary Processes and (iv) Sector-Specific Measures.

Within the scope of the project, environmental benefits, operational data, technical specifications-requirements and applicability criteria were taken into account during the determination of METs for each sector. In the determination of METs, BREF documents were not limited to the METs, but also different data sources such as current literature data, real case studies, innovative practices, and reports of sector representatives on a global scale were examined in detail and sectoral MET lists were created. In order to evaluate the suitability of the MET lists created for the local industrial infrastructure and capacity of our country, the MET lists prepared specifically for each NACE code were prioritized by the enterprises by scoring them on the criteria of water saving, economic saving, environmental benefit, applicability, cross-media impact, and the final MET lists were determined using the scoring results. Sectoral water efficiency guidelines have been created on the basis of the NACE code based on the water and wastewater data of the facilities visited within the scope of the project and the final MET lists highlighted by the sectoral stakeholders and determined by taking into account the local dynamics specific to our country.

2 Scope of the Study

The guidance documents prepared within the scope of water efficiency measures in the industry include the following main sectors :

- Crop and animal production, hunting and related service activities (including sub-production areas represented by 6 four-digit NACE Codes)
- Fisheries and aquaculture (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Extraction of coal and lignite (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Service activities in support of mining (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Metal ore mining (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Other mining and quarrying (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of food products (including 22 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of beverages (including 4 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of tobacco products (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of textiles (including 9 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of apparel (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of leather and related products (including 3 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of wood, wood products and cork products (except furniture); manufacture of articles made by knitting from reeds, straw and similar materials (including 5 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of paper and paper products (including 3 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (including 13 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of basic pharmaceutical products and pharmaceutical materials (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of rubber and plastic products (including 6 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of other non-metallic mineral products (including 12 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Base metal industry (including 11 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of fabricated metal products (excluding machinery and equipment) (including 12 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of computers, electronic and optical products (including sub-production area represented by 2 four-digit NACE Codes)
- Manufacture of electrical equipment (including 7 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of machinery and equipment, n.e.c. (including 8 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers (including 3 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of other means of transport (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Other productions (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Installation and repair of machinery and equipment (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Electricity, gas, steam and ventilation system production and distribution (including 2 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Waste collection, remediation and disposal activities; recovery of materials (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Construction of non-building structures (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Storage and supporting activities for transportation (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)

- Accommodation (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Educational Activities (Higher Education Campuses) (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Sports, entertainment and recreational activities (including 1 sub-production area represented by a four-digit NACE Code)

Manufacture of food products

The sub-production branches for which guide documents are prepared under the production of food products sector are as follows:

10.11 Processing and storage of meat

10.12 Processing and storage of poultry meat

10.13 Manufacture of products made from meat and poultry meat

10.20 Processing and storage of fish, shellfish and mollusks

10.31 Processing and storage of potatoes

10.32 Manufacture of vegetable and fruit juice

10.39 Processing and storage of fruits and vegetables n.e.c.

10.41 Manufacture of oils and fats

10.42 Manufacture of margarine and similar edible fats

10.51 Dairy management and cheese manufacturing

10.52 Ice cream manufacturing

10.61 Manufacture of milled cereals and vegetable products

10.62 Manufacture of starch and starchy products

10.71 Manufacture of bread, fresh patisserie products and fresh cakes

10.72 Manufacture of rusks and biscuits; Durable patisserie products and durable cake manufacturing

10.73 Manufacture of pasta, noodles, couscous and similar bakery products

10.81 Manufacture of sugar

10.82 Manufacture of cocoa, chocolate and confectionery

10.83 Processing of coffee and tea

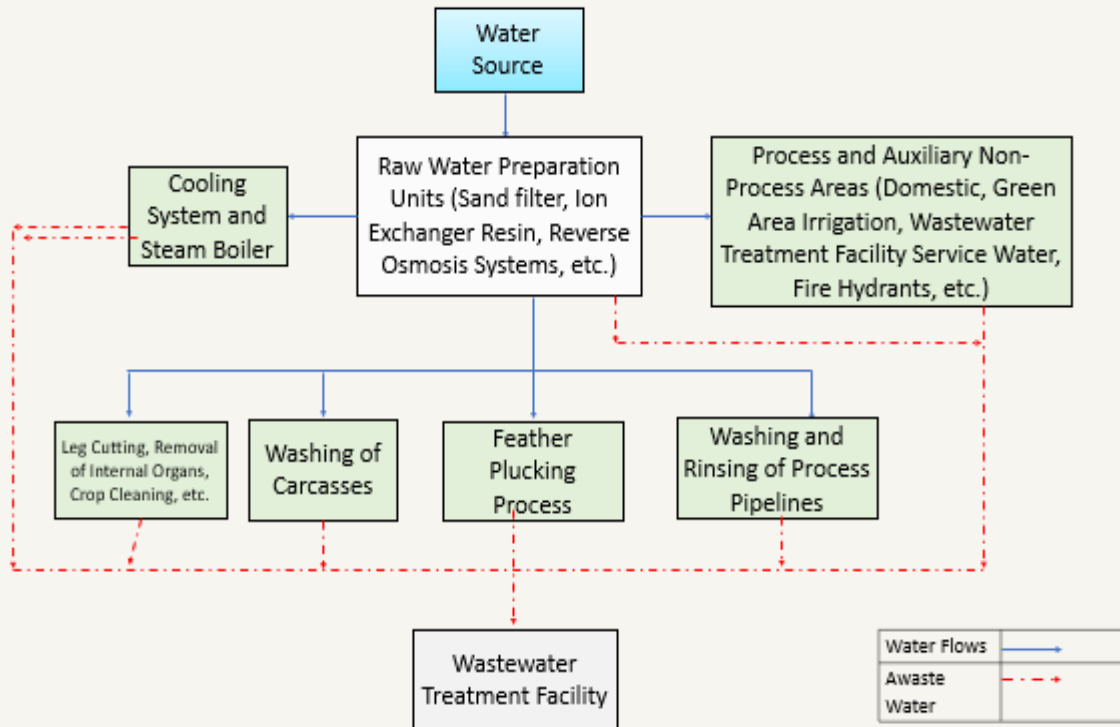
10.84 Manufacture of spices, sauces, vinegars and other condiments

10.85 Manufacture of ready meals

10.89 Manufacture of other foodstuffs n.e.c.

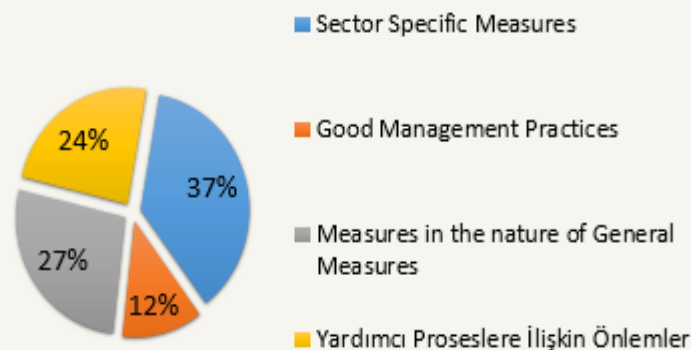
2.1 Processing and preserving poultry meat (NACE: 10.12)

Poultry Meat Processing and Storage Sector Water Flow Chart



	Minimum	Maximum
Specific Water Consumption of the Facilities Visited within the Scope of the Project (L/L product)	0,4	4,9
Reference Specific Water Consumption (L/L product)	1	4

Percentage Distribution of Water Efficiency Practices



After the poultry is admitted alive to the facility, it is subjected to stunning, slaughtering, bloodletting and dry removal. Products such as internal organs, skin, feathers, heads, which are separated by processes such as head plucking, foot cutting, internal extraction, crop cleaning, are sent to the "rendering" process. The meats, which are washed internally and externally and subjected to air cooling process, are transferred to cold storages and shipped after quality determination, weighting and packaging processes.

In the processing of poultry meat, water is consumed in the processes of plucking, boiling, washing the carcasses, washing and rinsing the process lines. Significant amounts of water are also consumed in the washing and cleaning of crates and product crates in which live animals are transported. Plucking fingers are used in hair plucking processes and the hairs are separated by draining water from these fingers during the process. Raw water preparation units such as activated carbon filters, ion exchange resins, reverse osmosis, which are used to produce soft water for use in production processes in the sector, also consume significant amounts of water for filter washing, resin regeneration and membrane cleaning. In addition, water consumption occurs in auxiliary units such as cooling towers and steam boilers.

The reference specific water consumption in the poultry meat processing sector is in the range of 5 – 68 L/kg (IPPC BREF, 2005b). The specific water consumption of the production branch analyzed within the scope of the study remains in the range of 4.7 – 13.5 L/kg. It is possible to achieve 21-36% water recovery in the sector with the implementation of sector-specific techniques, good management practices, general precautionary measures and measures related to auxiliary processes.

10.12 Processing and storage of poultry meats The priority water efficiency implementation techniques recommended under the NACE code are presented in the table below.

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Industry-First Available Best Techniques
10.12	Processing and storage of poultry meat	Industry-Specific Measures
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use of automatic water start/stop systems along the cutting line 2. Optimisation of water and detergent use 3. Washing transport trucks with adjustable high-pressure water guns 4. Minimizing the production and use of flake ice 5. Air-chilling 6. Removal of residual material prior to cleaning of raw materials and equipment 7. Replacement of equipment in hand washing and protective apron washing cabinets with foot pedals or photocell operated systems 8. Transportation of blood generated in the processing of animal meat in insulated containers 9. Using two different blade sterilization tanks 10. The use of insulated and closed knife sterilizers and the use of low-pressure steam for knife sterilization 11. The use of water-efficient equipment in the extraction process of poultry 12. Using a mixture of compressed air and water to wash the carcass 13. The use of time-controlled washing systems for washing carcasses 14. Continuous, dry and separate collection of by-products along the cutting line 15. Use of dry cleaning methods in the cleaning of wastes from slaughter and animal by-product processing processes 16. Keeping the number of chickens slaughtered at the highest level 17. Installation of isolation valves on fluid supply pipes for steam, hot water and cold water 18. The use of cyclone vacuum cleaners in the cleaning process in slaughterhouses 19. Use of clean-in-place (CIP) systems in slaughterhouses 20. Using steam instead of water in poultry cooking 21. Using the wet vacuum system before wet cleaning

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Industry-First Available Best Techniques		
10.12	Processing and storage of poultry meat	22. Dry collection of waste falling on the floor		
		23. Dry removal of impurities before washing transport vehicles		
		24. Collection of dry flour (including chicken meal) residues before cleaning operations		
		25. Use of water-saving tools and equipment in cleaning processes		
		26. Using pressure washer systems		
		27. Using nozzles for water supply in a hair removal machine		
		28. Use of reclaimed water for the transport of feathers		
		29. Vacuum pump and reuse of indirect cooling water		
		30. Transportation of meat in closed crates		
				Good Management Practices
				1. Using an integrated wastewater management and treatment strategy to reduce the amount of wastewater and the pollutant load
				2. Establishment of an environmental management system
				3. Preparation of water flow diagrams and mass balances for water
				4. Preparation of a water efficiency action plan to reduce water use and prevent water pollution
				5. Providing technical training to personnel for the reduction and optimization of water use
				6. Good production planning to optimize water consumption
				7. Setting water efficiency targets
				8. Monitoring the water used in production processes and auxiliary processes and the wastewater generated in terms of quantity and quality, and this information is used in the environment. Adaptation to the management system

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Industry-First Available Best Techniques
10.12	Processing and storage of poultry meat	General Water Efficiency BATs
		1. Minimization of spills and leaks
		2. Recovery of water from rinsing solutions and reuse of recovered water in processes appropriate to its quality
		3. Use of automatic equipment and equipment (sensors, smart hand washing systems, etc.) that will save water at water usage points such as showers/toilets, etc.
		4. Use of pressure washers for equipment cleaning, general cleaning, etc.
		5. Reuse of filter wash water in filtration processes, reuse of relatively clean cleaning water in production processes, and reduction of water consumption by using clean-in-place systems (CIP)
		6. Avoiding the use of drinking water in production lines
		7. Detection and reduction of water losses
		8. Use of automatic check-off valves to optimise water use
		9. Documentation of production procedures and use by employees to prevent waste of water and energy
		10. Reuse of pressurized filtration backwash water prior to water softening at appropriate points
		11. Optimising the frequency and duration of regeneration (including rinses) in water softening systems
		12. Construction of closed storage and impermeable waste/scrap yard to prevent the transportation of toxic or hazardous chemicals for the aquatic environment
		13. Storage, storage and prevention of substances that pose a risk in the aquatic environment (such as oils, emulsions, binders) and mixing with wastewater after use
		14. Where technically feasible, suitable wastewater is treated and used as steam boiler feed water
		15. Prevention of mixing of clean water streams with dirty water streams
		16. Characterizing the amount and quality of wastewater at all wastewater formation points and determining the wastewater flows that can be reused with or without treatment
		17. Use of closed-loop water cycles in appropriate processes
18. Use of computer-aided control systems in production processes		

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Industry-First Available Best Techniques	
10.12	Processing and storage of poultry meat	19. Untreated reuse of relatively clean wastewater from washing, rinsing and equipment cleaning in production processes	
		20. Separate collection and treatment of gray water in the facility and in areas that do not require high water quality (green area irrigation, floor, floor washing, etc.) Use	
		21. Implementation of time optimization in production and arrangement of all processes to be completed as soon as possible	
		22. Collecting rainwater and evaluating it as an alternative water source in facility cleaning or in appropriate areas	
		23. Reuse of nanofiltration (NF) or reverse osmosis (CTR) concentrates with or without purification depending on characterization	
		Precautions for Ancillary Processes	
		1. Saving water by reusing steam boiler condensate	
		2. Saving water with the insulation of steam and water lines (hot and cold) and preventing water and steam losses in pipes, valves and connection points in the lines and monitoring them with a computer system	
		3. Avoiding unnecessary cooling processes by identifying processes that need wet cooling	
		4. Reduction of water consumption in closed-loop cooling systems by increasing the number of cycles and improving the quality of the catch-up water	
		5. Reduction of evaporation losses in closed-loop cooling water	
6. Water recovery with tower cooling application in systems that do not have a closed loop			
7. Increasing the number of cycles by using anti-corrosion and anti-scale inhibitors in systems with a closed water loop			
8. Prevention of flash steam losses due to boiler draining			
9. The use of hot water produced in the cogeneration system in heating processes			
10. Use of cold water produced in the cogeneration system in cooling processes			
11. Use of air cooling systems instead of water cooling in cooling systems			

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Industry-First Available Best Techniques
10.12	Processing and storage of poultry meat	12. Installation of water softening systems for the healthy operation of cooling water recovery systems 13. Use of a closed-loop refrigeration system to reduce water use 14. In some periods of the year, when the need for cooling is low, cooling with local dry air 15. Reducing the amount of blowdown by using deaerators in steam boilers 16. Minimizing boiler discharge water (blowdown) in steam boilers 17. Reuse of energy generated from steam condenser A

total of 78 techniques have been proposed in this sector.

Processing and Storage of Meat for NACE Code;

- (i) Sector-Specific Measures,
- (ii) Good Management Practices,
- (iii) General Precautions and
- (iv) Measures related to auxiliary processes are given under separate headings.

2.1.1 Industry-Specific Measures

- ***Vacuum pump and reuse of indirect cooling water***

Drinking water quality indirect cooling water that does not come into contact with products, by-products or other substances can be reused in a variety of applications, such as maintaining the water level in the scalding tank, washing pens and gardens (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Use of dry cleaning methods in the cleaning of wastes from slaughter and animal by-product processing processes***

By using dry cleaning and transportation methods such as sweeping, squeegee-to-pull use in the cleaning of wastes arising from the slaughter process and animal by-product processing processes, the rate of mixing of organic substances into the water, water use and wastewater generation are reduced. Since the pollution of the wastewater will be reduced, it will be easier to recover the substances and wastewater in the wastewater and the use of detergents will be reduced (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Installation of isolation valves in liquid supply pipes for steam, hot water and cold water*** This, water and compressed air are widely used in various processes during slaughter and animal by-product recycling and disposal. Isolation valves installed on fluid supply pipes for steam, hot water and cold water connected to computerized time control water

It helps to reduce their losses. Outside of working hours, faucets and leaks can be stopped. Hot with insulation to be applied for steam and hot water while saving water, energy is also saved (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Using steam instead of water in poultry cooking***

In poultry cooking, both energy and water consumption can be reduced by at least 25% by steaming instead of cooking with water (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

Savings can be increased by using automatically controlled boiling chambers instead of hot water tanks in boiling processes (UNEP, 2000).

- ***Using nozzles for water supply in a hair removal machine***

The use of nozzles instead of irrigation pipes for water supply in the hair removal machine makes it easier to direct water only to the points where it is needed, reducing water consumption. It is an efficient washing system with low water consumption, which provides more effective cleaning with less water. This system can be used in conjunction with beater belts to bathe poultry after the feathers have been cleaned (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Transportation of meat in closed crates***

Carcasses should be sealed and transported to avoid contamination of the floor. Individual small carcasses can be transported in wheeled boxes with hinges and lids. This reduces the water requirement for floor washing and thus the amount of wastewater (IPPC BREF, 2005b)

- ***Use of reclaimed water for the transport of feathers***

Transporting the hairs collected in the gutter under the plucking machine and carried by water with the water recirculated from the outlet of a unit such as a scalding unit can reduce water consumption. This technique can be used in all poultry slaughterhouses (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***The use of water-efficient equipment in the extraction process of poultry***

The preference for water-efficient equipment with fewer shower heads instead of household shower heads in the signing process in poultry, such as the use of alternative spray heads such as spray washing and pressure washing, reduces water consumption and wastewater volume.

- ***Air-chilling***

Air cooling can be used instead of dip/rotate or spray cooling, especially where carcasses are sold fresh. The cooling process can be carried out in batches in the refrigeration chamber or by continuous air blowing method. Water consumption is greatly reduced compared to immersion/rotation cooling or spray cooling. In addition, studies show that air cooling can reduce the rate of food contamination by one-third compared to immersion cooling (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Transportation of blood generated in the processing of animal meat in insulated containers***

Transportation of blood from the processing of animal meat in insulated containers prevents rotting. Thus, this by-product can be used as a natural colorant in the meat industry or for purposes such as plasma production. Fresh blood, which can be used in the production of high-value products, should be kept in insulated containers to maintain its freshness. Otherwise, the blood of poor quality must be disposed of as it will turn into waste. In addition, with the use of this technique, the amount of waste blood will decrease, biological and/or thermal degradation will decrease, and the COD and nitrogen level in the wastewater of the facility will also decrease. While the pollution load of wastewater is reduced, the odor problem can also be reduced in both the slaughterhouse and animal by-product facility (IPPC BREF, 2005b).



Air cooling process in poultry meat processing

- ***Use of automatic water start/stop systems along the cutting line***

Sensors such as photocells placed on the cutting line can detect carcass fragments and ensure that as much water is used as needed. By using sensors in water start/stop systems, water consumption can be automatically stopped in case of stoppages. Thus, water consumption and treatment requirements are reduced. In addition, if pressure regulation can be made, organic matter and contamination are reduced. With the use of automatic start/stop systems, water savings of up to 50% can be achieved compared to systems that operate continuously (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Continuous, dry and separate collection of by-products along the cutting line***

With this technique, less water is consumed and by-products are less mixed into the water. Efficient collection of by-products reduces the amount of water required for cleaning. By reducing the amount of water used, it is ensured that the amount of energy required to heat the cleaning water, the amount of wastewater to be generated and the use of detergents are reduced. In addition to the amount of wastewater to be generated, the concentrations of BOD, COD and nutrients are also reduced. If sufficient separate collection is ensured, cross-contamination between different by-products is also reduced. For example, the collection of the dripping blood between the blood collection chamber and the scalding tank with the drip tray / chute, or the dry and separate collection of the separated head and skin can be given as examples of this system. In such a case, the location and design of the tray or chute will vary depending on how the unit operates, the degree of separation of the product to be separated, the intended end use or the route of disposal (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***The use of time-controlled washing systems for washing carcasses***

The use of time-controlled washing systems in washing processes and optimizing the system provides savings in water use.

- ***Using a mixture of compressed air and water to wash the carcass***

Using a mixture of compressed air and water can provide effective washing without using too much water. In pressure washing systems used for washing carcasses, keeping the pressure below 1 MPa can prevent the oils from separating and mixing with the wastewater. Thus, the wastewater pollution load can be reduced (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Dry collection of waste falling on the floor***

In slaughterhouse operations, a significant amount of blood or waste falls to the ground on the slaughter line. By dry cleaning, the minimum amount of water can be used and the mixing of these wastes with wastewater can be prevented. Shovels, wipers and vacuum suction systems can be used, and at the end of the working period, the first cleaning process can also be done without water. In addition, inedible waste products such as coagulated blood, bone powder, rumen and manure from poultry houses are kept in a dry condition as much as possible for recovery processes (IPPC BREF, 2005b). Blood should be collected separately and prevented from mixing with wastewater. In addition, evaluating blood as a by-product without losing its freshness or disposing of it as solid waste can also reduce the wastewater pollution load.

- ***Use of water-saving tools and equipment in cleaning processes***

Significant water savings can be achieved by using efficient spray nozzles that can be automatically closed instead of a garden hose during cleaning operations. High-pressure and air-assisted washers can be used to provide faster and more efficient washing. The use of flow restrictors in the water lines that feed hoses and pressure washers, the use of timers in process rinsing, the correct positioning of fixed water spray nozzles, and the use of spray washing/rinsing techniques instead of refilling the tank wash water for tank cleaning provide significant water savings.

Conductivity control can be used to check the purity of rinse water. With the use of conductivity meters, the increase in conductivity in the rinse water is monitored and the make-up water is replenished only when necessary. As long as the conductivity of the water remains at the desired level, it may be possible to reuse these waters. In addition, it is ensured that a certain water purity standard is always maintained in the tank where the water to be used for cleaning purposes is kept. Thus, only when the conductivity level reaches a certain point will fresh water enter the rinse tank. With these applications, water consumption can be reduced by 40%. Flow control can be achieved by using control valves to monitor rinse waters, thus optimizing the amount of water use required.

- ***The use of insulated and closed knife sterilizers and the use of low-pressure steam for knife sterilization***

In slaughterhouses, knife sterilization boxes located along the slaughter line must be insulated. Inside these boxes, the blades are designed to have slots in which 2 different knives can be placed, immersed in water at 82°C. The water consumption in the sterilizer with non-insulated blades is 2000 L/min. By insulating and coating the sterilizer, heat loss is reduced and therefore the frequency and volume of additional water required is correspondingly reduced. Thus, both water consumption is reduced and heat loss is reduced (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Replacement of equipment in hand washing and protective apron washing cabinets with foot pedals or photocell operated systems***

In slaughterhouses, there is a need for frequent hand washing and gowning. In some slaughterhouses, these processes are carried out using various hoses and sinks and using hot water that remains open throughout the entire working day, resulting in a very high amount of water waste. To avoid water waste, replacing hoses and sinks in handwashing and protective apron washing cabinets with cabinets with shower heads operated by foot pedals or photocell systems can result in significant water savings (IPPC BREF, 2005b).



Insulated Knife Sterilizer (Figure 7)

- ***Using two different blade sterilization tanks***

The alternating use of knife sterilization tanks and their support with special valves to prevent water waste can provide significant water savings (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Use of clean-in-place (CIP) systems in slaughterhouses***

Clean In Place (CIP) systems are cleaning systems that can be adjusted to use only the required amount of detergent and water under appropriate temperature and pressure conditions. The incorporation of a CIP system into the process should be planned at the equipment design stage. CIP systems can be enhanced by applications such as recirculating water and chemicals, optimizing programs, using efficient water spraying devices, and removing coarse dirt before cleaning. Equipment correctly designed for CIP must be positioned in such a way that there are no "blind spots" in the cleaning process. It is possible to recover and reuse water and chemicals within the system. Water, detergent and energy consumption required to heat the water are saved. With this system, it is possible to adjust consumption levels and perform only the necessary cleaning for the surface area to be cleaned (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Minimizing the production and use of flake ice***

When processing frozen meat, flake ice must be added to cool the meat mixture, as processes such as shredding raise the temperature of the meat and pose a risk to the hygiene or quality of the product. By using a suitable mixture of chilled and frozen raw materials, it is possible to avoid the use of flake ice, and therefore its production. Using frozen meat in the process can reduce the use of leaf ice. However, in most cases, it is not possible to confuse frozen meat with chilled meat. In order for the technique to be applied, there must be an annealing chamber (cooling chamber) in which the cooling motor can both cool and heat the room. If too many blocks of frozen meat are placed in the room, the temperature required to defrost the meat can rise much higher than it should (IPPC BREF, 2019).

- ***Using pressure washer systems***

A 75% reduction in water consumption can be achieved by using pressure washing systems in facility-equipment cleaning and vehicle washes. The effectiveness of pressure washer systems varies depending on the flow of water and the pressure applied. With the decrease in water consumption, the volume of wastewater to be treated also decreases. Energy savings are also achieved in the use of hot water (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Optimisation of water and detergent use***

By recording the consumption amounts of water, detergents and cleaning products on a daily basis and detecting deviations from the normal operating standard, it is possible to determine the minimum detergent consumption to meet the hygiene requirements. Excessive use of cleaning agents and reduction of water consumption can be achieved by techniques such as reducing or not using detergents at all, using water at different temperatures, using the force of water pressure or using scrubbing sponges/brushes, etc. (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Washing transport trucks with adjustable high-pressure water guns***

Delivery trucks can be cleaned using an adjustable water jet operated by a high-pressure trigger. By using an adjustable high-pressure water gun with a pressure of approximately 1.8 – 2.3 million Pa (18 to 25 atmospheres), the water consumption required for washing trucks can be reduced. Stepless control of the pressure and the range of the water jet can facilitate the removal of dirt from both flat surfaces and corners (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Keeping the number of chickens slaughtered at the highest level***

Keeping the number of chickens slaughtered per day at the highest possible level in the hot water immersion process for hair removal after slaughter reduces the hot water consumption per unit product in the immersion process. Maximum benefit from the water in the system can be obtained by optimizing water use by preventing excessive water consumption (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***The use of cyclone vacuum cleaners in the cleaning process in slaughterhouses***

Cyclone vacuum cleaners are used to dispose of substances such as blood and internal organs on the floor of the slaughterhouse before washing, reducing water pollution. Cleaning the floor in the slaughterhouse with a cyclone vacuum cleaner reduces the amount of blood in the wash water. By using cyclone vacuum cleaners, the COD content of wastewater can be reduced by 7%. However, vacuums should be emptied and cleaned regularly against the risk of odor and contamination (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Removal of residual material prior to cleaning of raw materials and equipment***

Before wet cleaning, it is important to remove residues from raw materials and equipment as much as possible through dry processes. It is a feasible process both during the working time and at the end. Equipment such as meat mixtures, bowl choppers and sausage fillers, especially used for salami production or sausage making, and minced meat residues on floors stick to surfaces and make subsequent cleaning difficult. Cleaning such equipment immediately after the end of production can reduce cleaning efforts and the need for water and detergents. The minced meat is cleaned by hand before removing the residues and sending them for processing. To reduce the wastewater pollutant load, there are various applications such as dry cleaning of meat residues during trimming and cutting operations, installing drain covers with sufficient hole diameters to prevent meat residues from entering the wastewater treatment plant, and cleaning the remaining materials in the pipes using compressed air. On the other hand, transporting materials such as by-products and waste from the process as dry as possible prevents the materials from drifting into the wastewater treatment plant. The cleaning procedure should be managed in such a way as to ensure that wet cleaning is minimized and the necessary hygiene standards are maintained. With this measure, water and detergent consumption as well as the volume of wastewater generated and thus COD and BOD loads in wastewater can be reduced. In addition, the need for heat for cleaning purposes can be reduced (IPPC BREF, 2019).

- ***Dry removal of impurities before washing transport vehicles***

Removing hard-to-deterable materials such as sawdust from transport vehicles before water cleaning reduces the need for water. Both water consumption and the pollution load in wastewater are reduced. In this process, hard-to-degrade substances such as sawdust and fertilizers are removed, thus reducing the need for water (IPPC BREF, 2005b).

- ***Using the wet vacuum system before wet cleaning***

In poultry houses or belt systems, the use of a wet vacuum system before wet cleaning for by-products and wastes not only reduces water consumption but also prevents contamination of wastewater with blood, oil, manure and other animal by-products. After this process, the water requirement for cleaning is reduced. The time required for pre-cleaning is not affected. The method can also be used in the corral area and for the collection of blood residues/soft tissues (IPPC BREF, 2005b)

- ***Collection of dry flour (including chicken meal) residues before cleaning operations***

Removing excess residues from raw materials and equipment as much as possible using dry cleaning methods contributes to reducing water consumption. It is possible to save up to 5% of water by collecting dry flour residues before cleaning operations to reduce water consumption, wastewater discharge and organic load, suspended solids and biodegradable substances. In addition, the BOD and COD load of wastewater can be reduced by applying the method (Salam & Naggar, 2010).

2.1.2 Good Management Practices

- **Establishment of an environmental management system**

Environmental Management Systems (EMS) include the organizational structure, responsibilities, procedures and resources required to develop, implement and monitor the environmental policies of industrial organizations. The establishment of the environmental management system improves the decision-making processes of institutions between raw materials, water-wastewater infrastructure, planned production process, and different treatment techniques. Environmental management organizes how to manage resource procurement and waste discharge demands with the highest economic efficiency, without compromising product quality and with the least possible impact on the environment.

The most widely used Environmental Management Standard is ISO 14001. Alternatives include the Eco Management and Audit Programme Directive (EMAS) (761/2001). It has been developed for the evaluation, improvement and reporting of the environmental performance of enterprises. It is one of the leading practices within the scope of eco-efficiency (cleaner production) in EU legislation and participation is provided voluntarily (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). The benefits of establishing and implementing an Environmental Management System are as follows:

- Economic benefits can be achieved by improving business performance (Christopher, 1998).
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standards are adopted, resulting in greater compliance with global legal and regulatory requirements (Christopher, 1998).
- While the penalty risks related to environmental responsibilities are minimized, the amount of waste, resource consumption and operating costs are reduced (Delmas, 2009).
- The use of internationally accepted environmental standards eliminates the need for multiple registrations and certifications for businesses operating in different locations around the world (Hutchens Jr., 2017).
- Especially in recent years, the improvement of the internal control processes of companies is also important to consumers. The implementation of environmental management systems provides a competitive advantage over companies that do not adopt the standard. It also contributes to the better position of institutions in international areas/markets (Potoski & Prakash, 2005).

The benefits listed above depend on numerous factors such as the production process, management practices, resource use, and potential environmental impacts (TOB, 2021). Savings of 3-5% in water consumption can be achieved with applications such as the preparation of annual inventory reports with similar content to the environmental management system and monitoring of inputs and outputs in production processes in terms of quantity and quality (Öztürk, 2014). The total duration of the EMS development and implementation phases is estimated to be 8-12 months (ISO 14001 User Manual, 2015).

Industrial organizations also carry out studies within the scope of the ISO 14046 Water Footprint Standard, which is an international standard that defines the requirements and guidelines for assessing and reporting their water footprint. With the implementation of the relevant standard, it is aimed to reduce the use of fresh water and environmental impacts required for production. In addition, the ISO 46001 Water Efficiency Management Systems Standard, which helps industrial organizations to save water and reduce operating costs, helps organizations to improve their water efficiency policies by monitoring, benchmarking and reviewing.

- ***Using an integrated wastewater management and treatment strategy to reduce the amount of wastewater and the pollutant load***

Wastewater management should be based on a holistic approach from wastewater production to final disposal and includes functional elements such as composition, collection, treatment including sludge disposal and reuse. The selection of appropriate treatment technology for industrial wastewater depends on integrated factors such as land availability, desired treated water quality, and compliance with national and local regulations (Abbassi & Al Baz, 2008).

The reuse of treated wastewater at the plant not only improves the quality of water bodies, but also reduces the demand for fresh water. Therefore, it is very important to determine the appropriate treatment strategies for different reuse targets.

In integrated industrial wastewater treatment, different aspects such as wastewater collection system, treatment process, and reuse target are evaluated together (Naghedi et al., 2020). For industrial wastewater recovery, an integrated wastewater management framework can be determined by combining methods such as SWOT method (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats), PESTEL method (political, economic, social, technological, environmental and legal factors), decision tree with expert opinions (Naghedi et al., 2020). Integrating the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) and Unified Consensus Solution (CoCoSo) techniques can be used to set priorities for industrial wastewater management processes based on a multitude of criteria (Adar et al., 2021).

With the implementation of integrated wastewater management strategies, an average reduction of up to 25% in water consumption, wastewater quantity and pollution loads of wastewater can be achieved. The potential payback period of the application ranges from 1-10 years (TOB, 2021).



Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant

- ***Providing technical training to personnel for the reduction and optimization of water use***

With this measure, water saving and water recovery can be achieved by increasing the training and awareness of the personnel, and water efficiency can be achieved by reducing water consumption and costs. Due to the fact that the personnel do not have the necessary technical knowledge in industrial facilities, problems may arise with the use of high amounts of water and wastewater formation. For example, it is important that cooling tower operators, who represent a significant proportion of water consumption in industrial operations, are properly trained and have technical knowledge. In applications such as determining water quality requirements in production processes, measuring water and wastewater amounts, etc., it is necessary for the relevant personnel to have sufficient technical knowledge (TOB, 2021). For this reason, it is important to provide training to staff on water use reduction, optimization and water saving policies. Practices such as involving personnel in water conservation studies, creating regular reports on water usage amounts before and after water efficiency initiatives, and sharing these reports with personnel support participation and motivation in the process. The technical, economic and environmental benefits to be obtained through personnel training give results in the medium or long term (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021).

- ***Monitoring the amount and quality of the water used in production processes and auxiliary processes and the wastewater generated and adapting this information to the environmental management system*** There are resource uses in industrial facilities, and inefficiency and environmental problems that occur as a result of resource use can be caused by input-output flows. Therefore

It is necessary to monitor the water and wastewater used in production processes and auxiliary processes in terms of their quantity and quality (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). Process-based quantity and quality monitoring, together with other good management practices (personnel training, establishment of an environmental management system, etc.), can be used to reduce energy consumption by 6-10%, water consumption and wastewater amounts.

It can provide a reduction of up to 25% (Öztürk, 2014).

The main stages for monitoring water and wastewater in terms of quantity and quality are:

- Use of monitoring equipment (such as meters) to monitor consumption of water, energy, etc. on the basis of processes,
- Establishment of monitoring procedures,
- Determining the use/exit points of all inputs and outputs (raw materials, chemicals, water, products, wastewater, sludge, solid waste, hazardous waste and by-products) related to the production process, monitoring, documenting, comparatively evaluating and reporting in terms of their quantity and quality,
- Monitoring raw material losses in production processes where raw materials are transformed into products and taking measures against raw material losses (MoEUB, 2020e).

- ***Preparation of a water efficiency action plan to reduce water use and prevent water pollution***
It is important for water efficiency to prepare an action plan that includes what to do in the short, medium and long term in order to reduce the amount of water-wastewater in industrial facilities and to prevent water pollution. At this point, determining the water needs throughout the facility and in the production processes, water quality requirements should be determined at the points of use, wastewater formation points and wastewater characterization should be done (TOB, 2021). At the same time, it is necessary to determine the measures to be implemented to reduce water consumption, wastewater generation and pollution loads, to make feasibility and to prepare action plans for the short-medium-long term. In this way, water efficiency and sustainable water use are ensured in facilities (TOB, 2021).
- ***Setting water efficiency targets***
The first step in achieving water efficiency in industrial facilities is to set targets (TOB, 2021). For this, first of all, a detailed water efficiency analysis should be carried out on the basis of processes. Thus, unnecessary water use, water losses, wrong practices affecting water efficiency, process losses, reusable water-wastewater resources with or without treatment can be determined. It is also extremely important to set water saving potential and water efficiency targets for each production process and the plant as a whole (TOB, 2021).
- ***Preparation of water flow diagrams and mass balances for water***
Determination of water use and wastewater generation points in industrial facilities, creation of water-wastewater balances in production processes and auxiliary processes other than production processes are the basis of many good management practices in general. Creation of process profiles throughout the plant and on the basis of production processes; It facilitates the identification of unnecessary water usage points and high water use points, the evaluation of water recovery opportunities, process modifications and the determination of water losses (TOB, 2021).
- ***Good production planning to optimize water consumption***
In industrial production processes, planning a raw material until it turns into a product by using the least process is an effective practice to reduce labor costs, resource use costs and environmental impacts and to ensure efficiency (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). Production planning in industrial facilities by considering the water efficiency factor reduces water consumption and wastewater. Modifying production processes or combining some processes in industrial facilities provides significant benefits in terms of water efficiency and time planning (TOB, 2021).

2.1.3 General Water Efficiency BATs

- **Detection and reduction of water losses**

In industrial production processes, water losses occur in equipment, pumps and pipelines. First of all, water losses should be detected and leaks should be prevented by keeping equipment, pumps and pipelines in good condition by performing regular maintenance (IPPC BREF, 2003). Regular maintenance procedures should be established and particular attention should be paid to the following:

- Adding pumps, valves, level switches, pressure and flow regulators to the maintenance checklist ,
- Carrying out inspections not only in the water system, but also especially for heat transfer and chemical distribution systems, broken and leaking pipes, barrels, pumps and valves,
- regular cleaning of filters and pipelines,
- Calibrating, routinely checking and monitoring measuring equipment such as chemical measuring and dispensing instruments, thermometers, etc. (IPPC BREF, 2003).

With effective maintenance-repair, cleaning and loss control practices, savings ranging from 1-6% in water consumption can be achieved (Öztürk, 2014).

- **Minimization of spills and leaks**

Both raw material and water losses can be experienced due to spills and leaks in enterprises. In addition, if wet cleaning methods are used to clean the spilled areas, there may be increases in water consumption, wastewater amounts and pollution loads of wastewater (TOB, 2021). In order to reduce raw material and product losses, spillage and splash losses are reduced by using anti-splashes, fins, drip trays, sieves (IPPC BREF, 2019).

- **Prevention of mixing of clean water streams with dirty water streams**

By determining the wastewater formation points and characterizing the wastewater in industrial facilities, wastewater with high pollution load and relatively clean wastewater can be collected in separate lines (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). In this way, wastewater streams of appropriate quality can be reused with or without treatment. By separating wastewater streams, water pollution is reduced, treatment performances are increased, energy consumption can be reduced in relation to reducing treatment needs, and emissions are reduced by ensuring wastewater recovery and recovery of valuable materials. In addition, heat recovery from separated hot wastewater streams is also possible (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021) Separation of wastewater streams often requires high investment costs, and costs can be reduced when it is possible to recover large amounts of wastewater and energy (IPPC BREF, 2006).

- ***Use of pressure washers for equipment cleaning, general cleaning, etc.***

Water nozzles are widely used in equipment plant cleaning. Effective results can be obtained by using correctly placed, appropriate nozzles to reduce water consumption and wastewater pollution loads. The use of active sensors and nozzles where high water consumption occurs and where possible is very important for the efficient use of water. Thanks to the replacement of mechanical equipment with pressurized nozzles, it is possible to achieve significant water savings (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). Reducing water consumption, wastewater generation and wastewater pollution load through the use of water pressure-optimised nozzles in technically feasible processes are the main environmental benefits of the application.

- ***Determination of wastewater flows that can be reused with or without treatment by characterizing the amount and quality of wastewater at all wastewater formation points By determining*** and characterizing wastewater formation points in industrial facilities, it is possible to reuse various wastewater streams with or without treatment (Öztürk, 2014; TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). In this context, filter backwash water, CTR concentrates, blowdown water, condensate water, relatively clean washing and rinsing water can be reused without treatment in the same/different processes and in areas that do not require high water quality (such as plant and equipment cleaning). Apart from this, it is possible to reuse wastewater streams that cannot be reused directly in production processes after they are treated using appropriate treatment technologies.

Membrane filtration processes are an integral part of many wastewater reuse systems. Nanofiltration (NF) and Reverse osmosis (CTR) filtration systems are used for industrial wastewater recovery. Microfiltration (MF) and ultrafiltration (UF) are often used for the pretreatment of water before it goes to the NF or CTR process (Singh et al., 2014).

In some industrial facilities operating in the food sector, water consumption can be reduced by 13%, wastewater amounts by 18% and COD loads of wastewater by up to 48% by recycling wastewater with or without treatment (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). In addition, the payback period required for the application was calculated as approximately 3 years (energy savings were also taken into account) (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021).

- ***Use of automatic check-off valves to optimise water use***

Monitoring and controlling water consumption using flow control devices, meters and computer-aided monitoring systems provides significant technical, environmental and economic advantages (Öztürk, 2014). Monitoring the amount of water consumed within the facility and in various processes prevents water losses (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). It is necessary to use flow meters and meters in the facility and production processes, to use automatic shut-off valves and valves in continuously operating machines, to develop monitoring-control mechanisms according to water consumption and some determined quality parameters using computer-aided systems (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). With this application, it is possible to save up to 20-30% in water consumption on a process basis (DEPA, 2002; LCPC, 2010; IPPC BREF, 2003). By monitoring and controlling water consumption on a process basis, 3-5% savings can be achieved in process water consumption (Öztürk, 2014).

- ***Avoiding the use of drinking water in production lines***

In different sub-sectors of the manufacturing industry, water with different water quality can be used in accordance with production purposes. In industrial facilities, raw water obtained from underground water sources is used in production processes after being treated. However, in some cases, although it is costly in production processes, drinking water can be used directly or raw water is disinfected with chlorinated compounds and evaluated in production processes. These waters, which contain residual chlorine, can react with organic compounds (natural organic substances (DOM)) in the water in the production processes and form disinfectant by-products harmful to living metabolisms (Özdemir & Toröz, 2010; Oğur et al.; TOB, 2021). The use of drinking water containing residual chlorine compounds or raw water disinfected with chlorinated compounds should be avoided as much as possible. In the disinfection of raw water, disinfection methods with high oxidation ability such as ultraviolet (UV), ultrasound (US) or ozone can be used instead of chlorine disinfection. In order to increase the technical, economic and environmental benefits to be provided by the application, determining and using the water quality parameters required in each production process helps to reduce unnecessary water supply and treatment costs. With this application, it is possible to reduce water, energy and chemical costs (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***Collecting rainwater and evaluating it as an alternative water source in facility cleaning or in appropriate areas***

In today's world where water resources are decreasing, rainwater harvesting is frequently preferred especially in regions with low rainfall. There are different technologies and systems for rainwater collection and distribution systems. Cistern systems, infiltration into the ground, collection from the surface and filter systems are used. Rainwater collected by special drainage systems can be used for production processes, garden irrigation, tank and equipment cleaning, surface cleaning, etc., if it meets the required quality requirements (Witness et al., 2015).

In various examples, 50% water savings were achieved in landscape irrigation by using roof rainwater collected in industrial facilities and using it in buildings and landscaping areas after storing it (Yaman, 2009). Perforated stones and green areas can be preferred in order to increase the permeability of the ground and to ensure that rainwater passes and is absorbed into the soil in the field (Yaman, 2009). Rainwater collected on the roofs of buildings can be used for car washing and garden irrigation. It is possible to reuse the collected water by recovering 95% of it with biological treatment after use (Şahin, 2010).

- ***Construction of closed storage and impermeable waste/scrap yard to prevent the transportation of toxic or hazardous chemicals for the aquatic environment***

In industrial facilities, closed and impermeable waste/scrap storage areas can be built to prevent the transport of toxic or dangerous chemicals to the receiving environments for the aquatic environment. This practice is already being implemented within the scope of the current environmental regulations in our country. Within the scope of the field studies carried out, a separate collection channel can be built in the toxic or hazardous substance storage areas in industrial facilities to prevent the separate collection of the leachate in question and its mixing with the natural water environments.

- ***Optimising the frequency and duration of regeneration (including rinses) in water softening systems***

Cationic ion exchange resins, which are one of the most commonly used methods for softening raw water in industrial facilities, are routinely regenerated. In regeneration, pre-washing, brine regeneration and final rinsing processes are carried out using raw water, respectively. Regeneration periods are determined depending on the hardness of the water. If the hardness is high, more frequent regeneration should be done in water softening systems.

In regeneration processes, washing, regeneration and rinsing wastewater are usually removed directly. However, if the washing and final rinsing water is of raw water quality, it can be sent to the raw water tank or reused in processes that do not require high water quality, such as facility cleaning and green area irrigation (TOB, 2021).

It is very important to determine the optimum regeneration frequency in regeneration systems. Although regeneration in water softening systems is adjusted according to the frequency recommended by the supplier or depending on the flow rate and time entering the softening system, this frequency also varies depending on the calcium concentration in the raw water. For this reason, online hardness measurement is applied when determining the frequency of regeneration. Thus, regeneration frequencies can be optimized, as well as excessive washing, rinsing or backwashing with salt water can be prevented by using online hardness sensors.

- ***Use of automatic equipment and equipment (sensors, smart hand washing systems, etc.) that will save water at water usage points such as showers/toilets, etc.***

Water is very important in many sectors of the manufacturing industry, both for production processes and for personnel to provide the necessary hygiene standards. Water consumption can be achieved in various ways in the production processes of industrial facilities, as well as savings in water consumption by using equipment such as sensor taps and smart hand washing systems in the water usage areas of the personnel. Smart hand washing systems adjust the water, soap and air mixture in the right proportion and provide resource efficiency in addition to water savings.

- ***Separate collection and treatment of gray water in the facility and use it in areas that do not require high water quality (green area irrigation, floor, floor washing, etc.)***

Wastewater generated in industrial facilities is not only industrial wastewater originating from production processes, but also includes wastewater originating from showers, sinks, kitchens, etc. Wastewater consisting of showers, sinks, kitchens, etc. is called gray water. Water savings can be achieved by treating these gray waters with various treatment processes and using them in areas that do not require high water quality.



- ***Use of closed-loop water cycles in appropriate processes***

In general, refrigerants are chemical compounds with certain thermodynamic properties that affect the performance of the cooling process, taking heat from the substances to be cooled and cooling them (Kuprasertwong et al., 2021).

Water is used as a refrigerant in manufacturing industry processes and in many processes led by product cooling. While this cooling process is carried out, the water can be reused through the cooling tower or central cooling systems. If unwanted microbial growth occurs in the cooling water, it can be controlled by adding chemicals to the recirculation water (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

By reusing cooling water in processes such as cleaning, water consumption and the amount of wastewater generated are reduced. However, the need for energy for cooling and recirculation of cooling water emerges as a side interaction.

Heat recovery is also provided by the use of heat exchangers in cooling waters. Generally, closed loop systems are used in facilities where water cooling systems are used. However, the cooling system blowdowns are removed by giving them directly into the wastewater treatment plant channel. These removed blowdown waters can be reused in suitable production processes.

- ***Storage, storage and post-use of substances that pose a risk in the aquatic environment (such as oils, emulsions, binders) and preventing them from mixing with wastewater after use as much as possible*** Dry cleaning techniques to prevent chemicals that pose a risk to the aquatic environment such as oils, emulsions and binders from mixing with wastewater streams in industrial facilities can be used, and leaks can be avoided. In this way, the protection of water resources can be ensured (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***Implementation of time optimization in production and arrangement of all processes to be completed as soon as possible***

In industrial production processes, planning the process from raw material to product transformation using the least process is an effective practice to reduce labor costs, resource use costs and environmental impacts and to ensure efficiency. In this context, it may be necessary to review the production processes and revise them to use the least number of process steps (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). In cases where the desired product quality cannot be achieved due to some inadequacies, inefficiency and design errors in basic production processes, production processes may need to be renewed. Therefore, in this case, the use of resources required in the manufacture of the unit amount of product and the amount of waste, emissions and solid waste generated increase. Time optimization in production processes is an effective practice (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- **Reuse of nanofiltration (NF) or reverse osmosis (CTR) concentrates with or without purification depending on characterization**

According to wastewater characterization and appropriate points of use, the reuse potentials of other wastewater resulting from membrane processes (backwash without or with the use of chemicals, CIP cleaning, module cleaning, cleaning of chemical tanks, etc.) should be evaluated.

Nanofiltration is a membrane-based liquid separation technique with low energy consumption and low operating pressures, which is suitable for the treatment of well water and surface water. Reverse osmosis is also a membrane-based liquid separation technique that can separate smaller substances than nanofiltration (Akgül, 2016).

Depending on the characterization of nanofiltration or reverse osmosis concentrates, savings are achieved by reusing them with or without treatment. Measures should be taken to reuse clean water in the production processes of filter backwash water in filtration processes and to reduce water consumption by using cleaning systems (TOB, 2021).

- **Where technically feasible, suitable wastewater is treated and used as steam boiler feed water**

Although it is difficult to apply in industrial facilities, it is possible to treat suitable wastewater to process water quality and reuse it in production processes, including steam boilers. In this way, savings ranging from 20-50% in total water consumption and wastewater generation can be achieved (Öztürk, 2014; TUBITAK MAM, 2016). The initial investment cost required for the application is the treatment system to be used. Considering the amount of water to be recycled, the amount of economic savings, the applied unit water-wastewater costs, and the operation and maintenance costs of the treatment system, the payback periods vary (TOB, 2021). Membrane systems (a combination of ultrafiltration (UF), nanofiltration (NF) and reverse osmosis (CTR) systems) can be used for recovery. For example, in some industrial facilities, it is possible to treat the cooling system blowdown water and reuse it as process water (TOB, 2021).



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Reverse Osmosis System

- ***Documentation of production procedures and use by employees to prevent waste of water and energy***

In order to make efficient production in an enterprise, effective procedures should be applied in order to identify and evaluate potential problems and their sources and to control the production stages (Ayan, 2010). Determining and implementing appropriate procedures in production processes ensures more efficient use of resources (such as raw materials, water, energy, chemicals, personnel and time) and assurance of reliability and quality in production processes (Ayan, 2010). The presence of documented production procedures in production processes contributes to the development of the ability to develop sudden reflexes for the evaluation of operational performance and the solution of problems (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). Effective implementation and monitoring of procedures created specifically for production processes is one of the most effective ways to ensure product quality, to receive feedback and to develop solution proposals (Ayan, 2010). Documenting, effectively implementing and monitoring production procedures is a good management practice and is an effective tool in structuring and ensuring the continuity of the cleaner production approach and environmental management system. In addition to the potential benefits, there may be changes in the cost and economic gains of the application depending on the sector or facility structure (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). Although the establishment and monitoring of production procedures is not costly, the payback period may be short considering the savings and benefits it will provide (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021).

- ***Untreated reuse of relatively clean wastewater from washing, rinsing and equipment cleaning in production processes***

In industrial facilities, relatively clean wastewater, especially washing-final rinsing wastewater and filter backwash wastewater, can be recycled without treatment in floor washing and garden irrigation processes that do not require high water quality, saving between 1-5% in raw water consumption. The initial investment costs required for the application consist of the establishment of new pipelines and reserved tanks (Öztürk, 2014).

- ***Reuse of pressurized filtration backwash water prior to water softening at appropriate points***

Softened waters with low calcium and magnesium concentrations are needed for many industrial processes. With water softening systems, calcium, magnesium and some other metal cations in hard water are removed from the water and soft water is obtained.

Savings are achieved by reusing pressurized filtration backwash water at appropriate points before water softening. This measure is similar in content to applications such as "Reuse of filter backwash water in filtration processes, relatively cleaning water in production processes, and reducing water consumption by using in-situ cleaning systems".

- ***Use of computer-aided control systems in production processes***

Since inefficient resource use and environmental problems in industrial facilities are directly related to input-output flows, process inputs-outputs should be defined in the best way specific to production processes (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). Thus, it becomes possible to develop measures to increase resource efficiency, economic and environmental performance. Organizing input-output inventories is considered a prerequisite for continuous improvement. While such management practices require the participation of technical staff and senior management, they pay for themselves in a short time with the work of various experts (IPPC BREF, 2003). It is necessary to use measurement equipment on the basis of application processes and to perform some routine analyzes/measurements specific to the processes. In order to obtain the highest level of efficiency from the application, using computerized monitoring systems as much as possible ensures that the technical, economic and environmental benefits to be obtained are increased (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***Recovery of water from rinsing solutions and reuse of recovered water in processes appropriate to its quality***

Rinsing wastewater in industrial facilities can be reused without treatment in relatively clean wastewater, floor washing and garden irrigation processes that do not require high water quality (Öztürk, 2014). In raw water consumption with the recovery of rinse water Savings of 1-5% can be achieved.



Computer Aided Control System

- ***Reuse of filter wash water in filtration processes, reuse of relatively clean cleaning water in production processes, and reduction of water consumption by using clean-in-place systems (CIP)***

Wastewater from backwashes of activated carbon filters and softening devices often contains only a high percentage of suspended solids (AKM). Backwash water, which is one of the easiest wastewater types to recycle, can be recovered by filtering with ultrafiltration plants. In this way, water savings of up to 15% are achieved (URL - 1, 2021).

Regeneration wastewater formed after the regeneration process is soft water with high salt content and constitutes approximately 5-10% of total water consumption. It is ensured that regeneration wastewater is collected in a separate tank and evaluated in processes with high salt requirements, facility cleaning and domestic use. For this, a reserved tank, plumbing and pump are needed. With the reuse of regeneration wastewater, water consumption, energy consumption, wastewater amounts and salt content of wastewater are reduced by approximately 5-10% (Öztürk, 2014). The payback period varies according to the consumption of regeneration water in production processes, facility cleaning and domestic use. It is estimated that if regeneration water is reused in production processes that require high salt (since both water and salt will be recovered), the potential payback period will be less than one year. It is estimated that the payback period will be over one year for facility and equipment cleaning and domestic uses (TOB, 2021).

In our country, reverse osmosis (CTR) concentrates are combined with other wastewater streams and given to the wastewater treatment plant channel. The concentrates formed in the CTR systems used for additional hardness removal can be used in garden irrigation, in-plant and tank-equipment cleaning (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021). In addition, with the structuring of raw water quality monitoring, it is possible to re-evaluate CTR concentrates by feeding them back into raw water reservoirs and mixing them (TOB, 2021).

2.1.4 Precautions for Ancillary Processes

METs for steam generation

- *Saving water by insulating steam and water lines (hot and cold) and preventing water and steam losses in pipes, valves and connection points in the lines and monitoring them with a computer system*

Steam losses may occur if the steam lines are not properly designed in the facilities, routine maintenance and repairs of the steam lines are not carried out, mechanical problems that occur in the lines and the lines are not operated properly, and full insulation of the steam lines and hot surfaces is not made. This affects both the water consumption and energy consumption of the facility. It is necessary to use control systems with automatic control mechanisms in order to make steam insulations and to monitor steam consumption continuously. Due to the reduction of steam losses, similar savings can be achieved in fuel consumption and additional soft water consumption in boilers. Since fuel consumption in steam boilers will decrease, waste gas emissions are expected to decrease at the same rate. Since the use of additional soft water used in steam boilers will be reduced with the application, the amount of regeneration water, the amount of salt used in regeneration and reverse osmosis concentrates are also reduced. Automatic control mechanisms for full vapor insulation application and minimization of steam losses are used in many facilities with heavy steam consumption. With the configuration of the application, 2-4% fuel savings are achieved in steam boilers.

In order to prevent losses in production processes, adding the most important parts of equipment such as pumps, valves, adjustment knobs, pressure, flow regulators to the maintenance checklist, inspecting not only water systems but also heating and chemical distribution systems, drums, pumps and valves, regular cleaning of filters and pipelines, 1-6% savings in water consumption can be achieved with regular calibration of measuring equipment (thermometers, chemical scales, dispensing/dosing systems, etc.) and routine inspection and cleaning of heat treatment units (including chimneys) at specified periods, effective maintenance-repair, cleaning and loss control practices (Hasanbeigi, 2010; Ozturk, 2014; TOB, 2021).



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Industrial Steam Boilers

- **Prevention of flash steam losses due to boiler draining**

Steam boiler condensate is generally discharged from the system at atmospheric pressure from the equipment outlets and steam traps outlet. In condensate systems, as the pressure decreases, some of the condensate evaporates again and cools down to the boiling point of water at atmospheric pressure. The re-evaporated condensate, called flash steam, is thrown into the atmosphere and disappears. In the case of condensate return lines, which are usually quite long, cooling and therefore evaporation are inevitable. In order to prevent the condensate from evaporating again, savings can be achieved by keeping it in a flash tank under pressure until it returns to the boiler feed tank. As the pressure decreases in the condensate taken into the tank, the steam formed is collected on the tank and feeds the low pressure steam system from there. The remaining hot condensate is taken into the boiler from the bottom of the tank.

- **Minimizing boiler discharge water (blowdown) in steam boilers**

Boiler blowdown refers to the water consumed from a boiler to prevent the condensation of pollutants during the continuous evaporation of steam. Boiler blowdown can be reduced by 50% with condensate recovery (IPPC BREF, 2009).

In automatic systems, the blowdowns in the boilers are constantly monitored and the system is re-analyzed together with the water taken after the blowdown. In the analysis, data such as dissolved and undissolved particles in the water and water density are processed. If the density for the boiler is above the system limits, the blowdown process is repeated. The system should be automated and the optimum blowdown frequency should be determined. When the frequency of blowdowns is reduced, the amount of wastewater decreases. This saves energy and cooling water used to cool wastewater (IPPC BREF, 2009). By optimizing the steam boiler blowdown process, operating costs are reduced by saving boiler water consumption, waste costs, conditioning and heating.

- **Reducing the amount of blowdown by using deaerators in steam boilers**

Free oxygen dissolved in steam boilers, feed water and hot water boilers, and carbon dioxide formed by the breakdown of carbonates in boilers can cause corrosion in the form of pores and rusting and melting in steam boilers, devices using steam and especially in installations. The effects of these gases increase as the proportion of fresh feed water and the operating pressure of the system increases. If these dissolved gases are not removed from the boiler feed water, the useful life of these systems is shortened, corrosion and various deformations may occur. These gases also cause excessive corrosion in carbon dioxide coils, steam appliances and condensate pipes. Boiler feed water must be purified from dissolved gases such as oxygen and carbon dioxide by passing through the deaerator. Deaeration systems are mechanical systems that allow dissolved gases to be evaporated from the water by giving air to the water with a fan. Dissolved deaeration can be increased by increasing the water and air contact surface in the deaerator system. In this way, corrosion formation is reduced and boiler efficiency is increased (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; TOB, 2021).

- **Saving water by reusing steam boiler condensate**

When steam indirect heating techniques are used to transmit thermal energy in production processes, the recovery of condensed steam (condensate) is an effective practice in terms of reducing water consumption (IPPC BREF, 2009). By recovering condensate water, an average of 5% reduction in water consumption can be achieved (Greer et al., 2013). In addition, the potential payback period varies between 4-8 months (taking into account energy savings) (Öztürk,

2014; TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***Reuse of energy generated from the steam condenser***

With a simple modification to the piping system, the water that feeds the water resting/decarbonization unit can now be obtained from the outlet of the turbine condenser unit. This water has a sufficient temperature to be used directly by the water resting/carbon removal unit. Therefore, this water does not need to be heated by means of steam generated by the heat exchanger system. Thanks to this work, a large amount of steam can be saved and cooling water consumption is reduced (CPRAC, 2021).

METs for refrigeration systems

- ***Use of a closed-loop refrigeration system to reduce water use***

Closed-loop cooling systems significantly reduce water consumption compared to open-loop systems with more water-intensive use. In closed-loop systems, when the same water is recirculated in the system, cooling water is usually required to be added as much as the amount of evaporated water. Evaporation losses can also be reduced by optimizing cooling systems.

- ***Reduction of water consumption in closed-loop cooling systems by increasing the number of cycles and improving the quality of the catch-up water***

Water is used as a refrigerant in many processes such as the production processes of the manufacturing industry and the cooling of products. Water is recirculated through a cooling tower or central cooling systems and the cooling process is carried out. If an undesirable microbial growth occurs in the cooling water, it can be controlled by adding chemicals to the recirculation water (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). In the recirculation process, the number of cycles can be increased by good chemical conditioning. In this way, water can be saved by reducing the amount of fresh water fed into the system. In addition, good conditioning of the cooling completion water can also increase the number of cycles (TOB, 2021).

- ***In some periods of the year, when the need for cooling is low, cooling with local dry air***

In cases where the need for cooling is low, it is possible to save water by cooling with dry air.

- ***Reduction of evaporation losses in closed-loop cooling water***

Some water evaporates during the cooling of the heated water in the cooling systems. Therefore, in closed-loop cooling systems, cooling water is added as much as the amount of evaporated water. Evaporation losses can be avoided by optimizing cooling systems. In addition, a reduction in the amount of blowdown can be achieved with applications such as the treatment of completion water added to cooling systems and the prevention of biological growth in cooling systems. Within the scope of the field studies carried out, the blowdown water formed in the cooling system is generally removed by giving it directly to the wastewater channel. By reusing the cooling system blowdown water, up to 50% of the water consumption of the cooling systems can be saved. To implement this measure, it may be necessary to install new pipelines and reserved tanks. (TOB, 2021).

- ***Increasing the number of cycles by using anti-corrosion and anti-scale inhibitors in systems with a closed water loop***

Cooling towers and evaporative condensers are efficient and cost-effective systems that remove heat from air conditioning and industrial process refrigeration systems (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). More than 95% of the circulating water in these systems can be recovered (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). In cooling systems, impurities remain in the recirculation water due to the fact that some of the recirculation water is worked on the basis of evaporation, and the impurity concentrations gradually increase in each cycle. Impurities that can be included in the cooling system together with the air can cause contamination in the recirculation water (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). If impurities and contaminants are not effectively controlled, they can cause the formation of boilerstone and corrosion, unwanted biological growth and sludge accumulation. This can become a chronic problem that leads to a decrease in the efficiency of heat transfer surfaces and an increase in operating costs. In this case, it is necessary to implement a water treatment program specially designed in terms of the quality of the feed water supplied to the cooling system, the cooling water system building material and operating conditions. In this context; blowdown control, biological growth control, corrosion control, avoiding the use of hard water, using sludge control chemicals, using filtration and sieve systems may be appropriate (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). In addition, the establishment and periodic implementation of an effective cleaning procedure and program is a good management practice in terms of protecting cooling systems. Corrosion is one of the most important problems in cooling systems. In the tower recirculation water, as the degree of hardness increases, dissolved solids (sulfate, chloride, carbonate, etc.) that cause corrosion as a result of the formation of limestone and deposits on the walls will cause abrasion on the surface over time. In addition, the formation of deposits negatively affects heat transfer and reduces energy efficiency. In order to prevent these negativities, it is necessary to implement a lime and corrosion preventive chemical conditioning program, to disinfect with biocide that prevents biological activation, to clean the sediments by subjecting the cooling towers in use to chemical and mechanical cleaning at least twice a year, and to keep the hardness and conductivity values of the reinforcement water as low as possible (IPPC BREF, 2001; Kayabek et al., 2005). In order to improve the quality of the supplementary water, it may be necessary to treat (condition) it using an appropriate treatment system. In addition, unwanted microbial growth needs to be kept under control (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). Due to micro-residues and deposits in the cooling water, blowdown occurs in cooling systems as well as in steam boilers. Deliberate draining of the cooling system to bring the increased density of solids in the cooling system to balance is called cooling blowdown. It is possible to reduce the use of biocides and blowdown amounts by pre-treating cooling water with appropriate methods and continuous monitoring of cooling water quality (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). Although the investment cost depends on the scale of the application, the payback period in expected investment expenses varies between 3 and 4 years (IPPC BREF, 2001).

- ***Use of air cooling systems instead of water cooling in cooling systems***

Industrial refrigeration systems are used to cool heated products, processes and equipment. Closed and open loop cooling systems can be used for this purpose, as well as industrial cooling systems where a fluid (gas or liquid) or dry air is used (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). Air cooling systems consist of finned tube elements, condensers and air fans (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). Air cooling systems can have different operating principles. In industrial air cooling systems, heated water is air-cooled in closed-loop refrigerant condensers and heat exchangers (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). In water cooling systems, the heated water is taken to a cooling tower and the water is cooled in drip systems. However, although water-cooled systems operate in a closed circuit, a significant amount of evaporation occurs. In addition, since some water is blown down in cooling systems, water is lost in this way (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021). The use of air cooling systems instead of water in cooling systems is effective in reducing evaporation losses and also reducing the risk of contamination of cooling water (IPPC BREF, 2001b; TOB, 2021).

- ***Water recovery with tower cooling application in systems that do not have a closed loop*** Cooling towers are divided into two as counter-flow and cross-flow according to their working principles. In counter-flow cooling towers, the airflow moves upwards as the water flows downwards, and in cross-flow cooling towers, the airflow moves horizontally as the water flows downwards. Fresh

The water exposed to the air cools down until it descends into the cold water pool, where it is collected and sent to the facility. During these processes, some of the water evaporates. The air, whose humidity increases as a result of the evaporation of water, is thrown into the atmosphere from the fan chimney at the top of the tower. Evaporation losses in cooling towers must be managed effectively.

Various chemicals are used in cooling towers to prevent the formation of bacteria and parasites and to control lime residues. These chemicals condense with the evaporation of water and cause unwanted sediment and deposits within the tower. A blowdown system is used to keep this concentration at a certain level. Blowdown water can be recovered by treatment with the use of membrane filtration systems or ion exchange resins. Recycling of blowdown wastewater is important in terms of water efficiency.

- ***Avoiding unnecessary cooling processes by identifying processes that need wet cooling*** : The boundaries of the plant site affect design parameters such as cooling tower height. In cases where it is necessary to reduce the tower height, a hybrid cooling system can be applied. Hybrid refrigeration systems with and without evaporation (wet and dry) is a combination of cooling systems. Depending on the ambient temperature, the hybrid cooling tower can be operated as a completely wet cooling tower or as a combined wet/dry cooling tower (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). In regions where there is not enough cooling water or in cases where water costs are high, the evaluation of dry cooling systems or hybrid cooling systems can be an effective solution to reduce the amount of cooling supplement water (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***Installation of water softening systems for the healthy operation of cooling water recovery systems***

Cooling water is collected separately and used for cooling purposes or reused in appropriate processes (EC, 2009). In order for this system to work properly, a water softening system is required. It has suitable water quality in terms of cooling water, cleaning and reuse as irrigation water. However, due to the fact that it contains some hardness in its use as cooling water, an additional softening is required in order to prevent corrosion problems that will occur over time. Cooling water or before it can be reused in the process, these waters must be properly disinfected. In addition, it is possible to reuse the water in question not only in cooling processes but also in all production processes by treating it with appropriate treatment techniques (membrane filtration, advanced oxidation, chemical precipitation, granular activated carbon adsorption, etc.) (TUBITAK MAM, 2016). As the hardness of the cooling water increases, limestone and debris formation occurs on the walls. Deposit formation negatively affects heat transfer, reducing energy efficiency and increasing energy costs. With the increase in evaporation in the system, the ion concentration and conductivity value in the water increases. In order to prevent these negativities, it is necessary to apply lime and anti-corrosion chemical conditioning to the cooling water, to disinfect with a biocide that prevents biological activation, to subject the cooling towers to chemical and mechanical cleaning at least twice a year, to clean the sediments, and to keep the hardness and conductivity values as low as possible (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

METs related to the cogeneration system

- ***The use of hot water produced in the cogeneration system in heating processes***

With the inclusion of cooling systems in cogeneration systems (trigeneration)

It is possible to convert yield losses of 10-30% into hot water, water vapor, cold air, hot air and water (for this, it is necessary to use absorption heat exchangers). Thus, it is possible to meet some of the energy required in processes such as cooling and drying in the facility from the waste heat in the cogeneration systems. Energy costs can be reduced by up to 40% in facilities where cogeneration systems are used (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***The use of cold water produced in the cogeneration system in cooling processes*** It is possible to save water by evaluating the cold water produced in the cogeneration system in cooling processes (TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

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