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MANUFACTURE OF NONWOVENS AND PRODUCTS MADE OF NONWOVENS , EXCEPT APPAREL

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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
MoEUCC	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
BAT	Best Available Techniques
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

1Introduction

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 of the Millennium Development Goals: *Ensuring Environmental Sustainability and* Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure *from the Sustainable Development Goals* and *Goal 12: Responsible Production and Consumption within* the scope of the goals of efficient , fair and sustainable use of resources, especially water, environmentally friendly production and consumption that is the concern of future generations such issues are included.

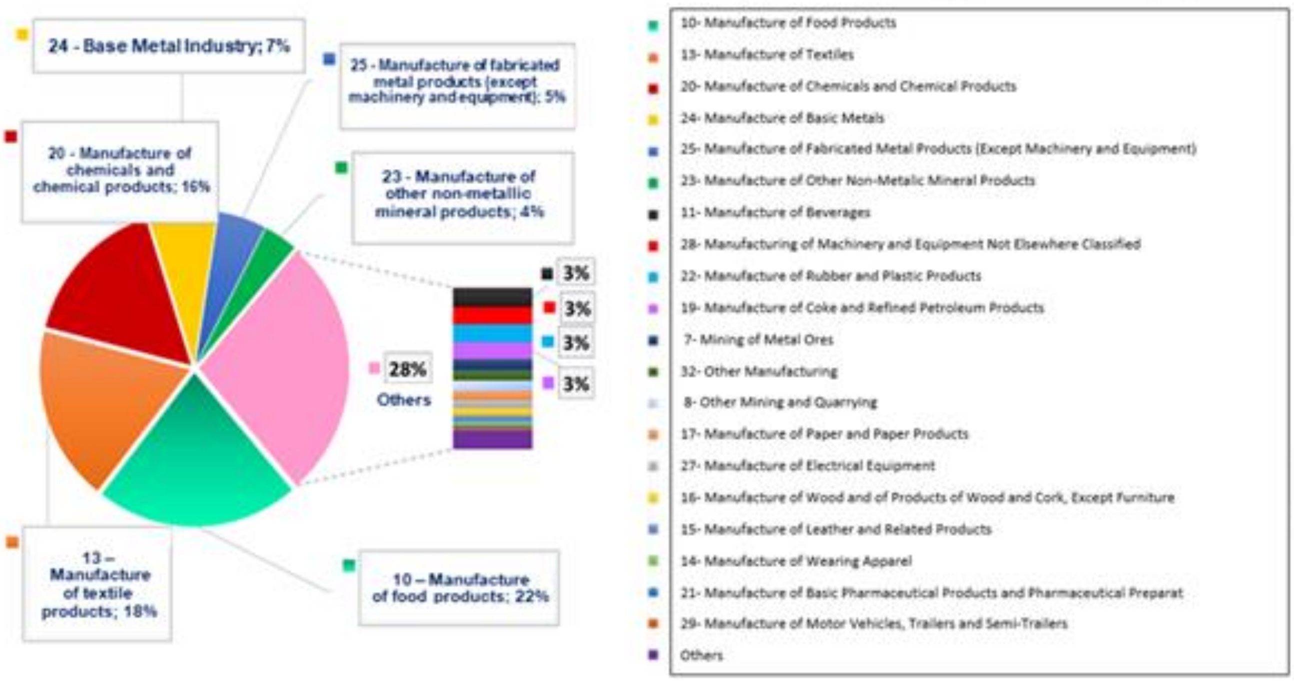
In the European Green Deal Action Plan prepared by our country within the scope of the European Green Deal, where member countries agree on goals such as implementing a clean, circular economy model with the goal of carbon neutrality, expanding the efficient use of resources and reducing environmental 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/ BAT) 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, BATs 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 BATs are explained in detail. In BREF documents, BATs 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 BATal 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 BATal 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 data on water supply, sectoral water use, wastewater generation, recycling were obtained and the best available techniques (BAT) published by the European Union and sectoral reference documents (BREF), water efficiency, clean 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 (BAT) and other cleaner production techniques. The guidelines include 500 techniques for water efficiency (BAT);
(i) Good Management Practices were examined under 4 main groups: (ii) General Measures, (iii) Measures Related to Auxiliary Processes and (iv) Sector-Specific Measures.

Within the scope of the project carried out, at the stage of determining the BATs for each sector; environmental benefits, operational data, technical specifications-requirements and applicability criteria were taken into account. In the determination of BATs, BREF documents were not limited to the BATs, 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 BAT lists were created. In order to evaluate the suitability of the created BAT lists for the local industrial infrastructure and capacity of our country, the BAT lists prepared specifically for each NACE code are prepared by the enterprises; water saving, economic savings, environmental benefits, applicability, cross-media impact were scored and prioritized on the criteria, and the final BAT 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 BAT 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)
- BATal 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 MoAFacco 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-BATallic mineral products (including 12 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Base BATal industry (including 11 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of fabricated BATal products (excluding machinery and equipment) (including 12 sub-production areas represented by a four-digit NACE Code)
- Manufacture of computers, eleROonic and optical products (including sub-production area represented by 2 four-digit NACE Codes)
- Manufacture of eleROical 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)
- EleROicity, 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)

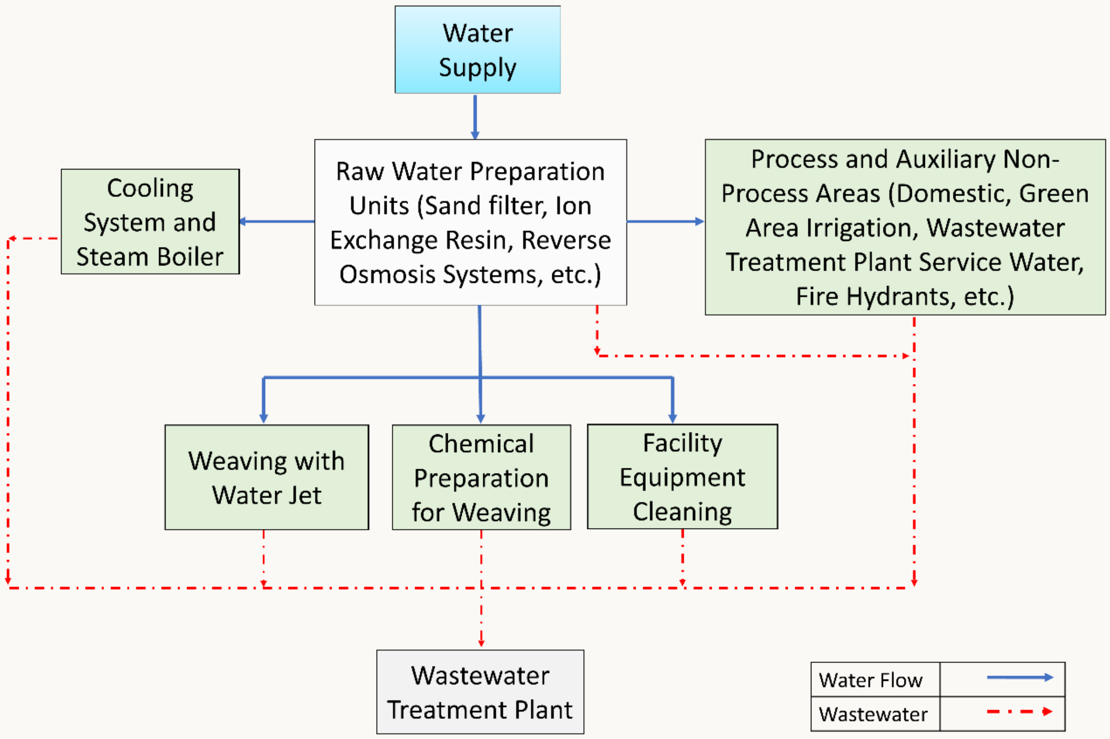
"Manufacture of Textile Products" and "Manufacture of Apparel"

Under the "Manufacture of Textile Products" and "Manufacture of Clothing" sectors, the sub-production branches for which guide documents have been prepared are as follows:

13.10	Preparation and twisting of textile fiber
13.20	Woven
13.30	Finishing of textiles
13.91	Manufacture of knitted (knitwear) or crocheted (crochet) fabrics
13.92	Manufacture of finished textiles other than apparel
13.93	Manufacture of carpets and rugs
13.95	Manufacture of nonwovens and products made of nonwovens, clothing Except for the item
13.96	Manufacture of other technical and industrial textiles
13.99	Manufacture of other textiles n.e.c.
14.13	Manufacture of other outerwear

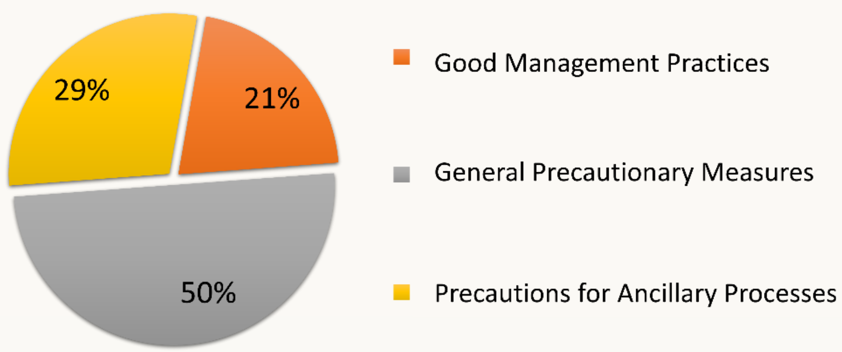
2.1Manufacture of Nonwovens and Products Made of Nonwovens, Except Apparel (NACE 13.95)

Manufacture of Nonwovens and Products Made of Nonwovens (Except Clothing) Sector Water Flow Chart



	Minimum	Maximum
Specific Water Consumption of the Facility Visited within the Scope of the Project (L/kg product)	1,4	2,5
Reference Specific Water Consumption (L/kg product)	0,4	10

Percentage Distribution of Water Efficiency Applications



Nonwovens, which are fabric-like products, are produced by combining fibers of different lengths by chemical, mechanical and heat. The fibers are joined together in the form of a sheet or mesh, mechanically bonding together as an adhesive or thermal. Binders such as powder or paste are used in thermal processes. Textile fibers are fastened together with the help of water power (water jet) in the mechanical process. With this Method, known as spunlace technology, the fabric is treated with water to bind the fibers. It is desirable to give the fabric properties such as bulkiness, draping, softness and strength.

The most important water consumption in the production of nonwovens takes place in the "water jet" process. Water is also used in the preparation of chemicals to be used in the weaving process. Significant water consumption is also realized for filter washing, resin regeneration and membrane cleaning processes in raw water preparation units such as activated carbon filter, ion exchange resin, reverse osmosis, which are used to produce soft water needed in production processes in the sector. Cooling systems are not used within the scope of the relevant production. Only in the process of wrapping the nonwoven fabric, there is a small need for steam. For this reason, there is a steam boiler/steam generator in the facilities. However, there is no significant water consumption in the ancillary processes.

In the manufacturing of nonwovens and products made of nonwovens, the reference specific water consumption is in the range of 0.4 – 10 L/kg. The specific water consumption of the production branch analyzed within the scope of the study is 1.4 – 2.5 L/kg. With the implementation of good management practices, general measures and measures related to auxiliary processes, it is possible to achieve 7-53% water recovery in the sector.

13.95 Manufacture of Nonwovens and Products Made of Nonwovens, Excluding Apparel The priority water efficiency application techniques recommended under the NACE code are presented in the table below.

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Prioritized Sectoral Water Efficiency Techniques
		Good Management Practices
	Manufacture of Nonwovens and Products Made of Nonwovens, Apparel	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 BAT 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. The water used in production processes and auxiliary processes and the formed Monitoring wastewater in terms of quantity and quality and adapting this information to the environmental management system
		General Precautionary Measures
		1. Minimization of spills and leaks
		2. It will save water at water usage points such as showers/toilets, etc. Use of automated hardware and equipment (sensors, smart handwashing systems, etc.)
		3. Use of pressure washers for equipment cleaning, general cleaning, etc.
		4. Reuse of filter washing water in filtration processes, production reuse of relatively clean cleaning water in processes and reduce water consumption through the use of clean-in-place systems (CIP)
		5. Avoiding the use of drinking water in production lines
		6. Use of cooling water as process water in other processes
		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. Transport of toxic or hazardous chemicals for the aquatic environment Construction of closed storage and impermeable waste/scrap yard to prevent
		13. Substances that pose a risk in the aquatic environment (oils, emulsions, binders storage, storage and prevention of mixing with wastewater after use.

NACE Code	NACE Code Description	Prioritized Sectoral Water Efficiency Techniques
	Manufacture of Nonwovens and Products Made of Nonwovens, Apparel	14. Where technically feasible, suitable wastewater is treated and used as steam boiler feed water
		15. Prevention of mixing of clean water streams with polluted water streams Wastewater quantities and qualities at all wastewater formation points
		16. Characterization and determination of wastewater streams 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
		19. Untreated reuse of relatively clean wastewater from washing, rinsing and equipment cleaning in production processes Separate collection and treatment of grey water in the plant and high water quality
		20. Use in areas that do not require (green area irrigation, floor, floor washing, etc.)
		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
		Precautions for Ancillary Processes
		1. Saving water by reusing steam boiler condensate
		2. Water saving through isolation of steam and water lines (hot and cold) Prevention of water and steam losses in pipes, valves and connection points in the lines and monitoring with a computer system To the
		3. principle of reverse osmosis of old equipment in the ventilation system replacement by ion exchange resins (systems that produce demineralized water) and reuse of water
		4. Water recovery with tower cooling application in systems that do not have a closed loop
		5. Prevention of flash steam losses due to boiler draining
		6. In some periods of the year, when the need for cooling is low, cooling with local dry air
		7. Collecting the water generated by surface runoff with a separate collection system and using it for cooling water, process water, etc.
		8. Reducing the amount of blowdown by using deaerators in steam boilers
		9. Minimizing boiler discharge water (blowdown) in steam boilers
		10. Reuse of energy generated from the steam condenser

A total of 40 techniques have been proposed in this sector.

Manufacture of non-woven fabrics and products made of non-woven fabric, excluding apparel Oriented to the NACE Code;
(i) Good Management Practices, (ii) General Measures and (iii) Measures Regarding Auxiliary Processes are given under separate headings.

2.1.1Good 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 an 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; MOAF, 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 (MOAF, 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, 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. Selection of suitable treatment technology for industrial wastewater; It depends on integrated factors such as land availability, desired purified 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 (MOAF, 2021).

Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant

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- ***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 BATs. For this reason, 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; MOAF, 2021). Process-based quantity and quality monitoring, together with other good management practices (personnel training, establishment of an environmental management system, etc.), can reduce energy consumption by 6-10% and water consumption and wastewater by 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 (MoEUCC, 2020e).

- ***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 (MOAF, 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; MOAF, 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; MOAF, 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 (MOAF, 2021).

- ***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, water needs should be determined throughout the facility and in production processes, quality requirements should be determined at water usage points, wastewater formation points and wastewater characterization should be done (MOAF, 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 (MOAF, 2021).

- ***Setting water efficiency targets***

  The first step in achieving water efficiency in industrial facilities is to set targets (MOAF, 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 (MOAF, 2021).

- ***Preparation of water BAT 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 (MOAF, 2021).

- ***Good production planning to optimize water consumption***

  In industrial production processes, planning a raw material by using the least process until it turns into a product can be an effective practice in terms of reducing labor costs, resource use costs, efficiency and environmental impacts (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; MOAF, 2021). Production planning in industrial facilities by considering the water efficiency factor can provide varying reductions in water consumption and wastewater amounts. In some industrial plants, modifying the production BAT or combining some processes has significant benefits in terms of water efficiency and scheduling.
  (MOAF, 2021).

2.1.2 General Precautionary Measures

- ***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 BAT 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 (MOAF, 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).

- ***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 (MOAF, 2021). Membrane systems (a combination of ultrafiltration (UF), nanofiltration (NF) and reverse osmosis (RO) 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 (MOAF, 2021).

- ***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; MOAF, 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; MOAF, 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).

- ***By characterizing the amount and quality of wastewater at all wastewater formation points, determining the wastewater BATs that can be reused with or without treatment, It is*** possible to reuse various wastewater streams with or without treatment by determining and characterizing wastewater formation points in industrial facilities (Öztürk, 2014; TUBITAK MAM, 2016; MOAF, 2021). In this context, filter backwash water, RO 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 (RO) 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 RO process (Singh et al., 2014).

  In the textile industry, water savings of 30-70% can be achieved by reusing washing and rinsing water without treatment (USEPA, 2008; LCPC, 2010; MOAF, 2021). In addition, in a clean production study carried out in the textile industry, it has been reported that a reduction in total water consumption in the range of 29-55% and in the pollution loads of composite wastewater in the range of 42-53% will be achieved with the recovery applications of appropriate wastewater streams by treatment/untreated (Öztürk, 2014). In another textile mill engaged in textile finishing-dyeing, it has been determined that 46-50% reduction in water consumption, 48-56% reduction in wastewater amounts and 16-20% reduction in wastewater load can be achieved by reusing wastewater with or without treatment (Öztürk, 2014).

- ***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).

- ***Use of cooling water as process water in other processes***

  Water cooling systems are widely used in processes where thermal energy is used intensively and cooling is required. It is possible to save water and energy by using heat exchangers in cooling water return, preventing contamination of cooling water and increasing cooling water return rates (TUBITAK MAM, 2016; MOAF, 2021). In addition, if the cooling water is collected separately, it is often possible to use the collected water for cooling purposes or to reuse it in appropriate processes (EC, 2009). With the reuse of cooling water, 2-9% of total water consumption can be saved (Greer et al., 2013). Savings of up to 10% can be achieved in energy consumption (Öztürk, 2014; MOAF, 2021).

- ***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.

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

  Monitoring and controlling water consumption using BAT 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 BAT 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).

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

- ***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 (NOM)) in the water in the production processes and form disinfectant by-products harmful to living BATabolisms (Özdemir & Toröz, 2010; Oğur et al.; MOAF, 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 (MOAF, 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 BAT 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.

Water Softening Systems

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- ***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.

- ***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 BATs, 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).

- ***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 BATal 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".

- ***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; MOAF, 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; MOAF, 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; MOAF, 2021).

- ***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).

Computer Aided Control System

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- ***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 (SS). 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 (MOAF, 2021).

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

- ***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 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.

2.1.3 Precautions for Ancillary Processes

BATs for steam generation

- ***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 4-18 months (taking into account energy savings) (Öztürk, 2014; TUBITAK MAM, 2016).

- ***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.

- ***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.

- ***In some periods of the year, when the need for cooling is low, saving water by 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.

- ***Saving water with the insulation of steam and water lines (hot and cold) and preventing water and steam losses at pipes, valves and connection points in the lines and monitoring them with a computer system*** Steam in case of improper design of steam lines in facilities, failure to carry out routine maintenance and repairs of steam lines, mechanical problems occurring in the lines and improper operation of the lines, complete insulation of steam lines and hot surfaces There may be losses. 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, BAT 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, regular calibration of measuring equipment (thermoMeters, chemical scales, dispensing/dosing systems, etc.) and heat treatment units (including chimneys) 1-6% savings in water consumption can be achieved with routine inspection and cleaning, effective maintenance-repair, cleaning and loss control practices (Hasanbeigi, 2010; Ozturk, 2014; MOAF, 2021).

- ***Replacing the old equipment in the ventilation system with ion exchange resins (systems that produce demineralized water) based on the principle of reverse osmosis and reusing the water*** By using ion exchange resins in the ventilation system, the conductivity of the final effluent is brought to a conductivity level suitable for use for equipment cleaning. For example, in a facility in Spain, effluent with a conductivity value of approximately 1000 μS is obtained by replacing the equipment in the ventilation system with ion exchange resins and reused in the system (MedClean, n.d.).

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

  By applying a simple modification to the piping system, the water that feeds the water resting/decarbonization unit can be obtained from the outlet of the turbine condenser unit. This water has sufficient temperature for the resting/decarbonization unit. Therefore, this water does not need to be heated by means of steam generated by the heat exchanger system. Thanks to this work, significant steam gain can be achieved. In addition, cooling water consumption can be reduced (CPRAC, 2021).

- ***Collecting the water generated by surface runoff with a separate collection system and using it for cooling water, process water, etc.***

  In most industrial facilities, wastewater is generated from process-sourced or non-process-based areas. The resulting wastewater can be treated and reused in appropriate places. By reusing the wastewater generated in the facility after treatment, savings can be achieved at varying rates in various industrial facilities. Water generated by surface runoff can be collected with a separate collection system and used as cooling water (MOAF, 2021).

- ***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; MOAF, 2021).

- ***Water recovery with tower cooling application in systems that do not have a closed loop***

  Cooling towers are divided into two as counter-BAT and cross-BAT according to their working principles. In counter-BAT cooling towers, the airmet moves upwards as the water BATs downwards, and in cross-BAT cooling towers, the airmet moves horizontally as the water BATs downwards. The water, which is exposed to fresh 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.

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