# Prevention of fat, oil, and grease buildup throughout wastewater collection and treatment processes

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# FOG: Fats, Oils, and Grease

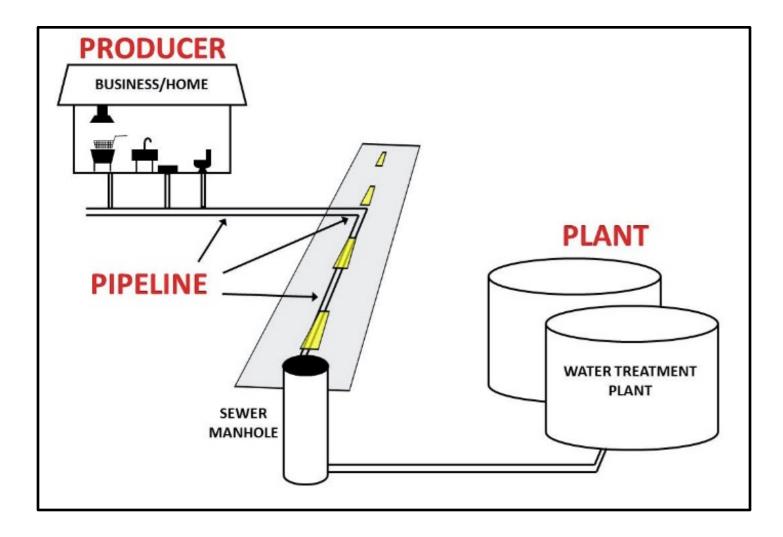
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• Overflows (SSO) – Loss of efficiency

Does any of this look familiar?

### The "3P" Model



### How do we deal with it?





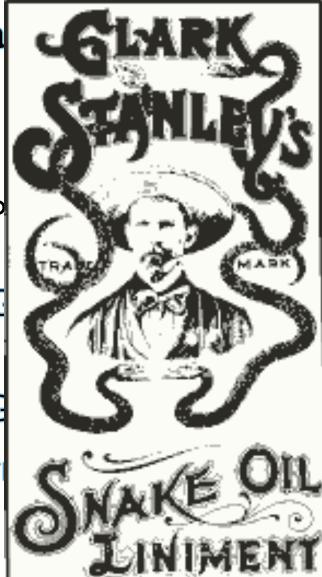


Timeconsuming cleanouts Dangerous sodium hydroxide Ineffective bacteria and enzymes

# What is **Protein** Matrix?

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- A mixture of from plants
  - Non-toxic, noNSF/ANSI 60
- Prevents FOC stations
- Reduces FOG
- Does not har



#### enzymes

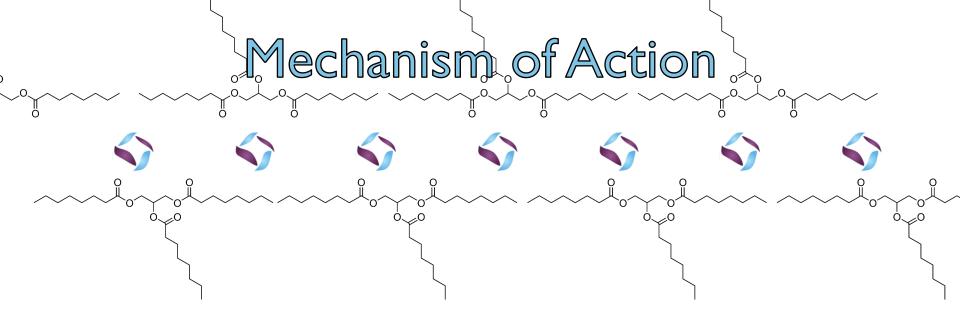
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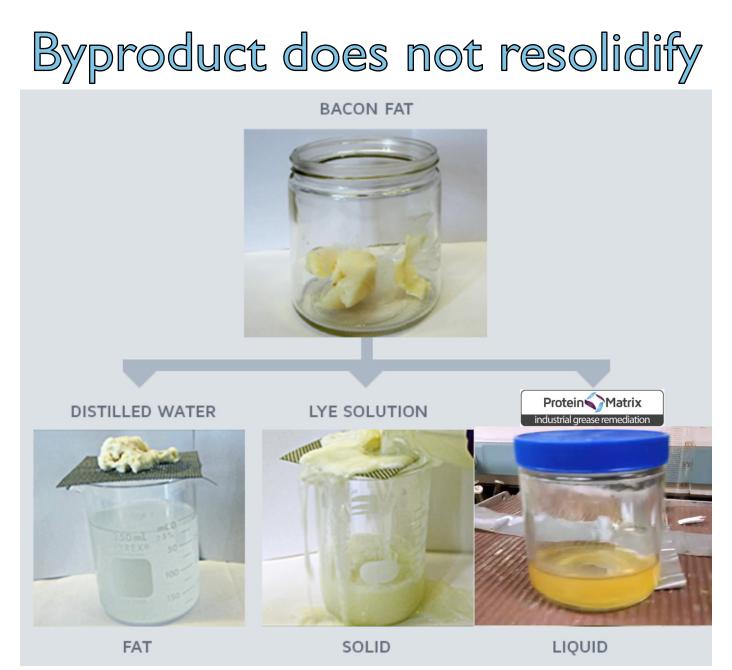
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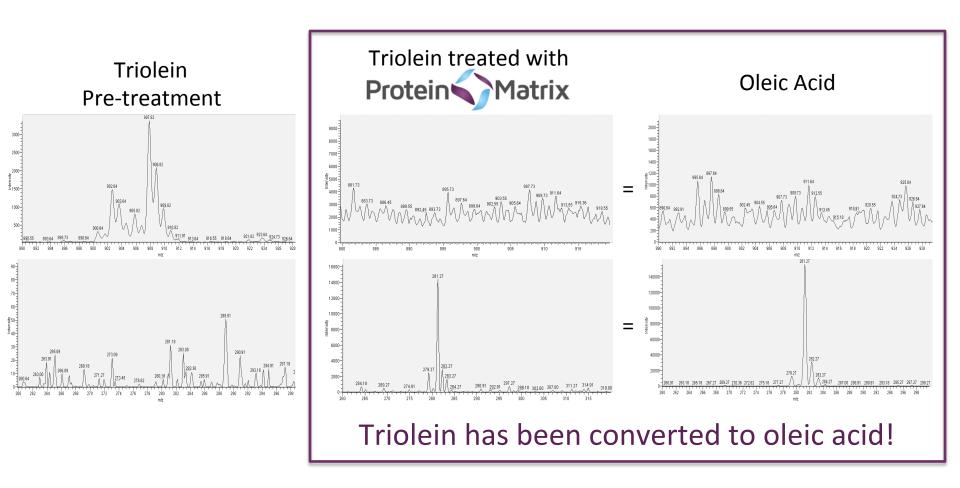
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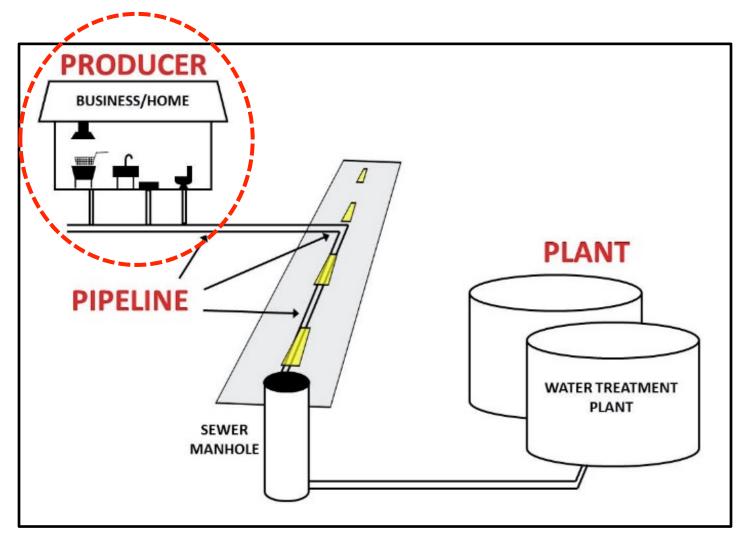
- Proteins disrupt intermolecular forces
  - Prevent large, sticky balls of fat
  - Facilitate conversion of individual FOG molecules
- Individual molecules are easier for sludge to digest
- Reaction byproduct will not resolidify



### Laboratory Evidence of Fat Conversion



### **PI: Producers**



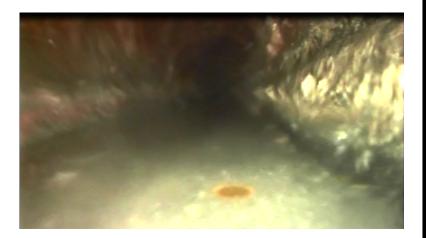


### Prevent Grease Buildup in Traps and Pipes

One month of buildup



Years of buildup

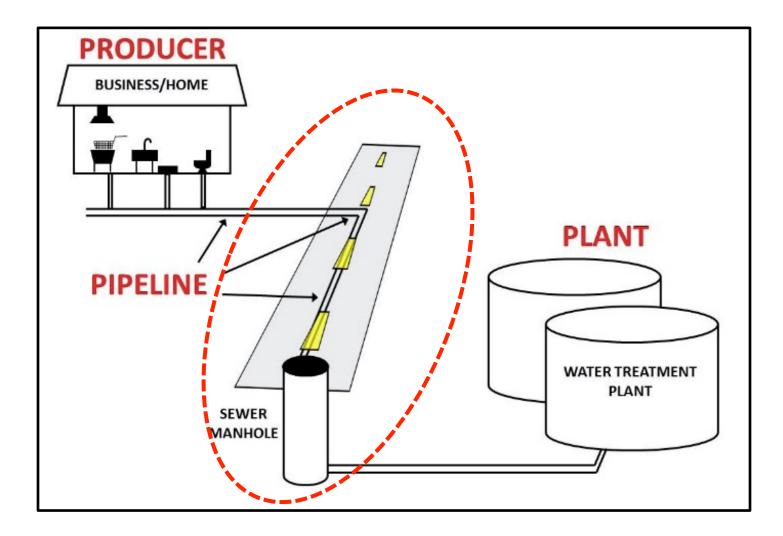


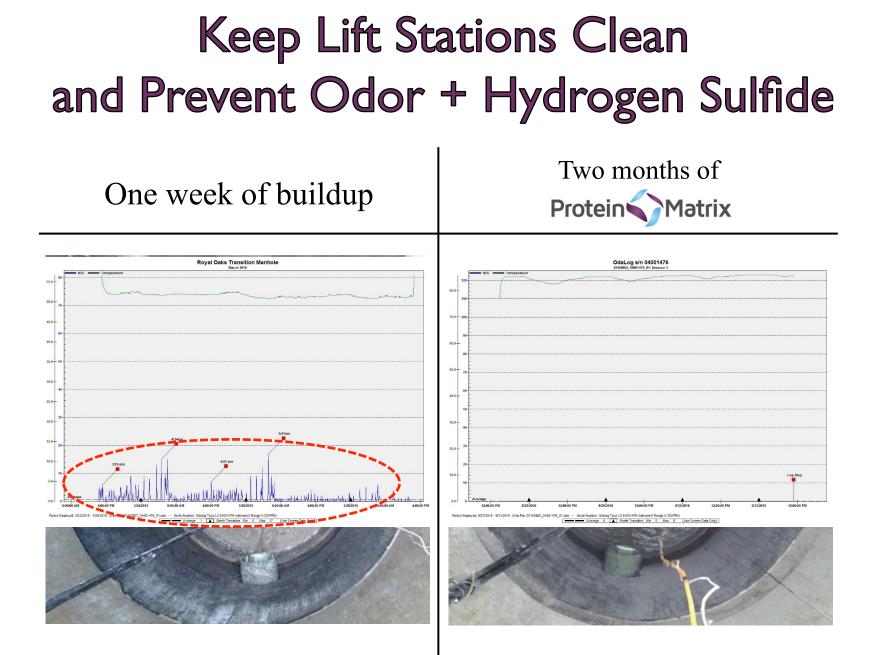
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Three months of **Protein Matrix** 

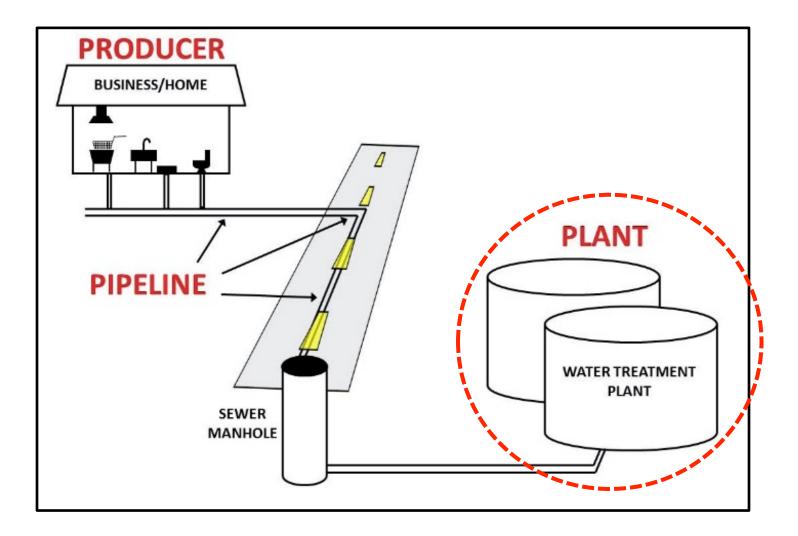


# P2: Pipeline (collection system)





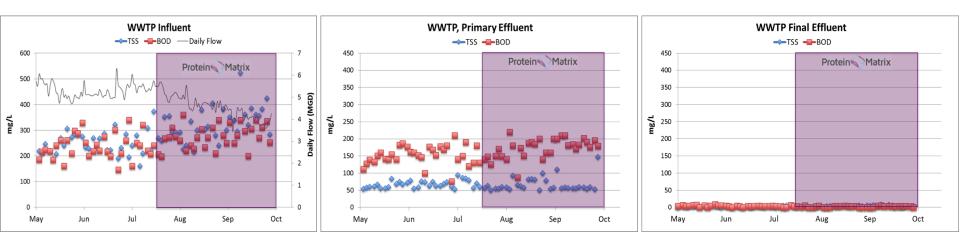
P3: Plant (WWTF)



### **Total Influent Treatment**



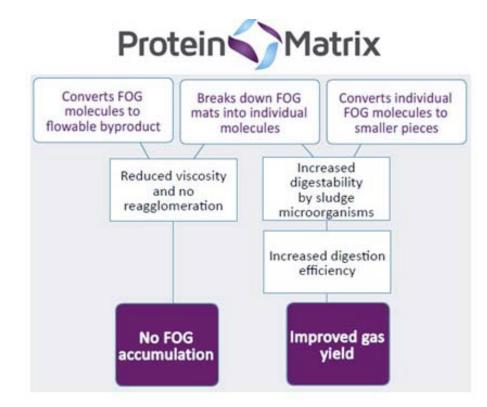
## No Harm to Plant Processes



- Improved oxygen transfer
- Balance microbial populations
- Prevent overpopulation of nocarida / M-parvicella
- Reduced foaming and improved settling



- Use as a jetting fluid
- Increase in methane production during anaerobic digestion
- Mitigation of chemical burns



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