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Clean & Sustainable Destruction of Organic Waste

Is SCWO the Answer? City of Orlando's Pursuit to Manage Biosolids Using Supercritical Water Oxidation

Wednesday, November 18, 2025

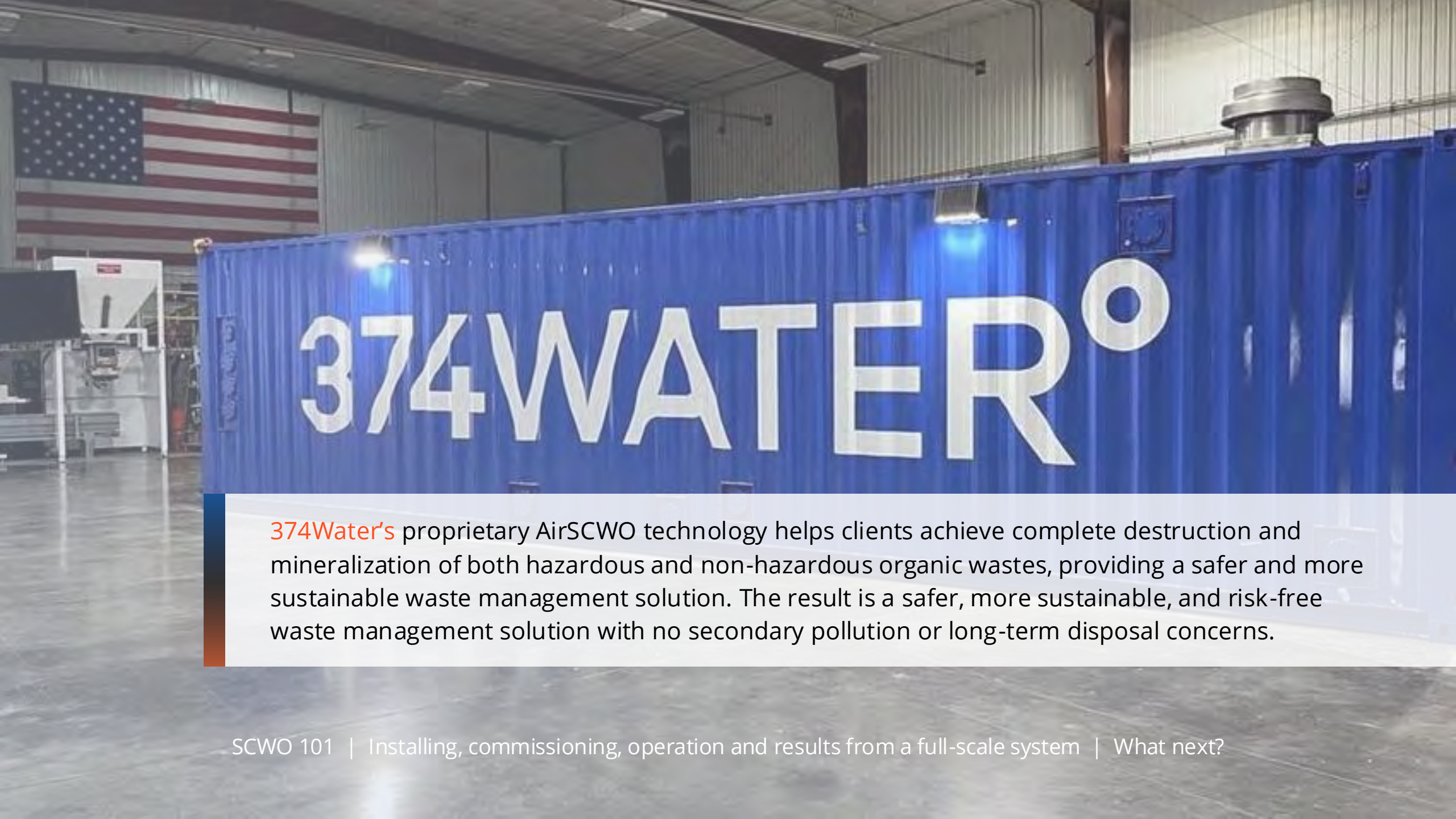
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**NORTH EAST RESIDUALS &
BIOSOLIDS CONFERENCE**

Managing Residuals and Biosolids in a Time of Uncertainty

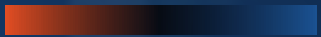
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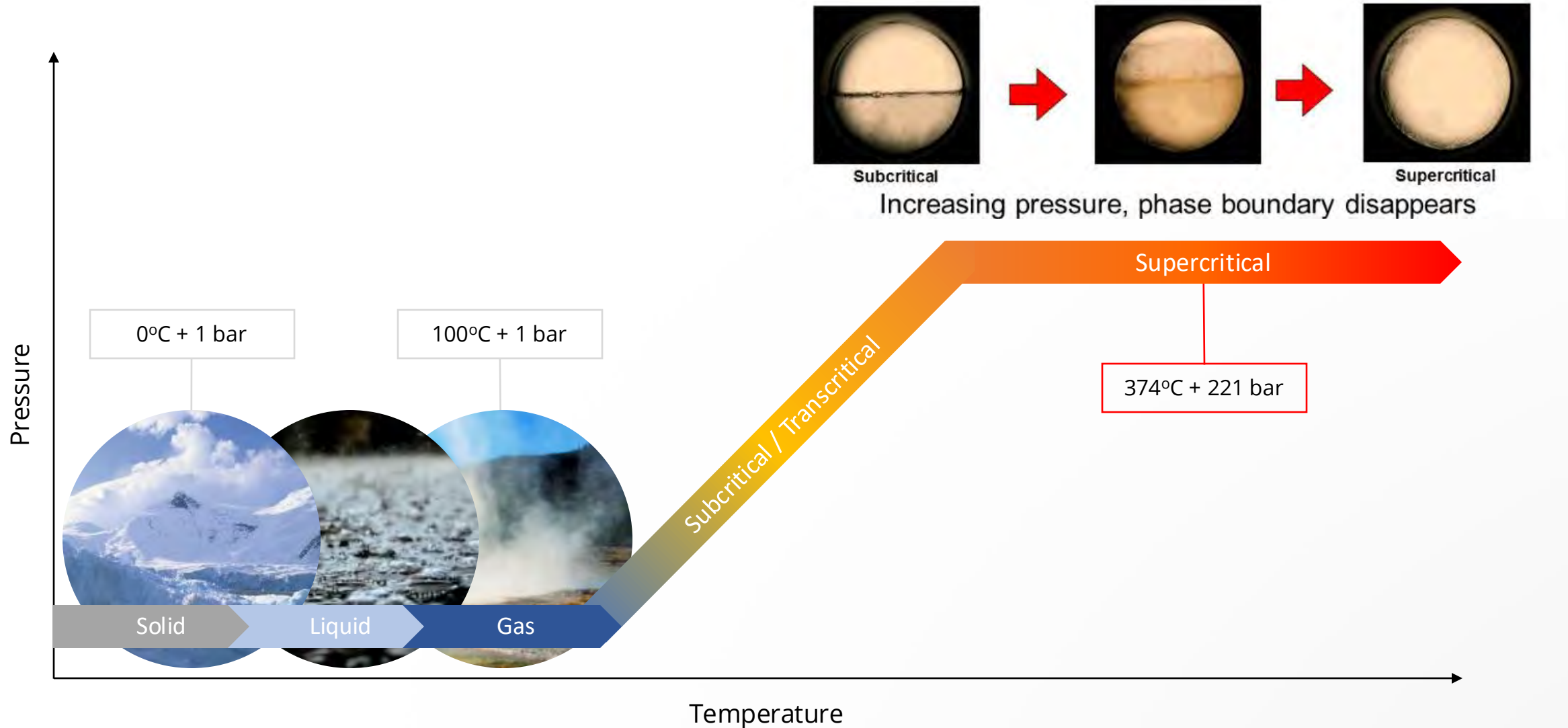
374Water's proprietary AirSCWO technology helps clients achieve complete destruction and mineralization of both hazardous and non-hazardous organic wastes, providing a safer and more sustainable waste management solution. The result is a safer, more sustainable, and risk-free waste management solution with no secondary pollution or long-term disposal concerns.

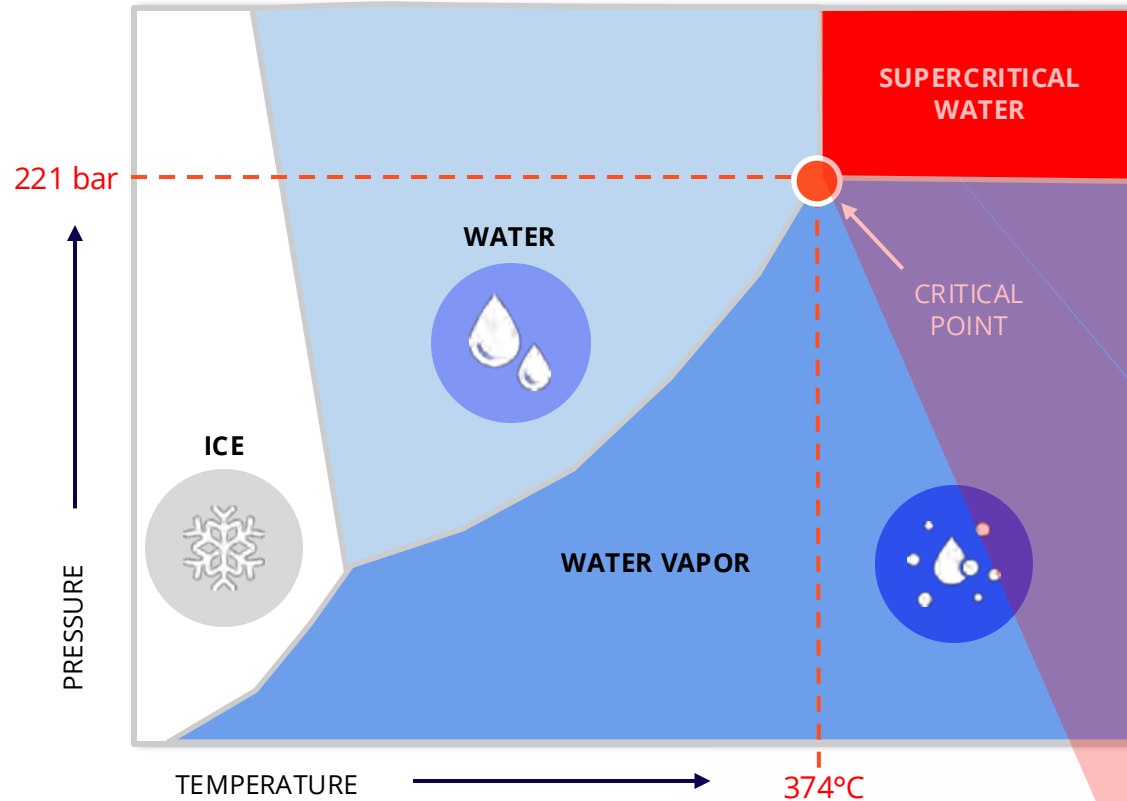


SCWO Introduction & Evolution

The many phases of water

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SUPERCritical WATER

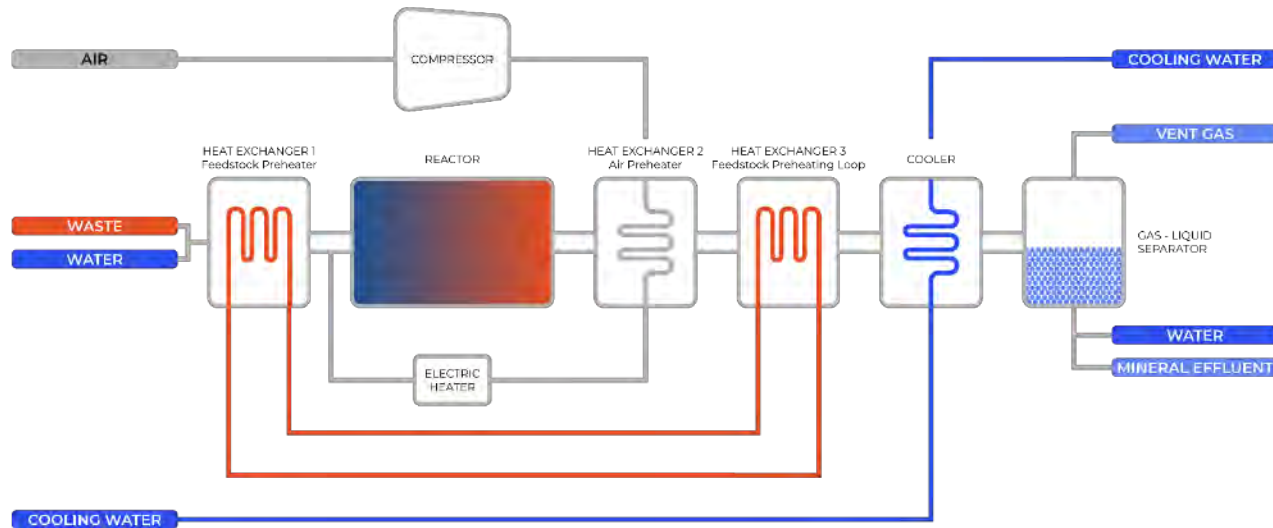
- Gases (e.g., O₂) are highly soluble
- Inorganic salts precipitate
- Organic compounds readily dissolve and dissociate, aided by radicals

Note: organic compounds contain carbon, inorganics do not

Source: Public Domain, enviro.wiki (log scale)

How SCWO works – put simply

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1. Slurried wastes and compressed ambient air heated towards 374°C
2. Waste/air mixture oxidizes in reactor at $P > 221$ bar and $T > 374^\circ\text{C}$
3. Gasses, liquids, and solids (minerals) are separated by lowering the pressure and temperature
4. Heat is recycled to the front of the process, enabling economic operation amidst higher operating temperatures

AirSCWO is a physical-thermal process powered by air, and water above its critical point (374°C and 221 bar) that yields a highly effective oxidation reaction that eliminates organic compounds. AirSCWO eliminates recalcitrant wastes like PFAS without creating waste byproducts.



2013

- Duke University in Durham, NC built first air-based SCWO system (AirSCWO) for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- AS1 was capable of processing 1 wet ton per day
- Nearly 190 different wastes processed over ~10 years



2022

- First commercial scale unit built in Kokomo, IN
- AS6 designed to process up to 6 wet tons of waste per day

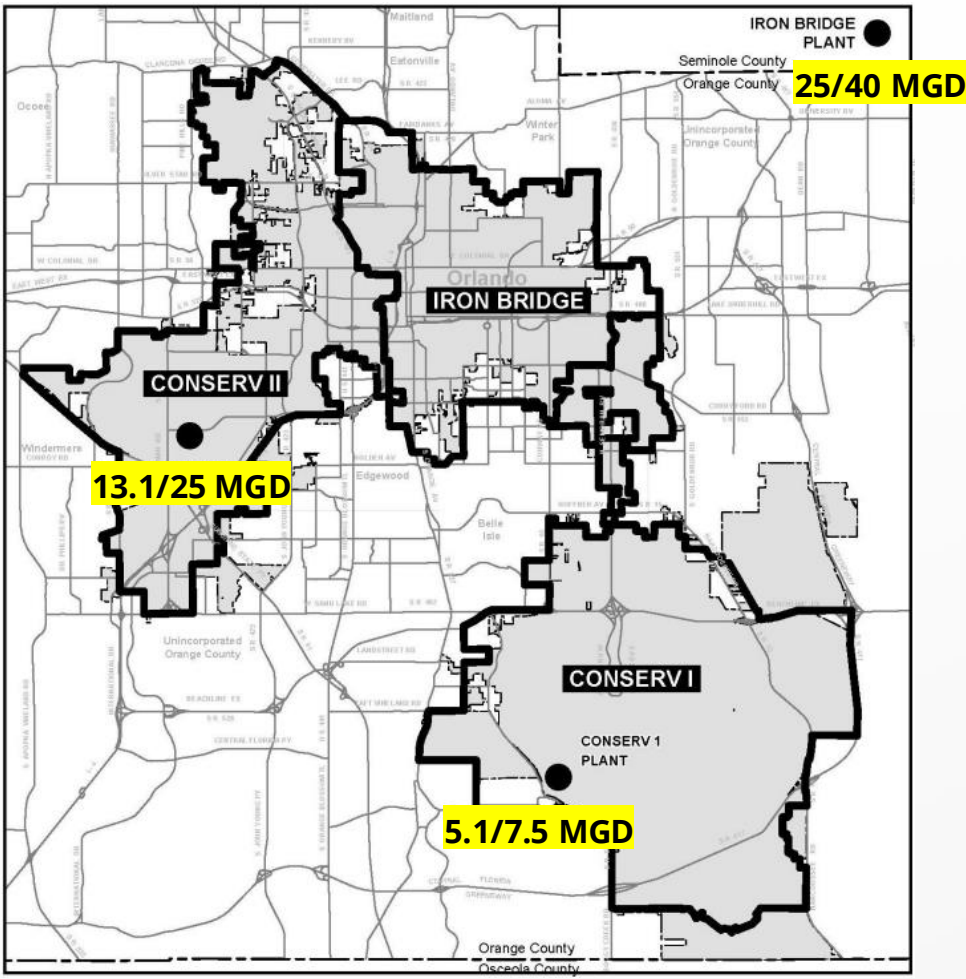


2024 - Present

- AS6 unit deployed at the City of Orlando, FL
- New AS1- mobile unit - commissioned
- New AS6 unit commissioned and FAT performed

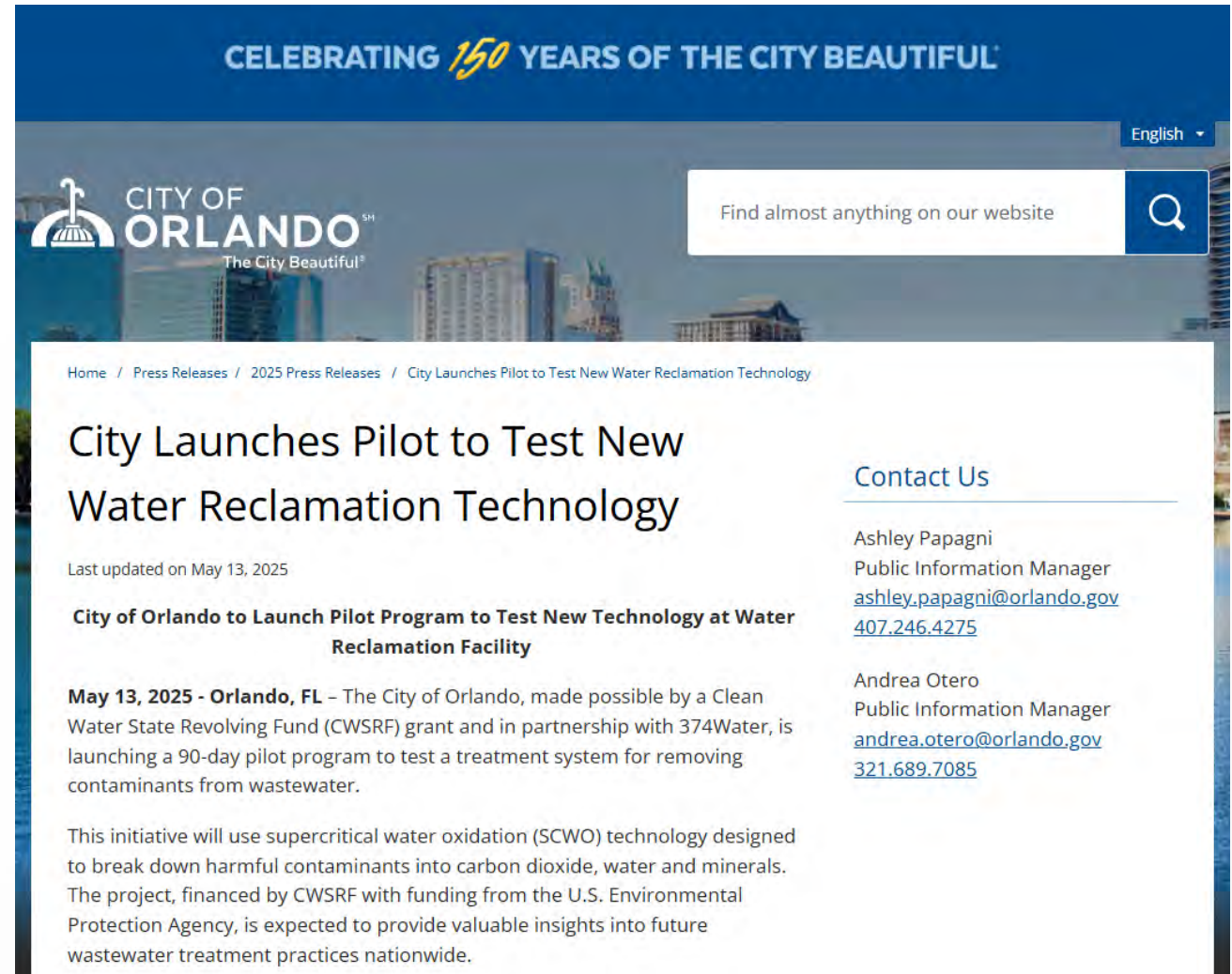
Deployment: Orlando, FL

Project Background



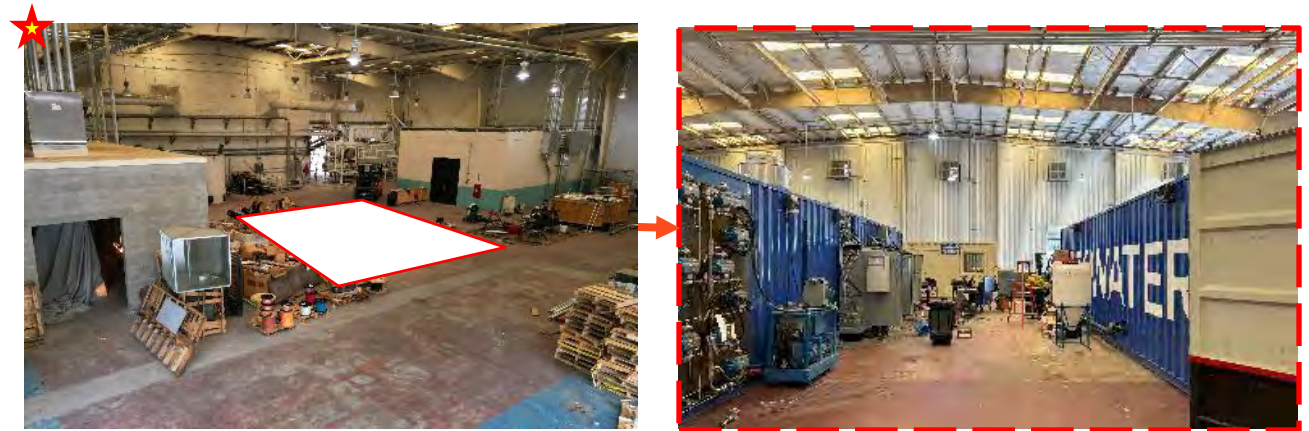
Iron Bridge Water Reclamation Facility

- Largest of three facilities' managed by City
- 40 MGD Max / 25 MGD AADF
 - ~56,000 wet tons sludge/ year (13.8% DS)
- Sludge Treatment :
 - Storage
 - Dewatering
 - Shipped out to 3rd party
- Challenges:
 - Land availability (policy change/urban development pressure)
 - Water table level (climate change)
 - Emerging contaminants (regulatory change/scientific discovery)



Iron Bridge Water Reclamation Facility

- Water
 - Hose or tap connection
 - Discharge or storage for distilled water
 - Discharge of SCWO effluent to headworks
- Electricity
 - 400/480V 3 Phase, 200 Amps max draw during start-up
- Fuel storage (~50 gal)
- Pre-treatment equipment:
 - Maceration
 - Screening
 - Dewatering
 - LBB w/rewetting (if needed)





Materials destroyed by AirSCWO in Orlando

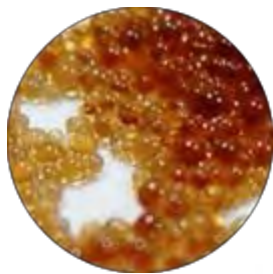
374Water’s continuous flow AirSCWO System has successfully destroyed a wide range of organic wastes reaching non detect or below EPA required levels. These organic wastes include, but not limited to:



Sludges
& Biosolids



Landfill
Leachate



Spent Ion
Exchange Resin



Spent Granular
Activated Carbon



Firefighting Foam
(AFFF)



AFFF
Rinse Water



Foam Fractionate
Concentrates



Munition Waste
(Ammonium Nitrate)



Hazardous
Organic Waste



Pharmaceutical
Waste



Food
Waste



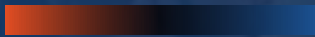
Battery
Recycling Waste



Lnapi
(Light Non-Aqueous
Phase Liquid)



Fog
(Fats, Oils,
& Grease)

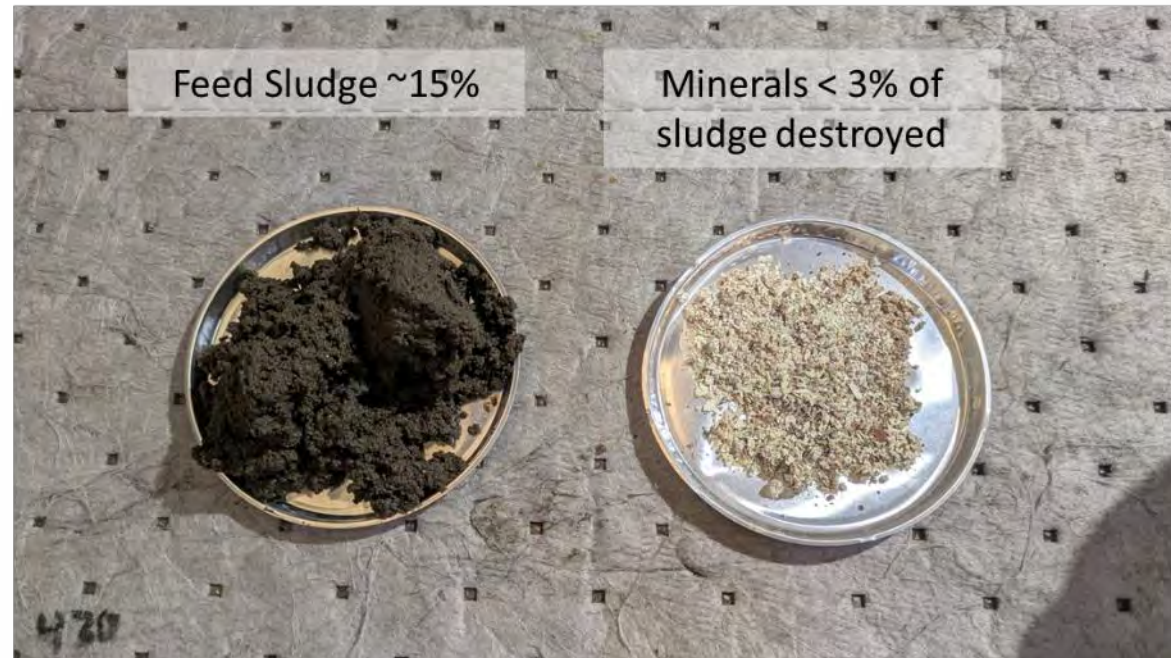
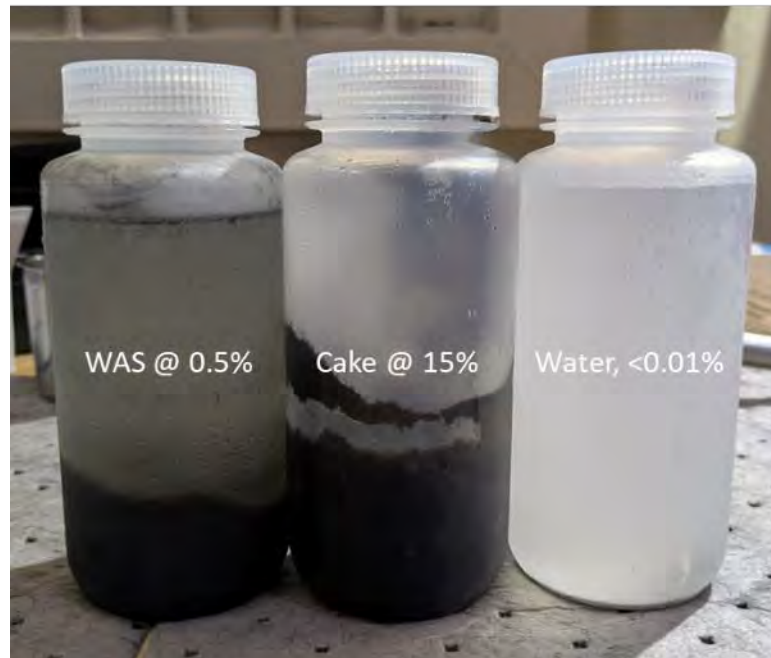
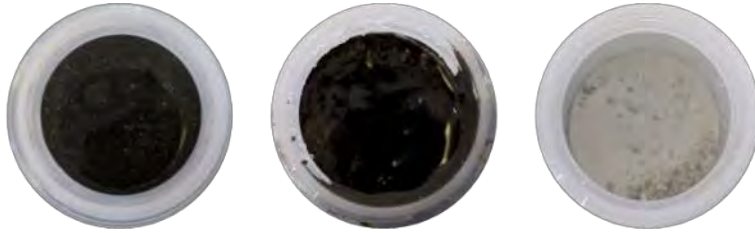


Results and Observations

From Raw WAS to **Water + Minerals**

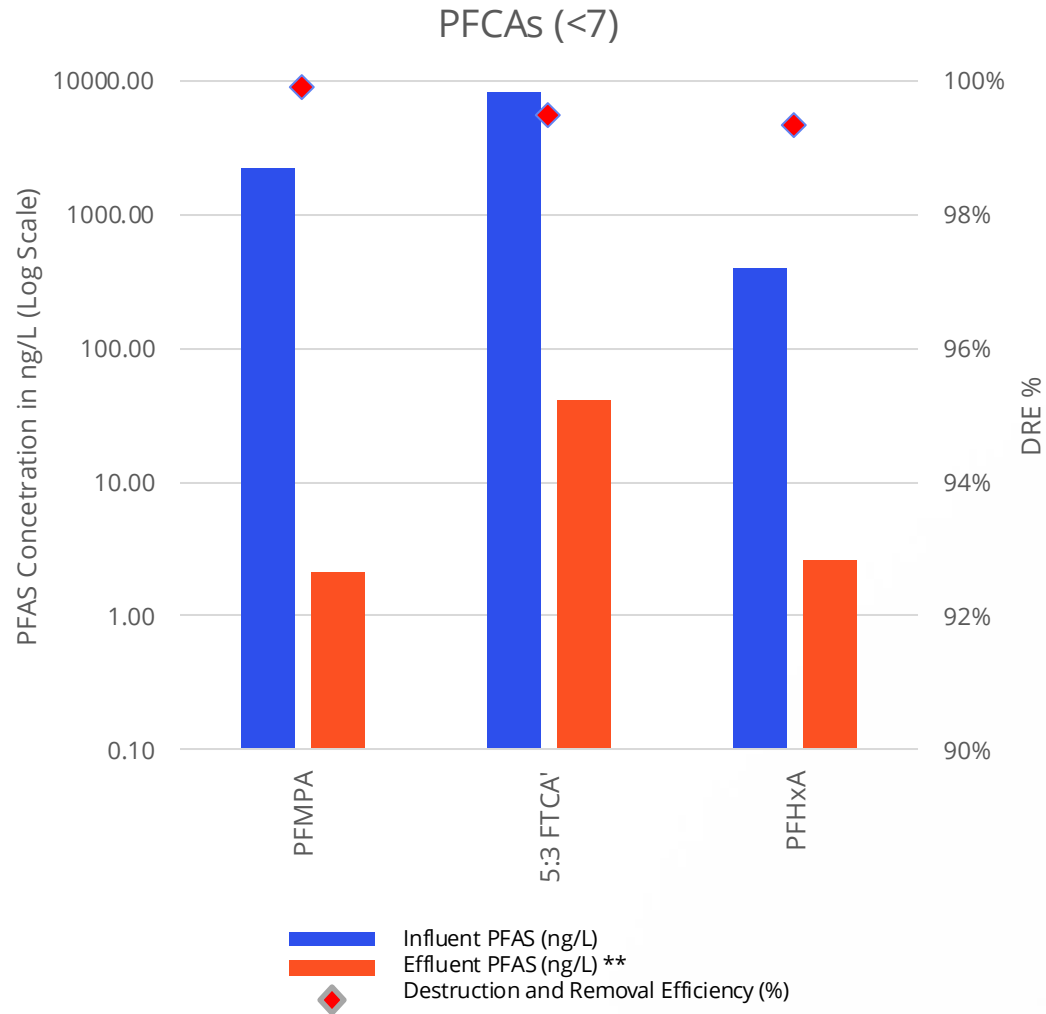
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Top View



Project Results*: PFAS Elimination in Sludge (Short Chain (<7) PFCAs)

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- Low incidence of short chained PFCAs compounds, with 25% at/above 1633 MDL
- 99.57% average DRE** for short chain PFCA's
 - MDL for terminal compounds ranged from 0.485 to 0.546 ng/L
 - MDL for precursor compounds ranged from 12.1 to 13.6 ng/L
- All effluent samples returned ND
- Lower DRE for precursors versus terminal compounds

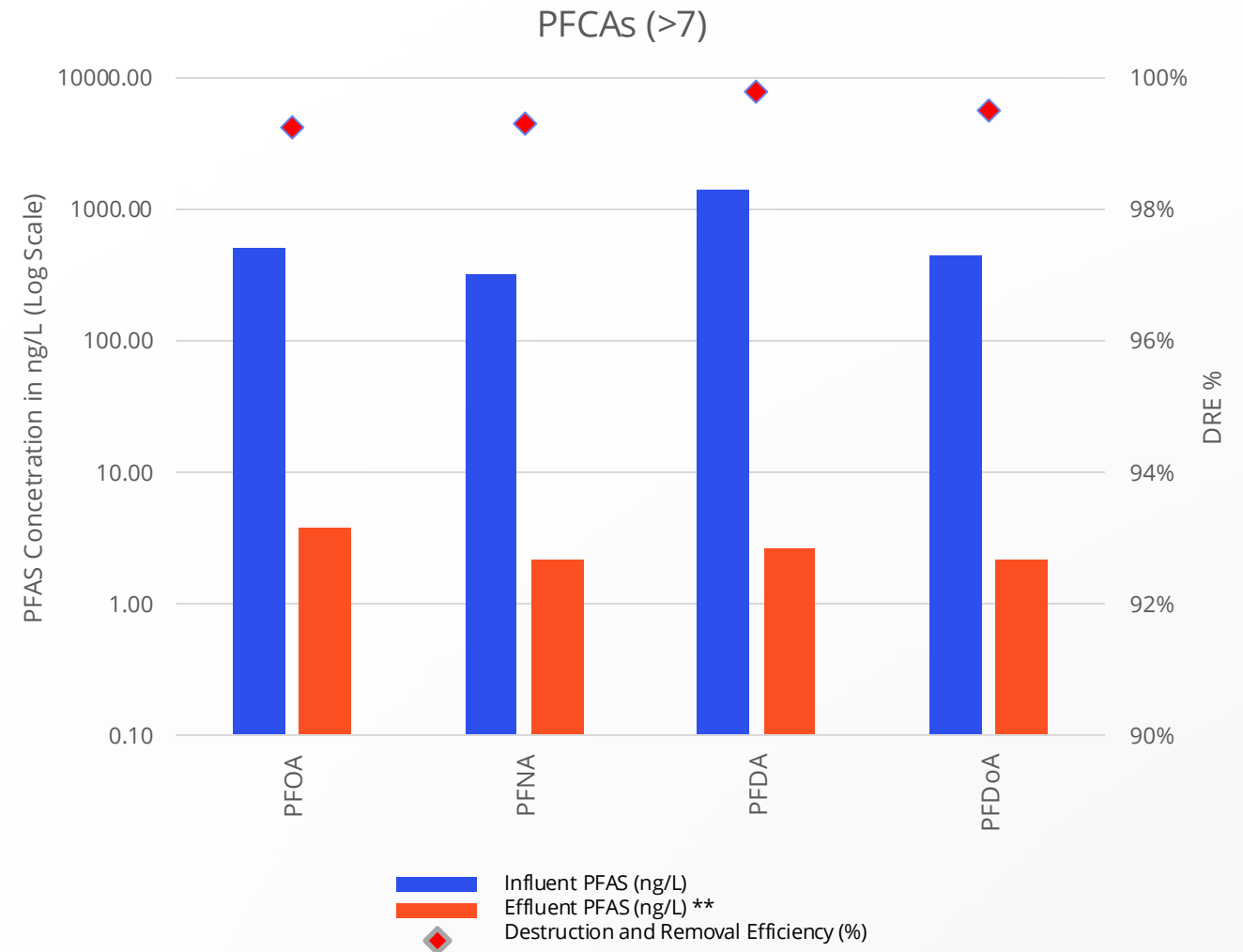
* As measured by EPA Method 1633

** MDLs are applied for ND results in the effluent

Project Results*: **PFAS Elimination in Sludge** (Long Chain (>7) PFCAs)

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- Moderate incidence of long chained PFCA's compounds, with >50% at/above 1633 MDL
- 99.59% average DRE** for long chain PFCA's
 - MDL for terminal compounds ranged from 0.485 to 1.0 ng/L
 - No precursor compounds detected in this data set
- All effluent samples with one exception returned ND

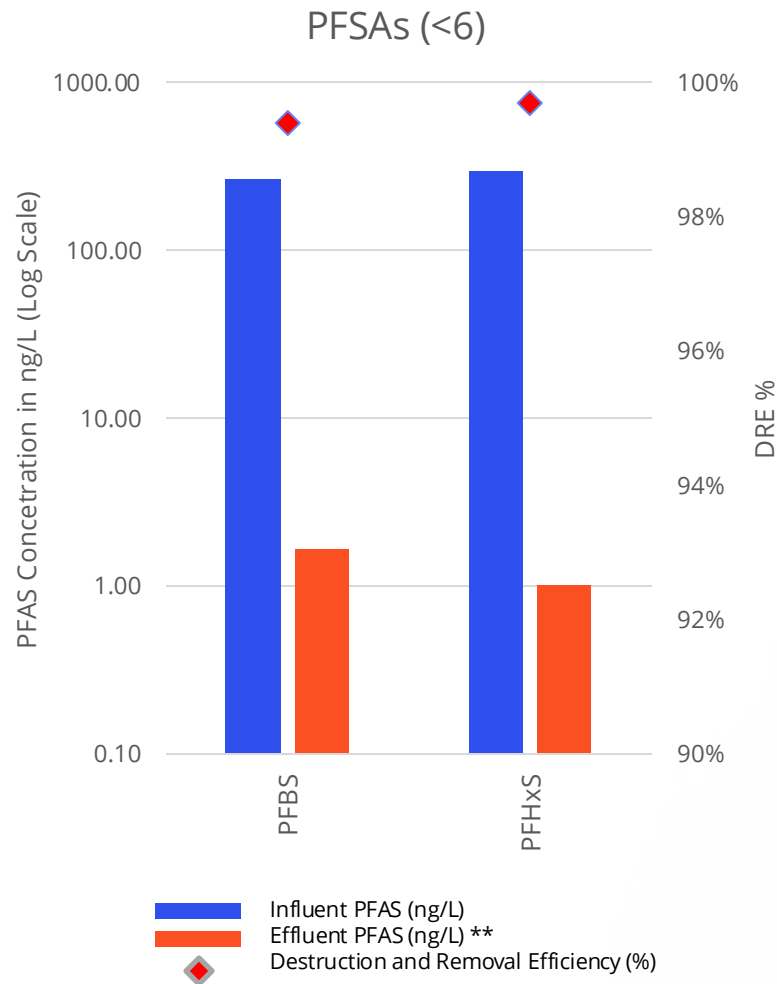


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Project Results*: PFAS Elimination in Sludge (Short Chain (<6) PFASs)

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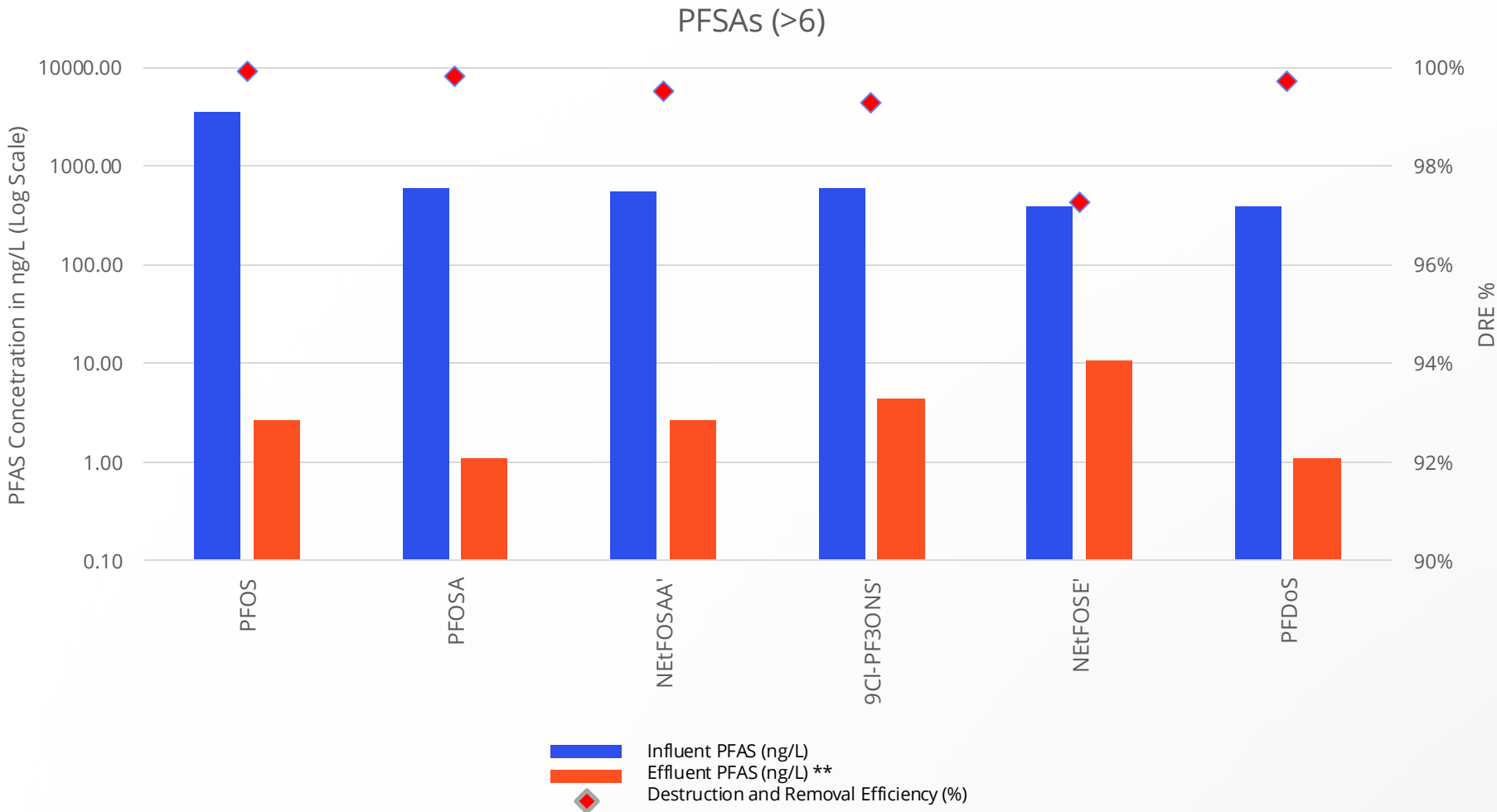
- Low incidence of short chained PFCAs compounds, with 33% at/above 1633 MDL
- 99.53% average DRE** for short chain PFCA's
 - MDL for terminal compounds ranged from 0.485 to 1.0 ng/L
 - No precursor compounds detected in this data set
- All effluent samples returned ND

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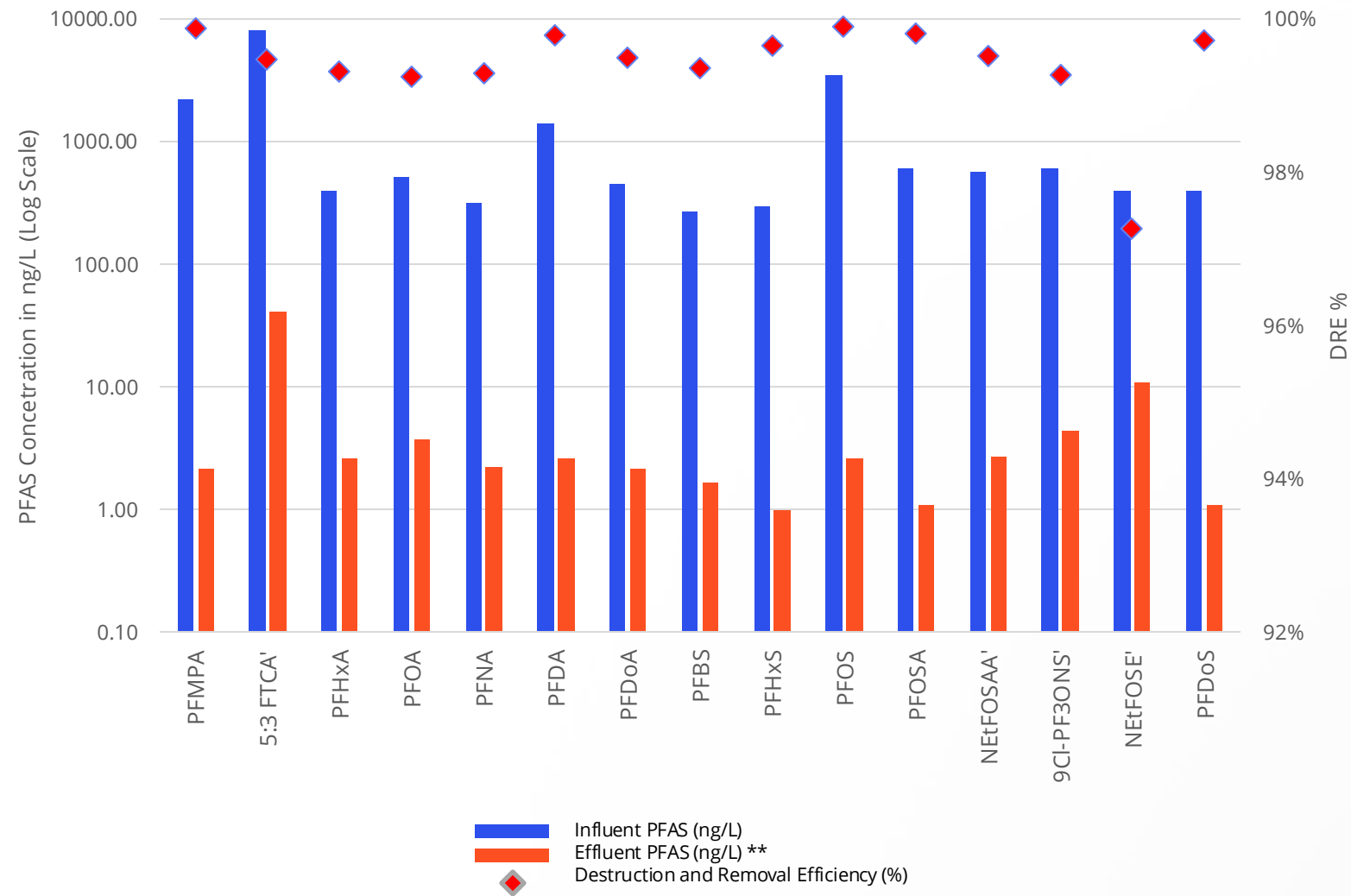
- Moderate incidence of long chained PFCAs compounds, with 50% at/above 1633 MDL
- 99.62% average DRE** for long chain PFCA's
 - MDL for terminal compounds ranged from 0.485 to 1.0 ng/L
 - MDL for precursor compounds ranged from 0.027 to 5.46 ng/L
- All effluent samples returned ND



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Project Results*: PFAS DRE for Sludge (Summary)



- DRE is 99.59%** when MDLs are applied for ND results in the effluent
- DRE > 99.99% when zero are applied for ND results in the effluent



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** MDLs are applied for ND results in the effluent

F mass balance								
Using TF data for the influent & effluent: calculated in the influent (based on Total PFAS from TOP Assay, and assuming 64 wt% F); measured (fluoride (IC)) in the effluent Using fluoride in process water (ISE) Assuming DI water with no F (post RO, not analyzed, for one of the water streams)								
Composite effluent (x4 IBC totes)								
Based on feedstock Total PFAS per TOP Assay x 64 wt.% F (assumption)	Feed conc. x Feed volume	Based on process water (WB) IF (approximate value based on previous blanks)	Feed conc. x Feed volume	DI water - no fluoride assumed (not measured)	Feed conc. x Feed volume	Based on effluent TF	Effluent conc. x Effluent volume	Outlet F mass / inlet F mass
mg/L	g	mg/L	g	mg/L	mg	mg/L	g	%
711.7	271	0.4	1	0.0	0	124.0	319	118%

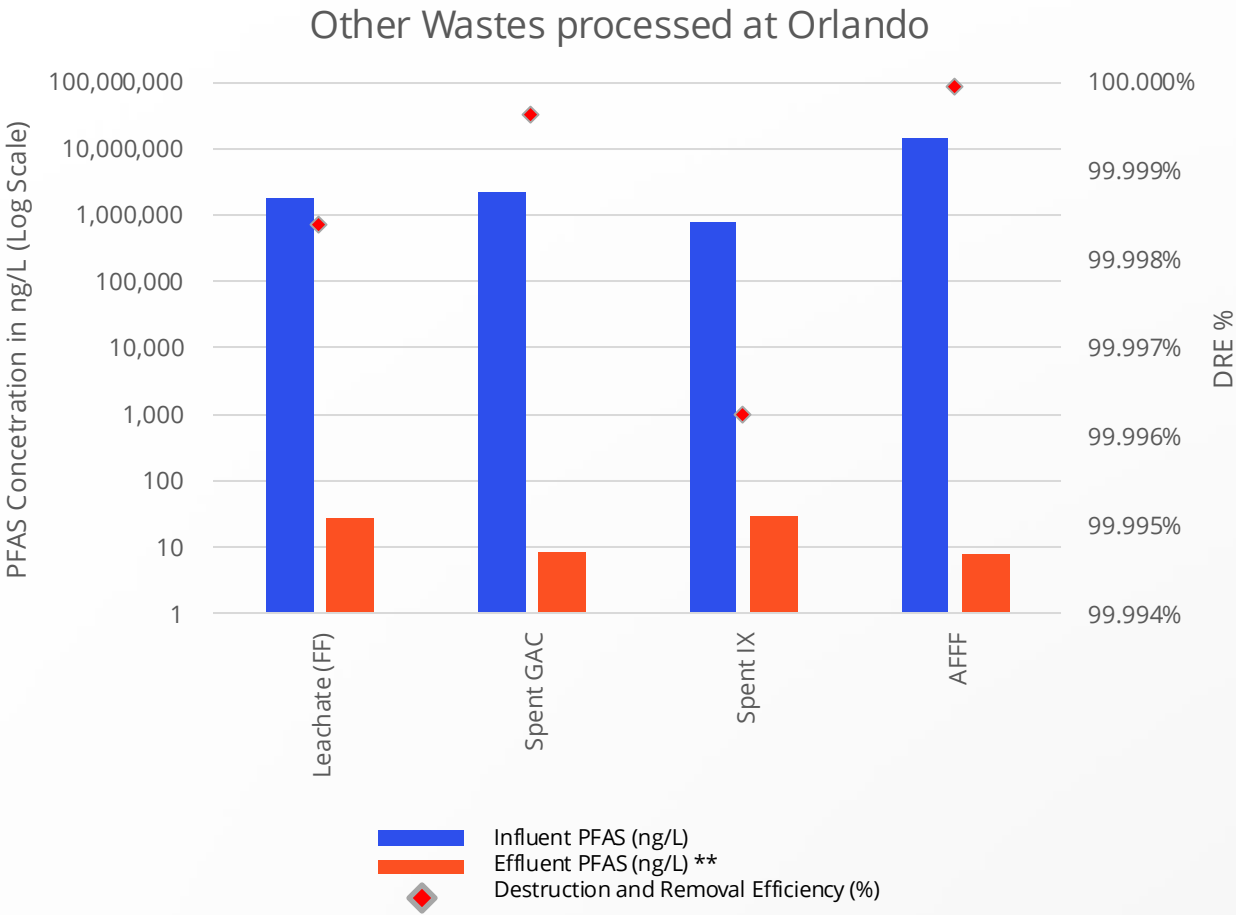
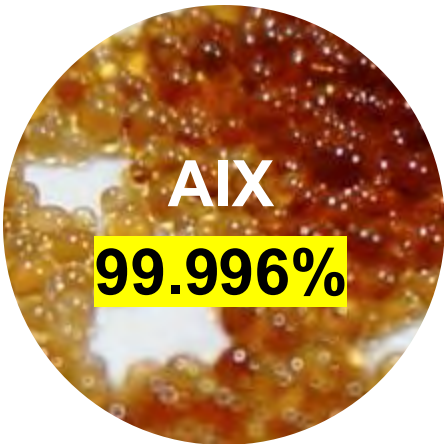
	Polar	Non-Polar	Volatile	Semi-Volatile	Non-Volatile
OTM-45	X			X	X
OTM-50		X	X		
OTM-55		X		X	X

* Sludge test pending, data presented is from AFFF destruction phase

** MDLs are applied for ND results in the effluent

- OTM-45 and OTM-50 analyses were performed
 - Achieved >99.99% average destruction and removal efficiency (DRE**) for liquid influent and effluent
 - Method detection limits (MDL) ranged from 1.0 to 5.0 ng/L
 - PFAS concentrations in liquid
 - 14,700,000 ng/L in influent
 - 7.82 ng/L in effluent
 - Six PFAS compounds were detected in emissions at detection levels
 - Method detection limits (MDL) ranged from 0.15 to 0.66 ng/L for detected compounds
 - Emissions accounted for 0.101% of PFAS levels found in the effluent

Project Results*: PFAS Elimination in Other Wastes



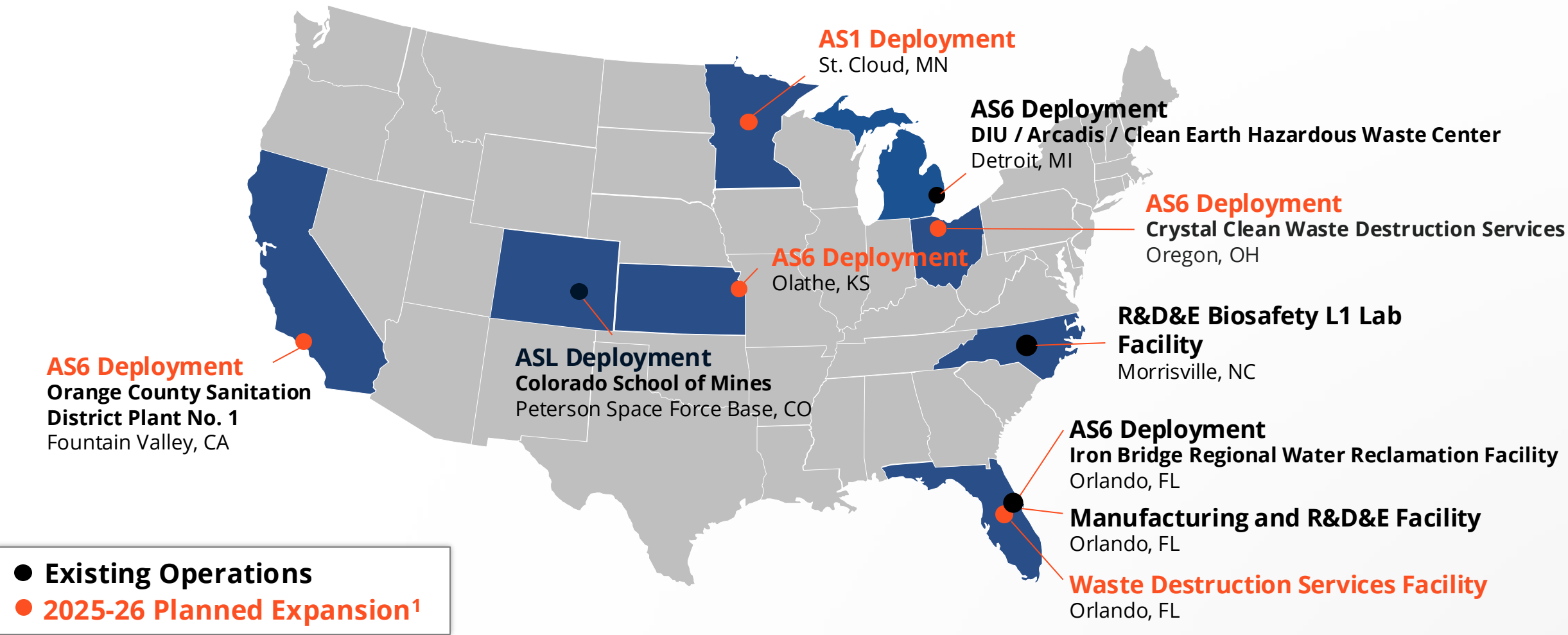
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Next Steps

Plans to establish Waste Destruction Facilities throughout U.S. starting in 2025. Multiple AirSCWO deployments throughout 2025 announced. Transitioning to a larger, dedicated manufacturing facility to insource most assembly and light manufacturing activities, as well as increase production velocity and flexibility.



¹ AS Capital Sale and TSDF Waste Destruction Services facilities under negotiation in AK, AL, IL, IN, KY, KS, NC, NV, OH, etc.

- Scale Up: design, build and test an AirSCWO 30 system
- AirSCWO 6 demo unit used for DIU work in Detroit
- AirSCWO 1 demo unit used for WDS contract execution in Orlando
- Develop modules for novel wastes & contaminants
- Gather more data on air emissions, develop CO₂ sequestration solution
- Develop mineral recovery modules

Municipal



Federal Government & Prime Contractors



Industrial / Corporate



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THANK YOU

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