

Case Study

### **Advanced Nitrifying Submerged Aerated Filter (NSAF)**













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### **Project Overview**

ATAC successfully commissioned an advanced Nitrifying Submerged Aerated Filter (NSAF) system as part of a major upgrade at a client's wastewater treatment site. This project aimed to increase the Forward Flow to Treatment (FFT) capacity and improve phosphorus removal performance, all while meeting stringent effluent quality requirements.

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### The Challenge

The project presented several site-specific challenges:

- C Tight consent standards, particularly for ammonia and BOD levels, requiring a highly reliable treatment process.
- Complex site layout, with steeply inclined terrain and uneven ground levels complicating equipment siting.
- C The need to integrate seamlessly with existing site infrastructure and telemetry systems without disrupting operations.

### **Our Solution**

Working closely with the client, ATAC designed and delivered a bespoke, fully compliant solution:

### **Custom NSAF System Design**

- Two ATS44A Submerged Aerated Filter units with integrated blowers, precisely installed across multiple raised slabs to overcome challenging site topography.
- The system designed to treat peak flows of 30 l/s (2,592 m³/day).





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### **Advanced Control and Automation**

- Automated scouring controls with real-time monitoring.
- Full integration into the site's telemetry network via a managed ethernet switch and fibre node box, allowing remote monitoring and management.

### **Built to Spec**

All equipment and control systems engineered and installed in line with the client's exact specification, ensuring operational reliability and minimal maintenance requirements.











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### **Results and Achievements**

Since commissioning, the NSAF system has consistently delivered outstanding treatment performance:

### **Influent Quality**

 $\mathcal{C}$  TSS up to 51.3 mg/l

 $\mathcal{C}$  BOD up to 20 mg/l

 $\mathcal{C}$  Ammonia (NH<sub>4</sub>-N) up to 10 mg/l

### **Guaranteed Effluent Quality**

 $\mathcal{C}$  BOD  $\leq$  10 mg/l (95%ile)

 $\mathcal{C}$  Ammonia  $\leq 3.0 \text{ mg/l} (95\% \text{ile})$ 

### **Key Outcomes**

- C Enhanced ammonia removal meeting all compliance targets.
- Increased FFT capacity supporting overall site performance improvements.
- C Robust, low-maintenance operation with full telemetry integration.

Once again, the ATAC team has demonstrated its ability to deliver high-performance wastewater treatment solutions that are flexible, reliable, and engineered to meet demanding regulatory and site requirements.





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