



# Re-Engineering a Failing UF System to Increase Reliability

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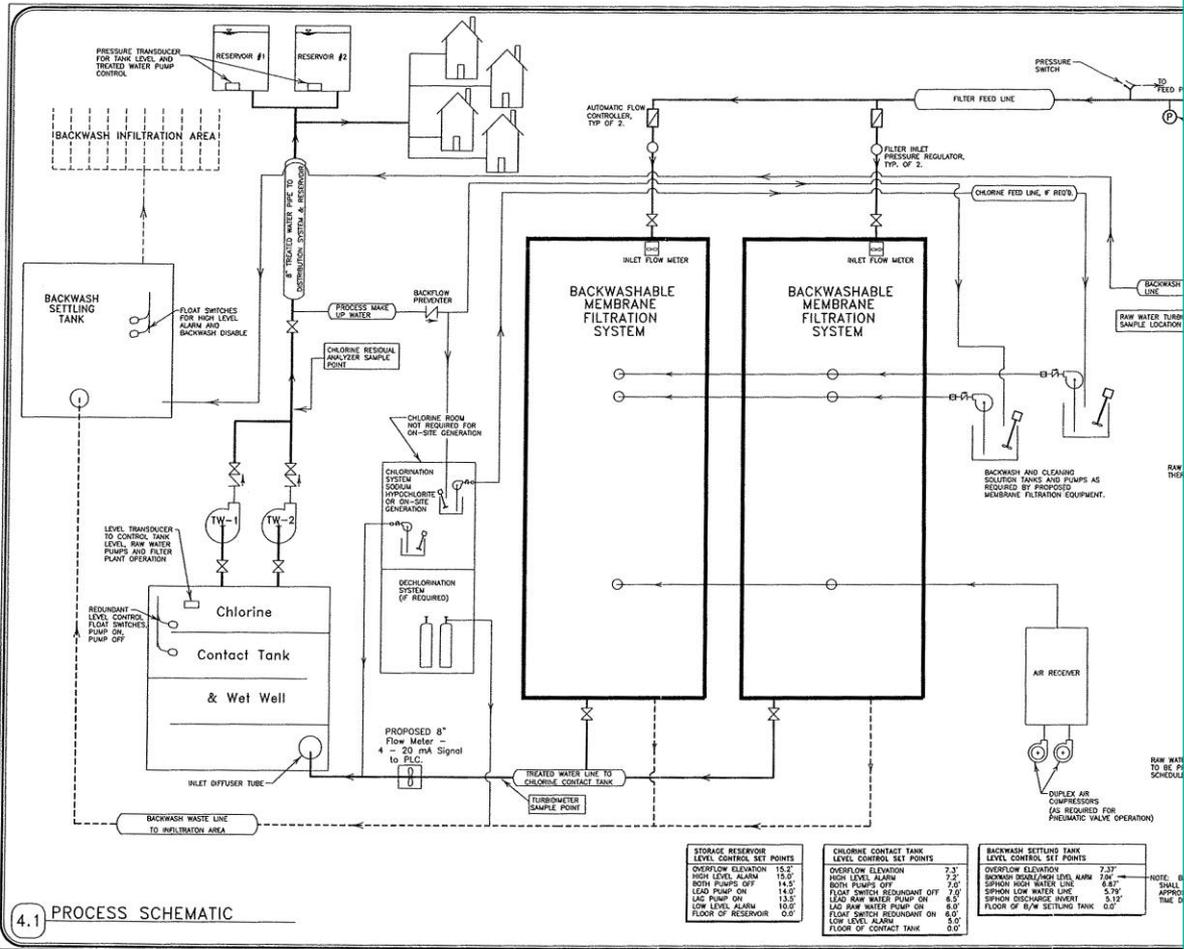
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# Discussion Outline

- OWA WTP Background
- Drivers for Plant Rehabilitation
- Solution Alternatives
- Criteria for Evaluating Alternatives
- Alternatives Analysis
- Solution
- Conclusions

# Oden Water Association WTP



- Sandpoint, ID
- Membrane plant built in 1999
- Treats high quality water from Oden Bay
- Operates at 0.86 mgd
- Consists of two membrane racks

# Drivers for Plant Rehabilitation



- Replaced all modules in 2008
- Severe integrity failures after 13 months of operation
- No longer met surface water treatment standards
- Limited membrane warranty of 12 months

# Drivers for Plant Rehabilitation

## Deterioration of Racks



Rack Corrosion



PVC Header Damage

# Rehabilitation Alternatives

1

Purchase replacement modules from original supplier

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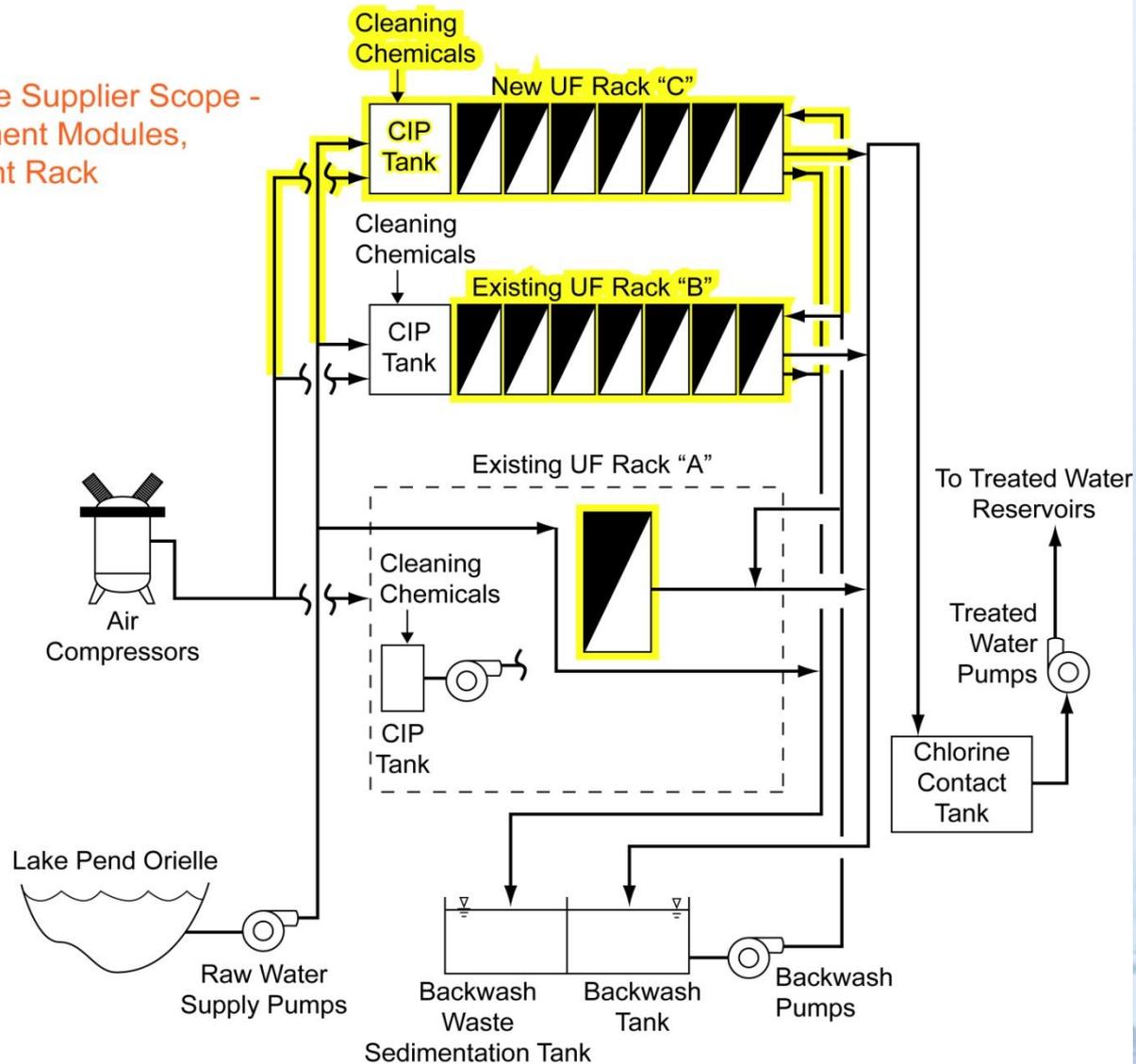
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Rehabilitate existing membrane racks to accept modules from multiple membrane suppliers

# Alternative 1

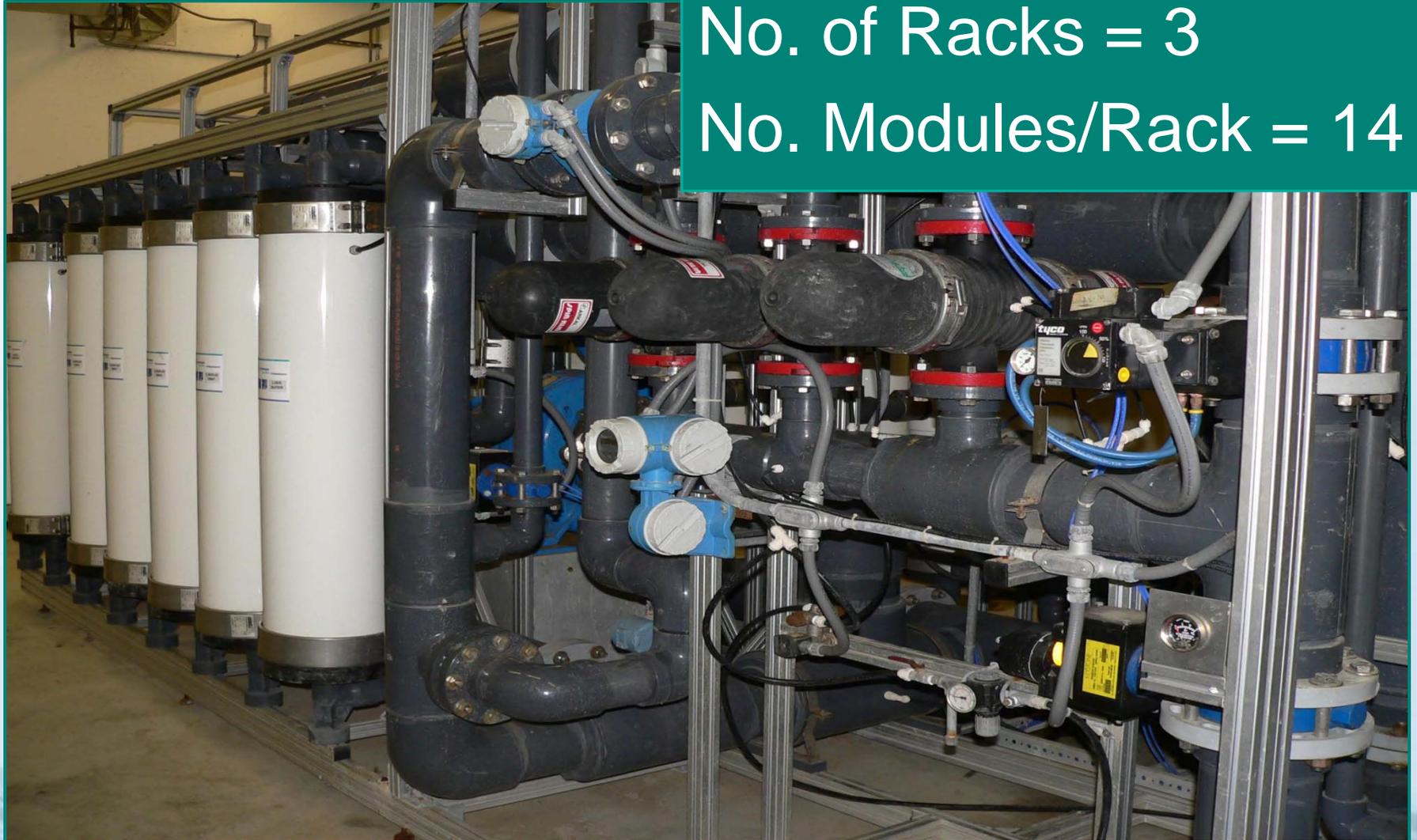
Membrane Supplier Scope -  
Replacement Modules,  
Redundant Rack



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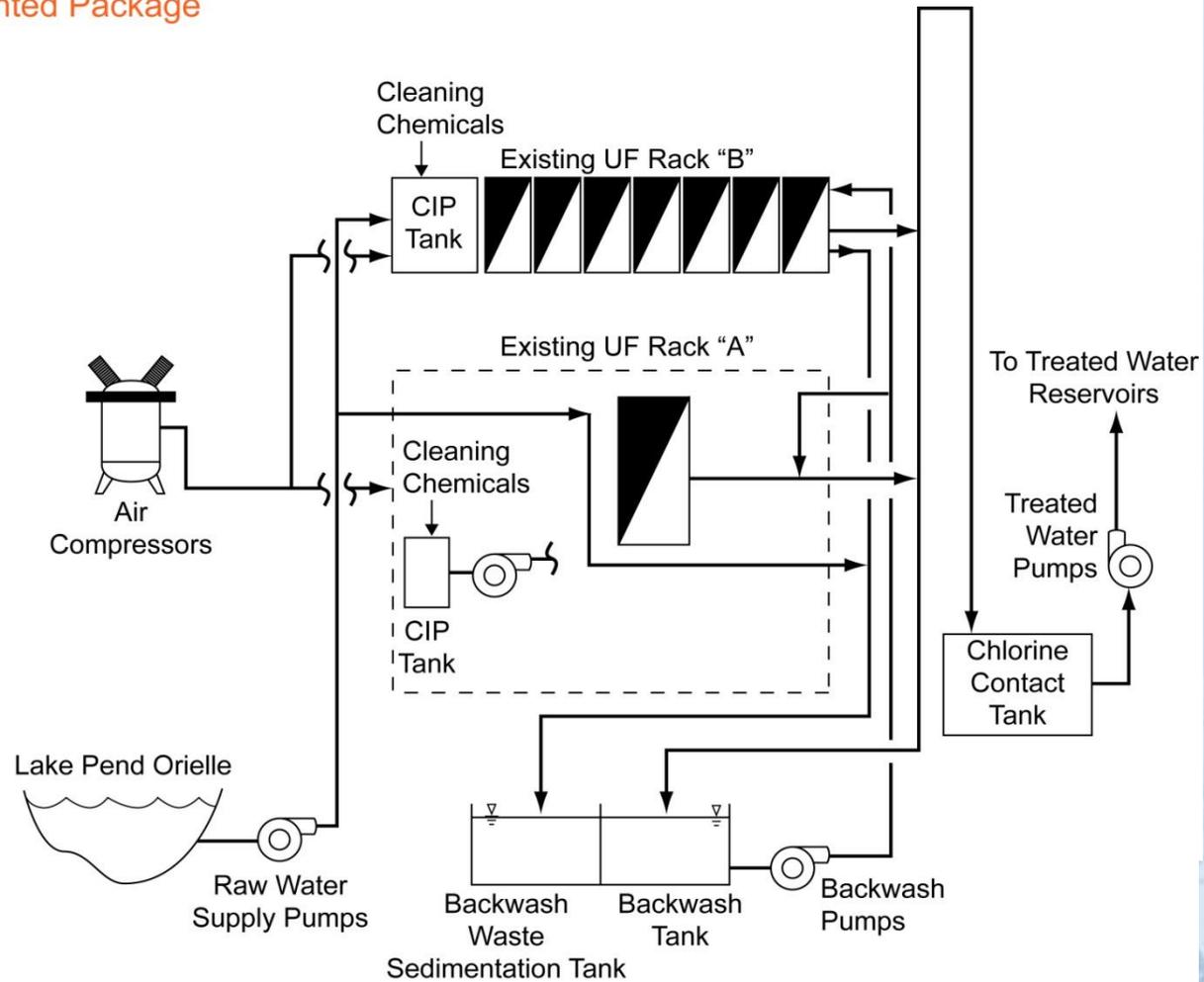
No. of Racks = 3

No. Modules/Rack = 14



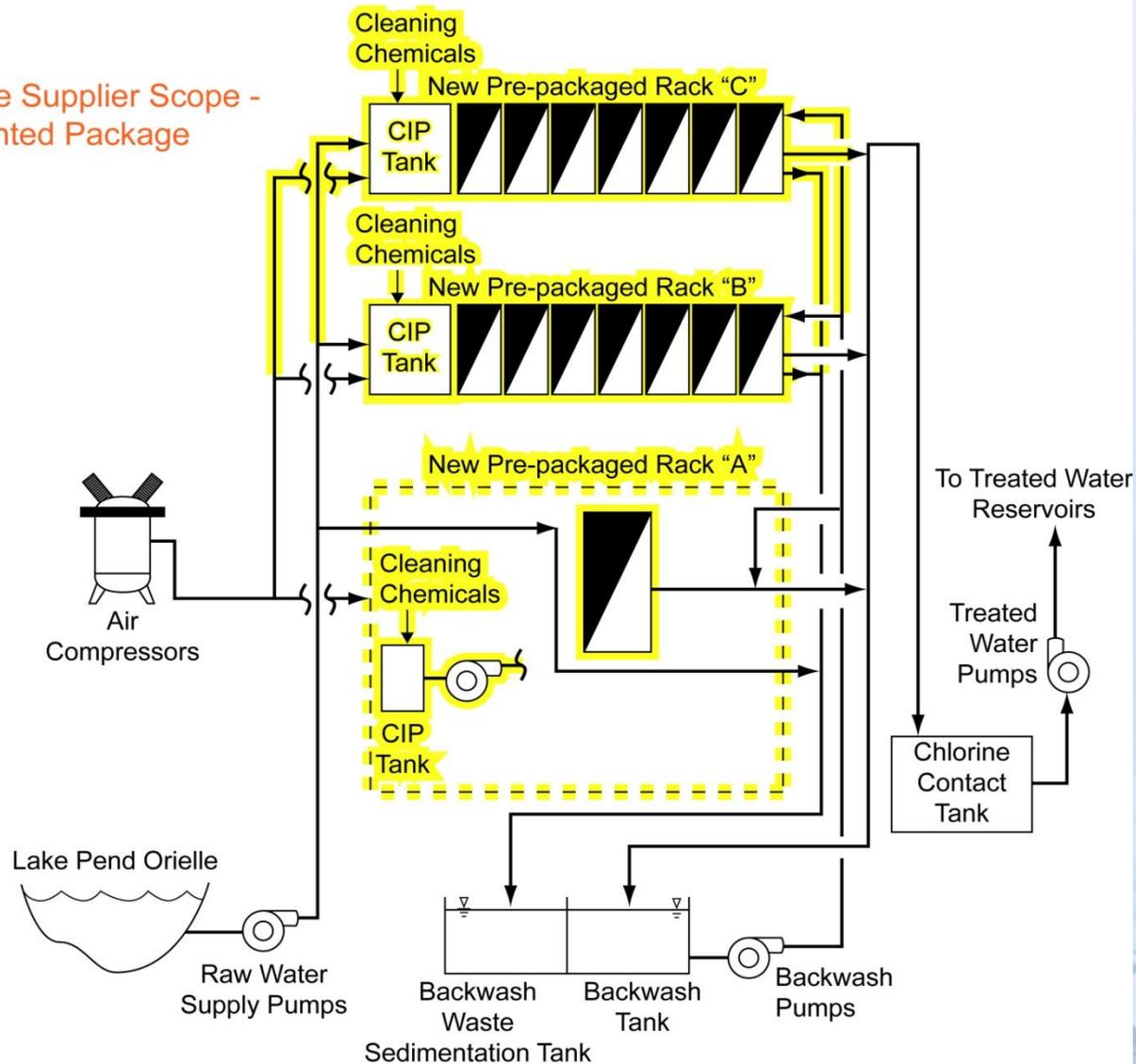
# Alternative 2

## Membrane Supplier Scope - Skid Mounted Package



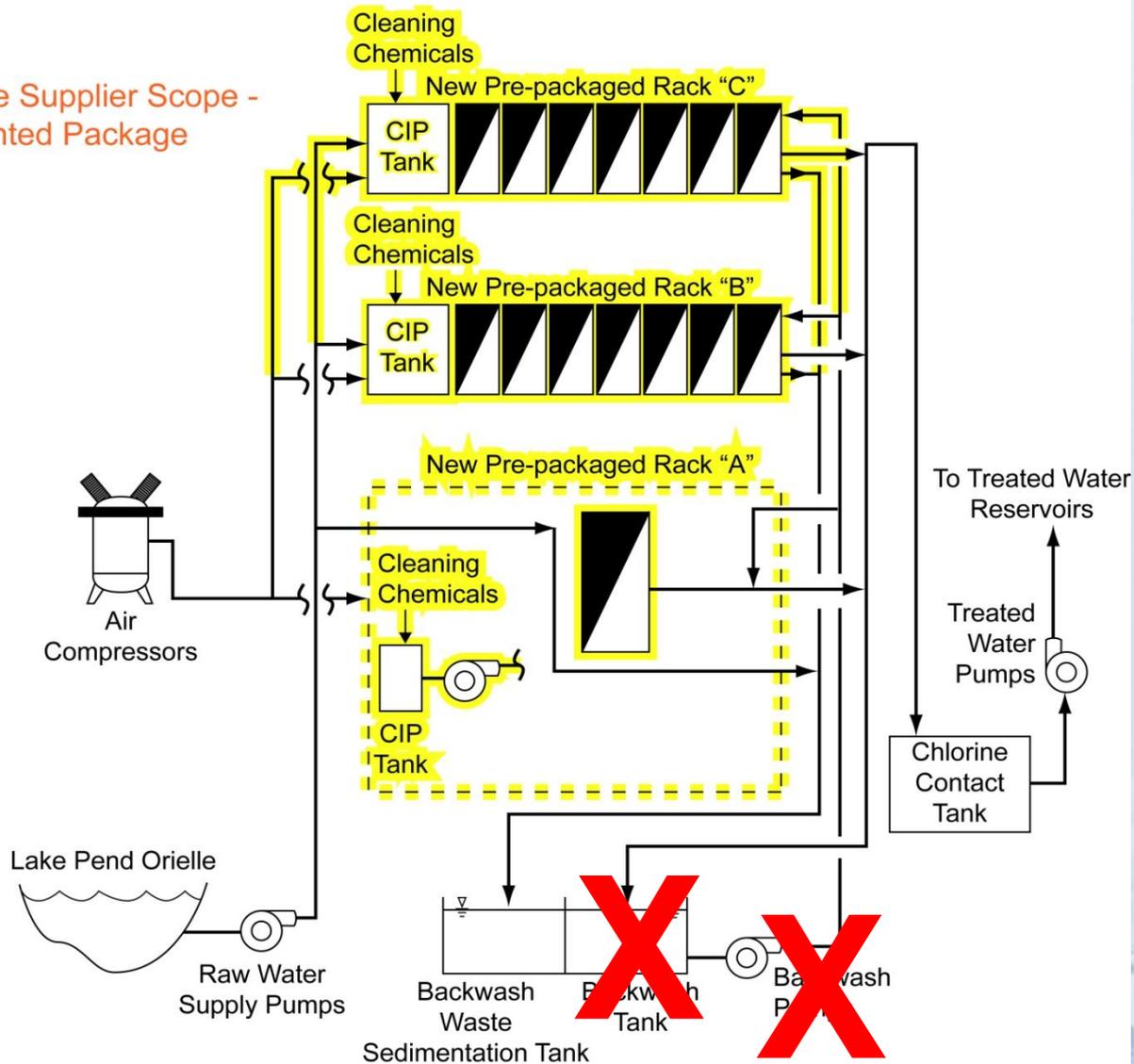
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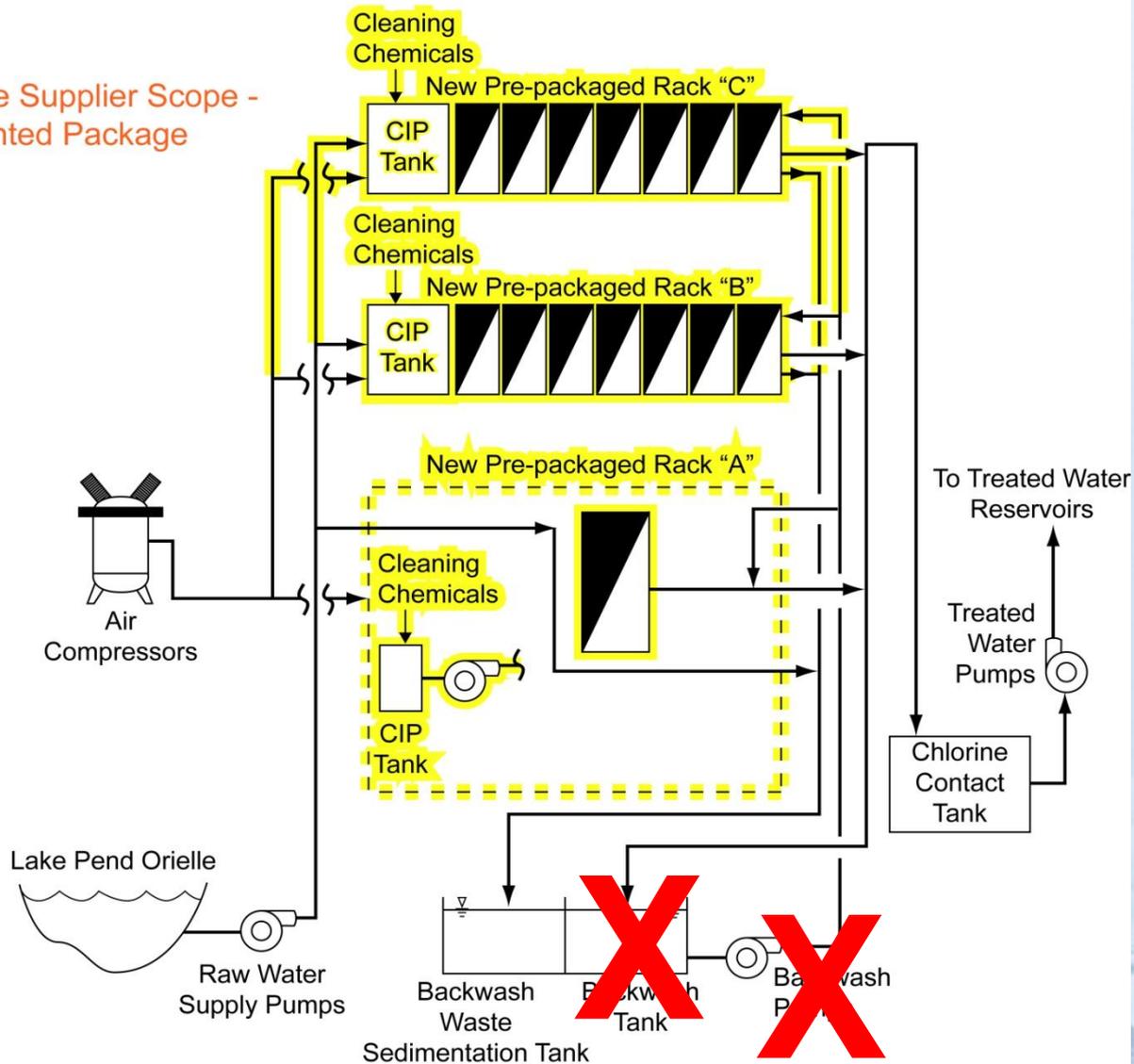
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## New Prepackaged, Skid Mounted Membrane System

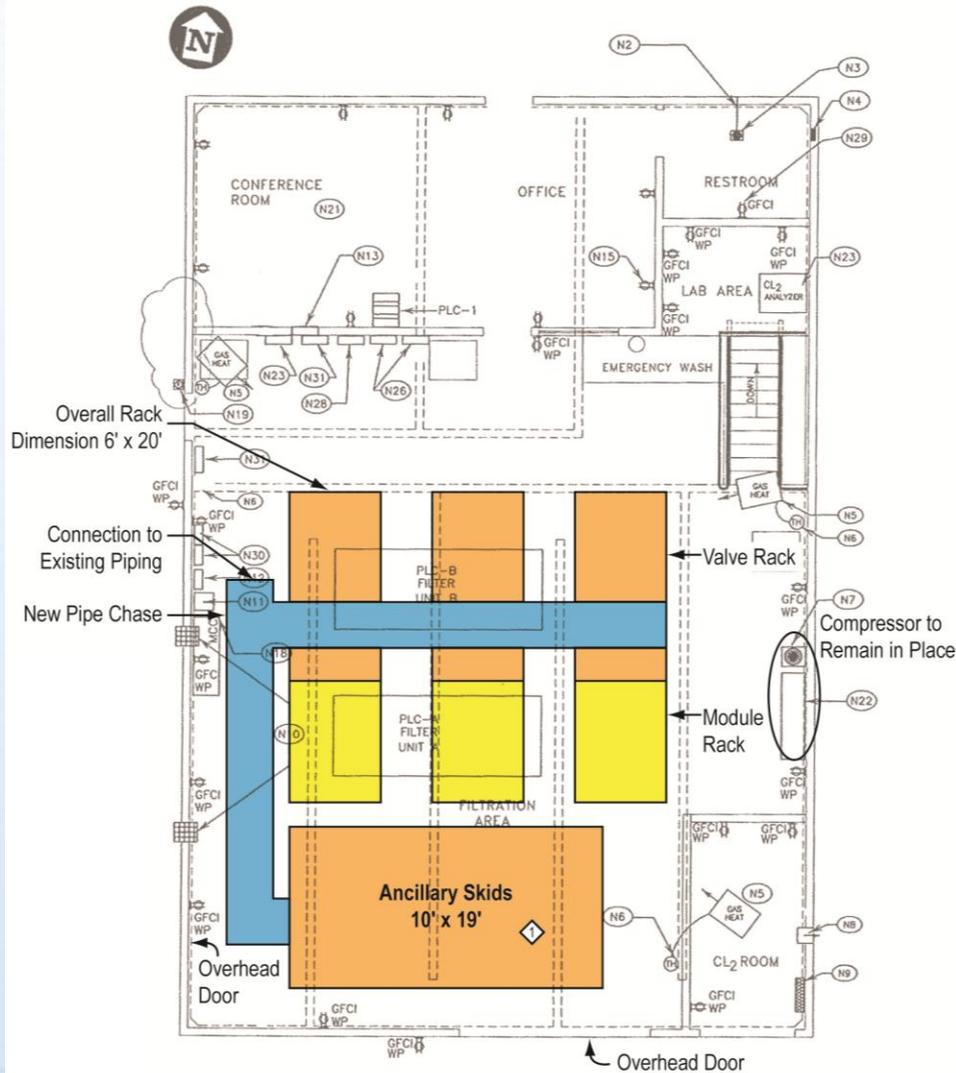
- Modules
- Raw water tank
- Raw water pump
- Backwash tank
- Backwash pump
- CIP system
- Controls
- Air scour blower
- Chemical feeds
- Compressors

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Membrane Supplier Scope -  
Skid Mounted Package



# Alternative 2



- Ancillary equipment skid cannot accommodate existing overhead doors
- Equipment access is limited or unavailable around racks

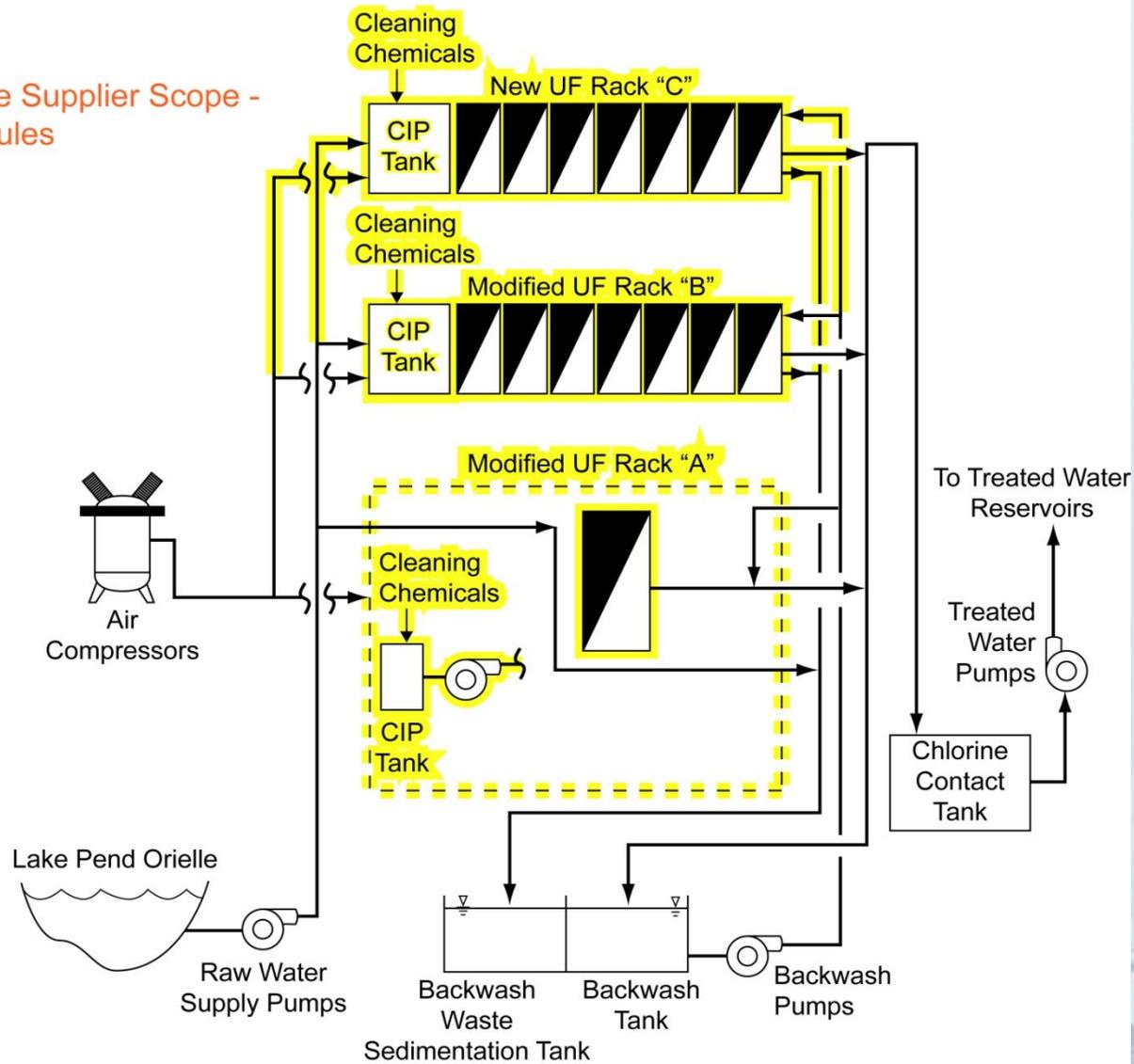
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Temporary, trailer mounted, membrane water filtration system required during construction

- Wholesale changes are needed to accommodate packaged system
- Temporary system will tie into the plant electrical service, raw water pipeline, CT basin, and backwash settling tank

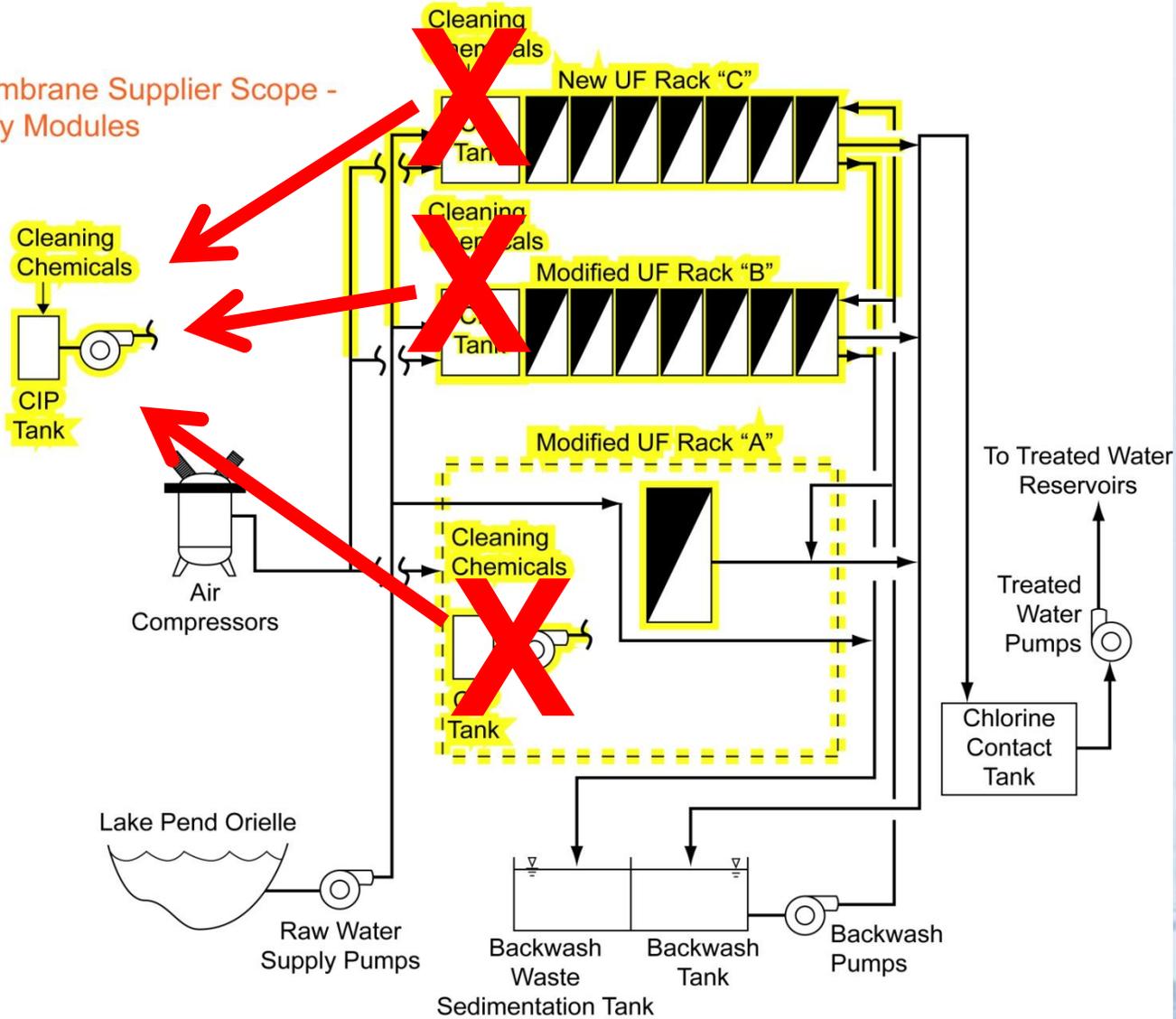
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Membrane Supplier Scope - Only Modules



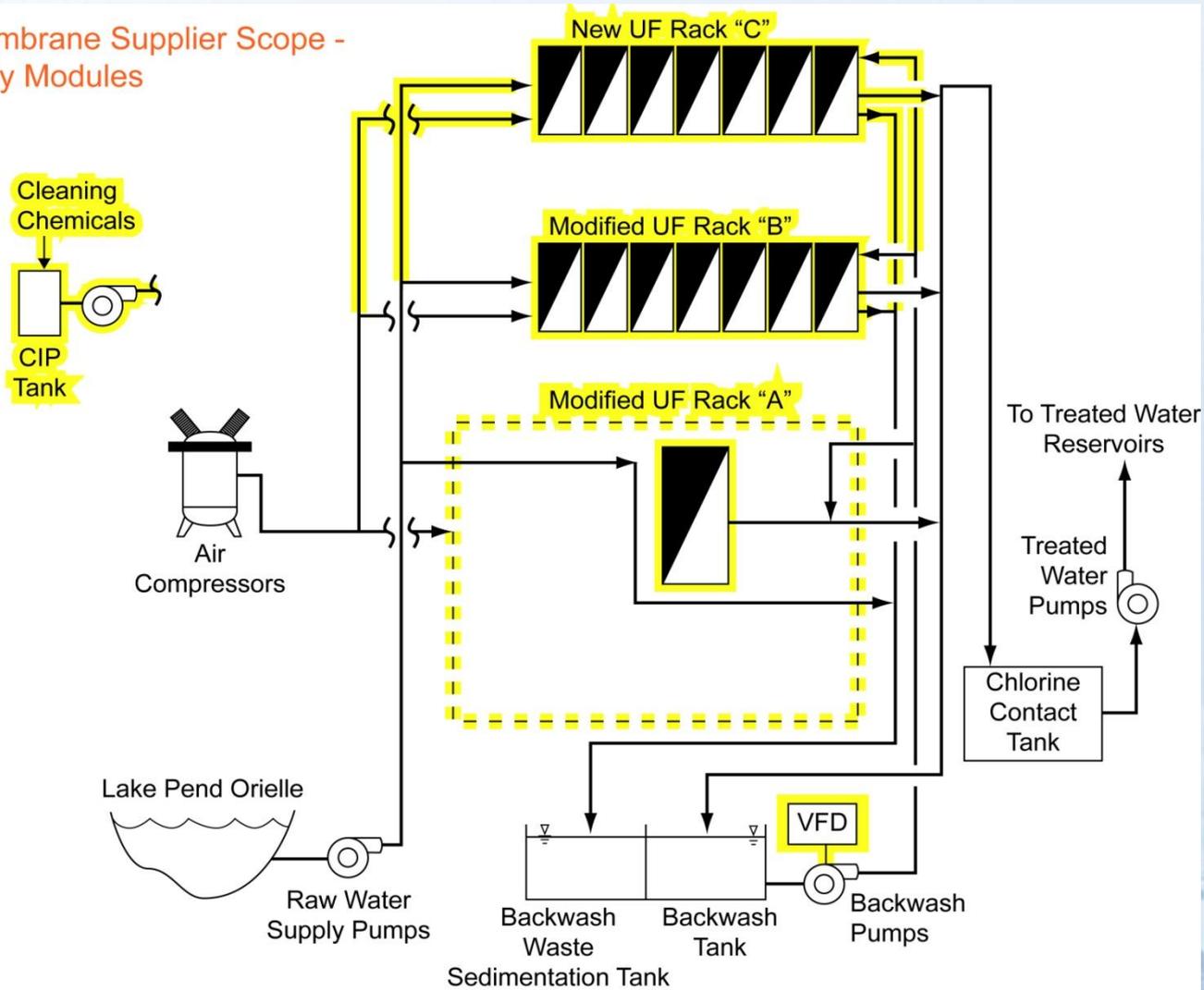
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# Criteria for Evaluating Alternatives

1

Reliable production of high quality finished water

2

Physically fit into existing building

3

Maximize use of existing infrastructure

4

Provide reliable source of membranes at a reasonable cost

5

Plant must remain in operation during construction

# Analysis of Alternative 1

Purchase replacement modules from original membrane supplier

## Pro

- Maximizes reuse of infrastructure
- Easily keep plant in operation

## Con

- Membrane cost
- Warranty terms
- Product support

# Alternative 1

## Warranty terms were non-negotiable

- Purchased with 12-month warranty
- Today's market provides standard warranties for at least 5 years
- Module failures observed in less than 18 months with recent batch
- Supplier does not offer long-term warranty, unless negotiated with the original system purchase

# Alternative 1

Not economically sustainable due to short useful life and relatively high membrane cost

- In 2009 OWA purchased modules for ~\$11/square foot of module area
- Supplier expected price increase in 2011
- Competing systems replacements can be \$3-\$4/square foot of module area
- Supplier does not offer long term pricing agreement in US

# Analysis of Alternative 2

Complete replacement with a new packaged membrane filtration system from an alternative supplier

## Pro

- Reliable long-term supply of membranes
- Systems available from market leaders

## Con

- Sole source module replacement
- Poor fit into plant layout
- Stranded assets

# Analysis of Alternative 3

Rehabilitation of existing membrane racks to accept modules from multiple membrane module suppliers

## Pro

- Potential for competitive module replacements
- Reuse of infrastructure
- Minimum impacts to plant layout

## Con

- Membrane process warranties are backed up by different entities

# Schedule Comparison

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Design/Preparation of Bid Documents	2 months	2 months	3 months
Bidding	1 month	1 month	1 month
Construction	4-6 months	8-10 months	4-6 months
<b>Total</b>	<b>7-9 months</b>	<b>11-13 months</b>	<b>8-10 months</b>

# Cost Comparison

	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Scope Equipment	1,222,600	1,505,000	740,000
Plant Improvements	25,000	50,000	475,000
Engineering/Contingency	381,000	602,000	425,250
Temporary Water Treatment System	0	165,000	0
<b>Total Costs*</b>	<b>\$1,628,600</b>	<b>\$2,322,000</b>	<b>\$1,640,250</b>

\*Cost estimates are intended to be budgetary under the Association for the 1998 Advancement of Cost Engineering (AACEI) guidelines. The expected accuracy range of these estimates is within +30 percent to -15 percent.

# Solution

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Rehabilitate existing membrane racks to accept modules from multiple membrane suppliers

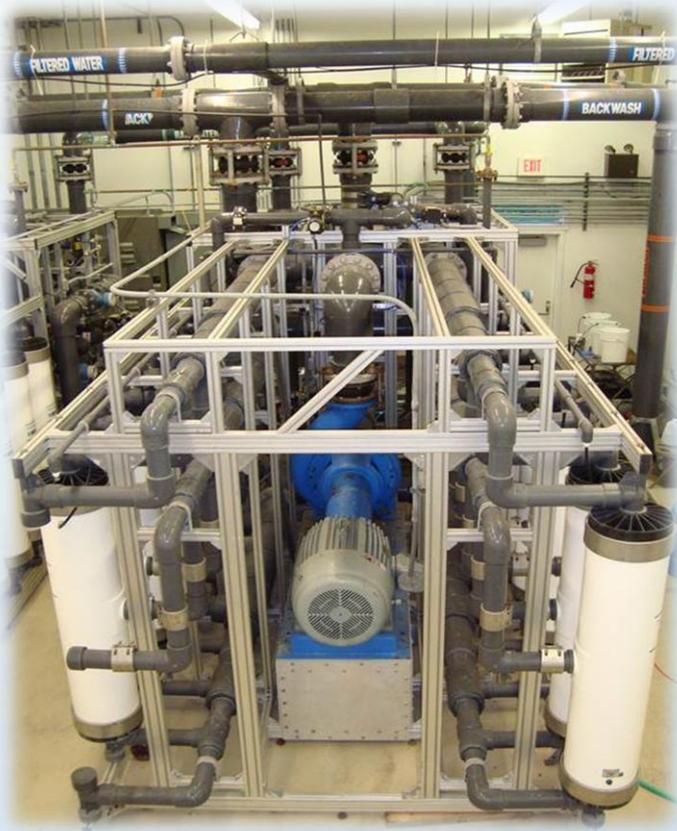
Selected due to:

- Cost competitiveness
- Ease of retrofit
- Decreased reliance on single supplier for module supply

# Conclusion

- Traditional alternatives for membrane rehabilitation were not feasible for the OWA WTP
- An interchangeable membrane system will be built in Spring 2013
- The selected approach will provide OWA with increased membrane system reliability and flexibility in the future

# Membrane Rack Rehabilitation



# CIP System



# Compressed Air System



# Questions