Hydro-Jet® Screen Cleans up at Golspie

A Wastewater Case Study

Project Profile

Objective
To improve British coastal water quality in line with the objectives set by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and European Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

Solution
Hydro-Jet® Screen units to screen flow to receiving water.

Product Profile

• No moving parts.
• No power required.
• Exceeds current requirements.
• Self-cleansing.
• Self-activating.
• Minimal maintenance.

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Efforts to improve British coastal water quality are continuing in line with the objectives set by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and European objectives laid down in the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive. As a result, North of Scotland Water Authority has invested in three Hydro-Jet® Screen units to screen flow to a new treatment plant at Golspie, on the Dornoch Firth, Highland region.

The three Hydro-Jet® Screen units, with maximum flow rates of 15 l/s, 200 l/s and 400 l/s were specified to protect overflows from different areas of the village, and eliminate gross solids (greater than 6 mm in two directions) from the intermittent discharges into the sea.

The treatment works are designed to serve a current community around Golspie of 1600, with an allowance for expansion to over 2000.

Mr Patrick Stronach, Technical Director of Consultant Engineers WA Fairhurst and Partners, comments: “The variation in precipitation conditions on the East Coast can be very great. Normally it is fairly dry, but heavy showers, and in particular, snowmelt, can result in very heavy flows. The Hydro-Jet® Screen units are interconnected to protect overflows adjacent to three new pumping stations. We used one prefabricated unit as well as conventional units, as Hydro suggested it was more cost-effective”.

The 15 l/s Hydro-Jet® Screen model is a prefabricated, all stainless steel unit, which was delivered ready to be bolted to the concrete plinth by the main contractor. The 200 l/s and 400 l/s units were assembled on site by a specialist contractor.

The Hydro-Jet® Screen is unique in that it requires no power and has no moving parts, yet is a self-cleansing system. A patented air break siphon is used to generate a rising and falling water level through the screen that washes screenings on to the treatment works whilst discharging screened water. In addition to being competitively priced in relation to capital cost, the Hydro-Jet® Screen’s attributes of requiring no power supply and minimal maintenance ensure that the whole life costs are extremely attractive when compared to conventional electrically powered screens.

Consultant engineers for the Golspie CSO screening project were W A Fairhurst and Partners of Aberdeen and the main contractor was Morrison Construction Limited of Inverness.