# Energy Intersection & Innovations - Artificial Intelligence Platforms for W/WW Systems -

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## Water-Energy Nexus Economy Is Significant



Economic-Environmental-Social Relevance

## Water & Wastewater Energy Efficiency - Focus On High Impact

52,000 Water Systems\* In US

2,600 Cover 85% Population

15,000 WW Plants<sup>\*</sup> in US 3,300 Cover 75% Population

57 Billion kWh Annual Usage

80% are Pumps, Aeration and Solids

Life Cycle Energy Intensity: 3450 kWh/MG State to State Varies: 2700 to 12,700 kWh/MG A C C

- 3000 Systems

- 264M citizens

- Key Processes
- Impact States

Public water/wastewater energy consumption

4.1%

\* Public systems Source: CRS 2014, AWWA

## **Emerging Parallel Opportunity**



Water and Wastewater Energy Efficiency Measures

## **Challenges at Public Water and Wastewater Systems**



Primary goal of permits & service is <u>not linked</u> to input costs (energy, chemicals, gas)



<u>Very little incentive</u> to investigate energy efficiency, often people are disconnected with electrical bill or passed onto residents



<u>Risk averse culture</u> and resistant to change old habits and methods



<u>Highly resource constrained</u> many capital projects, no focused initiative as a result lack a concentrated effort

## **New Innovation Required Unique Partnering**



## **APOLLO Innovation Required Tough Entry Criteria**

#### A Digital AI Platform That:



## Impact Across Liquids & Solids Processing

#### **Real-Time Performance and Advisory (AI) Platform**



GLWA WRRF: 650 MGD Average Treatment Serving SE Michigan

## **APOLLO – A Workforce Empowerment Enabler**

#### Enabling Workforce: Empowerment + Learning + Satisfaction











**Driving Positive Culture Change** 

## **Lessons Learned**



Treating real-time data is as important as treating water & wastewater – Digital resource recovery



\$1 of recurring O&M savings = \$13 of capital w/o raising water rates; no-cost savings can be up to 30%



Digital AI platforms can be cultural change agents, converting Art to Science using AI



Platform is agnostic to treatment process, type & size – scalable and applicable for all sizes

## **Call to Action**

#### **Incentivize Adoption of Digital AI Platforms for W/WW Systems in Your State:**

## BENEFITS

- Link permits and services to energy
- Enhanced learning of Water-Energy nexus

- Digitally offset lack of HR at W/WW systems for EE
- Expand EE incentives with low cost/no-cost measures

## **O P P O R T U N I T Y**

#### • 11.4Billion kWh/Yr\* • \$7.4B\* of Capital w/o Raising Rates • 1.1M\* Households

\* 20% energy savings of US W/WW annual consumption of 57B kWh, 10% of recurring no cost savings, \$1 = \$13 capital, 10,600 kWh per household consumption