DETERMINATION OF RECYCLE WATER TECHNOLOGY FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AT UNIVERSITAS PERTAMINA AREA WITH ANALYTICAL HIRACHY PROCESS (AHP)

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**Abstract**

The wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) at the Universitas Pertamina area is one of the campus's efforts to reduce the environmental impact of wastewater production. The processed WWTP can be processed into ready-to-drink water as an effort to reduce plastic waste. This plastic waste is usually produced by the consumption of mineral water products. The availability of ready-to-drink water in the campus complex is expected to increase the interest of campus residents to use tumblers and reduce the generation of plastic waste as well as university proactive efforts. The purpose of this study was to analyze the units needed to process WWTP effluent into ready-to-drink water by looking at various alternatives. This study uses the analytical hierarchy process (AHP) in determining the best alternative. The units required for each alternative are equalization tub, slow sand filter, and disinfection. Meanwhile, for processing, there are three alternatives, namely microfiltration (MF), ultrafiltration (UF), and combined microfiltration–ultrafiltration (MF–UF). The selection of these alternatives was adjusted to the criteria of cost, required membrane area, flux recovery after backwashing, and the effectiveness of total coliform removal. MF filtration technology is the largest weight, which is 0.381. Where the use of MF in the Universitas Pertamina area is cheaper and requires a better area than UF and MF–UF technology.

**Keywords:** AHP, Membrane, WWTP

**INTRODUCTION**

Water is one of the most essential sources of life for all living things, especially humans. Humans need water for bathing, cooking (Widyaningsih et al., 2016). However, from these various activities, humans most need water to meet body fluids, namely drinking water. The need for drinking water for each individual is different, depending on factors such as age, weight, energy intake, nitrogen intake, body surface area, and the amount of energy expended (Briawan et al., 2011). Even so, humans need eight glasses or 2 liters of drinking water per day so that the body’s metabolism goes well (Jami’ah & Hadi, 2014). The total amount of water needed will continue to increase and the increasing number of people will give environmental impact (Sofiyah et al., 2021; Fadhilah et al., 2020; Afifah et al., 2020). If this happens, then what is threatened is the availability of drinking water itself, but it will also impact increasing the generation of plastic bottle waste.

The need for drinking water is relatively high, and human nature tends to be consumptive, encouraging them to fulfill their drinking water needs, one of which is by buying plastic bottled drinking water. Consumable plastic bottles are often judged as objects of less value, so most plastic bottled water consumers will consider the bottles as trash. Citing data reported by the Wardiyanto et al. (2018), states that 168 plastic bottles can be produced from each individual per year. In addition, of the 100 million plastic bottle waste the world produces, around 1,500
bottles end up in the oceans every day. Indonesia ranks 2nd in the world as a producer of plastic bottle waste into the sea, reaching 187.2 million tons (Wardiyanto et al., 2018). If this is not addressed immediately, it will threaten environmental sustainability. The Universitas Pertamina area also experiences the problem of plastic bottle waste. In October 2020, the survey team for Upstract 3.0 has collected data on waste generation in the Universitas Pertamina area (Hilmi et al., 2021). The results of the data processing state that plastic bottle waste ranks first as the most significant volume of waste, which is 26% of the total waste. The root of the high amount of plastic bottle waste is the high demand for drinking water in the Universitas Pertamina area. So, efforts that can be made to overcome the root of the problem are by providing ready-to-drink water in the Universitas Pertamina area. An alternative solution to meet the demand for ready-to-drink water is to recycle the effluent of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in the Universitas Pertamina area into drinking water.

Based on the description above, it can be concluded that the Universitas Pertamina area has a great opportunity to make efforts to reduce the amount of plastic bottle waste by recycling the WWTP effluent into ready-to-drink water. With the availability of ready-to-drink water facilities in the Universitas Pertamina area, it is hoped that the generation of plastic bottle waste will also be reduced. Recycling WWTP effluent into drinking water can also help realize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) number 6 program, ensuring the availability and sustainable management of clean water and sanitation. One of the SDGs, program number 6 which is closely related to water recycling, is by 2030, improving water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating waste disposal, and minimizing the disposal of chemicals and hazardous materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater, and substantially increase recycling and safe reuse globally. Therefore, a study will be conducted on the design of the WWTP effluent further treatment unit to meet drinking water needs in the Universitas Pertamina area following Minister of Health Regulation number 492 of 2010 concerning drinking water quality requirements.

METHODS

Literature study is used as a guide in realizing the design idea. In addition, literature studies can also be used to increase understanding of the ideas that have been initiated. The literature study will also be compared with the results of data analysis and discussion. Sources that can be used as literature studies are international journals, national journals, regulations and quality standards, proceedings, textbooks, and final projects related to this research.

Field surveys are used to support the design by knowing the existing conditions of the existing locations. By conducting a field survey, it is hoped that the implementation of the design idea can be carried out more quickly. Field surveys can be carried out by coming directly to the design location or by asking related matters to the WWTP officer. Testing the characteristics of the WWTP effluent was taken using the rapid sampling method (grab sampling). In contrast to discharge sampling, water samples are only taken in 1 day at peak hours. The selection of days is based on days with the same peak hour characteristics and represents other days. The guidelines used in sampling for the characteristic test are SNI 6989.59:2008 regarding the method of sampling wastewater.

Pre-design is a preparatory stage carried out before design activities are carried out. Three alternative processing will be determined at this stage used in the design process based on quantity and quality data. After that, the three alternatives will be compared, and one alternative processing will be selected using the Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) selection method following research conducted by Ramadan (2014). In planning, of course, there are several things to consider. The main component that must be considered in carrying out this design is debit. Discharge is an essential consideration because the processing capacity will depend on the amount of water discharge to be treated. Moreover, the discharge generated from the treatment of WWTP in the area of the Universitas Pertamina is not continuous every hour. This is due to the operational hours of the Universitas Pertamina area, which only lasts for approximately 14 hours per day. Therefore, it is necessary to take a sample of the WWTP effluent discharge to determine the amount of discharge to be processed.

Another consideration of concern is the characteristics of the WWTP effluent. This is as important as discharge, considering the features of the effluent will affect the selection of processing units. Inappropriate choice of processing units will reduce the efficiency of the unit and the effectiveness of the removal of related parameters by the processing unit. The characteristics that will be considered in this design are pH, residual chlorine, solute (TDS),

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organic matter (KMnO₄), ammonia (NH₃-N), and total coliform. In addition to discharge and effluent characteristics, several other things to consider are design criteria, land availability, and costs.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The wastewater that has arrived at the WWTP will then enter sedimentation tank 1 to settle the mud and other solids that are still carried away from the settling basin. Then, the waste will flow in overflow to the equalization tank to homogenize the characteristics and discharge of the wastewater. This is important because other units in the WWTP will not work optimally if the release and parts of the wastewater entering the WWTP are not uniform. The equalization tank also functions as sediment for solids that are still carried away from the settling basin. Therefore, it is necessary to check periodically to remove the solids that settle in the equalization tank. In addition, the equalization tank also functions as a container for decomposing organic compounds in the form of solids, decomposing sludge, and collecting sludge. From the equalization tank, the wastewater will then be channeled to sedimentation tank 2 using a pump. Like sedimentation tank 1, sedimentation tank 2 also functions to precipitate solids that are still carried away by the flow. Then, from sedimentation tank 2 there will be an overflow to anaerobic tank 1. In this case, 3 anaerobic tanks are used to treat waste biologically. Waste from sedimentation tank 2 will be flowed to anaerobic tank 1, then from anaerobic tank 1 the wastewater will flow to anaerobic tank 2 and continued with anaerobic tank 3. In this unit, microorganisms will decompose organic content under anaerobic conditions. After the waste is treated anaerobically in an anaerobic tank, the wastewater will be channeled through a transfer tank to aeration tank 1 or aerobic biofilter reactor 1. In this tank, a microorganism growth medium made of PVC in the form of a wasp’s nest is installed so that after a few days of operation, the surface of the media will be covered with dirt. -form a biofilm layer. In this unit, microorganisms need oxygen to decompose organic matter. Therefore, in this reactor, a diffuser is installed to supply oxygen needs for microorganisms. In addition to the diffuser, oxygen is also supplied utilizing a waterfall. The plunge is made by flowing water from the outlet tank to the aeration tank using a piping system. The reuse of water from the outlet tank to jump into the aeration tank is also known as recycling. Then, from aeration tank 1, the waste will then flow into aeration tank 2, which has the same treatment system as aeration tank 1. After the wastewater is treated in the aeration tank, the wastewater will then enter the bioindicator tank. Bioindicators are living things that represent the condition of an ecosystem and the environment (Han et al., 2015). The bio-indicators used in the WWTP area of Universitas Pertamina are carp and tilapia. After that, the water will flow to the outlet tub. On its way to the outlet tank, the water will be given a disinfectant in the form of chlorine. The purpose of applying disinfectant is to kill pathogenic bacteria in treated recycle wastewater (Hasnaningrum et al., 2021). After that, the effluent that has reached the outlet tub will be discharged into a body of water. However, not all of the effluent will be discharged into water bodies, and some will be recycled to make a plunge in aeration tank 1. The discharge in the design is needed to determine the processing capacity. Therefore, it is necessary to take a discharge sample to decide on the quantity of discharge that will be used in the design. The results of sampling the WWTP effluent discharge can be seen in figure 1.

![Figure 1. Calculation results of average discharge fluctuations during weekday](image-url)
Table 1 shows the results of measuring the quality of wastewater effluent in 2019. The design of the treatment unit is based on the goal to be achieved, namely processing WWTP effluent in the Universitas Pertamina area into drinking water following the quality standards stated in the Minister of Health Regulation (Permenkes) number 492 of 2010. Based on the results of laboratory tests, the total coliform parameter does not meet the quality standard of the Minister of Environment and Forestry Regulation number 68 of 2016 and the results of the effluent test against the Permenkes quality standard number 492 of 2010. However, other parameters do not meet the quality standard of the Minister of Health Regulation number 492 of 2010, namely ammonia and residual chlorine, which still need to be added to the chlorine level. Therefore, these three parameters will be the main focus of the design. However, other parameters that have been mentioned in the problem definition, such as TDS, pH, and organic matter, will still be a reference for considering which unit to choose.

The selection of units for the three alternatives is based on several things as shown in Table 1. Therefore, there are three alternatives given for further processing, namely:


Preliminary sizing is used to describe the initial dimensions of each unit to be designed (Table 3). Preliminary sizing is also used as a consideration in the selection of design alternatives. The following is a preliminary sizing of each unit that will be designed. The design criteria in the design are used as an essential reference for unit development.
Total body depth = Body height + free board = 1.6 m + 1 m = 2.6 m

**Slow Sand Filter**

Discharge (Q) = 2,347 l/s x (1 m³/1000 l) x (3600 s/1 hour) = 8.45 m³/hour

Filtration speed = 0.4 m/hour

Filter basin area (A) = Q / Filtration speed = 8.45 m³/hour / 0.4 m/hour = 21.125 m²

Assuming length: the width of the tub is 1:1, then the length of the tank

\[ L = 21.125 \text{ m} \times 1.8 = 38.03 \text{ m} \]

\[ \text{Width of the tank} = 5 \text{ m} \]

Filtration speed = 0.1 - 0.4 m/hour (SNI 3981:2008).

**Microfiltration Membrane**

Flux (f) = 5 - 20 GFD = 0.008 - 0.034 m³/m².hour

Diameter (D) = 3.9 cm = 0.039 m

Length (L) = 1.016 m

Membrane area (A) = 5.8 m²

Volume (V) = 10 L = 0.01 m³

**Ultrafiltration Membrane**

Membrane unit specifications:

Brand = DOW type SF-2660

Flux (f) = 24 - 70 GFD = 0.04 - 0.12 m³/m².hour

Diameter (D) = 165 mm = 0.165 m

Length (L) = 1.86 m

Membrane area (A) = 33 m²

Volume (V) = 16 L = 0.016 m³

**Microfiltration Membrane – Ultrafiltration**

Disinfection

Discharge (Q) = 2,347 l/s

Contact time (t) = 30 minutes = 0.5 hours

Contact tank volume = 2,347 l/s x (1 m³/1000 l) x (3600 s/1 hour) x 0.5 hours = 4,225 m³

Four criteria form the basis for the assessment to choose one of the three alternatives. The assessment criteria include cost, required membrane area, flux recovery after backwash, and total coliform removal effectiveness. Although the discharge is one of the critical aspects in the design considerations, the discharge is not included in the assessment criteria because the selected membrane has been adjusted to the discharge capacity and specifications of the membrane itself. Furthermore, the four criteria will be compared for each alternative with the assessment reference as follows (Saaty, 1988):

1. Just as important as the others
2. Moderate importance than others
3. Strong in importance than others
4. Very strong in importance than others
5. Extreme/absolute importance over others

The comparison of each assessment point or criteria can be seen in Table 4. The comparison table of criteria is read by reading the criteria column versus the criteria row. An example of reading for the cost criteria is carried out as follows:

Cost: cost = 1:1
Cost: required membrane area = 2 : 1
Cost: flux recovery after backwash = 1: 3
Cost: effectiveness of total coliform removal = 1: 3

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Table 4. Criteria assessment matrix in AHP
Comparisons will be made for the membrane units of each alternative, namely microfiltration (MF), ultrafiltration (UF), and microfiltration – ultrafiltration (MF-UF). The comparison value between all alternatives for each criterion can be seen in Table 2. MF occupies the highest value in terms of cost, and MF – UF occupies the lowest value. Reporting from several marketplaces in June 2020, the price of MF membranes tends to be cheaper than UF membranes. So, MF has a higher value than UF. MF – UF occupies the lowest value because the unit requires 2 different membranes, and of course, it will be more expensive in terms of price. Then for the criteria for evaluating the required membrane area, each membrane brand being compared has its membrane area specifications. The use of membranes with a certain area depends on the processing capacity of each membrane. The MF membrane has a membrane area specification of 5.8 m², while the UF membrane has 33 m². The membrane area will also affect the required land area because the larger the membrane area, the larger the diameter of the tool will be. Therefore, from the necessary membrane area criteria, MF occupies the highest value. Flux recovery after backwash is one of the most essential things in choosing the type of membrane because flux recovery will affect the service life of the membrane. The smaller the flux recovery, the more likely the membrane will be clogging.

Table 5. Matrix for each criteria for alternative advance treatment

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MF has the same flux recovery value as MF – UF, 80% (Gao et al., 2019), while UF has a flux recovery value of 90% (Mahmud, 2005). Therefore, for this criterion, UF has the highest value compared to other alternatives. The last selection criteria is the effectiveness of total coliform removal. This point is included in the most important selection criteria because from the results of laboratory tests carried out, the total coliform in the WWTP effluent sample is quite high, namely 160,000/100 ml of the sample, while the requirement for water to be consumed as drinking water according to PERMENKES number 492 of 2010 is 0/100 ml of sample. Based on Hidayah (2018) research, it is stated that MF, UF, and MF – UF can remove total coliforms up to 100%. Therefore, the values for all alternatives on this criterion are the same. From the calculation results, the final value obtained by each alternative is MF of 0.381; UF of 0.376; and MF-UF of 0.2422. The chosen alternative is the alternative with the highest final score. Therefore, the chosen alternative is alternative 1 which includes equalization basin – slow sand filter – microfiltration membrane – disinfection. Alternative weighting for the other assessment criteria is also carried out in the same way. Comparison and alternative weighting for membrane area criteria, respectively. The final weighting is done by multiplying the matrix between the weights of each alternative with the criteria. The following is the final weighting calculation (equation 1). These results indicate that MF is the best alternative that can be applied according to the criteria specified in the AHP. Overall, the concept of recycle water in Universitas Pertamina with MF can be seen in Figure 2.
CONCLUSION
Based on the criteria of cost, required membrane area, flux recovery after backwash, and total coliform removal effectiveness, the biggest criterion is total coliform removal. This is because of the high value of this parameter in the existing conditions. Alternative processing that is suitable to be applied is MF, UF, and the combination of MF-UF. However, the best unit in making decisions based on the criteria made is MF. This MF unit must also be supported by complementary buildings such as equalization tanks, slow sand filters, and the application of disinfectants.

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