
**Guidelines for performance evaluation
of treatment technologies for water
reuse systems —**

**Part 8:
Evaluation of treatment systems based
on life cycle cost**

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de traitement des systèmes de réutilisation de l'eau —*

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Introduction

The purpose of this document is to more specifically define a methodology for evaluating the economic performance of treatment systems, which is covered in ISO 20468-1:2018, Clause 7. The background to this document is the need to promote water reuse projects with cost-effective treatment systems in communities and industrial facilities in order to achieve sustainable water supply. A variety of stakeholders, including managers of water reuse projects and owners of water infrastructure and facilities, can select appropriate treatment systems through comprehensive performance evaluations using this document and the ISO 20468 series.

The concept of the economic performance evaluation methodology has already been established based on life-cycle cost (LCC), comprising capital, operation and maintenance (O&M), and disposal costs in IEC 60300-3-3. The economic performance evaluation methodologies of the petroleum and natural gas industries and building and constructed assets are defined in ISO 15663 and ISO 15686-5, respectively, based on the general standard of IEC 60300-3-3. The importance of the economic evaluation, based on LCC considering the environmental impact, is also described in guidelines for selecting high-quality water infrastructure and facilities.^[14] With reference to these existing standards, this document provides a customized evaluation methodology for treatment systems in water reuse projects based on LCC, taking environmental impact into consideration. In this document there are no restrictions on applicable treatment systems, such as biological, physical or membrane separation.

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Part 8: Evaluation of treatment systems based on life cycle cost

1 Scope

This document provides life-cycle cost (LCC) methodology for treatment systems for water reuse for initial planning as well as later performance evaluation. LCC analysis provides valid information to determine whether the objectives have actually been accomplished and how operations are improved and optimized. Environmental impact is also taken into account in the LCC evaluation.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 20670, *Water reuse — Vocabulary*

3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 20670 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 Terms and definitions

3.1.1

capital cost

money used to purchase, install and commission a capital asset

3.1.2

disposal cost

money used to demolish and rehabilitate a capital asset at the end of its life

3.1.3

operation and maintenance cost

cost incurred in running and managing the facility, labour, material and other related costs incurred to retain a building or its part in a state in which it can perform its required functions

3.1.4

life-cycle cost

total cost incurred during the life cycle

[SOURCE: IEC 60300-3-3:2017, 3.1.13]