



Converting sludge into reusable water and biofuel



## **THE PROCESS – SUPER CONCENTRATE BIO-SOLIDS**

The GGI proprietary process turns 97% liquid wastewater sludge into 20%-30% moisture with 70% to 80% combustible bio-solids. This process achieves the US EPA Part 503 approval – required pathogen vector reduction threshold (Subpart D Option 7)

**Despite representing only about 1% of total wastewater flows, sludge handling accounts for up to 50% of total treatment plant operating and energy costs.**

# Market Summary

- **Municipal** wastewater sewage sludge treatment facilities (holding lagoon/tanks cleanouts);
- **Agricultural** manures & processing plant sludge (animal and vegetable)
- **Aquaculture** applications (fish pond solids removal)
- **Industrial** wastewater sludge
- **Oil** solids removal





## Municipal Sewage Sludge

(Public) Harrisonville, MO

(Public) Clinton, MO

(Public) Independence, MO



## Manures

(Private) Egg layer manure (Le Sueur, MN)

(Private) Hog manure (Monroe City, MO)



## Vegetable & Meat Processing Sludge

Meat (St. Joseph, MO)

Vegetable (Faribault, MN)

Vegetable (Renville, MN)



## Other Sludge

(Private) Landfill/Leachate (Shakopee, MN)

(Private) Paper (Cedar Rapids, IA)



# **THE SLUDGE DILEMMA**

## Ineffective Treatment

- Aging infrastructure and technology (polymer induced thickening process.....dewatering process with screw press/belt press/filter press/decanter/centrifuge.....drying process using thermal energy.....landfill).
- \* High moisture content (average 70% moisture-30% solids.....best result is 60-40) even after all the processes.

## Non-compliance Liquid Discharge

- Post dewatering liquid is 4X higher in conductivity and will usually end up flowing into drains and water catchment areas.

## High Treatment and Disposal Cost

- Traditionally sludge treatment is >50% of total cost of WWTP operating cost. This is just to mitigate 1% of total flow!
- Disposal cost for dewatered sludge in Asia is USD100 to USD1200 per ton (usually at 70%-80% moisture content).
- High logistic cost for transporting 70% to 80% liquid when the nutrients are actually in the solids for recycling or reuse.

## Landfill Requirement

- Cost of landfill is high (from USD15 to USD70 per ton for normal waste) – sludge can be 3X higher than this.
- Land is scarce and local government are introducing mandates on waste reduction to landfills.
- Sludge require special sanitary landfill treatment processes because of leaching.

## Detrimental Environmental Impact

- Leaching into environment and affecting ground water.
- Sludge solids are high in contamination posing an immediate danger to human, plant and animals.
- Landfills for sludge are usually deemed unfit for agriculture use.

# Current Solutions

Land/Crop Application



Haulers (landfill and lagoons)



Mechanical (belt press/centrifuge dewatering)



Incineration (heat & power generation)





# **OUR SOLUTION**

## **The Technological Shift**

## **Sludge is a RESOURCE**

- Uncovering hidden energy within the sludge solids (activated sewage sludge usually has a calorific value between 1200 to 1500 kcal/kg, farm sludge will have higher calorific value ranging between 2000 to 4000 kcal/kg).

## **Innovative Treatment Process**

- Single-pass real time separation of liquid–solids without any need for thickening process and polymers dosage.
- Separated bio-solids at 70% to 80% and liquid at 30% to 20% in one pass.
- Combustible bio-solids (with increased GCV)
- Flexible in-take points (EQ, O&G trap, Sludge tank)
- Resilient to pH, O&G, Temperature, high TS & VS
- Modular and tested design
- Mobile sludge treatment process
- Small footprint

## **Cost Savings on Treatment Process**

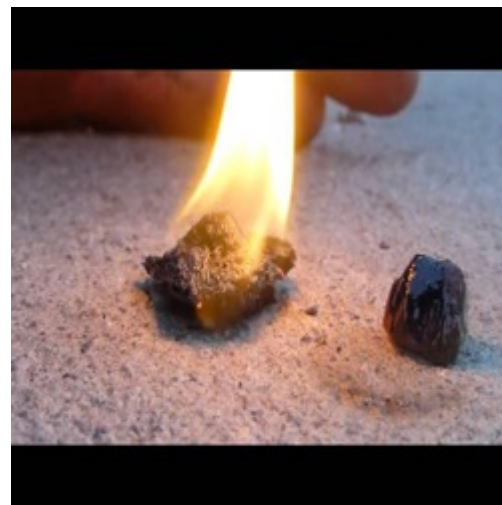
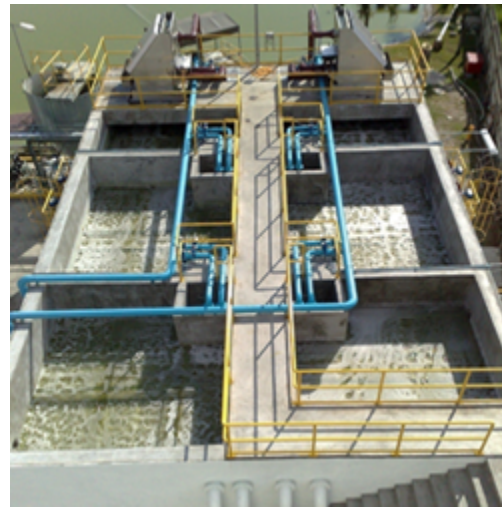
- Minimized sludge treatment train to one process, thus saving on chemical coagulant, power, personnel and logistics cost compared to traditional sludge dewatering and disposal process.
- Savings on Capex and Opex when system is applied to EQ stage (secondary and sludge treatment no longer required).
- Huge savings on disposal cost.

## **Achievement on Zero-Discharge and Zero-Landfill**

- Reusable liquid as utility or process water
- Bio-solids are used as high GCV alternative solid fuel (with lower GHG emissions).
- Alternative usage for bio-solids as soil enhancement fertilizer (only with agriculture sludge).

# THE ZERO DISCHARGE PROCESS

Clean water  
back to ETP



Combustible solids  
as boiler feed



Step 5  
Cutting process



Step 4  
Separation process



Step 3  
Preparation process



Step 2  
Slurry mix process

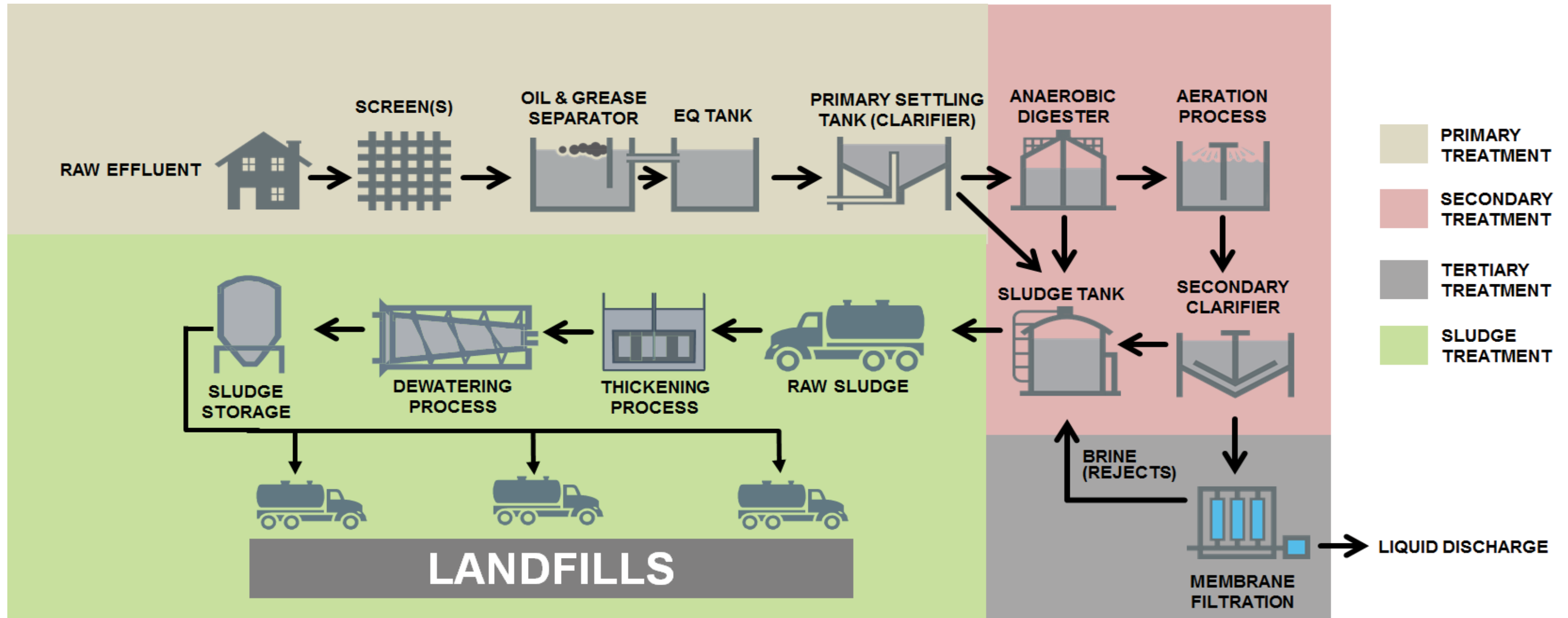


Step 1  
Identify intake point



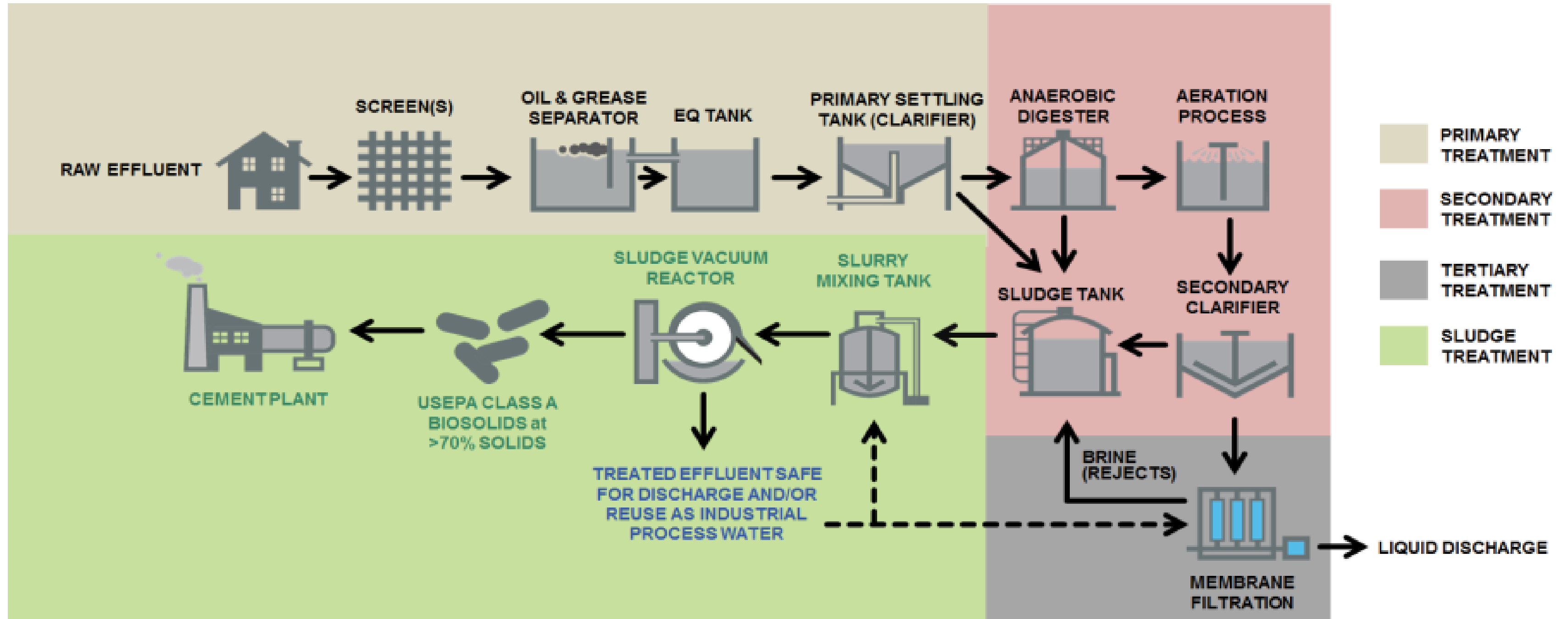
# CURRENT SOLUTION

## TYPICAL TREATMENT PROCESS



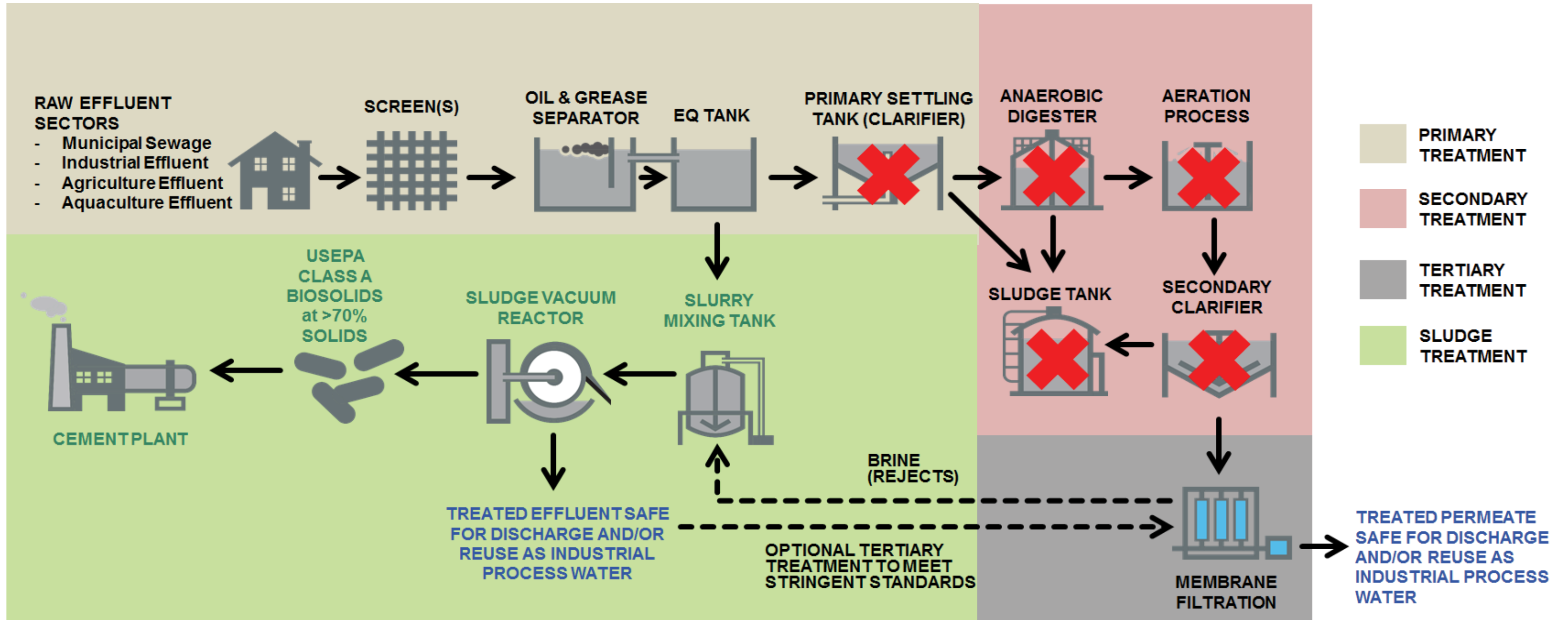
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## GGI **SLUDGE** TREATMENT PROCESS



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## GGI **EFFLUENT** TREATMENT PROCESS

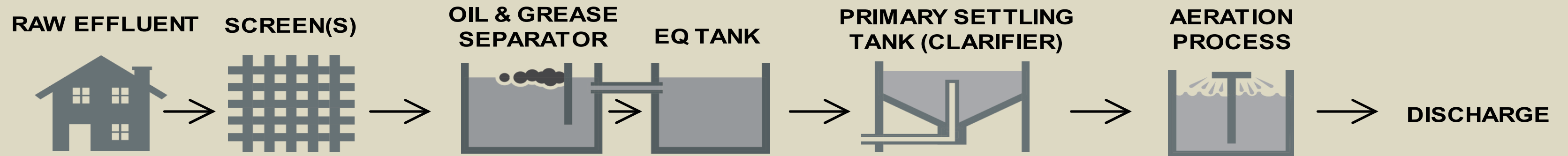




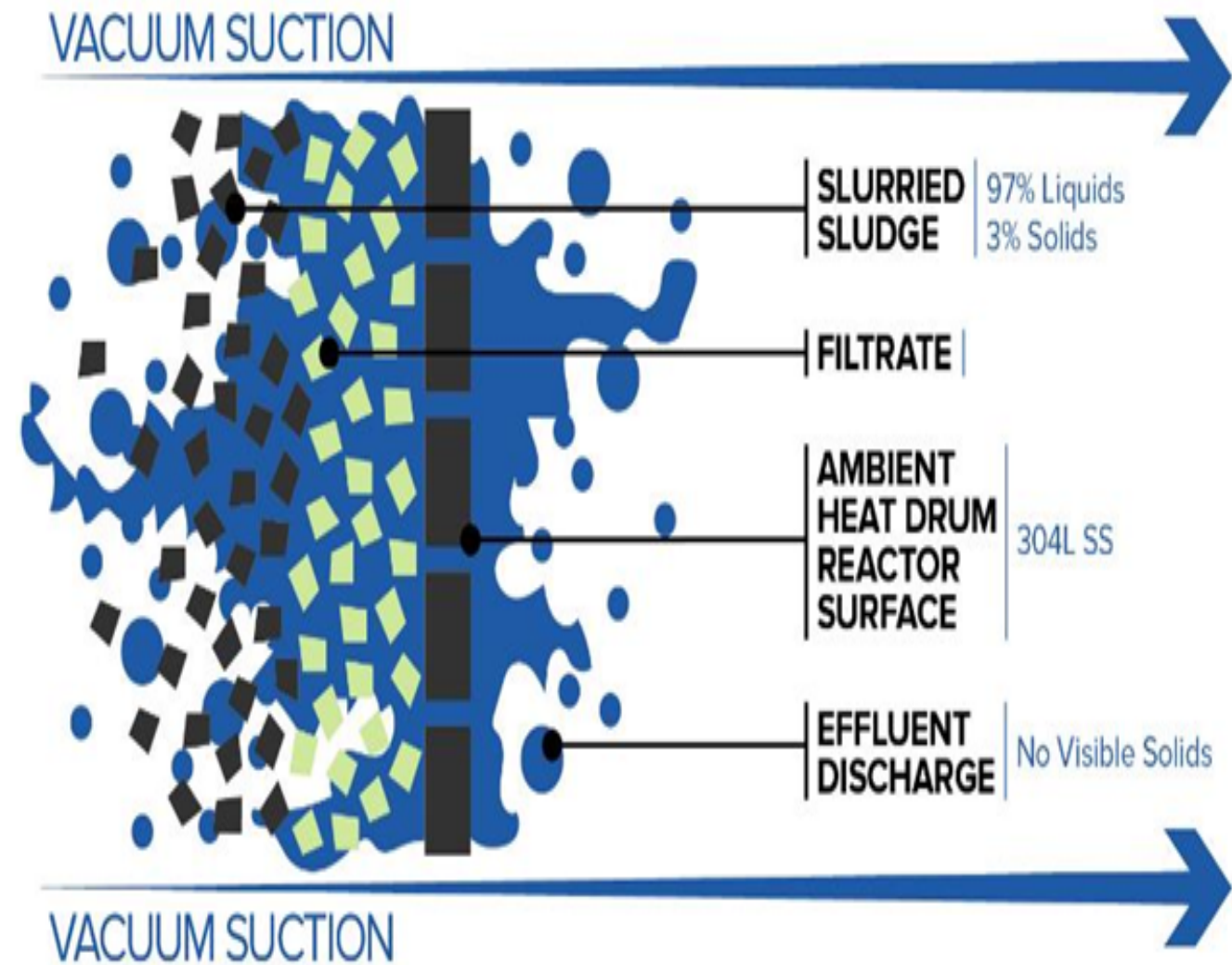
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**TYPICAL SMALL TREATMENT PROCESS**

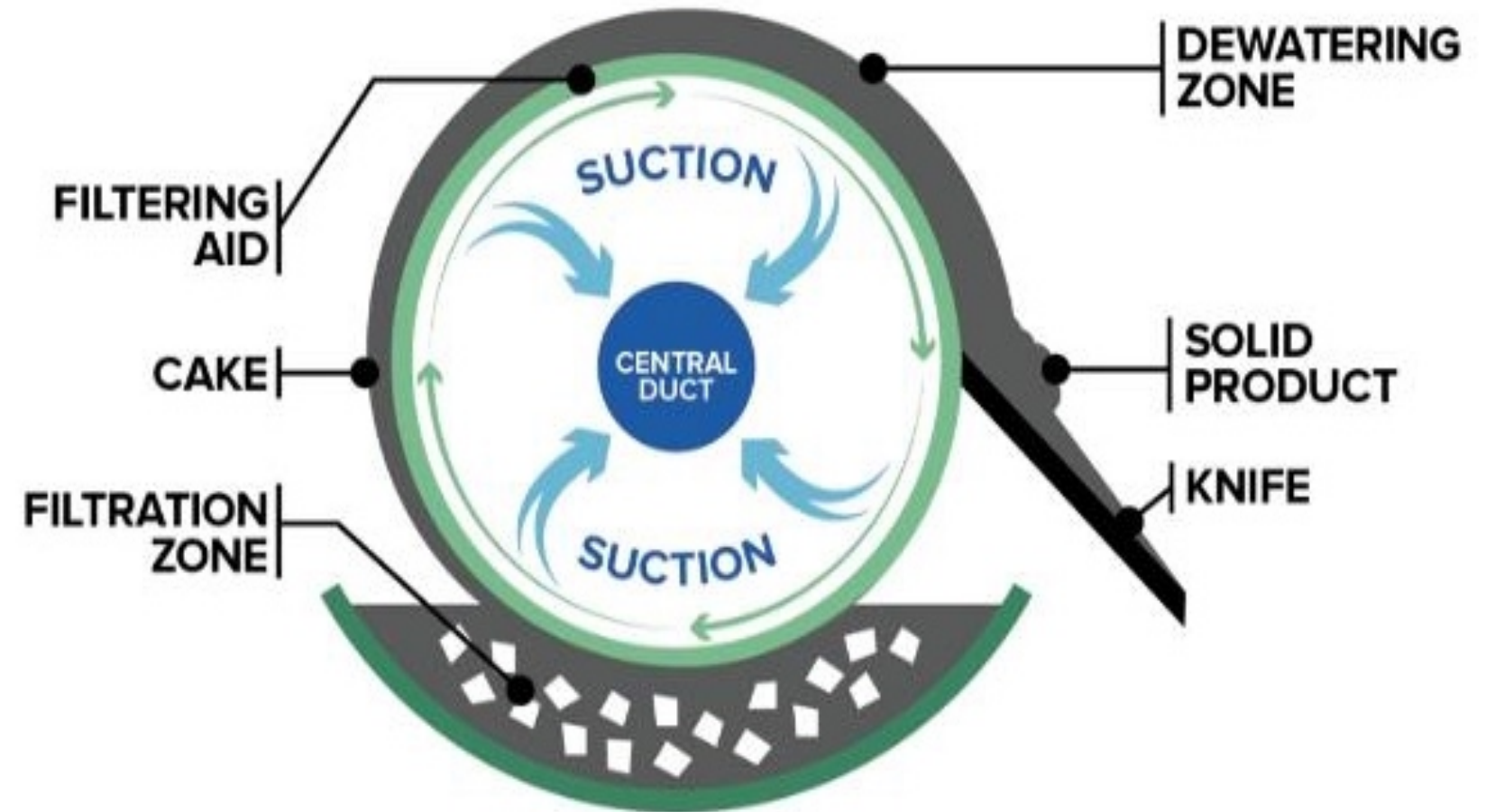
SMALL **EFFLUENT** & **SLUDGE** TREATMENT PROCESS  
(PLANTS LESS THAN 10,000 PE)



# Process Snapshots

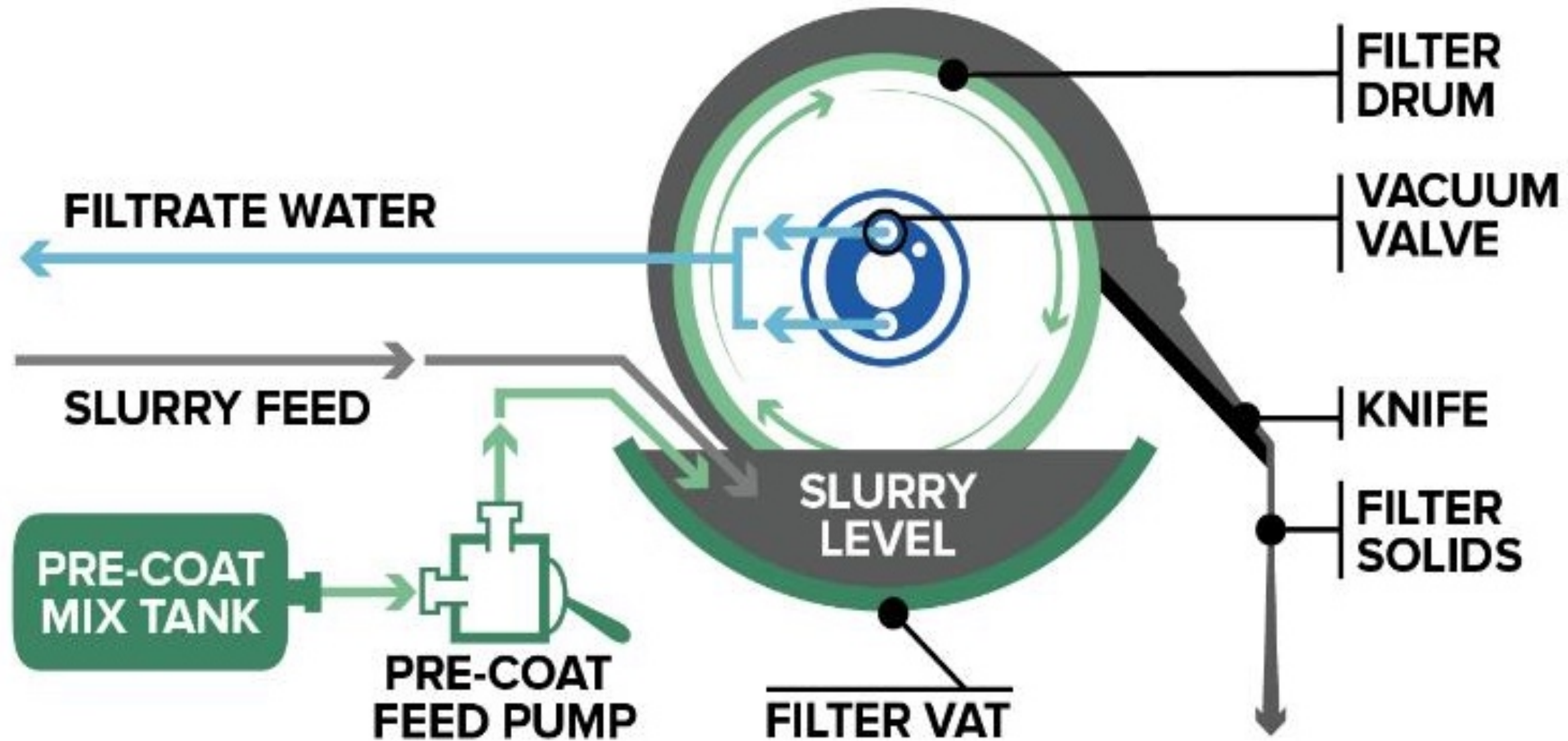


**Micro level**



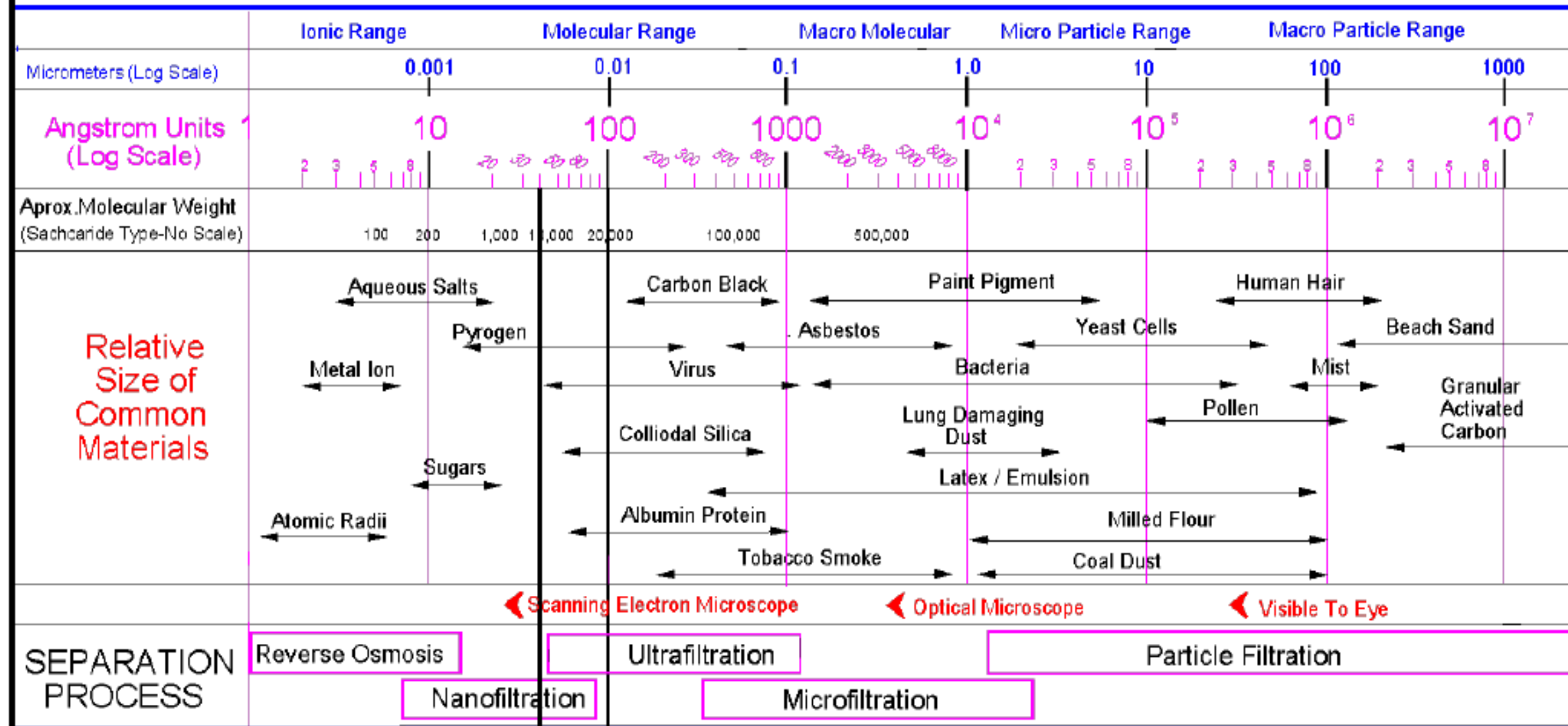
**Macro level**

# GGI Process Flow





# "FILTRATION"



1 Angstrom Unit =  $10^{-10}$  Meters =  $10^{-4}$  Micrometers (microns)







# Test Result – Treatment of Leachate from landfill





# Pathogen Reduction Vector Reached

EPA vector is 90% solids for unstabilized and 75% solids for stabilized biosolids for Class A (safe)







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Sample Number: 13-M2501

Report Date: 8/12/13

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Work Order #: 81-874

Date Collected: 8/ 1/13

Date Received: 8/ 9/13

Sample Description: IF4(2)  
Sample Site: Discharge Cake

Sewage Sludge

## \*PROXIMATE\*

ANALYTE	AS RECEIVED		DRY BASIS		
Total Moisture	8.44	wt. %			
Ash	16.94	wt. %	18.50	wt. %	3,551 kcal/kg
Total Sulfur	0.43	wt. %	0.47	wt. %	14.86 Mj/kg
Calorific Value BTU/lb	5850	BTU/lb	6389	BTU/lb	



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Date Received: 8/ 9/13

Sample Description: CL3  
Sample Site: Clarifier Sludge Cake

Animal Farm Sludge

## \*PROXIMATE\*

ANALYTE	AS RECEIVED		DRY BASIS	
Total Moisture	1.59	wt. %		
Ash	9.87	wt. %	10.03	wt. %
Total Sulfur	0.71	wt. %	0.72	wt. %
Calorific Value BTU/lb	12029	BTU/lb	12224	BTU/lb

6,795kcal/kg  
28.4 Mj/kg

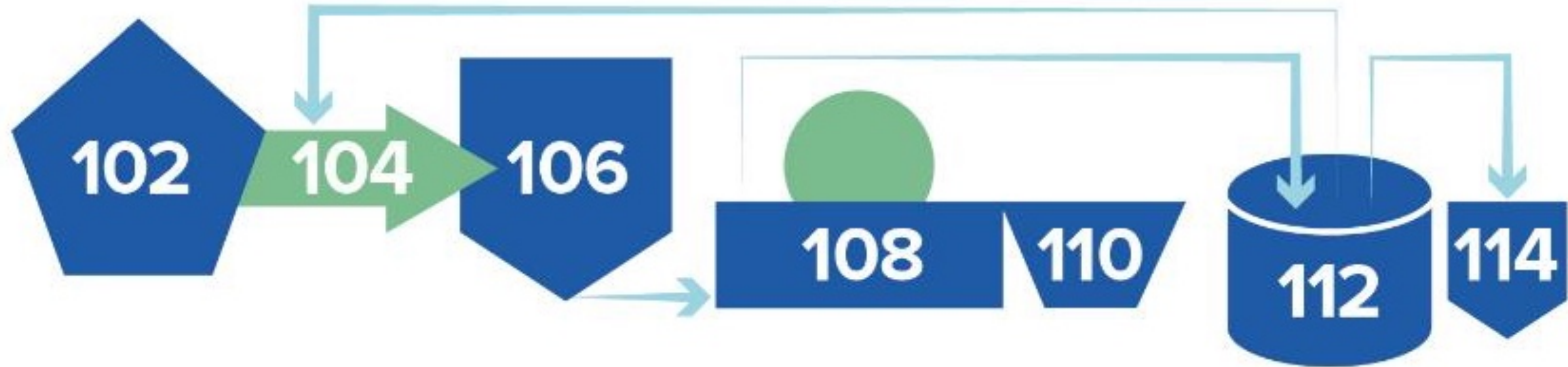


# **Winner First Place Water Award at Global Cleantech Open Forum 2015**





# USA Patent & PCT





# Advantages

- Real time mitigation of sludge (current dewatering & dry bed systems could take up to weeks)
- Lower moisture content at <20% (post dry bed process at >30%, post centrifuge process >70%)
- Flexible in-take point(s) (raw effluent, primary clarifier, secondary clarifier, digested, aerated, dewatered, dry bed and/or discharge)
- Zero discharge (close loop process flow)
- Clean water return for reuse as process water (up to 95% recovery)
- USEPA Vector A bio-solids at less than 20% moisture (available for internal boiler)
- No heavy investments (DBOO model requiring no capex from client – based on processing fees/ton)
- Substantial reduction on current sludge mitigation cost
- Reduction in raw feed cost
- Reduction in raw water cost
- Reduction in carbon footprint
- Guarantee on discharge/raw water parameters (depending on influent and discharge/raw water parameters)
- Small footprint
- Low power consumption and no polymer dosage

# Moving Forward

- Understanding of current WWTP process flow and capacities
- Understanding of current sludge process flow and capacities
- Understanding of discharge standards and limitations
- Understanding of current operating cost for WWTP
- Understanding of current operating cost for sludge processing (including external cost)
- Understanding of power consumptions and chemicals usage
- Understanding of raw water (process water) standards or allowable limitations
- Understanding of boiler feed materials and cost
- Space allocations

**THANK YOU**



# **GGI TREATMENT PROCESS**

**WATER TREATMENT PROCESS**

**POME TREATMENT PROCESS**

**PAPER & PULP TREATMENT PROCESS**

**RUBBER GLOVE TREATMENT PROCESS**

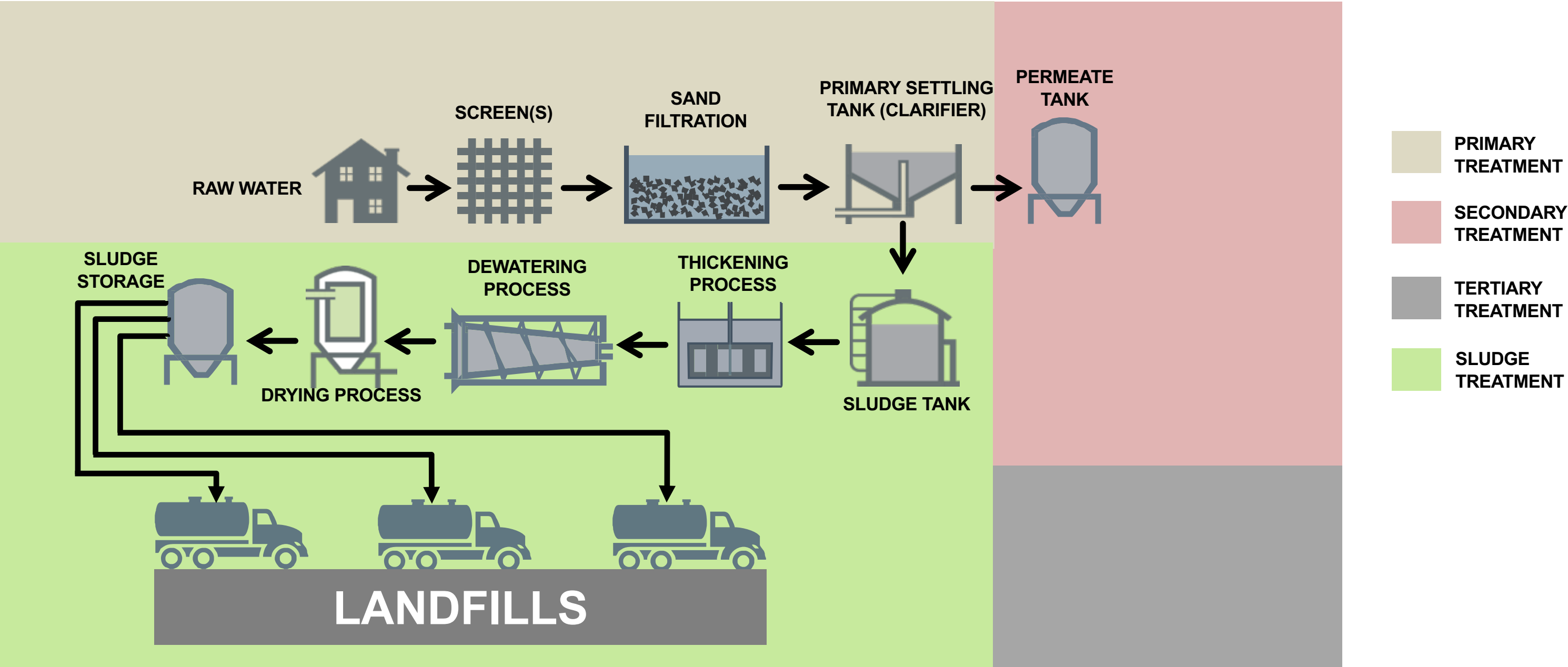
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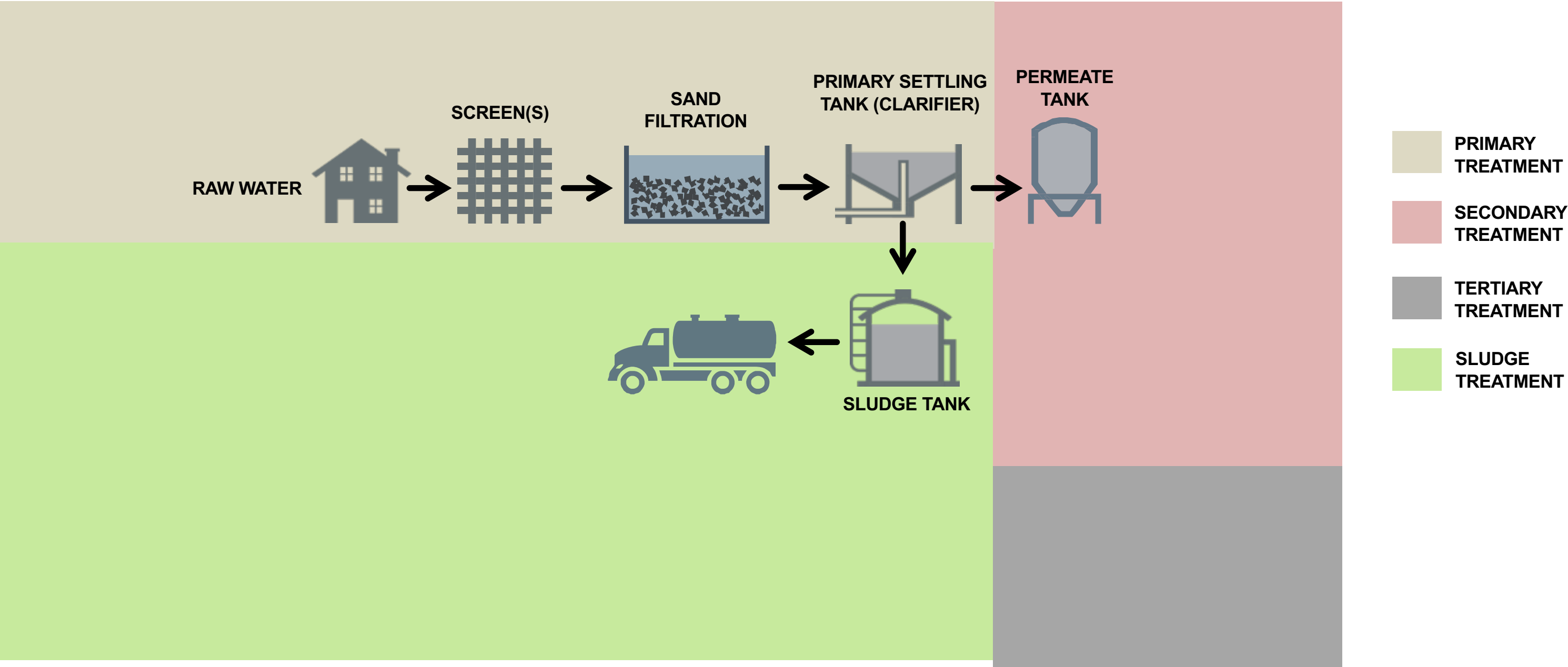
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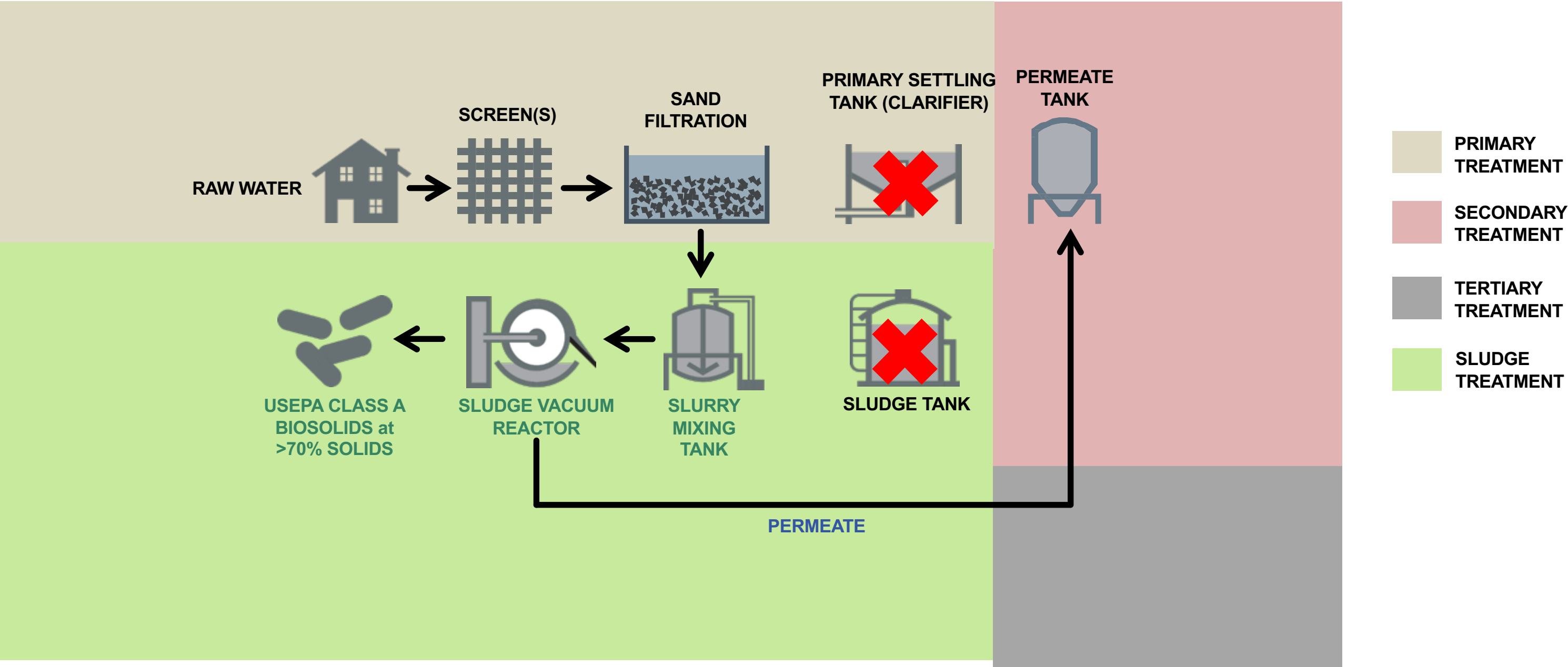
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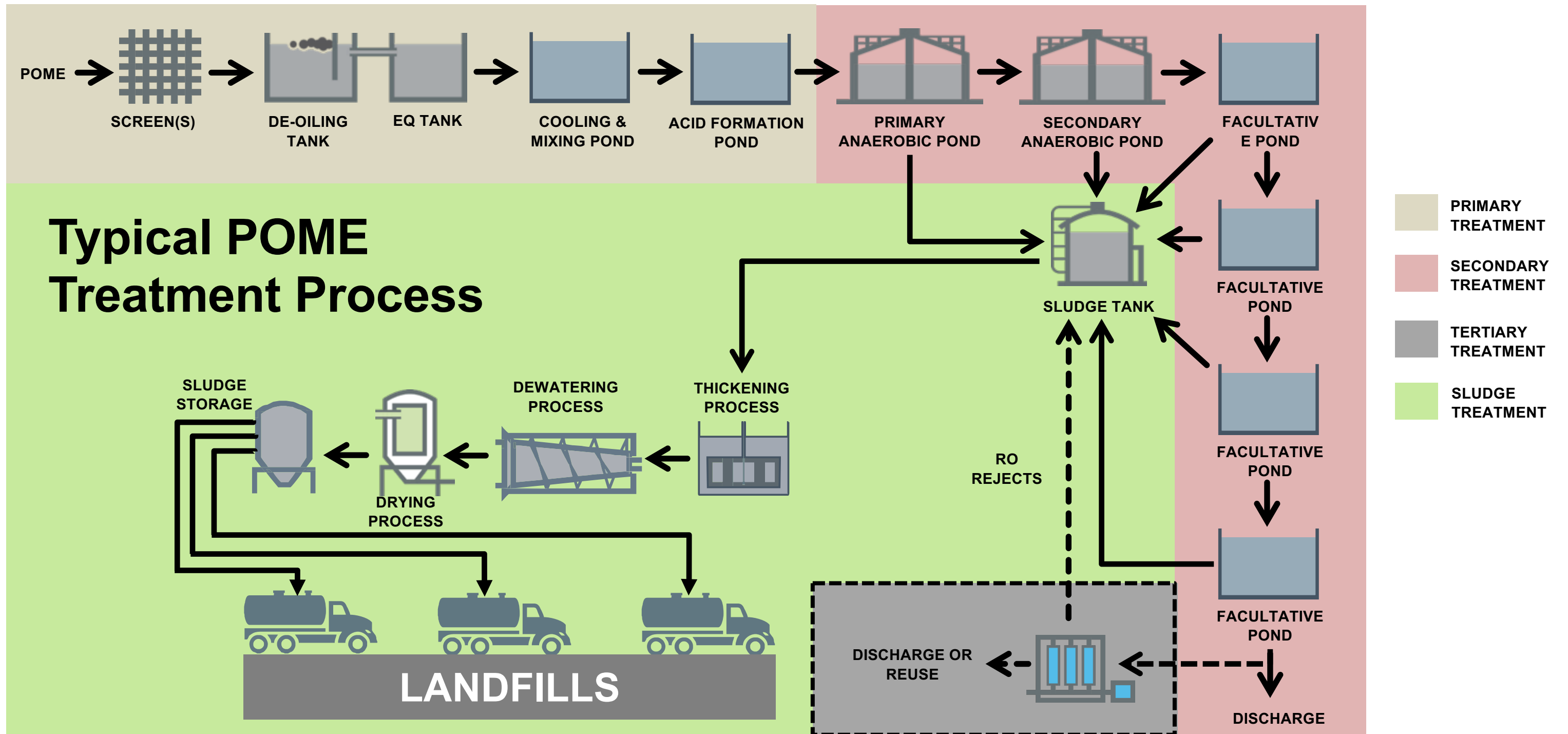


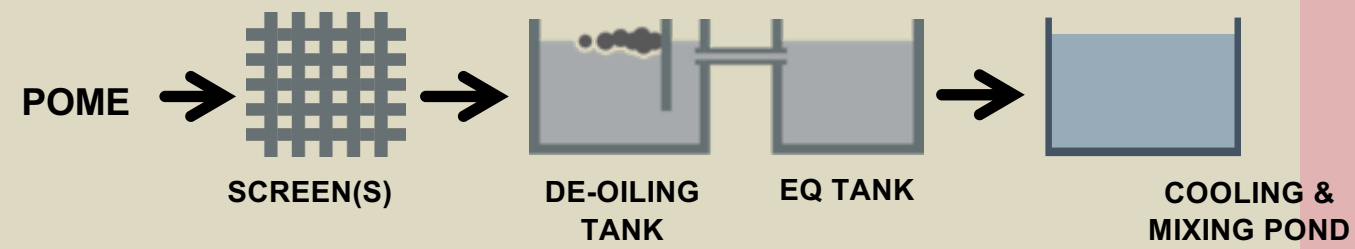
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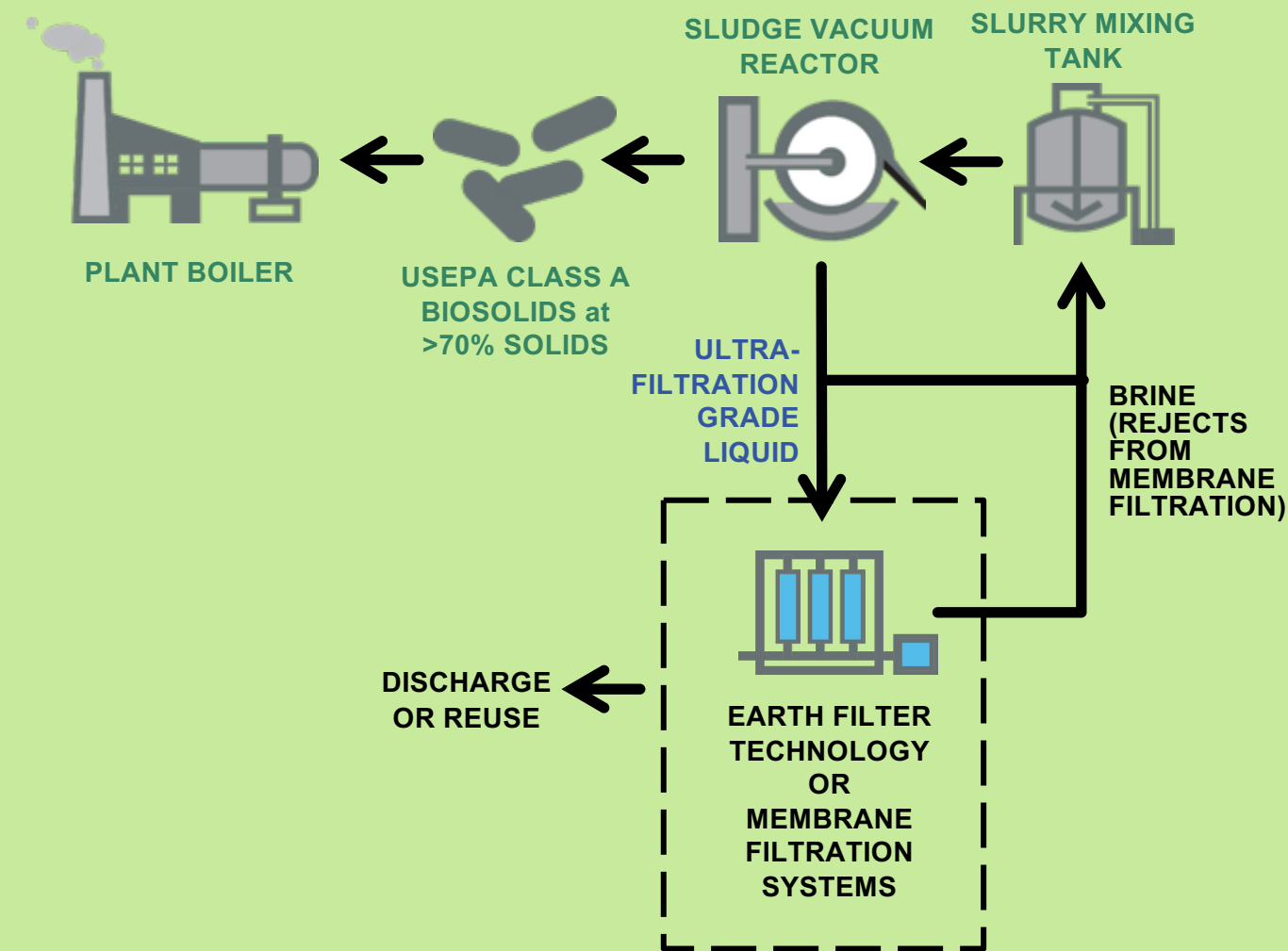


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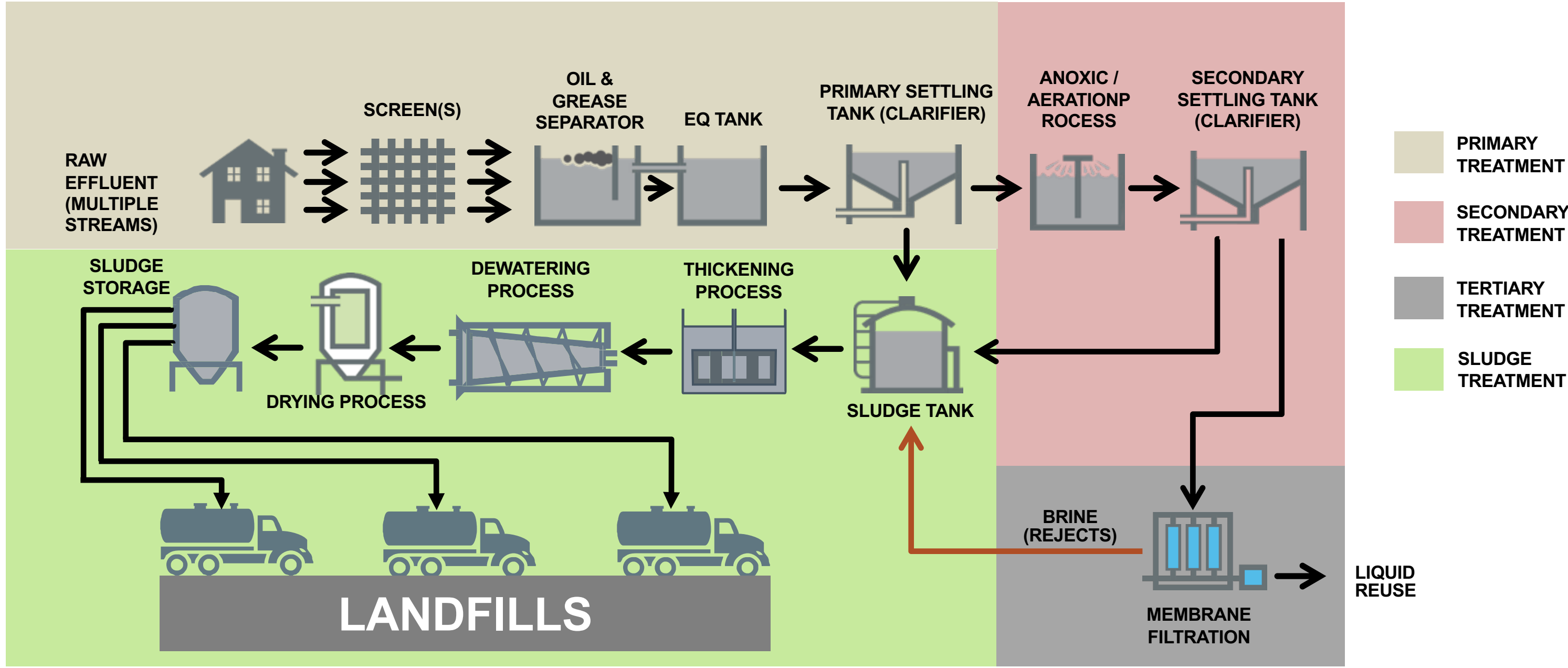
# GGI POME Treatment Process



- PRIMARY TREATMENT
- SECONDARY TREATMENT
- TERTIARY TREATMENT
- SLUDGE TREATMENT

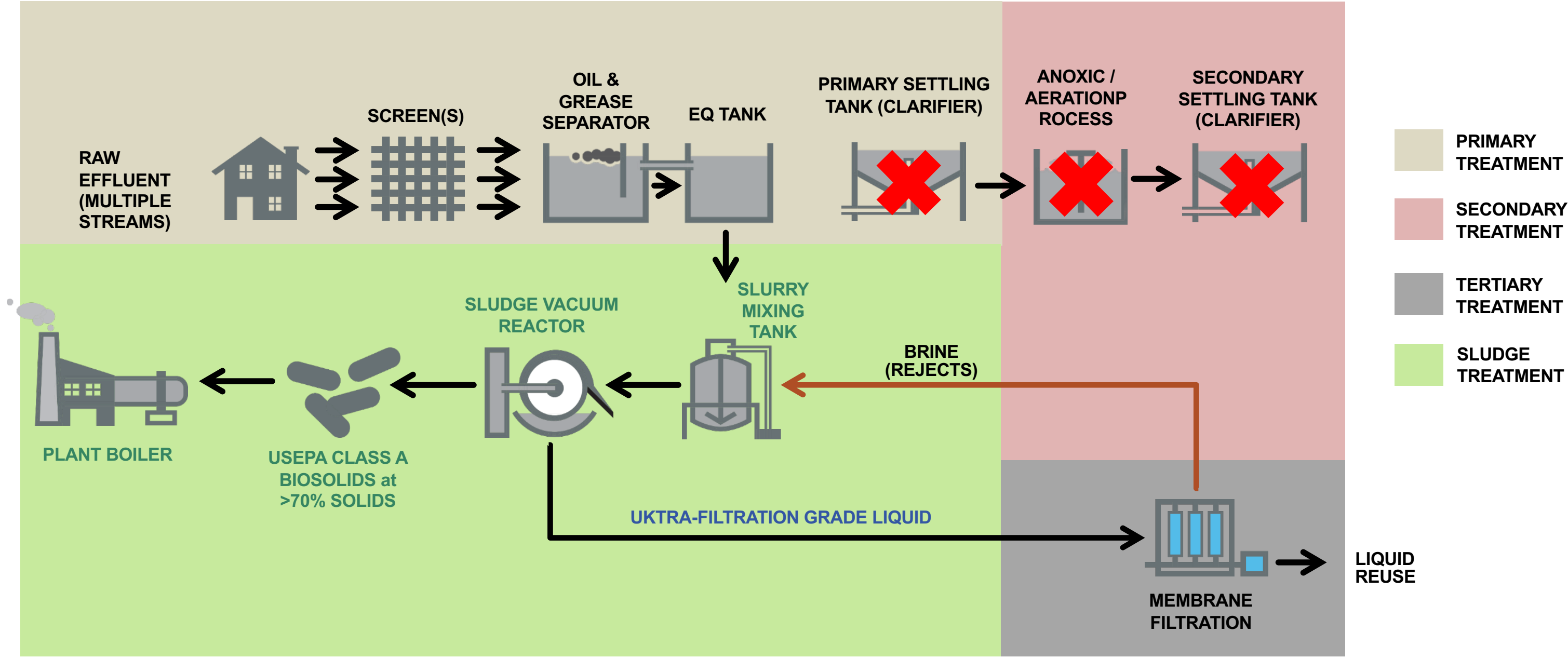
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# Typical Paper & Pulp Effluent & Sludge Treatment Process

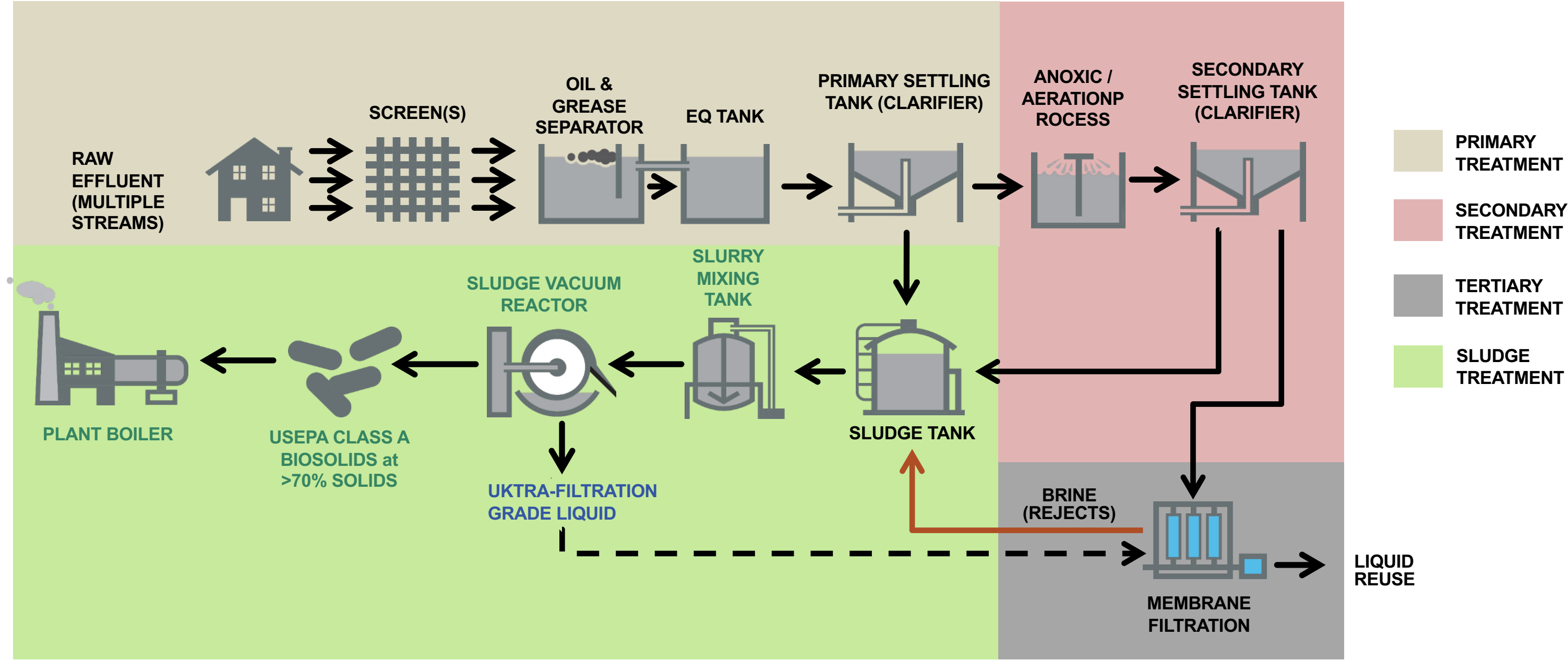




# GGI Paper & Pulp Effluent Treatment Process

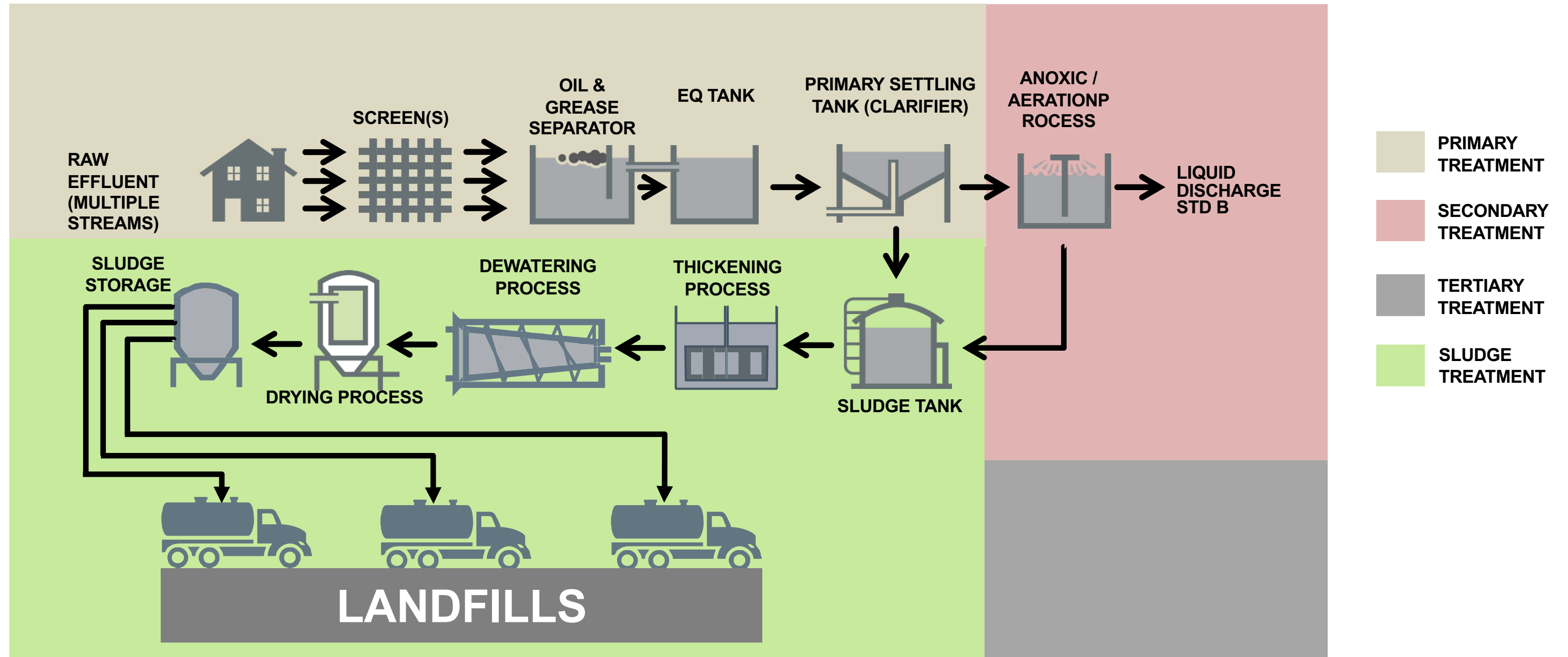


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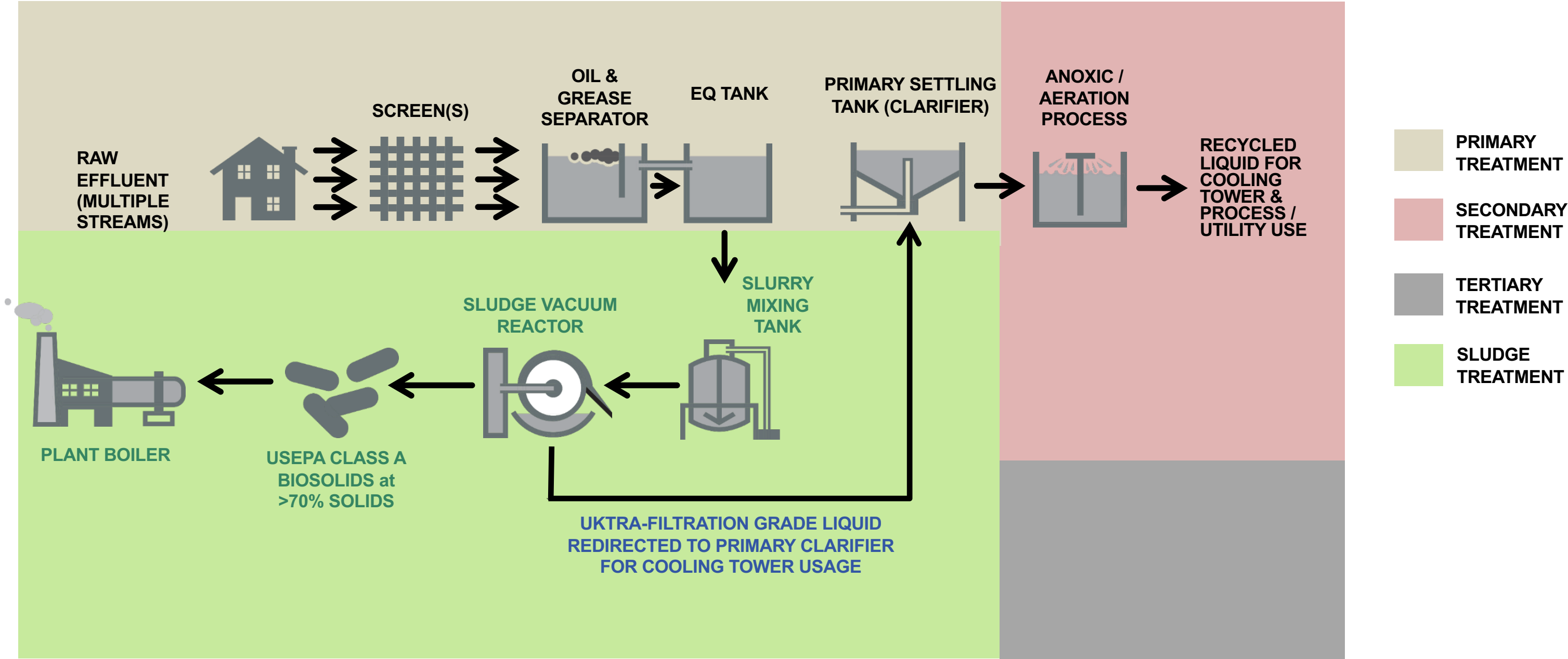


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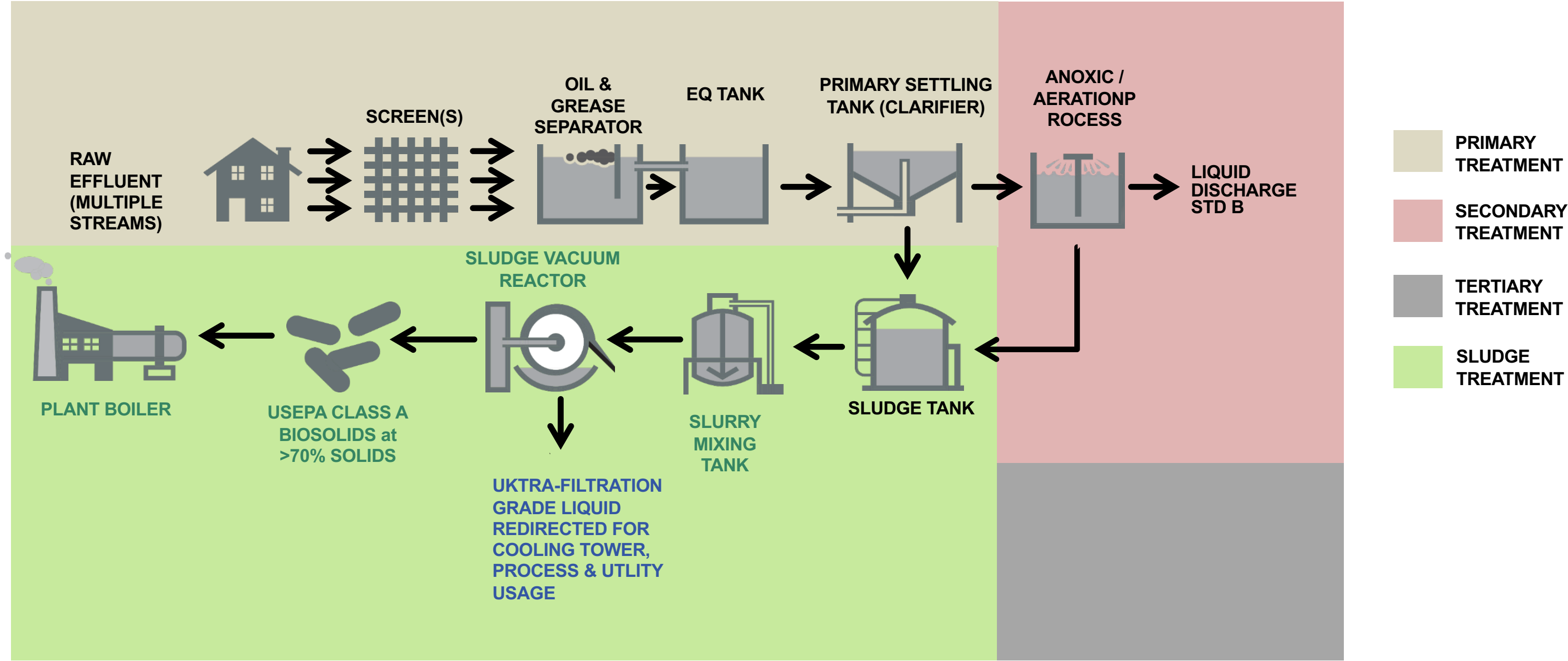


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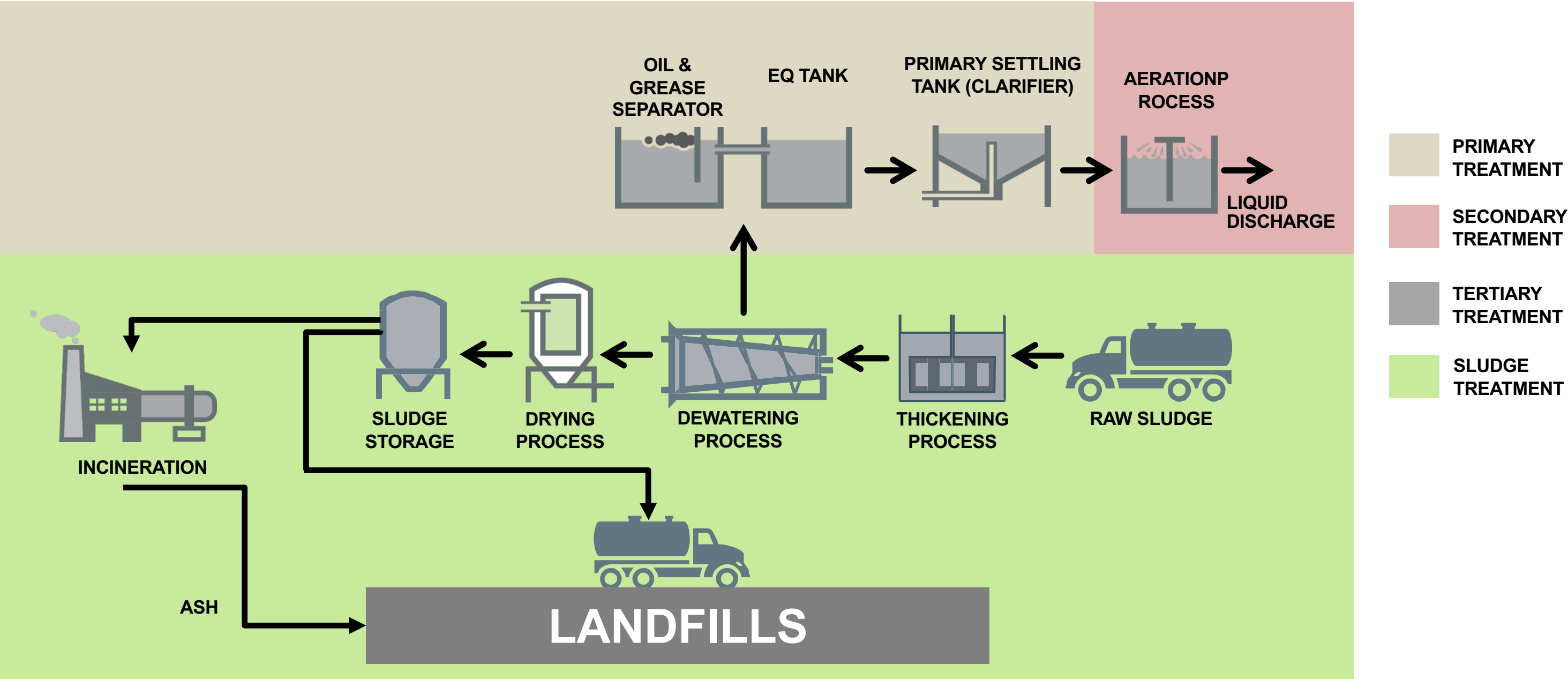


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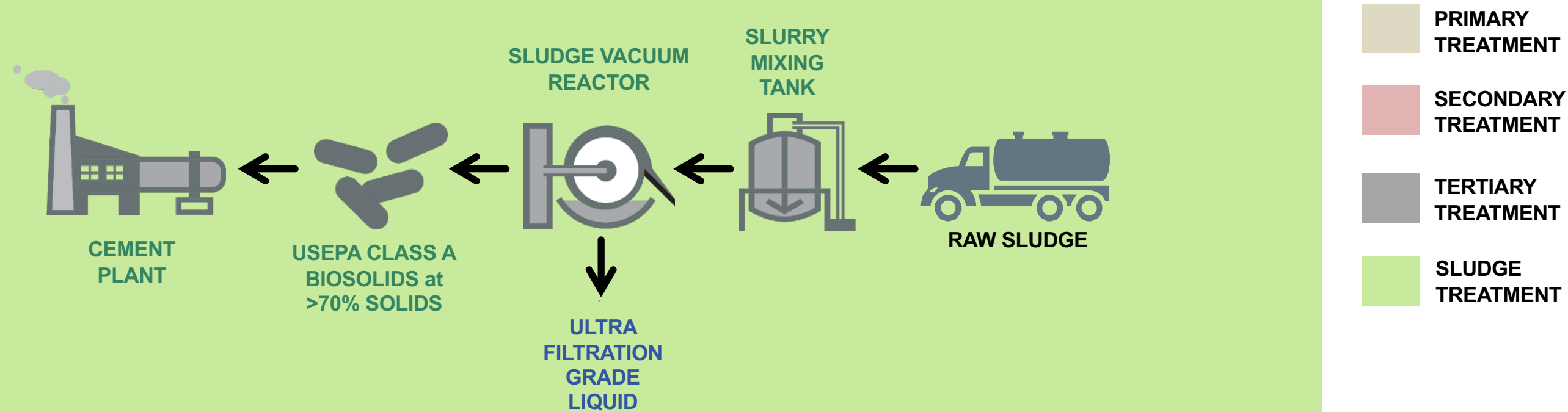


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# GGI **SLUDGE** TREATMENT PROCESS (FIXED UNIT)



# GGI **SLUDGE** TREATMENT PROCESS (MOBILE UNIT)

