## Cooling Tower Application Bulletin

# Cooling Tower Filter for Side Stream Filtration

#### Fine Particles Are One of the Largest Contributors to Fouling

Typically, over 90% of the suspended solids in a cooling tower are under 5 microns. These fine particles cause many issues for building owners:

- A nutrient source for biofilm, bacteria and Legionella
- Energy efficiency levels are decreased
- Major wear and tear of process equipment, pump seals and motor bearings causing forced shut-downs
- Water treatment chemicals perform less efficiently

### The Cost of Not Filtering Fine Particles

- Fine particles adhere to heat exchanger, control valves, piping, and cooling tower fill. When this occurs, water cannot achieve the proper temperature drop
- Sludge buildup reduces chemical effectiveness, resulting in higher dosing
- All equipment in contact with the water will be at risk
- Health risks, microbiological growth, microbiological induced corrosion, biofilm and biofouling occur

## Legionella Risks Associated with Cooling Tower Filters

Nearly all cooling towers that have been linked to outbreaks of Legionella infections have been found to be poorly treated.\* Without proper filtration for ongoing removal of suspended solids, Legionella is likely to proliferate. Filtration is considered a useful support tool for ongoing removal of suspended matter which could otherwise contribute to the proliferation of the Legionella organism. Legionella bacterial thrives in cooling system with biolfilm. The amount of smaller particles present in cooling tower filters gives biofilm more surface area in which to grow. It is essential that filtration remove particles down to 1 micron or less.



Fine particles clog the tower packing reducing the ability to cool the recirculation water.

Micron Size	Before NuStream	After NuStream	Percent Removal
1	5,234,311	6,154	>99%
2	2,949,364	2,615	>99%
3	2,487,514	1,384	>99%
4	1,004,728	808	>99%
5 – 8	480,349	678	>99%
9 - 12	77,745	299	>99%
13 +	24,308	38	>99%

#### Actual results of cooling tower water before and after NuStream Filtration

\*Legionella 2019: A Position Statement and Guidance Document, AWT



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**NuStream Cooling** 

**Tower Filters** 

remove more than

99% of suspended

solids all the way

down to <1 micron.



CT70, service flow rate of 70 GPM

CT30, service flow rate of 30 GPM.







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