# Ragless Impeller Installation

Comparison of the performance of the RL-3 impeller to the HE-3 impeller in a water treatment application

## **Case study facts**

Location: Pinellas County, Florida, South Cross Bayou WRF

#### **Application Information:**

- Anoxic basin: Start-up in 2000
- Basin dimensions: 40 ft long x 35 ft wide x 17 ft water depth
- Plant flow: 21 MGD average

#### Agitators Compared:

- 5hp at 30 rpm unit with 94 in. φ HE-3 up-pumping impeller
- 5hp at 30 rpm unit with 84 in. ∳ RL-3 down pumping impeller



## HE-3/RL-3 after 8 weeks operation





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## HE-3/RL-3 initial installation

## Summary

#### Maintenance benefits

- Customer had to drain the basin and increase flow rate to other basins which required manual changes to the process
- Outfitting personnel for basin entry and removal of fibrous material is eliminated
- Disposal issues of fibrous material eliminated

## Mechanical benefits

- Increased up-time of your plant
- Reduces load on agitator system such as gears, bearings, motor, shaft, and impeller blades
- Reduced vibration and increased life of agitator

## • Process benefits

- Increased process up-time and elimination of manual process changes
- Elimination of fibrous material on impeller maintains top to bottom flow pattern which improves solids suspension and blending uniformity in basin
- Reliable and consistent discharge within plant operating permit limits

## • Application and sales support at your disposal

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