## **Forced Bed Aeration (FBA)**



Forced Bed Aeration<sup>™</sup> compliments and enhances existing reed bed technology, increasing treatment capacity by up to 15 times.



orced Bed Aeration<sup>™</sup> (FBA<sup>™</sup>) is a new wastewater treatment technology which enhances constructed wetland treatment performance. Significantly higher contaminant removal rates are attained along with an increased consistency of performance. Developed in the USA, by our partners Naturally Wallace, FBA<sup>™</sup> can be used in both horizontal and vertical flow constructed wetland systems. Blowing air through the wetland system

makes the system oxygen unlimiting increasing the treatment capacity by up to 15 times. This new technology can treat wastewaters high in BOD, SS, NH<sub>4</sub>-N and other organic contaminants.

Forced Bed Aeration<sup>™</sup> reed beds can reach performance levels which have been unobtainable in standard reed bed systems with less performance variability. Aeration of horizontal and vertical flow reed beds has multiple advantages.





- FBA<sup>™</sup> can completely nitrify wastewater
- FBA<sup>™</sup> systems can be deeper than conventional reed beds therefore taking up 50% less space than passive systems.
- Plants thrive in FBA<sup>™</sup> systems because the introduced oxygen prevents the formation of toxic products that can stunt plant growth in strongly anaerobic, passive system
- FBA<sup>™</sup> reed beds can be divided into aerobic and anoxic zones to both nitrify and denitrify.
- FBA<sup>™</sup> reed beds are ideal for treating fluctuating loads such as CSO's and locations with variable occupancy.
- Initial studies indicate FBA<sup>™</sup> systems have reduced clogging rates extending the operational life of a treatment system.

## **Pipelines**

FBA<sup>™</sup> has a unique network of pipelines which provides a constant flow of oxygen into the reed bed. Patented rootguard

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technology prevents root rhizomes penetrating the emission points.

## Adapting FBA™

FBA<sup>™</sup> can be retrofitted to existing reed bed systems, especially those which are overloaded. This prolongs the life of the reed bed and enhance effluent treatment.



## FBA™:

- Improves treatment capability.
- Reduces clogging rates.
- Requires minimum power input.



Graph indicating the treatment performance of an FBA™ wetland system treating cheese production effluent