Drinking Water Treatment

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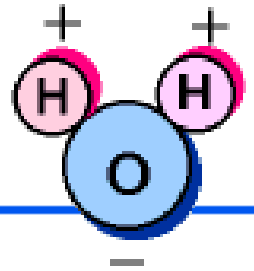
Importance of Water



- *Looking at water, you might think that it's the most simple thing around.*
- *Pure water is colorless, odorless, and tasteless.*
- *But it's not at all simple and plain and it is vital for all life on Earth.*
- *Where there is water there is life, and where water is scarce, life has to struggle or just "throw in the towel."*

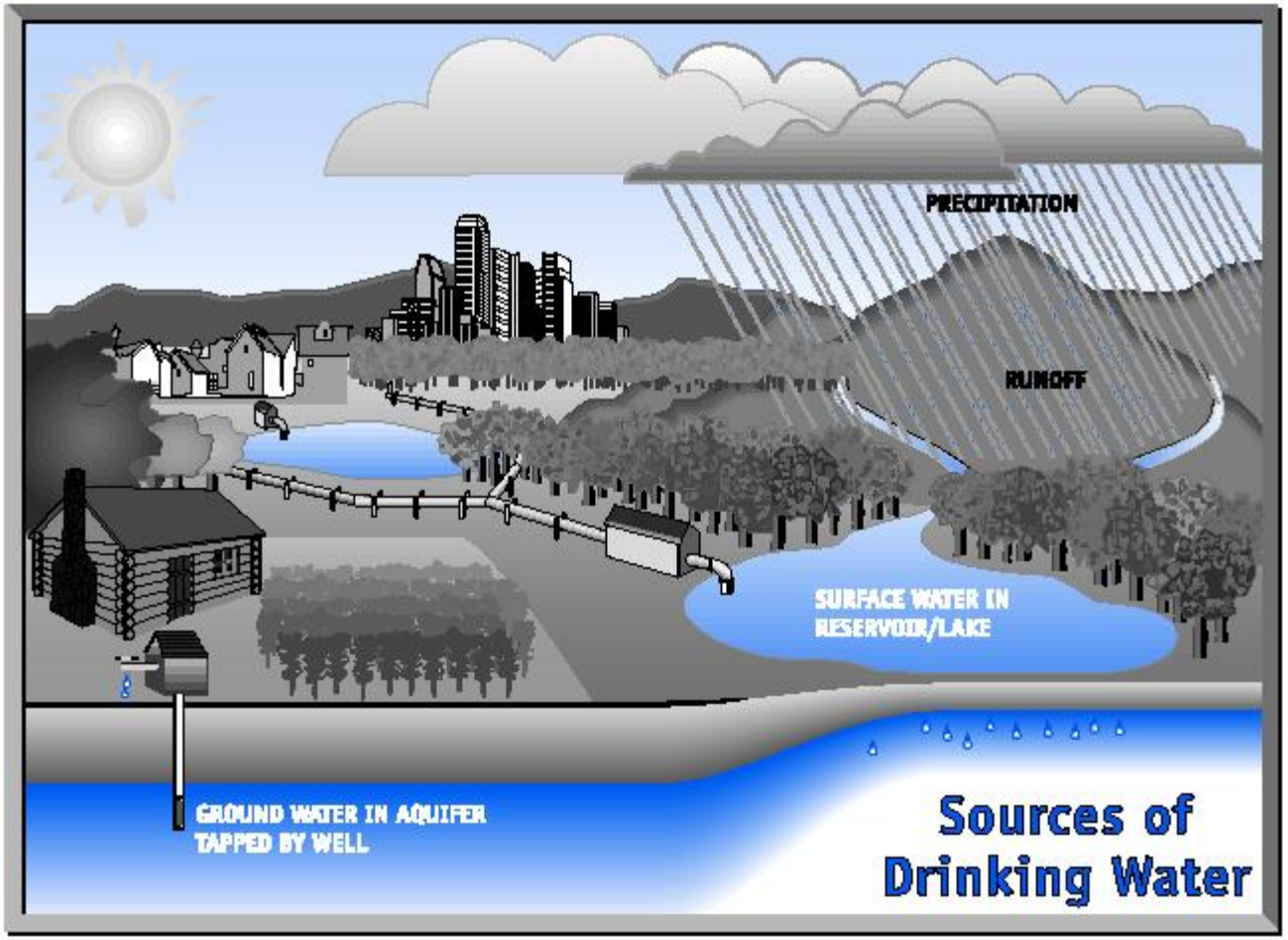
"Water is life"

So What Is It About Water That Makes It So Important To Us?

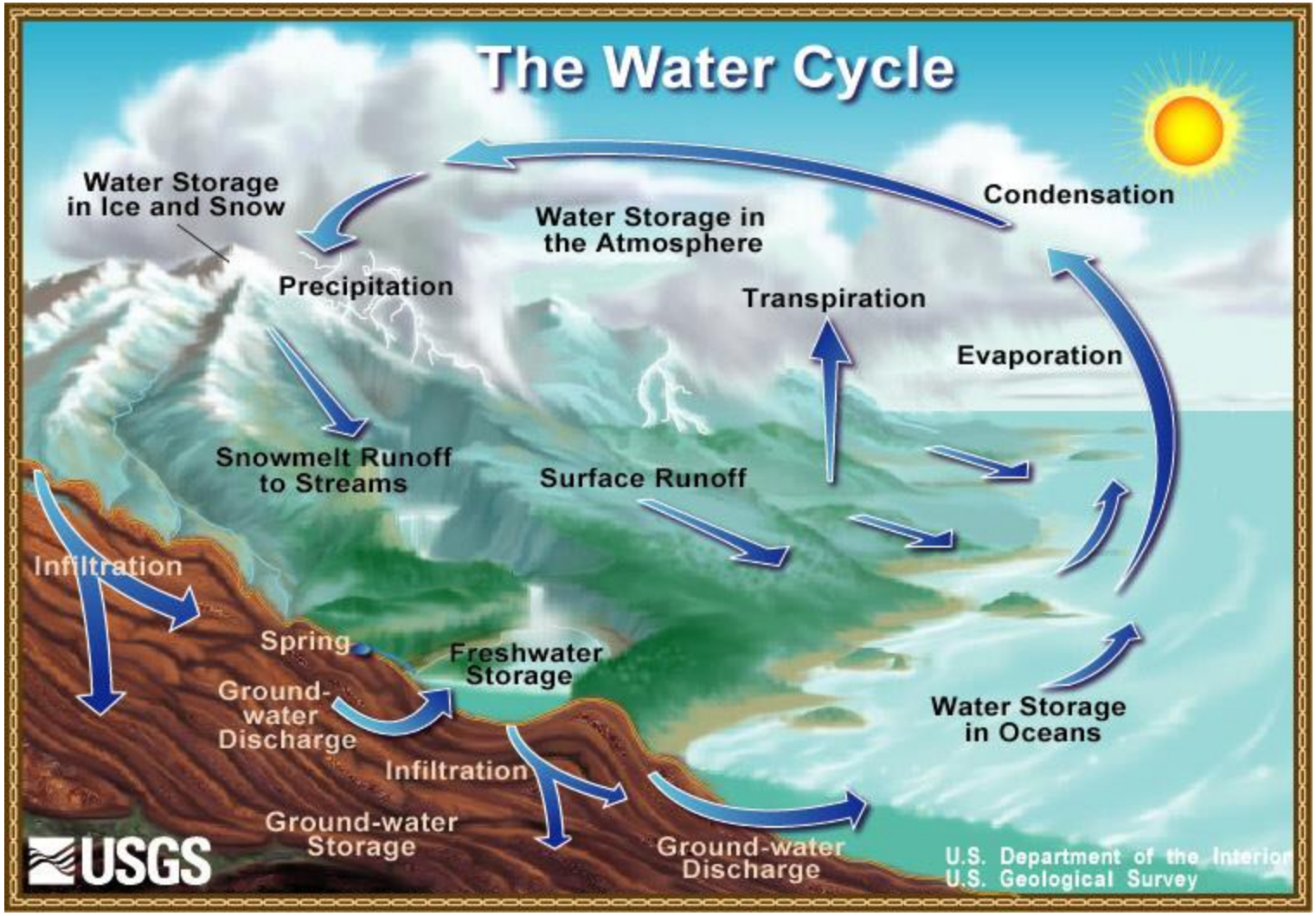
- *Water is of major importance to all living things.*
- *Up to 60 percent of the human body is Water.*
- *Therefore the quality of Water we drink is very important.*
- *The Drinking Water should be totally clean, pure and free of any disease-causing MICROBES, and that's why it should be properly Treated and DISINFECTED before using it for drinking purpose.*

Where does the Water come from?

- surface waters (lakes, rivers, and reservoirs)
- groundwater (wells).



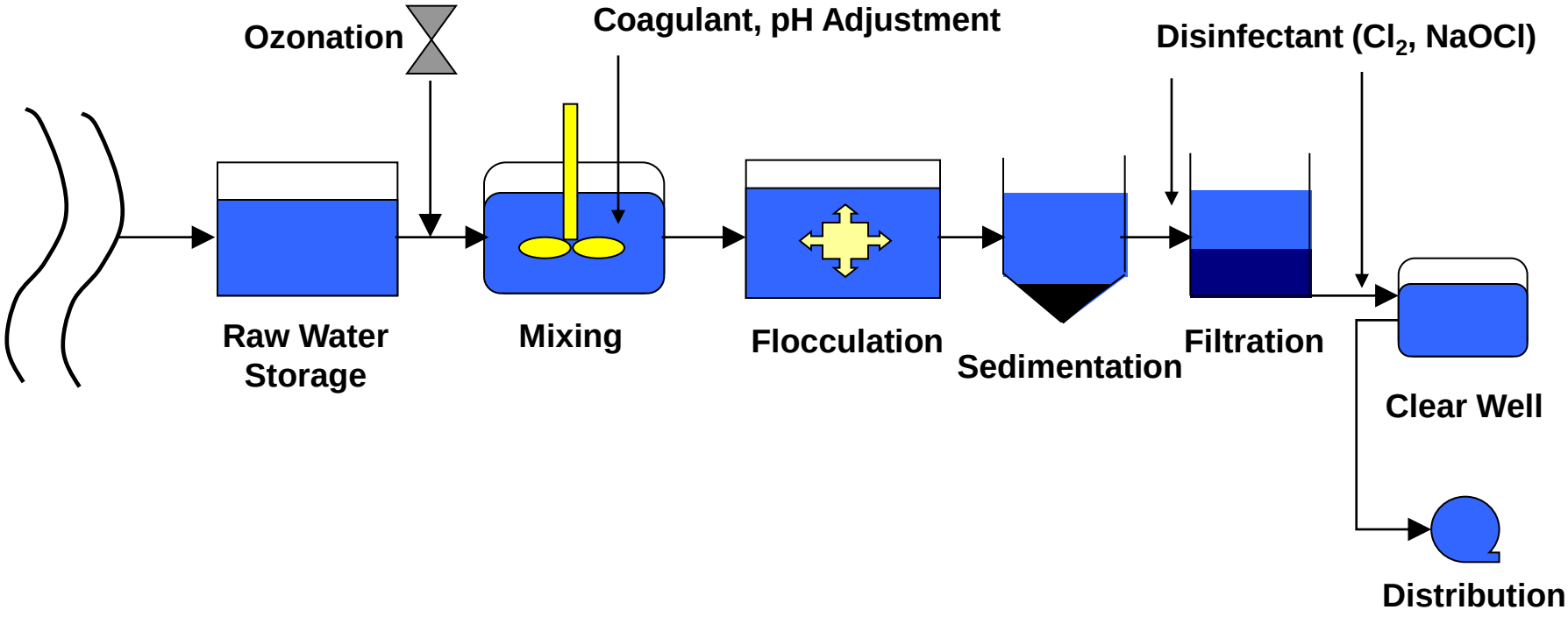
The Water Cycle



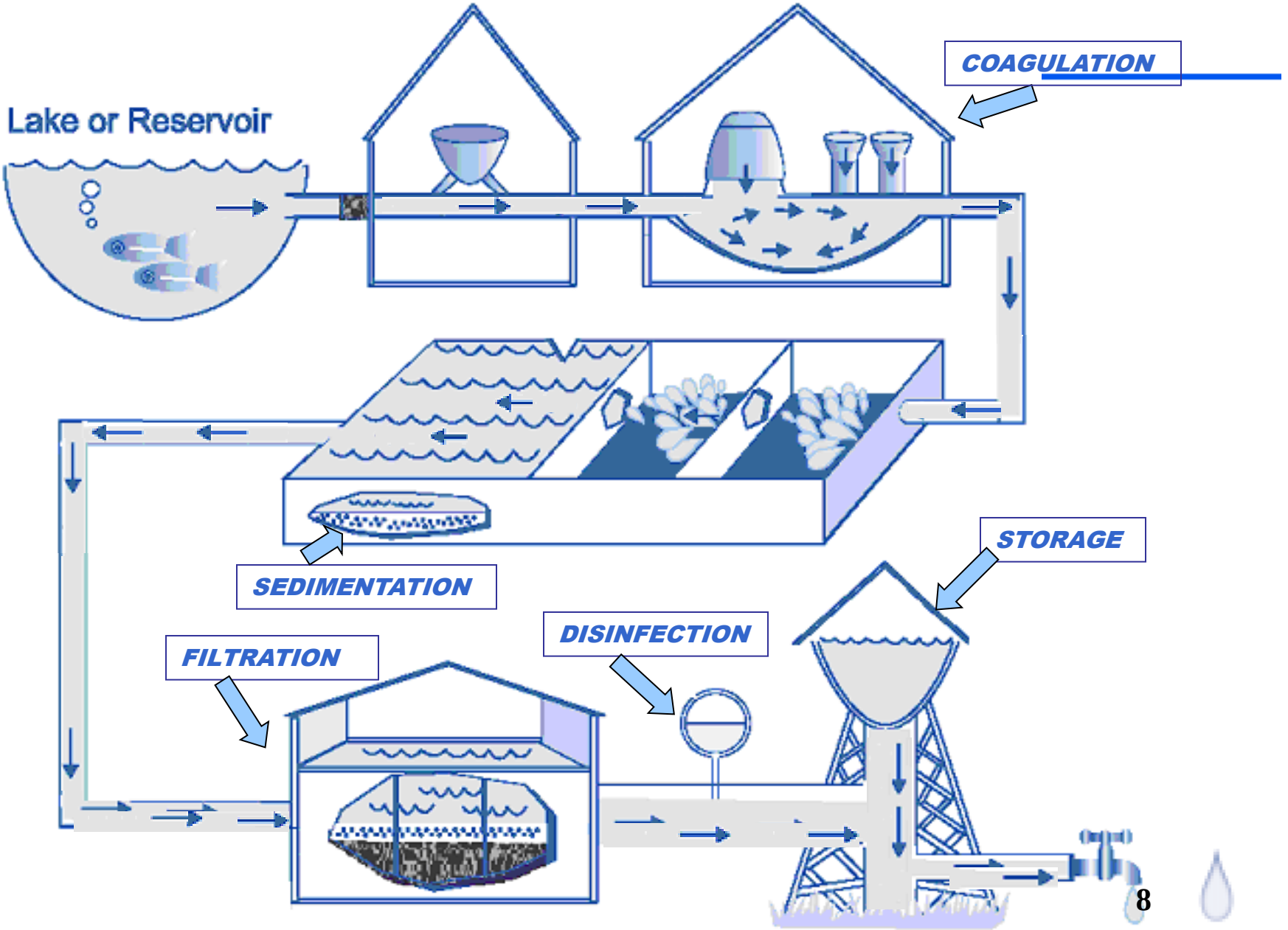
Drinking Water

- *Jordan has scarce water supplies in the world.*
- *In recent years, microbial contamination of the water supply has led to highly publicized outbreaks of disease, causing illness and even death.*
  - ***How safe is our water?***
  - ***Where do these infectious microbes come from?***
  - ***How is water treated now and what's being done to make it even safer?***

Surface Water Treatment Plant



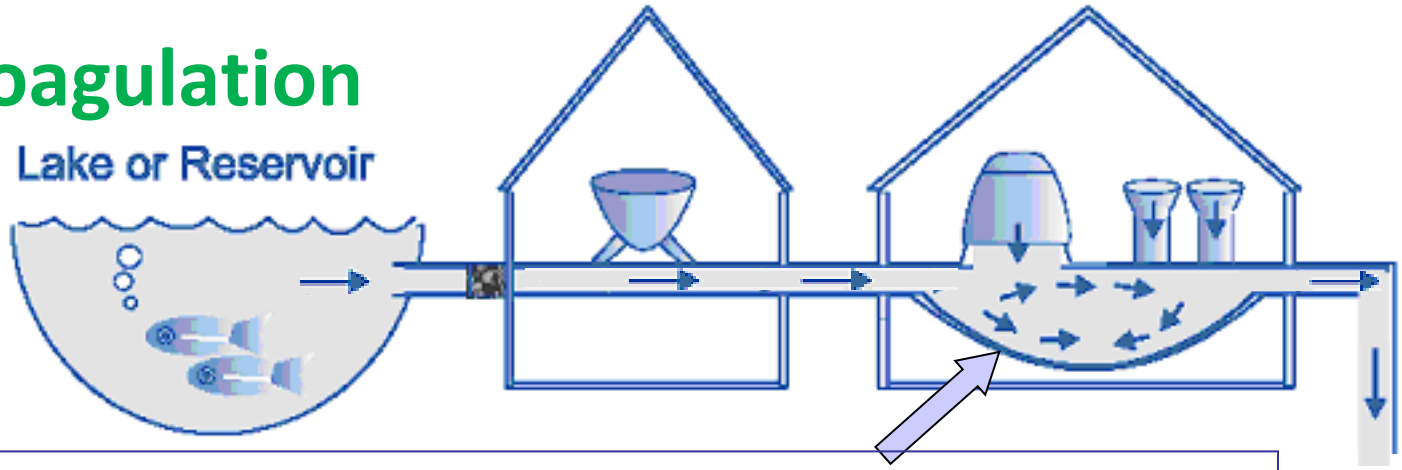
COMPLETE CYCLE OF WATER TREATMENT



Water Treatment

- *Water treatment transforms raw surface and groundwater into safe drinking water.*
- *Water treatment involves two major processes:* ***physical removal of solids*** *and* ***chemical disinfection****.*

Coagulation

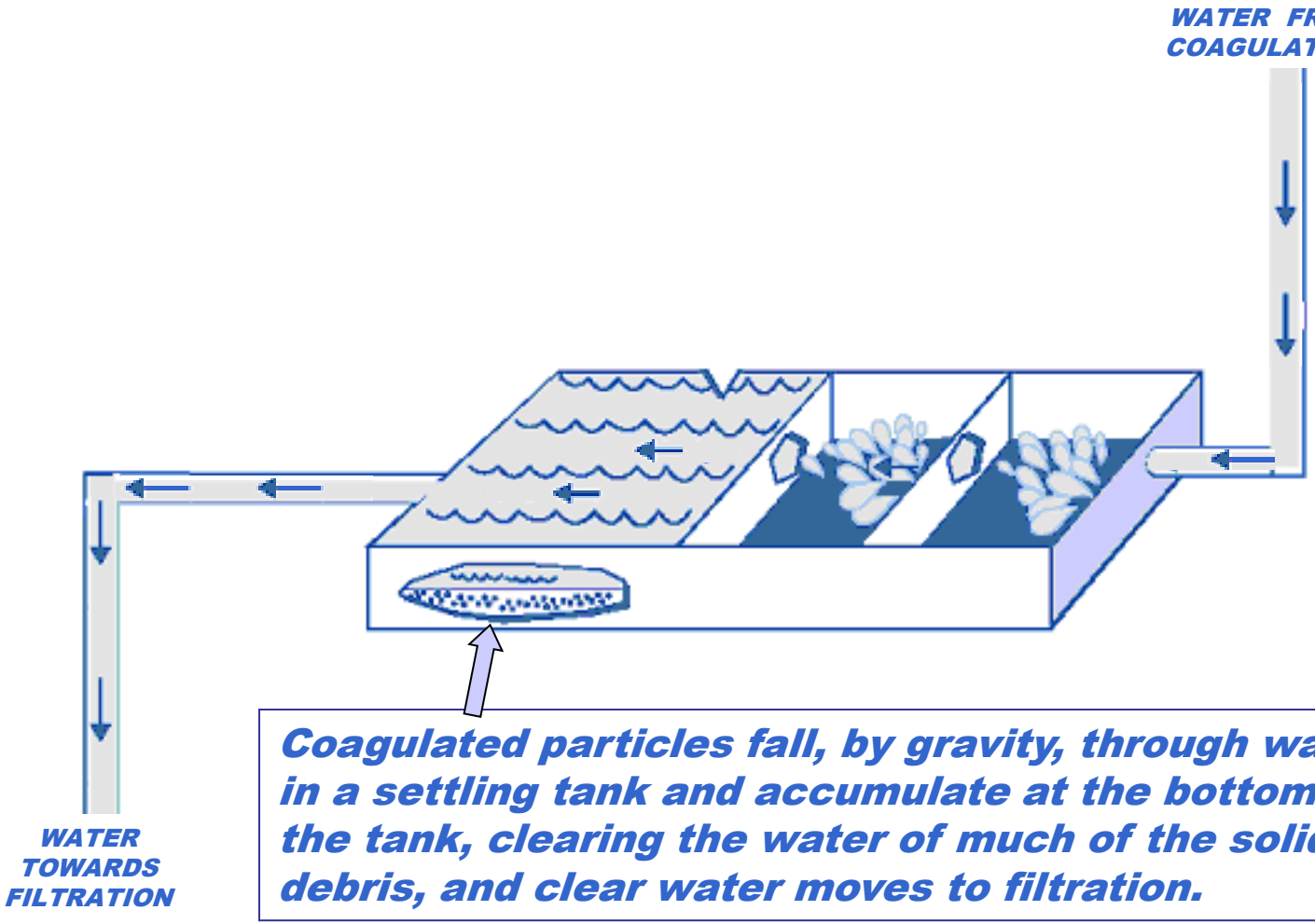


Coagulation removes dirt and other particles suspended in water. Alum and other chemicals are added to water to form tiny sticky particles called "floc" which attract the dirt particles. The combined weight of the dirt and the alums (floc) becomes heavy enough to sink to the bottom during sedimentation.

WATER TOWARDS SEDIMENTATION

Water Treatment

Sedimentation



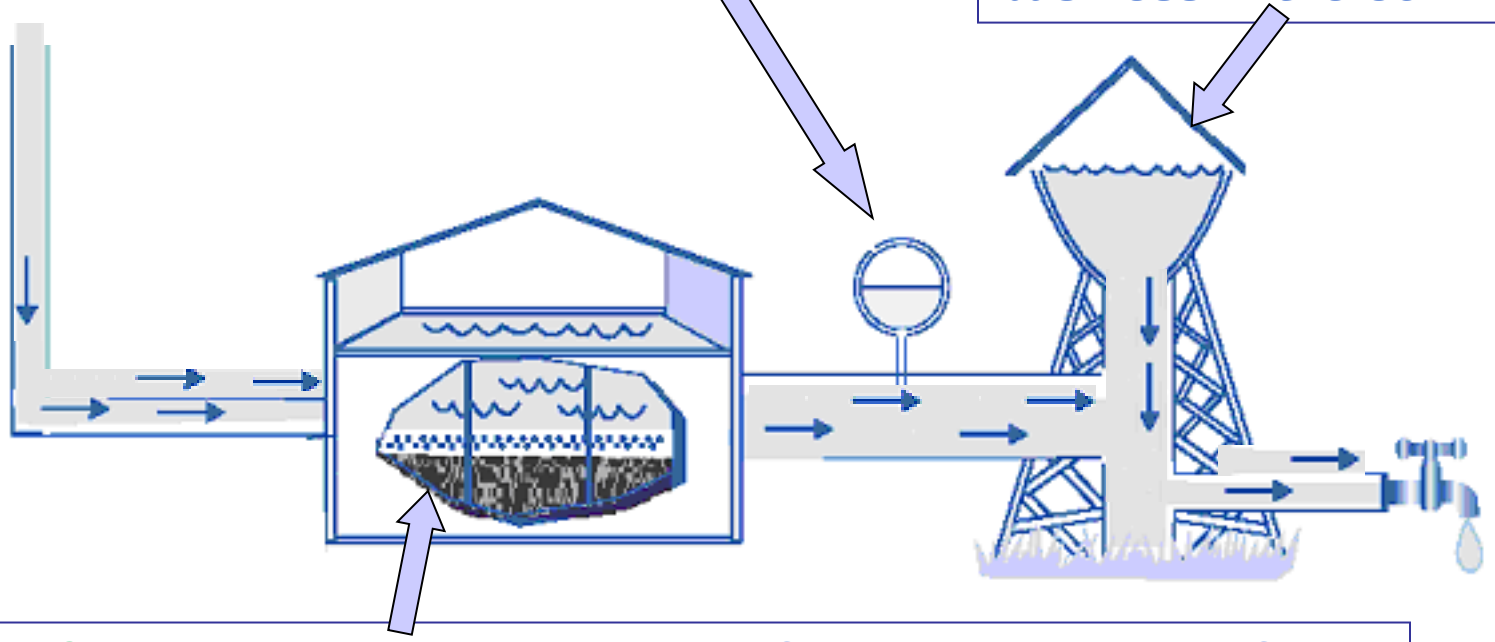
Coagulated particles fall, by gravity, through water in a settling tank and accumulate at the bottom of the tank, clearing the water of much of the solid debris, and clear water moves to filtration.

Water Treatment

Filtration, Disinfection & Storage

DISINFECTION: *A small amount of chlorine is added or some other disinfection method is used to kill microorganisms that may be in the water.*

STORAGE: *Water is placed in a closed tank or reservoir for disinfection to take place. The water then flows through pipes to home and business in the community*



FILTRATION: *The water passes through filters, some made of layers of sand, gravel, and charcoal that help remove smaller dissolved particles such as dust, bacteria, viruses, and chemicals.*

Water Disinfection

- **Purpose of Disinfection**
  - To make Drinking Water free of any disease causing bacteria and microbes.

- **Methods of Disinfection**
  - 3 mainly used disinfection methods at large scale:
    - ***CHLORINATION***
    - ***OZONATION***
    - ***ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION***

Chlorination

- Chlorine is the most common cost-effective means of disinfecting water.
- The addition of a small amount of chlorine is highly effective against most bacteria, viruses, and protozoa.
- But cysts (durable seed-like stages) formed by parasitic protozoa such as Cryptosporidium and Giardia can survive chlorine.
- Chlorine is applied to water in one of three forms: **elemental chlorine** (chlorine gas), **hypochlorite solution** (bleach), or **dry calcium hypochlorite**. All three forms produce free chlorine in water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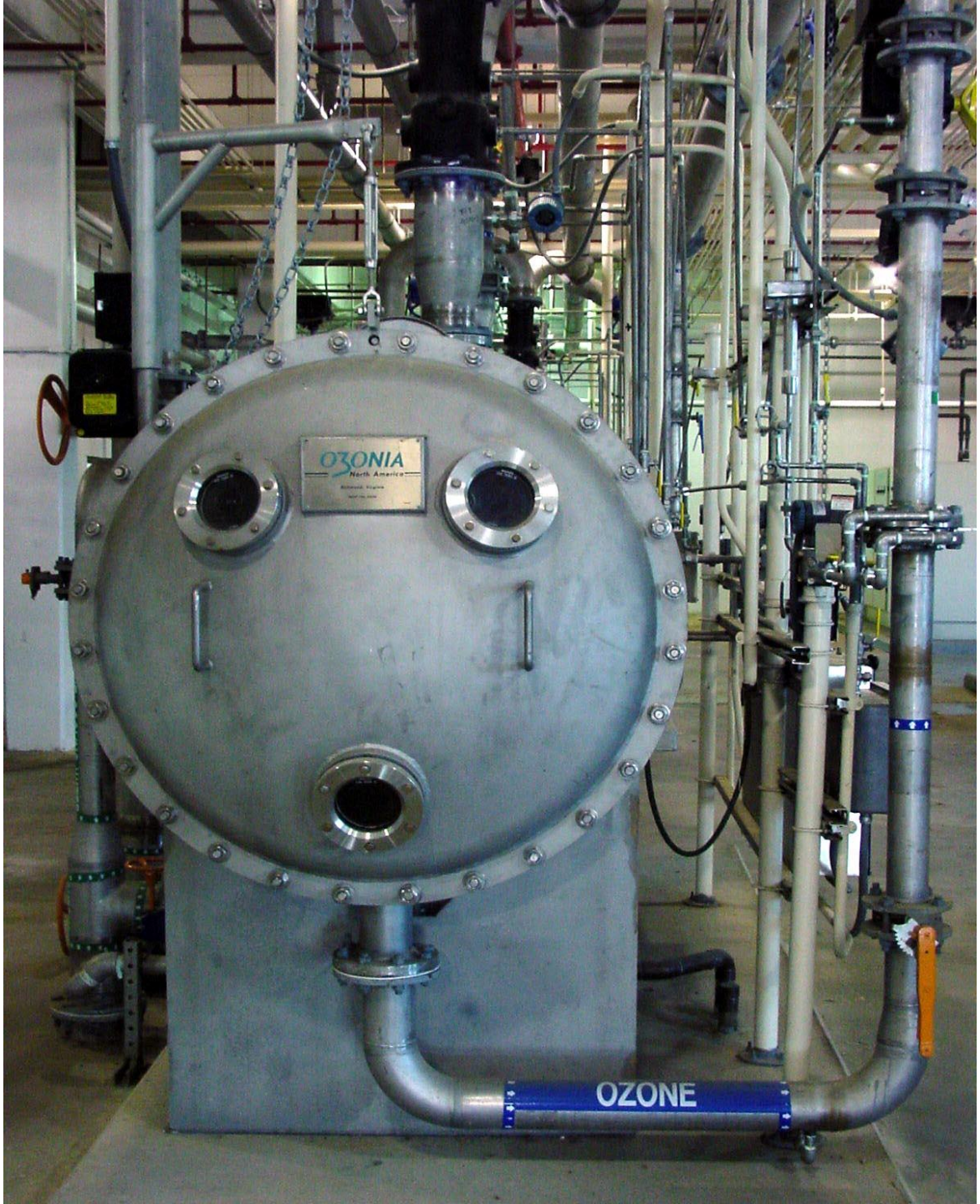
Ozonation

- OZONE is the strongest oxidant/disinfectant available.
- More effective against microbes than chlorination.
- But, costly and difficult to monitor and control under different condition.

Ozonation Process

- Ozone (O_3) is generated on-site at water treatment facilities by passing dry oxygen or air through a system of high voltage electrodes.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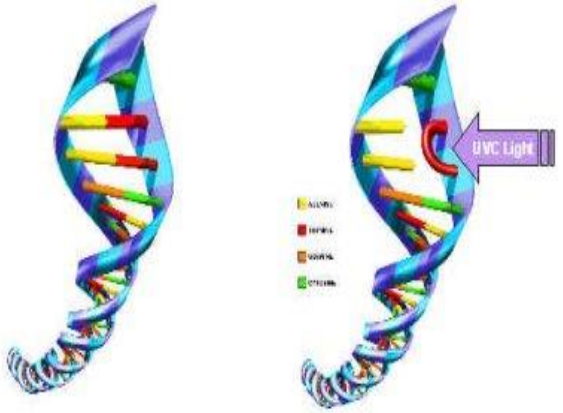
Ultraviolet Radiation



- When UV radiation penetrates the cell wall of an organism, it damages genetic material, and prevents the cell from reproducing.
- Now a days emerging technology made UV radiation to find a place in both household and large scale drinking water disinfection.

- **How is UV light generated?**
  - Ultraviolet light is most typically generated from a low pressure or a medium pressure lamp generating UV light.

ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION

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