

Desah BV



Technologies for Sustainable Decentralised Treatment



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DeSaH B.V.



- Sustainable and innovative (C2C) Sanitation
- Track record with New Sanitation projects
- Close cooperation with knowledge institutes (Wetsus, WUR, UGENT)
- Partner in multiple innovation projects (regional, national, EU)



Our approach



Closing loops

Energy loop

Nutrient loop



Easier in a local (decentralised) level

➤ Water loop





Vacuum toilets flush with 1-1.5L of water and 100L of air (Conventional toilets -> 5-7 L).



Stream Characteristics



Black water (toilet water):

High in organics -> enables digestion High in nutrients -> facilitates recovery Hormones and medicins

Grey water

Low in organics-> less energy for treatment High temperature -> recover energy Low heavy metal and salt concentration (good for irrigation)



Where?



- Sustainable buildings (e.g. houses, hotels, resorts, offices)
- Rural areas and remote locations
- Newly build districts and districts converted from low to high-rise buildings
- Any area that sewer/WWTP can't handle increased load



Sneek Demo site





RUN4 (Hyper)Thermophilic Anaerobic Digestion





WAGENIN

Co-developed by Desah and WUR

High operating T (55°C):

Production of safe liquid fertiliser (effluent) Production of safe solid fertiliser (Sludge)

Increased (Antibiotic-Resistant) Pathogen Indicator Organism Removal during (Hyper-)Thermophilic Anaerobic Digestion of Concentrated Black Water for Safe Nutrient Recovery

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Compared with a centralized WWTP (100.000 p.e.) the DeSaH concept:

- Similar OPEX (incl. depreciation) @2000 p.e.
- 2x higher energy production than an energy optimized plant, ~25% of total household heating demands
- Recovers 2.5x higher P than the current state of the art
- Produces 2x times less surplus sludge
- Footprint is ~0.2% of the total footprint of the connected houses



Additional Advantages



- Water savings of at least 25%
- Treatment of WW and organic solid waste
- No harmful by-products
- Modular design with options for:
 - Energy recovery (biogas, heat)
 - Nutrient recovery (sludge, struvite, CaP, ammonium sulphate)
 - Water recovery (fertigation water, process water, drinking water)



Thank you!

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How to participate?

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