Application Story

Industry: Water
Products: Control Systems

Sewage treatment plant
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Description
The jointly operated Köhlbrandhöft/Dradenau installation is Hamburg's central sewage treatment plant. Within the net-worked system, the Köhlbrandhöft plant represents the first treatment stage, in which the incoming waste water is processed mechanically, followed by partial biological and chemical treatment. The second, final treatment stage is located in the Dradenau plant. The pre-treated waste water from the Köhlbrandhöft plant is pumped to Dradenau through a 2.3 km pipe that runs under the Köhlbrand river at a depth of 80 m.

Sewage treatment plants with such a widely distributed architecture place extremely high demands on plant management as well as maintenance. Without comprehensive process control and automation equipment, plant management and process technology of such complex installations is practically impossible.

Because the existing automation equipment had reached its end of life or was obsolescent, the city’s municipal "Stadtentwässerung“ commissioned ME-Automation Projects, formerly known as KH-Automation Projects, to modernize the entire control and electrical systems of the Köhlbrandhöft plant in 2000. For the selection of a suitable process management system, features such as distributed architecture, data consistency, the ability to process large amounts of data, and utmost availability were essential requirements. All of these demands are fulfilled completely by the PMSX® pro process management system.

Due to the plant’s complex structure with 32 distributed control stations in Köhlbrandhöft, and a secondary treatment stage in Dradenau, very high demands were placed on the process management system’s topology. Such large amounts of data can only be handled by a system with distributed architecture and a powerful process management system. By distributing the process control & automation in 60 process servers, together with redundant data storage, utmost availability and highest operational safety of the plant are ensured.

Full access to all of the plant’s process data is provided by each of the 30 operating stations. Active redundancies, and the avoidance of “single points of failure” in the architecture permit plant reliability to be increased significantly. Moreover, the system’s distributed architecture, and the use of modern switch technology for the networks prevents overloading the system bus.

To ensure efficient plant operation, the process management system permits operation from the central control room or from any of the distributed automation stations, as well as consistent, plant-wide programming from a central engineering workstation.

A large-screen display with 12 video cubes supports the operators and provides detailed process surveys and visual insertions at a single glance. In addition, the system’s open structure allows it to be coupled to SAP/R3 and to superordinate hierarchical networks. The conversion and expansion of automation equipment during normal operation and without retroactive effects places highest demands on the engineering system as well as on the process management system. The PMSX® pro system is designed so that in the sewage plant’s final stage, it will be capable of processing more than 150,000 process variables.

Customer: Hamburg Wasser
Plant: Klärwerksverbund Köhlbrandhöft / Dradenau
Population equivalents: 2.9 million
Project value: ~ 34.0 million Euro
Project duration: 2000–present (in discrete construction stages)
**Technical requirements**

- Process management of entire plant from a central point
- Operation and monitoring of entire plant from all distributed operator stations
- Vertical and horizontal data consistency as well as consistent linking to superordinate hierarchies
- Consistent data coupling with office network, and link to SAP/R3
- Conversion and expansion during normal operation without retroactive effects
- System-wide engineering from a central engineering workplace
- Handling of more than 150,000 process variables in the plant’s final stage
- Archiving of all incoming alarms & messages during the entire life cycle
- Archiving of all relevant measurement values in appropriate compression stages
- Strict data consistency in all software tools
- Access to all process values from the office environment
- Standardized software tools in accordance with IEC 61131-3
- Redundant process servers and automation stations for discrete plant sections

**Scope of delivery**

- Process management system PMSX®pro
- Automation equipment
- Network using switch technology
- Central control room with large-screen display
- Low-voltage switchgear
- Installation & wiring
- Target specifications / engineering / programming
- Documentation using EPLAN
- Factory tests with plant simulation
- Commissioning / trial operation / training

**Process management characteristics**

- Process management system PMSX®pro
- Topology distributed system
- Network optic fiber
- Ethernet TCP/IP
- Automation system Mitsubishi System Q
- Data points about 100,000
- Automation stations 149
- Operating stations 46
- Process servers 56, of which 32 are redundant
- Large-screen display 12 video cubes
Excerpt from our reference list

Waste incineration plant Frankfurt

Energy supply center Dresden

Wastewater treatment plant Endinger Moos

Biomass CHP plant Wiesbaden

Milk production Regensburg

Energy supply center Munich Airport

Pellet production plant Offenbach

Wastewater treatment plant Düsseldorf-Nord

Waste incineration plant Frankfurt

Sewage network and wastewater treatment plant Hamburg

Facility Management Control System Nijmegen

Tank terminals Rotterdam

Wastewater treatment plant Stuttgart-Mühlhausen

Wastewater treatment plant Nidderau

Wastewater treatment plant Landshut

Wastewater treatment plant Nuremberg

Tank terminal Botlek

Drinking water plant Friesland

Facility Management Control System Dresden

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