



END™ Field Testing

In partnership with BGNDRF and UTEP

High-Performance Desalination

Maximum Recovery. Minimum Energy.™

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The Water Crisis

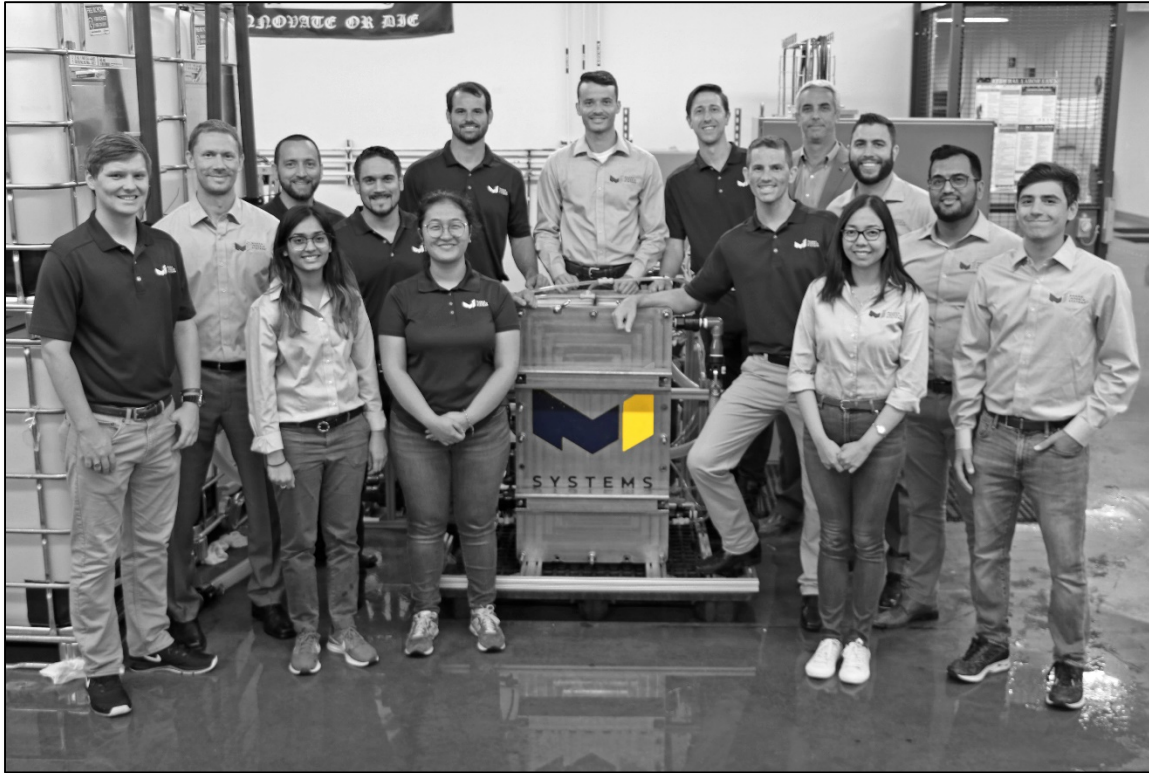
- Over 800 million people struggle daily without safe, clean drinking water.
- The United Nations (UN) General Assembly instituted seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the sixth of which calls for universal access to clean water for all people.
- Part of solving this challenge is reducing *industrial water consumption* to conserve water resources.



MI Systems' Vision



We are dedicated to enabling solutions to the world's water crisis through technology innovation



- **Passionate Team**
- **Solving the Toughest Problems**
- **Focused on the Mission**



MI Systems' Near-Term Mission



Maximum Recovery. Minimum Energy.™

- Removal of dissolved contaminants from water is energy intensive
- High water recovery is necessary to conserve water and drive economics



Introducing END™ electro-desalination



END™ 5-25 gpm System

- Transformation of legacy electrodialysis reversal (EDR)
- Contemporary Ion-Selective Membranes
- Innovative Membrane Spacers
- Advanced Electrode Materials
- Modern Real-Time Digital Controls
- Low-Pressure Operation: 15-50 psig
- High Recovery: up to 98%
- Low Energy: as low as 0.1 kWh/m³/mS
- ***Up to 50% Lower OPEX***
- ***Up to 30% Higher Water Recovery***





Brine Recovery

- Recycle Brine from existing RO/NF systems
 - Increase recovery >90%
 - Reduce Waste Volume & Disposal Cost
 - Improve Sustainability
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- Key Drivers: Water Scarcity, Water Cost, Energy Cost, Waste Disposal Limits / Cost, Sustainability
 - Market / Application: Food & Beverage, Industrial, Municipal, Potable Water
 - Geography: Any, Water Scarcity / Cost,

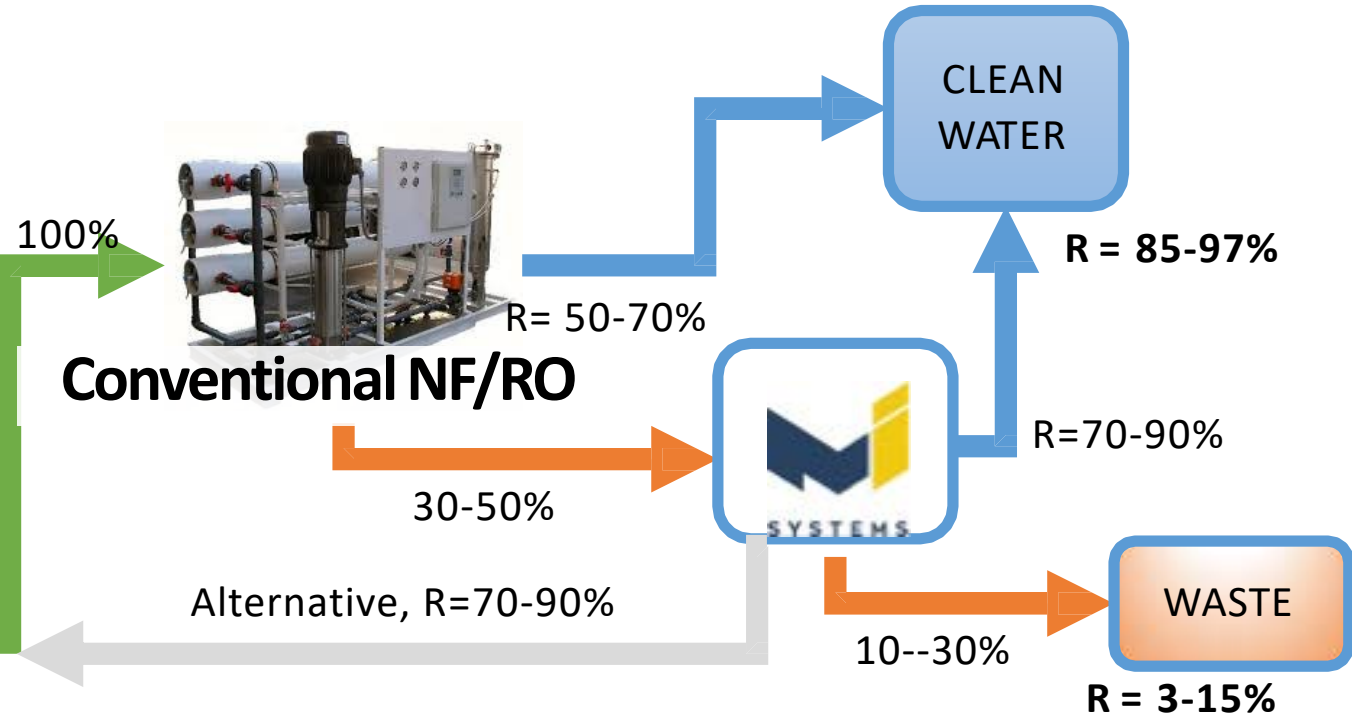


END™ Brine Treatment



Treatment Performance

PARAMETER	CONVENTIONAL NF/RO	END™ TREATMENT	END™ BENEFITS
Clean Water	50-70%	85-97%	30-70%
Brine Waste	30-50%	5-15%	



TARGET NF/RO MARKETS

- Industrial Process and Wastewater
- Desalting
- Food & Beverage Makeup / CIP Water



Hi Silica Brackish Water:

- Hi Silica waters foul RO/NF systems
- Improve production, lower fouling, lower OPEX, Less chemicals
- Market / Application: Potable & Process Water
- Geography: CA, TX, FL, NM, AZ, CO, HI



Brackish Water Treatment:

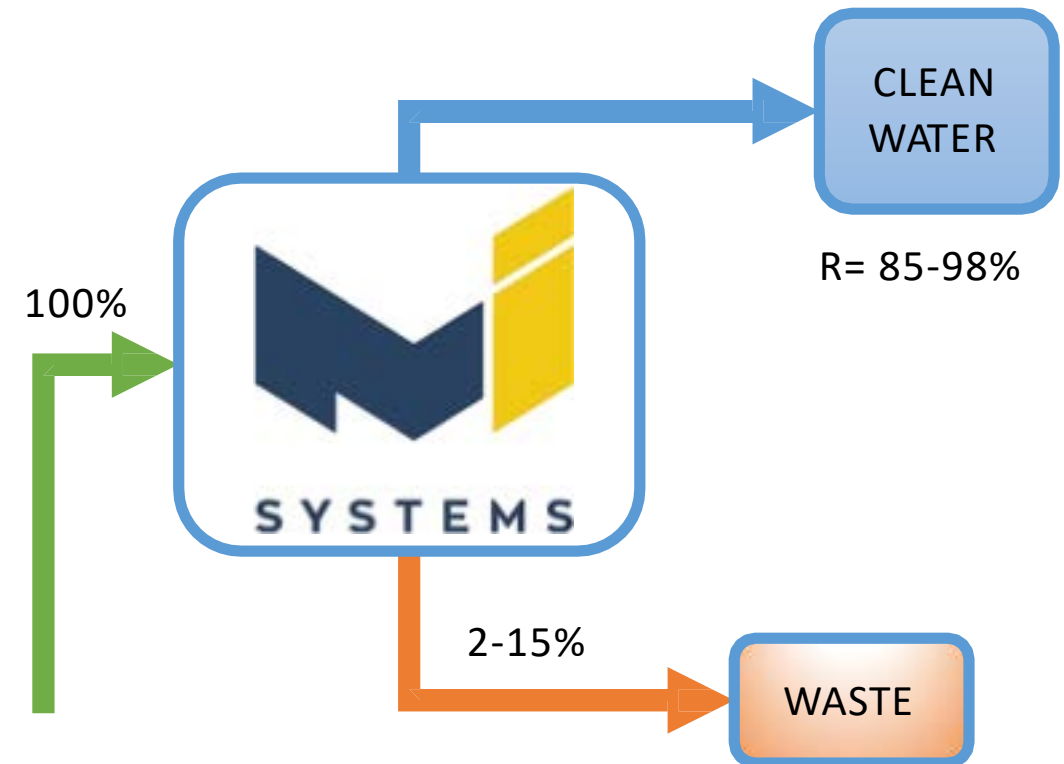
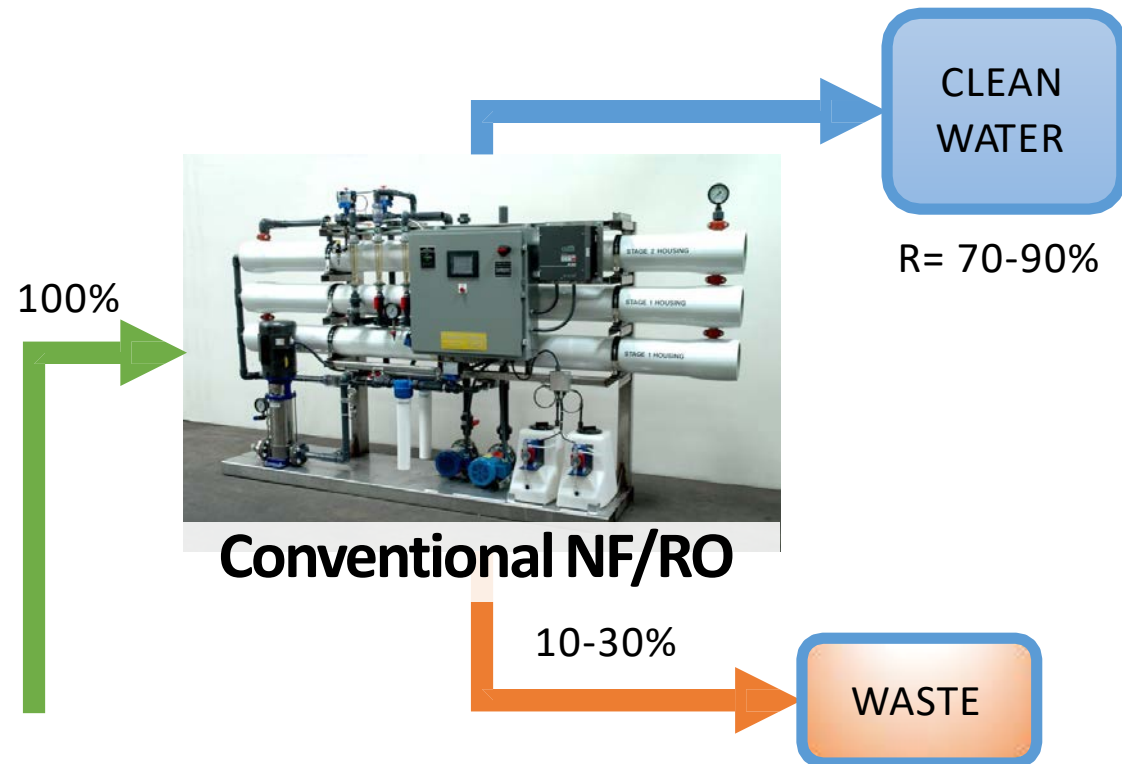
- Treatment of low salinity water (typ. Groundwater)
- Increased recovery and energy savings vs NF/RO
- Focus on Multiple Issue Sites (Arsenic +Fluoride +Ammonium + Nitrates, etc.)
- Market / Application: Food & Beverage, Industrial, Potable Water
- Geography: Any, Water Scarcity / Cost,



END™ Brackish Desalination

Treatment Performance

PARAMETER	CONVENTIONAL NF/RO	END™	END™ BENEFIT
Clean Water	70-90%	85-98%	10—25%
Brine Waste	10-30%	2-15%	





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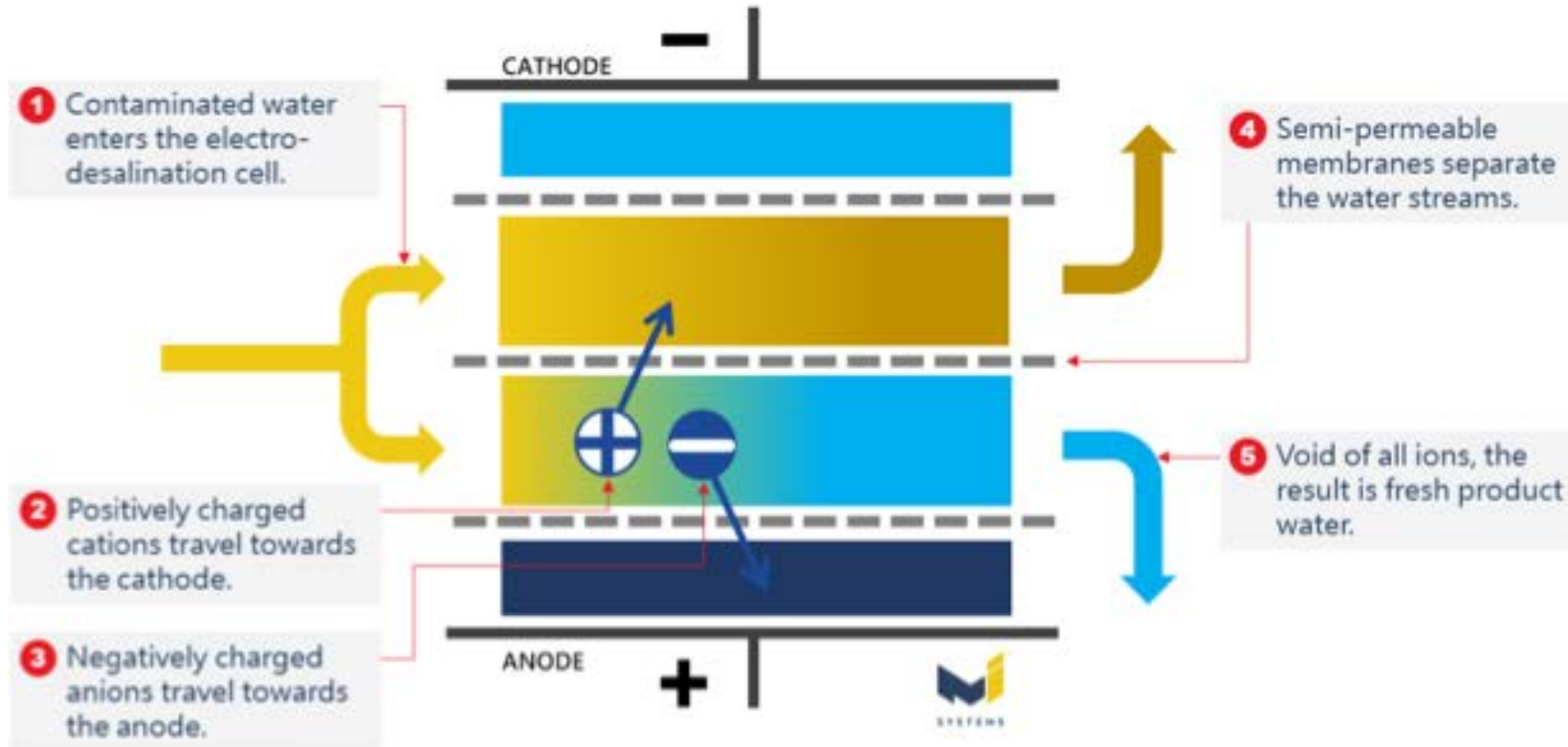
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How END™ Works

Operating Principles



Water Introduction

- Low pressure
- Fills voids between sheets

Charge Applied

- Attracts / repels ions thru membrane
- Salts concentrated between layers

Charge Reversal

- “Cleans” electrodes and membranes
- Reduces scale buildup

Concentrated Brine

- Extracted from brine channel
- High concentration

Clean Water

- Extracted from stack
- Ready for conditioning or use

Periodic Cleaning

- Per application requirements

MIS-BGNDRF Collaboration

1. Demonstrate END™ performance on real water
2. Develop reliability around process under real-world conditions
3. Benchmark performance against existing technologies
4. Develop strategies around desalinating for high hydraulic recovery



BGNDRF Pilot-Background

- Installed and commissioned 5/7/18
- 1 GPM installed capacity
- Operated for >2300 hrs on Well-1
- Pilot Features:
 - Continuous/Batch operation
 - High degree of autonomous control
 - Automated CIP
 - Remote connectivity
 - Accepts multiple cell sizes
 - Small Footprint
 - Mobility
 - Quiet operation



BGNDRF Pilot-UTEP Collaboration

- Collaborated with Dr. Shane Walker, Dr. Malynda Cappelle and Shahrouz Ghadimi
- Benchmark Study
 - 1 week study on BGNDRF Well-1
 - 90% Hydraulic Recovery
 - 60-70% conductivity removal
 - Inlet: 1700-1800 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
 - Outlet: <800 $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$
- Results
 - Normalized SEC: 0.2-0.23 $\text{kWh}/\text{m}^3/\text{mS}/\text{cm}$



BGNDRF Pilot-UTEP Study Comparison to GE EDR

“The END system was able to achieve a higher recovery and greater average conductivity reduction than the GE system. The Total SEC values are in a similar range for both systems, including when the conductivity removal is used to normalize the SEC values.”

	END™	Kirimi et al. ¹
Conductivity Reduction	68-70%	55-60%
Hydraulic Recovery	91-95%	87-92%
Total Normalized SEC (Pump+Desal)	0.20-0.23 kWh/m ³ /mS/cm	0.30-0.43 kWh/m ³ /mS/cm
Normalized Desal SEC	0.14-0.16 kWh/m ³ /mS/cm	0.13-0.20 kWh/m ³ /mS/cm

¹-L. Kirimi, L. Abkar, M. Aghajani, A. Ghassemi, Technical feasibility comparison of off-grid PV-EDR and PV-RO desalination systems via their energy consumption, Separation and Purification Technology 151 (2015) 92-94.



BGNDRF Pilot-High Recovery Testing

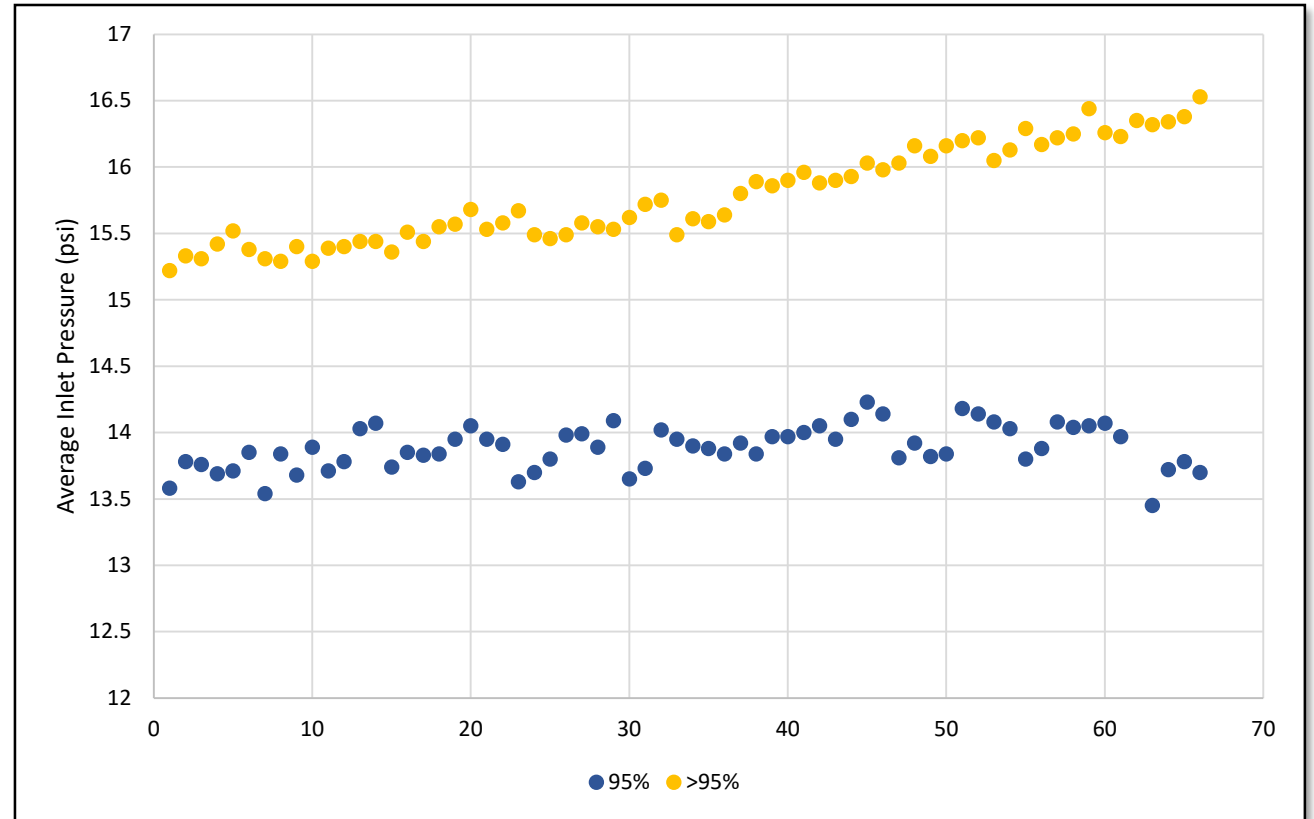
- High recovery testing
 - Demonstrated continuous operation >90% hydraulic recovery

	Hydraulic Recovery	SEC (kWh/m ³ /mS/cm)	Time (hrs)
Set point 1 (6/5)	90%	.24	24
Set point 2 (7/16)	93%	.26	109
Set point 3 (8/15)	94%	.28	107
Pilot Composite	91%		2350



BGNDRF Pilot-Scale Control

- Anti-scalant Strategies
 - Primary scalants: CaSO_4 and CaCO_3
 - Off-the-shelf vs. Commercial Anti-scalant
 - pH control
 - Reversal Time
 - Brine Batch Size



BGNDRF Pilot-Future Work

- Deploy next generation of END™ core technology
- Demonstrate high recovery on different source water (Well 3 and 4)
- Demonstrate RO concentrate recovery

