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## Construction of a water treatment plant and sewer system for the Guaqui town, Department of La Paz / Municipality of Guaqui

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## Resumen

### Información general

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**Objetivo general** Improve the current living conditions of Guaqui's inhabitants through the implementation of an appropriate sewage system, benefiting the overall population (perspective for the next 20 years)

**País** Bolivia

**Presupuesto** Bs. 7.000.000 (approximately USD 1'000'000)

**Duración** September 2016 - July 2017 (approximately 10 months)

### Resumen

**Descripción** Due to the absence of a wastewater treatment plant in the Guaqui town, wastewater is discharged directly to Titicaca Lake, causing serious water pollution. Through the construction of a sewage treatment plant, the water pollution will be reduced along with an improvement of the living conditions of the local population. However, as a result of frequent lake level fluctuations, the sewage treatment plant might suffer negative impacts from flooding. In addition, frosts during the cold winter months can affect the plant's main components such as (i) sewage collection network and sewer manhole, (ii) emissary, (iii) pumping sump, (iv) pumping line, (v) treatment plant, (vi) infiltration ditches.

**Términos clave**

Wastewater treatment system	sewage collection network
emissary	pump stations
lake contamination	Bolivia
Floods	frosts

### Sectores de Intervención

Salud

Turismo

Agua y saneamiento

## Documentos

Project information (pdf, 4.97 MB)

## Imágenes



**Project Information:**  
 Town of Guaqui  
 Municipality of Guaqui  
 Department of La Paz  
 Autonomous Municipal Government of Guaqui  
 EMAGUA (Executing Agency for Environment and Water)  
 USD 1'000'000  
 USD 901'344  
 USD 47'050  
 USD 8'100  
 USD 48'500  
 Sept 2016 – July 2017  
 Water and Sanitation  
 3'822 inhabitants  
 224 ha

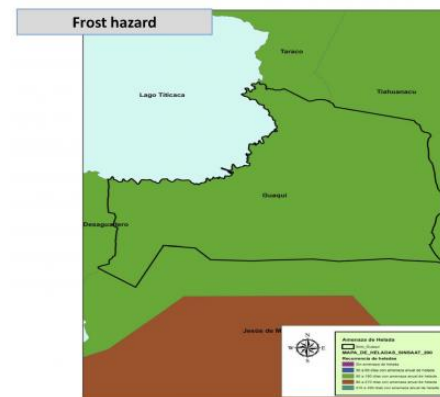
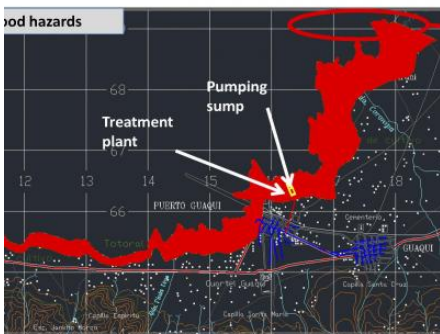
**Objective:** Improve the current sewerage system for Guaqui's inhabitants through the implementation of an appropriate sewerage system and treatment plant, benefiting the overall population for the next 20 years.



**Components:** Sewage collection network, Emissary, Pumping sump, Pumping line, Treatment plant, Infiltration ditch

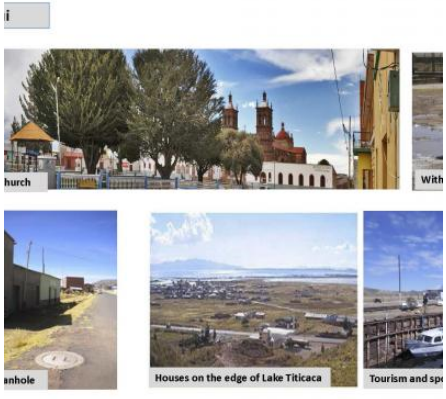


**Current study:** The current study is in the final stage of the SRL (Study of Feasibility) stage. Components include: Collection network, Emissary, Pumping sump, Treatment plant, and Infiltration ditches.



Consequences	Vulnerability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not have a Risk Management Unit</li> <li>Damage to pumping sump equipment</li> <li>Flooding of the sand trap</li> <li>Collapse of oxidation lagoons</li> <li>Efficiency reduction of stabilization lagoons due to periods with low temperatures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High quality</li> <li>Strong support</li> <li>Technical capacity</li> <li>Community organization</li> <li>Major urban</li> </ul>





## ○ Perspectiva del riesgo

### Amenazas que se producen debido a la degradación del medioambiente

Nombre de la amenaza	Contaminación del agua (superficiales y subterráneas)		
Exposición	No está claro		
Comentarios	Domestic sewage is untreated and are discharged into the fields/grounds and lake		
Consecuencia	<b>Laminar erosion of contaminated soils and effluent infiltration could result in contamination of surface and groundwaters to the detriment of uncovered populations</b>		
	Probabilidad Improbable	Alcance Perjudicial	Importancia del riesgo Riesgo bajo

Nombre de la amenaza	Degradación (tierra, suelo, ecosistemas, biodiversidad)		
Exposición	Sí		
Comentarios	Altiplano zone with various erosional processes caused by wind (60%) and water (40%), relief with slopes between 2 and 10%.		
Consecuencia	<b>Silting of network, pumping sump and treatment plant</b>		
	Probabilidad Probable	Alcance Ligeramente perjudicial	Importancia del riesgo Riesgo bajo

### Amenazas naturales (hidrometeorológicas y geológicas)

Nombre de la amenaza	Crecidas repentinas, inundaciones		
Exposición	Sí		
Comentarios	According to the local hazard map, the water treatment plant is located in a flood prone area. Flood events occurred in 1986, 2002 and 2012. Approximately every 15 years.		

Consecuencia

**Damage of the wastewater treatment plant components such as pumping sump.  
Overflow of stabilization lagoons would contaminate crops near the plant**

Probabilidad  
Muy probable

Alcance  
Sumamente  
perjudicial

Importancia del riesgo  
Riesgo alto

Consecuencia

**Damage to crops and animal fodder in surrounding areas due to flooding**

Probabilidad  
Probable

Alcance  
Perjudicial

Importancia del riesgo  
Riesgo medio

Nombre de la  
amenaza

Frío extremo

Exposición No está claro

**Comentarios** At the project site, between 90 to 180 days per year with frosts are observed, 3'835 m above sea level, average temperatures around 4°C, minimum temperatures until -10°C. It happens on average every 2 years.

Consecuencia

**Problems in the operation of the plant and reduced efficiency of the oxidation lagoons**

Probabilidad  
Probable

Alcance  
Perjudicial

Importancia del riesgo  
Riesgo medio

## Amenazas que se producen debido al cambio climático (y la variabilidad del clima)

Nombre de la  
amenaza

Cambios de frecuencia e intensidad de los fenómenos climáticos extremos y desastres relacionados (p.ej. olas de frío y calor, inundaciones, sequías, tormentas, huracanes, ciclones)

Exposición No está claro

**Comentarios** There are variations of extreme temperatures, mainly frost with a tendency to increase in the future

Consecuencia

**It could affect the operation and efficiency of the wastewater treatment plant in oxidation lagoons**

Probabilidad  
Improbable

Alcance  
Perjudicial

Importancia del riesgo  
Riesgo bajo

## ¿Evaluación detallada de riesgos necesaria?

Sí - Es necesaria una evaluación detallada de riesgos

## ○ Perspectiva del impacto

### Calcule el impacto en el medioambiente

Área medioambiental	Agua
Componente de la actividad	Wastewater treatment plant
Impacto sobre el medioambiente	Bad odors from the plant could disturb the surrounding population

### Estime el impacto en los riesgos de desastres

Componente de la actividad	Wastewater treatment plant
Nuevo riesgo o riesgo agravado	Could be an incentive for the construction of new settlements in areas at risk from flooding

### Calcule el impacto en el cambio climático

Componente de la actividad	Wastewater treatment plant
Impactos en el cambio climático	Greenhouse gas emissions from oxidation lagoons

### ¿Evaluación detallada de los impactos necesaria?

Sí - Es necesaria una evaluación detallada de los impactos