

Recycle of Rainwater and Greywater (RERain and REGrey) for Green Building



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ERD Strategic Framework



PTT-Inl Vision

“Accelerating Future Energy and Beyond with Innovative Solutions”

ERD Vision

Innovative Climate Solutions for PTT Business and Sustainability

Positioning



**Tech Partner
for BCG business**



**Innovation Center
for Net Zero and ESG**

Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage Technology



Driving CCUS Tech and accelerate toward Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero

Circular Carbon Technology



Innovating Circular Technology to move forward Resource Sustainability and Business

Carbon Assessment and Certification



Offering Beyond Carbon Emission and Strategy for Carbon Neutrality and Net Zero

Pollution Treatment Technology



Transforming Treatment Processes to reduce Carbon Emissions



POLLUTION TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY

Environmental Innovation and Carbon Solutions Dept.

Mission : Transforming Treatment Processes to reduce Carbon Emissions

Water Business

- Tech Due Diligence: Env. Technology and Engineering support
- Proof of Concept, Process & Product testing for Benchmarking



Water Treatment Technology

- Desalination
- Water/Wastewater Recycle
- Zero Liquid Discharge(ZLD)

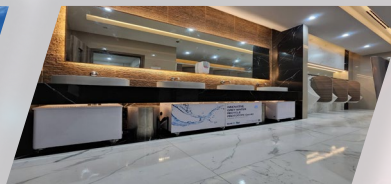
RERain

Rainwater Treatment for Cooling Tower



REGrey

Greywater Recycle for toilet flushing



Air Treatment Technology

- Biofilter
- VOCs adsorbent filter
- Air modelling
- PM 2.5 Removal



Green Building



The buildings that lessen the environmental impacts through



Most widely used Certification in Thailand



Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

No. of Certified Project in Thailand

113 Projects



Green Marks

3 Projects



Thai's Rating of Energy and Environmental Sustainability (TREES)

12 Projects

Green Building

Water Conservation/Efficiency (6 Points in TREES)



2 Alternatives

1

- Use water saving closet and urinal flushing
- Use Water Saving Faucet or Metering faucet
- Install sub-meter for water in the project
- **Install rainwater tank to collect and use**

2

- **Reduce water use consumption from baseline**



RERain

RERain : Innovative system used to harvest rainwater and treat for reuse purposes such as Water Cooling feed, Boiler Water, Tap water, Industrial water, etc.

Benefits :

- Reduce freshwater intake or tap water consumption
- Prolong Water Blowdown Cycle in water cooling system
- CO2 emission reduction
- Wastewater Cost Reduction



3rd Building PTT Head Office

Innovative Technology Integration Platform



Innovative IOT Platform



RERain Prototype Capacity 136 m³/y
harvested from 300 m²* Roof Area



* Data in 2566 (ElNinino Effect) at PTT Head Office.

25% water cooling saving & Prolonging Blowdown Cycle



Reduce wastewater treatment cost



CO₂ Reduction 0.44 tCO₂eq/year ()



Petty Patent Filing



Easy Control and Operate through IoT



Safety Operation (Alarm & Remote Control)



No Chemicals Storage

The Quality of RERain Water is 3-5 times better than Tap Water



Parameter	Tap Water	RERain water
pH	5-9	6-8
Turbidity (NTU)	<5	0.3-0.7
TDS (mg/L)	<500	36-88
BOD (mg/L)	-	<2
Hardness (mg/L)	300	10-70
Alkalinity (mg/L)	-	10-93
Fe (mg/L)	0.5	<0.003
Legionella** /Total Coliform	ND* (Total Coliform)	ND* / ND*

*ND = Not Detected

Background of RERain



บัญญัติเรื่อง **‘พัฒนาความมั่นคงน้ำ พลังงาน และเกษตรที่เป็นมิตรต่อสิ่งแวดล้อม’**

ประกาศ
เรื่อง ยุทธศาสตร์ชาติ (พ.ศ. ๒๕๖๑ - ๒๕๘๐)

E Environment

PTT has developed sustainable Management Master plan and determined target of Water Withdrawals Intensity in Office

- Long Term Target: in 2573 water reduction **10%** comparing to 2556
- Short Term Target: < **144 Litre/cap/day**

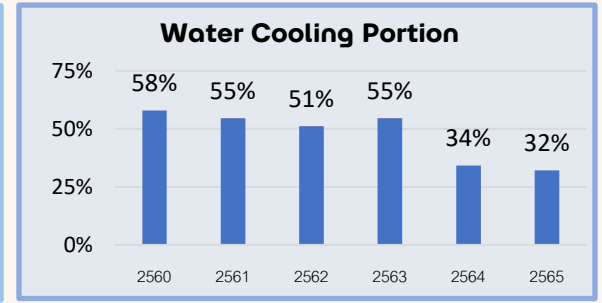
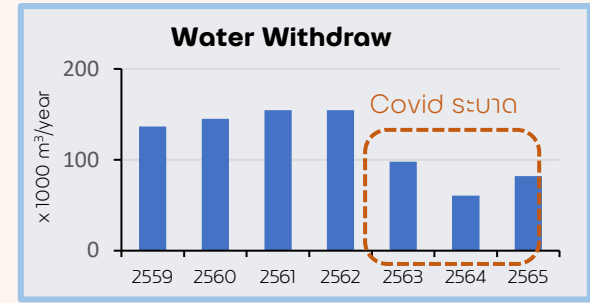
Corresponding to PTT Group Environmental Master Plan (2564-2573)

S Social

- Water Shortage problem GDP₂₅₆₆ ↓ **0.1%**
- GDP₂₅₆₇₋₂₅₆₈ ↓ **0.3%** (Estimated)
- National Agriculture Big Data Center forecast Agricultural Impact in 2567-2568 : **21 - 56 Billion Baht**

Q Quality

- **Water Cooling: 50-60% of total consumption**



C Cost

- **Tap Water Cost for Cooling: 2-3 MB/year**

Option Selection for Water Withdrawals Intensity Reduction in Building

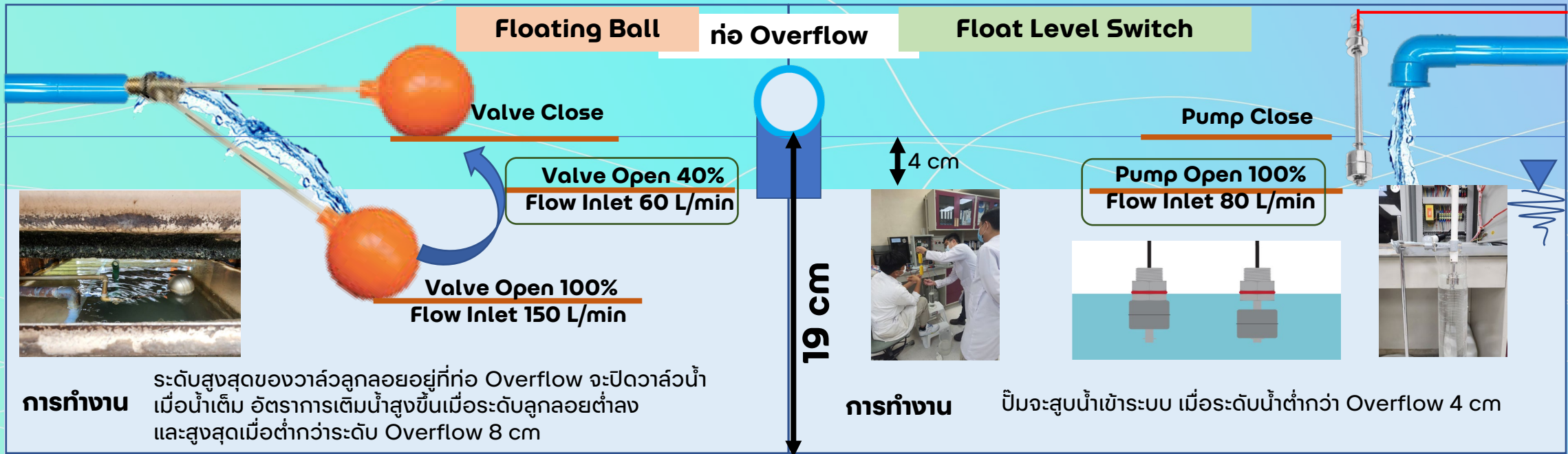
Solution	Objective	Option	Target	%Water Reduction	Current Status	1	2	3	สรุปการคัดเลือก
						Water Reduction Gap for improvement	Implement ability	Investment	
1 Reduce consumption	Cooling	1.1 Drift Eliminator for Cooling	อาคารใช้น้ำ 10% เทียบปี 2016	0.7%	0.7%	0% ❌	-	-	❌
		1.2 Control Evaporation Loss		25%	-	25%	No: Tech Not Readiness ❌	-	❌
	Toilet	1.3 สุขภัณฑ์ประหยัดน้ำ		5%	1%	4%	Yes	11 MB	❌
2 Water Recycle	Cooling	2.1 Recycle Water Cooling Blowdown for Cooling		0.19%	-	0.19%	No: System will be used only 4 times/year ❌	-	❌
	Toilet	2.2 Greywater Recycle		5%	0.5%	4.5%	Yes	10 MB	❌
3 New Fresh Water Source	Cooling/Toilet	3.1 Rainwater Harvesting			10%	0	10%	Yes	1.5 MB

Option Selection

Based on 3 criteria, **Rainwater Harvesting** is the most proper option to reduce Water Withdrawals Intensity in office



Target The Proper Level Sensor to Fill in water in the Cooling Water Basin



Option	Criteria		
	Water Flow	Constant and Continuous water flow	Ease of installation
1. Floating Ball	60 L/min	No	No
2. Float Level Switch	80 L/min ✓	Yes ✓	Yes ✓

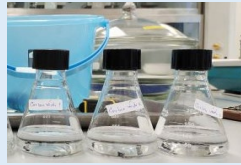
Conclusion

Float Level Switch is proper to Fill in water in the Cooling Water Basin

Target

Proper Treatment Technology

Lab Testing



1. Evaluate Properties of Media



Media A



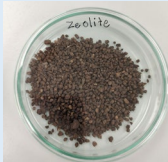
Alkalinity, pH, TDS



Media B

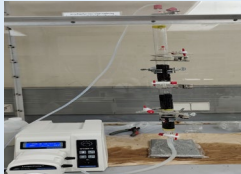


Alkalinity, pH, TDS



Media C

Fe³⁺
pH



2. Media Portion Test (by Weight)

1:1:1

X:Y:Z

I:J:K

Water Quality follow the criteria

3. Surface Load Rate Test for Design (m³/m².h)

xx

yy

Lowest time of Treatment

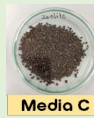
Pilot Testing



Media A



Media B



Media C

4. Testing of the selected Media at proper portion with proper Surface Load Rate

Pilot Test Result			
Parameter	เกณฑ์ RERain	น้ำฝน	น้ำฝนหลัง MMF
Turbidity* (NTU)	1.5	5	<1
pH	6-8	7.4	7.8 ✓
TDS (mg/L)	<150	28	32 ✓
BOD (mg/L)	-	<2	<2 ✓
Hardness (mg/L)	<100	<1	3 ✓
Alkalinity (mg/L)	<150	3	35 ✓
Fe (mg/L)	0.15	0.2	<0.02 ✓
Legionella** (CFU/mL)	ND	ND	ND ✓

Conclusion

Multimedia Filter (MMF) is comprised with Media A, B and C in proper ratio could improve water quality to achieve RERain Criteria



Rainwater Treatment for Cooling Tower (RERain)

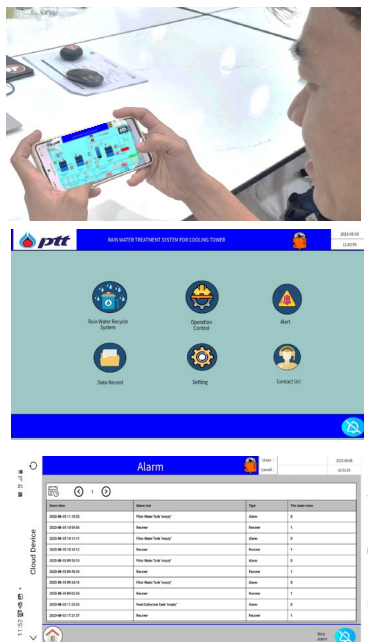
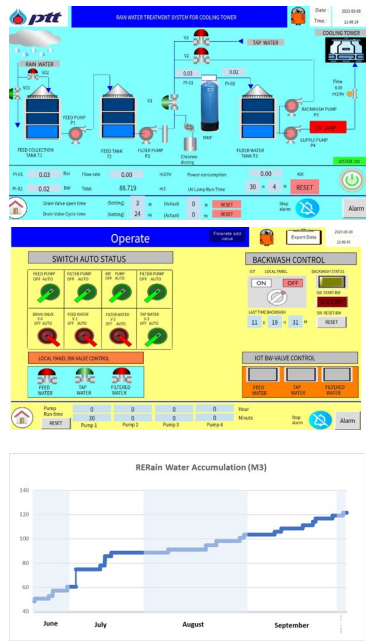
RERain Hardware

Prototype capacity 10 m³/d at Rooftop PTT Head Office 3rd Building



RERain IoT

Remote Monitor and Control System through Mobile Application



RERain Prototype Performance

2023 Testing



Prototype produce water to Water Cooling **136 m³** (Last raining 08/11/2023) with energy consumption 99 kwh



Water Quality of RERain **achieved Cooling Water Quality** and **better Than Tap Water 3- 5 times**



Petty Patent (Filing No. 2303002341)



Easy Control and Operate through **IoT platform**

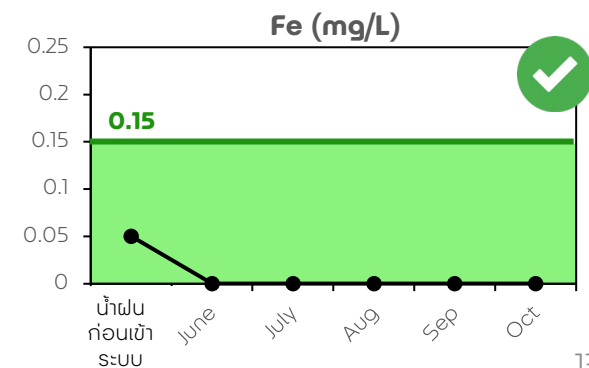
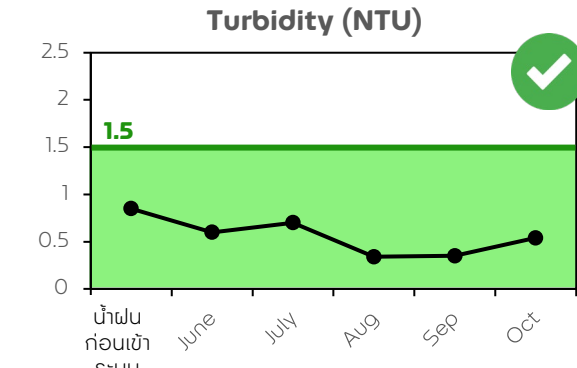
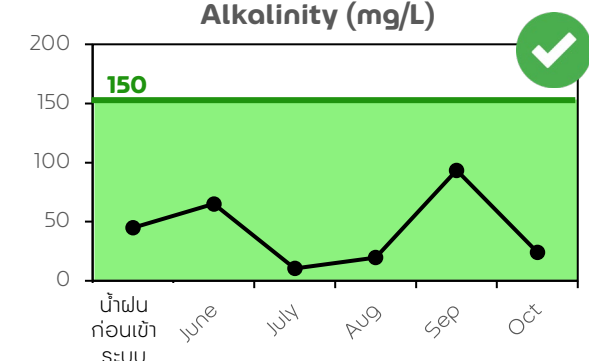
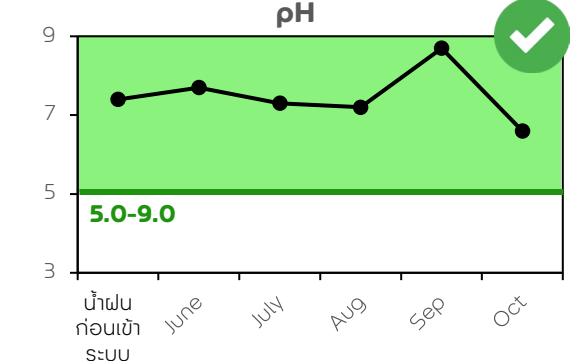
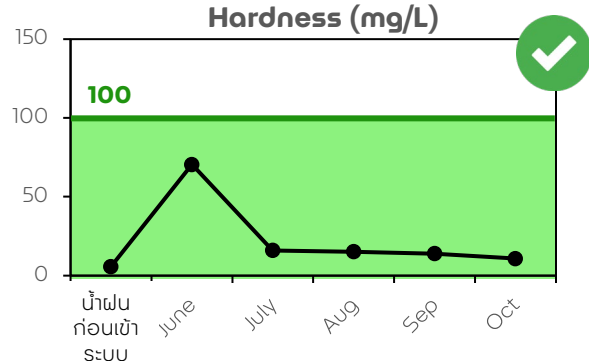
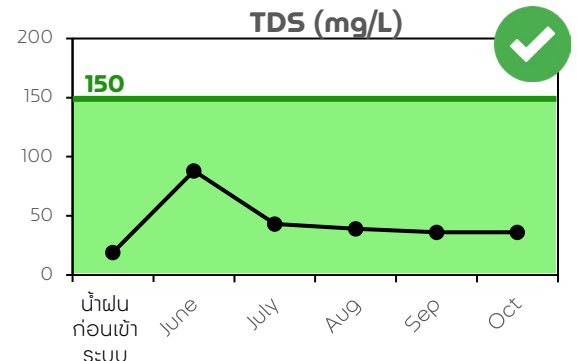


Safety Operation (Alarm & Remote Control)



CO₂ Reduction **0.44 tCO₂eq/yr**

RERain Water Quality Determined





REGrey : Innovative System to Treat Greywater, Handwash, Laundry, Dish Cleaning etc. to reuse for Urinal Flushing
It's aimed to reduce freshwater withdrawal intensity and encourage employee awareness about valuable resource



- System Capacity : **365 m³/year**
- Tap Water Reduction : **1-2 L/cap.day**
- Urinal Flushing : **100%**
- Capacity : **1000 L/day**

Water saving 30%

Compact System & Easy to install

Petty Patent Filling

Water Quality of REGrey achieved USEPA Guideline for Toilet Flushing



REGrey Performance

Parameter	USEPA Guideline (Toilet Flushing)	Our performance
pH	6-9	7.3-7.6 ✓
BOD (mg/L)	<10	3-10 ✓
Turbidity (NTU)	<2	<2 ✓
Fecal Coliform (MPN/ 100 mL)	ND*	ND* ✓
Public concern (color, odor)	-	Clear, No Smell

*ND = Not Detected



2nd and 6th Building PTT Head Office

REGrey Performance



Grey water



Grey water


REGrey Water



Grey water

REGrey Water



Parameter	Grey water quality (Influent)	Final Performance Testing (Treated Water)	US EPA Guideline (Toilet Flushing)	Pass 
pH	7.2-7.5	7.3-7.6	6-9	OK
BOD (mg/L)	6-109	3-10	<10	OK
Turbidity (NTU)	45-330	< 2	<2	OK
Fecal Coliform (MPN/ 100 mL)	3300-330,000	Not Detected	ND	OK
Public concern (color,odor)	Black-Brown-Yellow, Smell	Clear, No Smell	-	OK
Other Pathogens	Yes	No	-	OK

Recycle Water

365 m³/yr

Urinal Flushing

100%

Freshwater Withdrawal Intensity Reduction

1-2 L/cap.day

% Freshwater Reduction เทียบเป้าหมาย ~20%

Note: Petty Pattern (Filling No.) 2103003637

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