

Operations in algal bioreactor train

| Unit number | Type | Unit description |
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| 2.0 | Holding tank | Mixing supplementary substrate streams and providing buffer capacity to average flows and compositions |
| 2.1 | Algal Bioreactor | Algal bioreactor |
| 2.2 | Product & Biomass Recovery | Separates product + algal biomass from improved effluent (to macrophyte bioreactor) |
| 2.3 | Separator | Downstream processing: cell breakage |
| 2.4 | Separator | Downstream processing: separates lipids and water-based products |
| 2.5 | Splitter | Algal biomass to product stream (digestible algal biomass) and solids bioreactor |

Streams in algal bioreactor train

| Stream number | Stream description | Relation to process units | Relation to other streams Equations refer to mass balance (kg/day) |
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| D1 | Improved Compliance Effluent | From Unit 1.2: Separator Into Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor | $D1 = C1 - C2$ Composition same as dissolved composition C1 |
| D2 | Settled Raw Wastewater | From Unit 0.2: Splitter Into Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor | $D2 = A - B1$ Composition same as A, B1. |
| D3 | Supplementary Feed | Into Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor | Incoming stream, volume and composition set by user. (Optional stream) |
| D4 | Supplementary Feed | Into Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor | Incoming stream, volume and composition set by user. (Optional stream) |
| D5 | Supplementary Feed | Into Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor | Incoming stream, volume and composition set by user. (Optional stream) |
| D | Mixed Inflow Stream | From Unit 2.0: Holding tank for Algal Bioreactor Into Unit 2.1: Algal Bioreactor | $D = D1 + D2 + D3 + D4 + D5$ |
| E1 | Algal Broth | From Unit 2.1: Algal Bioreactor Into Unit 2.2: Separator | $E1 = D + E5 + E6$ Composition changed from D |
| E2 | Biomass & Product | From Unit 2.2: Product & Biomass recovery Into Unit 2.3: Downstream Processing | $E2 = E1 - F1$ Composition similar to solids component of E1 |
| E3 | Algal Product Stream | From Unit 2.3: Product & Biomass recovery Into Unit 2.4: Downstream Processing | $E3 = E2 - E4$ Composition changed from E2 |
| E4 | Biomass | From Unit 2.3: Product & Biomass recovery Into Unit 2.5: Splitter | $E4 = E2 - E3$ Composition changed from E2 |
| E5 | CO ₂ | From atmosphere Into Unit 2.1: Algal Bioreactor | CO ₂ only |
| E6 | H ₂ O | Between Unit 2.1: Algal Bioreactor and atmosphere | H ₂ O only |
| F1 | Almost Compliant Effluent | From Unit 2.2: Separator Into Unit 3.0: Holding tank for Macrophyte Bioreactor | $F1 = E1 - E2$ Composition same as dissolved composition E1 |
| U3 | Algal Biomass Not To Product Streams | From Unit 2.5: Splitter Into Unit 4.0: Holding tank for Solids Bioreactor | Total algal biomass = $U3 + W3$ $U3 = E1 - (F1 + W1 + W2 + W3)$ Composition same as W3 |
| W1 | Algal Bioproduct Stream | From Unit 2.4: Separator Exit system | $W1 = D * \text{Algal bioproduct yield coefficient} * \text{Separation efficiencies}$ Composition as specified by user |
| W2 | Algal Oil Stream | From Unit 2.4: Separator Exit system | $W2 = D * \text{Algal oil yield coefficient} * \text{Separation efficiencies}$ Composition as specified by user |
| W3 | Algal Biomass (digestible 'waste') | From Unit 2.5: Splitter Exit system | $W3 = D - (F1 + W1 + W2 + U3)$ Note U3 can be 0 Composition same as U3 |