Lightning and overvoltage protection
Water treatment plants
Renowned expertise in lightning protection
ABB Lightning Protection Group has several decades of experience and uses its technological expertise to provide protection against lightning and overvoltage.
In addition to up-to-date expertise with its global lightning protection offer (external and internal), ABB Lightning Protection Group now offers a wide range of lightning conductors and surge arresters dedicated to the water cycle: collection, treatment, storage, transport, distribution...
ABB Lightning Protection Group also has a laboratory comprising various generators capable of testing all equipment under real conditions with different amplitudes of surge currents, in order to optimize protection solutions.

How to protect water treatment plants?
Water is a fundamental utility. Its increased consumption is the reflection of population growth and an improved standard of living.
Due to vast surface areas and exposure of frequently isolated sites, water and wastewater treatment plants are particularly exposed to lightning risks. Lightning strikes are a major component in the risk to be assumed, both because of the direct effect of lightning on the structure (External Lightning Protection Installation), and because of the overvoltages on the facility (Internal Lightning Protection Installation).
The consequences of lightning on treatment plants have repercussions on all equipment. Overvoltage will directly affect instrumentation and remote management devices as well as PLCs... The protection of water cycle facilities against overvoltage involves all types of structures, i.e. pumping stations, treatment plants, storage, transport and distribution.
Protection of pumping station systems
- Recorders
- Sensors
- Flowmeters
- Level measuring devices
- Temperature measuring devices.

Protection of transport distribution systems
- Probes
- Flowmeters
- Meters.

Protection of treatment plant systems
- Flowmeters
- Probes
- Level measuring devices
- Temperature measuring devices
- Pressure measuring devices.

Protection of storage systems
- Flowmeters
- Level measuring devices
- Temperature measuring devices
- Pressure measuring devices.
Indirect strikes
Protection of treatment plants and pumping stations

1. Protection of the pump feed line
2. Protection of the power supply line input
3. Transmission line protection
4. STN protection
5. Protection of the coaxial links

Diagram:
- Flowmeter (with integrated sensors)
- Chlorine analyzer
- Sensors.
- Reservoirs
- Filtration tank
- Settling tank
- Distribution.

Key components:
- Telephone operator
- Energy distributor
- Main switch board
- Automation
- Flowmeter
- Lightning arrester interconnection inspection pit
ABB Lightning Protection Group offers a comprehensive range of surge arresters adapted to the protection of water and wastewater treatment plants.

ABB recommends the installation of the lightning arresters Type 1 for use upstream of the facilities. In addition, Type 2 fine protections must be positioned as near as possible to the equipment needing protection. Transmission lines, telephone lines, computer connection or current loop must be protected as well against overvoltages. In this case, ABB Lightning Protection Group recommends pluggable OVR TC P surge arresters.

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**OVR TC P surge arresters are equipped with pluggable cartridges to facilitate maintenance operations.**

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Indirect strikes  
Protection of transport - distribution systems

Flowmeter with a separated sensor
It is necessary to protect remote management boxes in the transport and distribution systems. Surge arresters are positioned on the side of the STN transmission line, connecting the automation to the control plant, and on the side of the 4/20 mA connection, linking the flowmeter to the sensor.

Flowmeter with an integrated sensor
When the sensor is integrated into the flowmeter, only the automaton needs protection. In this case, a surge arrester must be installed on the 4/20 mA connection linking the automaton to the flowmeter. The STN transmission line connecting the automaton to the control plant must also be protected as explained in the example above.

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Direct strikes
Protection of storage systems

Protection against direct strikes on structures, such as water towers, requires the installation of an ESE or a simple rod lightning conductor (on the upper part) and it also requires an implementation of an efficient earthing connector. The resistance of the lightning earthing connector must be less than 10 ohms. Appropriate inspection equipment is used to check this resistance at the time of the installation.

All procedures are described in the NF C 17-102 standard for a lightning conductor with a sparkover device and in the NF C 17-100 standard in the case of a simple tip. The NF C 15-100 standard requires the installation of the lightning arrester Type 1 for use upstream of the facility.

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