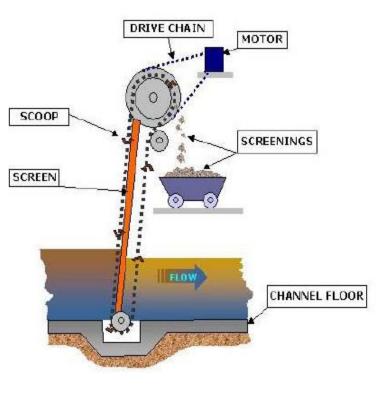




## Wastewater Treatment Processes: Coarse Screens- Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause	Corrective action
High rag content	Screen bar missing or	Check bars and replace.
downstream of screen.	displaced.	
Limit switches faulty.	Corroded or burnt out	Replace by electrician.
Excessive build-up of	Screen overloaded	Remove build-up manually and increase frequency of raking
debris on screen.		(cleaning).
Rake not removing all	Rake not meshing with	Adjust.
debris during cleaning	screen	
mechanism.	Rake worn or teeth broken.	Repair or replace.
Rake jamming.	Teeth bent.	Straighten or replace.
	Something jammed in bars	Remove obstruction.
Rake tripping out.	Overloaded motor.	Remove excess debris.
		Rake jamming on bars, electrician to check motor current.
Rake inoperative, but	Broken shear pin.	Identify cause of break and replace shear pin.
motor runs.	Broken chain or cable.	Replace chain or cable.
	Broken limit switch.	Replace limit switch.
Obnoxious odours, flies and other insects.	Accumulation of debris.	Increase frequency of debris removal and disposal.





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