

Environmental Design RFI Questions and Responses

Record Number	Submitted By	Date Submitted	Reviewed By	Date Reviewed	Attachments (Yes/No)	Question	Response	Comments
47	CPP	3/6/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/11/2026	No	How and/or where will the final sample be collected that will be used to judge treatment results, and is there a minimum amount that will be collected?	The final sample used to judge treatment performance will be collected by the testing team from the final outlet of the system near the end of the testing period, after sufficient treated water has passed through the system to ensure the sample is representative of treated effluent. Teams must provide a clearly accessible final outlet or sampling point. A minimum of 500 mL of treated effluent should be available for collection.	
48	CPP	3/6/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/11/2026	No	Is our 1 m ² plan area guaranteed to be on a flat, level surface on the day of the competition? If not, what type of surface conditions can we expect?	The area will be on a typical paved outdoor surface. While generally flat and level, teams should be prepared for minor surface irregularities consistent with standard outdoor pavement.	
49	CPP	3/6/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/11/2026	No	Does the max limit on internal media volume of 60L include water we place in the system before we begin treatment during the competition?	The 60 L maximum limit refers to the internal media volume only and does not include pore water retained within the media. However, systems must not contain any stored or free-standing water at the start of the competition run. Teams should ensure that any water remaining in the system from prior conditioning or plant maintenance is fully drained before the start of testing. Media may remain moist or saturated, but no preloaded water volume is permitted, to avoid dilution effects and ensure consistent evaluation across teams.	
50	LMU	3/15/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/16/2026	Yes	Is the 1 m ² restricting any plumbing/manometers that extends out of the system? As in if manometers/plumbing comes out of 1m width system and goes out and up does it meet regulations? Or is it only reliant on system height of .5m?	The 1 m² maximum footprint applies to the plan area of the wetland system itself . Plumbing or components (e.g., manometers) that extend outside the footprint are acceptable, provided they are part of the system and the overall setup remains safe and within the team's allocated workspace . All components required for treatment must still comply with the 50 cm maximum system height constraint.	
51	SLO	3/15/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/16/2026	No	When presenting at the competition will it be shortly after our 20 minutes of sending water through our system? Will it be in a separate room or will it be next to our constructed wetland?	Yes. The discussion session will occur immediately after the 20-minute operation period . Teams will present next to their constructed wetland system in the competition area, rather than in a separate room. Teams are encouraged to prepare a poster to help explain their design, operation, and results during this discussion period.	
52	SLO	3/15/2026	Estefania Ayala	3/16/2026	No	Is there a time constraint on the presentation?	No. There is no strict minimum or maximum time requirement for the discussion session. Teams should present their system in a clear and professional manner , allowing sufficient time for judges to ask questions and engage in discussion. Teams should be mindful of time and avoid overly long explanations to ensure an efficient and fair evaluation process.	