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With the greatest respect for the efforts of everyone, let me offer the honest reality of this problem (that you know but can't acknowledge). This is an exercise in futility: the classic, rolling a rock uphill only for it roll back down. (Humor is not intended) You are struggling to get funding to construct a system that separates solids from the suspending water at the bottom of the mountain. A bit myopic...That system requires significant maintenance through time thus its greatest flaw. Or seen another way, it's a job that can never be finished. Who would ever buy into such a ludicrous proposition? No matter the lofty, meaningful goals, no one will sign on forever or they're a fool. If this is the underlying reality of this project, then you should be searching for another answer...that does not include eternity in its solution. Futility...

If you continue your present path (and I expect you will), you must also plan for its eventual demise. **THE FUNDS WILL NOT BE THERE FOREVER!** So then what? What will be built into your system plans when that eventuality happens? It's imperative that this is included in your plans. **IT MUST BE!** Or the plans are incomplete. The project can not be open-ended, forever.