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SAVECO® IN NORTH AMERICA

Stephen Rioux, 63, is a strategic engineering and business leader born in Chillicothe, Ohio. His college years were shaped by intensive study in engineering, chemistry, and mathematics, paired with hands-on experience in the thermoplastics and chemical industries. At SAVECO®, he leads with a disciplined, execution-driven approach to strategy, focusing on transformative growth across municipal, industrial, and agricultural infrastructure. He emphasizes full ownership of the process, recognizing that the company delivers not only equipment but also reputation, relationships, and measurable return.

NL How do you see the current market situation?

Rioux North America's municipal market remains well funded, with federal, state, and local programs sustaining investment in wastewater modernization. This has increased expectations for suppliers like SAVECO® to provide early collaboration, strong pre-design support, and site-specific modeling. Municipal clients seek cost-competitive, low-maintenance pretreatment and conveying systems, and SAVECO® provides them with engineered, durable solutions and responsive service.

NL What makes your market special?

Rioux SAVECO® is well positioned across municipal, industrial, and agricultural markets, where customers value reliability, responsiveness, and focused expertise. With strong pre-design support, dependable service,

> ***"Not only equipment but also reputation, relationships and measurable return."***

and maintained inventory, we deliver specialized liquid/solids separation and low-maintenance, compliant systems for manure handling, sludge management, and water reuse, meeting performance and lifecycle expectations.

NL What are the current challenges?

Rioux SAVECO North America is managing regulatory demands, tariff volatility, and USD–Euro fluctuations while navigating double-digit growth over the past four years. Compliance with BIL, BABA, BAA, and the Pennsylvania Steel Act requires strict documentation and sourcing. The company is expanding talent, office, and warehouse capacity to support rising municipal and agricultural market needs.



NL Is there a special opportunity?

Rioux Interest in providing integrated vacuum truck waste dumping station systems has recently increased. Offering these focused solutions will-support our growth.

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EDITORIAL



Dear Reader,

What a year for the Western world. Economic growth in the EU once again hovered just above the one-percent mark, continuing a trend seen in previous years. Despite this, WAMGROUP® projects global revenue growth of 10.5% in 2025, albeit with a slight decline in order intake. Over the same period, the company's global workforce increased by 20 employees.

In light of ongoing geopolitical shifts, these results can certainly be considered a notable achievement. Amid uncertainty, WAMGROUP® has demonstrated resilience and adaptability, positioning ourselves for continued success.

With our best wishes for peace, and on behalf of the Group's management, I wish you restful Holidays and a healthy, prosperous New Year. May 2026 bring new opportunities and progress for us all.

Michael Grass

WAMGROUP®
Senior Public Relations Director

GRAND OPENING OF WAM AUSTRALIA ASSEMBLY PLANT

Dandenong, Victoria, Australia, 21st November 2025



WAM Australia inaugurated its new 8,000-sqm state-of-the-art facility, marking its growth from a local trading subsidiary to a major manufacturing and distribution hub for Oceania. The event, attended by industry leaders and the Italian Consul General, underscored strong Italy–Australia ties and celebrated the company's strategic expansion. At a time of widespread offshoring, WAMGROUP® is investing heavily in domestic production, reinforcing its long-term commitment to the region. Guests toured the new site, gaining firsthand insight into the company's expanded, modern manufacturing capabilities and innovative operational approach.







Advanced Wastewater Treatment

Gurnee, Illinois, USA, Autumn 2025



The SAVECO North America Team

SAVECO North America, Inc., headquartered in Gurnee, Illinois, is a leading trading subsidiary of waste handling equipment for the municipal, agricultural and industrial wastewater sectors. It specializes in offering custom-engineered solutions that enhance efficiency and environmental compliance across treatment facilities.

Originally founded in 1972 under the name Enviro-Care Company, SAVECO North America became part of the global WAMGROUP® in February 2015. This acquisition marked a strategic expansion of WAMGROUP®'s wastewater division, integrating Enviro-Care's expertise with the Group's strong international footprint and solid technical innovation. In 2021, the company rebranded as SAVECO North America, combining the legacy of SAVI®and SPECO®—two prominent WAMGROUP® equipment manufacturers—to reflect its broadened capabilities and global reach.

The team, initially started as a group of 12, has grown to a team of 44 employees. The company maintains a strong presence in supporting municipal utilities, agricultural farms, and private industrial clients. SAVECO®'s solutions are known for their durability, ease of maintenance, and adaptability to diverse treatment environments.

The company's commitment to innovation is reflected in its equipment portfolio and clients served. SAVECO North America continues to supply equipment to owners in municipal wastewater, food processing, plastic recyclers, paper industry, heavy industrial waste, dairy and hog farming, pharmaceutical, and petro-chemical industries among others.

SAVECO North America will soon expand from its original location in Gurnee, Illinois to a modern facility in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin, sized to allow for present and future growth. The company's continued success and positive team atmosphere enable it to retain experienced staff and grow in order to meet expanding needs, while maintaining strong customer relationships and the customer-first philosophy that have always distinguished it. As part of the WAMGROUP®, SAVECO® benefits from global resources while maintaining the agility and responsiveness of a specialized North American provider.

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First-Time Use of MBR Technology in Temecula

Temecula Valley, California, USA



WASTEMASTER® VSA 2200 in-channel drum screens

SAVECO® equipment has been selected for the Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Temecula California MBR Project. The Eastern Municipal Water District's (EMWD) Temecula Valley Regional Water Reclamation Facility (TVRWRF) encompasses a 95-acre area that serves a combined 239,000 people in Riverside County, California, from Temecula, Murrieta and surrounding communities.



WASTEMASTER® VSA drum screen assembly

The MBR (Membrane Bioreactor) is the first treatment technology of its kind for EMWD. This advanced tertiary treatment removes bacteria, viruses, and virtually all suspended solids. To ensure the maximum performance of the MBR, two WASTEMASTER® VSA 2200 In-Channel Drum Fine Screens were installed, each designed for an 11 MGD (≈ 41.6 million liters per day) peak flow. These kinds of screens guarantee the high capture efficiency and minimal bypass required for effective MBR pre-screening.

Through the analysis of the data collected, it was confirmed that the correct removal of debris and the proper protection of the membranes was being achieved. Additionally, this pre-treatment system has also reduced the required physical maintenance and chemical cleaning of the membranes.

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Sewage Treatment on a Large Scale

Snapfinger Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, DeKalb County, Metro Atlanta, Georgia, USA



WASTEMASTER® VSA 3000 in-channel drum screens

SAVECO® equipment is installed at one of the country's largest MBR facilities. SAVECO® has been selected for the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion project located in DeKalb County, Georgia. Located to the east of Atlanta, DeKalb County is the fourth most populous county in the state of Georgia with over 770,000 residents.

With a peak hourly flow rate of 100 million gallons per day (≈ 378.5 million liters per day), the Snapfinger Advanced Wastewater Treatment Facility project is among the largest MBR treatment facilities in the United States. To protect this investment, efficient pre-screening is a must. SAVECO® was selected to provide the in-channel drum screens for this project, consisting of six (6) WASTEMASTER® VSA 3000 In-Channel Fine Drum Screens, each handling 20 mgd (≈ 75.7 million liters per day). The drum screens have openings of 2mm, ensuring the high capture efficiency and minimal bypass required for effective MBR pre-screening.

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No Fear of Wastewater at Cape Fear

Brunswick County, North Carolina, USA

SAVECO® equipment is installed at Northeast Brunswick Regional Water Research Foundation. With over 160,000 residents, Brunswick County is a rapidly growing area in the Cape Fear coastal region of North Carolina. In order to support this growing population, the Northeast Brunswick Water Reclamation Facility needed to expand its capacity to 15.6 mgd (≈ 59.05 million liters per day).

Three SAVECO® WASTEMASTER® VSA 1400s were chosen as the Basis of Design for this project, each sized for a peak flow of 7.8 mgd (≈ 29.53 million liters per day) with 6mm perforated openings. Also included in the project is a WAM® Model SSC 300



Shaftless Spiral Conveyor which collects and transports the screenings from the three WASTEMASTER® VSA In-Channel Drum Screens.

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WAMGROUP® Sustainability Report 2024

Ponte Motta, Italy, Autumn 2025

WAMGROUP® is championing a closed-loop production model that minimises waste and maximises resource efficiency, embedding circular economy principles at the heart of its operations. Renewable energy is central to this strategy, with widespread adoption of photovoltaic systems sharply reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributing to a low-carbon, sustainable future.

Sustainable product design is another cornerstone, with durable, energy-efficient equipment crafted to lower environmental impact throughout its life cycle. Ethical sourcing is ensured through full transparency and traceability of raw materials, meeting strict environmental and labour standards.

Beyond production, WAMGROUP® actively engages employees and stakeholders through sustainability workshops, enhanced reporting, and a detailed greenhouse gas inventory, fostering a culture of shared responsibility, learning, and continuous improvement.



The Group also invests in research and innovation to identify new sustainable technologies, circular processes, and energy-efficient solutions, further driving environmental performance across all operations.

Through these initiatives, WAMGROUP® demonstrates a clear commitment to marrying economic growth with environmental stewardship, promoting resilience, innovation, and long-term value, while setting an ambitious benchmark for sustainability in the global manufacturing sector and inspiring wider industry adoption of responsible, forward-thinking practices.

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THE BEAST — Powerful FOG & Septage Control

Hampton Roads Sanitary District, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA, since 2014



The FOG BEAST installation in Williamsburg, VA

The Hampton Roads Sanitary District (HRSD) is responsible for wastewater treatment across 18 cities and counties in southeastern Virginia. It operates nine major treatment facilities and seven smaller plants in eastern Virginia, collectively achieving a capacity of 249 million gallons per day (≈ 942 million liters per day).

In the fall of 2014, HRSD initiated a pilot test for the reception of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) at its Williamsburg, Virgina facility. This four-week trial involved the screening of 300,000 gallons (≈ 1.136 million liters) of pure FOG.

To support this initiative, SAVECO® supplied a Septage-FOG-Sludge Screening System pilot unit for the testing process.

The FOG BEAST is not just for septage and has proven its flexibility over and over again on the toughest loads. Whether it is screening debris from vactor truck loads or removing inorganic material from fats, oils and grease; the BEAST handles them all.

The unique features of the BEAST have been designed in for a reason. The short influent tank allows the debris laden liquid to discharge directly into the rotating drum screen. As the screen rotates, debris is captured on flights that carry the debris around the drum screen and deposit them into the auger trough. From the trough, the debris is conveyed by the auger into the washing/dewatering zones. Any rocks that can pass through the discharge hose from the truck are easily removed by the screen and auger. Dumpsters receiving discharge from the BEAST have contained towels, T-shirts, screw drivers, rocks, straws and other debris that won't be mentioned here.

Following the successful performance of the BEAST during the pilot, HRSD made the decision in 2017 to purchase a FOG BEAST screening system for the receiving station at its Atlantic plant located in Virginia Beach, VA.

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FRANCO NERI (* 18th July 1965 † 12th October 2025)

Franco passed away after a courageous battle with an incurable disease. His loss leaves a profound void in the lives of all who knew him, both personally and professionally. Franco was a man of great integrity, kindness, and quiet determination, qualities that defined every aspect of his life and work. A respected specialist in time and method engineering, Franco played a pivotal role in helping WAMGROUP® introduce a modern mindset and advanced methodologies for the measurement of standard times. His expertise and dedication were instrumental in the implementation of an industrial-level system for reporting and assessing production efficiency. Through his guidance, our organisation embraced practices that continue to shape our operations today. His contribution went far beyond technical knowledge; he brought clarity, discipline, and an unwavering commitment to improvement.

To his colleagues, Franco was not only an expert but a mentor and a steady source of support. To his family and friends, he was a gentle, deeply caring presence whose warmth enriched every relationship. Franco leaves behind a legacy of professionalism, generosity, and humanity.



NEXT ISSUE PREVIEW

SAVECO® continues to drive innovation in industrial wastewater solutions from its Italian headquarters. Specialising in sludge and effluent pre-treatment, it serves municipal, industrial and agricultural sectors, including biogas and livestock operations. Leveraging its strong reputation, SAVECO® blends proven Italian engineering with sustainable technologies to ensure top-tier water management, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance. Its expanding network strengthens long-standing partnerships, delivering tailored solutions that meet evolving international environmental standards and respond to the growing global demand for sustainable water treatment.

In the next issue, the SAVECO® management team will reveal further insights into the company's strategic direction.



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