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# **Sanitation Systems, Technology Options, Hygiene and Health**

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## Working group 4: Sanitation systems, technology options, hygiene and health

The SuSanA Approved Statement, draft 05/2007 addresses health as a central issue for Sustainable Sanitation:

***“The main objective of a sanitation system is to protect and promote human health by providing a clean environment and breaking the cycle of disease.”***

# Understanding sustainable sanitation system and technology options

Understanding sustainable sanitation systems and technologies means to address:

- Function of health risk reduction
- Technical appropriateness
- Economic viability
- Institutional appropriateness
- Socially acceptability
- Minimal environmental impact
- Minimal resource use and potential for maximal resource reuse

## A Sanitation System – a multi-step process

By considering 'sanitation' as a multi-step process, and not a single point, waste products are accounted for from the point of generation to the point of ultimate disposal.

Introducing the concept of **waste products**, **processes** and **technologies**

## Conceptualizing a Sanitation System

No.	System name	Flowstreams
1	Wet mixed blackwater and greywater system with offsite treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ blackwater mixed with greywater flowstream</li> <li>▪ faecal sludge flowstream</li> </ul>
2	Wet mixed blackwater and greywater system with onsite treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ blackwater mixed with greywater flowstream</li> <li>▪ faecal sludge flowstream</li> </ul>
3	Wet blackwater systems (blackwater separated from greywater)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ blackwater flowstream</li> <li>▪ faecal sludge flowstream</li> <li>▪ greywater flowstream</li> </ul>
4	Wet urine-diversion system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ urine flowstream/ yellowwater</li> <li>▪ brownwater mixed with greywater flowstream</li> <li>▪ faecal sludge flowstream</li> </ul>
5	Dry greywater-separate system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ excreta flowstream</li> <li>▪ greywater flowstream</li> </ul>
6	Dry urine- and greywater-diversion system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ urine flowstream</li> <li>▪ faeces flowstream</li> <li>▪ greywater flowstream</li> </ul>
7	Dry all mixed systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ excreta mixed with greywater flowstream</li> </ul>

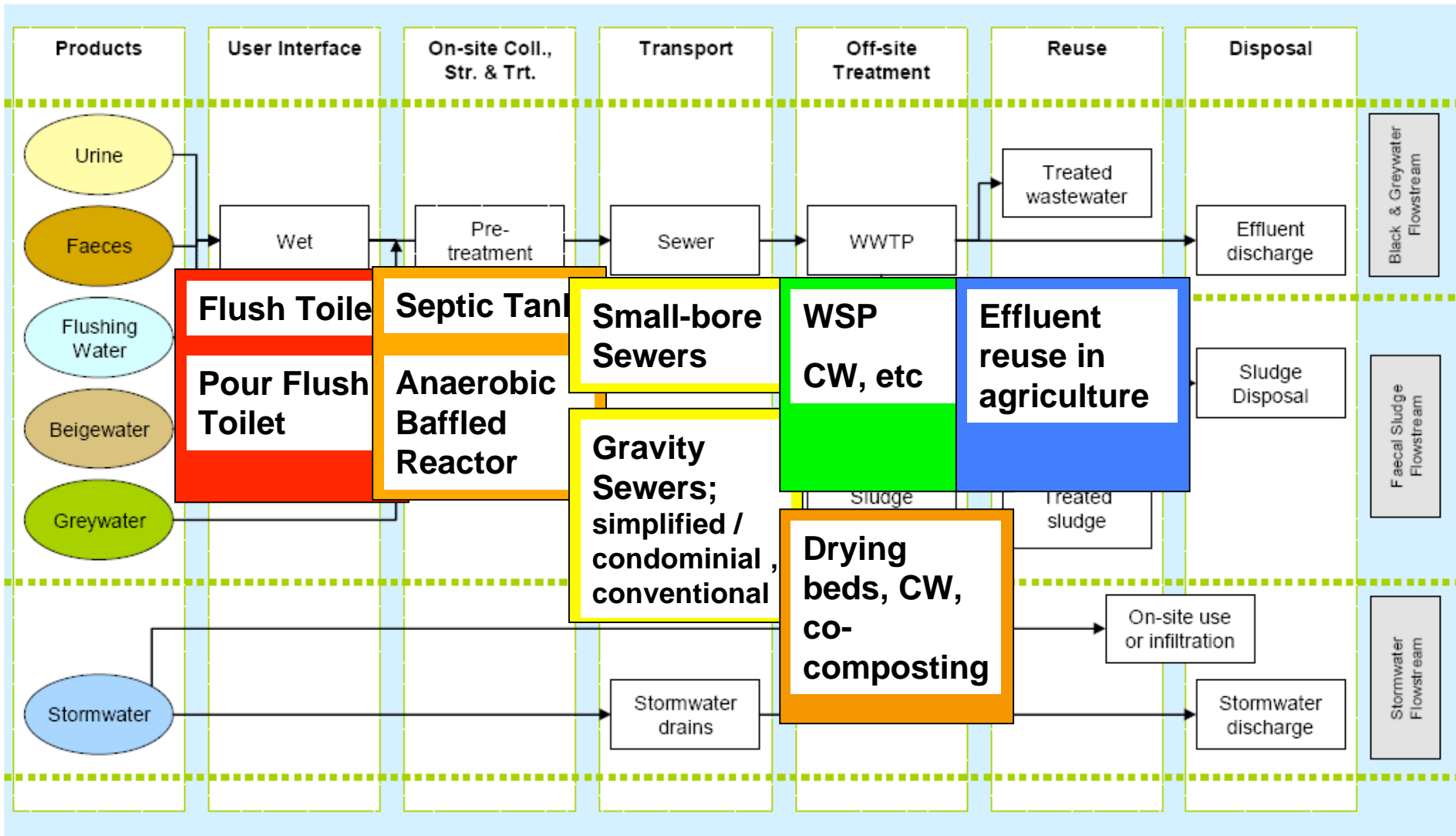


Figure 1. Wet mixed blackwater and greywater system with offsite treatment

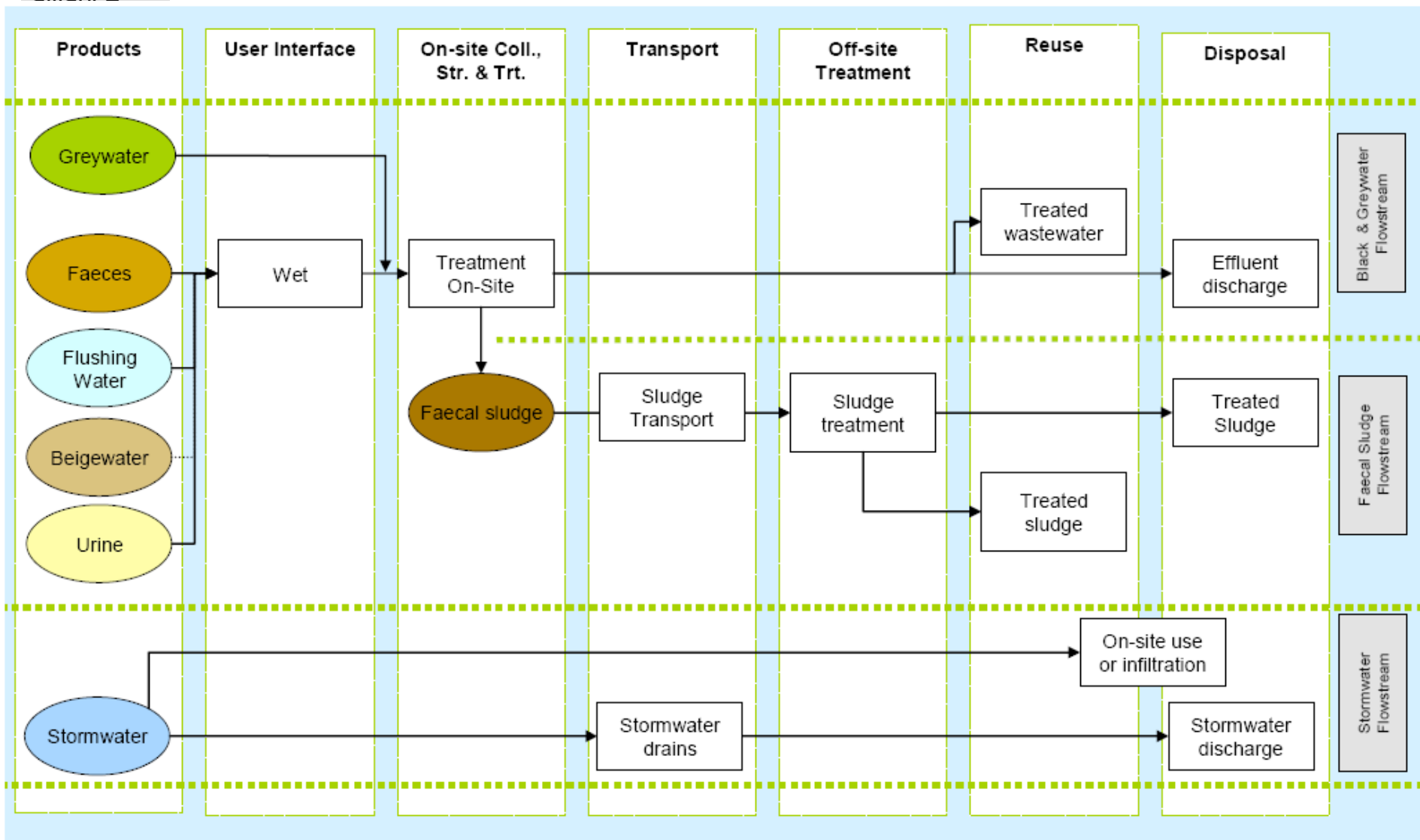


Figure 2: Wet mixed blackwater and greywater system with onsite treatment

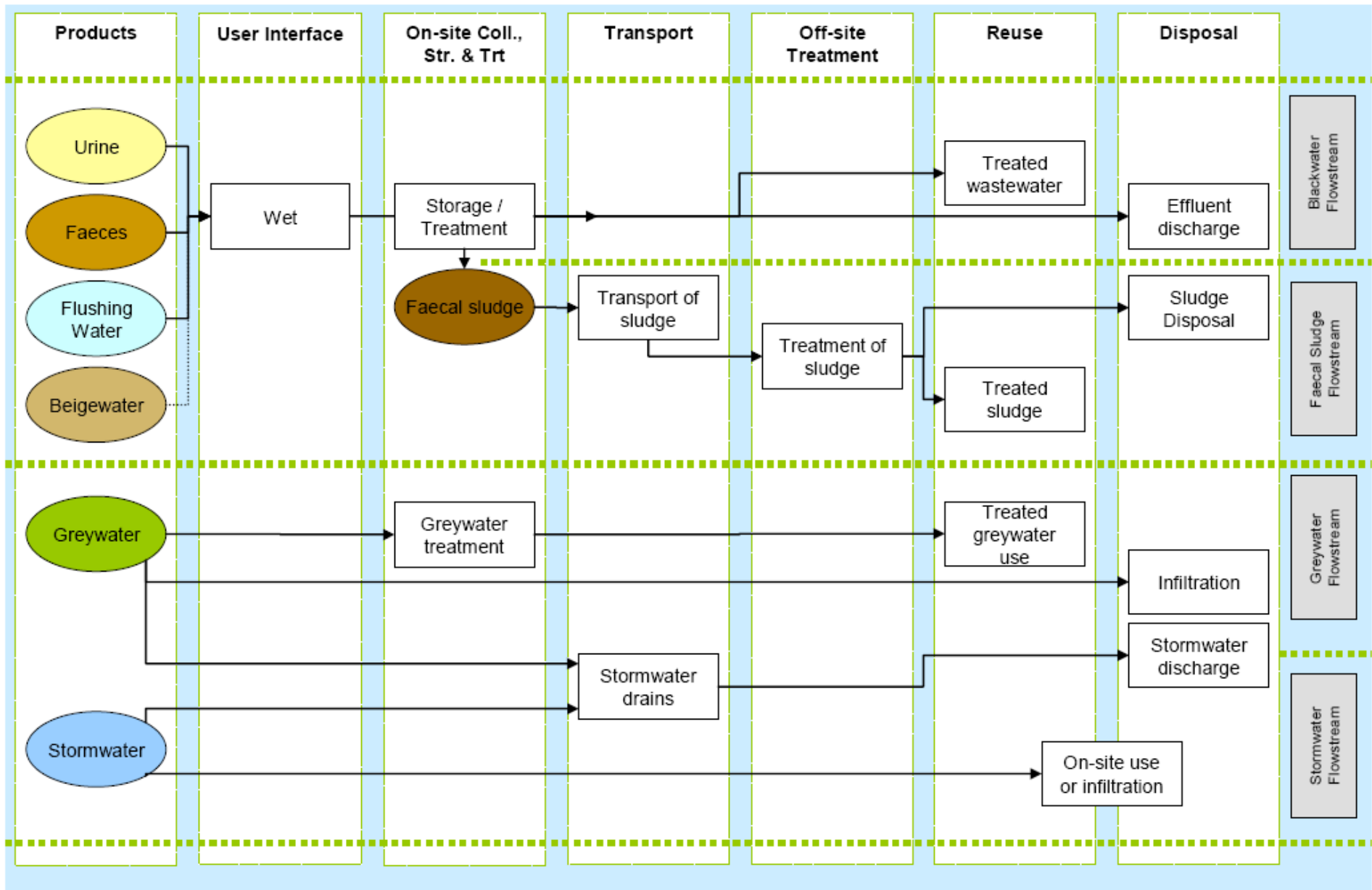


Figure 3. Wet blackwater system where greywater is managed separately



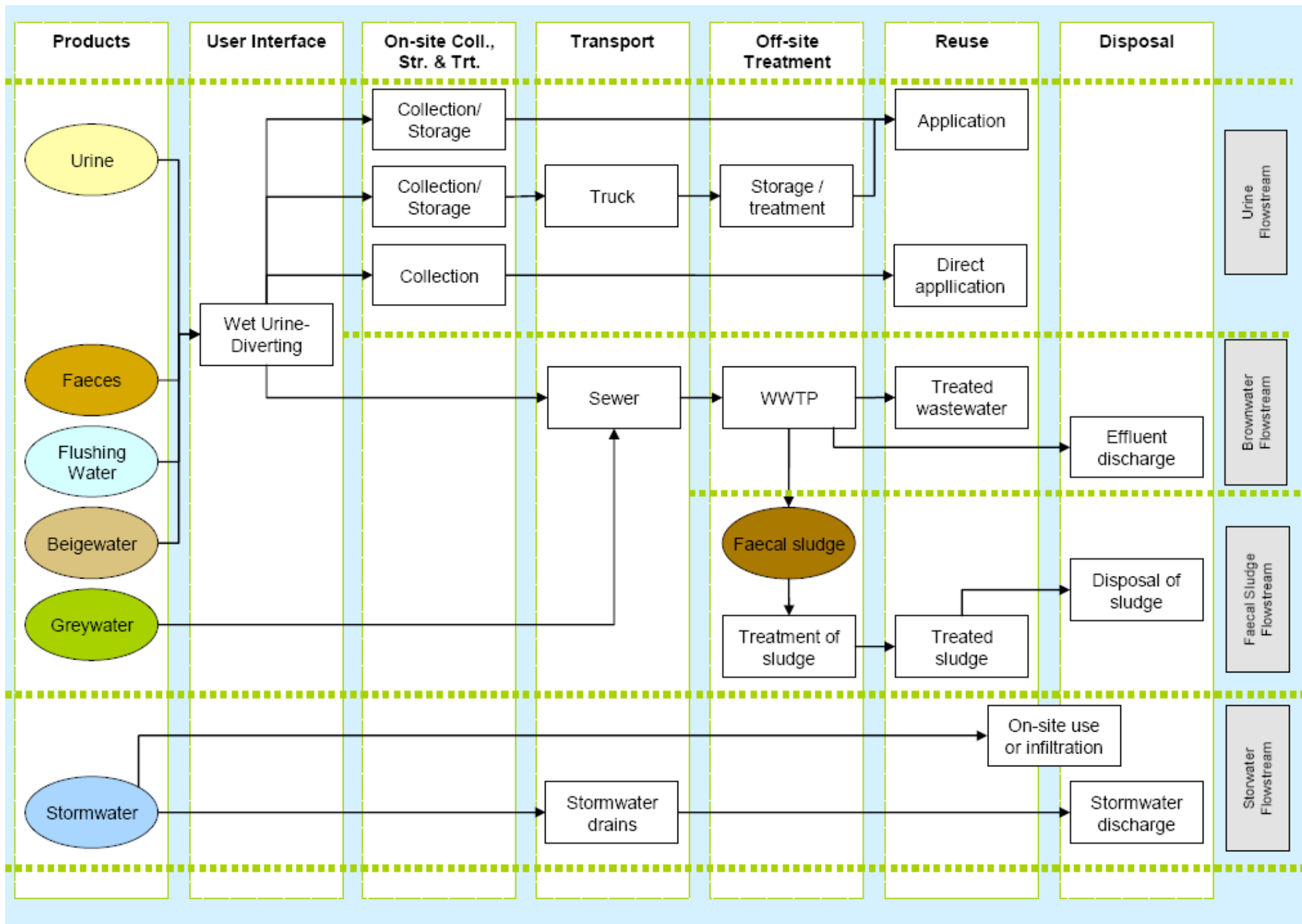


Figure 4: Wet urine diversion system where urine and brownwater (with greywater) are managed separately

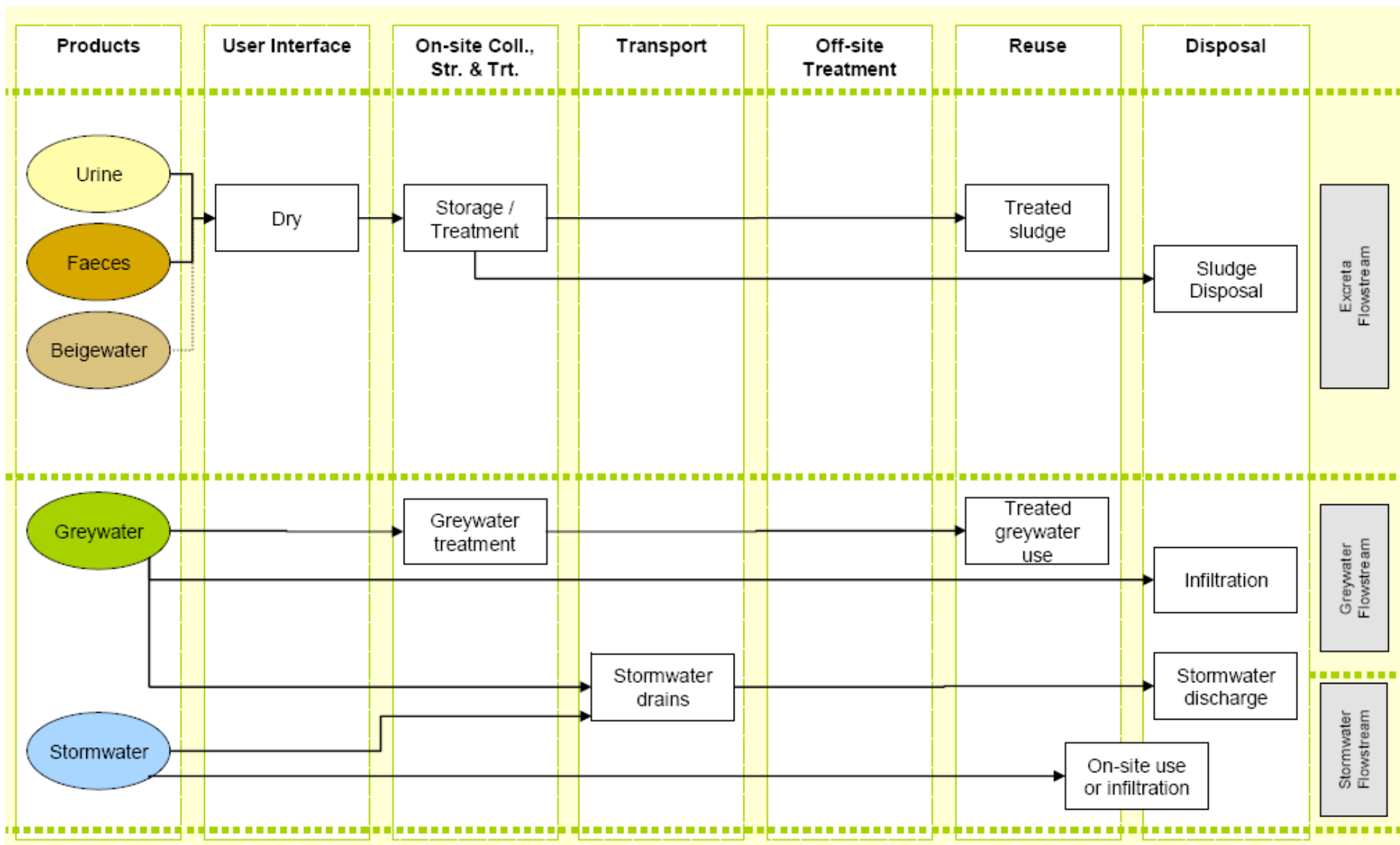


Figure 5: Dry onsite excreta storage with greywater diversion system

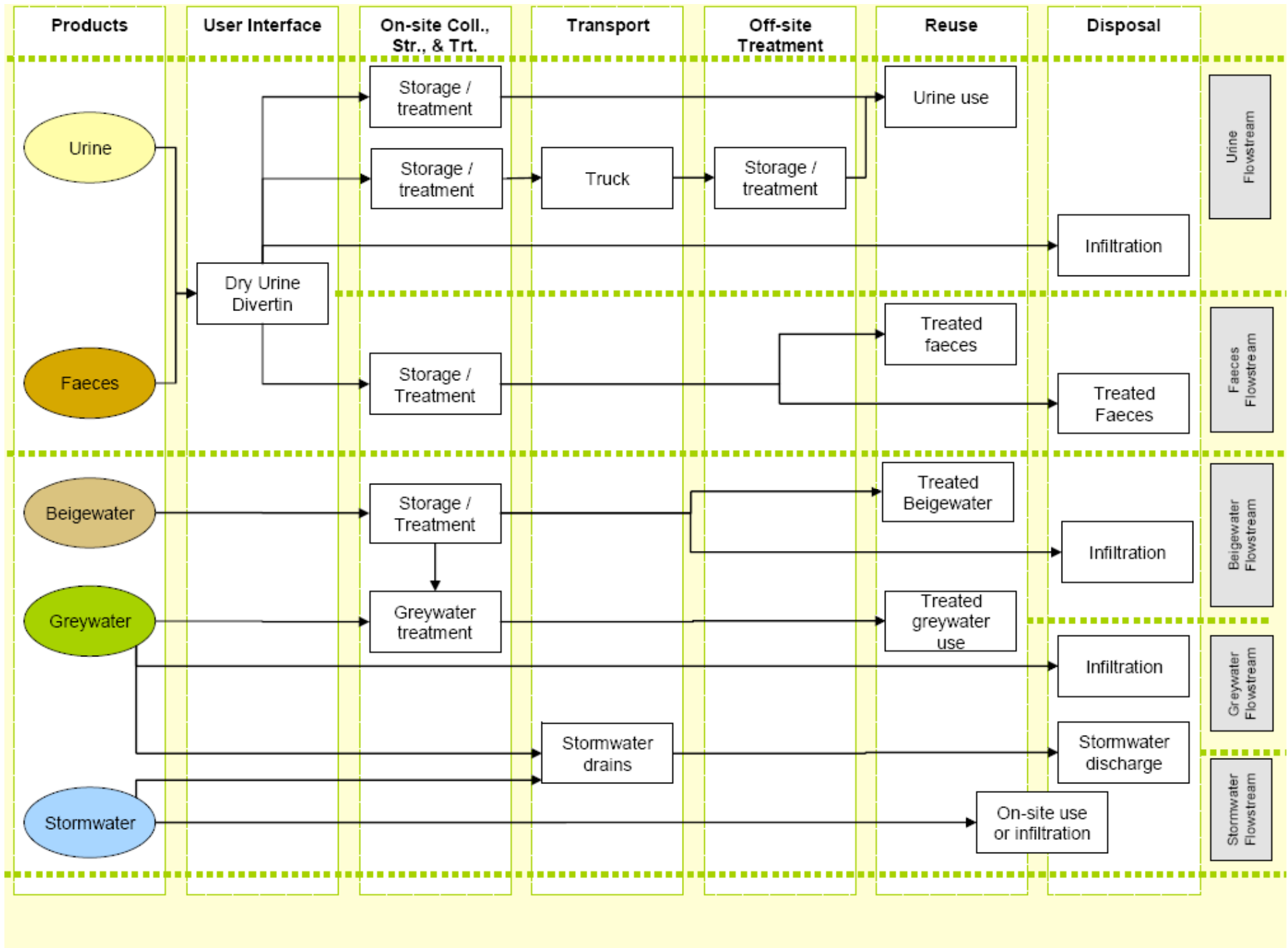


Fig. 6.2.2. Water and waste management process

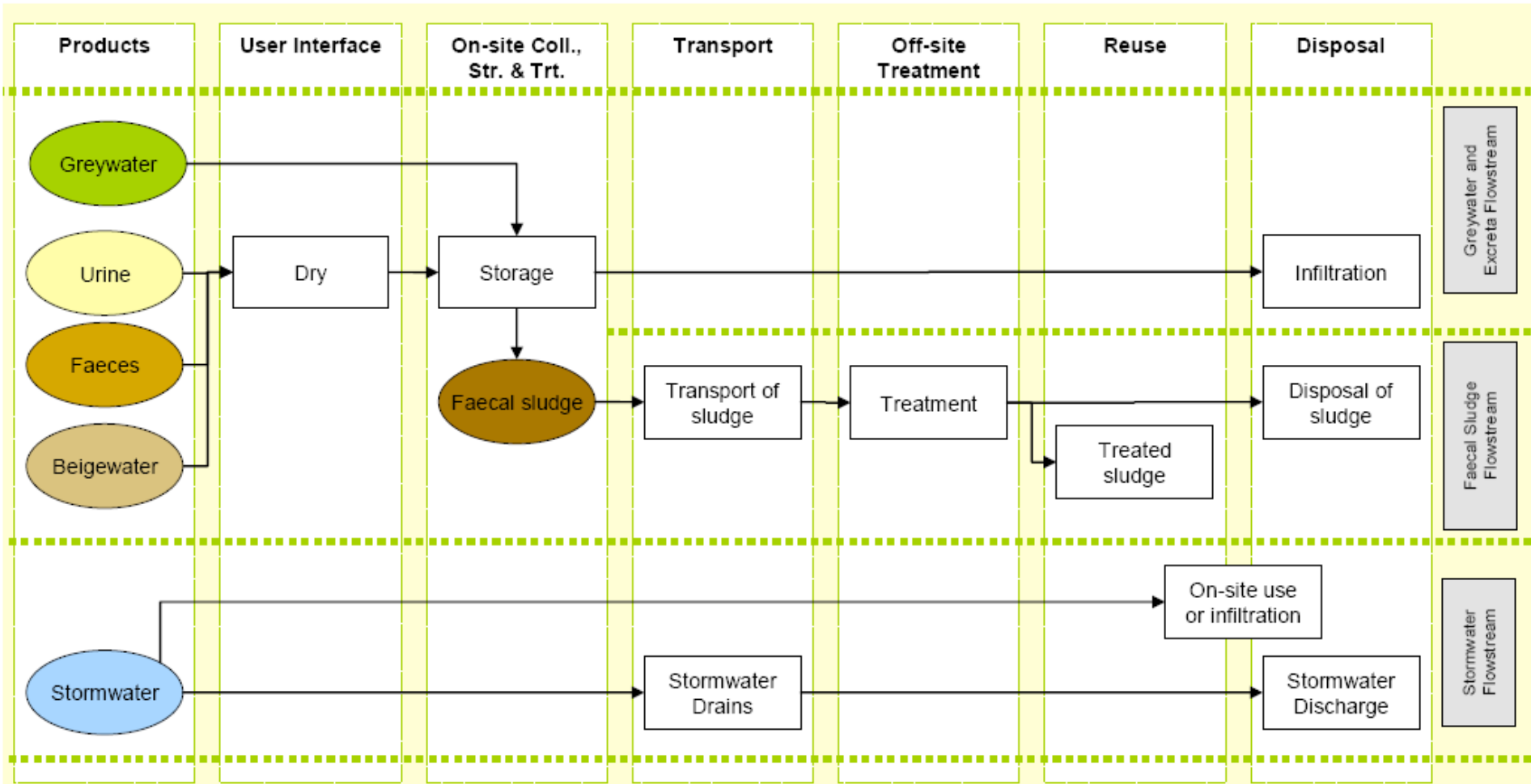


Figure 7. Dry excreta and greywater mixed system

## Think of Processes

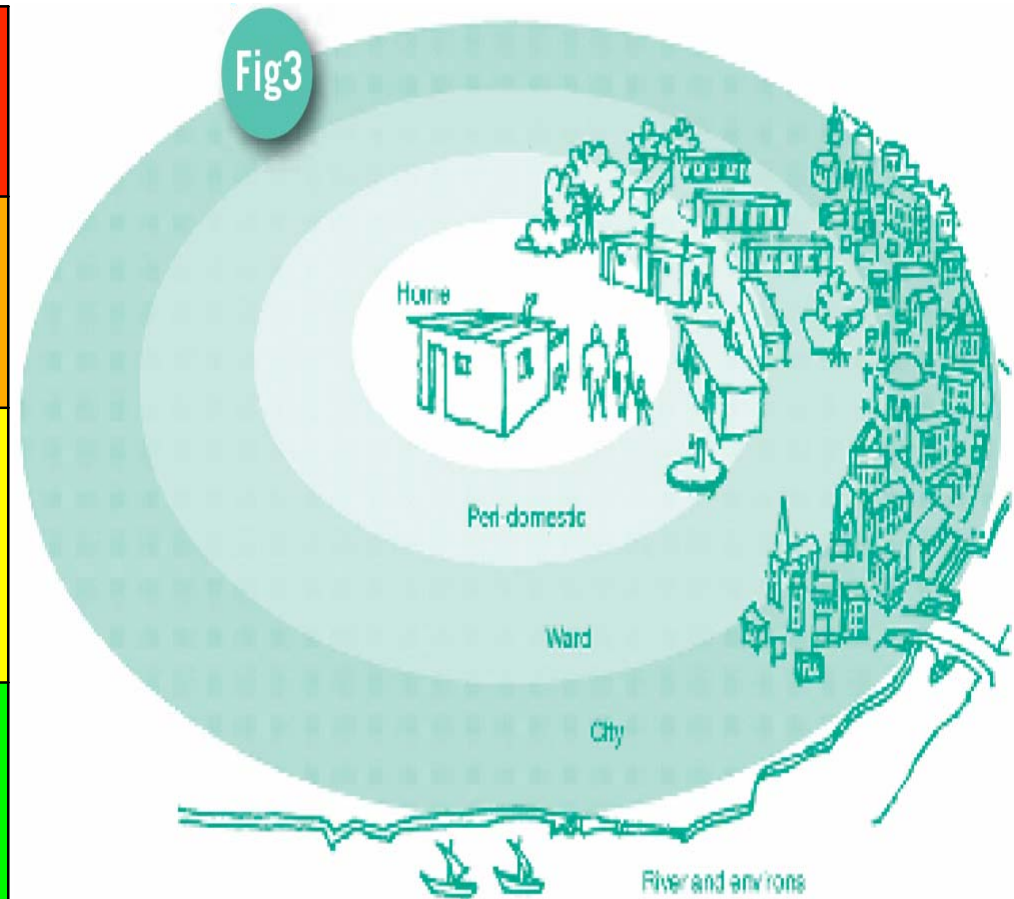
**User Interface** → How the user accesses the sanitation system

**On-site Storage and Treatment** → Where the products collected and stored)

**Conveyance** → How the products move between the point of collection to the point of treatment, reuse or disposal


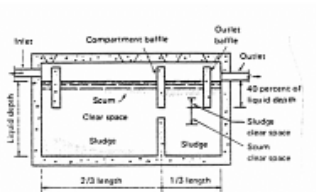
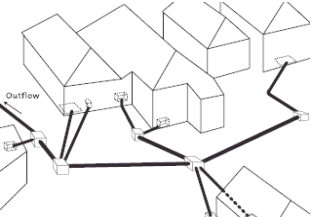
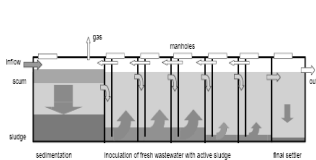

**Treatment** → How the pathogens, nutrients and/or properties of the products are transformed

**Resource Application and Disposal** → How the transformed product

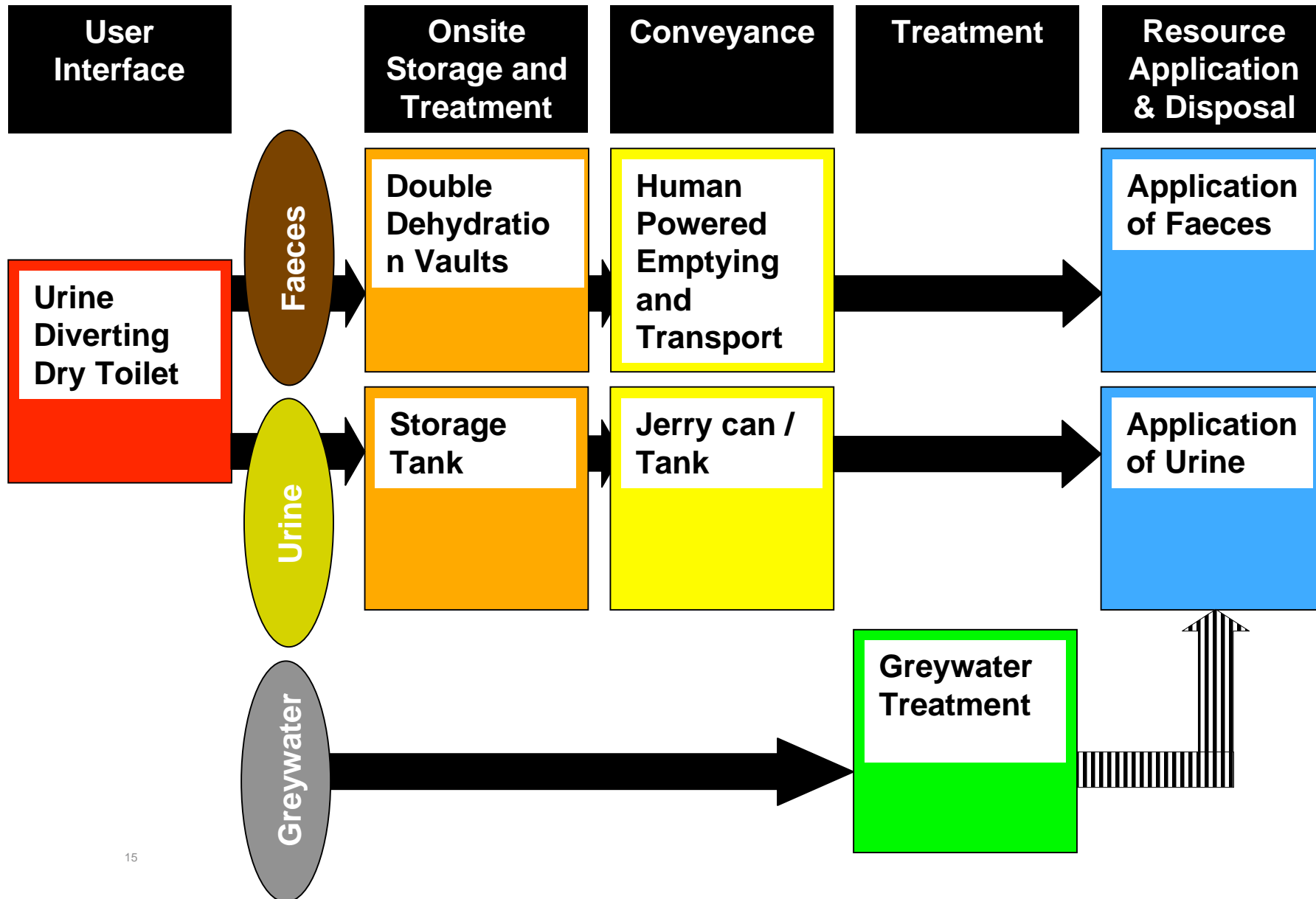


Involves spatial and functional issues

# Designing a sanitation system

User Interface	Onsite Storage and Treatment	Conveyance	Centralized Treatment	Resource Application and Disposal
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Dry Toilet</li> <li>-Urine Diverting Dry Toilet</li> <li>-Urinal</li> <li>-Pour Flush Toilet</li> <li>-Flush Toilet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Single Pit</li> <li>-Single Pit VIP</li> <li>-Alternating Dry Double Pit</li> <li>-Alternating Wet Double Pit</li> <li>-Double Dehydr. Vaults</li> <li>-Aquaprivy</li> <li>-Septic Tank</li> <li>-Composting Chamber</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Manual Emptying</li> <li>-Mechanical Emptying</li> <li>-Simplified Sewers</li> <li>-Small-Bore Sewer</li> <li>-Conventional Gravity Sewer</li> <li>-Jerry can/tank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Imhoff Tank</li> <li>-Anaerobic Baffled Reactor</li> <li>-Anaerobic Filter</li> <li>-Trickling Filter</li> <li>-Waste Stabilization Ponds</li> <li>-Finishing Pond</li> <li>-Constructed Wetland</li> <li>-Co-composting Etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Application of Urine</li> <li>-Application of Dehydrated Faeces</li> <li>-Compost</li> <li>-Irrigation with Wastewater</li> <li>-Aquaculture Ponds</li> <li>-Soak Pit</li> <li>-Leach Field</li> <li>-Incineration</li> <li>-Land application</li> <li>-Surface Disposal</li> </ul>

## Example: Dry with Urine Separation and Disposal



- Technical appropriateness
- Economic viability
- Institutional appropriateness
- Socially acceptability
- Environmental impact
- Resource use and potential for resource reuse
- Function of health risk reduction



## Logistics of the working group

Lead: Eawag/Sandec, seconded by SEI (T.A. Stenström)

- Include sub-item on health / health risk in the same group
- Core group (5 persons) will work on the various sub-items
- Comments on the TORs by extended group
- Timeframe is defined by next SuSanA meeting in February
- Outputs are defined as factsheets as well as recommendations for “way forward”
  - need for system view
  - exposure/health risk of typical system and technology configuration
- Cross-communication occurs between this and other groups, sp. 2 (costs), 5 (food security), 7 (community sanitation), 13 (O&M)