

# Michael Kopper

C.E.O. and Founder

## Issue:

Innovating new wastewater treatment technology is critical world wide. The right expertise and focus is needed from pioneering companies to improve efficiency, performance and cost savings. Forward-looking leaders help create breakthroughs and make a positive impact on people, the environment and lead the world to a more sustainable future.

### Water and Wastewater Treatment

**Publications** can turn to Centrisys C.E.O. and Founder Michael Kopper for deeper insights on the latest trends and technology in the industry. A charismatic leader and passionate speaker, Kopper is at the forefront of global efforts developing new innovative biosolids treatment processes and infuses a spirit of ingenuity in his commentary.



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## Biography

With a technical background that spans 40 years, Kopper is a centrifuge manufacturing and service expert. Kopper began his career in the dewatering industry as a 14-year-old apprentice at centrifuge manufacturer Humboldt-Wedag. After earning an engineering degree from a Cologne, Germany technical college, Kopper supervised the startup, operations and process refinements of Humboldt centrifuges around the world.

After many years of working in centrifuge operation and service with Humboldt, Kopper founded Centrisys in 1987 as a repair and optimization company for decanter centrifuges. In 1989, a municipal customer could not wait for a decanter centrifuge to be manufactured overseas. Michael and his team built their first decanter centrifuge utilizing their dewatering know-how and optimization expertise with what did and did not work from the different brands of centrifuges they repaired throughout the years. This innovation foundation still drives the company today, as Kopper leads Centrisys with problem-solving ideas that advance the industry.

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## Providing Media Commentary On:

- Building an innovative, global team from the ground up
- Leading a U.S.A. manufacturer and competing against dominant industry players domestically and worldwide
- Dewatering and process innovation through problem solving for municipal and industrial wastewater applications
- Wastewater treatment equipment design
- Wastewater treatment process
- Waste to energy environmental solutions now and in the future
- Centrifuges used in oil and gas applications, including oil recovery from waste
- Exporting into global economies with U.S.A. manufactured products

## Awards

- 2017 ACEC Grand Award Winner for the Kenosha WWTP Optimization Project
- 2013 WEF Innovative Technology Award – THK Thickening System
- 2013 Kenosha County Entrepreneur of the Year
- 2012 Milwaukee BizTimes Bravo! Entrepreneur Award
- 2008 Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year

## Affiliations

- Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- Milwaukee Water Council
- Kenosha Area Business Alliance
- Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce

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