



# 2016 NOBCChE National Science Fair Abstract

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Category: **Math & Engineering**

Title: **Laramies Bridges Falling Down**

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This project was about designing a water filtration system. The purpose of this experiment was to determine which filter design would filter “polluted” water the best. I predicted the filtration system using the most activated carbon would filter the “polluted” water the best. In this experiment, I varied the amount of filtering material in different filtration system designs to determine if a specific material would cause a filtration system to perform better. The materials used were activated carbon, cotton, sand, and gravel, in varying amount, in 3 different filtration systems. The filtered water was visually compared in color. In the end, my hypothesis was correct, and the filtration system design using the most activated carbon filtered the “polluted” water the best.

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