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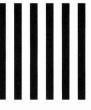
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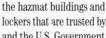


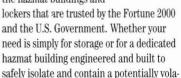
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Biotechnology harnesses both natural and genetically modified microorganisms to clean up contaminated sites. Turn to page 26 to find out about a Texas company that raises waste-munching bacteria to handle the dirty work.

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## From Swiss Cheese To Superfund Cleanups

Biotechnology is nothing new. For centuries, society has used biological processes for the production of various foods and beverages, such as cheese, yogurt, wine and beer. On the other hand, bioremediation is a newcomer to the field.

Beginning in the 1980s, financial concerns prompted the development of bioremediation, a new type of biotechnology using microbiological processes to treat environ-

The reason for bioremediation's growth is that it is cheaper than the traditional methods of incineration or disposal in landfills. Bioremediation also is attractive because it effectively destroys most organic wastes by degrading them into lesshazardous constituents and thereby eliminates future liability for landowners.

In contrast, when hazardous waste is entombed in a landfill, the waste generator still has potential liability that extends beyond "cradle to grave" if there were an accidental release of the generator's waste from the landfill.

Obviously, the treatment of hazardous waste requires more sophisticated bioengineering than the production of Swiss cheese. Recently, environmental engineers and scientists have developed an impressive variety of bioremediation techniques to treat different kinds of environmental contaminants.

In-situ remediation is the treatment of the contaminated material in place without removal off site. In-situ technologies include land treatment, bioventing, air sparging and liquid delivery systems. Ex-situ remediation involves moving the contaminated material to another area for treatment. Bioreactors, soil pile treatment and composting are examples of ex-situ technologies.

Bioremediation is quickly becoming one of the leading remediation technologies for large contaminated sites. In a recently released Environmental Protection Agency report, bioremediation and other "innovative technologies" were selected more often during 1993 and 1994 for treatment of soil, sludge, sediments and other contaminated solids at Superfund sites than "established technologies," such as incineration.

The most frequently chosen innovative technologies for treating soil were bioremediation, soil-vapor extraction and thermal desorption, according to the EPA report. Air sparging and in-situ bioremediation were the most commonly selected innovative technologies for groundwater remediation.

The use of traditional technologies has decreased primarily because communities are unwilling to accept incineration, due to dioxin concerns and other negative perceptions, said John W. Kingscott, an engineer with EPA's Technology Innovation Office. Nearby residents resisted EPA's efforts to locate temporary incinerators.

Many environmental professionals are also forecasting the continued rise in bioremediation's use. In an article beginning on page 26, J.M. Morales, the founder of a company that raises bacteria for bioaugmentation, predicts that an increasing number of Superfund site owners will choose bioremediation because of a lower cost relative to other cleanup technologies.

Coming trends in bioremediation include the use of molecular genetics to develop new bacterial strains able to break down formerly "recalcitrant" contaminants and the creation of new engineering technologies to improve the rate and extent of hazardouswaste degradation. And as these new breakthroughs occur, bioremediation promises to grow even more in popularity.

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#### Most Companies Favor Voluntary ISO 14001

A large percentage of North American companies think a proposed international standard for how companies manage their environmental performance will be important to their future success, according to a recent survey. The Arthur D. Little survey queried 260 U.S. and Canadian companies about the potential importance of ISO 14001.

Sixty-two percent of the respondents said third-party certification to the ISO 14001 standard would be important to the future of their business. Nearly 86 percent said it was important their environmental-management systems at least be equivalent to the ISO 14001 standard.

Though the standard would be voluntary, a majority of companies said it would be important in helping demonstrate good environmental management as well as offering potential competitive advantages.

Arthur D. Little Environmental, Health, and Safety Consulting mailed a 12-question survey to the senior managers of environment, health and safety at 260 U.S. and Canadian companies asking about the potential importance of the standard. Responses were received from 115 companies, most reporting more than \$1 billion in sales apiece.

#### **Old Tires Given Second Life**

An innovative approach to recycling discarded rubber auto and truck tires offers significant improvements in material properties as well as raw material cost savings in the production of polyurethane parts, according to a recent study.

Funded by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the study by Champion Recycling Inc. of Apple Valley, Calif., showed that finely ground rubber can be used successfully as a cost-effective filler in polyurethane bicycle tires, industrial wheels, shoe outer soles and other products.

Champion subcontracted the technical development and testing procedures to Urethane Technologies Inc, a Santa Ana, Calif., firm that holds patents on processes used to treat ground rubber.

Earlier attempts to use ground crumb rubber as a filler in high-performance polyurethane systems had limited success because of problems getting the rubber to bond with the polymer. But a process developed by UTI modified the surface of the crumb rubber and helped enhance adhesion of the rubber particles to the polymer.

#### Louisiana Taxpayers Get Stuck with Cleanup Bill

The Louisiana state agency that regulates hazardous-waste generators does not adequately enforce regulations, leaving taxpayers to pick up the tab for millions of dollars in cleanup costs for abandoned sites, according to a state audit report. That means companies responsible for their cleanup could contest any Department of Environmental Quality decision because the department has no regulations to support its position, according to the audit.

At least 155 inactive hazardous-waste

sites could have to be cleaned up by Louisiana at a cost of more than \$250 million. The state, however, hopes responsible parties can be identified and forced to pay for as many as 100 of those sites. A bigger problem may be the other 561 sites under evaluation, because it may be harder to find the parties responsible for those sites.

#### Biotech Growth Prompts O.K. of Patent Law Bill

Concerned about current patent laws keeping pace with the rapid growth in biotechnology, President Bill Clinton recently

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signed a bill updating current patent laws.

"Process patents are especially important in biotechnology, since part of the genius of that field is to produce commercial quantities of breakthrough products through new and inventive processes," Clinton said as he signed Senate 1111 into law. "If the innovative process used to make a biotechnology product is not protected by patent, American biotechnology will remain vulnerable to foreign imitation."

In less than two decades, the biotechnology industry has created more than 100,000 American jobs and currently generates annual sales of more than \$7 billion.

#### Get the Scoop on Petro Release Sites

PS 3. Provisional Standard Guide for Accelerated Site Characterization for Confirmed or Suspected Petroleum Releases. has been approved by Subcommittee E50.01 on Storage Tanks, part of the American Society for Testing and Materials Committee E-50 on Environmental Assessment.

The provisional standard covers a process available to site owners, contractors, consul-

tants, regulators and other interested parties to rapidly and accurately assess a confirmed or suspected petroleum release at a site. A framework is provided for interested parties to use in conjunction with or in the absence of regulatory policy or statute to accelerate site characterization activities.

The provisional standard also serves as a model for streamlining the regulatory processes so that the site characterizations and corrective actions can proceed in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

For more information, contact Gilberto Alvarez, Environmental Protection Agency, HRU-8J, 77 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 886-6143; or Pat Barr, ASTM, (610) 832-9736.

#### 16,000 Arkansas Homes Have Unsafe Drinking Water

More than 16,000 Arkansas homes that draw drinking water from wells are getting contaminated water, according to a U.S. Department of Agriculture report.

The four-month-long survey found that of the 16,208 Arkansas households in need of improved drinking water, 10,328 "suffer from such severe quality and dependability problems that their in-house water is seldom, if ever, drinkable." The households were found in 50 communities in 32

The assessment was part of President Bill Clinton's "Water 2000" initiative, which aims to deliver safe drinking water to the estimated 1 million rural Americans currently living without water piped directly into their homes.

#### **Landfill Methane Woes** May Be Power Boom for Town

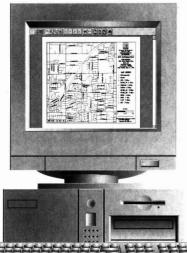
A Minnesota company hopes that a power plant it plans to build to convert methane gas produced by rotting garbage will turn a chronic headache into an energy resource. The Tacoma, Wash., City Council signed an agreement with NEO Corp., a subsidiary of Northern States Power, granting NEO an exclusive lease on the methane from the 200-acre city dump.

The firm already operates five landfillgas power plants in Minnesota and is developing 20 more in seven states, including a project in Spokane, Wash.

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Whether the Tacoma project goes forward, however, will depend on power prices and other market forces.

The leaking gas and other contamination problems landed the Tacoma dump on the Superfund list.

As part of a multimillion-dollar cleanup, the city installed a network of wells to suck up the landfill gas and keep it from creeping onto neighboring property. The gas currently is burned off in open flares, a process that wastes the equivalent of 8,700 gallons of oil every day.

#### Environmental Firms Top 1995 Most-Profitable List

Using the ability to generate a profit as a basis, The Environmental Benchmarker ranked the top performing public companies in the environmental services industry.

Leading the pack of most profitable companies was Bandag Inc., a \$600 million internationally diversified recycler and retreader of tires. The firm generated a net after-tax return on sales of 14 percent and a return on stockholders' equity of 23 percent.

Close behind were two instrumentation companies—Dionex Corp. and Hach Co.—and two from the integrated water and wastewater sector—Betz Labs and Osmonics. Dionex manufactures laboratory instruments, and Hach is the leading international producer of field water-testing kits.

Betz manufactures water treatment chemicals, while Osmonics provides water-treatment services and technologies. The other two companies cited were Sevenson Environmental, an environmental-remediation contractor, and Newpark Resources, a handler of nonhazardous oil-field wastes.

#### Idaho Agencies, Dairies Join Together to Fight Dairy Wastes

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture and the Idaho Dairymen's Association have formed a new program to ensure all dairy waste-management systems in the state are inspected in conjunction with routine milk inspections. In the past, the EPA and the state Division of Environmental Quality were only able to

check 50 of the state's dairies each year.

Idaho's dairy industry has experienced rapid growth during the past few years, particularly in the south-central Magic Valley area. With the growth came concerns about potential surface-water contamination caused by manure. Currently the state has about 1,440 dairies.

Under the new arrangement, the state department of agriculture will be able to revoke a license to sell milk when dairy wastes are illegally discharged. It will also be responsible for reviewing and approving design plans for lagoons.

#### Plan to Cut Western Park Haze Irks Environmental Groups

A government commission's draft plan to get rid of the haze over the Grand Canyon and other Western parks doesn't do enough to clean up the air over the Colorado Plateau, environmentalists said. The plan, drafted by governors and their representatives from eight states, contains recommendations running the gamut from capping emissions to requiring industries to install smoke-stack scrubbers. Included in the rec-

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ommendations are changing fuel standards or doing nothing at all, which bothers some environmental groups.

The haze hanging over the parks is from a variety of sources—some from as far away as Mexico—and includes automobiles, power plants, copper smelters and prescribed burns designed to cut down on wildfires in forests.

The report offers eight options to reduce the haze, the most drastic of which would improve visibility by 25 percent by the year 2010. Others would take up to 30 years longer. Costs would be between \$70 million and \$1.1 billion.

#### Explosive Contaminants Creep Into Nearby Groundwater

Traces of high explosives discovered in groundwater near the nation's nuclear bomb assembly plant outside of Amarillo, Texas, may require cleanup or other control measures, according to regulators. The explosive, RDX, was found in a test boring at a level of 77 parts per billion. The state's residential cleanup standards for RDX are set at 3 ppb for the Pantex site.

It is the first off-site contamination linked to the U.S. Department of Energy weapons plant. In March 1995, officials expected the explosive contamination to leave the Pantex site because sampling around the boundaries had detected contaminants.

No contamination has been detected yet in the Ogallala Aquifer, which serves as a water source for much of the High Plains, but it has been detected at a depth of about 280 feet in a perched aquifer above the Ogallala.

#### Lead-Acid Batteries Lead List of Most-Recycled Products

For the past eight years, lead-acid batteries—the kind used to start cars, trucks and boats—have been the most recycled consumer product, according to a survey by the Battery Council International. With a recycling rate of 98 percent for battery lead, batteries beat aluminum cans (65 percent), glass bottles (37 percent) and newspapers (59 percent).

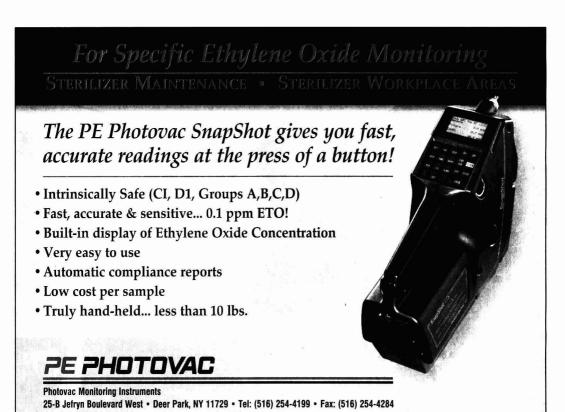
Virtually 100 percent of the lead and plastic in a lead-acid battery can be reclaimed through recycling, and new leadacid batteries are manufactured with the reclaimed materials.

#### **Duke Receives \$20 Million Gift for Environmental Studies**

In one of the largest gifts to support environmental education and research, the family of Boston business executive Peter M. Nicholas gave \$20 million to the School of the Environment at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Until the recent announcement, a \$20 million gift by the Bass Foundation and Philecology Trust of Texas to Yale University was believed to be the largest private donation to support environmental education and research.

As a result of the gift, Duke will rename the school the Nicholas School of the Environment. University officials said the gift will provide \$10 million in endowment to help pay for a wing of the \$80-million Levine Science Research Center. The gift also will provide \$6 million to endow four new professorships, \$2 million to fund a fellows-in-residence program and \$2 million in unrestricted endowment.



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Berryman & Henigar, a San Diego, Calif.-based consulting engineering firm, named Donald R. Allison as vice president....Roy F. Weston Inc., of West Chester, Pa., announced third-quarter 1995 net income of \$748,000, or 8 cents a share, compared to a break-even third period a year ago....The Dow Chemical Company and the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company announced plans for two of their wholly owned subsidiaries to form a new company—Dow Radian LLC.

Bethlehem Steel, of Greenville, S.C., awarded a contract to **Rust Environment & Infrastructure Inc.** to design and engineer a demonstration plant for a new de-oiling technology that recovers iron and oil from mill sludge....**Fluor Daniel** of Greenville, S.C., selected Toth Aluminum Corp. as the prime engineering contractor for a three-phase project to design and construct a metal chlorides plant....**The Washington Department of Ecology** awarded a \$432,375 grant to the Port of Pasco to begin cleaning up petroleum and agricultural chemical contamination at the port.

Enviro Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., received the Pennsylvania Governor's Export to Excellence Award in the service sector, newto-export category....Joe Pinkul joined Ransomes America Corporation, a Lincoln, Neb., manufacturer of Cushman personnel and burden carriers, as regional sales manager....The International Society for Measurement and Control elected Ronald B. Jones, P.E., as president, and Paul T. Arbuckle, president-elect secretary and for 1995-96.

Spectronics Corp., of Westbury, N.Y., settled its Canadian patent infringement lawsuit against Cliplight Manufaturing Co. concerning the perylene-based AR-GLO® ultraviolet-flourescent leak detection additives....The West Chester, Pa., consulting firm, Roy F. Weston Inc., received a \$17 million contract for technical and support services at the U.S. Department of Energy's Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, N.M....Pacific Northwest Laboratory is now Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to more accurately reflect the lab's role as a major research facility working on many of the nation's toughest science and technology problems.

ENSR, of Acton, Mass., opened an office in Oak Ridge, Tenn., to support its Department of Energy project efforts.... Barry J. Franz, P.E., P.G., and Gordon S. Horn, P.E.—engineers with Weston, of West Chester, Pa.—were accepted into the American Academy of Environmental Engineers as diplomates with specialty certification in the hazardous waste management category....The Department of Energy and the Las Vegas, Nev.-based FCI Environmental Inc. are cooperating on a research project to develop rugged, miniature fiber optic sensors to monitor for petrochemicals and other pollutants.

**Praxair Inc.,** of Danbury, Conn.; **Corning Inc.,** of Corning, N.Y.; and **Gallo Glass Co.,** of Modesto, Calif., received DOE's Technology Commercialization Awards for a joint project demonstrating the environmental, energy-saving benefits and commercial viability of oxygen use in glass melting....**Battelle,** based in Columbus, Ohio, has won an environmental remediation contract valued at up to \$50 million with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command.

**Dow Environmental Inc.,** a wholly owned subsidiary of The Dow Chemical Co. based in Rockville, Md., was awarded a long-term construction contract from the Army Corps of Engineers for the Higgins Farm Groundwater Treatment System.

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## Down in the Dumps

New EPA regulations may cause many landfill operators to install costly gas-collection systems and implement additional monitoring and control measures.

#### By James A. Mennell and Daniel S. Schleck

arly this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish new source performance standards (NSPS) and emission guidelines for municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLF).

The regulations will affect the way MSWLFs operate landfill gas-collection systems and will require additional monitoring and control measures at many sites.

The standards will address emissions of nonmethane organic compounds (NMOCs) and methane from landfills. NMOCs include a variety of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) and odorous compounds.

According to the EPA, the new standards will protect against adverse health effects from NMOCs and methane emissions. The EPA estimates the standards will cost about \$100 million for new landfills and approximately \$1.3 billion for existing landfills.

#### **Applicability**

The final regulation will require each active landfill with a maximum design capacity of more than 2.5 million megagrams (one Mg is about 1.1 tons) or 2.5 million cubic meters in place to calculate and re-

port its annual NMOC emission rate. Any facility that emits more than 50 Mg/year of NMOCs must install required emission controls.

The regulation will establish operational and control requirements for new and existing landfills. A new MSWLF is defined as "a landfill for which construction, modification or reconstruction commences on

Implementation of the regulations will force landfills to spend significant money and effort to satisfy design, operation and control requirements.

or after the proposal date of May 30, 1991, or that began accepting waste on or after that date."

Modification includes lateral expansion of a facility where the overall design capacity is increased. An existing landfill includes any that accepted waste after Nov. 8, 1987, and is currently accepting waste or has additional design capacity.

#### **Major Requirements**

The new standards require qualified new or

existing landfills that emit more than 50 Mg/year of NMOCs to implement a "well-designed and well-operated" gas-collection system and install a control device capable of reducing NMOC emissions by 98 weight percent.

Under the regulation, the system must be capable of handling the maximum gas generated by waste that has been at the fa-

> cility for more than five years if the facility is active or more than two years if a facility is closed.

> It must be designed to allow adjustments in system operation based on monitoring results, be able to collect gas effectively from all areas of the landfill that warrant control, and be expandable to collect gas from new areas of the landfill.

> In addition, the system must collect gas from each area, cell or group of cells at

the site with waste older than five years, and be able to operate with each wellhead under negative pressure while meeting regulatory requirements for nitrogen and oxygen levels. It must maintain a landfill gas temperature of less than 55 degrees Celsius at each wellhead and must limit surface methane concentrations to 500 parts per million or less over the landfill surface.

In addition to implementing the gas-collection system, landfills must install an emission-reduction-control device.

Under the regulation, the emission-reduction-control device must satisfy the Clean Air Act's best developed technology (BDT) requirements. According to the EPA, the BDT for landfill gas treatment is a control device that can reduce NMOCs by 98 weight percent.

#### **Potential Effects**

Implementation of the regulations will force landfills to spend significant money and effort to satisfy design, operation and control requirements.

In addition, the regulations will increase permitting requirements under state and local regulations and Title V of the Clean Air Act. For example, any facility emitting more than 50 Mg/year of NMOCs and subject to the NSPS is required to obtain an operating permit under Title V. The regulation will impose additional requirements on closure of facilities.

Before removing controls required by the new regulation, landfills must be permanently closed and satisfy 40 CFR 258.6 requirements. They also must have a collection system in continous operation a minimum of 15 years and have been tested three times, each at least three months apart, where monitored emission levels are less than emission levels from the control device.

The regulation also may impose additional requirements on cleanup of MSWLFs under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, commonly known as Superfund. Remediation may constitute a "modification," causing many landfills to fall under the new standards.

In addition, the regulation's preamble suggests the standards are likely to be an applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement (ARAR) for cleanups at MSWLFs. Accordingly, in addition to direct design, operational and control requirements for landfills, the regulation may also have significant effects on permitting requirements, closures and cleanups of MSWLFs.

#### Unresolved Issues

Several issues remain unresolved involving the scope and implementation of the regulation. They include the type of modification that will make an existing facility subject to the requirements of the regulation, the applicability of the new regulation to cleanups of MSWLFs and decisions as to whether an area of a MSWLF "warrants control" of landfill gas.

The regulation also lacks provisions to deal with potential interference with measurement of surface methane and NMOC concentrations caused by compost operations, on-site fuel storage and on-site leachate collection and storage.

In addition, the regulation fails to spell out the requirements that a passive landfill collection system must meet in order to be considered a "well-designed and well-operated system."

The EPA will have to deal with the issues as it begins implementing the new

regulations.

Because the new regulation imposes significant and expensive requirements on new and existing MSWLFs, landfill operators should be prepared to comply with new design, operation and control requirements. The EPA's regulation will become effective when published in the Federal Register.

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EAGLEBROOK INC. 833 W. Lincoln Highway	FerriClear™	Hydroxy ferric sulfate used as coagulant.	1		Bulk, drums and totes	Trace metal removal by coprecipitation, absorption and interstitial entrapment.
Suite 410W Schererville, IN 46375 800-428-3311 Fax 219-322-0438 Circle 40 on card.	Ferric chloride	Ferric chloride used as coagulant.	1		Bulk, drums and totes	Used for odor control.
MARTIN MARIETTA MAGNESIA SPECIALTIES 2323 Eostern Blvd.	FloMag®MHP	Magnesium hydroxide used for acid neutralization, heavy metal precipitation and heavy metal stabilization in sludge.	1		50-lb. bags and 1,000- 2,000-lb. bulk sacks	Can be added directly as a powder or a slurry. Recommended for use where treatment time is critical
Building E. Third Floor, East Wing P.O. Box 15470 Baltimore, MD 21220-0470 410-780-5500	FloMag™HP & HP-ER	Reactive grades of magnesium oxide used for acid neutralization, precipitation of heavy metals and stabilization of heavy metals in sludge.	1		Bulk carloads, truckloads, 50-lb. bags and 1,000- 2,000 lb. bulk sacks	Recommended in treatment systems with short retention times.
ax 410-750-5500 fax 410-750-5555 Circle 41 on card.	FloMag®H	Highly reactive magnesium hydroxide aqueous suspension used for acid neutralization, heavy metal removal.		1	Bulk tank trucks and roilcars	Excellent flow and storage properties.
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Fax 713-525-7880 Circle <b>42</b> on card.	EnviroFirst ™ Granules	Oxidizer.		1	Bags and drums	
GENERAL CHEMICAL CORP. 90 E. Halsey 90. Box 393	Aluminum sulfate	Coagulant and flocculant used for removal of phosphorus, fluoride and TOC.	1	1	Liquid sold in bulk, and solid sold in bags	Residence State of the State of
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urce 45 on card,	Clar+lon™ and Hyper +lon™ formulated coagulants	Coagulant and flocculant used for phosphorous, fluoride, dye, ink and color removal, oil wastewater treatment.	1		Bulk, semibulk and drums	
	Calcium chloride	Oily wastewater treatment, fluoride, phosphorous, ink and color removal, coagulant precipitant and emulsion breaking.	1	1	Sold as liquid in bulk and sold in bags	
	Dechlorination chemicals— sodium metabisulfite, sodium sulfite, ammonium thiosulfate and ammonium bisulfite	Used for dechlorination.	1	1	All sold as solids in bulk and bags except for sodium bisulfite, which is sold as a liquid in bulk.	
	Soda ash	Used for pH adjustment, water softening and heavy metals removal.	1	1	Sold as solid in bags and bulk and as a liquid in bulk	
	Sulfuric acid	Used for pH adjustment, oily wastewater, color removal and emulsion breaking.	1		Bulk	
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Horsham, PA 19044-0998 Fax 215-773-6133 215-355-3300 Circle 48 on card.	Terrus™	Series of proprietary all-organic, polymeric coogulants designed to replace alum, ferric or other organics, especially when used for all-in-water separation or low-turbidity influent applications.	1	Available in pails, 55-gal. drums, semi-bulk containers and bulk	Unique self-precipitating design may eliminate need for pH adjustment and significantly reduce volume of sludge generated.	
	CDP® Polymers	Series of custom polymer blends, including organic and inorganic congulants and flocculants, designed specifically for each individual customer's wastewater application.	1	Pails, 55-gal. drums, semi-bulk containers, bulk and Betz POF® delivery service	Custom-designed blends reduce cost and enhance performance over single component treatment by providing targeted site selectivity.	
	Betz® 5636	Patented polymeric molecules used to precipitate soluble metal ions for removal from industrial wastewater.	1	Pails, 55-gal. drums, semi-bulk containers and bulk	Unique technology used to reduce amount of heavy metals, including Cd, Cr, Cu, Pb, Hg, Ni, Ag, Zn to low residuals in effluent streams. Effective across wide pH range.	
	Foam-Trol®	Series of antifoams designed for wide variety of industrial wastewater applications.	1	Pails, 55-gal, drums, semi-bulk containers and bulk	Designed to control foom that may be inherent in certain industrial wastewater applications.	
	Rec-Oil®	Designed to break oil-in-water emulsions as part of industrial waste treatment process.	1	Pails, 55-gal-drums, semi-bulk containers, bulk and Betz POF® delivery systems	Improves water quality, better ail/water separation, increased ail recovery and higher grade recovered oil.	





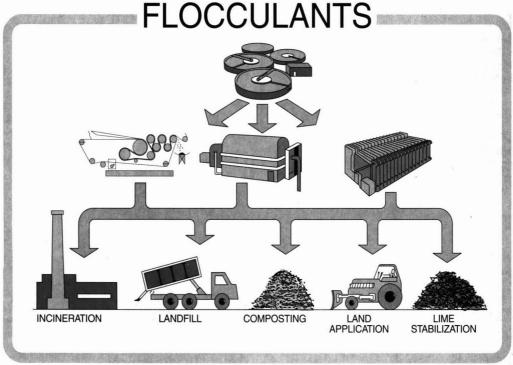
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#### **Multigas Monitor**

Designed for rough handling in harsh workplace environments, a sturdy new portable instrument that detects up to five gases simultaneously is available from Mine Safety Appliances Co. (MSA). The Watchman<sup>TM</sup> Multigas Monitor combines state-of-the-art instrumentation with strong, aluminum housing. Ideal for personnel working in dangerous atmospheres, it monitors concentrations of combustible gases and oxygen and up to three toxic gases. MSA. Circle 50 on card.

#### **Lead Air Sampler**

The Model PST-2 Personal Air Sampler samples worker exposure to airborne lead, asbestos and other toxic particulates in workplaces. It samples flowrates from 0.5 liters to 2.5



liters per minute using a builtin rechargeable battery pack. The worker wears the sampler-weighing only 32 ounces-for a full work shift. The air samples collect on a pre-loaded filter cassette for inexpensive lab analysis. The

personal air sampler features a fully adjustable electronic flow control, a built-in flow meter, heavy-duty belt clip and flexible tubing with lapel spring clip. The Staplex Company. Circle 51 on card.

#### **Broken Bag Detector**

The Bindicator Flo-Guard broken bag detector detects the flow of dust, granular or powdered materials in material handling or dust collection systems. It senses the dust from a broken bag or cartridge and



senses solid particles in pneumatic conveying systems. Bindicator's patented design allows for instant indication of power or alarm status. In the event of a broken bag or cartridge, the red LED will illuminate to show alarm status and the need to replace the failed filter. A green light indicates power to the unit. Other features include temperature compensation, external fob function test, sensitivity selection, time delay and fail-safe logic.

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#### **Compact Multigas Monitor**

The MiniGas® 4 offers one, two, three or four gas monitoring and data logging for the detection of oxygen, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide



and flammable gases. It has a simple calibration procedure, allowing its user to quickly and easily verify the unit is responding linearly at low, medium and high concentrations of gas. It can be used with a D-cell or rechargeable battery pack that clips on the monitor. A visual "watchdog" signal is emitted periodically to ensure that the unit is functioning properly and a low battery warning indicates when the power source is 30 minutes from exhaustion. Neotronics. Circle 53 on card.

#### **Digital Gas Detector**

The Sec 1500 is a digital gas detector for nonhazardous industrial environments. It dis-



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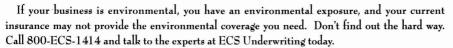


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## **EMERGENCY Spill Response**

Training employees how to react to a hazardous spill helps reduce their apprehension and your downtime.

#### By Chuck McJilton

mall spills in the industrial environment are fairly common and may disrupt the work flow, depending on how they are handled. An efficient, well-thought-out action plan can minimize the risk of employee injury and control production interference.

The key to effective action—whether a large or small spill—depends on what has been done beforehand. Among the essential elements of the response are:

- Defining "small" in the context of your facility.
- Assessing or inventorying chemicals that may spill, including a way to keep the list current.
- Determining or assigning a decision-making chain of command.
- Training all employees in being aware or recognizing a spill.
- Having a communication system for alerting plant personnel who may be affected.
  - · Practicing the system periodically.
  - · Planning to address possible scenarios.

**Defining "small":** It is important for employees who may be at the spill site to know if the "small-spill" response is appropriate or if a commercial spill-response team must be called.

For discussion purposes, "small" in-

volves less-than-reportable quantities and generally less than five gallons of liquid. While it is important to respond to a spill promptly, it is also important to avoid an unnecessary evacuation of the area.

Chemical inventory: A chemical inventory and file of material safety data sheets have been required since the HAZCOM standard (1900.1200) was adopted. The

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evacuation of the area.

physical and chemical properties important to spill response should be highlighted. For example, a small PCB spill at room temperature is very different than a small ethyl ether spill.

A highly flammable, volatile chemical spill will require controlling ignition sources immediately, while the relatively non-volatile PCB presents a different problem.

The response and the cleanup must reflect protecting the worker doing the cleanup or in the area, and potential environmental contamination.

Odor and odor thresholds for a specific chemical is also important, since even a small mercaptan spill will probably affect a large area.

It is important to tell employees this beforehand to answer concerns about possible health effects.

> With a limited number of chemicals in use, it is possible to keep brief chemical-specific instructions in a readily accessible form at possible spill sites.

> Chemicals with similar physical/chemical properties can be grouped. There are a number of resources, such as the Department of Transportation manual on handling hazardous waste, to help prepare instructions.

Chain of command: Employees should know who to

call when a spill occurs, even if it is small enough they can handle it themselves, according to the plan. On each shift, a person should be designated who will decide whether to designate a spill "small" or call outside assistance. Employees also should know who is responsible for deciding to evacuate the area or building.

**Training:** Employees should receive specific training on the chemicals they handle and the area in which they work. The information should be part of the

right-to-know training done to meet Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulation 1910.1200. Since employees usually are confronted with a chemical they are used to handling and equipped to handle, it should be easy to move into dealing with a spill—either clean it up or simply contain it until a cleanup team arrives.

Training should build on what employees already know and are comfortable with.

Communication: It must be determined who needs to be notified if there's a "small spill" and what system will be used. Employees must know who to call when a spill occurs, and the reporting chain should be clearly defined.

Because "small" is less-than-reportable, communication will be in-plant only. Each company must decide how and to what extent such spills will be documented.

**Plan/anticipate:** A component of the job-safety analysis should be to consider the possible chemical spill scenarios. It needs to be job specific and involve input from the employees handling the chemical. It is also possible to predict the most likely spill and the largest spill.

Practice system A spill-response exercise should include:

- Identifing the spilled material and assessing the approximate spill volume.
   Refer to the prepared information on the appropriate response distributed as part of HAZCOM.
- Quickly assessing the potential for fire or explosions and taking appropriate action.
- Assessing the ventilation requirements and taking appropriate emergency action, if necessary.
- If emergency medical care is required, begin first aid and medical response according to company policy.
- If the spill exceeds the "small" definition, it should be referred to the appropriate trained spill-response team.
- If possible, shut off the spill source and follow the predetermined cleanup process.

The cleanup details must be chemical specific and should be part of the action plan to give employees the most confidence in handling small spills.

A well-thought-out plan before the spill can do a lot to keep the overall impact small.

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# Soil Recycling Paves the Way for Treating Brownfields

A soil recycling and stabilization process allows once-contaminated soil to be incorporated into paving materials.

#### **By Richard Gladdys**

local developer found an unexpected problem. The 10-acre parcel of urban real estate that he recently purchased, vacant for many years, seemed ideal for a new mini-mall development. The selling price was extremely reasonable, because the lot had repeatedly been passed over by developers seeking suburban locations for their commercial expansion.

The site, which previously housed a service station and light manufacturing company, is known as a "brownfield." Its development will attract business and help revitalize the neighborhood.

During the site assessment phase, however, the developer discovered that 3,000 cubic yards of soil has been contaminated by fuel oil and heavy metals (lead). Underground storage tanks that leaked into the soil caused part of the problem; the rest came from years of manufacturing use. This once "great deal" now looked considerably less so.

#### The Options

Contaminated soil is more widespread than often realized, emanating from a variety of sources. One of the more common sources is petroleum products, such as fuel oil and gasoline. A recent Environmental Protection Agency report placed the number of underground storage tanks in the United States at 1.56 million, with nearly 167,000 reported as leaking.

Until recently, the conventional manner



Contaminated soil is fed into a pugmill, where it is mixed with an asphalt-emulsion formulation that binds the hydrocarbons.

of dealing with such a situation was to have the material excavated, separated from the remaining soil and trucked to a landfill site that accepts hazardous waste. Problems associated with that strategy are becoming more obvious, and include excessive costs and time delays, a decreasing number of landfills that will accept contaminated soil, and Superfund regulations which often place liability for such contaminated soil on the shoulders of the developer. Litigation and financial hardship, not

relief, were often the result of this attempted solution.

#### Move the Solution, Not the Problem

The concept of on-site recycling and beneficial on-site reuse embraces the philosophy, "Move the solution, not the problem." One of the first applications of this process was at Boston's Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, where a seemingly

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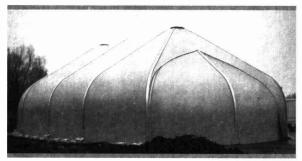
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## This Bug's for You

A blend of organisms specially selected for their waste-munching abilities can enhance bioremediation.

#### By Vicky Boyd

engineer by trade, but he's caught "the bug."

"I believed back when I started the company and I still believe today that 80 percent to

85 percent of all problems can be solved with bacteria," Morales said.
"With our environmental pollution prob-

lems, there's no doubt about it."

M. Morales is a mechanical

As founder of Micro-Bac International Inc. of Round Rock, Texas, Morales commercially produces various blends of beneficial "bugs," or microbes, that help treat contaminated waste sites and handle daily industrial-waste problems. If the contaminants prove to be out-of-the-ordinary or are an unusual mix, the firm's researchers can develop a custom mix of microbes especially suited to the problem. Microbes are used for more than degrading contaminants. Special blends are also effective in breaking emulsions, such as an oil blend in a pond or controlling paraffin in oil wells.

But bioremediation, the process of using bacteria to help degrade contaminants, isn't as easy as spraying beneficial microbes on a contaminated site and walking away, Morales said.

Treating a contaminated site involves problem identification, pretreatment analysis, reviewing alternative technology and, if necessary, conducting field studies before making a treatment choice. As part of the studies, researchers may conduct treatability tests to establish site toxicity and the feasibility of bioremediation.

It also involves confirming the federal or state ARARs (Applicable or Relevent and Appropriate Regulations) that apply, field surveys to determine the extent of contam-

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Hydrocarbon-degrading bacteria on a petri dish.

ination and engineering to design the project. Even if the review shows bioremediation is appropriate and the microbes are applied, the site still requires frequent monitoring to ensure the organisms are producing the desired results along the proper time frame.

And bioremediation may not be appropriate for every contaminated site. "Many technologies work faster but bacteria are more complete," Morales said. "You also have time considerations for the client. You always have to temper the time element with the cost."

Ultimately, the client's budget will dictate the treatment choice.

"Dollars, which also includes time, are the major driving factor," said Michael Hargett, Micro-Bac vice president. "It's not so much the consumer's acceptance or ultimate liability."

Throughout the years, other entrepreneurs have shared Morales' belief that bacteria are the answer to many of the waste-treatment problems. At the peak of the bioaugmentation or bioremediation craze, there were about 120 companies throughout the country dealing in beneficial bacteria.

Today, that number has dwindled to about 15, which includes companies that produce bacteria for other than waste-treat-

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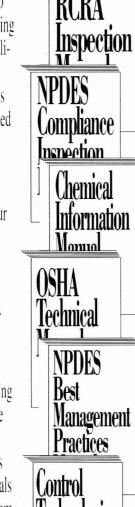
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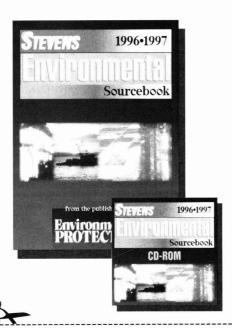
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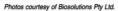


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A culture containing only one species wouldn't work because the organism couldn't survive over the long run, Morales said.

The complementary mix also assures that it will remain stable and perform the job properly. The microbes are raised in specially formulated medium that assures they are in optimum condition when introduced to the field.

The microbial blends and the medium in which they are raised are trade secrets and trademarked, said Marilyn Osborn Coon, Micro-Bac director of business development. Throughout the entire process, technicians conduct quality control tests to ensure that the microbes being produced

that day are the same quality, concentration and viability as were produced the week or month before.

The technicians also test for pathogens that could possibly cause disease. Though pathogens are never found, the testing is just a safeguard.

Depending on the actual microbial mix and its intended use, one milliliter of medium will contain about 10<sup>8</sup> organisms. The mixtures also are produced after an order is placed and are never kept in the warehouse awaiting purchase.

What happens to the microbes after they leave the plant also can affect their performance, Hargett said. Storing them for six months in a hot shed will kill many of the organisms and reduce their viability, so Hargett recommended applying them as soon as possible after receiving them.

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#### Wastewater and Agricultural Applications

In the early years, bioaugmentation was used primarily to increase the efficiency of sludge oxidation ponds, Morales said. The Clean Water Act required substantial improvements in the technical and physical layouts of wastewater treatment plants.

In many cases, the plants simply used oxidation ponds that relied on naturally occurring algae and bacteria to help degrade the sludge. Over time, solids started to fill the ponds, lowering their capacity and reducing the residence holding time.

By adding the right blend of microbes to the ponds, the capacity could be restored, the solids reduced and the useful life of the pond is extended. "In the late '70s and early '80s, bioaugmentation was a very viable solution," Morales said.

In 1981, the firm conducted its first commercial application—a 75-acre municipal sludge oxidation pond treated with Micro-Bac<sup>TM</sup>. Within five months, the bacteria had reduced the sludge content more than 50 percent.

Use of the products continues today and has expanded to agriculture and livestock manure holding ponds. Because of water quality concerns, farmers in many states must construct manure oxidation ponds. Just like the municipal sludge oxidation ponds, the manure ponds can fill with sludge and experience diminished efficiency.

And just like the municipal sludge ponds, the farm ponds's efficiency can be improved by adding a microbial blend. The process has become so commonplace that the company doesn't even need a water sample before prescribing a treatment, Coon said.

The technician on the phone asks the farmer a few simple questions, such as the rate of inflow into the pond, the pond depth, and the number of head and type of livestock served by the pond. Based on the information, the technician can recommend the appropriate treatment.

The microbes also are frequently used to treat grease problems at food processing plants and in restaurant drains. Because they do not contain pathogens, Mega-Bac<sup>TM</sup> microbial blends can be introduced to waste systems without worry.

At food processing plants, the microbes are used to treat grease problems in effluent ponds. Because the ponds also may contain other contaminants, such as the disinfectants quaternary ammonia or chlorine, water samples must first be analyzed. Both cleaning compounds can be toxic to bacteria.

With sludge treatment as a spring board, the firm's research into new uses for microbes has continued throughout the years.

#### Oil Field Applications

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Known as microbial enhanced oil recovery, or MEOR, the process involves introducing bacteria down the well. Para-Bac<sup>TM</sup>, for example, can remove the hard paraffin from the formation face, improving permeability and increasing well production.

Other products within the same microbial family can control scale and corrosion within the well but without the liabilities that conventional chemical products may carry. Much of the knowledge gained in the oil field is now being applied to cleaning up sites contaminated with petroleum products, Morales said.

One site, for example, may have been contaminated by petroleum products from an underground storage tank. The contaminated soil can either be removed, piled and treated with one of the M-1000 blends or the soil can be treated in-situ. Some of the biotechnology used in the oil fields can

be applied to the UST site.

In the case of a pond holding oil sludge, however, degrading the petroleum initially may not be the best solution, Hargett said. Instead, an appropriate treatment might be applying one of the blends that breaks the emulsification between the oil and water, so the oil floats to the top and can be skimmed off. The small amount of petroleum left in the water can then be treated with microbes that degrade hydrocarbons.

"When you separate the oil, you have less of a problem to address economically, and you get the oil back," Hargett said.

#### **Other Toxins**

Frequently, however, the contaminant isn't a single chemical but a mixture of several. "A pure contaminant is kind of rare," Hargett said. "Usually where a site is contaminated, it has had multiple adulterants."

By conducting an analysis of the contaminants, researchers can either recommend the appropriate off-the-shelf microbial blend or, in rare cases, formulate a special one. Drawing from what Morales called a "library of bacteria," the researchers first mix up a small batch and conduct treatability tests to determine whether the blend produces the desired results.

They then increase the culture to about one liter of product and conduct larger treatability tests in the field.

#### The Future

Of more than 1,380 Superfund sites, Morales said less than 10 percent are treated with bioremediation. Also playing an important role in bioremediation is enforcement by government agencies. Without enforcement, site owners will have little incentive to clean them up, Morales said.

He said he believed the Superfund will be reauthorized, which will drive owners of Superfund sites to low-cost remediation providers. "Bioremediation, where it's appropriate, is the low-cost provider of cleanup," Morales said. "That's not to say that many of the good technologies are not valid. But we are consistently the low-cost option.

"When applied as a component of a treatment, it reduces the costs of the other components of the treatment."

Vicky Boyd is managing editor of Environmental Protection magazine.

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### Proposed Incinerator MACT Limits Are An EPA Smoke Screen

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY is about to propose maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards for hazardous-waste combustors that should concern anyone familiar with the issue. The new regulations will force a substantial number of cement

kilns to stop burning hazardous waste without any ensuing environmental benefits. At the same time, it will give commercial hazardous-waste incinerators MACT standards that can only be described as "environmental backsliding."

The EPA's message to incinerator operators is clear don't invest in high-tech pollution-control equipment, because the EPA is not willing to regulate incinerators stringently.



Under-regulation is not a typical complaint lodged against the EPA. The Clean Air Act defines the "MACT floor" as the "best 12 per-

cent" of the performers in a given industry subcategory but not less than five facilities.

One should expect a MACT limit to represent a level not currently achieved by the vast majority of an industry subcategory. A MACT limit should force industry to achieve higher performance.

Take particulate matter (PM) control, for example. Though it is not sufficient for good metals control, good PM control is certainly necessary.

The 0.03-grains-per-dry-standard-cubic-foot PM limitation rumored to be in the proposed MACT standards for hazardous-waste incinerators does not meet this test. Based on a preliminary analysis of EPA's database found in the docket, more than 50 percent of the hazardous-waste incinerators have maximum PM emissions below EPA's proposed MACT PM limits. The results are similar for the targeted metals.

In a shift from usual rule-drafting procedures, the

EPA published a database on which it based the draft MACT standards before publishing an actual draft. Among the information contained in the database were dioxin, metal, particulate matter and other pollutant levels collected from sampling hazardous-waste incinerator emissions.

If the proposed rules are adopted, cement kilns will be forced to install new control technology, such as upgrading baghouses or electrostatic precipitators.

The EPA estimates that 20 percent to 25 percent of waste-burning cement kilns will not be able to meet the proposed MACT limits with new technology, even if no waste is burned. Cement production is a mineral-driven industry limited by the naturally occurring mineral content of the raw materials found in nearby rock quarries.

#### How Did We Arrive Here?

The EPA was rushed by deadlines stemming from a settlement agreement in <u>Horsehead Resource Development Co. vs. Browner</u>, of which the Hazardous Waste Treatment Council—a trade group representing the incinerator industry—was a party.

Deadlines contained in the settlement agreement did not give the agency enough time to collect and analyze data, and the regulation was too important to be rushed.

Apparently, the EPA bought into the commercial incinerators' argument that they be compared to cement kilns. None of this would have happened if the EPA had simply determined MACT limits for the appropriate industrial categories.

The Clean Air Act emphasizes the concept that if the best 12 percent of an industrial subcategory can economically use a particular technology, so can the rest of the subcategory. As a consultant with both incinerator and cement kiln clients, I think the EPA should rethink its approach to MACT.

The EPA's MACT floor for hazardous-waste incinerators was established by grouping a small number of commercial incinerators together with more than 100 on-site incinerators.

An examination of EPA's database indicates that of the 115 facilities for which PM data are available, only 53 plants had complete metals data for calculating a total semi-volatile metals limit at (cadmium plus lead). And only 39 plants had data for estimating low-volatile

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metals (arsenic, beryllium, antimony and chromium).

Of these plants, 34 had maximum emissions below EPA's proposed semi-volatilemetals limit and 22 had maximum emissions below the proposed low-volatile-metals limit. This means more than 64 percent of the plants already met the proposed MACT limits for semi-volatile metals and 56 percent of the plants met the low-volatile-metals limits.

A glaring omission from EPA's database is the WTI incinerator in East Liverpool, Ohio. While WTI is included in EPA's database for dioxins/furans and other organic products of incomplete combustion, the only metals data included are for chromium and lead.

WTI is the most-studied incinerator in the country. WTI's metal emissions are five to 10 times less than EPA's proposed MACT limits. The collective technologies used by WTI and other modern facilities are available and used by both commercial and on-site incinerators. Performance differences may be a function of the quality of operation and the technical expertise in building the air-pollution-control system.

#### Meeting the MACT Limits

How can the MACT limits be met by so many facilities? The answer may be that only the "best 12 percent" of all facilities with complete data for metals will be able to achieve EPA's proposed limits.

Because many of the commercial incinerators are missing data and many plants are already achieving the proposed MACT limits, the agency needs to reexamine the proposed limits.

The agency also needs to examine whether the unique nature of the wastes sent to the on-site incinerators may impact treatment efficiency, requiring a separate subcategory for on-site facilities.

For the cement industry, where the agency has all of the available data, the problem is clearly subcategories. The EPA should divide the cement kiln industry into dry- and wet-process kiln subcategories, recognizing the natural difference in available control technologies for the two different manufacturing processes. Unfortunately, EPA's focus on baghouse units for developing MACT limits for all cement kilns excludes 60 percent of the industry.

#### Why Change Now?

One could argue that the EPA is merely proposing regulations. However, the EPA is not the only regulator on the block. The real

danger is that many states will implement their own standards based on EPA's proposed MACT limit as they did with water. States used the development documents for proposed technology-based water regulations as the basis for more stringent permits based on "best engineering judgment."

Cement kilns with open permits could be forced to accept the proposed MACT limits while some incinerators could be given permits allowing for increased emissions.

#### **Other Policy Goals**

The EPA has exploited the MACT process to try to achieve other policy goals. By focusing on baghouses—fabric filters widely used for particulate-matter control—the agency has derived a "MACT floor" limit for the cement kiln industry that will force many wet-process kilns to stop burning hazardous waste without achieving much of an overall emission reduction.

By ignoring process differences in the cement industry and relying on incomplete data for the incinerator industry, the agency will propose MACT limits that allow commercial incinerators to avoid virtually any improvement in control technology.

Unlike any other regulations proposed by the EPA, this regulation will not allocate costs to better technology but rather to increased profits.

Many of the wet kilns will stop burning hazardous waste, replacing it with coal as fuel. The capacity glut will disappear, and commercial incinerators will increase profits without incurring capital expenses or reducing emissions. With increased coal use by cement kilns and the lenient MACT limits for commercial incinerators, total emissions of metals could increase.

The agency needs to be faithful to the spirit and intent of the MACT process. Instead of proposing the current MACT limits, the agency should expand the commercial incinerator database to include WTI and other modern incinerators with superior technology performance. The EPA should also use correct subcategories—commercial vs. on-site incinerators, and wet-process vs. dry-process cement kilns.

The EPA should be developing laws consistent with the MACT process and protective of human health and the environment, not determining market share.

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simple construction project, begun in the spring of 1987, encountered problems. The original plan was simply to dig a foundation and construct a new building. A backhoe ruptured an underground storage tank and hundreds of gallons of #2 fuel oil spilled into the surrounding soil.

The Goodwill Industries board of directors were more than intrigued by the prospect of converting petroleum-soaked soil into an asphalt product. The cost of transporting and disposing this unplanned, unbudgeted "dirty dirt" threatened to kill the entire project. This was a classic "brownfield" site before the term was coined. The land had been sold to Goodwill Industries by the city of Boston for \$10.

The city had foreclosed on the land for nonpayment of taxes by the previous owner. A recycling, stabilization process was put to use at the same location, and the once-contaminated soil became part of Morgan Memorial's parking lot. This was the first time that the recycling technology had been used in Massachusetts. Nearly nine years later, it has been used hundreds of times in the Northeast, and its popularity is growing.

#### **On-Site Recycling**

The process takes contaminated soil and turns it into an asphalt "cold mix," suitable for use as base course for paving. In Massachusetts, recycled soil was used in a parking lot for a commuter rail station in Dedham. The soil never left the site. At an airfield, the paving base for a "hanger apron" was created with the same process. In Brewster, N.Y., an access road and large parking lot at the Metro North railroad yard were built with 13,000 cubic yards of material recycled from diesel-fuel-contaminated soil at that location.

This is a mobile process, done on the site where contaminated soils originate. The process is conducted at ambient temperature; no heat is added. It is fairly "forgiving" regarding soil types on which it can be used—even soil with relatively high fines content, considered poor for paving applications, can be a candidate for recycling.

Because the process is conducted at ambient temperature, it is easily permitted. The stabilizing medium is a proprietary asphaltemulsion formulation containing water, surfactant and asphalt, which in the curing process binds the hydrocarbon contaminants, encapsulating them in the matrix and rendering them environmentally unavailable. Bench-scale tests using the Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure (TCLP) method have shown that no leaching occurs after this process.

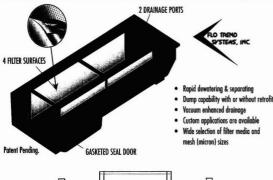
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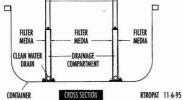
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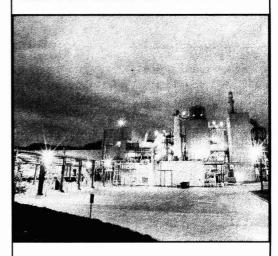


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The actual recycling involves blending preprocessed contaminated soils with asphalt emulsions in the case of soil contaminated by petroleum products. When contamination has occurred from another source, such as heavy metals, the fixative may be a combination of asphalt emulsions and pozzolanic additives to achieve stabilization. Pozzolanic additives include such fixatives as Portland cement, quick lime, lime, cement kiln dust and coal fly ash mixtures.

These products allow stabilization of Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous materials that have failed the TCLP standard. Screened soil delivered by conveyor to the pugmill-input hopper will pass through the gate-controlled outlet and up an inclined conveyor to the mix chamber.

The inclined conveyor is fitted with a belt scale to monitor and cumulatively record the weight of soils delivered to the mix chamber. The actual percentages of fixative to be used are determined in the bench-scale treatability study.

In recycling heavy metals, such as lead, that have been characterized by TCLP to be RCRA hazardous (5 parts per million or more), a pozzolanic fixative such as Portland cement is proportionately fed by an enclosed screw conveyor and delivered to the moisture-adjusted soil on the belt under a shroud to preclude particulate emissions. The soil and cement mixture is then discharged from the belt into the enclosed mix chamber, where the correct proportion of water is added to hydrate the cement and aid complete mixing.

In the chamber, mix paddles mounted on two counter rotating horizontal shafts mix, blend and move the soil cement through the mix chamber and discharge it, in a saturated state, to a radial stacker.

The radial-stacking conveyor moves the soil-cement product away from the pugmill output and into the post-process storage area until analysis confirms its TCLP reduction is well below 5 ppm.

In the manufacture of asphalt-emulsionstabilized material, all soil handling and equipment remains as previously described but using an additional horizontal spray manifold, oriented perpendicular to the flow of soils, the asphalt emulsion is applied at a predetermined rate to the soils inside the mix chamber of the pugmill.

The emulsion is fed from a mobile

tanker stationed alongside the pugmill using a rate controlled positive displacement on the pugmill. The product is stockpiled for curing, which typically takes 72 hours. After curing, the material may be used immediately or kept for later use.

The recycled soil-cement and/or asphalt-emulsion-stabilized material can then be used as a subbase material for paving, landfill capping material and other predetermined uses. The process has successfully reduced leachable lead from soil from as high as 80 ppm to well below the regulatory level of 5 ppm.

This recycling process has been used in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Many states, such as Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Hampshire and Vermont, allow soil recycling on a case-bycase basis. Connecticut has yet to finalize its process for permitting the recycling of contaminated soil. New York has a Beneficial Use Determination approval process to use petroleum-contaminated soil to manufacture cold-mix asphalt products that has proven successful.

#### Does it Make Economic Sense?

In situations where contamination arises from petroleum alone, it can be economically feasible to recycle as small a quantity as 500 to 1,000 tons of soil. Where cocontamination exists (including heavy metals, such as lead), the process is costeffective at a far lower amount—in some cases, as few as 100 tons. Most industry experts agree that on-site recycling is generally 30 percent to 70 percent more costeffective than off-site disposal.

#### **Turning Liabilities into Assets**

Recycling contaminated soil remains very much a "cutting edge" technological advance today. It is reasonable to expect its popularity to continue to increase for several reasons. First, Superfund laws weigh heavily against the users of hazardous waste landfills. Secondly, recycling is generally more cost-effective than transporting contaminated materials off site to a landfill. Finally, and perhaps most important, this is an environmentally sound process.

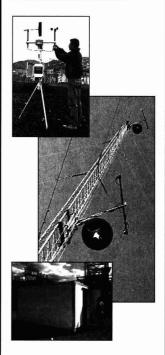
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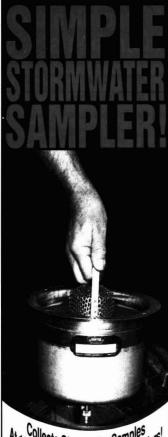
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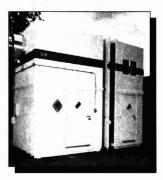
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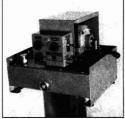
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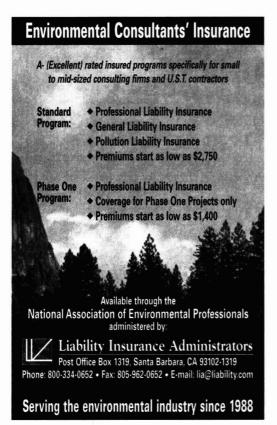
A new vials catalog contains the Phase Sep range of assorted vials, caps, stoppers, seals and septa for all common autosamplers. Products can be ordered in small quantities, with no minimum order. A compatibility chart shows which vials are suited for each autosampler. Phase Sep.

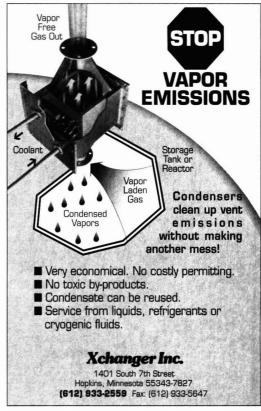
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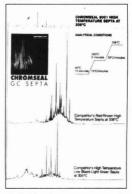


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A new four-page pamphlet from Advance Transformer Co.



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#### **Total Hydrocarbon Analyzer**

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The Model 110 Gas Flowmeter is available in 13 ranges from 10 ml/minute to 500 liters/minute. Measurements are displayed on a three-digit LCD digital display with a 0 to 5 VDC output provided for recording data. The compact design includes an AC/DC adapter plug for operation on conventional AC power. McMillan Company.

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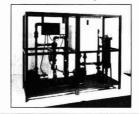


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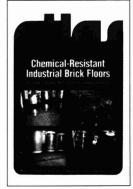
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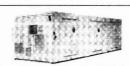
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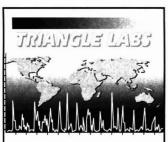
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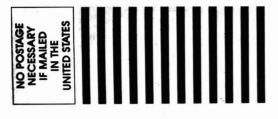
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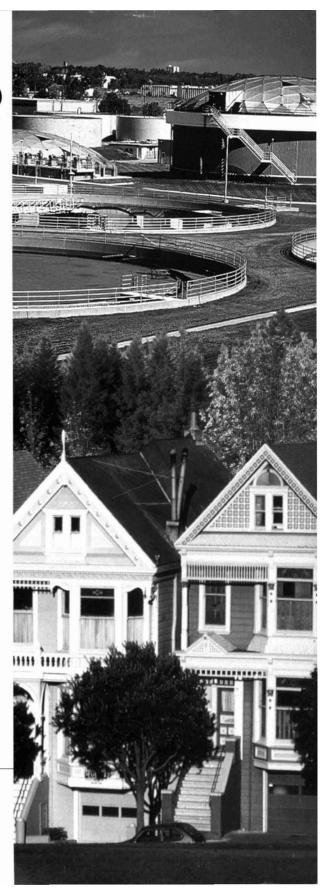
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