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About the cover:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration estimated five years ago that as many as 1.2 million buildings and 70 million workers in the United States suffer from poor indoor air quality (IAQ). With new hermetically sealed buildings being constructed at a record pace, the number of occupants affected by sick building syndrome and building-related illnesses will certainly continue to grow. Two of this issue's articles focus on dealing with unhealthy IAQ, Prevent "Sick Building Syndrome" (page 14) and Indoor Air Quality Problems Associated with Groundwater (page 16).

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Making House Calls on Ailing Buildings

rchitects may soon need to take the Hippocratic oath, the ethical code physicians Must follow in caring for their patients.

The reason? The epidemic of unhealthy buildings throughout the country with poor indoor air quality (IAQ) that adversely affects occupants. In today's society, we typically spend up to 90 percent of our time indoors, which is an estimated 70 percent of our entire life span. Many scientists now believe bad IAQ may pose a more serious health threat than outdoor air pollution, where traditional control efforts have been targeted.

Indoor pollution can be manifested in several ways. Sick building syndrome (SBS) is the condition in which at least 20 percent of the building occupants display symptoms of illness for more than 2 weeks and the source of the illness can't be positively identified. In contrast, building-related illness (BRI) is a condition in which the symptoms' cause is known, can be traced to a specific building source and is characterized by a distinguishable set of symptoms. Perhaps the most well-known BRI is Legionnaire's disease.

Most IAQ problems can usually be traced back to the energy efficient building designs of recent decades. In these buildings, indoor contaminants-like asbestos, chemicals from building materials, pesticides and cigarette smoke-are not diluted with fresh air and, consequently, their impact on people's health is compounded.

Sick buildings are costly for a number of reasons. Lost productivity and absenteeism often occur because employees don't want to work under such conditions.

But the greatest potential cost can result from building owners and managers being sued by plaintiffs who claim they've been harmed by indoor pollution. Some leading personal injury lawyers predict the present lack of federal statutes and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards covering IAQ will lead to an increase in litigation and workers' compensation claims because injured parties will have no other recourse.

Currently, the prospect for federal IAQ legislation is slim and it's uncertain whether the OSHA standards on IAQ proposed in 1994 will be adopted any time soon. The only other protection for workers that now exists is the Occupational Safety and Health Act's general duty clause that requires employers to provide workplaces free of recognized hazards.

In light of potential lawsuits by injured occupants, it's best for building owners to have experts conduct an investigation immediately when a building-associated outbreak happens. Even though it's a construction-related problem, architects alone may not be able to successfully diagnose the cause and find a cure. Ideally, an investigation team should have professionals with expertise in architecture, mechanical engineering and industrial hygiene.

The IAQ investigation is normally divided into two phases: the facility and personnel investigation, which focuses on identifying possible sources, and the sampling and analytical strategy, which emphasizes characterizing the hazard level and determining the actual exposure of the occupants.

As IAQ problems continue to increase during the coming years, investigative teams will undoubtedly stay busy making house calls and prescribing remedies to take sick buildings off the critical list.

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- Regulatory Compliance Specialist
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How long have you been in your current position?

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EPA Creates **Three New Offices**

Washington, D.C.-U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol M. Browner announced an agency restructuring to create three new offices. The new offices are the Office of Children's Health Protection, the Office of Reinvention and the Office for Environmental Information and Statistics.

Browner said the three new offices will monitor the EPA's highest priorities: protecting children from environmental hazards, making the agency more efficient and increasing the public's access to environmental information.

Design-Build Acceptable Delivery Method

Natick, MA-Zweig White & Associates surveyed environmental consultants and found that design-build is becoming one of the more popular delivery methods for architectural, engi-

Wildlife Conservation **Groups Support New CRP Rule**

Washington, D.C.-The new Conservation Reserve Program rule that makes wildlife conservation a factor in enrolling CRP land was supported by 24 conservation groups during a review of the new law at a U.S. House Agriculture Subcommittee on Forestry. Previously, soil and water conservation were the primary concerns of the CRP.



The new rule will also enroll additional wetlands and the Prairie Pothole Region, a major waterfowl breeding area extending down from the Canadian prairies into North Dakota, South Dakota and parts of Montana and Minnesota. The rule was endorsed by Ducks Unlimited, National Wildlife Federation, National Rifle Association, North American Outdoor Group and other organizations.

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design-bid-build delivery system, the design and the construction aspects of a project are completely separate with little or no communication between participating firms.

The acceptance of design-build was one of the questions asked by Zweig when the management information firm was compiling the results of its monthly survey ZWEIG 100. The survey states that 76 percent of the A/E/P and environmental consulting

industry said design-build is gaining acceptability. Some firms indicated that design-build could surpass the traditional design-bid-build within a decade.

1996 EPA **Enforcements Set Record**

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Researchers Dispute **EPA Dust Emissions**

College Station, TX-Researchers at Texas A&M University have disputed the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's estimate of dust emitted from feed mills.

While the EPA found that the total suspended particulate emission factor for processing a ton of grain is 9.8 pounds of dust, A&M agricultural engineers said the EPA's methodology was inaccurate. A&M researchers argued the EPA erroneously included emissions that occur while grain is still inside a feed mill.

The EPA agreed that dust emissions at feed mill operations would occur only when the grain was received and later loaded. Their figures were subsequently revised and the new emissions were set at 1.15 pounds of dust per ton of grain.

Still leery of the EPA findings, A&M researchers did their own study and concluded that an accurate emission factor for feed mills processing corn should be 0.05 pounds of dust for each ton of grain.

If the EPA accepts A&M's findings, feed mills would no longer be considered major sources of air pollution, making them exempt from emission fees.

Blood Lead Levels Still Declining

Washington, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that American blood lead levels have declined dramatically.

Unfortunately, the good news does not pertain to all Americans. The organization also reported that children of low-income parents still have higher blood lead levels than most Americans.

It is believed that low-income chil-



Five investigations were conducted in three cases over the past year.

Case 1: A house situated near a gas station where a gasoline spill had occurred.

Case 2: A store situated near a gas station where a gasoline spill had occurred.

Case 3: An apartment building situated near a gasoline station's former site one year after the station had relocated.

Air samples both inside and outside each facility were collected. A trip blank and method blank were also analyzed. American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)-accredited laboratories performed the sample analysis using a gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) technique. The samples were thermally desorbed. The detection limit was 0.002 micrograms (μ g) per sample.

The samples were analyzed for up to 11 compounds associated with gasoline. These compounds were chosen to represent a gasoline fingerprint as the source under investigation.

Choosing the Right Criteria

Many state agencies have developed exposure concentrations for air contaminants to protect public health, including the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) Threshold Effects Exposure Level (TEL) and the Maine Bureau of Health Ambient Air Guidelines.

Air sampling results of three sites were compared to four criteria:

• The Reference Concentration (RfC) from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency database Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The RfC is the inhalation exposure concentration to which daily exposure of a human population, including the sensitive population, is likely to be free of appreciable effects.

 Massachusetts Allowable Threshold Concentration (ATC). The ATC is a concentration of a chemical in air not expected to result in adverse non-carcinogenic health effects. The ATC values were derived by the MDEP and consider acute and chronic threshold health endpoints, including reproductive effects.

• Massachusetts 24-hour average Threshold Effects Exposure Limit (TEL). The TEL is the exposure concentration for air contaminants developed by the MDEP. The TEL value represents 20 percent of the ATC.

Indoor air background data from the

National Ambient Compounds VOC Database Update (EPA Project Report EPA 600/3-88/010(a)).

Results and Difficulties

VOCs detected inside the house (Case 1) represent gasoline. The concentration of the contaminants found were below the EPA RfC, MDEP ATC and TEL, and the EPA National VOC Database concentrations. Hydrocarbon concentrations found in the house did not significantly exceed outside concentrations.

The concentrations detected inside the store (Case 2) were below all four criteria. The source of gasoline compounds found in the indoor air of the store could have been vapors originating from the gasoline plume under the building and/or the emission of VOCs from porous surfaces that absorbed gasoline compounds. Based on the concentrations found and the duration of potential exposure, the VOCs detected did not present a significant risk to store employees or to the general public.

Three sets of samples were collected at a six-month interval in an apartment building basement (Case 3). The second set of samples showed an elevated level of benzene, toluene, and m-, p- xylene. The Cashins industrial hygienist concluded that a small supply of chemicals stored in the basement—paint, cleaning chemicals and detergents—contributed to the elevated levels. The third set of samples collected after the chemicals were removed indicated that the VOC levels were lower than previously reported.

It is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to state conclusively that low-level contamination in a structure is caused by groundwater contamination. To develop a more definitive answer relative to the source of contamination, it may be necessary to either bore through the basement floor and collect air samples in the air space below the bottom of the foundation or develop methods of conducting a headspace analysis above the basement floor by covering a portion of the floor and allowing VOCs emanating from below the floor to be trapped and tested.

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By Thomas J. Denbow and Thomas Evans, ASLA

ost wetland mitigation sites are often located as far as possible from public view. For that reason, they are generally constructed in out-of-the-way locations that are inaccessible to the public and provide limited mitigation objectives.

The Wetlands Conservation Area (WCA) in New Albany, Ohio, is a notable exception. It stands as a unique, high-visibility demonstration that wetland mitigation can be an integral multipurpose element in land planning and may even be planned as an attractive centerpiece to surrounding development.

Deliberately located at the primary expressway interchange entrance to a new community, the WCA is a prominent open-space area that establishes a strong natural theme for the New Albany community. Commercial, residential and school developments have been designed around all sides of the WCA. The site also provides an important link by having a community hike/bike trail system.

The WCA is the first constructed wetlands project of significant size undertaken by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) in Central Ohio. Sited and designed within a tight time frame to mitigate the wetland impact created by the nearby New Albany Expressway, it provides more than 13 acres of replacement wetlands with buffer to create a 30-acre park.

Unique Features

Several features were required to enhance hydrology and manage the uncertainties of wetland construction at this location, including:

- Compacted clay liner to reduce soil permeability;
- Fully adjustable control structure to allow for water levels changes and drawdown rates designed to handle both low and peak flows;
- Varied topography that contains peninsulas, islands and pools, and

Biological benchmarks, in the form of an existing wetland, provided a basis for design for portions of the site. Three ecologically different wetland types were planned emergent wetland, emergent wetland, emergent with open water, and a wooded vernal pool area.

provides a wide variety of habitats and wetland types;

- Circuitous flow path to enhance stormwater filtration; and
- Contract provisions for supplemental plantings after hydrologic stabilization.

The design process required gaining

approval from the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. It also involved the cooperation of the Village of New Albany, the New Albany school system, and the adjacent land developers, the New Albany Co. Permit compliance required equaling or exceeding the wetland functions and values of the impacted wetlands.

Surmounting Complexities

Constructing replacement wetlands at a difficult, urbanized site presented a number of unusual design problems. Permeable soils underlain by a shallow bed of fractured sandstone resulted in potentially excessive infiltration. The contributing drainage area was less than desired. Rapid development of the surrounding areas would dramatically increase erosive peak stormwater discharges and pollutant loadings to the WCA. Public access posed the potential for excessive wear and vandalism.

These difficulties were addressed with innovative design elements. URS Greiner, the project consultant, designed a clay liner to minimize infiltration losses. The consultant also developed hydrologic modeling techniques to test both the existing and proposed wetlands' ability to stay wet during the growing season. An adjustable rate drawdown line was designed to provide a slower drawdown rate and enhance wetland hydrology. After extensive hydrologic modeling, URS Greiner designed the control structure to handle the "full buildout" peak discharge from the rapidly developing surroundings.

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Left: Aerial view of the Wetlands Conservation Area, located at an expressway interchange entrance to a new community.

Right: The Wetlands Conservation Area in New Albany, Ohio, is situated near a school and commercial and residential developments and boasts a hike and bike trail.



an existing wetland, provided a basis for design for portions of the site. Three ecologically different wetland types were planned—emergent wetland (a wetland consisting of grasses, sedges and other non-woody plants), emergent wetlands with transition zones to open fresh water and seasonally wet wooded vernal pool areas. The combination of these types on one site constitutes an important aspect of creating an ecologically diverse site.

Community Benefits

In addition to fulfilling wetland mitigation requirements, the WCA also provides additional benefits to the community.

• Stormwater purification: The WCA is designed to trap sediment and purify pollutants from stormwater runoff from the adjacent commercial center and nearby residential developments. The circuitous flow pattern, forebay and varied topography were designed to enhance the effects of purification.

• Stormwater management: The large volume of stormwater storage provided by the WCA safely stores and dramatically reduce peak storm discharges from the adjacent developments. Control structures were designed to be hidden from sight or located in unobtrusive areas of the landscape.

• Wetland park: Once post-construction monitoring requirements are satisfied, the ODOT plans to turn over WCA ownership to the Village of New Albany for a passive park. Hike/bike trails around the perimeter link homes, stores and schools. Trails within the WCA provide safe access to a variety of natural environments.

· Education and research: The new \$28 million New Albany High School and Middle School have developed a curriculum that will make full use of the wetland and nearby wooded areas that form a 50-acre nature preserve. The curriculum, formulated in cooperation with professors from the Ohio State University School of Natural Resources, will provide vocational education training in environmental management. Bill Resch, manager of the nature preserve, says he looks upon it "as being a part of every classroom in the New Albany schools. Three distinct ecological zones offer an extraordinarily rich educational resource."

Prominant Community Member

On a wider scale, the WCA is attracting attention as a site for research projects for other area high school and university students throughout central Ohio. The use of a wetland-mitigation area as an outdoor learning laboratory is drawing notice from schools around the state.

• Watershed protection: Careful planning protected an intermittent swale, enhanced an existing wetland and preserved a wooded area, all located in the center of the growing community. Additional public investment in the area—a \$1 million transportation enhancement (ISTEA) grant—preserved an upstream woodland, which became part of the nature preserve, valued at an estimated \$3.5 million.

• Open space: One of the first sights a visitor sees when entering the New Albany area via the recently completed interchange is the large, natural expanse of the WCA. A carefully designed grading plan preserved numerous trees and the setting's tranquil appearance. The development company has featured the WCA, the nature preserve and community trail system as "a natural habitat for learning" in its advertisements.

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Future Applications

The design features developed for the WCA are being applied to the next generation of wetland mitigation projects. All aspects of the project—design criteria, design elements, hydrologic modeling techniques, design details, wetland construction specifications, construction procedures and post-construction monitoring processes—are being used as a guide for other wetland mitigation projects. The design is also being evaluated as a prototype for other stormwater treatment wetlands.

Wetland construction is especially sensitive to weather conditions and poses unique construction requirements. The enforcement of grading tolerances, for example, is critical in establishing the correct water depths and required replacement acreage. An as-built survey submittal was specified and used to document the need for grading revisions, an approach adopted by ODOT for other wetland mitigation projects.

Using constructed wetlands as outdoor learning laboratories for adjacent schools is also being considered by other school districts for subsequent wetlands projects.

Both the new expressway and the New Albany schools opened in the fall of 1996. At a WCA ribbon-cutting ceremony, ODOT Director Jerry Wray described the project as "a model of ODOT's ability to coordinate with local agencies as well as providing an outstanding example of its environmental sensitivities." Mr. Resch, speaking of the nature preserve, said, "It's a very important part of the learning community because every age, from toddlers to 90year-olds, can come in and enjoy this reserve area in the center of the village."

The WCA demonstrates that careful planning and design, along with interagency coordination, produces a wetland mitigation project that delivers social as well as environmental benefits.

In February 1997, the WCA project received an Honor award from the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. It is the highest design award given in the landscape architecture profession.

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Developing a Pollution Prevention Plan

Well-written pollution prevention plans can keep your company proactive and ahead of regulations.

ith regulations getting stricter and more confusing, companies would like to ensure their environmental stability for the future. Crucial in providing a secure future is writing and implementing a comprehensive

pollution prevention plan, a feat not easily achieved since guidelines to assist environmental managers are hard to find. The process of writing a comprehensive pollution prevention plan is very detailed and time consuming. If written properly, the plan can last for three to four years and exist as a "working document" to provide environmental plans and goals

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BY DAVE SCHELL

lution prevention plan. Outside consultants or federal, state and local authorities are good sources, but internal staff is the easiest starting point. If you use outside consultants, make sure they are familiar with your industry or half your money will be spent educating them.

The most accurate auditing is achieved by using internal staff and following up with local and/or state authorities. Several states have pollution prevention agencies that provide assistance to companies by performing site visits or audits that are non-confrontational and used only to provide objectivity.

One good example is the Pennsylvania Department of Environ-

mental Protection's Office of Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance (PADEP-OPPCA) http://www.dep.state.pa.us). The agency has implemented site visits, partnerships and published booklets to assist businesses in auditing their environmental programs. PADEP-OPPCA has published *An Environmental Self-Evaluation for Small Business Guide* (publication 0200-BK-DEP2029) as an auditing tool, which is a step-by-step inspection checklist for environmental managers.

Set Goals

After auditing your company, document

years and exist as a "working document" to provide environmental plans and goals that will keep your company proactive and ahead of the regulations. The environmental manager setting up a pollution prevention plan should follow a simple five-step process: research, set goals, write the plan, obtain feedback and put the plan in action. Having the help of someone not involved in the process is wrise, as he or she provides an objective point

Research

of view.

Performing an environmental audit of your

company is the easiest way to research information for your pol-



Developing a Pollution Prevention Plan

the results and use them as a benchmark. Define where your company wants to be in the future. Do you want to stay up-todate or exceed regulations? For an effective plan, involve employees in definition creation and post the definition everywhere, making sure the definition is easy to read, understand and obtain. If the strategic planning process begins by defining an unrealistic future, the plan is doomed for failure.

An example of a good definition is: (Company Name) shall be defined as a company that exceeds all environmental regulations, prevents pollution, promotes recycling and minimizes wastes. We will selfaudit our internal practices and look for additional ways to reduce waste and prevent pollution. We will hold informational meetings with the public to keep them informed of our progress.

Once you define where the company wants to be, specific goals for the future should be set that are clearly defined, understandable and obtainable. They should be achievable through positive actions of the employees or by actual business process changes, and should not be set on



business fluctuations or market trends. Setting goals encourages employees to change their work habits and become proactive. Setting goals to business fluctuations or market trends will lead to false results and invite challenges to your environmental record. The goals should involve all areas of company operations getting only one area of the company involved is not enough to ensure sucess. If possible, tie the goals to a money- or percent-change amount. These are not only easy to manage but are a visible sign of improvement. For example, some goals to list in the plan might include:

- Reducing municipal waste by 30 percent by incorporating a recycling program;
- Reduce landfill wastes to 10 percent of total waste generated;
- Recycle 80 percent of our office papers;
- Reuse 30 percent of our process water; and
- Find alternative uses for certain wastes.

The last step in writing goals is to decide how to publish the results and inform everyone of progress. Posting results on bulletin boards, in restrooms, in lunchrooms and conducting department meetings are the best ways to spread the news. Hold small appreciation parties when crucial goals are achieved.

Writing the Plan

After setting goals, make plans to achieve the goals. What steps are required to reduce stack emissions? How can water be recycled in the cleaning process? To achieve goals, proper efforts must be mapped out. When discussing pollution prevention, make sure land, water, air and noise issues are covered. Follow all regulated permits and plan to exceed them.

Flowcharting all processes, indicating the amounts of raw materials used and the amount of waste generated at each step is one good method to incorporate waste source reduction. Look for the areas that generate the most waste and determine if the step can be modified to reduce the amount of raw material used or the amount of waste generated. Keep good records and document your efforts. An opportunity for employee participation is to develop a suggestion program for workable waste reduction ideas. One incentive is to provide a monetary award based on a percentage of waste costs saved.

Incorporating recycling programs is perhaps the easiest method of advancement. Local municipalities are eager to increase the number of recycling businesses and may provide a business dropoff point to stimulate interest. Participate in the community by working with civic organizations to organize recycling drives using your business as the drop-off point. Offer employees the opportunity to collect aluminum cans or newspapers for their own benefit. Another idea is to provide a rotation for all departments to host a drop-off point and then use the money for a department party or lunch.

Energy bills and individualized monitoring devices can help determine which department uses the most energy. Common methods of energy conservation—turning off lights or not heating unused rooms—can help reduce energy consumption. Turn to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Lights program to conserve electricity. Bring in your local energy suppliers (electric, natural gas, oil) to evaluate your efforts and propose suggestions for conserving energy. Conserving water is also another way to reduce energy bills.

Natural resources conservation is an often overlooked point in environmental plans. Is there a way to reduce the use of "virgin" materials in your facility? Recycled paper can be used in offices for copying, printing or letterhead. Obtaining cardboard boxes with a recycled content for packaging and printing without a paper overlay on cardboard boxes conserves trees. Investigate any raw materials coming into the company and ask if there is a viable recycling alternative. Remember not to substitute a product just because it is recycled. If it increases waste or produces a lower-quality end product, don't bother. Cost-benefit analysis should be performed on any changes before implementing them.

Feedback and Implementation

After writing the plan, review it with your employees, state and local agencies and an outside source. Listen to concerns and suggestions. Modify your plan and incorporate ideas to make the plan more comprehensive. Then publish it and begin to implement the methods.

Through proper strategic environmental planning and by developing a proactive pollution prevention plan, you may find some extra assistance from the local and state authorities when new permits are required. If the plan is focused correctly, it will save money through decreased waste and energy costs, and paybacks from recycling. Raw material costs may decrease by using less or using lessexpensive recycled materials. Employee morale may reach a new high due to the feeling of participating in a program aimed to advance the company through their support and efforts.

Don't be surprised by the amount of phone calls you receive from other businesses wanting to follow in your footsteps. You may even get complaints that you are making other businesses look bad.

Just remember—you aren't making others look bad, you are leading the business community into the future and protecting your assets.

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FLAMELESS THERMAL DESTRUCTION OF VOCS

New technology controls VOC emissions with high destruction efficiencies.

By Howard M. Hohl

raditional flame-based abatement technologies have certain limitations in dealing with variable or batch vent emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In choosing an appropriate VOC abatement technology for these emissions, companies must weigh a variety of factors, including the safety and reliability of the technology, the facility's siting and permitting requirements, the composition and variability of the waste stream, the destruction/removal efficiencies (DREs) of the abatement technology and the relative costs of the available options.

Thermatrix Inc. of San Jose, Calif., has developed a field-proven flameless thermal oxidation (FTO) technology capable of destroying over 99.99 percent of a wide range of organic air pollutants. This patented technology is being used to control VOC emissions at more than 50 chemical, petroleum, pharmaceutical, pulp and paper and medical sterilization facilities in the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim. Commercial FTO units have current capacities ranging from one standard cubic foot per minute (scfm) to over 30,000 scfm.

FTO Technology

The heart of the Thermatrix technology is a packed-bed reactor containing an inert matrix of ceramic pieces (Figure 1). In the FTO process, a waste stream containing organic air pollutants is transferred through inlet piping into the oxidation unit where it is premixed, as needed, with air. As the mixed fume travels upward into the matrix, it is quickly heated to oxidation tempera-



The Thermatrix system destroys more than 99.99 percent of hazardous air pollutants in fume streams.



tures that are maintained in the range of 1,600 to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. In this reaction zone, the VOCs are oxidized to form carbon dioxide and water. If the fume stream contains chlorinated, fluorinated or sulfonated VOCs, the oxidizer will produce acidic emissions, which are then removed with conventional scrubbing technologies.

Once the system is preheated, the oxidation process is selfsustaining as long as the waste stream maintains an energy content of at least 10 BTU/scf. Thermocouples inside the reactor monitor the internal temperature and alert the control system to add supplemental fuel or air as needed to maintain the temperature level. If changes in the composition, concentration or flow rate of the waste stream start to affect the temperature of the reaction zone, the control system adds supplemental energy or air to maintain the temperature.

The ceramic packed-bed reactor can retain heat during relatively long periods of inactivity—as much as 24 hours, depending on reactor size and local operating conditions. As a result, the system can be maintained in a "ready-idle mode" at plants that operate intermittently or produce batch- or variableflow waste streams. The high heat retention of the packing helps to extend system life by reducing thermal cycling.

High Destruction Efficiencies

Third-party tests have shown that FTO units achieve DREs of 99.99 percent or more for a wide variety of VOCs, at concentrations ranging from 400 parts per million by volume (ppmv) to 30,000 ppmv. Since the oxidizer's operating temperature is well below the threshold for thermal formation of nitrogen oxides (NO₂), FTO units produce very low NO₂ emissions. (Thermal NO₂ formation increases considerably above 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit.) In comparison, the much higher temperatures *Explore the Possibilities with our Revolutionary Portable Gas Chromatograph*



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reached in flame incinerators can lead to significant thermal NO₄ formation. The formation of products of incomplete combustion, such as carbon monoxide, is kept to a minimum in FTO units, because the fume stream is premixed with air and the plug flow design forces all emissions to pass through the oxidizer's reaction zone before exiting the system.

VOCs in Wastewater from Chemical Manufacturing

Wastewater produced during chemical manufacturing is a common source of

VOC emissions. One major chemical company has used an FTO system for over three years to destroy emissions from a wastewater stream formed by the condensation of steam from jet eductors used in chemical production. The condensed steam is contaminated with approximately 500 parts per million (ppm) of ethyl chloride, as well as other chlorinated and nonchlorinated VOCs. The company contracted Thermatrix to supply a FTO unit with a design capacity of 100 scfm for the project. The FTO unit was integrated into an abatement system



that also included an air stripper, knockout pot and a hydrogen chloride (HCl) scrubbing system.

About 50 gallons per minute (gpm) of wastewater enters the air-stripping column, which produces 100 scfm of moist off-gas containing the VOCs. The off-gas passes through a knock-out pot and demister before entering the Thermatrix FTO, where the VOCs are oxidized to form carbon dioxide, water and HCl. The hot gases are quenched and conveyed to the scrubbing system, which removes 99 percent of the acidic gas. The scrubber water is then routed to the plant wastewater system and the gases are vented from the scrubber to the atmosphere.

The entire abatement system was designed, constructed, installed and operational within 12 weeks to meet the company's emissions-reduction deadline. To minimize the time needed for on-site installation, the system was preassembled off site with all of the necessary instrumentation, piping and electric power equipment. The only steps required for installation were completing process piping tie-ins, connecting power and control cables and erecting the stripping and scrubbing towers. State authorities issued an air permit for the system in 30 days.

In compliance testing, the Thermatrix FTO system achieved an average DRE of more than 99.9 percent for total hydrocarbons—far surpassing the 95-percent DRE required under the air permit. The average emissions of carbon monoxide were 6.3 ppmv, compared to the permit limit of 100 ppmv. The HCl emissions of 0.00041 pounds per hour (lb/hr) were also well below the permit limit of 0.1 lb/hr.

Refinery Fugitive Emissions

The prospect of increasingly stringent emissions standards prompted a northern California refinery to install a series of 1-scfm and 5-scfm FTO units to control fugitive emissions from single-seal pumps used to handle light hydrocarbons. An internal assessment found that the VOC emissions from the refinery's 400 single-seal pumps totaled about 14,600 pounds per year (lb/year) (hexane equivalent).

The refinery evaluated several options for reducing these emissions. One approach involved replacing the single-seal pumps with magnetically coupled sealless pumps. Another alternative called for the installation of suction lines to capture emissions from the existing single-seal pumps and then using small FTO units to oxidize the captured VOCs. Each FTO station would control the emissions from a pump bank containing up to 12 pumps.

Refinery officials selected the FTO option because their analysis showed that FTO units could practically eliminate the pump's VOC emissions at approximately one-fifth the cost of the replacement alternative. The projected cost of replacing the 400 single-seal pumps with new sealless pumps was estimated at \$7.2 million, plus an additional 30 percentmore than \$2 million-for non-equipment costs such as installation labor. foundations and instrumentation. The cost estimate also indicated if all 400 pumps were replaced the refinery's electricity bill would increase by nearly \$400,000 per year because the magnetically coupled pumps required more power than the single-seal pumps.

Using the Thermatrix approach, the refinery would need about 50 FTO stations to handle fugitive emissions from the 400 single-seal pumps. Suction lines would feed the combined emissions from each bank of pumps into a 1-scfm Thermatrix unit, which would destroy the VOCs. Because the units are flameless and operate safely in Class 1, Division 2 classified hazardous areas, the Thermatrix oxidizers could be installed adjacent to the pump banks. This design reduced costs by eliminating the need for hard-piping the fumes to a distant site for treatment.

The cost of building and installing 50 FTO stations was estimated at \$1.35 million—about 80 percent less than the projected costs of the 400 sealless pumps. The 50 FTO stations would use about \$55,000 of electricity each year, which is only about 15 percent of added energy costs estimated for the sealless pumps.

To date, the refinery has installed a total of 10 Thermatrix FTO units, which handle the fugitive emissions from approximately 100 single-seal pumps. The fume collection systems installed with the units have reduced VOC emissions at the pump seal housing from over 1,500 ppm to approximately 10 ppm. During performance tests, the Thermatrix oxidizers achieved DREs exceeding 99.99 percent at VOC concentrations between 1,200 and 15,600 ppm and flow rates between 1 and 3 scfm.

Thermatrix has determined if the

FTO stations were installed to handle the emissions from all 400 single-seal pumps, the refinery's fugitive emissions from the pump seals would total about 29 lb/year (hexane equivalent), while the VOC emissions from the Thermatrix units would be only about 1.5 lb/year. The combined VOC emissions of about 30.5 lb/year represent a 99.8-percent reduction from the original level of about 14,600 lb/yr. Plantwide use of the FTO stations would cut the pumps' VOC emissions to about one-fiftieth of the level permitted under the strict regional emissions standards that will take effect in northern California during 1997.

In each of the case studies, the Thermatrix FTO system provided a solution that surpassed the regulatory requirements in a more cost-effective way than traditional abatement technology.

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THE WETLAND WINDS OF CHANGE

Staying informed helps to keep your project from being blown off course.

By Glenn W. Laird, AICP, and Barbara Lemm Castille

midst much controversy, including praise by supporters of President Bill Clinton and nature advocates as well as complaints by the development community across the country, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) modified and reissued the General Permits. Also known as Nationwide Permits (NWP), they authorize a variety of activities regulated under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Media attention was unusually high on December 13, 1996, when the NWPs, which also regulate discharges of dredged and fill material into waters of the United States including wetlands-were published in the Federal Register (61 Fed. Reg. 65873).

Committed to Change

The USACE is committed to changing the new NWP program as efficiently and effectively as possible. Since all NWPs expired on January 21, 1997, and since the new NWPs took effect on February 11, 1997, no NWPs were in effect between these two dates. Many USACE districts across the country did not accept any NWP applications during this time. Nationwide Permit activities previously authorized and that include commenced actual work under the NWP process before January 21, 1997, must be completed by January 21, 1998. Activities authorized under the old NWP program but that did not commence before January 21, 1997, will be required to be re-coordinated with the USACE per the new permit conditions.

Developers and other property owners are primarily concerned about the most radical change to the NWP program, which consists of the two-year phase-out of a significantly altered NWP 26. Nationwide Permit 26 authorizes various discharges of dredged or fill material into headwaters and isolated waters, including wetlands. Before January 21,

Nationwide Permit 26 has been controversial since its issuance in the early 1980s. Environmental groups and natural resource agencies have almost universally considered it to be a major loophole that allows significant losses of wetlands and have pressured the EPA and the USACE to change it.

1997, NWP 26 was used to authorize dredge and fill activities in wetlands with impacts up to 10 acres in size; impacts up to one acre in size did not require USACE notification. Under the new NWP 26, the maximum number of wetland acres that can be filled or otherwise impacted has been reduced from 10 acres to three acres. Additionally, fills between one-third acre and three acres will now require a preconstruction notification (PCN) to the USACE.

The USACE will authorize impacts between one-third acre and one acre and authorization for impacts involving one acre to three acres will also include coordination with other appropriate state and federal agencies. For the first time, discharges and fill of areas less than onethird acre will require notification to the USACE within 30 days of work completion. Ultimately, the Corps will phase out NWP 26 by December 13, 1998, which is two years from its reissue date.

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Recent estimates of the effects of NWP 26 indicate that, with mitigation, there has actually been an increase in wetlands in the southeastern United States during the last few years.

A QUICK-REFERENCE GUIDE TO CHANGES IN NATIONWIDE PERMITS

Nationwide Permit Number and Designation	No Change	Minor Change	Major Change	New
1 - Aids to Navigation	×			
2 - Structures in Artificial Canals	×			
3 - Maintenance	×			
4 - Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement and Attraction Devices and Activities		x		
5 - Scientific Measurement Devices		×		-
6 - Survey Activities		×		
7 - Outfall Structures	×			
8 - Oil and Gas Structures		×		
9 - Structures in Fleeting				
and Anchorage Areas	×			
0 - Mooring Buoys	×			
1 - Temporary Recreational				
Structures	×			
2 - Utility Line Discharges			×	
3 - Bank Stabilization		×		
4 - Road Crossings		×		
5 - U.S. Coast Guard				
Approved Bridges	×			
6 - Return Water from Upland Contained Disposal Areas		×		
7 - Hydropower Projects	×			
8 - Minor Discharges		×		
9 - Minor Dredging		×		
20 - Oil Spill Cleanup	×			
21 - Surface Coal Mining Activities		×		
22 - Removal of Vessels	×			
23 - Approved Categorical Exclusions	×			
24 - State Administered				
Section 404 Program	×			-
25 - Structural Discharges		×		-
26 - Headwaters and Isolated Waters Discharges			×	
27 - Wetland and Riparian Restoration and Creation Activities		×		
28 - Modifications of Existing Marinas	×	-		-
29 - Single-Family Housing				>
80 - Moist Soil Management for Wildlife				>
31 - Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Facilities				>
32 - Completed Enforcement Actions	-	×		
33 - Temporary Construction, Access and Dewatering		×		
34 - Cranberry Production Activities		×		
35 - Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins		×		
36 - Boat Ramps	×			
37 - Emergency Watershed Protection and Rehabilitation	×			
38 - Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste		×		\square
39 - Reserved				1
40 - Farm Buildings		×		-

Source: Federal Register, Dec. 13, 1996



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However, a small, but vocal, minority of those submitting comments during the recent public comment period for the NWP re-issuance carried the day with the argument that thousands of acres lost through application of NWP 26 in the under-one-acre category have gone unreported and would actually account for a net loss of wetlands. This viewpoint appears to have driven the USACE's decision to limit the acreage application for NWP 26 to the minimum under consideration, introduce a new reporting requirement and eliminate the permit completely in two years.

Activity-specific nationwide permits, such as NWP 29-which authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material for the construction or expansion of a singlefamily home and/or attendant features (i.e., garage, driveway, etc.)-are expected to replace NWP 26 in two years. The USACE is accepting ideas for activityspecific NWPs. Ideas may be submitted in writing to Mr. Sam Collinson or Mr. John Studt at the USACE headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NWP Stacking

Another change in the re-issued and modified NWPs includes the limitations on NWP "stacking." This also is discouraging to developers who in the past have been able to use multiple NWPs to authorize several tasks in a given project. USACE restrictions on the multiple use of NWPs and on what is considered a "single and complete project" will have serious repercussions on long-term construction projects such as master-planned developments and other phased construction projects, such as roadways.

When the use of any NWP 12 through 40 is combined with any other NWP 12 through 40 as part of a single and complete project, the permittee must notify the USACE in accordance with the NWP Notification General Condition. Any NWP 1 through 11 may be combined with any other NWP without notification to the Corps, unless notification is otherwise required by the terms of the specific NWPs. Two or more different NWPs can be combined

to authorize a single and complete project, but the same NWP cannot be used more than once for a single and complete project.

Whenever any other NWP is used in conjunction with NWP 26, the total acreage of impacts to waters of the United States for all NWPs combined cannot exceed three acres. Similarly, whenever any other NWP is used in conjunction with NWP 29, the total acreage of impacts to the waters of the United States, for all NWPs combined, cannot exceed one-half acre.

Corps-only PCN is required when any NWP 12 through 40 is combined with any other NWP 12 through 40 for a single or complete project. For example, if an applicant wishes to combine the use of NWP 14 for a road that does not involve fill in wetlands and NWP 13 for a bulkhead less than 500 feet in length, Corps-only notification will be required even though the use of these NWPs for the projects described does not require a PCN if constructed independently. Coordination with other re-



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Permit Certification

Another change to the NWP process requires that every permittee who has received a NWP verification from the USACE must submit a signed certification regarding the completed work and any required mitigation. This certification will include a statement that any required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permitted conditions (such a certification will also be required for Individual Permits).

Aside from significant changes to NWP 26, NWP 12 (which authorizes utility line discharges) has also undergone a major overhaul.

Two new NWPs issued in December, 1996, include NWP 30, which authorizes activities necessary to manage, construct or maintain wildlife habitat on federal or state land, and NWP 31, which authorizes excavation and removal of sediment and vegetation for the maintenance of existing, authorized flood control channels.

How the re-issued and modified Nationwide Permits will affect the permitting process at the district level remains to be seen. Although some increases in workload are expected due to the tightening of NWP 26, the USACE plans to adhere to the 30-day notification period for all NWPs that require a PCN (except for NWP 26, which has a 45-day notification period). Another significant change in the notification process includes that for NWPs 12, 14, 18, 21, 26, 29, 34 and 38, the submitted PCN must also include a delineation of affected special aquatic sites, including wetlands. Additionally, various NWPs may require water-quality certification from the state regulatory agencies, as well as coordination with coastal management programs, as applicable.

The best way to keep on top of the changes to the Nationwide Permit program is to stay informed. The USACE plans to publish a guidance document soon to clarify many changes in the NWP program. Wetlands professionals and environmental attorneys may be the best sources of information. All concerned interests would be well advised to use the coming months to provide input to the USACE on activities that should be covered by new General Permits once NWP 26 is gone.

Keeping up to date on changes in the Nationwide Permit program will not only preserve wetland resources through avoidance, impact minimization and mitigation, but will keep existing and proposed projects that impact wetlands flowing smoothly.

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EnviroMetrics Software Inc. opened a Houston, Texas office. Val Ward serves as regional technical sales representative and Neal Rosen is services engineer.

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EnviroMetrics Software Inc., provider of client/server environmental, health and safety database applications, will acquire Travertine Environmental Inc., a consulting firm specializing in designing, implementing and supporting environmental information.

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