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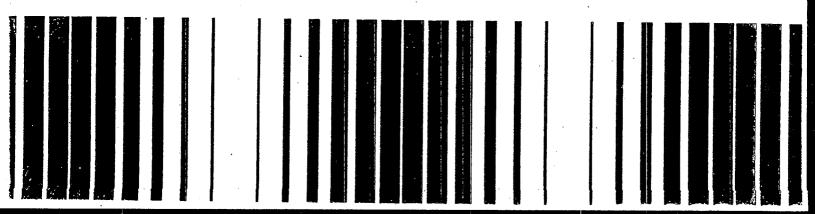
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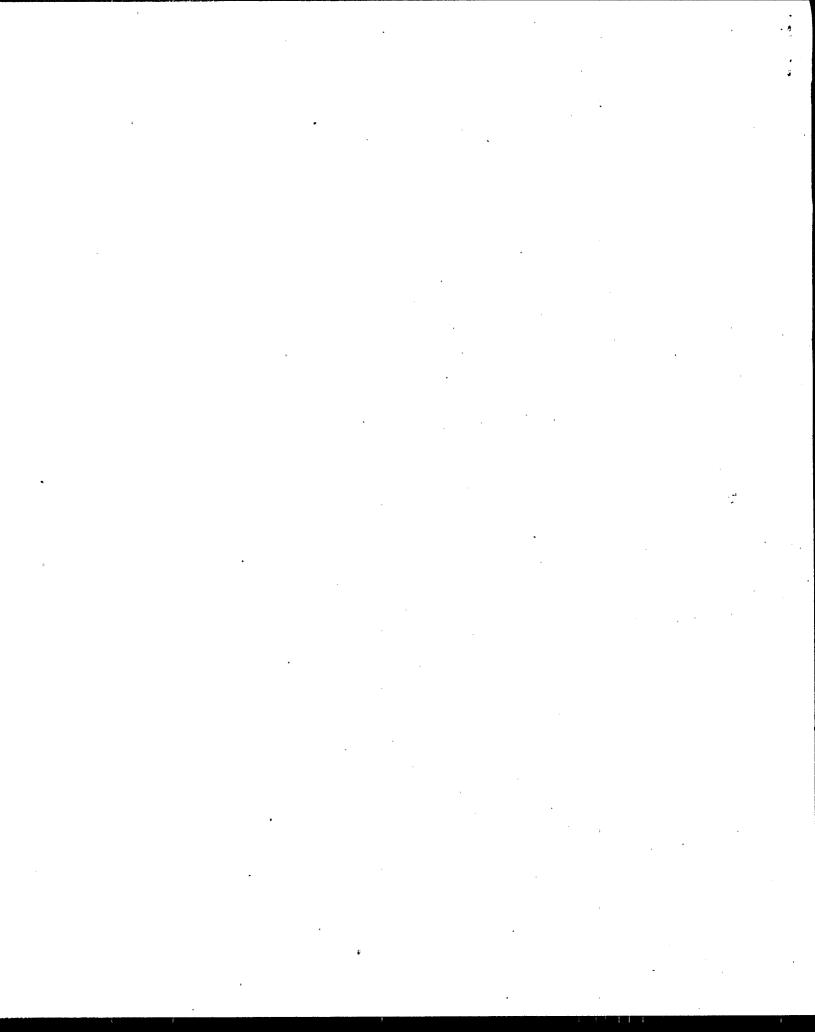
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## Seminar on the Use of Treatability Guidelines in Site Remediation

Stabilization/Solidification







## Superfund Policy Guidance: Immobilization

- Inappropriate for Volatile Organics
- Appropriate Only for Materials Containing Inorganics and sometimes Semi-Volatile Organics and Non-Volatile Organics

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## **Superfund Policy Guidance: Immobilization**

- Use of Immobilization for Semi-Volatile and Non-Volatile Organics Requries Either Site-Specific Treatability Studies OR Non-Site-Specific Treatability Study Data for "Similar Waste"
- "Similar Waste" is Defined in Terms of the Contaminants, Concentrations, and Waste Matrix
- Total Waste Analysis (TWA)

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## Solidification/Stabilization Applicability

- Soils
- Sediments
- Sludges

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# GUIDE FOR CONDUCTING TREATABILITY STUDIES UNDER CERCLA:

Solidification/Stabilization

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### **Presentation Outline**

- Introduction
- **♣** Technology Description
- Role of Treatability Studies
- **Process Parameter Development**
- Treatability Tiers
- Sampling Issues and Other Considerations

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## Regulatory Basis for the Use of Solidification/Stabilization

- National Oil and Hazardous Substances Contingency Plan (NCP)
- Draft ROD Policy Guidance (OSWER Directive No. 9200.5-220)

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## Identify Problems of Waste Handling

- Debris
- Mixing
- Emissions
- Analyses

### **Assess Waste Uniformity**

- Multiple Wastes
- Homogeneous or Heterogeneous Waste
- Worst Case Concentrations vs. Average Case Concentrations

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### Measure Volume Increase Associated with Processing

- Space Available for Disposal
- Other Limitations

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### Solidification/Stabilization **Process**

- In-Situ
- Excavation

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### When to Perform **Treatability Testing**



As Soon As Possible

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### **Potential Goals for Treatability Studies**

- # Identify Problems in Waste Handling
- Assess Waste Uniformity
- **♣** Measure Volume Increase Associated with Processing
- ♣ Develop Processing Parameters and **Achievable Treatment Levels**

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## Evaluate Physical Characteristics

- Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS) (ASTM D1633-34)
- Permeability (TMSWC-13)
- Wet/Dry (ASTM D4843-88)
- Freeze/Thaw (ASTM D4842-90)

### Other Parameters to Evaluate During Curing

- Off Gassing
- Curing Temperature
- Moisture Content
- Additive Ratios

### Percent Reduction Calculation

(1-(1+Additive Ratio)x (Treated Concentration) )x100

Where Additive Ratio = Weight of Additives
Weight of Waste

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# Develop Processing Parameters and the Level of Processing Control

- Perform Tiered Treatability Testing
- Evaluate Chemical Characteristics
- Evaluate Physical Characteristics
- Estimate Treatment Costs

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### **Perform Treatability Testing**

- Representative Number of Samples
- Homogenization of Raw Waste Samples
- Multi-Tier Treated Sample Evaluation

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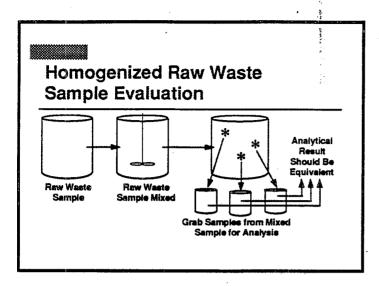
## Evaluate Chemical Characteristics

- Toxicity Characteristic Leaching
   Procedure (TCLP 55FR26986 June 1990)
- \* Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure Distilled H<sub>2</sub>O
- Total Waste Analysis Semi-Volatile Organics (EPA Method SW 846-8270)
- ♦ Total Waste Analysis Volatile Organics (EPA Method SW 846-8240)

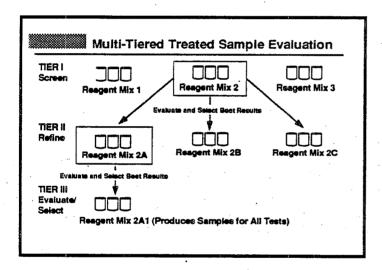
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### **Additional Considerations**

- Chain-of-Custody of Raw, Treated, and Reserve Samples
- Direct Observation of Mixing and Castings
- Independent Qualified Analysis
- Final Report
- Vendor Field Tests

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### Time Line Required for Treatability Tests

Tier I -- Treat and Screen

Cure

- 14-28 Days
- Analyze Treated Samples
- 21 Days
- Interpret Results and Reformulate
- 7 Days

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### Time Line Required for Treatability Tests

Tier II - Refine and Retreat

Cure

- 14-28 Days
- Analyze Treated Samples
- 21 Days
- Interpret Results and Reformulate
- 7 Days

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Time Line Required for Treatability Tests

Tier III -- Evaluate/Select Remedy

Cure

- 28 Days
- Analyze Treated Samples
- 21 Days
- Interpret Results and Report
- 14 Days
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