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## ABBREVIATION INDEX

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| ACT     | Alternative Control Techniques Document   |
| API     | American Petroleum Institute  |
| ARAR    | Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements                                |
| ASTM    | American Society for Testing and Materials  |
| ASTSWMO | Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials             |
| Atm     | Atmosphere  |
| BDAT    | Best Demonstrated Available Technology  |
| Btu     | British Thermal Units   |
| BZ      | Benzene   |
| °C      | Celsius   |
| CAA     | Clean Air Act   |
| CERCLA  | Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Superfund) |
| CERI    | Center for Environmental Research Information                                     |
| CFC     | Chlorofluorocarbons   |
| cfm     | Cubic Feet per Minute   |
| CFR     | Code of Federal Regulations   |
| CPI     | Corrugated Plate Interceptor  |
| CTG     | Control Techniques Guideline Document   |
| CWA     | Clean Water Act   |
| DOT     | Department of Transportation  |
| DRE     | Destruction and Removal Efficiency  |
| dscm    | Dry Standard Cubic Meter  |
| EDC     | Ethylene Dichloride   |

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| EP             | Extraction Procedure                          |
| EPA            | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| ESD            | Emission Standards Division                   |
| ER             | Emission Rate                                 |
| FID            | Flame Ionization Detector                     |
| FR             | Federal Register                              |
| ft             | Feet  |
| gal            | Gallon  |
| GC             | Gas Chromatography                            |
| h              | Hours   |
| HAP            | Hazardous Air Pollutant                       |
| HLC            | Henry's Law Constant                          |
| HON            | Hazardous Organic NESHAP                      |
| HSWA           | Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments          |
| HWMU           | Hazardous Waste Management Unit               |
| IR             | Infrared                                      |
| kg             | Kilograms                                     |
| kPa            | Kilopascal                                    |
| L              | Liters  |
| lb             | Pounds  |
| LDAR           | Leak Detection and Repair                     |
| LDR            | Land Disposal Restrictions                    |
| m <sup>3</sup> | Cubic Meters                                  |
| Mg             | Megagrams                                     |

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| MS      | Mass Spectrometry   |
| MW      | Megawatts   |
| NAAQS   | National Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAA)                  |
| NAPCTAC | National Air Pollution Control Techniques Advisory Committee  |
| NCP     | National Contingency Plan (CERCLA)                            |
| NESHAP  | National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (CAA) |
| NPDES   | National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (CWA)         |
| NSPS    | New Source Performance Standards (CAA)                        |
| OAQPS   | Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards                  |
| OAR     | Office of Air and Radiation                                   |
| ORD     | Office of Research and Development                            |
| o/o     | Owner/Operator  |
| OSW     | Office of Solid Waste   |
| OSWER   | Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response                  |
| PCB     | Polychlorinated Biphenyls                                     |
| PM      | Particulate Matter  |
| POTW    | Publicly Owned Treatment Works                                |
| ppm     | Parts per Million   |
| ppmv    | Parts per Million by Volume                                   |
| ppmw    | Parts per Million by Weight                                   |
| psia    | Pounds per Square Inch Absolute                               |
| psig    | Pounds per Square Inch Gauge                                  |
| RAC     | Reference Air Concentration                                   |
| RACT    | Reasonably Available Control Technology                       |
| RCRA    | Resource Conservation and Recovery Act                        |

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| s     | Seconds  |
| SARA  | Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act       |
| scf   | Standard Cubic Feet                                |
| scfm  | Standard Cubic Feet per Minute                     |
| SIC   | Standard Industrial Classification                 |
| SIP   | State Implementation Plan                          |
| SOCMI | Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry  |
| SW    | Solid Waste  |
| SWMU  | Solid Waste Management Unit                        |
| TAB   | Total Annual Benzene-in-Waste                      |
| TCLP  | Toxicity Characteristic Leachate Procedure         |
| TFE   | Thin-Film Evaporation                              |
| TOC   | Total Organic Carbon                               |
| TRS   | Total Reduced Sulfur                               |
| TSDF  | Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (RCRA) |
| UV    | Ultraviolet  |
| VO    | Volatile Organic                                   |
| VOC   | Volatile Organic Compounds                         |
| VOL   | Volatile Organic Liquid                            |
| WWT   | Wastewater Treatment                               |
| WWTS  | Wastewater Treatment System                        |
| yr    | Year   |

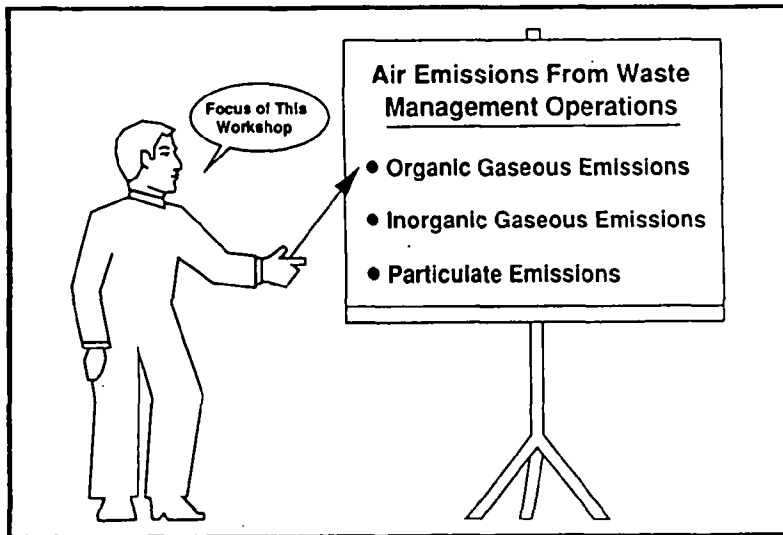




## AIR POLLUTION OVERVIEW

## **ABSTRACT: AIR POLLUTION OVERVIEW**

The introductory session provides a broad overview of the need to control organic air emissions. Human health and environmental problems caused by organic air emissions or to which organic air emissions contribute are discussed. Major problems discussed are those resulting from tropospheric ozone formation and exposure to air toxics. Other problems discussed include stratospheric ozone depletion, global climate change, and acid rain. The statutory mechanisms under which organic air emissions are regulated are discussed with emphasis on the Clean Air Act and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The specific rules that apply to waste management operations and that are the focus of the workshop are introduced. These are the rules developed by EPA under RCRA Section 3004(n) that apply to RCRA-permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal facilities (TSDF), and the rule promulgated under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act that limits emissions from benzene waste operations.



*AIR POLLUTION OVERVIEW*

**OUTLINE OF THIS PRESENTATION**

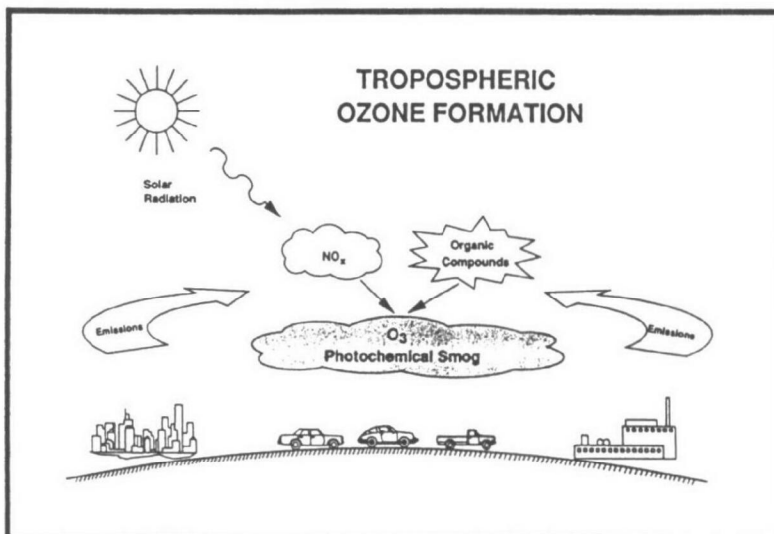
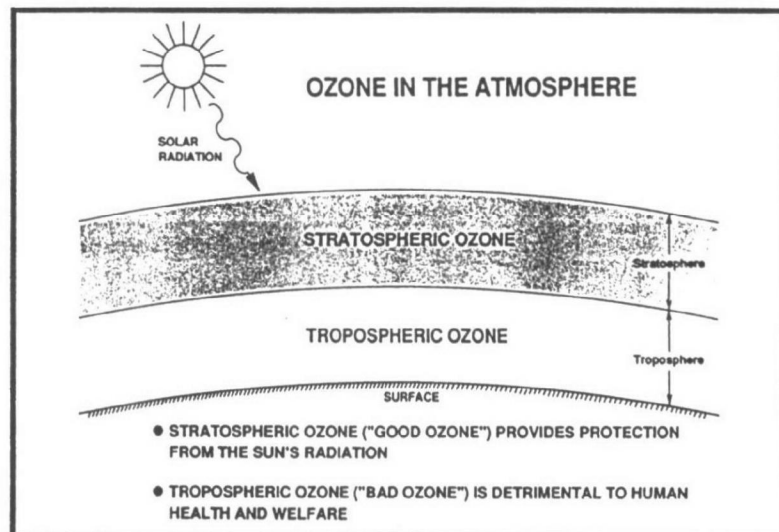
- Problems caused by organic air emissions
- Magnitude of the problems and contribution of waste management operations
- Federal laws that address organic emissions

**WHY BE CONCERNED ABOUT  
ORGANIC AIR EMISSIONS?**

## ORGANIC AIR EMISSIONS

### MAJOR CONCERNS

- OZONE
- AIR TOXICS



## **HEALTH EFFECTS OF OZONE**

### **Acute Effects**

- Inflammation of the lung
- Impaired breathing
- Coughing
- Chest pain
- Nausea
- Throat Irritation

### **Chronic Effects**

- Increased susceptibility to respiratory infection
- Permanent damage to lung tissues and breathing capacity

**(PHOTOGRAPH OF LUNG FROM 19 YEAR OLD  
ACCIDENT VICTIM IN LOS ANGELES SHOWING  
LUNG DAMAGE POSSIBLY DUE TO OZONE EXPOSURE)**

## **WELFARE EFFECTS OF OZONE**

- Materials damage due to oxidation
- Reduction in crop yields
- Lower forest growth rate and premature leaf-drop
- \$2 - 3 billion annual damage to commercial crops and forests

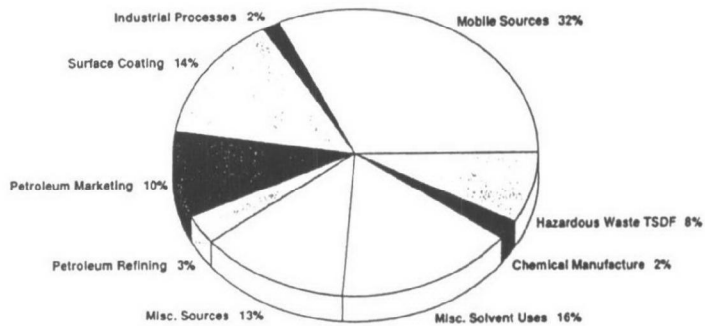
### TROPOSPHERIC OZONE - MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM

- NAAQS for ozone is 0.12 ppm
- NAAQS routinely exceeded in more than 60 areas nationwide
- Over 100 million people live in areas exceeding NAAQS
- Some areas may not attain standard for next 30 years
- Some scientists are calling for a more stringent standard

AREAS EXCEEDING THE OZONE NAAQS  
BASED ON 1986-88 DATA



### SOURCES OF NATIONWIDE VOC EMISSIONS



## **AIR TOXICS - WHAT ARE THEY?**

- Air pollutants that cause cancer or other human health effects
- Clean Air Act amendments identify 189 compounds
- Thousands of point and area sources

## **AIR TOXICS - HEALTH EFFECTS**

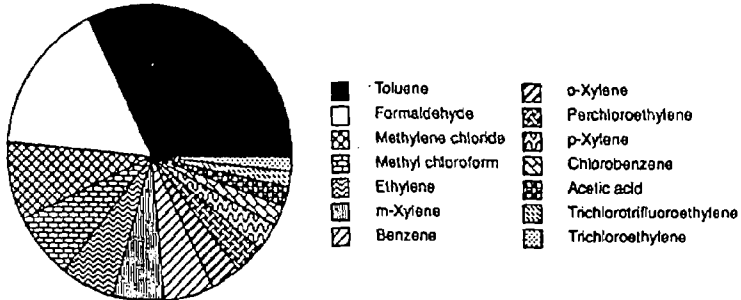
- Occur due to acute or chronic exposure
- Effects:
  - Neurological
  - Behavioral
  - Reproductive
  - Cancer

## **AIR TOXICS - MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM**

- During 1987, major U.S. industries estimated releases of 2.4 billion pounds of toxic pollutants to the air (SARA 313)
- Air toxics are estimated to account for 1,600 to 3,000 cancer deaths per year
- Estimates of the average urban individual lifetime cancer risk from toxic air pollution are as high as 1 in 1000

### Top Fourteen VOC/HAP Chemicals

Mass Emissions Basis



### ESTIMATED CANCER IMPACTS OF TSDF AIR EMISSIONS

- 140 cancer incidences per year nationwide
- Maximum individual risk of cancer =  $2 \times 10^{-2}$

#### ORGANIC AIR EMISSIONS

#### OTHER CONCERNS

- GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE
- ACID RAIN



## **FEDERAL LAWS THAT ADDRESS THE PROBLEM**

- RCRA/HSWA
- CLEAN AIR ACT
- CERCLA/SARA

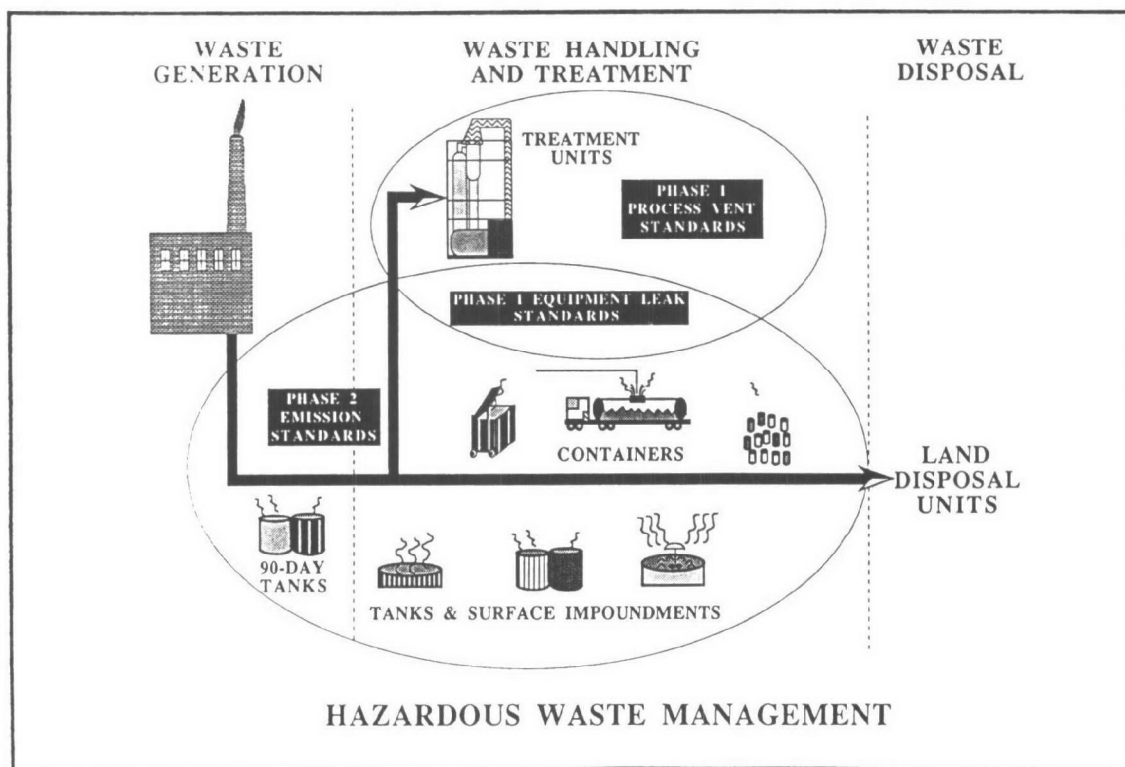
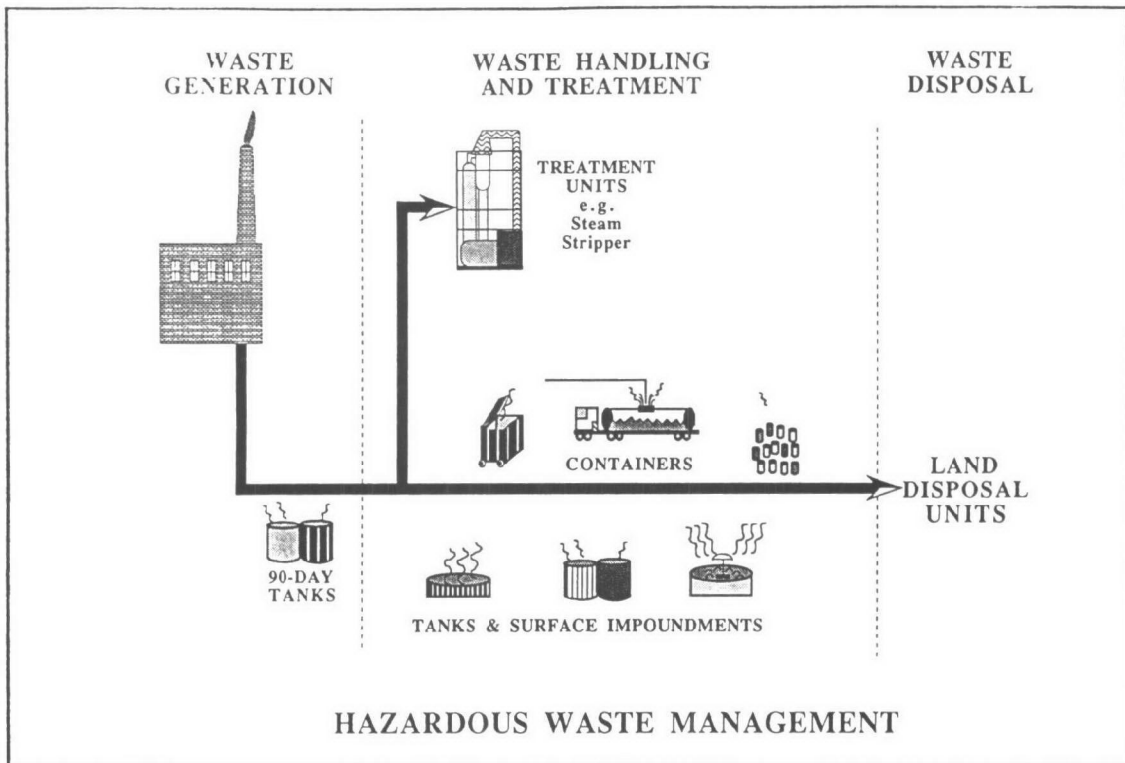
### *FEDERAL LAWS*

## **RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA)**

- Section 3004(n)
- Corrective Action
- Land Disposal Restrictions
- Other Programs

## **STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT UNDER SECTION 3004(n)**

- PHASE I
  - Total organics
  - Process vents and equipment leaks
  - Promulgated 6/21/90 (55 FR 25454)
- PHASE II
  - Total organics
  - Tanks, surface impoundments, containers and miscellaneous units
  - Proposal package in OMB
- PHASE III
  - Individual constituent standards, as needed, to supplement Phase I and Phase II standards
  - Early Work Group stage

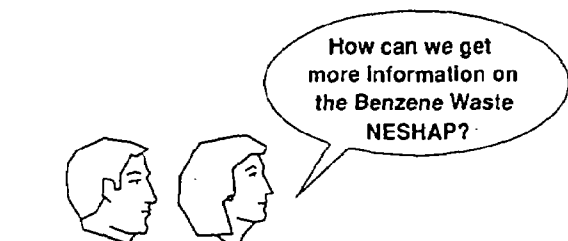


## CLEAN AIR ACT

- National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
  - Criteria pollutants
  - PM, SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, O<sub>3</sub>, Pb
- New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)
  - Criteria pollutants
  - Designated pollutants (e.g. TRS)
- National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)

### National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Benzene Waste Operations

- Promulgated March 7, 1990 (55 FR 8292)
- 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart FF
- Applies to chemical plants, petroleum refineries, coke by-product recovery plants, and certain TSDF
- Compliance deadline for existing facilities: March 7, 1992



How can we get more information on the Benzene Waste NESHAP?

Attend a Case Study!

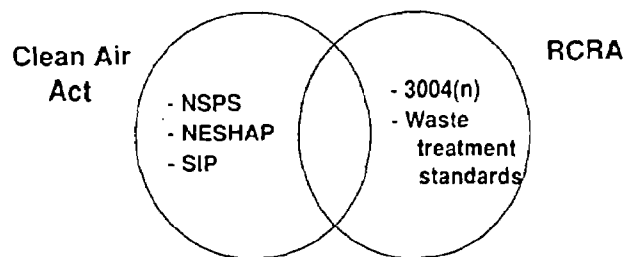
- Benzene Waste Rule
- Wastewater Treatment Systems
- Implementation Discussion (regulators only, please)

*FEDERAL LAWS*

**CERCLA/SARA  
(Superfund)**

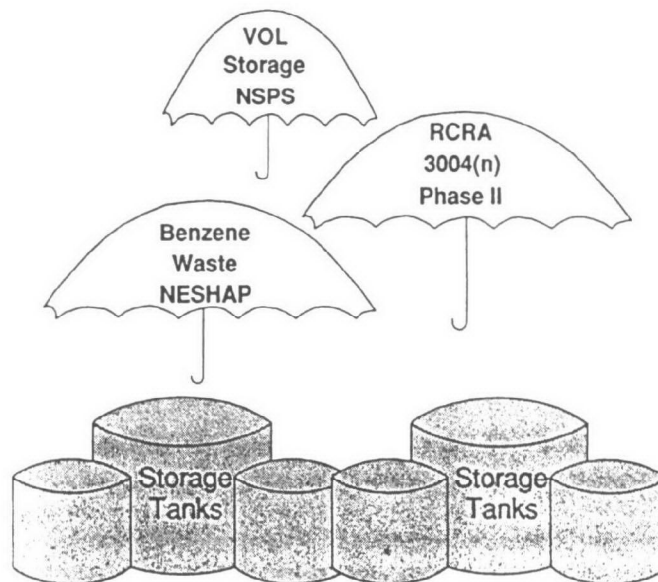
- Site-specific risk analysis required for removal and remediation actions
- Removal and remediation actions must comply with Federal and State laws that are applicable or relevant and appropriate (ARARS)
- Toxic Release Inventory Required by SARA Title 313

**OVERLAP OF STATUTORY COVERAGE FOR  
AIR EMISSION SOURCES**



- Control requirements consistent and complimentary to the extent possible
- Compliance must be demonstrated with all applicable rules

## STORAGE TANKS ARE UNDER SEVERAL "REGULATORY UMBRELLAS"



## CONCLUSIONS

- Organic air emissions contribute to major air pollution problems
- Waste management operations are a significant source of organic air emissions
- Organic air emissions are being controlled under several federal laws



## **SOURCES AND CONTROLS**

## ABSTRACT: SOURCES AND CONTROLS

The session on sources and controls focuses on the major sources of air emissions at waste management facilities, how these emissions occur, and how they can be controlled. The major sources that are discussed in detail include surface impoundments, the very broad and diverse category of tanks and ancillary equipment, containers, and other major land disposal sources. As each source is described, controls that are inherent to that source or commonly found on that particular source are presented. In addition, details are provided on the basic mechanisms by which emissions occur and the major factors that affect the emissions.

After the discussion of sources and their inherent controls, air pollution control devices that may be generally applicable to any enclosed or vented source (i.e., add-on controls) are described. The discussion of control devices focuses on their applicability, control performance, and the major factors affecting performance. Organic removal (i.e., pretreatment) and destruction processes are also discussed as a means for controlling air emissions and reducing or eliminating the emission potential. This discussion describes processes that remove or destroy the organics in the waste, which may eliminate the need to control subsequent waste processing steps.

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## Highlights

- Open sources with large surface areas have high emission potential
- Aeration, agitation, heating increase emissions
- Tanks are a diverse group of sources
- Sources can be covered and enclosed, vented to a control device
- Organic removal or waste destruction is the best control option

## Outline

- Introduction
- Sources and inherent controls
- Air pollution control devices
- Organic removal or destruction
- Summary

## Introduction

- Sources
  - Impoundments
  - Containers
  - Tanks
  - Land disposal sources
- Emission mechanisms
- Emission controls

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## **Sources and Inherent Controls**

- **Surface impoundments**
- Tanks and ancillary equipment
- Containers
- Land disposal sources

### **SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS**

#### **Definition**

" . . . depression, manmade excavation, or diked area formed primarily of earthen materials . . . designed to hold liquid wastes or wastes containing free liquids . . . "

## SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

### Uses

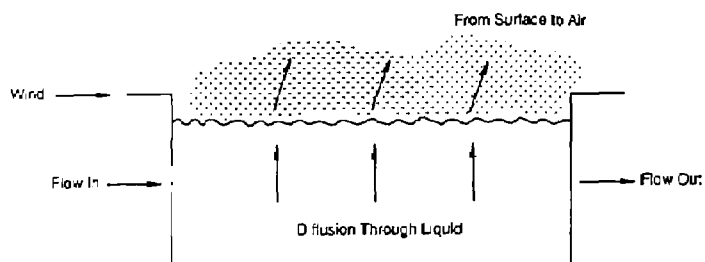
- Storage
- Equalization
- Neutralization
- Evaporation
- Solids settling
- Biodegradation

## SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

### A High Percentage of Organics Is Emitted because of . . .

- Surface areas up to many acres
- Residence times of days, weeks, or months
- Aeration or agitation

### Emissions from Impoundments and Other Open Liquid Surfaces

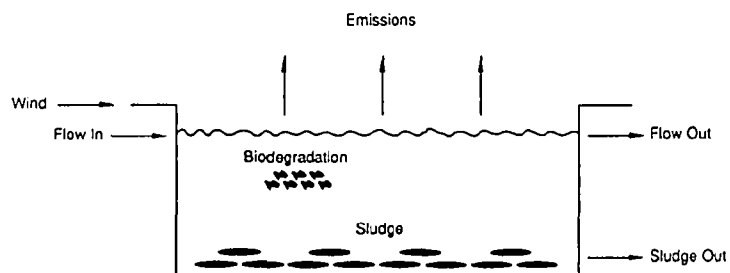


## SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

### Major Factors Affecting Emissions

- Constituent volatility
- Residence time
- Surface area
- Turbulence (aeration, agitation)
- Windspeed and temperature
- Extent of competing mechanisms (such as biodegradation)

### Fate of Organics: Emissions, Effluent, Biodegradation, Sludge



## SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

### Models for Open Liquid Surfaces

- Applicable to impoundments and open tanks
- Models for calm surfaces and turbulent surfaces
- Emissions modeled as two steps
- Models for flowthrough systems and evaporation ponds
- Rate of biodegradation (if any) included

#### SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

##### **Controls: Air-supported Structures**

- Fans maintain pressure to inflate structure
- Air vented to a control device
- Demonstrated on 1-acre aerated lagoon
- Subject to condensation, high temperatures, accelerated corrosion, special worker safety procedures
- Control efficiency determined by vent's control device (over 95%)

#### SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

##### **Controls: Floating Membrane Covers**

- Demonstrated on water reservoirs, anaerobic digester
- Design considerations: seal at edges, removal of rainwater, gas vents, sludge removal
- Emissions from organic permeation of membrane
- Control efficiency (theoretical) of 50% to 95+%

##### **Sources and Inherent Controls**

- Surface impoundments
- **Tanks and ancillary equipment**
- Containers
- Land disposal sources

## TANKS

### Highlights

- Diverse group of sources
- Open tanks have high emission potential
- Heating, agitation, aeration increase emissions
- Biodegradation decreases emissions
- Some have inherent controls
- Control by covering, enclosing, venting to control device

## TANKS

### Definition

“ . . . stationary device designed to contain an accumulation of hazardous waste which is constructed primarily of nonearthen materials which provide structural support.”

## TANKS

### Definitions

#### **Tank system:**

“ . . . a tank and its associated ancillary equipment . . . . ”

#### **Ancillary equipment:**

“ . . . such devices as piping, fittings, flanges, valves, and pumps . . . . ”

TANKS

**Categories**

- I. Organic liquids
- II. Aqueous wastes (wastewater)
- III. Sludges
- IV. Ancillary equipment

TANKS

**I. Organic Liquids**

- Covered storage tanks
- Distillation (solvent recovery)
- Solvent extraction

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**Organic Liquids:  
Covered Tanks**

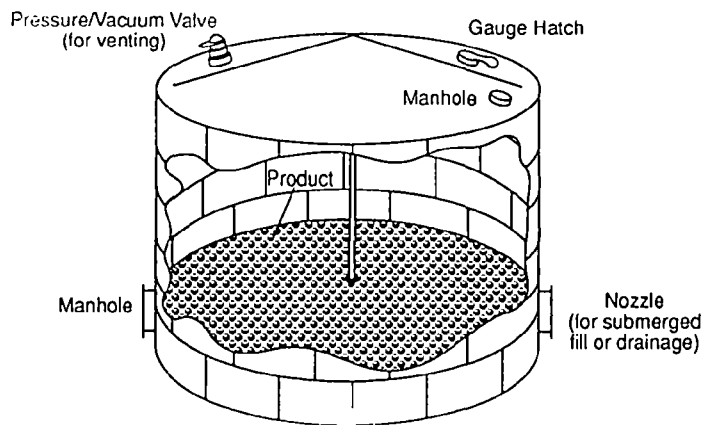
- Fixed-roof
- Floating roof
- Pressure tanks

## TANKS

### Fixed-Roof

- Common for hazardous waste storage, especially organic liquids
- Emissions through roof's vent equipped with:
  - Vent pipe open to atmosphere
  - Pressure/vacuum relief valve
  - Air pollution control device

### Typical Fixed-Roof Tank

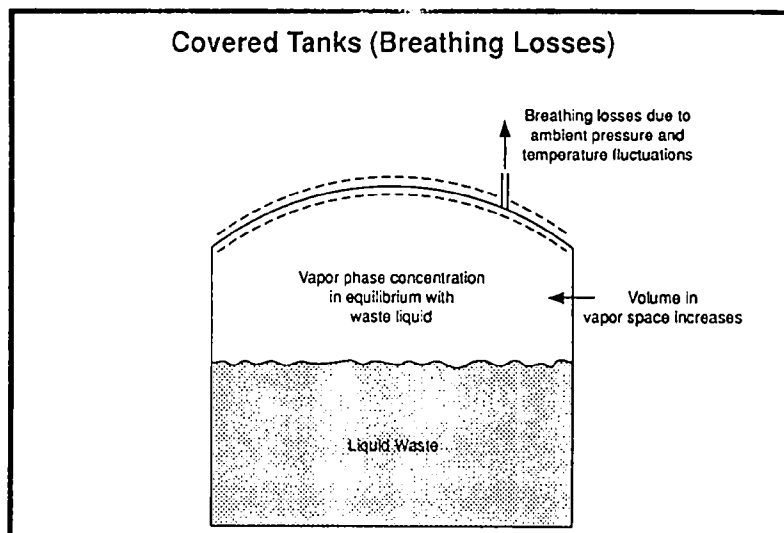
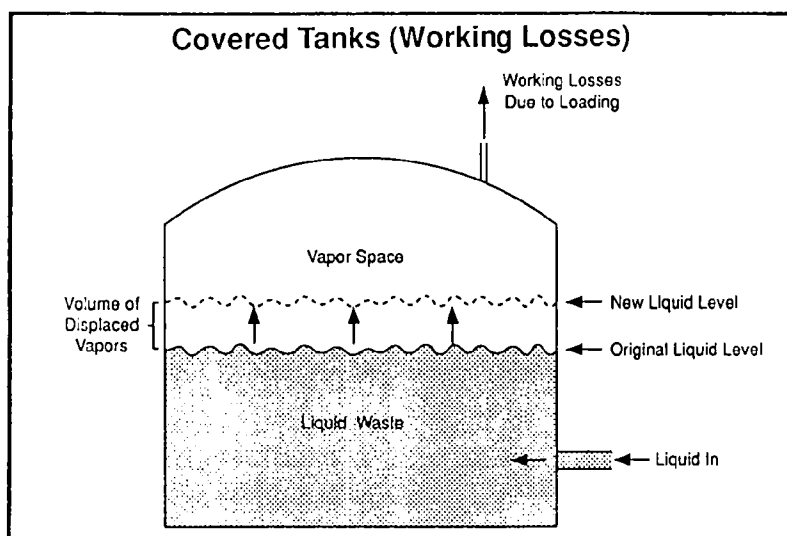


## TANKS

### Emissions from Fixed-Roof Tanks

- Working (loading) losses and breathing losses
- Affected by net vapor displacement rate, vapor phase concentration
- Aeration and heating significantly increase emissions (some treatment tanks)





#### TANKS

### Emission Models for Fixed-Roof Tanks

- Working loss = waste volume x vapor concentration
- Concentration in vapor
  - Measure, or
  - Estimate from volatility
- Breathing losses: low compared to working losses
- Constant level: low working losses

## TANKS

### Fixed-Roof Tanks as a Control

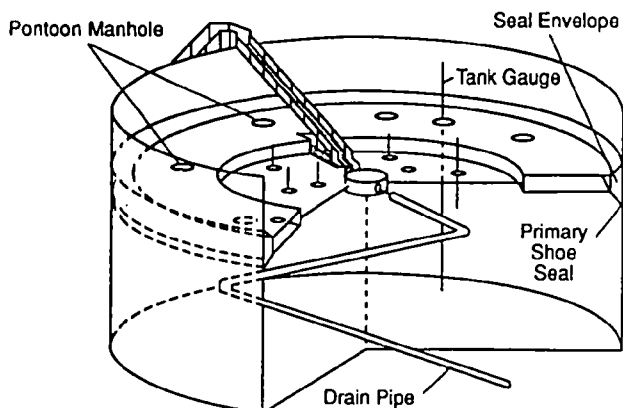
- Retrofit open tank, replace impoundment
- 86% to 99% control for open tank
- 20% to 45% more control with pressure-relief device at 2.5 psig (uncommon)

## TANKS

### Floating Roof

- Common at petroleum refineries, gasoline marketing
- Can be internal or external
- Reduces vapor displacement
- Emissions from “standing losses” and “withdrawal losses”

### External Floating Roof Tank



## TANKS

### Floating Roof as an Emission Control

- Retrofit open tank, fixed-roof tank
- Must be compatible with waste, process, tank
- 93% to 97% retrofitting fixed-roof (large tanks, organic liquids)
- 74% to 82% reduction for fixed-roof (various types of wastes)
- 96% to 99% reduction for open tank

## TANKS

### Pressure Tanks

- Most fixed roofs at atmospheric pressure; some up to 2.5 psig, which provides 20% to 45% control of emissions
- Low-pressure tanks up to 2 atm, high-pressure greater than 2 atm
- Vapors generally contained, except when pressure-vacuum relief valve opens

## TANKS

### Organic Liquids: Distillation

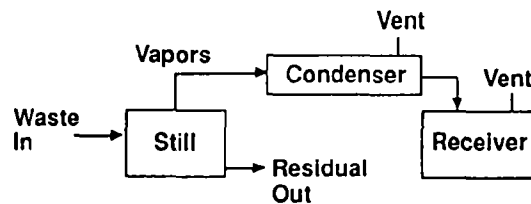
- Separation based on differences in volatility of components
- Continuous or batch (most common at TSDF)
- At atmospheric pressure, vacuum, or greater than atmospheric pressure

## TANKS

### Emissions from Distillation

- Emissions through overhead system vent, collection tank vents, vacuum system
- Primary condenser is an inherent control
- Pollution control devices can be added to vents

### Emission Sources for Distillation

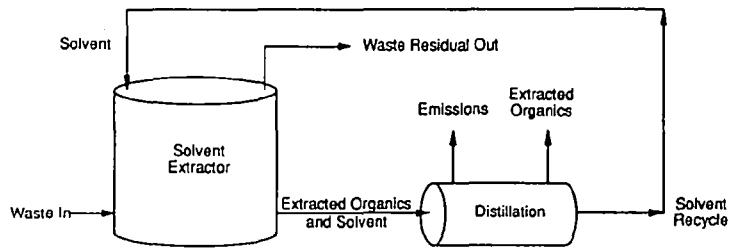


## TANKS

### Organic Liquids: Solvent Extraction

- Constituent preferentially dissolves in solvent
- Extract separated from treated waste
- Solvent in extract recovered by distillation
- Emissions from distillation vents

### Emissions from Solvent Extraction



### TANKS

#### Solvent Extraction: Uses

- Used for phenol, acetic acid, hydroxy aromatic acids, petroleum oils
- Also applicable for organic sludges
- Removals of 80% to 100%
- Waste residual usually requires more treatment

### TANKS

#### II. Aqueous Wastes (Wastewater)

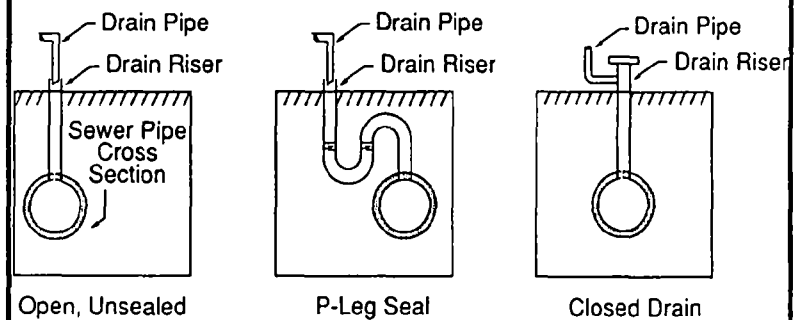
- Wastewater collection
- Oil-water separators
- Open wastewater treatment tanks
- Air and steam strippers

## TANKS

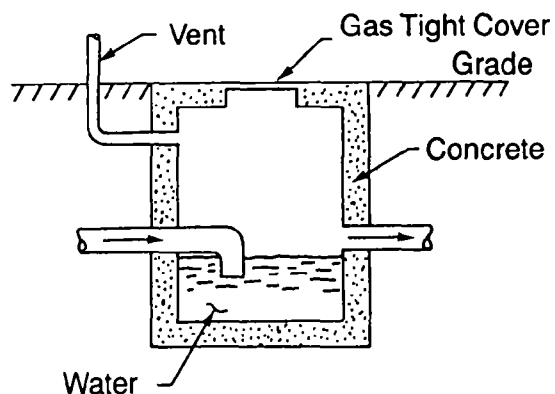
### Wastewater Collection Systems

- Individual drains, sewers, junction boxes, sumps
- Emissions from direct contact with air, induced draft
- Roughly 20% to 40% of benzene can be emitted in collection systems
- Control by covering, vent to control device

#### Individual Drains



#### Typical Junction Box

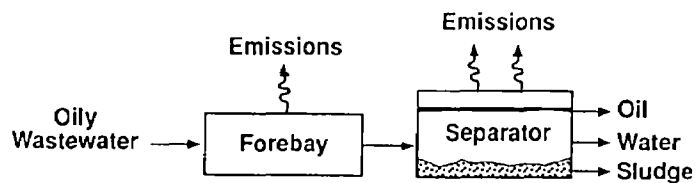


TANKS

## Oil-Water Separators

- May be open, covered, or controlled by covering and venting to control device
- API and PPI separators common at refineries
- Separates oil, water, and sludge

## Oil-Water Separator



TANKS

## Wastewater Treatment

- Generally open
- Emission mechanisms similar to impoundments
- Smaller surface areas than impoundments
- Residence time of hours
- Control by covering, vent to a control device

## TANKS

### Typical Open Tank Processes

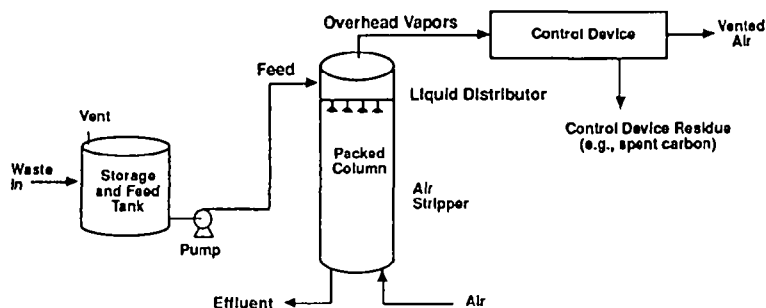
- Equalization
- Neutralization
- Solids settling, separation
- Biodegradation
- Oxidation reactions
- Precipitation
- Adsorption
- Air flotation

## TANKS

### Air Stripping

- Volatiles stripped from waste by contact with air
- Contact in spray towers, packed towers, mechanical and diffused-air aeration
- Most common for dilute aqueous wastes; used for groundwater
- Vented air controlled by carbon adsorption, catalytic incineration (condensers are uncommon)

### Schematic Diagram of an Air Stripping System

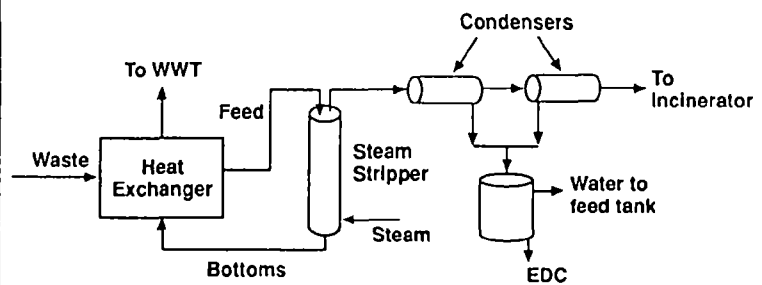




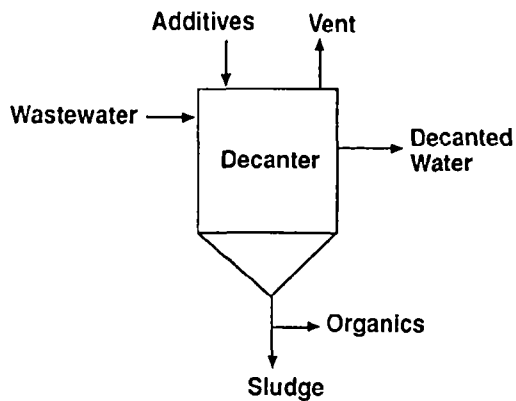
## Steam Stripping

- Batch or continuous (most common for large wastewater streams)
- Direct contact between steam and waste
- Vapors condensed and organic layer decanted; aqueous layer recycled to feed
- Continuous devices with trays or packing require low solids content

### Steam Stripper for Ethylene Dichloride/Vinyl Chloride



### Preliminary Treatment Prior to Stripping



TANKS

### **Emissions from Steam Stripping**

- Emissions from condenser/decanter vent, collection tanks
- Primary condenser provides an inherent control
- Additional control from control devices on vents

TANKS

### **III. Sludges**

- Fixation
- Dewatering
- Thin-film evaporators

TANKS

### **Sludges: Fixation**

- Also called stabilization, solidification
- Cement-like substances (lime, flyash, kiln dust) most common fixative
- Steps are (1) mixing, (2) curing, and (3) disposal
- Not only in tanks, but also containers (next source type)

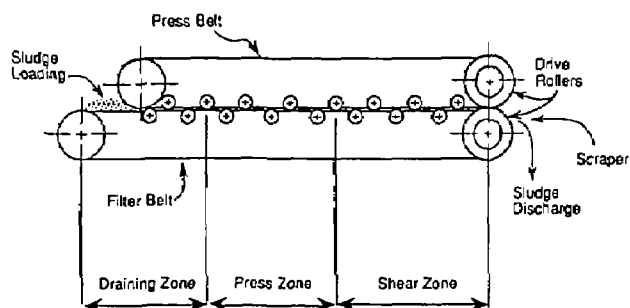
## Emissions from Fixation

- Most volatiles emitted during mixing (60% to 90%)
- Organics also emitted during curing
- Exothermic reactions increase emissions
- Control by covers or enclosures vented to control device

## Sludges: Dewatering

- Used to reduce water content of sludges
- Filter press
  - Plate and frame
  - Recessed plate
  - Belt filter
- Rotary vacuum filter
- Centrifugal filter

### Belt Filter Press



## TANKS

### Emissions from Dewatering

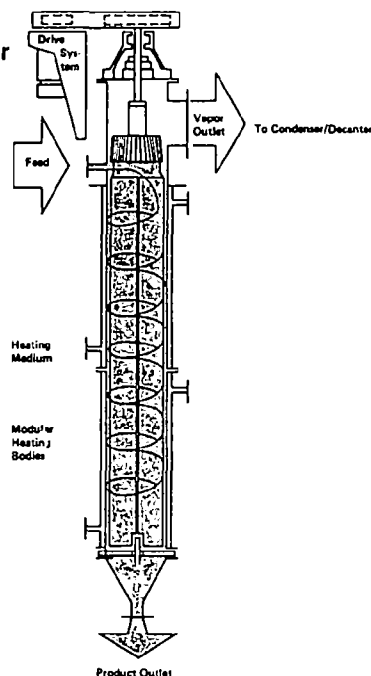
- Discharge of solids and filtrate
- Exposed area of waste on moving belts
- Leaks
- Vacuum pumps (if used)
- Control by enclosure vented to control device

## TANKS

### Sludges: Thin-Film Evaporation

- For viscous liquids, sludges, slurries
- Thin layer of waste spread on heated surface
- Adaptable to many physical forms and waste compositions

Flow Path of  
Thin-Film Evaporator



## TANKS

### Emissions from Thin-Film Evaporation

- Emissions through overhead system vents, collection tanks, vacuum system if used
- Primary condenser is an inherent control
- Additional control from control devices on vents

## TANKS

### IV. Ancillary Equipment

- Pumps
- Valves
- Pressure-relief devices
- Compressors
- Sampling connections
- Open-ended lines

## ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT

### Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR)

- Procedure to reduce emissions
- Survey components for leaks using portable organic vapor detector (Method 21)
- Adjust, repair, replace as necessary

## Sources and Inherent Controls

- Surface impoundments
- Tanks and ancillary equipment
- **Containers**
- Land disposal sources

### CONTAINERS

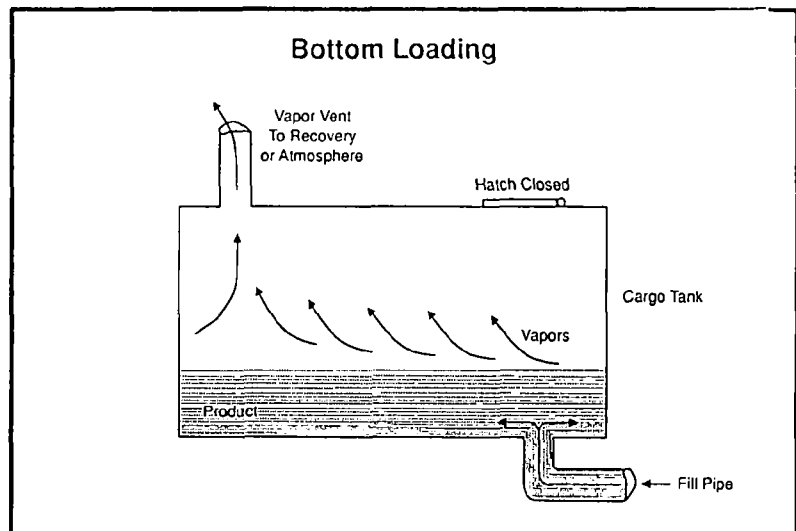
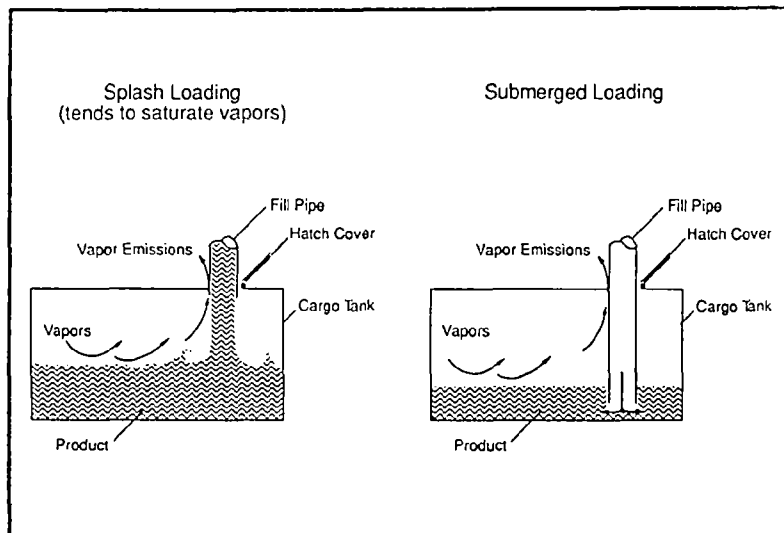
#### Definition

“Any **portable** device in which a material is stored, transported, treated, disposed of, or otherwise handled.”

### CONTAINERS

#### Controls

- Submerged loading
  - Influent pipe below surface
  - Prevents splashing, saturation of vapors
  - Control efficiency of 65%
- Cover or enclose and vent to a control device
- Housekeeping in drum storage area



## Sources and Inherent Controls

- Surface impoundments
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- **Land disposal sources**

## LAND DISPOSAL

### Major Land Disposal Sources

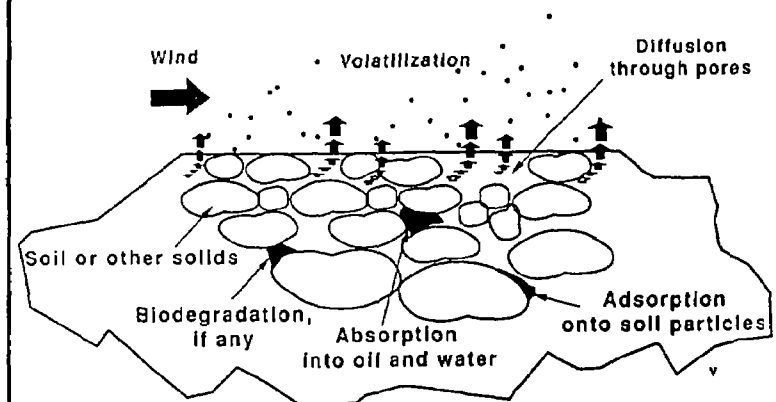
- Land treatment
- Landfills
- Waste piles

## LAND DISPOSAL

### Land Treatment

"... hazardous waste is applied onto or incorporated into the soil surface."

### Land Treatment Emission Mechanisms



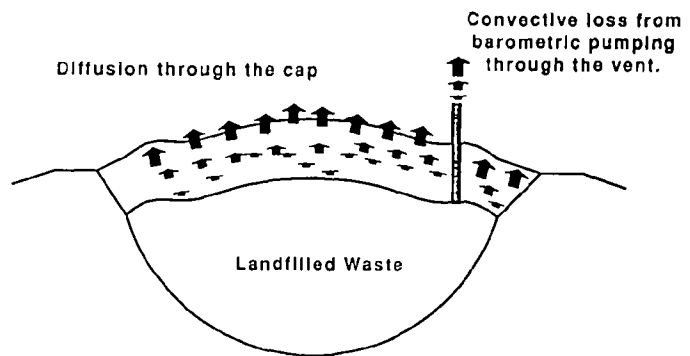


## LAND DISPOSAL

### Landfills

- Composed of active and covered cells
- Volatiles rapidly emitted from surface of active cells
- After covering and compacting with soil, emissions occur by diffusion, barometric pumping, gas venting

### Emissions From A Closed Landfill



## LAND DISPOSAL

### Wastepile

"Noncontainerized accumulation of solid, nonflowing hazardous waste used for treatment or storage."

## LAND DISPOSAL

### Controls

- Flexible membrane covers
- Covers supported by rigid structure, vent to control device
- Air-supported structures, vent to control device
- Remove or destroy organics before disposal

### Outline

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### Air Pollution Control Devices

- Carbon adsorption
- Condensation
- Absorption
- Combustion
  - Flares
  - Thermal incineration
  - Catalytic incineration
  - Boilers or process heaters

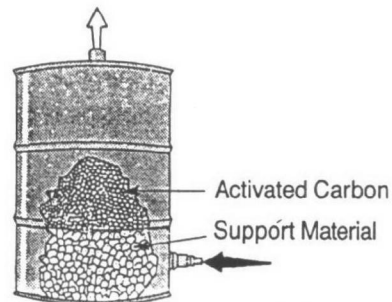
## CONTROL DEVICES

### Carbon Adsorbers

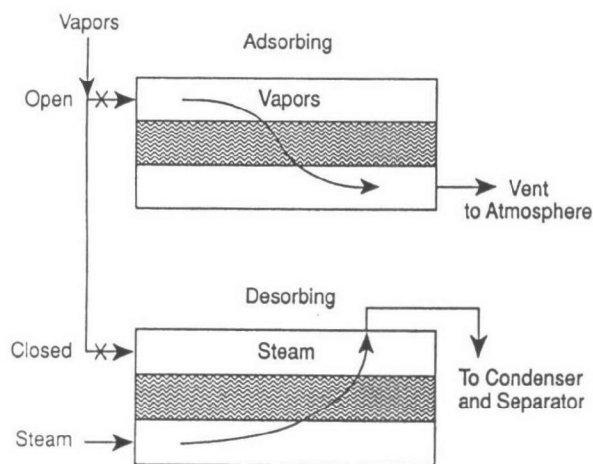
- Organics selectively collected on surface of activated carbon
- Breakthrough: organics detected exiting the bed
- Essentially complete removal until breakthrough
- Efficiency at least 95%
- Carbon canisters and fixed bed (regenerable)

### Carbon Canisters

- For vent flows less than 100 CFM
- Cannot be regenerated in canister



### Two-stage Adsorption System



CONTROL DEVICES

**Carbon Adsorbers:  
Design Considerations**

- Capacity vs. vapor concentration
- Bed design (depth, pressure drop)
- Flow rate
- Humidity
- Temperature

CONTROL DEVICES

**For Effective Control  
by Adsorbers . . .**

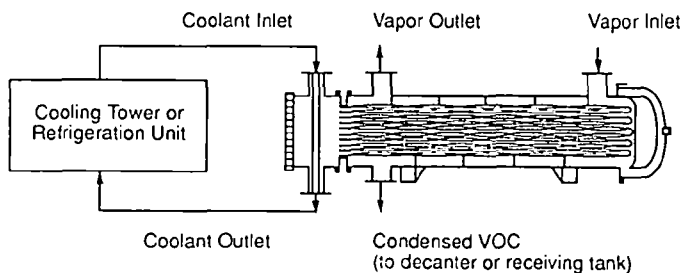
- Monitor for breakthrough, or
- Replace carbon before breakthrough  
(based on operating experience)
- Control emissions from regeneration  
or disposal

CONTROL DEVICES

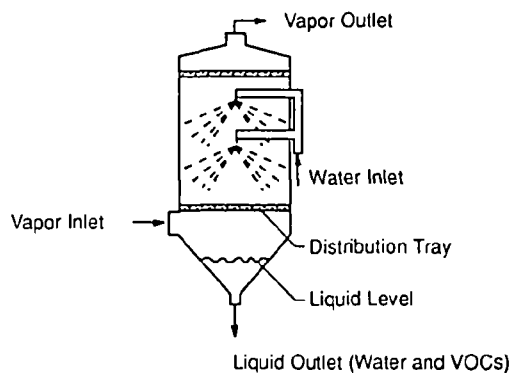
**Condensation**

- Cool vapor phase to dewpoint
- Surface condenser - most common, noncontact  
(usually shell and tube)
- Contact condensers: cheap and efficient, but  
could have a treatment and disposal problem
- Coolants: cooling tower water, refrigerated  
water, brines, glycols
- Efficiency determined by vapor phase concentration  
and condenser temperature

### Schematic Diagram of a Shell-and-Tube Surface Condenser



### Schematic Diagram of a Contact Condenser

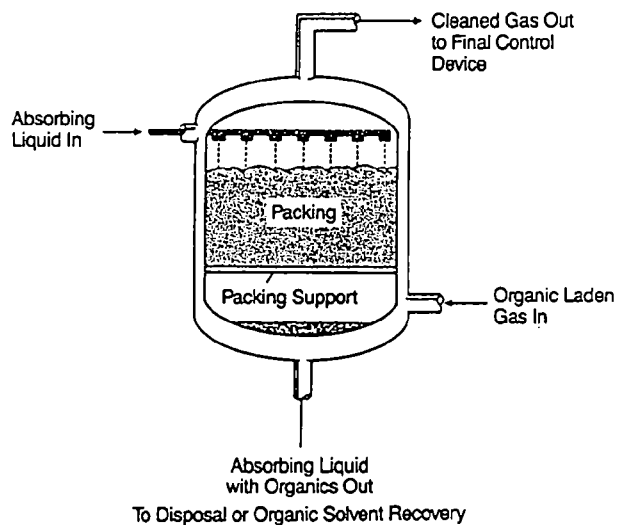


#### CONTROL DEVICES

### Absorption

- Vent gas component dissolves in liquid
- Contact in spray towers, scrubbers, packed or plate columns
- Common use is to remove  $\text{SO}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{HCl}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$  from air with water
- Solvents: water, mineral oils, nonvolatile oils, aqueous solutions of oxidizing agents
- Efficiencies 60% - 96%; 87% for methylene chloride by water

Packed Tower for Gas Absorption



#### CONTROL DEVICES

### Combustion Equipment

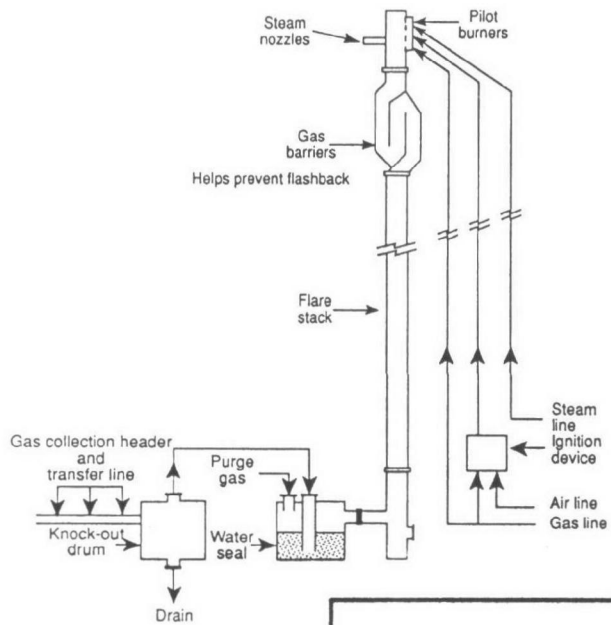
- Flares
- Thermal oxidizers (incinerators, boilers, process heaters)
- Catalytic incinerators

#### CONTROL DEVICES

### Flares

- Open combustion process
- Steam injection improves combustion
- Destruction efficiency at least 98%

## Steam-assisted Elevated Flare System

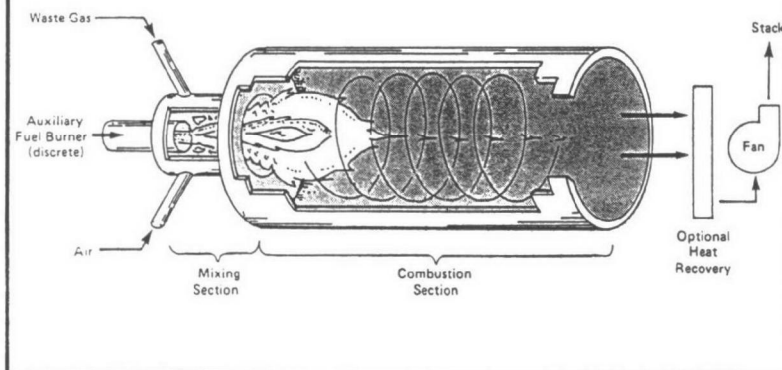


### CONTROL DEVICES

#### Thermal Incineration

- Requires high temperatures, good mixing, sufficient oxygen, adequate residence time
- Auxiliary fuel if vent gas less than 50 Btu/scf
- Capacity of 200 to 500,000 scfm
- Destruction efficiency at least 98%

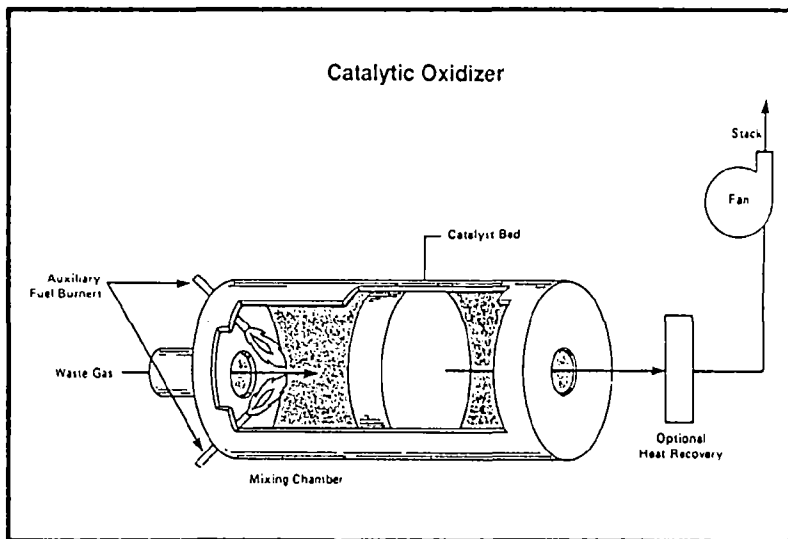
#### Thermal Incinerator



## CONTROL DEVICES

### Catalytic Incinerators

- Oxidation at lower temperatures with catalyst (320 - 650 °C)
- Catalyst adversely affected by high temperatures, high concentrations, fouling (particulate matter, polymers), deactivation (halogens or some metals)
- Can achieve 98% or higher destruction



## CONTROL DEVICES

### Existing Boilers or Process Heaters

- Control provided by existing equipment
- Vent stream added as fuel, secondary combustion air, or as diluent
- Vapors with halogens or sulfur usually avoided
- Recovers heating value of vent stream
- Can achieve 98% or higher destruction



## Outline

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## Organic Removal or Destruction

- Steam stripping
- Air stripping
- Thin-film evaporation
- Solvent extraction
- Distillation
- Waste incineration

### ORGANIC REMOVAL

## Features

- Avoids need for controls on subsequent processes (hence **pretreatment**)
- Removal efficiency depends on waste constituents and process design
- Can remove essentially all of highly volatile compounds
- Applicable to many wastes and compounds

## ORGANIC REMOVAL

### Control Efficiency

- Percent removed from waste
- Emissions from removal process
- Emissions before removal process installed
- Percent control of 98 to 99+ is possible

## ORGANIC REMOVAL

### Example: Steam Stripping Benzene from Water

- 99.5% to 99.9% removed from water
- 0.7% to 1.4% emitted from stripping system
- Control efficiency of 98% to 99% (if 70% emitted in WWT)

## ORGANIC DESTRUCTION

### Waste Incineration

- Used for wastes that were previously land-disposed
- Destruction of 99.99% or higher demonstrated in many units
- Applicable to organic wastes and sludges

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## **SUMMARY**

### **SOURCES**

- Impoundments
- Tanks
- Containers
- Land disposal sources

## **SUMMARY**

### **Characteristics Affecting Emissions**

- Exposed surface areas
- Residence time
- Constituent volatility
- Turbulence

SUMMARY

## Emission Mechanisms

- Area sources
  - Diffusion through waste to surface
  - Transfer from surface to air

SUMMARY

## Emission Mechanisms (con.)

- Enclosed sources
  - Vapor space contains organics
  - Displacement of vapor
    - Working losses
    - Breathing losses
- Evaporation of leaks and spills

## SUMMARY

### **Competing Mechanisms**

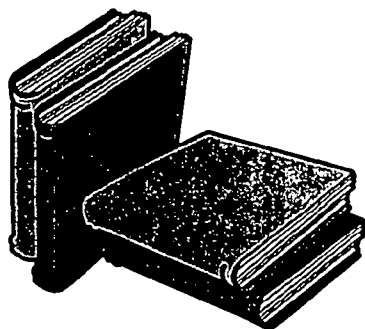
- Biodegradation
- Adsorption
- Absorption
- Removal with effluent

## SUMMARY

### **Controls**

- Cover or enclose open area sources
- Control devices for vapors captured by enclosure
- Organic removal or waste incineration  
(instead of covers/control devices)
- Work practices for leaks (LDAR) and spills

## **RCRA Organic Air Rules - Process Vents**



**40 CFR Parts 264 and 265  
Subpart AA  
(55 FR 25454, June 21, 1990)**

## ABSTRACT: PROCESS VENT STANDARDS (SUBPART AA)

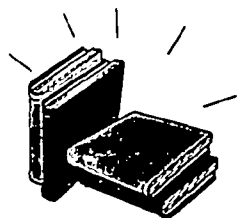
The objective of the presentation on the RCRA process vent rules is to provide a basic understanding of the new RCRA air emission standards for process vents in order that those persons required to comply, implement, or enforce the rules can do so effectively and timely. The presentation clearly explains the process vent rule applicability criteria which include facility authorization under RCRA, hazardous waste management unit type, and waste organic concentration. Technical requirements for emission controls and the facility "bubble" concept for emission rate limits are explained. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements are also discussed.

The process vent standards in 40 CFR Parts 264 and 265, Subpart AA, limit organic air emissions at hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities (TSDF) requiring a permit under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The standards were promulgated on June 21, 1990 (55 FR 25454) under the authority of Section 3004(n) of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) to the RCRA. The Subpart AA standards are applicable to process vents associated with distillation, fractionation, thin-film evaporation, solvent extraction, and air and steam stripping operations that manage hazardous wastes with 10 parts per million by weight (ppmw) or greater total organic concentration. The RCRA air rules for process vents require that owners/operators of TSDFs subject to the provisions of Subpart AA: (1) reduce total organic emissions from all affected process vents at the facility to below 1.4 kg/h (3 lb/h) and 2.8 Mg/yr (3.1 ton/yr), or (2) install and operate a control device(s) that reduces total organic emissions from all affected process vents at the facility by 95 weight percent. The process vent rules do not require use of any specific types of equipment or add-on control devices. Condensers, carbon adsorbers, incinerators, and flares are demonstrated emission control technologies for the regulated processes, although the choice of control is not limited to these. To ensure that control devices perform according to their design, the rules for process vents require that specific control device operating parameters be monitored continuously and the monitoring information be recorded in the facility operating record.

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## Purpose of presentation



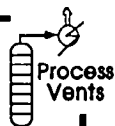
- Answer common questions on the RCRA air rules for organic emissions from process vents

## Basic questions



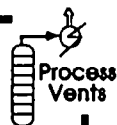
- Who is affected ?
- Why was Subpart AA developed ?
- How many facilities are out there ?

## Questions on details



- What units are regulated ?
- How does the regulation work?
- When do the regulations become effective ?
- What are the requirements for control devices ?
- What records have to be maintained ?
- What reports have to be filed ?

## Who is affected ?



- Facilities subject to Part 270
  - Permitted
  - Interim status
- Previously exempt hazardous waste recycling units at these facilities

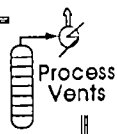
## What units are affected?



- Steam strippers
- Distillation
- Fractionation
- Thin-film evaporation
- Solvent extraction
- Air strippers

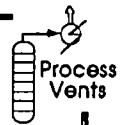
## What units are exempted ?

- Production
- Wastewater treatment tanks
- Subtitle D
- Domestic Sewage
- Closed-loop reclamation
- Additional detail provided in your workshop manual on page 3-18 as Attachment A of this session

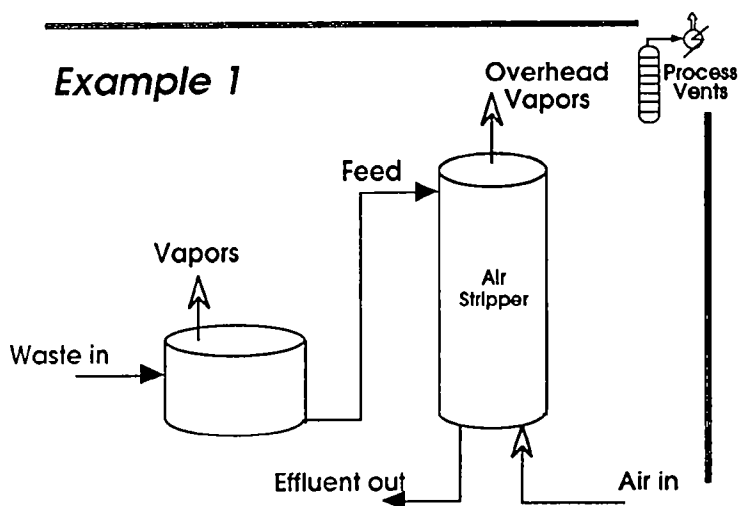


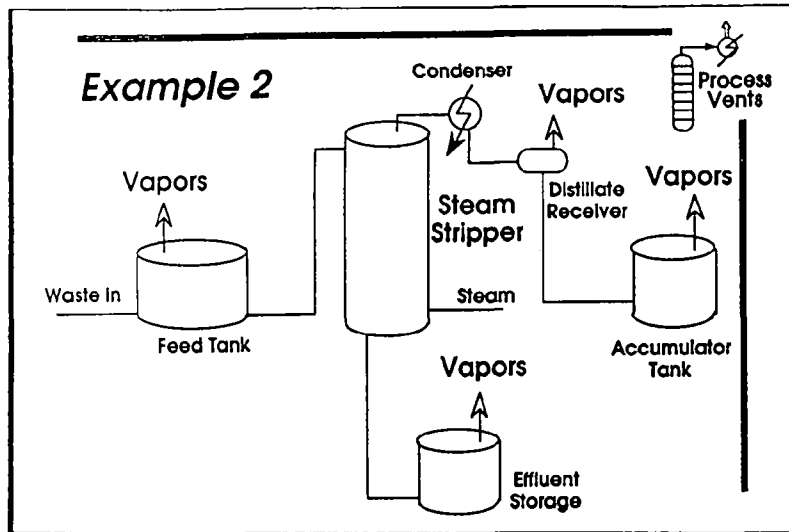
## What vents are covered ?

- On affected units that manage hazardous waste with 10 ppmw or greater total organics on a time-weighted, annual average basis
- On tanks associated with an affected unit if emissions from these process units are vented through the tank



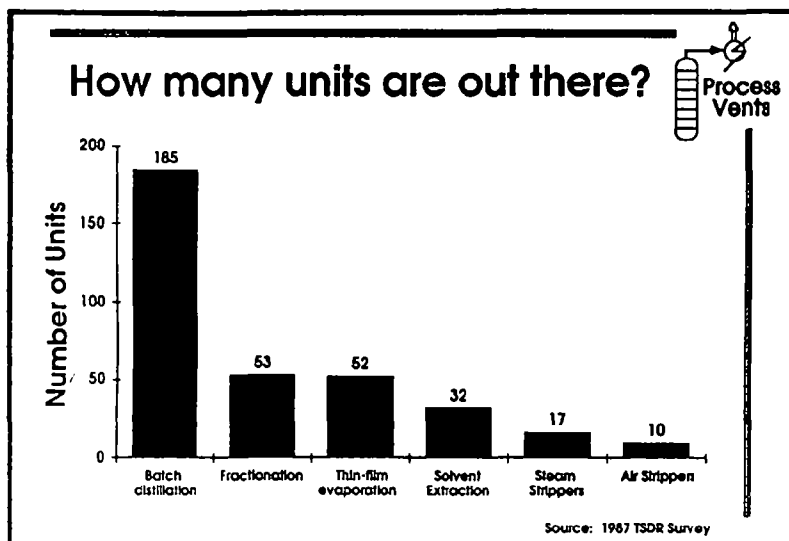
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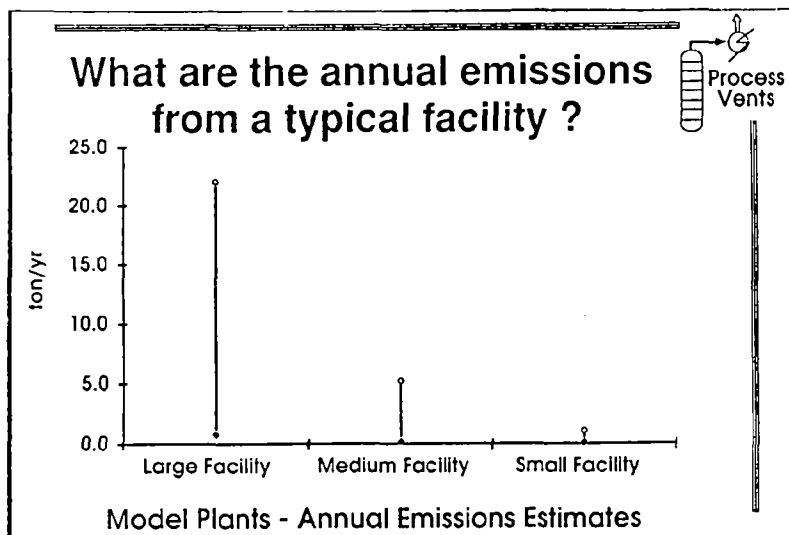




### Why was Subpart AA developed?

- To protect human health and the environment
- To control emissions from land-disposal restriction treatment technologies





### How do the regulations work?

- ❶ IDENTIFY affected process vents
- ❷ DETERMINE emission rates
- ❸ SUM individual rates
- ❹ COMPARE to emission rate limits
- ❺ REDUCE emissions below limits or 95%

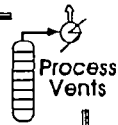
### ❶ IDENTIFY

- Units covered by the standards
  - Distillation
  - Solvent extraction
  - Steam stripping
  - Air stripping
  - Fractionation
  - Thin-film evaporation

which

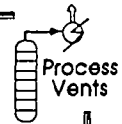
- Average 10 ppmw or greater organics in waste

## ② DETERMINE



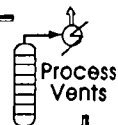
- Hourly and annual emission rates with either
  - Direct measurement
  - Use of knowledge

## ③ SUM



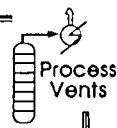
- The individual emission rates to get a facility process rate

## ④ COMPARE



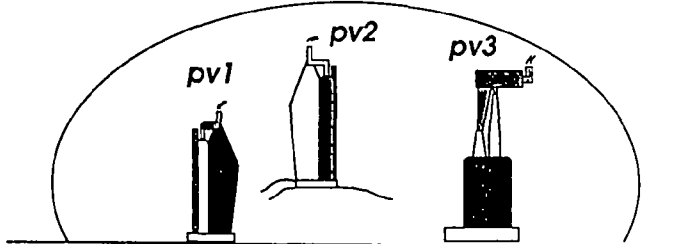
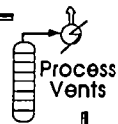
- The total facility process vent emissions to the hourly and annual emission rate limits

## ⑤ REDUCE



- Facilities exceeding the emission rate limits must install controls which
  - Reduce facility emissions below **3 lb/hr and 3.1 ton/yr**, or
  - Reduce facility emissions by **95 percent**

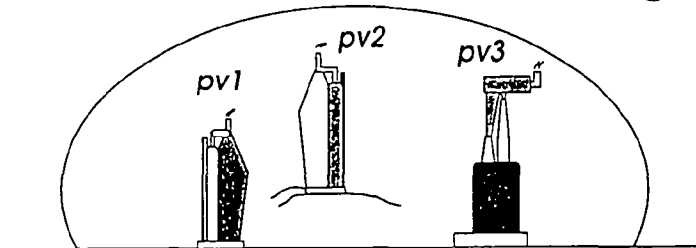
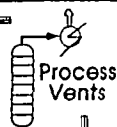
### Facility Bubble for Emission Rate (ER)



$$ER_{Facility} = \sum_{i=1}^n ER_{pv_i}$$

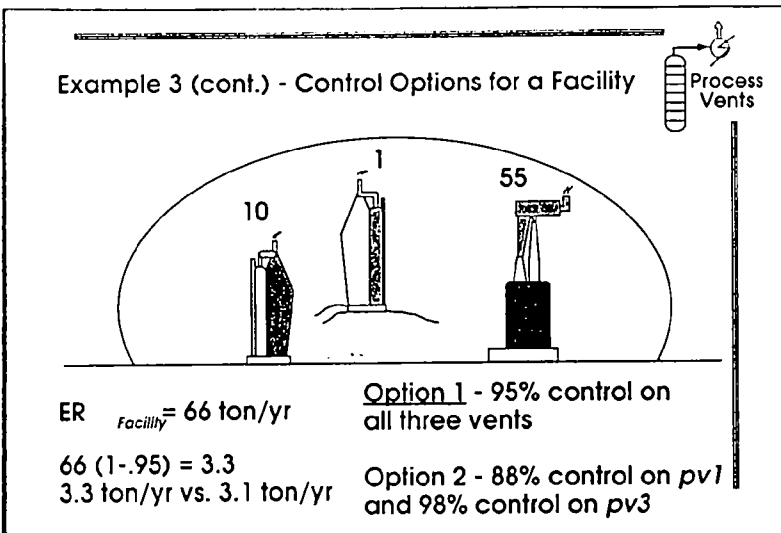
$$ER_{Facility} = ER_{pv1} + ER_{pv2} + ER_{pv3}$$

### Example 3 - Control Options for a Facility



$$ER_{Facility} = ER_{pv1} + ER_{pv2} + ER_{pv3}$$

$$ER_{Facility} = 10 + 1 + 55 = 66 \text{ ton/yr}$$



### When do the regulations become effective?

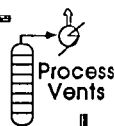
- Regulations became effective on **12/21/90**
- Compliance date depends on classification of facility

### When do the regulations become effective? (cont.)

- Interim status facilities have until **6/21/92** to install control equipment
- Permitted facilities are shielded from Phase I air standards

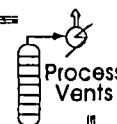


## What are the requirements for control devices ?



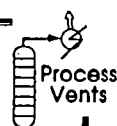
- No specific device required
- Individual performance requirements for
  - Vapor recovery systems
  - Enclosed combustion devices
  - Flares
- Equipment must be properly operated, maintained, and continuously monitored

## What are the requirements for vapor recovery systems (e.g. condensers or adsorbers) ?



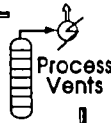
- Recovery efficiency of 95 weight percent or better
- Primary recovery devices do not count toward the 95 weight percent

## What are the requirements for enclosed combustion devices (e.g., vapor incinerators, boilers, or process heaters) ?



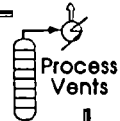
- Designed and operated with a destruction efficiency of 95 weight percent or greater
- Minimum residence time of 0.5 second at a minimum temperature of 760 °C

## What are the alternative requirements for incinerators ?



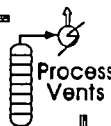
- Reduce incinerator exhaust to a concentration of 20 ppmv total organics or less

## What are the requirements for flares ?



- No visible emissions
- Flame present at all times
- Net heating value requirements
- Exit velocity requirements

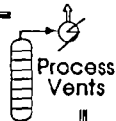
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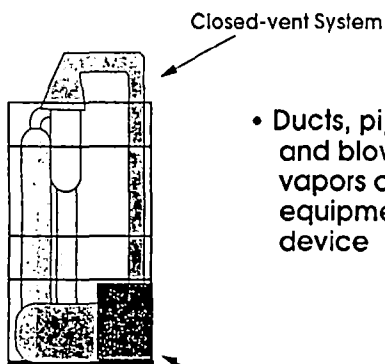
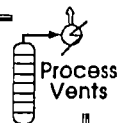
- Design requirements for demonstrated control technologies are presented on page 3-20 in Attachment B of this session in your workshop manual

## What are the owner/operator responsibilities for control devices ?

- Inspect readings from each monitoring device daily
- Immediately implement corrective measures, if necessary

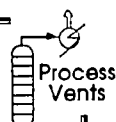


## What is a closed-vent system ?



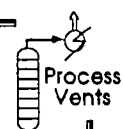
- Ducts, pipes, connectors, and blowers which transport vapors or gases from equipment to a control device

## What records have to be maintained ?



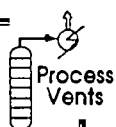
- Facility compliance documents
- Control device records

## Facility compliance documents



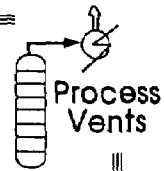
- Waste stream determinations
- Emission rate determinations

## Control device records



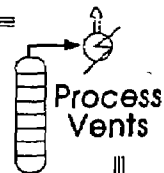
- Control device implementation schedule
- Design and operating information
- Control device exceedance records
- Information on alternative controls

## Note



- Details on recordkeeping requirements provided on page 3-23 in Attachment C of this session in your workbook

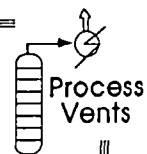
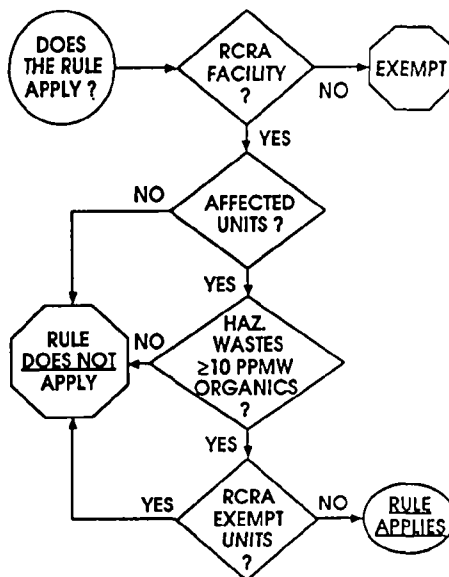
## What reports have to be filed ?



- Facilities with RCRA permits must report semiannually all exceedances > 24 hours
- Interim-status facilities are not required to report control device exceedances

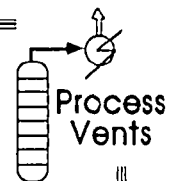
## Summary

### Applicability Decision Tree



## Summary

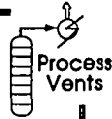
### What are the emission rate limits ?



- Reduce total organic emissions from all affected process vents
  - Below **3 lb/hr** and **3.1 ton/yr**,  
or
  - By **95%** after primary recovery

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

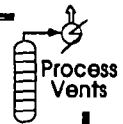
## Production Units



- Applies to hazardous wastes generated in production or process-related equipment
- Exemption applies until waste is removed from the unit, unless the waste remains in unit for > 90 days after operation ceases
- 40 CFR 261.4(c)

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

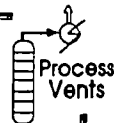
## Generator Accumulation Tanks



- Generators who accumulate waste in tanks or containers for < 90 days are excluded from permitting requirements
- 40 CFR 270 and 40 CFR 262.34

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

## Totally Enclosed Treatment Units



- Exempt from RCRA Subtitle C under
  - 40CFR 264.1(g)(5)
  - 40CFR 265.1(c)(9)
  - 40CFR 270.1(c)(2)

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

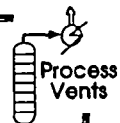
## Closed-Loop Reclamation Units



- 40 CFR 261.4 amended to allow control of reclamation of hazardous wastes
- Amendments did not change closed-loop reclamation exemption in 40 CFR 261.4(a)(8)

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

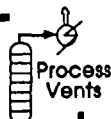
## Wastewater Treatment Units



- Units regulated under Section 402 or 307(b) of the Clean Water Act are not subject to RCRA Subtitle C standards
- 40 CFR 270.1(c)

Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units

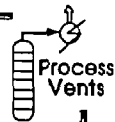
## Domestic Sewage Units



- Domestic sewage excluded from definition of solid waste
- Domestic sewage units are not subject to hazardous waste regulations
- 40 CFR 261.4(a)(1)



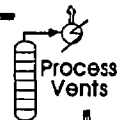
Attachment A - RCRA Exempt Units



## Subtitle D Units

- Subtitle D wastes not subject to hazardous waste regulations
- Subtitle D wastes include hazardous wastes generated by conditionally exempt small-quantity generators

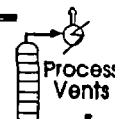
Attachment B - Control Device Design



## Thermal Incinerators

- Minimum and average combustion zone temperature
- Combustion zone residence time
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(A)

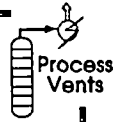
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## Catalytic Incinerators

- Minimum and average temperature across the catalyst bed inlet and outlet
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(B)

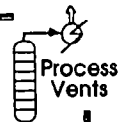
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**Boilers and Process Heaters**

- Minimum and average combustion zone temperature
- Combustion zone residence time
- Location of vent introduction into combustion zone
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(C)

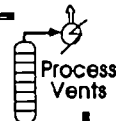
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**Flares**

- No site-specific design analysis required
- Flares must meet specified design and operation requirements (40 CFR 264.1033(d))
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(D)

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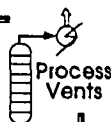


**Condensers**

- Outlet gas organic concentration level
- Outlet gas temperature
- Coolant fluid inlet and outlet temperature
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(E)

Attachment B - Control Device Design

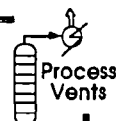
## Regenerable Carbon Adsorption Systems



- Outlet organic concentration level
- Number, type, and capacity of carbon beds
- Type and working capacity of activated carbon
- Total steam flow over regeneration cycle

Attachment B - Control Device Design

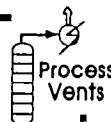
## Regenerable Carbon Adsorption Systems (continued)



- Duration of the steaming and cooling/drying cycles
- Carbon bed temperature after regeneration
- Carbon bed regeneration time
- Design service life of activated carbon
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(F)

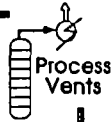
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## Nonregenerable Carbon Adsorption - Carbon Cannisters



- Outlet organic concentration level
- Carbon bed capacity
- Type and working capacity of activated carbon
- Carbon replacement interval
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(4)(iii)(G)

Attachment C - Recordkeeping

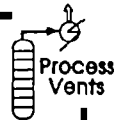


## Compliance Documentation

Information and data to support:

- Waste determinations
- Identification of affected process vents
- Unit throughputs and operating hours
- Emission rate for each affected vent
- Emission rate for total facility
- Basis for determining emission rates

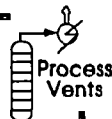
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## Control Device Implementation Schedule

- Dates for design, construction, and operation of control devices
- Schedule may allow 18 months for installation of control devices
- Must be in operating record on effective date
- 40 CFR 264.1035(b)(1)

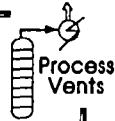
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## Control Device Design Documentation

- Design analysis
- References and sources used
- Statement by owner/operator certifying device is designed for maximum emissions
- Statement by owner/operator certifying device is designed for 95% efficiency
- Performance test results
- 40 CFR 264.1033

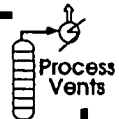
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## Control Device Operating Records

- Description and date of each modification to closed-vent system or control device
- Identification of operating parameter to be monitored, description of monitoring device, and diagram of monitoring sensor locations
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)

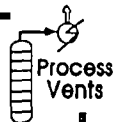
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## Control Device Exceedance Reports

- Must report periods when control device operates outside design tolerances
- Records include date, duration, cause, and corrective measures taken
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(5)

Attachment C - Recordkeeping



## Control Device Exceedance Reports Thermal Incinerators (Operating at 0.5 s and 760 °C)

- Periods when the combustion temperature is below 760 °C
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(i)

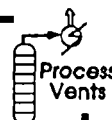
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**Control Device  
Exceedance Reports  
Thermal Incinerators**  
(Operating at 95% or 20 ppmw)

- Periods when the combustion temperature is more than 28 °C below the design average temperature
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(ii)

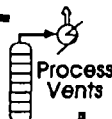
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**Control Device  
Exceedance Reports  
Catalytic Incinerators**

- Periods when the vent stream temperature at the catalyst bed inlet is more than 28 °C below the design average temperature, or
- Periods when the temperature difference across the catalyst bed is less than 80% of the design average temperature difference
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(iii)

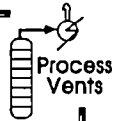
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**Control Device  
Exceedance Reports  
Boilers and Process Heaters**

- Periods when the combustion temperature is more than 28 °C below the design average temperature
- A change in the location where the vent stream is introduced to the combustion zone
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(iv)

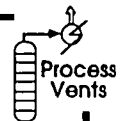
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## **Control Device Exceedance Reports Flares**

- Periods when the flame is not ignited
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(v)

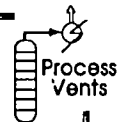
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## **Control Device Exceedance Reports Condensers with Temperature Monitors**

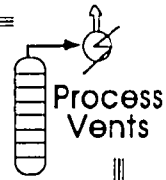
- Periods when the temperature of the condenser exhaust is more than 6 °C above the design average temperature, or
- Periods when the temperature of the coolant fluid exiting the condenser is more than 6 °C above the design average temperature
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(vii)

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## **Control Device Exceedance Reports Carbon Adsorbers Regenerated On-site with Concentration Monitors**

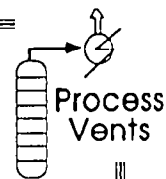
- Periods when the organic concentration in the carbon bed exhaust is more than 20% greater than the design concentration
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(viii)



## **Control Device Exceedance Reports Carbon Adsorbers**

Regenerated On-site with  
Fixed Regeneration Schedule

- Periods when the process vent stream continues to flow to the device beyond the predetermined bed regeneration time
- 40 CFR 264.1035(c)(4)(ix)



## **Information on Alternative Control Devices**

- Owner/operator must record information indicating proper operation
- Regional administrator will specify appropriate recordkeeping requirements in permit negotiation process
- 40 CFR 264.1035(e)





# **EQUIPMENT LEAK STANDARDS**

## **ABSTRACT: EQUIPMENT LEAK STANDARDS (SUBPART BB)**

This session covers the organic air emission standards for equipment leaks at hazardous waste TSDFs codified in Subpart BB of 40 CFR Parts 264 and 265. The lesson is designed to provide a basic understanding of the equipment leak rules to aid RCRA permit writers and enforcement personnel in determining compliance and to aid facility owners and operators in achieving compliance.

The session begins with a review of the background of the equipment leak rules followed by a detailed presentation of the applicability of the rules. The control requirements are briefly summarized with references to the standards for details. Waste stream determinations for the purposes of applicability are covered in detail and the recordkeeping and reporting requirements are summarized. As is the case with the control requirements, references to the standard are provided for details of the recordkeeping requirements.

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Organic Air Emission Standards  
for Equipment Leaks  
at Hazardous Waste Treatment,  
Storage, and Disposal Facilities

40 CFR Parts 264 and  
265 Subpart BB

**Purpose**

- Provide basic understanding of Subpart BB equipment leak rules promulgated under Section 3004(n) of RCRA

**Highlights**

- Standards generally affect equipment contacting organic wastes
- Facilities may have hundreds of these potential sources
- Standards include leak detection and repair (LDAR) and specified equipment
- Compliance is demonstrated through the maintenance of records

## **Topics**

- Background
- Applicability
- Waste stream determination
- Control requirements
- Recordkeeping requirements
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- Summary

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## **Background**

### **Subpart BB Equipment Leak Standards**

- Promulgated June 21, 1990  
(55 FR 25454)
- Effective date December 21, 1990

## Background

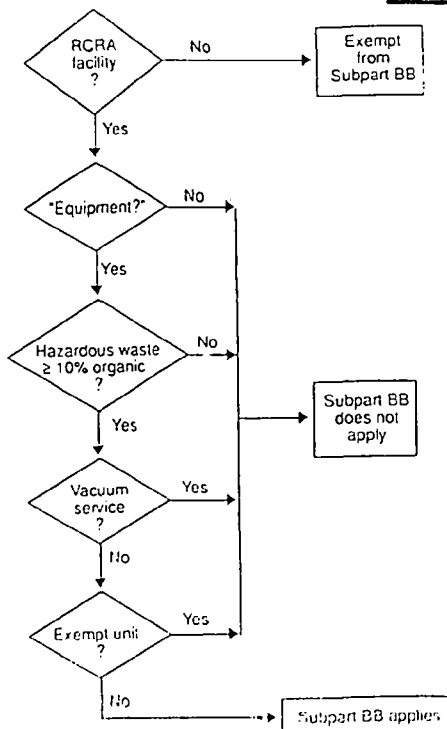
### Standards

- Adopted from CAA standards for:
  - Benzene equipment leaks
  - SOxMI
  - Petroleum refineries
  - Coke oven by-product plants
- Revised to RCRA format
- Parts 264 and 265 rules identical except reporting is not required by Part 265

## Topics

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### Applicability

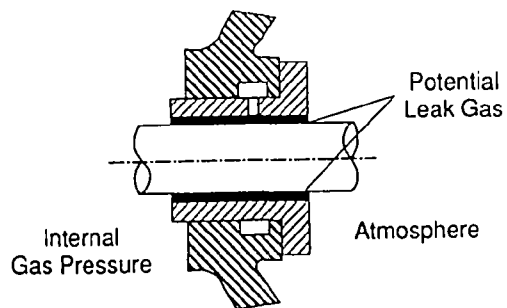


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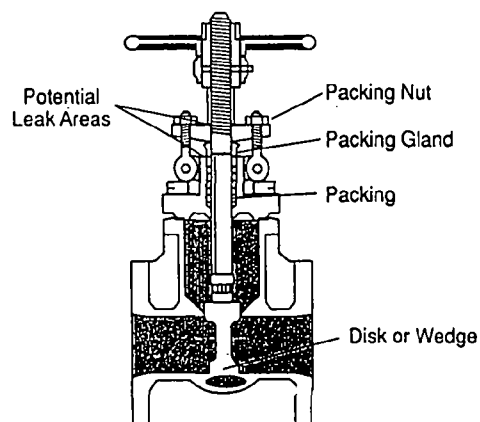
**Equipment Covered by Subpart BB**

- Pumps
- Valves
- Compressors
- Sampling connections systems
- Open-ended valves or lines
- Pressure-relief devices
- Flanges and other connectors

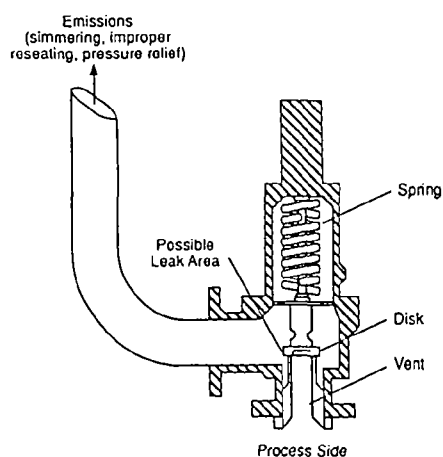
**Labyrinth Shaft Seal for Compressors**



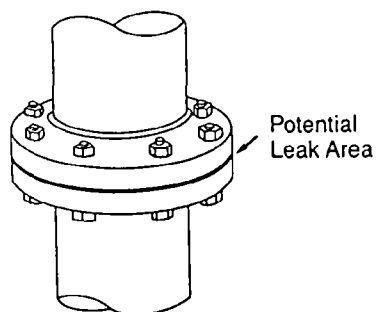
**Rising Stem Gate Valve**



### Spring-Loaded Relief Valve



### Flanged Joint



Leaks caused by

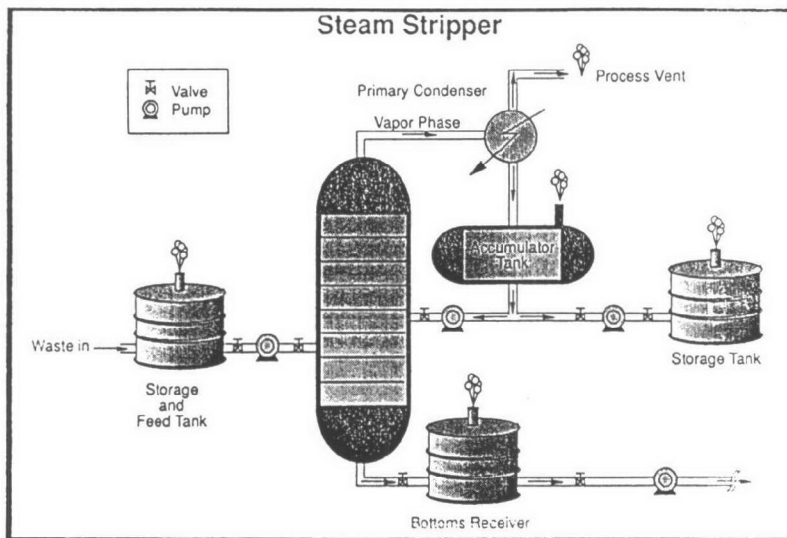
- Improperly chosen gaskets
- Damaged gaskets
- Poor assembly
- Vibrations

### Applicability

#### Equipment

- Affected equipment is found in destruction or recycling/recovery processes; for example:
  - Incineration
  - Distillation
  - Solvent extraction
  - Steam stripper
  - Storage tanks for reclaimed organics





## Topics

- Background
- Applicability
- **Waste stream determination**
- Control requirements
- Recordkeeping requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Summary

## Waste Stream Determination

- Waste organic content at least 10% by weight
- Gas or liquid at operating conditions
- Liquid stream light or heavy liquid

## Waste Stream Determination

### Basis of Determinations

- Knowledge
- Analysis by direct measurement

## Waste Stream Determination

### Examples of Knowledge

- No organics used
- Identical to other process
- Prior speciation analysis with no process changes

## Waste Stream Determination

### Applicability of Organic Content Analytical Methods

| Method   | Compounds most applicable  |
|--|--|
| ASTM E 260-85<br>(General GC analysis)   | Multiple compounds   |
| ASTM D 2267-88<br>(Aromatics by GC)  | Benzene, toluene, C8, and heavier aromatics  |
| Method 9060 (SW-846)<br>(Total organic carbon [TOC])                               | Organic carbon greater than 1 mg/L   |
| Method 8240 (SW-846)<br>(Volatiles by gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer [GC/MS]) | Generally used to measure Appendix VIII compounds in wastewaters, sludges, and soils |
| ASTM E 168-88<br>(Infrared [IR] analysis)  | Single- or double-component systems  |
| ASTM E 169-87<br>(Ultraviolet [UV] analysis)                                       | Single- or double-component systems  |

## Waste Stream Determination

### Applicability of Organic Analytical Detectors

| Method                                | Compounds most applicable  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Flame ionization                      | All                        |
| Photoionization                       | Aromatics                  |
| Hall electrolytic conductivity device | Halogenated                |
| Nondispersive infrared                | Any compound with C-H bond |
| Mass spectrometer                     | All                        |

## Waste Stream Determination

### Gaseous Waste Determination

- Gas at operating conditions

Example: Overhead stream from distillation prior to the condenser

## Waste Stream Determination

### Light/Heavy Liquid Determination

- A light liquid:
  - Is a liquid at operating temperatures
  - Contains compound(s) with vapor pressure  $>0.3$  kPa (0.04 psia) at 20 °C (68 °F)
  - Total concentration of pure components with vapor pressure  $>0.3$  kPa at 20 °C is greater than 20%
- All liquids not light liquids are heavy liquids.

## Topics

- Background
- Applicability
- Waste stream determination
- **Control requirements**
- Recordkeeping requirements
- Reporting requirements
- Summary

### Control Requirements

#### Work Practice

- Work practices are based on a leak detection and repair program (LDAR)
- LDAR varies by source type, but includes:
  - Leak detection monitoring
  - Inspections - visual and olfactory
  - Repair within a given time frame

### Control Requirements

#### Leak Detection Monitoring with Method 21

- Portable total organic analyzer is used to locate leaks from valves, flanges, and pumps
- A leak is defined as 10,000 ppm, based on a reference compound
- The Subpart BB reference compound is methane or n-hexane
- A response factor must be determined for each compound to be measured

## Control Requirements

### Repairs

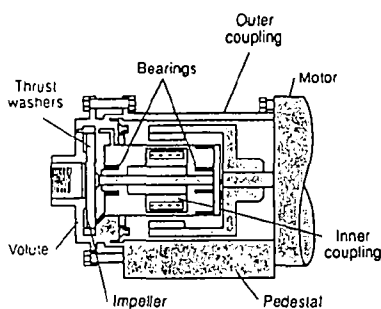
- The first repair attempt must be made within 5 calendar days of detecting leak
- Repair must be completed within 15 calendar days of detecting leak

## Control Requirements

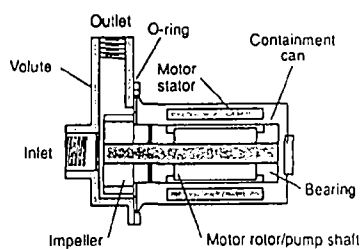
### Emission Limits

- For equipment designed not to leak (e.g., no waste contact with external activating mechanisms)
- No detectable emissions (Method 21)
- Compliance test initially and at least annually

### Sealless Pumps Can Be Designated for No Detectable Emissions

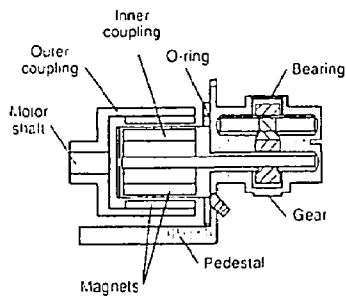


a. Magnetically coupled centrifugal pump

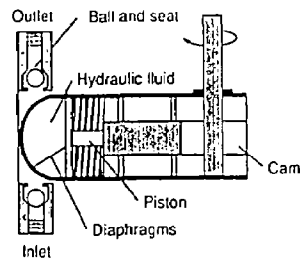


b. Canned motor centrifugal pump

## Sealless Pumps Can Be Designed for No Detectable Emissions



c. Magnetically coupled gear pump



d. Hydraulically backed diaphragm metering pump

### Control Requirements

### Equipment Standards

- Specified equipment (dual seals, closed vents, caps, closed loop sampling)
- Checked by visual inspection and for detectable emissions (Method 21)
- Leaks must be repaired within 15 days

### Control Requirements

#### Summary

| Source | Service            | Emission Limit          |      | Equipment Specification |      | Work Practice                              |
|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|--|
| Pump   | Light liquid       | No detectable emissions | (or) | Dual seals, closed vent | (or) | Monthly monitoring (and) weekly inspection |
|        | Heavy liquid       | _____                   |      | _____                   |      | •  |
| Valve  | Gas & light liquid | No detectable emissions | (or) | _____                   |      | Monthly monitoring                         |
|        | Heavy liquid       | _____                   |      | _____                   |      | •  |

\*Monitoring is required if evidence of a leak is found.

• Indicates the primary control method.

## Control Requirements

### Summary (continued)

| Source                 | Service                     | Emission Limit          | Equipment Specification | Work Practice              |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pressure-relief device | Gas                         | No detectable emissions | Closed vent             | _____                      |
|                        | Light & heavy liquids       | _____                   | _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> * |
| Flange/connector       | Gas & light & heavy liquids | _____                   | _____                   | <input type="checkbox"/> * |

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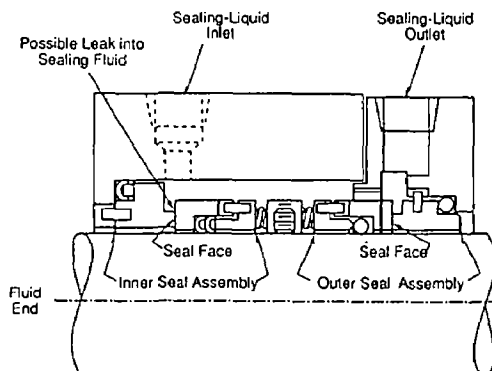
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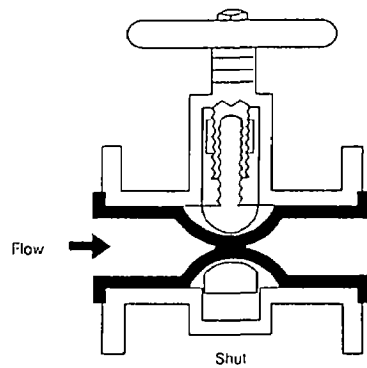
| Source              | Service                     | Emission Limit               | Equipment Specification                        | Work Practice |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Compressor          | Gas                         | No detectable emissions (or) | Seal system with barrier fluid, or closed vent | _____         |
| Sampling connection | Gas & light & heavy liquids | _____                        | Closed-purge system or closed vent             | _____         |
| Open-ended line     | Gas & light & heavy liquids | _____                        | Cap, plug, flange, or second valve             | _____         |

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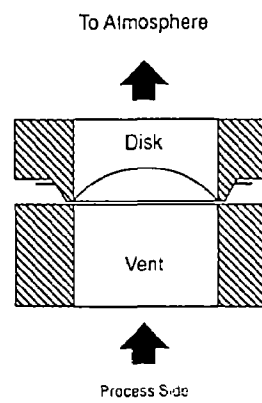
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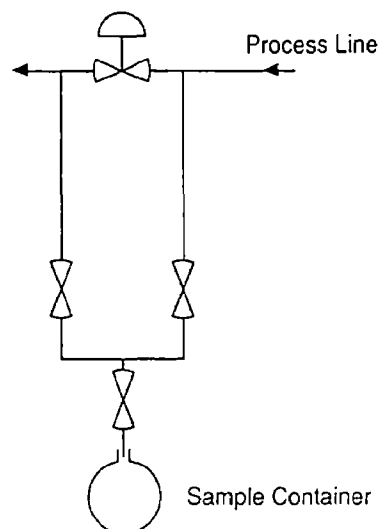
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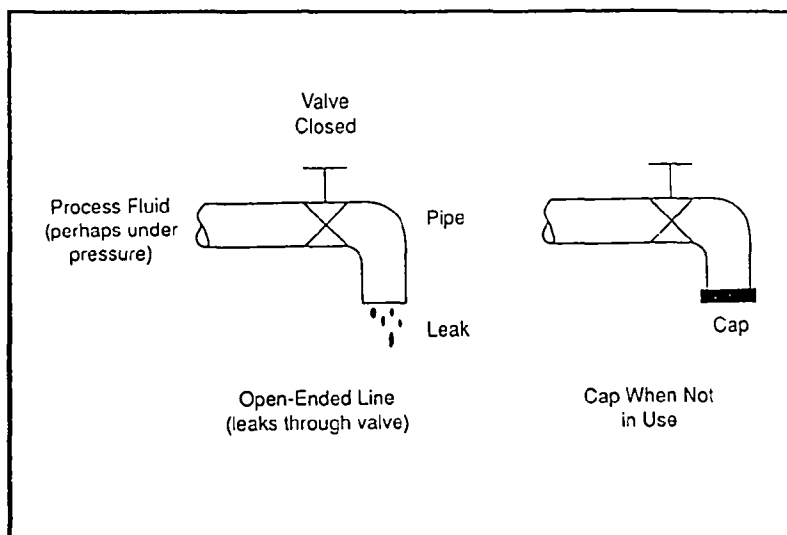
**Rupture Disk**



**Closed-Loop Sampling System  
(To Avoid Losses from Sampling)**







#### Control Requirements

#### Equipment Leak Model Units

| Model Unit | Pumps | Valves | Sampling Connections | Open-ended Lines | Pressure-relief Devices |
|------------|-------|--------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| A          | 15    | 364    | 26                   | 105              | 9                       |
| B          | 5     | 121    | 9                    | 35               | 3                       |
| C          | 3     | 72     | 5                    | 21               | 2                       |

#### Control Requirements

#### Equipment Leak Impacts

| Model Unit | Emissions (Mg/yr) | Emission Reductions |      | Capital Costs* (\$) | Annual Costs* (\$) |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|--------------------|
|            |                   | (Mg/yr)             | (%)  |                     |                    |
| A          | 41.1              | 30.4                | 74   | 68,300              | 31,000             |
| B          | 13.7              | 10.2                | 74   | 27,000              | 11,900             |
| C          | 8.3               | 6.2                 | 74   | 18,700              | 8,100              |
| Nationwide | 26,200            | 19,000              | 72.5 | 127 million         | 32.9 million       |

\*Costs are in 1986 dollars.

## **Topics**

- Background
- Applicability
- Waste stream determination
- Control requirements
- **Recordkeeping requirements**
- Reporting requirements
- Summary

## **Recordkeeping**

Compliance with the control requirements of Subpart BB is demonstrated through the maintenance of records

### **Recordkeeping Requirements**

#### **General Records Required**

- Equipment-specific identification information (Section 264.1064[b])
- Closed-vent system and control device information (Section 264.1064[e])
- Information on equipment not subject to monthly LDAR (Section 264.1064[g])

## Recordkeeping Requirements

### General Records Required

(continued)

- Marking of leaking equipment  
(Section 264.1064[c]).
- Information on leaking equipment  
(Section 264.1064[d])
- Barrier fluid system sensor information  
(Section 264.1064[j])
- Information for determining exemptions  
(Section 264.1064[k])

## Recordkeeping Requirements

### Records Retention

- Three years for records of:
  - Monthly leak monitoring and repair
  - Detectable emission monitoring
  - Closed-vent and control device operations
- Other records in the facility operating record must be kept for the life of the facility.

## Topics

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## Reporting Requirements

### Information Required in Semiannual Reports (264.1065)

- Control device exceedances uncorrected for >24 hours - dates, duration, cause, corrective measures
- Pumps in LL service, valves in G/LL service, compressors not repaired in 15 days
- No report required if no exceedances
- Facilities subject to interim status provisions, Part 265, are not required to report.

## Topics

- Background
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- Reporting requirements
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## Summary

### Equipment Leak Rules

- Equipment at new or existing TSDF requiring RCRA Subtitle C permit
- Equipment containing or contacting wastes with at least 10% organic
- Control requirements vary by type of service—gas, light liquid, heavy liquid
- Recordkeeping requirements to demonstrate compliance
- Semiannual reporting of exceedances

## Summary

### Types of Equipment Leak Standards

| Sources                      | Equipment | Work Practice | Emission Limit |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Pumps                        | ● (or)    | ● (or)        | ●              |
| Valves                       |           | ● (or)        | ●              |
| Compressors                  | ● (or)    |               | ●              |
| Sampling connection systems  | ●         |               |                |
| Open-ended valves or lines   | ●         |               |                |
| Pressure-relief devices      |           | ●             | ●              |
| Flanges and other connectors |           | ●             |                |



## **PHASE II AIR RULES**

## ABSTRACT: RCRA PHASE II RULEMAKING

Under the RCRA Phase II rulemaking, the U.S. EPA is developing new standards and amendments that would control more TSDF waste management units and add new requirements and implementation changes to the existing RCRA air emission standards under Subpart AA (TSDF treatment unit process vents) and Subpart BB (TSDF equipment leaks). A new Subpart CC would be added to 40 CFR Parts 264 and 265 requiring organic emission controls be applied to TSDF tanks, surface impoundments, containers, and certain miscellaneous units based on the volatile organic concentration of the waste managed in the unit. In addition, compliance with the air emission control requirements relevant to tanks and containers under Subparts AA, BB, and CC would be included as a condition to maintain a permit exemption for 90-day accumulation tanks and containers. Also, the U.S. EPA would amend 40 CFR 270.4 to require the owner or operator of an existing permitted TSDF to comply with the RCRA air emission standards for interim status facilities (40 CFR 265 Subparts AA, BB, and CC) until the facility's permit is modified or renewed. Finally, to be consistent with Subpart CC, the U.S. EPA would add to Subparts AA and BB requirements for managing spent carbon removed from carbon adsorbers.

## **Purpose**

- Summarize the proposed Subpart CC control requirements
- Present other requirements proposed in the Phase II rulemaking

## **Highlights of Phase II Rulemaking**

- Control more TSDF waste management units
- Based on volatile organic concentration of waste
- New requirements added and implementation changes for Subparts AA and BB

## **Outline**

- Background
- Proposed Subpart CC Standards
- Proposed Test Methods
- Other Proposed Amendments
- Summary

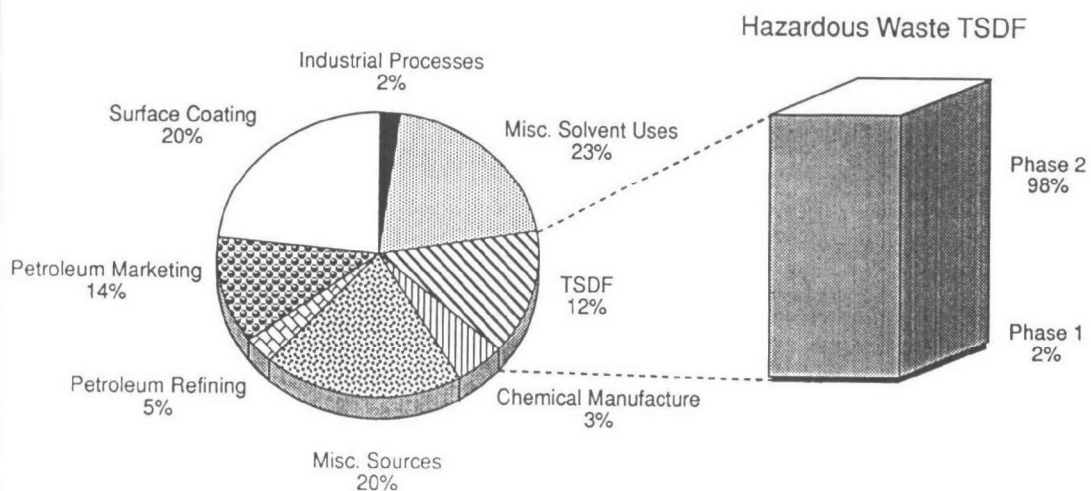


## Background

### TSDF Organic Emissions

- Contribute to ambient ozone formation
  - 1.8 million megagrams per year of organics
- Impact public health
  - 140 cancer incidences per year nationwide
  - Maximum individual risk of cancer =  $2 \times 10^{-2}$
- Contribute to stratospheric ozone depletion

### National VOC Emissions - Stationary Sources



## **Rulemaking Status**

- Proposal
- Public hearing
- Public comment period ends
- EPA reviews and considers public comments
- Final rules promulgated

## **Outline**

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- Background
- **Proposed Subpart CC standards**
- Proposed test methods
- Other proposed amendments
- Summary

## **Proposed Subpart CC Standards**

- Add air emission control requirements for more TSDF waste management units
- Same implementation as Subparts AA and BB
  - Subpart CC in Part 264 for permitted TSDF
  - Subpart CC in Part 265 for interim status TSDF
- Requirements identical except for reporting in Part 264

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Applicability**

- RCRA Subtitle C facilities
- Waste management units
  - Tanks
  - Surface impoundments
  - Containers
  - Miscellaneous units

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Control Strategy**

- Identify waste streams with significant emission potential
- Control waste from point where it is generated through treatment to remove or destroy organics
- Other rules establish treatment standards

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Demonstration of Compliance**

Either:

1. Install and operate organic emission controls
- or
2. Determine that waste managed in unit at all times has a volatile organic concentration <500 ppmw
- or
3. Certify that waste managed in the unit complies with Part 268 land disposal restrictions treatment standards for organics

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Tanks**

- Cover and vent to a control device
- Alternative controls:
  - External floating roof
  - Fixed roof with internal floating roof
- Control device not required for certain tanks:
  - Organic vapor pressure below certain limits
  - Waste managed in a “quiescent” manner

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Surface Impoundments**

- Cover and vent to a control device
- Control device not required when waste is managed in a “quiescent” manner

**Subpart CC Standards**

**Containers**

- Cover
- Submerge fill pumpable waste
- Enclose and vent to a control device during certain waste treatment processes (e.g., waste fixation)

## Subpart CC Standards

### Miscellaneous Units

- Case-by-case determination based on similarity
- Comply with requirements in 40 CFR Subparts AA, BB, or CC
- Example:
  - If → miscellaneous unit resembles a surface impoundment
  - Then → comply with surface impoundment standards

## Outline

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- Background
- Proposed Subpart CC standards
- **Proposed test methods**
- Other proposed amendments
- Summary

## Test Methods

### Background

- Used to determine which waste streams require controls
- Focus on organics potentially emitted rather than total organics
- Does not measure specific organic compounds
- Methods would be added to both:
  - 40 CFR 60 Appendix A
  - "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods" (SW-846)

#### Test Methods

### Volatile Organic Concentration

- Reference Method 25D/Test Method 5100
- Procedure:
  1. Collect representative samples; minimizing loss of volatiles
  2. Heat sample and purge with nitrogen
  3. Analyze purged stream for carbon, as methane, and halogens, as chloride
  4. Sum methane mass and chloride mass

#### Test Methods

### Organic Vapor Pressure

- Reference Method 25E/Test Method 5110
- Procedure:
  1. Collect representative samples
  2. Analyze head space vapor for carbon as propane
  3. Calculate vapor organic pressure from measured propane concentration

### Outline

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- Background
- Proposed Subpart CC standards
- Proposed test methods
- **Other proposed amendments**
- Summary

### **Proposed Amendments**

- Add new requirements and implementation changes to Subparts AA and BB
- Affect:
  - 90-day accumulation of hazardous waste
  - Implementation of RCRA air rules
  - Management of spent carbon from carbon adsorbers

#### **90-Day Accumulation**

### **Current Requirements**

- Generator tanks and containers accumulating waste for 90 days or less
- Exempt from the permitting requirements if comply with certain conditions in 40 CFR 262.34(a)
- Conditions include compliance with:
  - 40 CFR 265 Subpart I for containers
  - 40 CFR 265 Subpart J for tanks

#### **90-Day Accumulation**

### **Proposed Requirements**

- Add air emission control requirements to maintain permit exemption
- Amend 40 CFR 265 Subparts I and J
- Conditions for exemption for a tank or container would include compliance with relevant requirements in Subparts AA, BB, and CC

## **RCRA Rule Implementation**

### **Current Practice for New RCRA Rules**

- Interim status TSDF comply by rule's effective date
- Permitted TSDF comply when the facility's permit is modified or renewed

## **RCRA Rule Implementation**

### **Proposed Implementation of RCRA Air Rules**

- Change implementation practice for Subparts AA, BB, and CC by amending 40 CFR 270.4
- Would require compliance by rule's effective date regardless of permit status

## **RCRA Rule Implementation**

### **Proposed Implementation of RCRA Air Rules (continued)**

- TSDF with a permit issued **before** effective date would comply with the Part 265 standards until the facility's permit is modified or renewed
- TSDF with a permit issued or renewed **after** effective date would comply with the Part 264 standards



## **Spent Carbon**

### **Current Management**

- Activated carbon periodically replaced
- Spent carbon saturated with organics
- No environmental benefit if the organics adsorbed on spent carbon are released to the atmosphere

## **Spent Carbon**

### **Proposed Management Requirements**

- Add requirements requiring offsite regeneration, reactivation, or disposal be controlled
- Amend Subparts AA and BB to be consistent with Subpart CC

## **Spent Carbon**

### **Proposed Management Requirements (continued)**

- Would require certification that spent carbon is managed in either:
  1. Regeneration/reactivation process that minimizes air emissions
  - or
  2. Incinerator complying with 40 CFR 264 Subpart O

## **Outline**

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- Background
- Proposed Subpart CC standards
- Proposed test methods
- Other proposed amendments
- **Summary**

## **Summary**

- Establish air emission standards for TSDF tanks, surface impoundments, containers, and miscellaneous units
- Require organic emission controls be applied to waste streams with volatile organic concentration  $\geq 500$  ppmw
- Add new waste test methods to determine volatile organic concentration and organic vapor pressure

## **Summary**

(continued)

- Add compliance with relevant air emission control requirements under Subparts AA, BB, and CC to maintain permit exemption for 90-day tanks and containers
- Require permitted TSDF comply with Subparts AA, BB, and CC under Part 265 until the facility's permit is modified or renewed
- Add spent carbon management requirements to Subparts AA and BB consistent with Subpart CC



## RCRA OVERVIEW

## **RCRA Overview–Purpose**

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- Summarize RCRA
- Discuss structure of Subtitle C program
- Review goals of Subtitle D program
- Provide context for TSDF air emission rules

## **RCRA Overview – Highlights**

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- RCRA – The Act
- Subtitle C – Hazardous Waste

40 CFR Parts addressing TSDF air emissions:

|     |                               |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| 264 | Permitted TSDF standards      |
| 265 | Interim status TSDF standards |
| 270 | Permit program                |

- Subtitle D – Solid Waste (nonhazardous)

## **RCRA Overview–Outline**

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1. RCRA Overview
  - RCRA Orientation Video Segment 1  
“Introduction to RCRA” (12 minutes)
2. Subtitle C - Structure and Operation
3. Relationship of 3004(n) Standards to Other RCRA Rules
4. Additional RCRA Air Standards

# **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)**

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## **Title II – Solid Waste Disposal**

### **Subtitle C – Hazardous Waste Management**

#### **RCRA Subtitle C – Hazardous Waste Management**

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A Federal “cradle-to-grave” system to manage hazardous waste  
Statutes and regulations for hazardous waste:

- Identification and listing of hazardous waste
- Generators
- Transporters
- Treatment, storage, and disposal facilities
- Permitting
- Enforcement
- State authorization

#### **RCRA Hazardous Waste Program – Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations**

| <b>40 CFR Part</b> | <b>Title</b>   |
|--------------------|--|
| 260                | Hazardous waste management system: general   |
| 261                | Identification and listing of hazardous waste  |
| 262                | Standards applicable to generation of hazardous waste  |
| 263                | Standards applicable to transporters of hazardous waste  |
| 264                | Standards for owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities                |
| 265                | Interim status standards for owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities |

**RCRA Hazardous Waste Program –  
Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (continued)**

| <b>40 CFR Part</b> | <b>Title</b>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 266                | Standards for the management of specific hazardous wastes and specific types of hazardous waste management facilities |
| 267                | Interim status standards for owners and operators of new hazardous waste land disposal facilities                     |
| 268                | Land disposal restrictions  |
| 270                | EPA-administered permit programs: the hazardous waste permit program  |
| 271                | Requirements for authorization of State hazardous waste programs  |
| 124                | Procedures for decisionmaking   |

## **Waste Classifications**

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- Definition of solid waste
- Definition of hazardous waste
- Exclusions to definitions

## **Hazardous Waste Definition**

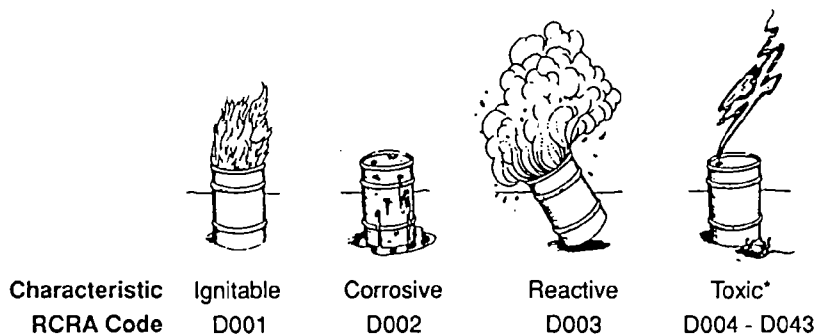
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- Characteristic wastes
- Listed wastes
- Mixture rule wastes
- Derived from rule wastes

## Hazardous Waste Characteristics

- Define characteristics in terms of
  - Physical,
  - Chemical, or
  - Other hazardous waste properties
- Measure properties by standardized and available testing protocols

### Hazardous Waste Characteristics (con.)



\*Toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (effective 9/29/90).

## Hazardous Waste Listings

| <u>Category</u>  | <u>RCRA Codes</u> |
|--|-------------------|
| Nonspecific industry sources   | F__               |
| Specific industry sources  | K__               |
| Commercial chemical products,<br>manufacturing chemical intermediates,<br>and contaminated soils and cleanup materials | P__ and U__       |

## **RCRA Waste Codes**

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### **F001 - F028 Wastes from Non-Specific Sources**

Examples:

- Spent halogenated degreasing solvents (F001)
- Sludges from electroplating (F006)

## **RCRA Waste Codes**

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### **K001 - K136 Wastes from Specific Sources**

Examples:

- Oil emulsion solids from petroleum refining (K049)
- Wastewater sludge from toxaphene production (K041)

## **RCRA Waste Codes**

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### **P001 - 122 and U001 - 359 Discarded/Offspec Chemical Products/Species**

Examples:

- Container residue - dieldrin (P037)
- Spill residue - pyridine (U196)



### Generators

- Facility owner or operator or person who first creates a hazardous waste
- or
- Person who first makes the waste subject to Subtitle C regulations:
  - Combines hazardous wastes
  - Imports hazardous waste

### Generators (con.)

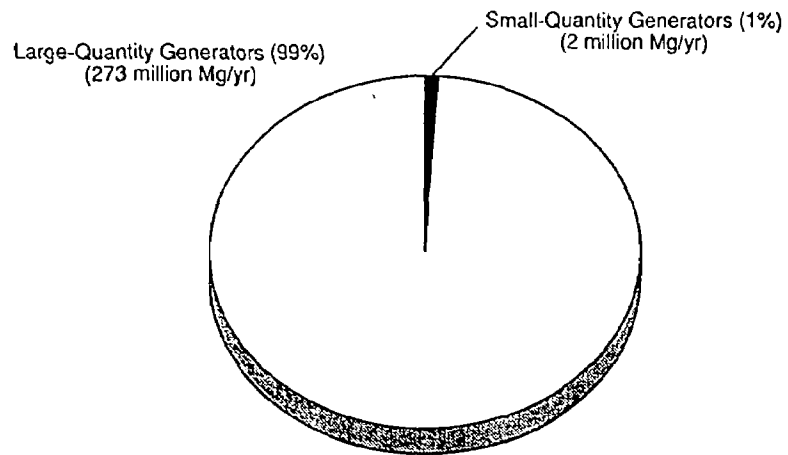
- Three categories:
  - Large-quantity generators → greater than 1,000 kg/mo
  - Small-quantity generators → 100 to 1,000 kg/mo
  - Conditionally exempt small-quantity generators → less than 100 kg/mo, or less than 1 kg/mo if acutely hazardous

### Generators (con.)

- EPA identification numbers
- Pretransport requirements
- Manifests for shipments
- Recordkeeping and reporting
- Hazardous waste accumulation time
  - No permit required if accumulated less than
    - 90 days – large-quantity generators
    - 180 or 270 days – small-quantity generators
    - No time limit – conditionally exempt small-quantity generators

## Hazardous Waste Generator Statistics

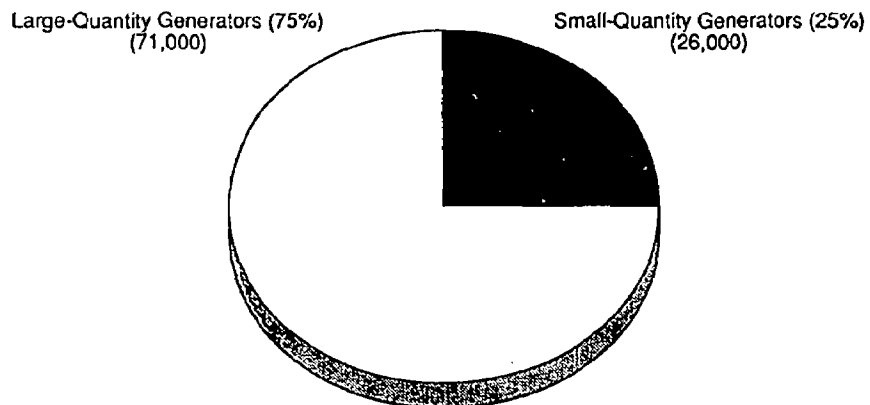
Waste Quantity by Generator Size



Source: EPA OSWER, The Hazardous Waste System, June 1987.

## Hazardous Waste Generator Statistics

Number of Generators by Generator Size



Source: EPA Office of Solid Waste, April 1984 and June 1986.

### Transporters

- EPA identification number
- Marking, labeling, packaging, placarding, and spill reports
- Manifest system
- Handling hazardous waste discharges
- Storage more than 10 days – RCRA storage permit

### Basic Permitting Requirements

- Any facility that treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste must have a permit
- Permit exemptions limited to:
  - Generator accumulation time
  - Emergency situations
  - Imminent and substantial endangerment situations

### Interim Status Standards

- Applies to facilities not yet permitted
- To qualify for interim status, a facility must:
  - Exist when it becomes subject to permit requirements
  - Notify EPA under RCRA Section 3010
  - Submit Part A permit application which
    - Describes waste types and quantities
    - Identifies waste management processes

#### **Interim Status is Temporary!**

- Available only until the final permit decision

### **Interim Status Standards (con.)**

- Self-implementing
- Administrative standards (apply to all facilities):
  - Waste analysis plan
  - Manifest system
  - Personnel training program
  - Closure and post-closure plans
  - Contingency plan
  - Financial responsibility

### **Interim Status Standards (con.)**

- Technical standards address specific types of units:
  - Containers
  - Landfills
  - Tanks
  - Land treatment units
  - Surface impoundments
  - Incinerators
  - Wastepiles
  - Thermal treatment units
  - Chemical, physical, and biological treatment

### **Components of a Permit**

- General facility standards
  - Security
  - Inspection
  - Personnel training
  - Location standards
  - Preparedness and prevention
  - Manifest system
  - Recordkeeping and reporting

## **Components of a Permit (con.)**

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- Waste analysis plan
- Contingency plan
- Training plan
- Closure plan
- Post-closure plan
- *Corrective action schedule of compliance*
- Air emissions

## **Components of a Permit (con.)**

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- Unit-specific standards
  - Containers
  - Tanks
  - Surface impoundments
  - Wastepiles
  - Landfills
  - Land treatment units
  - Incinerators
  - Miscellaneous units (Subpart X)

## **RCRA Permit Process – Key Steps**

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- Applicant submits Part B permit application
- EPA reviews application
- EPA prepares draft permit
- EPA issues public notice to local newspapers and radio stations
  - Notice of draft permit, or
  - Notice of intent to deny permit

### **RCRA Permit Process – Key Steps (con.)**

- EPA allows 45-day comment period
- EPA holds public hearing, if requested
- EPA issues final decision and responds to comments
- Public appeals decision (if desired)

### **Statutory Deadlines for Permitting**

| <b><u>Waste Management Process</u></b>                | <b><u>Application Due</u></b> | <b><u>Agency Decision</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Land disposal facilities                              | 11/85                         | 11/88                         |
| Incinerators  | 11/86                         | 11/89                         |
| Storage/treatment and miscellaneous units (Subpart X) | 11/88                         | 11/92                         |

### **Land Disposal Restrictions**

- Requires treatment prior to land disposal
- Exception – Case-by-case petition demonstrating no migration from disposal unit
  - Treatability
  - National treatment capacity
  - Surface impoundment exemption
- 2-Year variance where no treatment capacity exists

## **Land Disposal Restrictions**

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- Implementation of restrictions

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Solvents and dioxins            | November 8, 1986                            |
| California list                 | July 8, 1987                                |
| First third scheduled wastes    | August 8, 1988                              |
| Second third scheduled wastes   | June 8, 1989                                |
| Third third scheduled wastes    | May 8, 1990                                 |
| Newly listed wastes (post-1984) | LDR determination<br>6 months after listing |

## **40 CFR 271 – Requirements for Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Programs**

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Procedures to grant States authority to administer RCRA in lieu of Federal authority.

## **Standards Development under Section 3004(n)**

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|-----------|--|
| Phase I   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total organics</li><li>• Process vents and equipment leaks</li><li>• Promulgated 6/21/90 (55 FR 25454)</li></ul> |
| Phase II  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Total organics</li><li>• Tanks, surface impoundments, containers and miscellaneous units</li></ul>               |
| Phase III | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual constituent standards, as needed, to supplement Phase I and Phase II standards</li></ul>              |

### **Relationship of 3004(n) Standards to Other Rules**

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- Hazardous waste toxicity characteristic
- Land disposal restrictions (LDR) under Section 3004(m)
- Corrective action under Section 3004(u)
- CERCLA/SARA

Toxicity Characteristic

### **Background**

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- RCRA interprets "hazardous" characteristic as:
  - Ignitable
  - Corrosive
  - Reactive
  - Toxic
- 40 Toxic organic and inorganic compounds and elements
- Concentration-based limits for toxicity characteristic leaching procedure
- Effective date = September 25, 1990

Toxicity Characteristic

### **Relation to Section 3004(n) Standards**

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- Increases the volume of waste managed as hazardous



## Land Disposal Restrictions

### Background

- Treatment required before land disposal
- Land disposal units include:
  - Landfills
  - Surface impoundments
  - Wastepiles
  - Land treatment units
  - Underground injection wells
- Final effective date = May 8, 1990
- Surface impoundments (treatment) exempt if dredged annually

## Land Disposal Restrictions

### Air Emissions Reduced by Land Ban

| Organic Emission Sources    | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| Tanks                       |     | ✓  |
| Containers                  |     | ✓  |
| Process vents               |     | ✓  |
| Equipment leaks             |     | ✓  |
| Miscellaneous units         |     | ✓  |
| Surface impoundments        |     | ✓  |
| Landfills                   | ✓   |    |
| Land treatment units        | ✓   |    |
| Wastepiles                  | ✓   |    |
| Underground injection wells | ✓   |    |

## Land Disposal Restrictions

### Impact on TSDF Air Emissions

- Treatment can cause cross-media air emissions
- Treatment reduces air emissions from land disposal units

Land Disposal Restrictions

### **Relation to TSDF Air Standards**

- Phase I addresses LDR treatment process emissions
- Phase II suppresses emissions to LDR treatment unit for removal or destruction

Corrective Action

### **Background**

- Addresses constituent releases to air, water, and soil
- Applies to hazardous and solid waste management units at TSDF
- Establishes site-specific compliance standards for releases to each media

Corrective Action

### **Relation to Section 3004(n) Air Standards**

- Corrective action units must comply with air rules
- Corrective action relies on Section 3004(n) for control of organic emissions

CERCLA/SARA

### **Background**

- Authorizes EPA to "remove" and "remediate" hazardous substance releases
- "Removal"—short-term action to minimize exposure  
Example: cleanup of a transportation spill
- "Remediation"—long-term action to provide permanent remedy

CERCLA/SARA

### **Criteria**

- Site-specific
- $10^{-6}$  target risk
- Meet ARARs

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### **ARARs – "Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements"**

- "Applicable" requirements - rules applicable to CERCLA actions
- "Relevant and appropriate" requirements - rules not applicable but similar

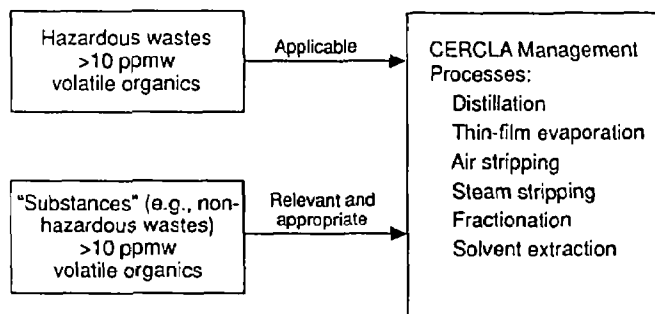
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### ARARs – Relation to TSDF Air Standards

- Phase I may be ARARs for certain processes
- Phase II when promulgated may be ARARs for certain processes
- Hazardous waste generated at CERCLA sites would be managed at TSDF (under air standards)

CERCLA/SARA

### ARARS — Potential Relation to TSDF Air Standards



CERCLA/SARA

### ARARs – Relation to TSDF Air Standards

- Phase I process vent standards are neither "applicable" nor "relevant and appropriate" to:
  - Soil excavation
  - In situ steam stripping of soil
  - In situ stabilization
  - In situ soil vapor extraction
  - Soil washing
  - Bioremediation
  - Low-temperature thermal desorption

Additional RCRA Air Standards

**Currently Regulated**

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Land disposal units (particulates)

Incinerators

Miscellaneous units (general)

Thermal treatment units  
(interim status TSDF only)

Boilers and industrial furnaces

**Land Disposal Units**

40 CFR 264/265, Subparts L, M, & N

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- General design and operating practices to limit particulates
- Applicable to:
  - Wastepiles
  - Land treatment units
  - Landfills
- Guidance document:  
*Hazardous Waste TSDF—Fugitive Particulate Matter Air Emissions Guidance Document*, May 1989  
(EPA 450/3-089-019, NTIS No. PB 90103250)

**Incinerators**

40 CFR 264/265, Subpart O

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- Performance standard:  
99.99% Destruction and removal efficiency for principal organic hazardous constituents
- Air emission limits on:
  - Hydrochloric acid
  - Particulates
  - Carbon monoxide
- Revised risk-based regulations proposed in April 1990

### **Miscellaneous Units**

40 CFR 264, Subpart X

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- Must prevent air releases that adversely affect human health and the environment

### **Thermal Treatment Units**

40 CFR 265, Subpart P

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- Interim status facilities only
- Requires monitoring for:
  - Visible emissions
  - Operating conditions
- Prohibits open burning (except for explosives)

### **Boilers and Industrial Furnaces**

40 CFR, Part 266

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- Proposed — 52 FR 16987 (May 6, 1987)
- Performance standard:  
99.99% Destruction and removal efficiency for principal organic hazardous constituents
- Air emission limits on:
  - Carbon monoxide
  - Metals
  - Hydrochloric acid

# **Case Study: Measuring and Estimating Emissions**

## **Measure or Estimate?**

- Sources to be constructed
- Enclosed vented sources
- Accuracy that can be obtained
- Is upper bound sufficient?
- Variability (waste, operation, weather)
- Cost and timing

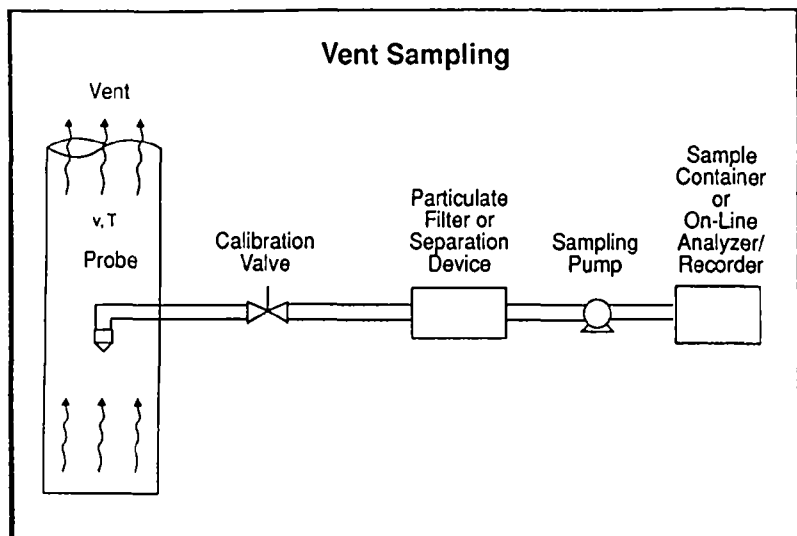
## **Emission Measurements**

- Direct measurement
- Indirect measurement
- Engineering calculation

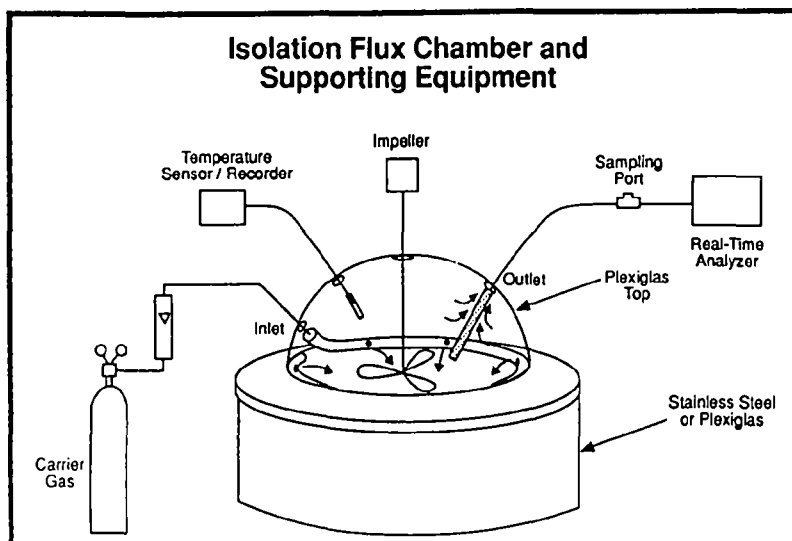
## **Direct Measurement**

- Vent sampling
- Isolation flux chamber





| Sampling Approach | Applicable to TSDF Emission Sources   |
|-------------------|---|
| Vent sampling     | Vented treatment systems<br>Vented landfills<br>Vented storage buildings<br>Storage tanks<br>Solvent recovery |

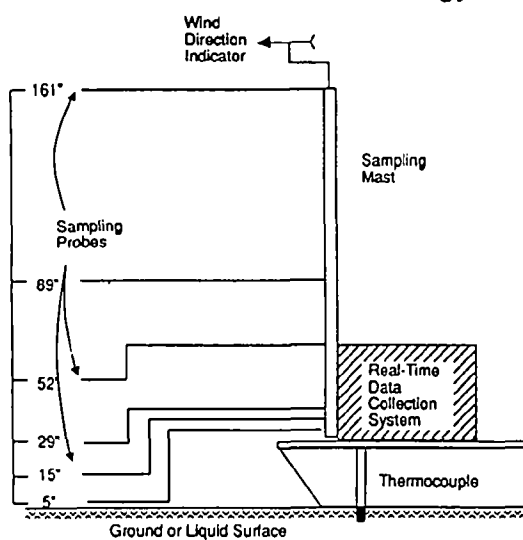


| Sampling Approach      | Applicable to TSDF Emission Sources   |
|------------------------|---|
| Isolation flux chamber | Active landfills<br>Inactive landfills<br>Surface impoundments<br>Land treatment<br>Cracks on landfill cap<br>Vents |

## Indirect Measurement

- Concentration—profile technology
- Transect technology

### Concentration-Profile Technology

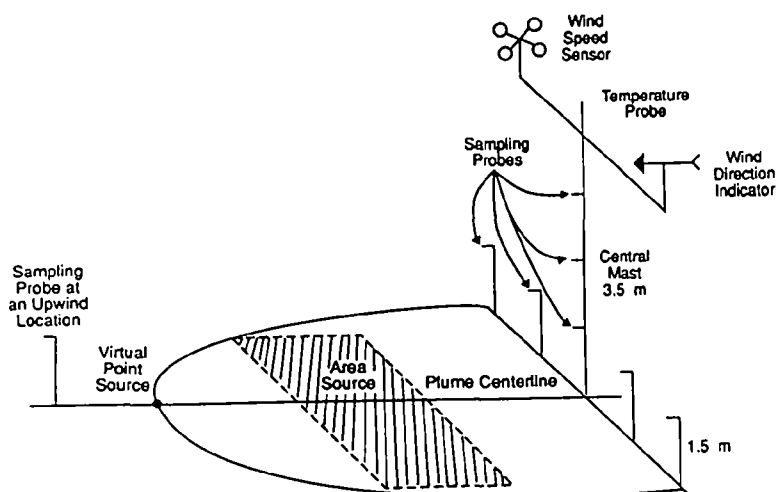


| Sampling Approach                  | Applicable to TSDF Emission Sources    |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Concentration — profile technology | Surface impoundments<br>Land treatment |

## Concentration Profile Technology

- Not suitable for quiescent or unstable wind conditions
- Not applicable to heterogeneous site with many different emission sources

## Transect Technology

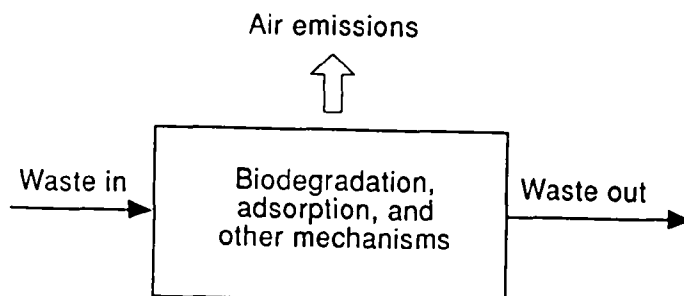


| Sampling Approach   | Applicable to TSDF Emission Sources   |
|---------------------|---|
| Transect technology | Active landfills<br>Surface impoundments<br>Land treatment<br>Drum storage area |

### Transect Technology

- Not suitable for quiescent or unstable wind conditions
- Applicable to disturbed and undisturbed area sources
- Applicable to heterogeneous site

### Mass Balance Approach



| <b>Sampling Approach</b> | <b>Applicable to TSDF Emission Sources</b>   |
|--------------------------|--|
| Mass balance             | Solvent recovery process<br>Surface impoundments<br>Land treatment<br>Wastewater treatment |

### **Mass Balance Approach**

- Accuracy limited by precision of measurements
- Difficult for non-steady-state and heterogeneous waste streams
- Other competing mechanisms should be quantified

### **Emission Measurements**

| <b>PROS</b>   | <b>CONS</b>  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Site-specific results</li> <li>● Standardized methods</li> <li>● Reasonable precision</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Affected by site and ambient conditions</li> <li>● Cost</li> <li>● Time requirements</li> <li>● Sensitivity varies</li> </ul> |

## **Estimating Emissions**

- Overview
- Models for open liquid surfaces
  - Wastewater treatment tanks
  - Surface impoundments
- Models for porous solids
  - Land treatment
  - Landfills
  - Waste piles

### **Overview**

## **Why Use Models?**

- Evaluate estimates or measurements
- Sources to be constructed
- Measurements impractical or inaccurate
- Understand factors affecting emissions
- Sensitivity analysis: bounds on estimates
- Environmental and health impact analyses

### **Overview**

## **Modeling Limitations**

- Real system always more complex
- Uncertainties and effect on accuracy
- Availability of inputs
  - Parameters describing system
  - Variables (e.g., waste, process)

## Overview

### Volatility

- Concentration in vapor/concentration in waste
- Henry's law constant for aqueous wastes
- Measured data available for some compounds
- Approximated by vapor pressure/solubility
- For organic liquids, estimate volatility from vapor pressure and mol fraction in liquid

## Overview

### Examples of Volatility with Equal Volume of Vapor and Waste

- Benzene dissolved in water
  - 20% in vapor
  - 80% in water
- Benzene dissolved in oil
  - 0.2% in vapor
  - 99.8% in oil
- Phenol dissolved in water
  - <0.002% in vapor
  - 99.998+% in water

## Overview

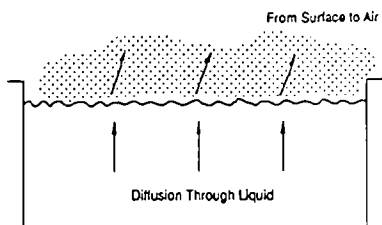
### Emission Potential

- Quantity of waste,  $Q$
- Concentration of organics **entering** source,  $C$
- Potential emissions =  $Q \times C$
- Models estimate fraction emitted,  $f$
- Emissions =  $Q \times C \times f$

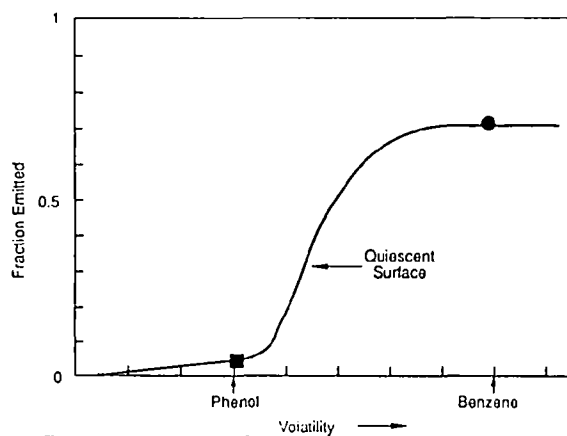
## Open liquid surfaces

### Modeling Approach

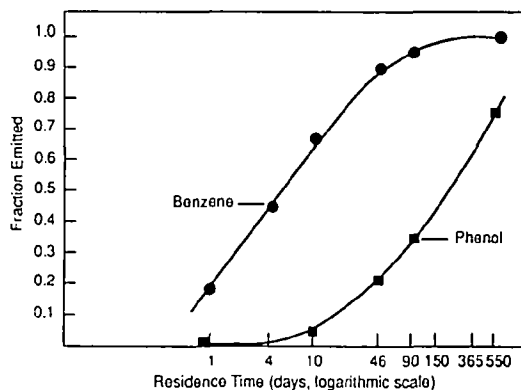
- Two mechanisms in series
  - Through liquid to surface
  - From surface to air
- Rate-controlling step
  - Liquid phase
  - Gas phase
- Other removal mechanisms
  - With effluent
  - Biodegradation
  - Sludge



### Effect of Volatility on Emissions from a Surface Impoundment (Residence Time of 10 days)

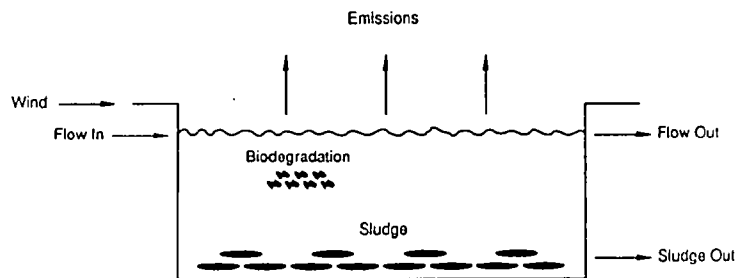


### Effect of Residence Time on Emissions from an Impoundment





## Fate of Organics: Emissions, Effluent, Biodegradation, Sludge



### Open liquid surfaces

#### Mass Transfer Correlations (Calm Surfaces)

- Liquid-phase mass transfer
  - Diffusivity in liquid
  - Wind speed
  - Fetch/depth
- Gas-phase mass transfer
  - Volatility
  - Diffusivity in air
  - Wind speed
  - Diameter

### Open liquid surfaces

#### Mass Transfer Correlations (Turbulent Surfaces)

- Developed for mechanical aeration
- Major parameters
  - Power (hp) to aerators
  - Diffusivities
  - Impeller diameter and speed
- Combine for calm and turbulent
  - Fraction of area that is calm
  - Fraction that is turbulent
  - Weight coefficient based on fractions

## Open liquid surfaces

### Biodegradation Model

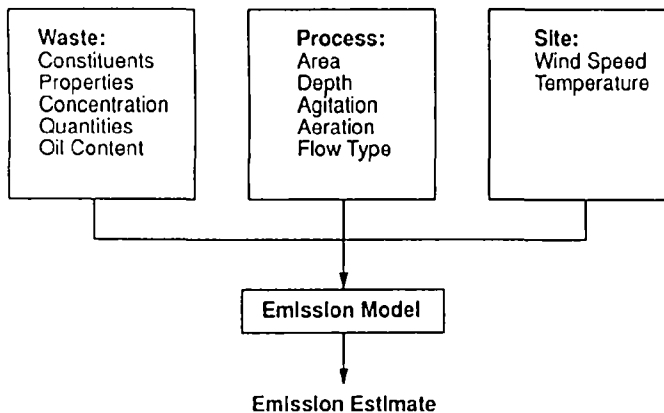
- Monod kinetics
- Effect of concentration
- Biomass concentration
- Data available for many compounds

## Open liquid surfaces

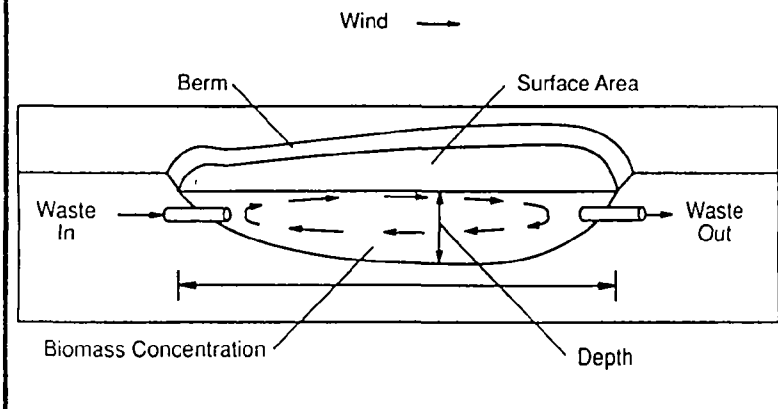
### Special Cases

- Plug flow vs. well mixed
- Oil-film surface
- Diffused-air aeration
- Disposal impoundment

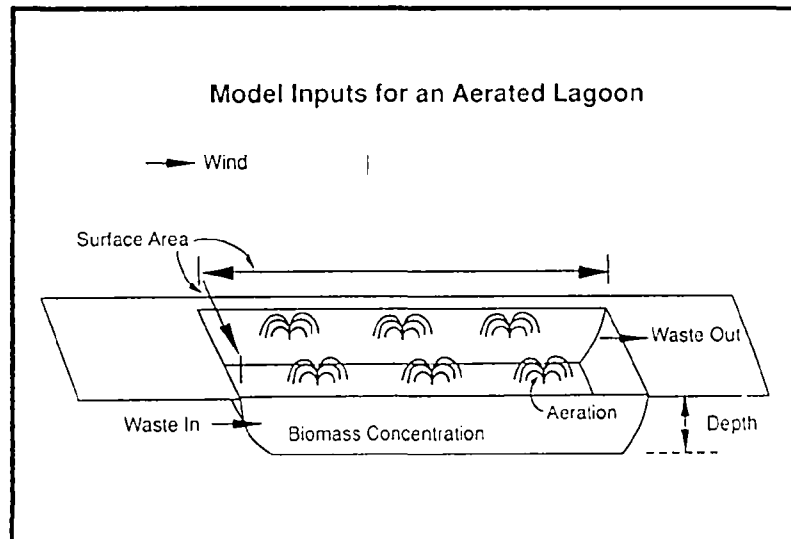
### Typical Model Inputs (Liquid Surfaces)



### Model Inputs for a Surface Impoundment



### Model Inputs for an Aerated Lagoon

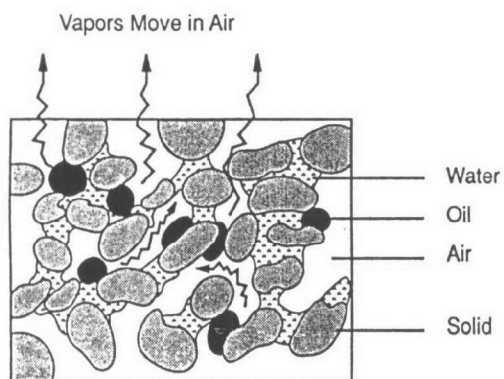


### Porous solids

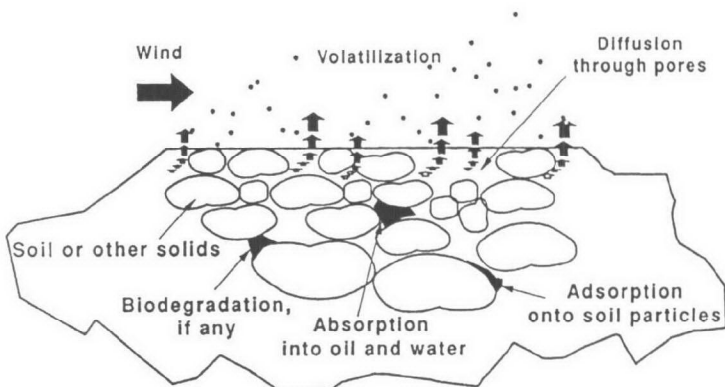
#### Modeling Approach

- Before mixing:
  - Thin layer of waste on surface
  - Use gas-phase mass transfer coefficient
- After mixing:
  - Air (in soil) and waste at equilibrium
  - Diffusion through air voids to surface

## Air Porosity vs. Total Porosity



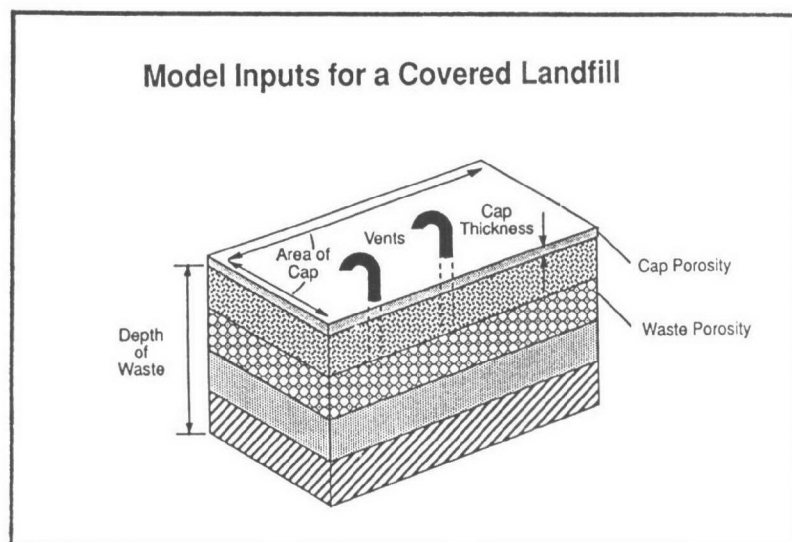
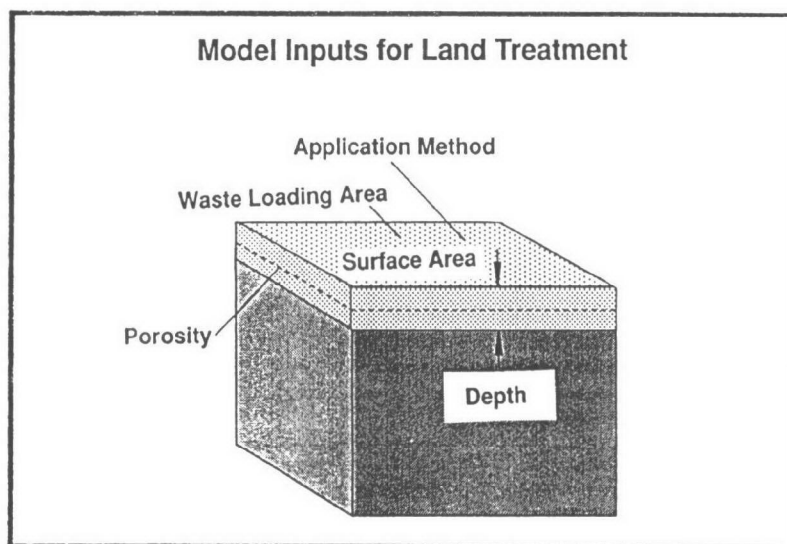
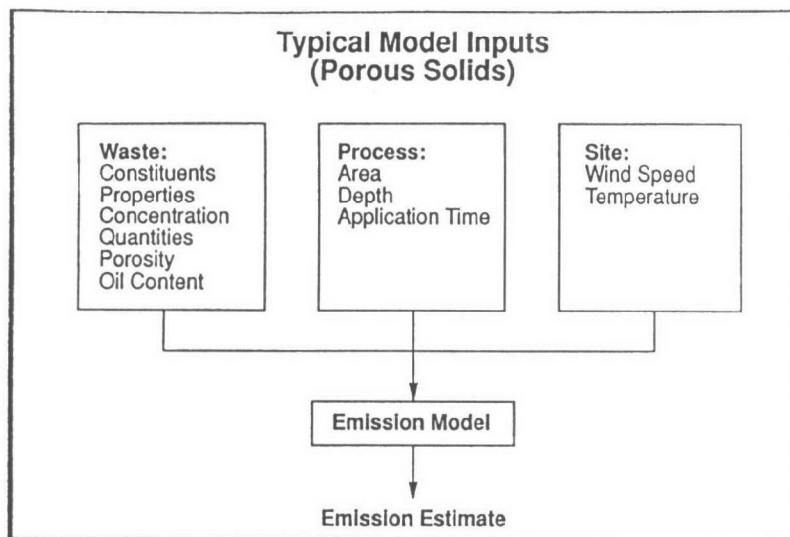
## Land Treatment Emission Mechanisms



## Porous solids

### Biodegradation

- Land treatment data available for benzene and toluene
- Aqueous data available for many compounds
- Land treatment biorate extrapolated from aqueous data
- Rate is first-order for concentration



**Case Study:  
Equipment Leaks Testing  
EPA Method 21**

## **OVERVIEW**

- Method 21
- Instruments and their operation
- Field monitoring concerns
- Comparison of available instruments

## **METHOD 21**

- For Subpart BB - identifies leaks, does not quantify emissions
- Promulgated in 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A
- Revised June 22, 1990 (55 FR 25602)

## **METHOD 21 SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Instrument must respond to specific compounds
- Scale readable to 2.5% of leak concentration
- Sample gas flow rate between 0.1 and 3.0 liters per minute
- Instrument must be rated intrinsically safe

**METHOD 21**  
**PERFORMANCE CRITERIA:**

- Response factors less than 10
- Response time less than 30 seconds
- Calibration precision equal to or less than 10% of the calibration gas concentration

**PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**  
**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Response factors needed for each compound
- Response time checked initially and after modifications affecting sample flow
- Calibration precision checked quarterly

**INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR OPERATION**

- Types of Instruments
- Daily pre-use checks (video)
- Calibration gases
- Response factors

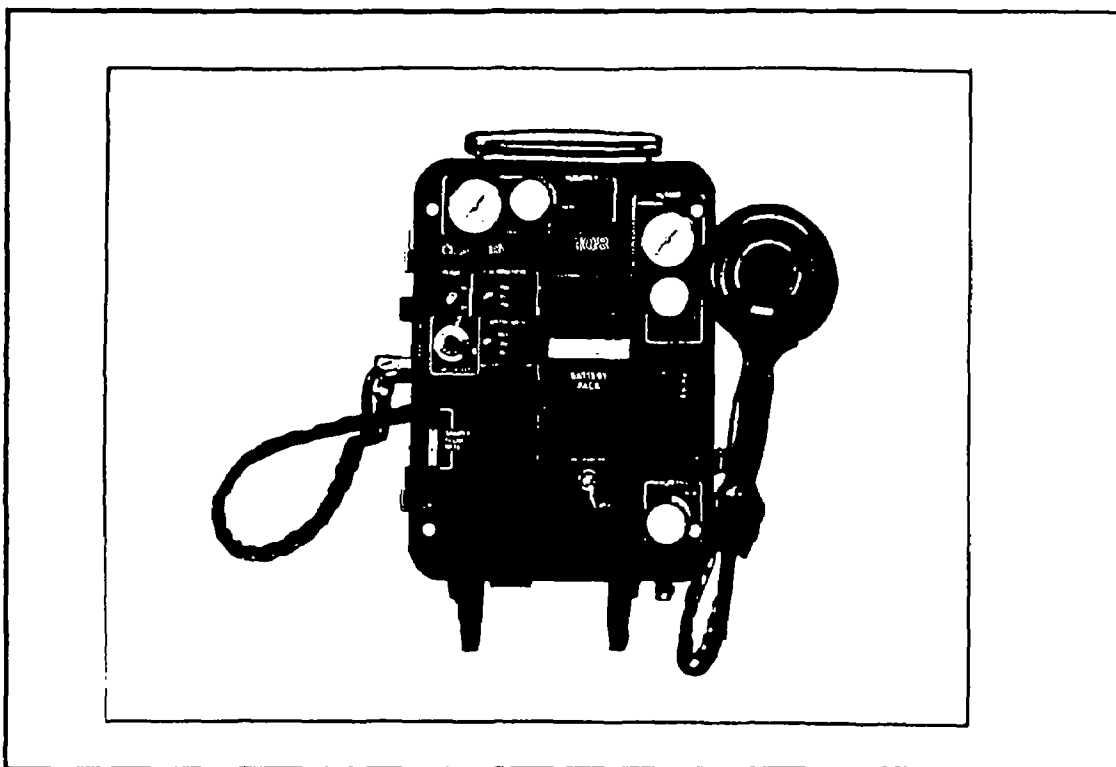
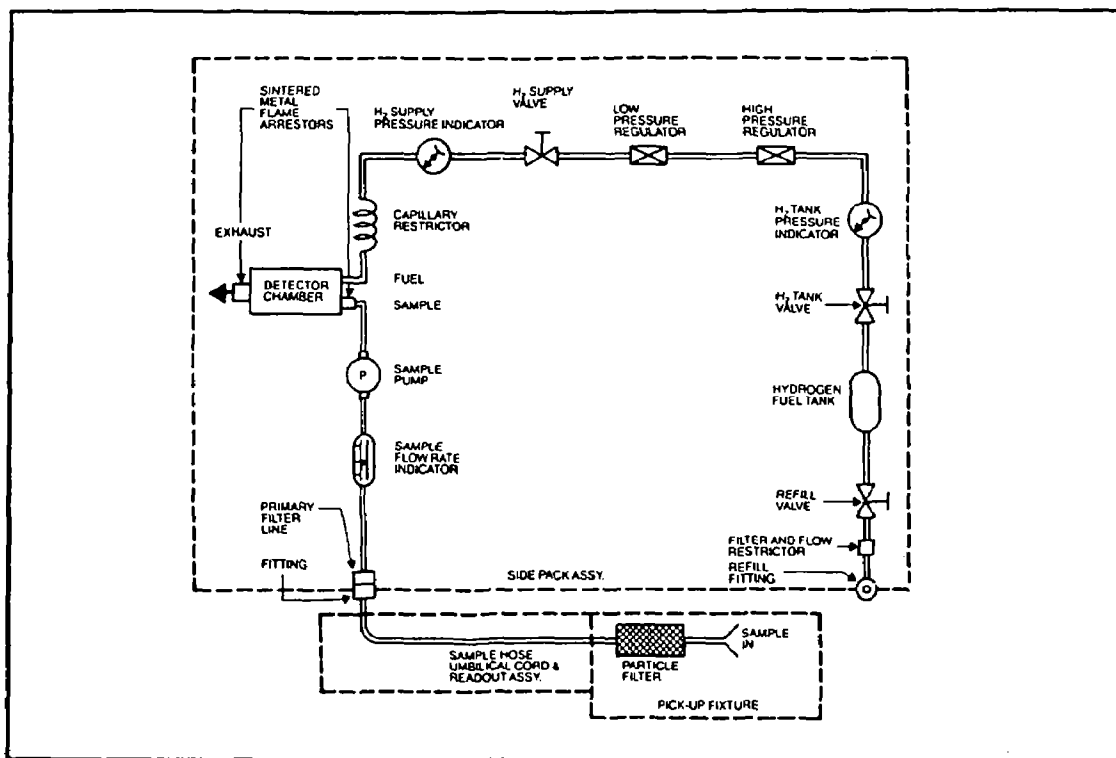


## **TYPES OF PORTABLE ORGANIC ANALYZERS:**

- **Flame ionization**
- **Catalytic combustion**
- **Photoionization**
- **Infrared**

## **FLAME IONIZATION DETECTOR OPERATING PRINCIPLES:**

- **Sample gas is mixed with pure hydrogen**
- **Organic vapors form positive ions during combustion**
- **Ions are collected and current flow is amplified**

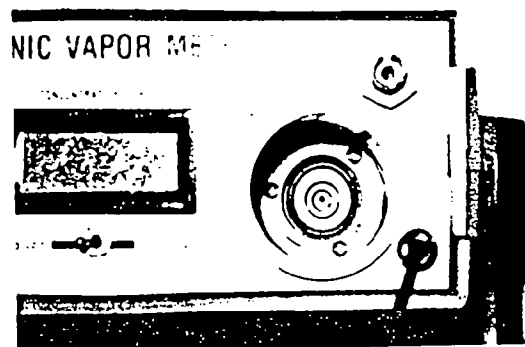


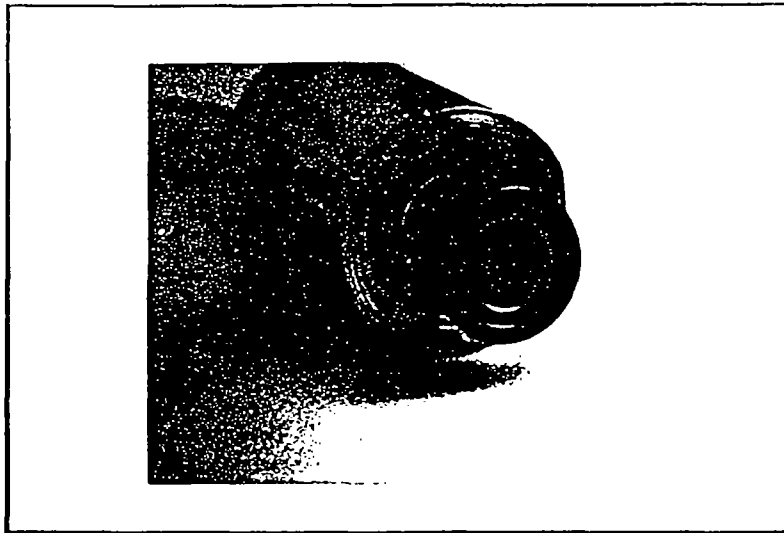
## PHOTOIONIZATION ANALYZER OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

- Organic vapor is exposed to high energy UV light
- Ions are formed, collected, and amplified

## PHOTOIONIZATION LAMP CLEANING:

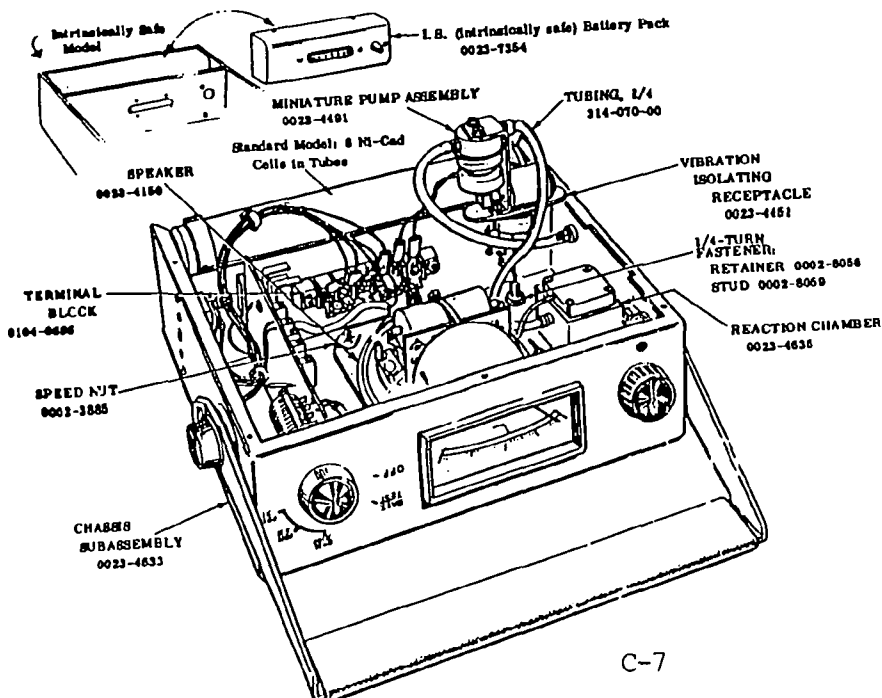
- Frequency - when routine response checks indicate a loss in sensitivity
- Procedure - cleaning compounds or solvents (check with the instrument supplier)





## CATALYTIC COMBUSTION ANALYZER OPERATING PRINCIPLES:

- Sample gas exposed to catalyst coated wire
- Heat of combustion of organic vapor changes electrical resistance of wire
- Change in resistance is detected by Wheatstone bridge circuit



### **DAILY PRE-USE CHECKS:**

(Video - 11 minutes)

- Battery status
- Amplifier linearity
- Probe leak checks
- Probe/filter deposits
- Sample gas flow rate
- Hydrogen pressure

### **CALIBRATION GASES:**

- Flame ionization detectors and catalytic combustion analyzers
  - 10,000 ppm methane (n-hexane) in air
  - Also suggest 500 ppm in air

### **CALIBRATION GASES:**

- Photoionization analyzers
  - Poor response to methane and n-hexane
  - Other compounds may be used (e.g., benzene)
  - Conversion factors are needed when other compounds used

## RESPONSE FACTOR DEFINITION:

$$\text{Response factor} = \frac{\text{actual conc.}}{\text{meter reading}}$$

### EXAMPLE 1

|                 |   |                      |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| Instrument      | ➡ | Catalytic combustion |
| Organic vapor   | ➡ | Methanol             |
| Actual conc.    | ➡ | 10,000 ppm           |
| Meter reading   | ➡ | 5,000 ppm            |
| Response factor | ➡ | 2                    |

### EXAMPLE 2

|                 |   |                  |
|-----------------|---|------------------|
| Instrument      | ➡ | Flame ionization |
| Organic vapor   | ➡ | o-Chlorotoluene  |
| Actual conc.    | ➡ | 3,028 ppm        |
| Meter reading   | ➡ | 6,056 ppm        |
| Response factor | ➡ | 0.5              |

### EXAMPLE 3

|                 |   |                               |
|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Instrument      | ➡ | Catalytic combustion          |
| Organic vapor   | ➡ | 1,1,2,2-Tetra<br>Chloroethane |
| Actual conc.    | ➡ | 5,980 ppm                     |
| Meter reading   | ➡ | 427 ppm                       |
| Response factor | ➡ | 14                            |


**RESPONSE FACTORS VARY WITH  
ORGANIC VAPOR CONCENTRATION**


### EXAMPLE 1: RESPONSE FACTORS AT VARIOUS CONCENTRATIONS


|                    |   |                      |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| Instrument         | ➡ | Catalytic combustion |
| Organic vapor      | ➡ | Methanol             |
| Actual conc. (ppm) | ➡ | Response factors     |



## EXAMPLE 2: RESPONSE FACTORS AT VARIOUS CONCENTRATIONS

Instrument  Flame ionization


Organic vapor  O-Chlorotoluene


Actual conc. (ppm)  Response factors


200  
500  
3100

0.6  
0.5  
0.5

## EXAMPLE 3: RESPONSE FACTORS AT VARIOUS CONCENTRATIONS

Instrument  Catalytic combustion

Organic vapor  1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane

Actual conc. (ppm)  Response factors

210  
572  
1453  
1453

0.2  
0.3  
1.0  
1.0

PUBLISHED RESPONSE FACTOR TABLES  
PRESENT ESTIMATED VALUES AT A  
CONCENTRATION OF 10,000 ppm



## RESPONSE FACTOR USE:

- Response factors used only for selecting instruments
- Not used for adjusting meter readings during leak tests




## LIMITATIONS OF PUBLISHED RESPONSE FACTORS:

- Less than 300 organic compounds have been tested
- There are instrument-to-instrument variations in response

### EXAMPLE 4: INSTRUMENT VARIATIONS

|                       |   |                      |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Instrument            | → | Flame ionization     |
| Organic vapor         | → | Cyclohexanol         |
| Actual conc.<br>(ppm) | → | Response factors     |
|                       |   | Unit #1      Unit #2 |
| 200                   |   | 2.0      2.2         |
| 700                   |   | 1.7      1.7         |
| 1200                  |   | 1.2      1.4         |

### EXAMPLE 5: INSTRUMENT VARIATIONS

|                       |   |                      |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------|
| Instrument            |  | Catalytic combustion |
| Organic vapor         |  | Meta-xylene          |
| Actual conc.<br>(ppm) |  | Response factors     |
|                       | Unit #1   | Unit #2              |
| 200                   | 3.5   | 1.7                  |
| 1500                  | 9.1   | 2.0                  |
| 3000                  | 12.8  | 1.8                  |
| 4500                  | 15.0  | 1.5                  |
| 7000                  | 17.9  | 1.7                  |

### FIELD MONITORING CONCERNS:

(Video - 17 minutes)

- Poor capture
- Gross contamination
- Adverse weather
- Potential health and safety hazards

### CONTAMINATION RELATED INSTRUMENT PROBLEMS:

- Flame ionization detectors
  - flame-out
  - condensation in flame arrestors/sample lines
- Catalytic combustion analyzers
  - volatilization of catalyst of detector wires
  - condensation in sample lines
- Photoionization analyzers
  - condensation on lamp window

## HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS:

- **Inhalation hazards**
  - Keep portable organic analyzer on at all times to indicate localized areas where pollutants have accumulated
  - Use relatively long probe so user does not have to be exposed to leak plume
- **Electrical and explosion hazards**
  - Use only instruments rated intrinsically safe for class 1, division 1 and class 2, division 1 conditions
  - Use only instrument recorders which satisfy the above requirements
  - Do not touch rotating shafts with metallic probes or other parts
  - Do not use cigarette lighters to check instrument response
- **Burn hazards**
  - Avoid hot surfaces adjacent to equipment being screened
- **Walking and climbing hazards**
  - Avoid exposed rotating equipment
  - Avoid equipment more than 2 meters above secure platforms or surfaces
  - Climb ladders properly

## COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS: CRITERIA

- **Method 21 requirements**
- **Ease of use**
- **Instrument Costs**
- **Other concerns**

*CRITERIA*

## MEET METHOD 21 REQUIREMENTS

- Response factors

*CRITERIA*

## EASE OF USE

- Response time
- Configuration
- Calibration
- Reliability

*CRITERIA*

## INSTRUMENT COSTS

- Capital
- Operating

## COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS\*

| <i>Criteria</i>                  | <i>Analyzer type</i>    |                         |                             |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
|                                  | <u>Flame ionization</u> | <u>Photo-ionization</u> | <u>Catalytic combustion</u> | <u>Infra-red</u> |
| <b>Ease of use</b>               |                         |                         |                             |                  |
| Response time                    | Fast                    | Fast                    | Medium                      | Slow             |
| Weight (portability)             | Heavy                   | Light                   | Light                       | Heavy            |
| Contamination susceptibility     | Low                     | Moderate                | Low                         | Moderate         |
| Configuration                    | Excellent               | Adequate                | Adequate                    | Adequate         |
| Maximum concentration capability | Excellent               | Adequate                | Excellent                   | Excellent        |

\* A variety of models are available; the comparisons are subjective and based on experience with a limited number of models.

## COMPARISON OF AVAILABLE INSTRUMENTS (cont)\*

| <i>Criteria</i>       | <i>Analyzer type</i>    |                         |                             |                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
|                       | <u>Flame ionization</u> | <u>Photo-ionization</u> | <u>Catalytic combustion</u> | <u>Infra-red</u> |
| <b>Costs</b>          |                         |                         |                             |                  |
| Capital               | Moderate                | Moderate                | Low                         | Moderate         |
| Operating             | Moderate                | Moderate                | Moderate                    | Moderate         |
| <b>Other Concerns</b> |                         |                         |                             |                  |
| Ruggedness            | Good                    | Good                    | Good                        | Good             |
| Maximum hold feature  | No                      | Yes                     | No                          | No               |
| Calibration           | Good                    | Good                    | Good                        | Good             |
| Capture Capability    | Excellent               | Adequate                | Moderate                    | Moderate         |

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# **Case Study: Computerized Emissions Models**

## COMPUTER MODELS

- CHEMDAT7 (available)
- CHEM7 (available)
- LAND7 (available)
- Combined model (soon)
  - Compiled program
  - Automatic assistance

### CHEMDAT7 (Lotus 123 Spreadsheet)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| ● Surface impoundments <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— aerated</li><li>— nonaerated</li><li>— disposal</li><li>— oil film</li></ul> | ● Land treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Active landfills</li><li>● Capped landfills</li><li>● Waste piles</li></ul> |
| ● Open top tanks <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— aerated</li><li>— nonaerated</li></ul>   |  |

### CHEM7

- Compiled program
- Automatic assistance
- Provides compound properties for CHEMDAT7

## **LAND7**

- Compiled program
- Automatic assistance
- Land treatment
- Waste piles

## **COMBINED MODELS**

- Available soon
- One compiled program
- Include all major sources
- Automatic assistance features
- Structure like LAND7

## **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

- Emission Model Report
  - Documentation
  - Sample Calculations
  - Background Information
- User's Guide
  - CHEMDAT7
  - LAND7

Write: USEPA - OAQPS  
Petroleum Section - MD-13  
Attn: Emission Model Report  
RTP, NC 27711



# CASE STUDY: LAND7

- LAND7 menu
- Important inputs
- Example calculations (land treatment)

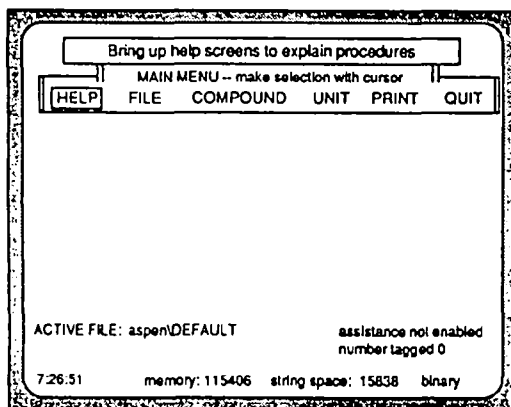


Figure 1. MAIN menu.

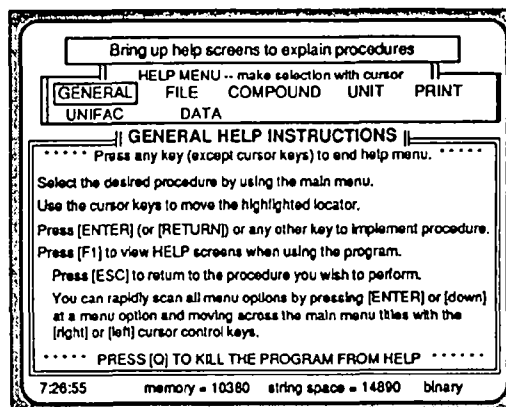


Figure 2. HELP menu.

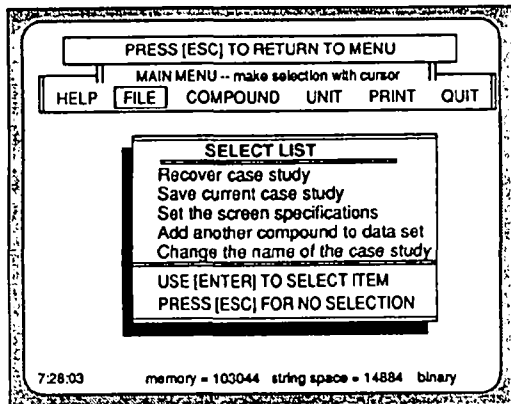


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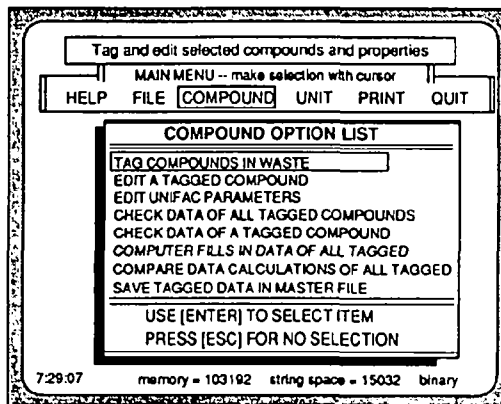


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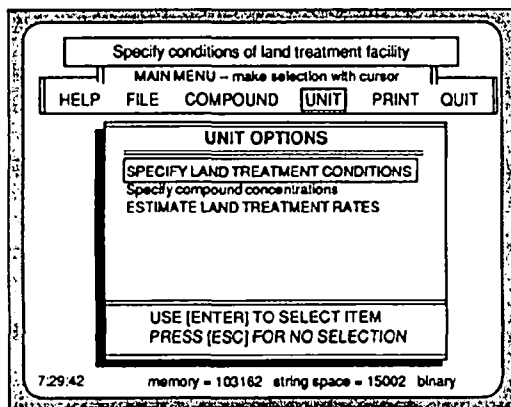


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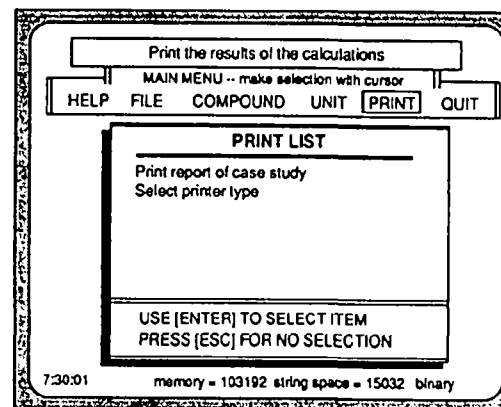


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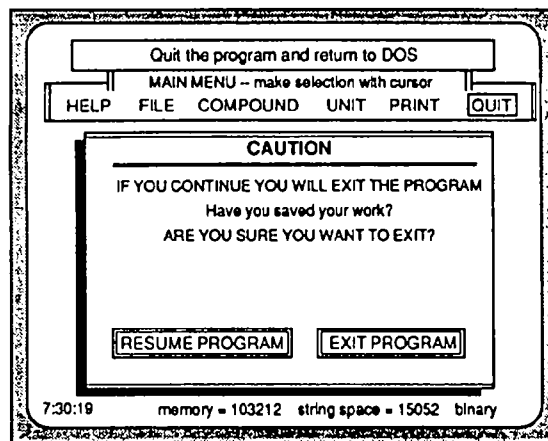


Figure 7. QUIT menu.

## INPUTS: POROUS MODEL

- Time surface is exposed
- Concentrations
- Area and depth
- Oil content
- Temperature
- Air and total porosity

## EXAMPLE OF LAND7 INPUTS

### SPECIFIED PARAMETERS FOR LAND TREATMENT

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| wind (cm/s)                            | 447    |
| Temp (C)                               | 25     |
| Oil content of waste (fraction)        | .1     |
| concentration of compound (ppm)        | 0      |
| Time between applications (days)       | 30     |
| Waste loading (g oil/cc soil)          | .034   |
| Thickness of contaminated soil (cm)    | 20     |
| Area of land treatment (m2)            | 24964  |
| Aqueous waste, =1                      | 0      |
| Biomass density                        | .00179 |
| Total porosity                         | .61    |
| Air porosity                           | .5     |
| width of land treatment area (meters)  | 158    |
| length of land treatment area (meters) | 158    |
| amount of waste applied (gallons)      | 450000 |
| fraction liquid in waste               | .1     |
| BENZENE                                | 5 ppmw |

### STATUS CHECK

Area of land treatment (m2) is relatively large.

## EXAMPLE OF LAND7 RESULTS

SOURCE: land treatment  
COMPOUND: BENZENE

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Equilibrium $K_{eq}$                    | 2.123418E-02 |
| biological time const days-1            | 29.42251     |
| maximum fraction biodegraded            | .0930385     |
| fraction biodegraded during time period | 9.282061E-02 |
| fraction emitted during time period     | .9064917     |
| residual concentration in oil (ppmw)    | 3.43848E-03  |
| diffusion coef $cm^2/s$                 | 2.351761E-02 |
| emission rate during time period (g/s)  | 2.968397E-04 |
| (Mg/year)                               | 9.361136E-03 |
| emission factor (g/ $cm^2$ -s)          | 1.189071E-12 |
| Short term emissions, first day (g/s)   | 3.599377E-03 |
| Peak emissions, fifteen minutes (g/s)   | 1.766045E-02 |

The reference emission factor is 1.252787E-12 g/ $cm^2$ -sec.

### COMPOUND PROPERTIES OF BENZENE

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Type of compound                       | A aromatic      |
| density (g/cc)                         | .87             |
| molecular weight                       | 78.1            |
| diffusion coef. air ( $cm^2/s$ )       | .088            |
| vapor pressure (mm Hg)                 | 95.2            |
| Henry's law constant (atm $m^3/mol$ )  | .0055           |
| vapor pressure temp. coefficients      | 6.905           |
|  | 1211.033        |
|  | 220.79          |
| biorate constant $K_{max}$ (mg/g-l-hr) | 19              |
| UNIFAC code                            | 16:000000000000 |

### STATUS CHECK

The estimated vapor diffusion coefficient is .1173281  $cm^2/s$   
The estimated vapor pressure is 95.02693 mm Hg.

## CASE STUDY: CHEMDAT7

- CHEMDAT7 menu
- Important inputs
- Example calculations
  - Activated sludge
  - Impoundment (as time permits)
  - Landfill (as time permits)

### CHEMDAT7 MAIN MENU

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Go to data entry forms.

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Go to a portion of worksheet (Results).

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Select compounds or rearrange order.

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Print a portion of worksheet.

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Select which models to use.

DATA-FORMS VIEW SORT PRINT SELECT HELP QUIT  
Look at instructional screen.

### CHEMDAT7 HELP MENU

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
View general help screen information.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Help in selecting the data for your unit.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Discussion of data entry for new compounds or properties.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Information for the use of the land treatment model.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Information for the use of the landfill model.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Information for the use of biological reaction rates.

GENERAL MODEL DATA LANDTREAT LANDFILL BIO-RATE IMPOUND QUIT  
Information for the use of the impoundment model.

## **DATA FORMS**

IMPOUND AERATED CLOSED-LF OPEN-LF/WP LAND-TREAT  
CONC IMPORT DEFAULT

**IMPOUND:** Use for impoundments and open tanks that are not mechanically agitated or aerated.

**AERATED:** Use for agitated tanks and impoundments.

**CLOSED-LF:** Closed or capped landfills.

**OPEN-LF/WP:** Open, active landfills and waste piles.

**LAND-TREAT:** Land treatment.

**CONC:** Use differing concentrations for compounds.

**IMPORT:** Import compound data.

**DEFAULT:** Put in default parameters.

## **INPUTS: OPEN LIQUID SURFACES**

- Quantity or flow rate
- Concentrations
- Area and depth
- Aeration rate
- Agitation parameters
- Windspeed

# **CHEMDAT7 RESULTS FOR QUIESCENT IMPOUNDMENT** **(all concentrations at 10 ppm)**

NON-AERATED WASTEWATER TREATMENT  
WINDSPEED 4.47 m/s  
depth 1.8 m  
AREA 1500 m2  
FLOW 0.00156 m3/s  
VO inlet conc. 10 mg/l  
TOTAL ORGANICS IN 250 mg/l  
ACTIVE BIOMASS 0 g/l  
BIOMASS SOLIDS IN 0 g/l  
TEMPERATURE 25 deg. C  
AL AIR EMISSIONS 2.61 Mg/yr

| COMPOUND NAME        | EFFLUENT EMISS. BIOL. |       | PHOTOL.ADSORB. air |       | emiss.  |        |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------|--------|
|                      |                       |       | & HYDRO.           |       | (Mg/yr) |        |
| BENZENE              | 0.199                 | 0.801 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.3943 |
| CARBON TETRACHLORIDE | 0.210                 | 0.790 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.3887 |
| METHANOL             | 0.523                 | 0.477 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.2345 |
| METHYL ETHYL KETONE  | 0.251                 | 0.749 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.3688 |
| METHYLENE CHLORIDE   | 0.181                 | 0.819 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.4031 |
| PHENOL               | 0.895                 | 0.105 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.0518 |
| TETRACHLOROETHYLENE  | 0.218                 | 0.782 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.3847 |
| TOLUENE              | 0.213                 | 0.787 | 0.000              | 0.000 | 0.000   | 0.3873 |



## CHEMDAT7 RESULTS FOR AERATED IMPOUNDMENT

(all concentrations at 10 ppm)

### AERATED WASTEWATER TREATMENT

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| WINDSPEED          | 4.47 m/s                 |
| DEPTH              | 1.8 m                    |
| AREA               | 1500 m <sup>2</sup>      |
| FLOW               | 0.031 m <sup>3</sup> /s  |
| ACTIVE BIOMASS     | 0.3 g/l                  |
| BIOMASS SOLIDS IN  | 0 g/l                    |
| VO INLET CONC.     | 10 mg/l                  |
| TOTAL ORGANICS IN  | 250 mg/l                 |
| TOTAL BIORATE      | 19 mg/g bio-hr           |
| FRACT. AGITATED    | 0.247                    |
| SUBMERGED AIR FLOW | 0 m <sup>3</sup> /s      |
| Number impellers   | 1                        |
| Oxygen trans. rat. | 3 lbO <sub>2</sub> /h-hp |
| POWR (total)       | 75 HP                    |
| Power efficiency   | 0.85                     |
| Temperature        | 25 deg C                 |
| impeller dia       | 61 cm                    |
| impeller speed     | 126 rad/s                |

| COMPOUND NAME        | RELATIVE AERATED WASTEWATER VOC PAT |        |       |         |         |                            |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
|                      | EFFLUENT                            | EMISS. | BIOL. | PHOTOL. | ADSORB. | VOC PAT                    |
|                      |                                     |        |       |         |         | air .<br>emiss.<br>(Mg/yr) |
| BENZENE              | 0.016                               | 0.821  | 0.163 | 0.000   | 0.0002  | 8.0283                     |
| CARBON TETRACHLORIDE | 0.015                               | 0.842  | 0.143 | 0.000   | 0.0003  | 8.2340                     |
| METHANOL             | 0.381                               | 0.085  | 0.531 | 0.000   | 0.0026  | 0.8299                     |
| METHYL ETHYL KETONE  | 0.224                               | 0.508  | 0.266 | 0.000   | 0.0016  | 4.9678                     |
| METHYLENE CHLORIDE   | 0.019                               | 0.926  | 0.055 | 0.000   | 0.0002  | 9.0565                     |
| PHENOL               | 0.011                               | 0.000  | 0.989 | 0.000   | 0.0001  | 0.0028                     |
| TETRACHLOROETHYLENE  | 0.017                               | 0.902  | 0.081 | 0.000   | 0.0003  | 8.8196                     |
| TOLUENE              | 0.015                               | 0.729  | 0.256 | 0.000   | 0.0003  | 7.1275                     |

# **CASE STUDY**

## **PROCESS VENT RULE APPLICABILITY and COMPLIANCE**

Presented at  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Workshop on  
Air Emissions from Waste Management Facilities

## PROCESS VENT CASE STUDY

### Review of RCRA Air Emission Standard for Process Vents Hazardous Waste TSDF Operations

#### Situation

The XYZ Manufacturing Company operates various manufacturing processes that generate approximately 1,000 tons of hazardous waste per year. This qualifies the XYZ Manufacturing Company as a large quantity generator under RCRA . The facility is a RCRA TSDF operating under interim status. As the owner/operator of the facility, you are required to:

- 1) determine the applicability of the RCRA air rules for process vents (i.e., 40 CFR 265, Subpart AA) to the hazardous waste management unit emission sources at the facility,
- 2) determine compliance status of current process vent emissions and emission controls in relation to the control requirements in 40 CFR 265, Subpart AA,
- 3) determine what action can be taken to comply with the regulation, if the emission reductions are required under the process vents standards.

## Determinations

1. Determine which process vents are subject to the requirements of Subpart AA and why. For each process vent identified in Figure 1 and 2, circle all of the following statements that are correct (note: some vents will have more than one applicable statement; all relevant and appropriate choices should be circled)
  - a. Vent is a process vent associated with one of the unit operations specified in the rule that manages a hazardous waste with organic concentration of greater than 10 ppmw and therefore is subject to the requirements of Subpart AA.
  - b. Vent is not a process vent as defined in the rule and therefore is not subject to the requirements of Subpart AA.
  - c. The operation/process associated with the vent is not one of the unit operations specified in Subpart AA applicability (Section 265.1030(b)), or
  - d. The passage of gases (i.e., vent emissions) into the atmosphere is not process related. For example, emissions are caused by tank loading and unloading (working losses) rather than the process or unit operation.
  - e. Vent is not subject to the requirements of Subpart AA because the waste managed in the unit has an organic concentration concentration of less than 10 ppmw.
  - f. Vent is not subject to the requirements of Subpart AA because the operation/process unit associated with the vent is not subject to RCRA Subtitle C or is exempt from RCRA permitting.

| Vent No. | Answers    | Vent No. | Answers    |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|
| 1        | a, b, c, d | 10       | a, b, c, d |
| 2        | a, b, c, d | 11       | a, b, c, d |
| 3        | a, b, c, d | 12       | a, b, c, d |
| 4        | a, b, c, d | 13       | a, b, c, d |
| 5        | a, b, c, d | 14       | a, b, c, d |
| 6        | a, b, c, d | 15       | a, b, c, d |
| 7        | a, b, c, d | 16       | a, b, c, d |
| 8        | a, b, c, d | 17       | a, b, c, d |
| 9        | a, b, c, d |          |            |

## Comments

- a. The process vent rules apply only to those waste management units or unit operations that are specified in the rules. Affected unit operations include: distillation, fractionation, thin-film evaporation, solvent extraction, steam stripping and air stripping.  
  
Vents on control devices (e.g., condensers and carbon adsorbers) and on tanks serving the affected unit operations (e.g., distillate receivers, bottoms receivers, surge control tanks, decant separator tanks, or hot wells) are also subject to the standards if emission from the process are vented through them (e.g., uncondensed overhead vapors from a distillation operation).
- b. A process vent means any open-ended pipe or stack that is vented to the atmosphere either directly, through a vacuum-producing system, or through a tank or air pollution control device. Emissions (i.e., gases or fumes) must be process-related such as evaporation produced by heating or caused by mechanical means such as a vacuum-producing system.
- c. The process vent rules apply to affected units managing hazardous waste with a total organic concentration of 10ppmw or greater on an annual average basis. Units managing wastes with an annual average of less than 10ppmw are not subject to the rules.
- d. If the unit is exempt from RCRA Subtitle C, it is not subject to the requirements of Subpart AA. Examples of types of RCRA exempt units are listed below:
  - Units such as product (not hazardous waste) distillation columns generating organic hazardous waste still bottoms are not subject to the standards while the wastes are in the product distillation column unit.
  - Elementary neutralization and wastewater treatment tanks as defined by 40 CFR 260.10.
  - Units managing Subtitle D wastes or nonhazardous wastes.
  - Generators that accumulate hazardous waste in tanks and containers for 90 days or less.

2. Calculate the total facility process vent emission rate (ER).

Case 1:

$$\begin{aligned} ER_{(Hourly)} &= \\ ER_{(Annual)} &= \end{aligned}$$

Case 2:

$$\begin{aligned} ER_{(Hourly)} &= \\ ER_{(Annual)} &= \end{aligned}$$

Total Facility ER is equal to the sum emission rates for all individual process vents located at the facility that are subject to the requirements of Subpart AA.

$$ER_{\text{facility}} = \sum_{i=1}^n ER_{pvi}$$

#### Process Vent Emission Rate (ER) and Operating Hour(OH) Data:

Case 1:

| Vent Id.#  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17   |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ER(lb/hr)  | 9.3  | 6.1  | 0.07 | 0.49 | 0.16 | 1.0  | 0.20 | 0.12 | 1.2  | 0.13 | 0.06 | 6.1  | 6.9  | 1.2  | 0.13 | 0.84 | 1.5  |
| OH(hr/yr)  | 4160 | 4160 | 8760 | 2000 | 8760 | 2000 | 8760 | 2000 | 2000 | 8760 | 2000 | 4160 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 4160 | 2000 |
| ER(ton/yr) | 19.3 | 12.7 | 0.31 | 0.49 | 0.7  | 1.0  | 0.88 | 0.12 | 1.2  | 0.57 | 0.06 | 12.7 | 6.9  | 1.2  | 0.13 | 1.7  | 1.5  |

Case 2:

| Vent Id.#  | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13   | 14   | 15   | 16   | 17   |
|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ER(lb/hr)  | 6.1  | 5.2  | 0.11 | 1.0  | 0.16 | 0.8  | 0.08 | 0.11 | 1.0  | 0.15 | 0.05 | 4.5  | 9.0  | 1.1  | 0.15 | 1.7  | 2.2  |
| OH(hr/yr)  | 4160 | 4160 | 8760 | 4000 | 8760 | 4000 | 8760 | 2000 | 2000 | 8760 | 2000 | 4160 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 4160 | 2000 |
| ER(ton/yr) | 16.8 | 10.8 | 0.48 | 2.0  | 0.79 | 1.5  | 0.35 | 0.11 | 1.0  | 0.68 | 0.05 | 9.3  | 9.0  | 1.1  | 0.15 | 3.5  | 2.2  |

3. Based on the total facility process vent emission rate (ER) calculated above, identify which course of action from among those listed below, is required:

- a. ER below emission rate limits; therefore, no emission reduction required.
- b. ER above emission rate limits; must reduce emissions from each individual process vent by 95%.
- c. ER above emission rate limits; must reduce total facility process vent emissions by 95%.
- d. ER above emission rate limits; but can control one or more vents to get below limits.
- e. ER above emission rate limits; but can reduce operating hours in order to get below the limits.

After identifying all affected process vents, you must determine whether the total facility affected process vent emission rate is below the emission rate limits (see operating data under #2 and compliance criteria given below.)

If the total facility process vent emission rate for hourly or yearly emissions exceeds the limits in the regulation, then some type action must be taken to reduce emissions below the limits. If the emission rate limits cannot be attained, total facility process vent emissions must be reduced, by 95% or more, through use of a control device.

#### Compliance Criteria

Total facility process vent emission rate must be below the following emission rate limits:

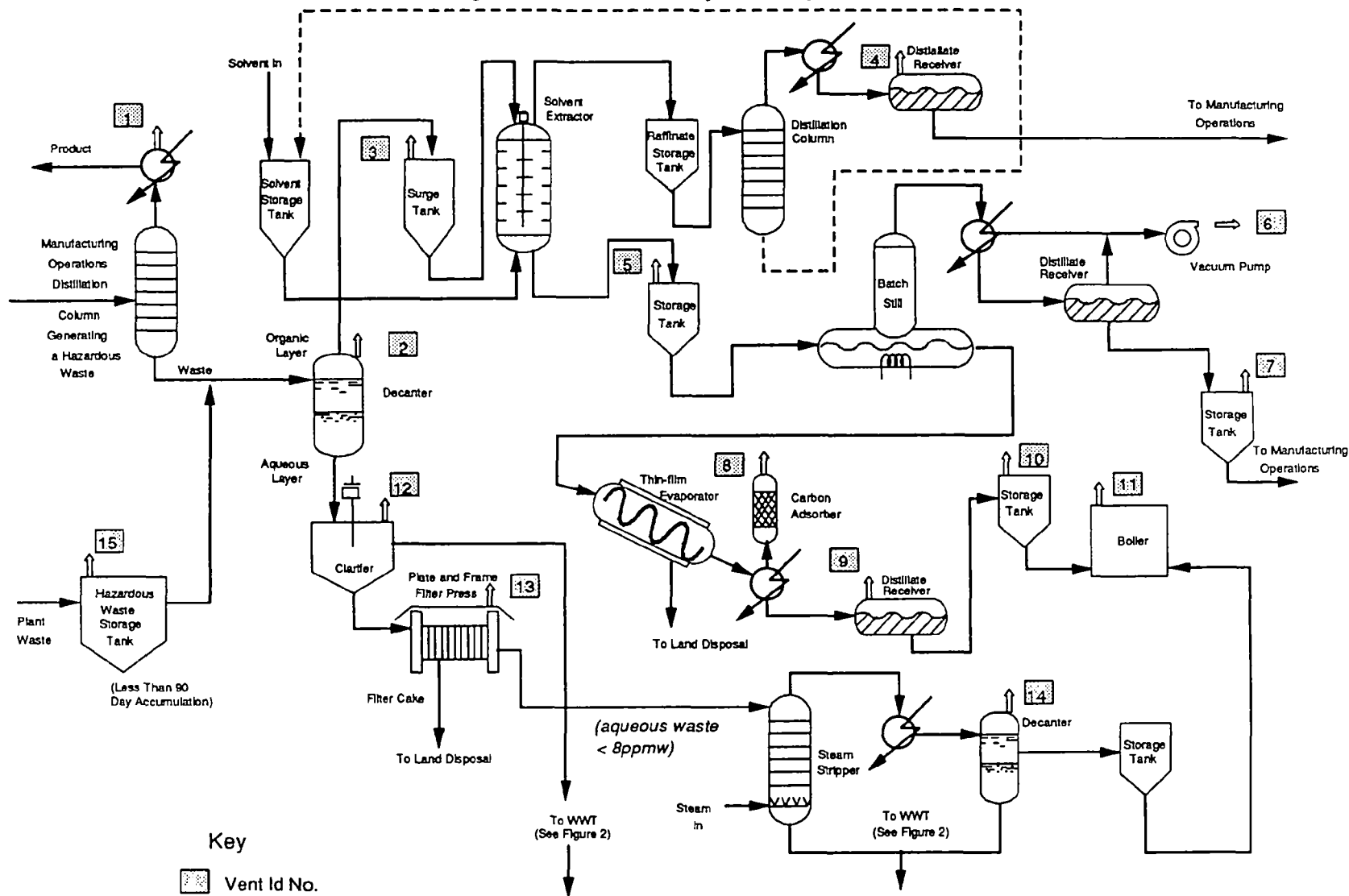
Short Term - < 1.4 kg/h (3 lb/h) AND Long Term - < 2.8 Mg/yr (3.1 short tons/yr)

#### Recommended Control Action




Case 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Case 2: \_\_\_\_\_

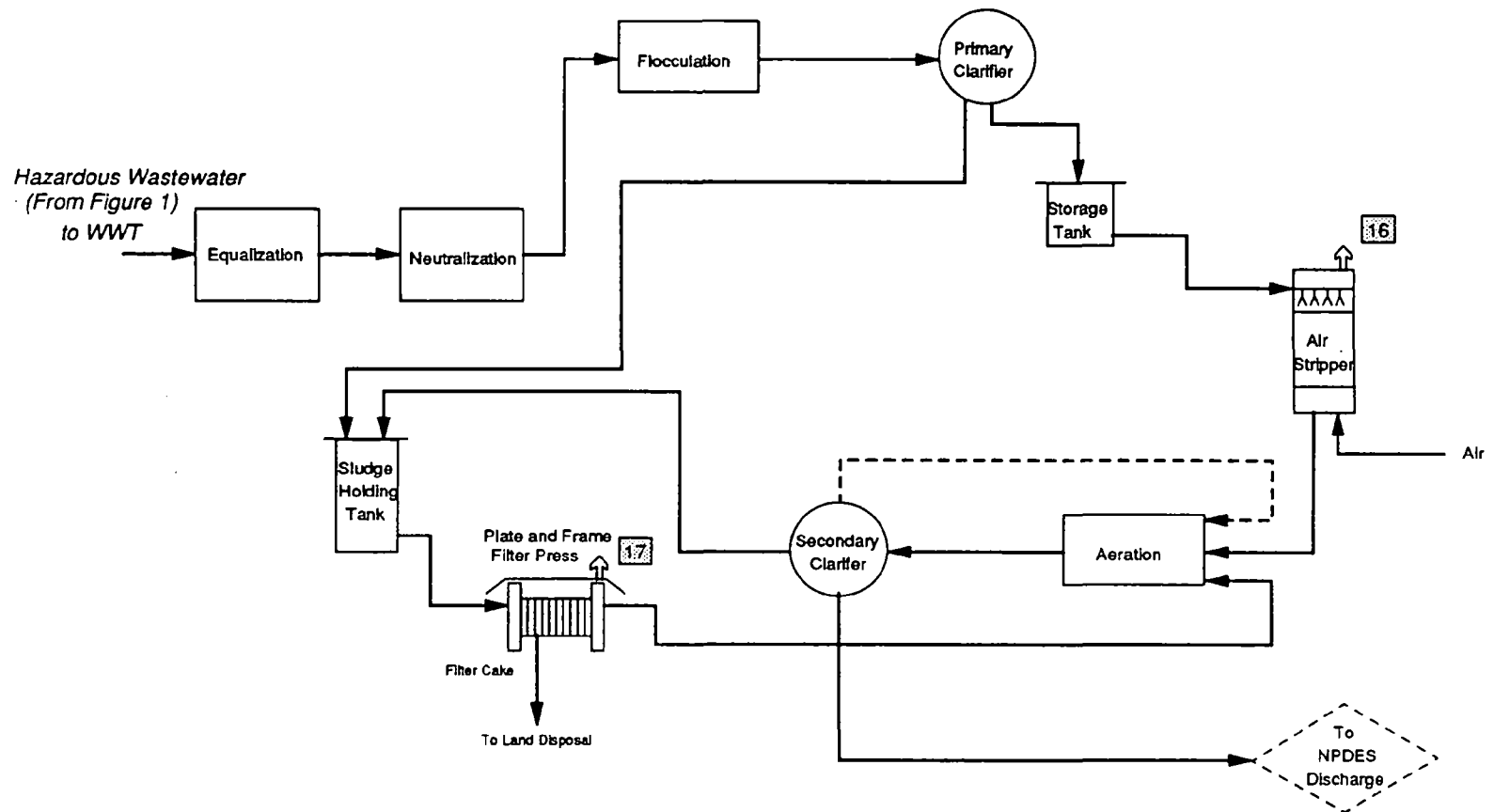
Figure 1. Case Study Facility XYZ



# Key

-  Vent Id No.
-  Vent
-  Condenser

Note: Organic concentration of all streams (unless otherwise noted): 1,000 - 900,000 ppmw  
Organic concentration of wastewater treatment (WWT) plant streams: <9 ppmw



### Key

▣ Vent Id No.

↑ Vent

Note: Organic concentration of wastewater treatment (WWT) plant streams: < 9 ppmw

Figure 2. Case Study Facility XYZ Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWT) with NPDES Permit



# **CASE STUDY**

## **APPLICATION of BENZENE WASTE OPERATIONS NESHAP to WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

**Presentation Slides**

## GENERAL STANDARDS

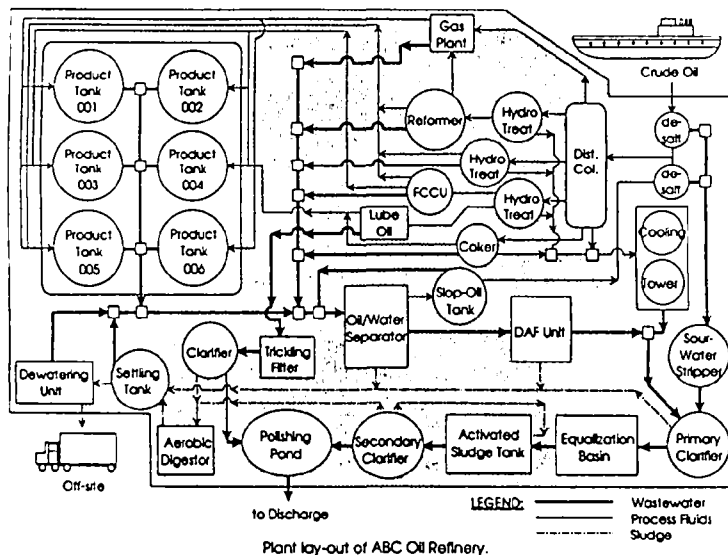
- Facilities with 10 Mg/yr or more total annual benzene in waste treat and control certain waste streams
- Treat identified waste streams to remove or destroy benzene
- Apply organic emission controls prior to and during treatment to achieve treatment requirements

## WHAT ARE THE TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS?

- Reduce benzene concentration to less than 10 ppmw
- Remove or destroy benzene by 99% or more
- Dilution of wastes to meet requirements is prohibited
- Mixing of wastes is allowed to facilitate treatment in *"wastewater treatment system"* with special requirements

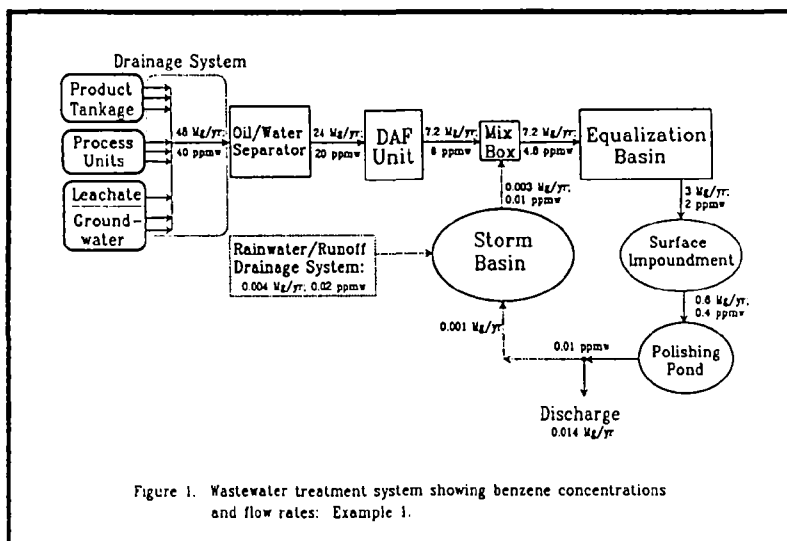
## WHAT IS A "WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM"?

- ... a unit that ultimately discharges under NPDES permit
- Manages certain wastes:
  - Process wastewater
  - Product tank drawdown
  - Landfill leachate
  - Wastes mixed with any of these
- Typically includes:
  - Individual drain systems
  - Oil-water separators
  - Dissolved air floatation (DAF) units
  - Equalization tanks
  - Biological treatment units



## WHAT ARE THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?

- All units comprising the wastewater treatment system must use organic emission controls except for those units where both the:
  - (1) Benzene concentration of wastewater entering unit is less than 10 ppmw benzene
  - and
  - (2) Total annual benzene quantity in wastewaters first entering all uncontrolled wastewater treatment system units facility-wide is less than 1 Mg/yr
- Benzene in wastewaters entering an "enhanced biodegradation unit" is excluded from the calculation of total annual benzene quantity



## WHAT IS AN "ENHANCED BIODEGRADATION UNIT"?

- Wastewater treatment system unit that:
  - Uses a suspended growth process
  - Generates biomass
  - Uses recycled biomass
  - Periodically removes biomass
- Examples of processes not considered enhanced
  - Large, shallow biological impoundments
  - Attached growth processes such as trickling filters or rotating biological contactors

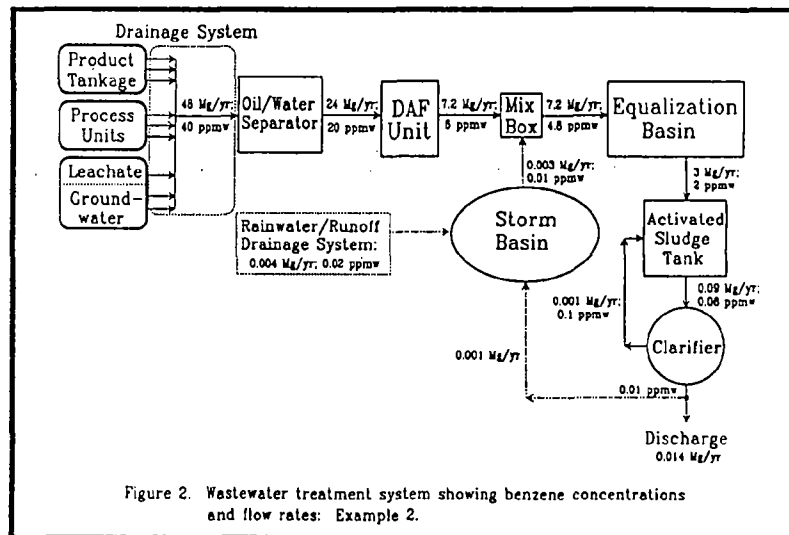
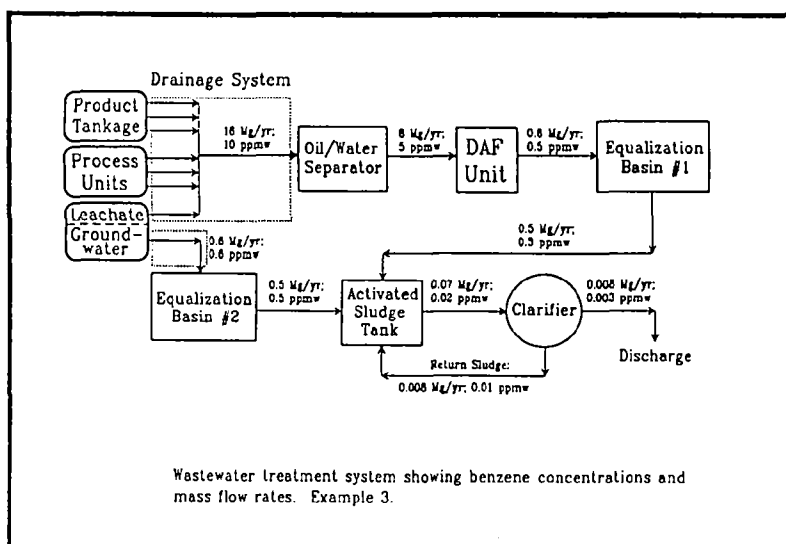


Figure 2. Wastewater treatment system showing benzene concentrations and flow rates: Example 2.



Wastewater treatment system showing benzene concentrations and mass flow rates. Example 3.

# **CASE STUDY**

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TO WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

**OVERVIEW**

This case study provides examples of the application of the National Emission Standard for Benzene Waste Operations (40 CFR 61 Subpart FF) to wastewater treatment systems. The standards for wastewater treatment systems that manage and treat aggregated or mixed waste streams are reviewed using some simple examples. Then, a case study problem is presented to illustrate the application of the standard to a "real world" wastewater treatment system at a petroleum refinery.

**STANDARDS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS**

The Benzene Waste Operations NESHAP requires owners and operators of affected facilities at which the total annual benzene quantity from the facility waste is equal to or greater than 10 Mg/yr to remove or destroy benzene contained in certain waste streams using a treatment process or wastewater treatment system. Section 61.348 of the rule establishes the treatment standards for treatment processes or wastewater treatment systems. These standards require that if an owner or operator chooses to aggregate or mix waste streams to facilitate treatment in a wastewater treatment system, then the waste streams must be treated in a wastewater treatment system that meets special requirements. Each waste management unit that comprises the wastewater treatment systems at the facility must use the appropriate emission controls as specified under Sections 61.343 through 61.347 until both of the following conditions are met:

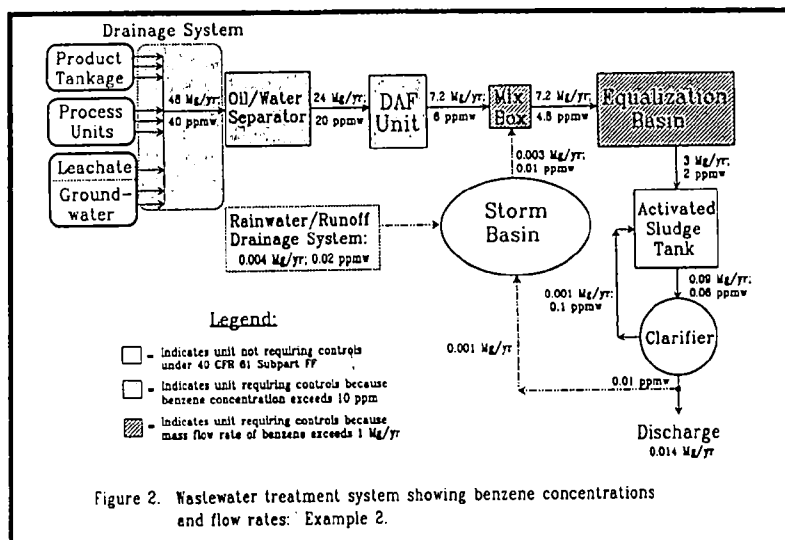
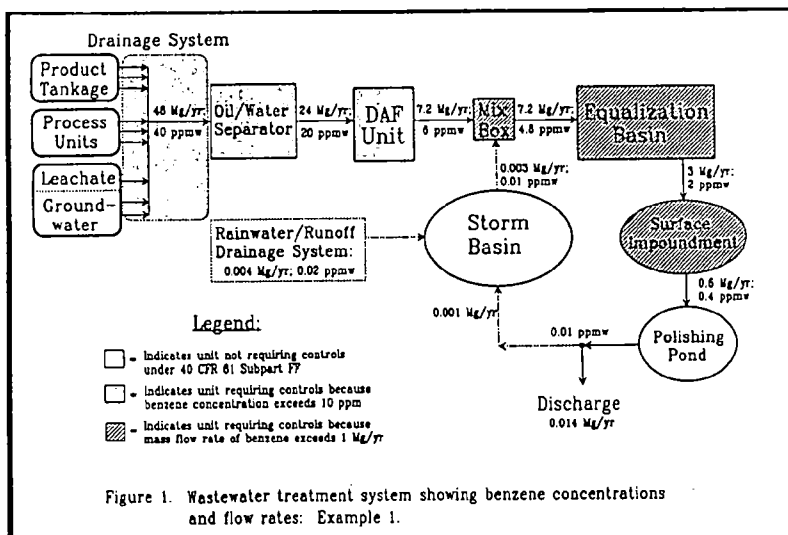
1. The waste entering an uncontrolled unit is less than 10 ppmw benzene;
- and
2. The total facility-wide wastewater treatment system annual benzene quantity first entering any uncontrolled unit is less than 1 Mg/yr.

Application of Basic Standards

Figure 1 illustrates the application of the basic standards. The drainage system, the oil/water separator and the dissolved air flotation (DAF) unit shown in Figure 1 require controls because they receive waste with benzene concentrations of 10 ppmw or higher. The next three units require controls because, even though the benzene concentration is below 10 ppmw, the mass flow rate of benzene (i.e., the annual benzene quantity) entering the units is greater than 1 Mg/yr.

Enhanced Biodegradation Units

There is one major exclusion to the 1 Mg/yr benzene quantity limit. The rule excludes the benzene quantity entering an "enhanced biodegradation" unit from the total annual benzene quantity inventory for the wastewater treatment system if the enhanced biodegradation unit is the first exempt unit. Section 61.348(b)(2)(ii)(B) provides guidelines regarding operating conditions for what is defined as "enhanced biodegradation" unit. These guidelines basically describe the operation of a conventional activated sludge wastewater treatment process. Activated sludge systems with benzene concentrations of 10 ppmw or higher in any influent stream will still require controls, but, if the benzene concentration is less than 10 ppmw, the annual benzene quantity entering an activated sludge system does not count towards the 1 Mg/yr control limit. Therefore, if we replace the surface impoundment in Figure 1 with an activated sludge system (refer to Figure 2), no controls are then required after the equalization basin.



#### Multiple Wastewater Treatment Systems

It is important to point out that the 1 Mg/yr of benzene control limit pertains to the total annual benzene quantity of the facility's wastewater treatment system and not to the annual benzene quantity of a single waste stream. For example, referring to Figure 3, Equalization Basin #1 has an annual benzene quantity of 0.8 Mg/yr while the groundwater waste stream entering Equalization Basin #2 has an annual benzene quantity of 0.6 Mg/yr. In a single train system, these equalization basins would not require controls. However, the cumulative or total annual benzene quantities for the uncontrolled units in this dual train facility is 1.4 Mg/yr, which exceeds the 1.0 Mg/yr control limit. Therefore, one of the equalization basins in Figure 3 must be controlled. There is no requirement provided in the rule that determines which basin is controlled since controlling either basin reduces the total annual benzene quantity in the uncontrolled units to less than 1 Mg/yr. Therefore, in order to comply with the rule, the facility owner or operator can choose which of the equalization basins is controlled as is shown in Figures 3a and 3b. Note that, if Equalization Basin #2 is selected to be controlled, then the groundwater drainage system must also be controlled.

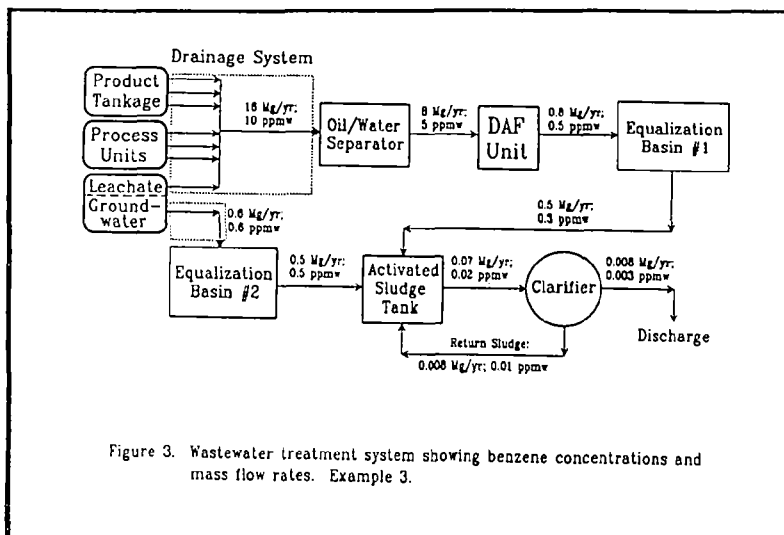


Figure 3. Wastewater treatment system showing benzene concentrations and mass flow rates. Example 3.

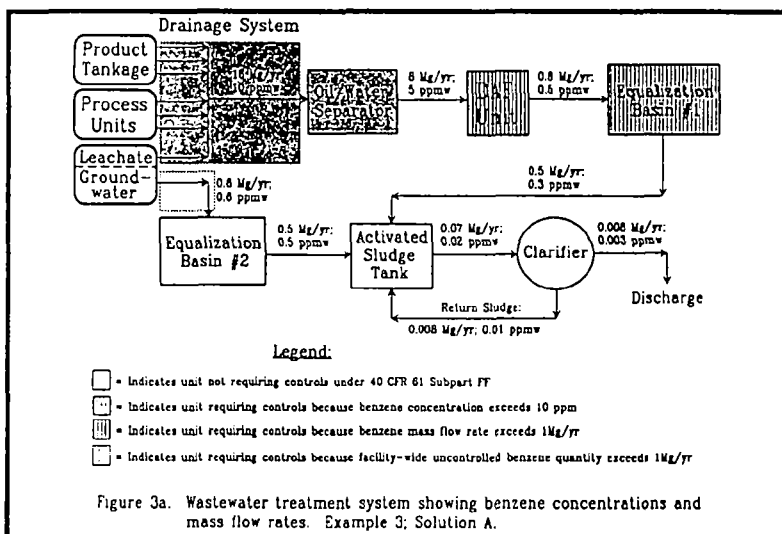


Figure 3a. Wastewater treatment system showing benzene concentrations and mass flow rates. Example 3; Solution A.

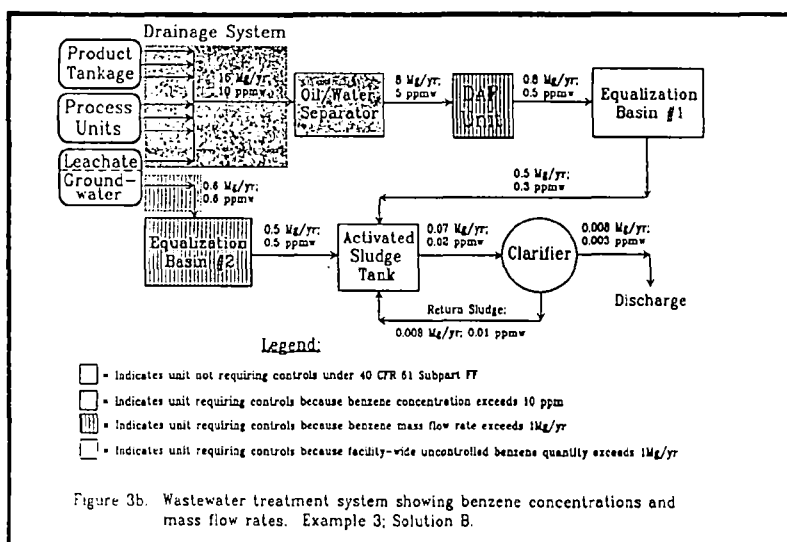


Figure 3b. Wastewater treatment system showing benzene concentrations and mass flow rates. Example 3; Solution B.



## CASE STUDY

### SITUATION

The ABC Oil Company operates a refinery that is determined to have a total annual benzene (TAB) quantity greater than 10 Mg/yr and, therefore, the refinery owner/operator is required to manage the benzene-containing waste streams in controlled units and treat the waste to comply with the National Emission Standard for Benzene Waste Operations (40 CFR 61 Subpart FF). As shown Figure 4, the refinery already operates an advanced wastewater treatment system capable of treating the refinery wastewater streams to meet the Section 61.348 treatment standards. As owner/operator of the ABC Oil Company you must now decide which of the units comprising your wastewater treatment system must use controls to comply with the standards.

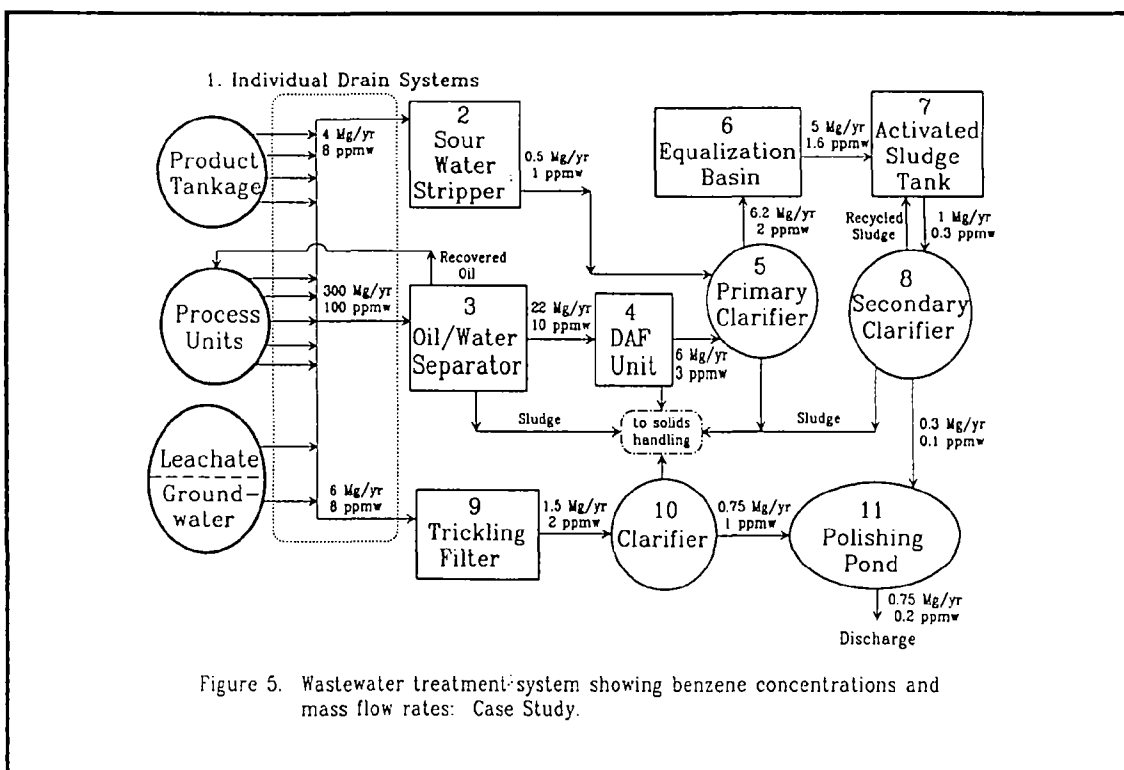
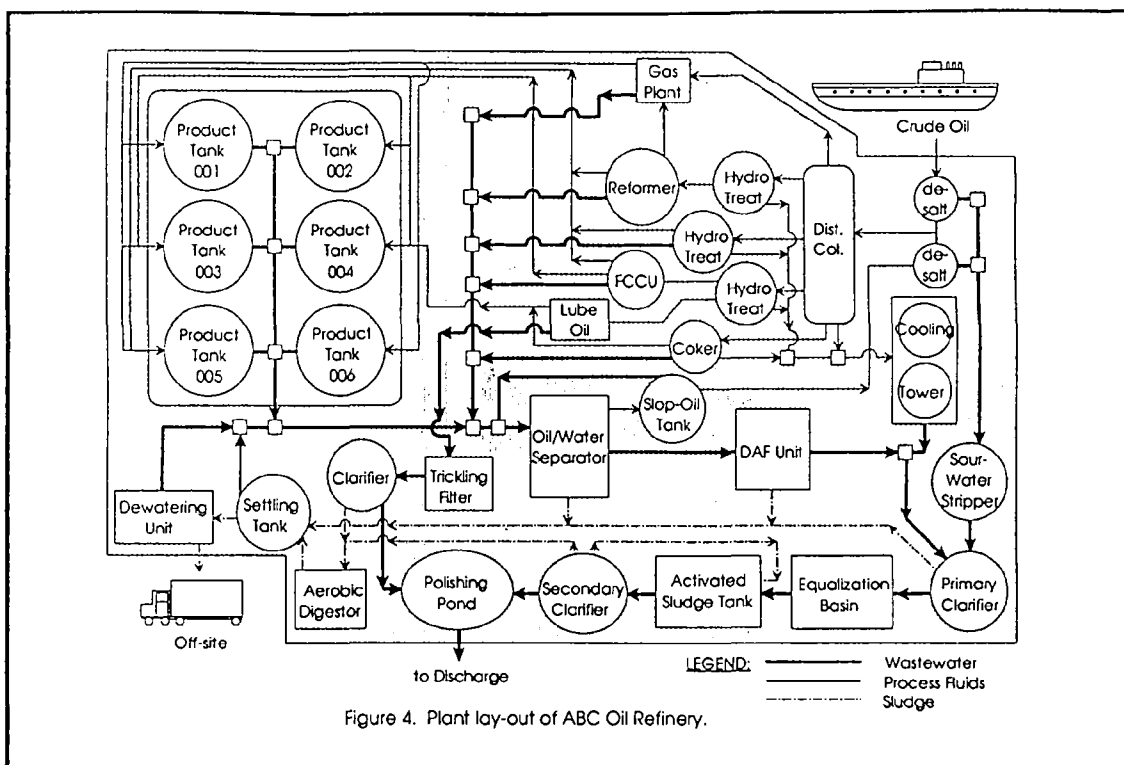
### PROBLEM

Identify which waste management units comprising the refinery wastewater treatment system require controls. Possible answers for each waste management unit are:

- a. No controls required
- b. Controls required: Benzene concentration entering the unit is 10 ppmw or more
- c. Controls required: TAB quantity entering the unit is 1 Mg/yr or more
- d. Controls required: Total TAB quantity managed in exempt wastewater treatment units at refinery is 1 Mg/yr or more

For each waste management unit shown in Figure 5, circle all correct answers (more than one answer may be correct for a particular unit).

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Individual Drain Systems | a   b   c   d |
| 2. Sour Water Stripper      | a   b   c   d |
| 3. Oil/Water Separator      | a   b   c   d |
| 4. DAF Unit                 | a   b   c   d |
| 5. Primary Clarifier        | a   b   c   d |
| 6. Equalization Basin       | a   b   c   d |
| 7. Activated Sludge Tank    | a   b   c   d |
| 8. Secondary Clarifier      | a   b   c   d |
| 9. Trickling Filter         | a   b   c   d |
| 10. Clarifier               | a   b   c   d |
| 11. Polishing Pond          | a   b   c   d |





# **BENZENE WASTE OPERATIONS NESHP**

## **Purpose**

To summarize the major requirements of the NESHAP for benzene waste operations

## **Outline**

- Overview
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## Overview

### Background

- Benzene waste rule one of last under "old Section 112"
- Rules promulgated March 7, 1990 (45 FR 8292)
- Impacts of standards
  - Reduce benzene emissions from 6,000 to 450 Mg/yr
  - Reduce maximum risk from  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-5}$
  - Reduce annual cancer incidence from 0.6 to 0.05

## Overview

### Regulatory Approach

- Identify facilities whose benzene emissions pose public health problem
- Identify waste streams that create benzene emission problem
- Treat identified waste streams to remove or destroy benzene
- Apply organic emission controls prior to and during treatment

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### Applicability

#### Which Facilities Require Control?

- Specific industrial categories
  - Chemical manufacturing plants
  - Petroleum refineries
  - Coke by-product recovery plants
  - Offsite TSDf that receive wastes from the above facilities
- Facilities with  $\geq 10$  Mg/yr total annual benzene in waste (TAB)
- Only wastes with  $\geq 10\%$  water included in TAB determination

### Applicability

#### What Is a Waste?

- Waste defined very broadly (CAA 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Kb)
- Excluded Wastes
  - Wastes in the form of gases and vapors
  - Segregated stormwater streams
  - Certain in-process recycle streams

Applicability

### How Is TAB Determined?

- Determine waste flow and benzene concentration at “point of generation”
  - Knowledge of waste or process
  - Direct measurement
- Based on the following for each waste  $\geq 10\%$  water:
  - Total annual quantity of waste
  - Annual average benzene concentration

Applicability

### Total Annual Benzene in Waste (TAB)

$$TAB = \sum_{i=1}^n (Q_i C_i)$$

Q = annual waste quantity

C = annual average benzene concentration

n = number of affected waste streams with  $>10\%$  water content

Applicability

### What Is Point of Generation?

- Where substance **first** becomes a waste
  - Prior to losses due to emissions
  - Prior to mixing
  - Prior to **any** waste treatment
- Can occur after a process unit or waste management unit
- Definition does not allow wastes to be excluded from rule
- Pollution prevention that eliminates waste or reduces benzene allowed

## Applicability

### Which Waste Streams Require Control?

- Generally, streams with  $\geq 10$  ppmw benzene at point of generation
- Exclusions for certain process wastewater streams

## Applicability

### What Is Process Wastewater?

- Water that contacts benzene within manufacturing process unit
- Certain waste streams are not process wastewater
  - Organic wastes
  - Process fluids
  - Product tank drawdown
  - Cooling tower blowdown
  - Steam trap condensate
  - Landfill leachate

## Applicability

### What are the Process Wastewater Exclusions?

- Waste streams less than 0.02 L/min or 10 Mg/yr
- Waste streams  $>10$  ppmw benzene if process wastewater TAB less than 1 Mg/yr for combination of:
  - TAB in untreated streams at point of generation
  - TAB in treated streams at exit to treatment unit



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### Control Requirements

#### Overview

- Affected wastes treated to remove or destroy benzene
- Control air emissions from management units prior to and during treatment
- Mixing of wastes to facilitate treatment allowed
- Dilution of waste to comply with treatment standards prohibited
- Treatment can occur onsite or offsite

### Control Requirements

#### What Are the Treatment Requirements?

- Reduce benzene concentration to <10 ppmw
- Remove or destroy benzene by 99% or more
- Special requirements for certain wastewater treatment systems (WWTS)

#### Control Requirements

### What Are the Treatment Requirements?

(continued)

- Compliance with treatment requirements of other statutes:
  - RCRA waste combustion rules
  - RCRA land disposal restrictions
  - Benzene-specific effluent guidelines

#### Control Requirements

### What Are the Treatment Processes?

- Steam stripper
- Thin-film evaporator
- Waste incinerator
- Other processes that meet performance standards
- Wastewater treatment systems (WWTS)

#### Control Requirements

### What Is a Wastewater Treatment System?

- . . . a unit that ultimately discharges under NPDES permit
- Manages certain wastes:
  - Process wastewater
  - Landfill leachate
  - Product tank drawdown
  - Wastes mixed with any of these
- Typically includes:
  - Individual drain systems
  - Equalization tanks
  - Oil-water separators
  - Biological treatment units
  - Air flotation units

#### Control Requirements

##### **What are the Alternative Standards for WWTS?**

- If wastes with  $\geq 10$  ppmw benzene mixed with wastes  $< 10$  ppmw benzene in WWTS, special provisions apply
- All units in WWTS must be controlled until both:
  - The wastes entering an uncontrolled unit are  $< 10$  ppmw
  - The WWTS TAB first entering an uncontrolled unit is  $< 1$  Mg/yr
- TAB entering enhanced biodegradation is excluded from the 1-Mg/yr determination

#### Treatment

##### **How Is an Enhanced Biodegradation Unit Defined?**

- A WWTS process unit that:
  - Uses a suspended growth process
  - Generates biomass
  - Uses recycled biomass
  - Periodically removes biomass
- Examples of processes not considered enhanced
  - Large, shallow biological impoundments
  - Attached growth processes such as trickling filters or rotating biological contactors

#### Control Requirements

##### **What Are the General Control Requirements?**

- Apply controls prior to and during treatment
- Cover or enclose waste management unit
- Generally, convey emissions through closed-vent system to control device
- Control devices remove or destroy  $\geq 95\%$  of organics

**Control Requirements**

**What Are the Affected Waste Management Units?**

- Tanks
- Surface impoundments
- Oil-water separators
- Containers
- Individual *drain systems*

**Control Requirements**

**Tanks**

- Requirements would apply to most noncombustion treatment processes
- Cover and vent to control device
- Alternative controls: meeting requirements of VOL storage NSPS (40 CFR 60 Subpart Kb)
  - Fixed-roof and internal floating
  - External floating roof

**Control Requirements**

**Surface Impoundments**

- Cover
- Vent to control device

## **Control Requirements**

### **Containers**

- Cover
- Submerge fill for pumpable waste
- Enclose and vent to control device during waste treatment

## **Control Requirements**

### **Oil-Water Separators**

- Cover and vent to control device
- Alternative controls
  - Floating roof
  - Meeting the requirements of petroleum refinery wastewater systems NSPS (40 CFR 60, Subpart QQQ)

## **Control Requirements**

### **Individual Drain Systems**

- Cover each opening and vent to control device
- Alternative controls
  - Comply with NSPS control requirements (40 CFR 60, Subpart QQQ) and
  - Control junction box emissions
    - Install water seals on junction box
    - Vent junction box to closed-vent system and control device

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### Compliance

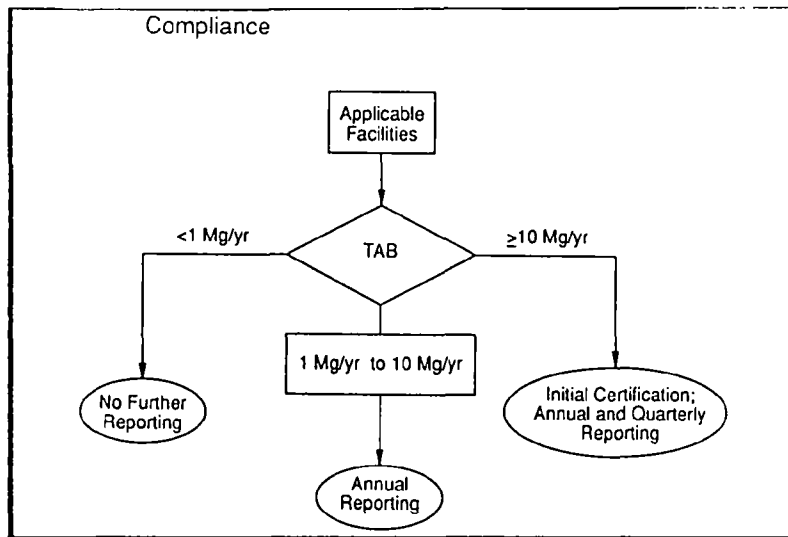
#### How Is Compliance Insured?

- Initial determination of TAB
- Certification of compliance
- Monitoring and inspections
- Records
- Reports

### Compliance

#### Initial Determination of TAB

- Existing facilities report June 7, 1990
- Updates allowed as new information obtained
- New sources report at startup
- Report to include:
  - TAB for wastes with  $\geq 10\%$  water
  - Identification of streams to be controlled
  - Details on basis for benzene waste streams not controlled



Compliance

### Certification of Compliance

- Submitted by March 7, 1992, or by date of new source startup
- Certifies installation of required equipment
- Certifies completion of initial testing and inspections

Compliance

### Monitoring and Inspections

- For both treatment and control processes:
  - Install continuous monitoring equipment
  - Record all important process parameters
  - Inspect monitoring data daily
- Monthly effluent sampling for treatment processes
- Quarterly visual inspections of covers
- Annual detectable emission surveys for closed-vent systems

## Compliance

### Recordkeeping Requirements

- Record information documenting compliance
  - Waste determination results
  - Treatment and control equipment design
  - Inspection and monitoring results
- Maintain records onsite for 2 years

## Compliance

### Reporting Requirements

- Quarterly reports documenting inspections
- Quarterly reports documenting incidences of upsets
- Annual reports summarizing:
  - Incidences of detectable emissions
  - Visual inspections of tears, gaps, etc.
  - Repairs and corrective action

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## Summary

- The rule applies to owners and operators of:
  - Chemical manufacturing plants
  - Petroleum refineries
  - Coke by-product recovery plants
  - Offsite TSDf receiving waste from above
- Treatment and control required for:
  - Facilities with  $\geq 10$  Mg/yr TAB
  - Waste streams within those facilities with  $\geq 10$  ppmw benzene

## Summary

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- Treatment requirements
  - $< 10$  ppmw or
  - $\geq 99$  wt % benzene removal
- Control prior to treatment and noncombustion treatment units
  - No detectable emissions
  - $\geq 95\%$  total organic removal

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