

# Actodemil®

## The Solution to Munitions Waste Disposition

*Energetics - Chemical Agents - Biological Agents*

### **SAFE:**

Permanently Destroys Energetics, Chemical and Biological Agents

### **ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND:**

Non Polluting and Non Hazardous Product

### **COST EFFECTIVE:**

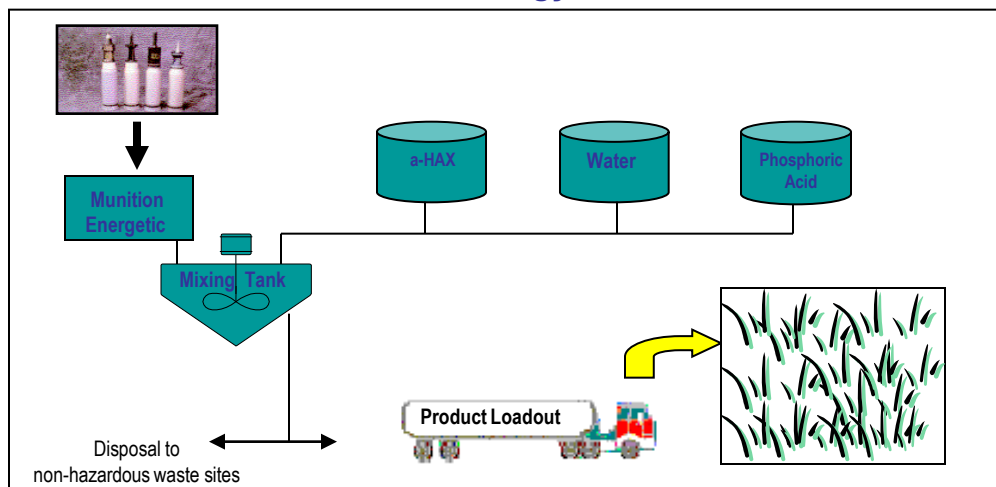
Lower Cost Than Thermal Destruction Methods  
Recycles Energetic Into Saleable Fertilizer

**A CLEAR CUT ALTERNATIVE TO  
INCINERATION AND OB/OD.**

## Actodemil® technology - Description and Applicability

Actodemil® technology is based on naturally occurring coal-derived humic acid for accomplishing a series of useful reactions to decompose highly toxic and hazardous chemicals. Humic acid is a water soluble colloidal solution. It is a reducing agent and thus it promotes reductive hydrolysis. In addition, it has a strong affinity for organic molecules and metal ions, and is thus effective for absorption of reaction products. The key reactant material in the reaction is the ARCTECH proprietary a-HAX reagent. The reaction is carried out in a reaction vessel operating at atmospheric pressure and at a temperature of 160 to 180°F. Following completion of reaction (between 2 to 4 hours), the product is neutralized and is then ready for application as a fertilizer or safe disposal.

### Actodemil® Technology Flow Sheet



### Actodemil® TECHNOLOGY SUCCESSFULLY TESTED ON:

#### Energetics

##### **Large-Bore Gun Propellants**

- 3"/50, 6"/47, M6 (NC based)
- 105 MM (NC/NG based)
- 106 MM - M30, M30A1(NC/NG/NQ)

##### **Rocket Propellant**

- 2.75" AA (NC/NG based)

**Other Explosives** - HMX, RDX, TNT, DNT, Lead Azide, PETN, and AP

#### Chemical Agents

##### **Nerve Agents**

GB, VX

##### **Blistering Agents**

HD, HT, H

#### Biological Agents

***E. coli***

In addition, a variety of energetic wastes treated such as: Rags, Turnings, Dust, Overcast, Off Spec, Rejected Propellants, Explosives, Filters contaminated with Explosives, Unstable, Out of Date Materials, Floor Sweepings, Expended Samples from Lab, Manufacturing Wastes, etc.

## Actodemil® TECHNOLOGY TREATED PRODUCT:

- Complies with EPA Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure (TCLP) Requirements
- Is Not Reactive (as defined by RCRA Requirements)
- Complies with EPA Universal Treatment Standards
- Is Not Mutagenic as Determined by Ames Assay Test
- Showed no Energetic Response (friction and impact tests)
- Is Not Phytotoxic to Plants

### Fertilizer Product Enhances Alfalfa Growth



## REGULATORY ACCEPTANCE

- Compliance with 1997 EPA Munitions Rule Permits Recycling of Energetics to Fertilizer as Non-RCRA Activity
- Nevada EPA in 1999 Approved Use of Recycled Fertilizer and Commended Actodemil® Approach.

## INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTATION

- Disposal of Energetic Manufacturing Waste
- Recycling of Nitrocellulose Fines and
- Recycling of Scrap Propellant into Fertilizer.

## Actodemil® Mobile Production Unit





## **Our Bench-Scale Unit is Available for Specific Technology Application Studies**

### **In Addition, Pre-Designed Units are Available:**

- 100 Pounds per Batch - 50 gallon unit
- 200 Pounds per Batch - 100 gallon unit
- 1,000 Pounds per Batch - 500 gallon unit

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