Electro-Chemical Activation (ECA)

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What is ECA?

 On-site, on-demand generation of detergent and sanitizer using three simple inputs.



Solutions Generated by ECA

- ANOLYTE (sanitizer)
- Charged Hypochlorous Acid (HOCI); pH 5.5-7.0
- Destroys foodborne pathogens
- More effective than traditional chemical sanitizers
- CATHOLYTE (detergent)
- Charged Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH); pH 13.5
- Highly effectively surfactant and detergent



Sanitizer Efficacy

- FDA "Letter of No Objection"
- ECA Generators approved in 2011 PMO
- 72 hour stability
- Successfully tested per EPA Sanitizer regulation
- ECA sanitizer destroys all form of microbes, including:
 - Foodborne: E. Coli, Salmonella, Listeria
 - Viruses: Avian Flu Virus, H1N1 Flu Virus, Norovirus
 - Health Care: MRSA, Tuberculosis
 - Other: Legionella, Cryptosporidium, Bacillus, Anthrax, Bio-Films

2011 PMO APPENDIX F. SANITIZATION

I. METHODS OF SANITIZATION

II. CRITERIA FOR THE ONSITE PRODUCTION AND USE OF ELECTRO-CHEMICAL ACTIVATION (ECA) GENERATED HYPOCHLOROUS ACID FOR THE SANITIZATION OF MULTI-USE CONTAINERS, UTENSILS, AND EQUIPMENT

- EPA System Registration
- 50-200 PPM
- Salt Purity 99.6% minimum
- Non-Toxic
- Labeling Requirements
- Control
- Measurement

ECA Cell Technology



- Onboard RO removes minerals from water
- Saline passed through membrane: outer cathode, ceramic membrane, inner anode
- Current passed between anode & cathode
- Two Distinct solutions produced:
 - Caustic (Catholyte)
 - Sanitizer (Anolyte)

ECA CIP Process



Typical Installation



• 8' x 8' skid replaces bulk chemical storage

On-Site Generation Benefits:

- Environmental
- Cost saving
- Operation safety
- Reduced Transportation



Environment Benefits

- Reduced Water Usage
 - Intermediate rinse steps reduced or eliminated
 - Final rinse step eliminated
- Reduced Energy Usage
 - Solutions effective at lower temperature
 - No bulk chemical transportation
- Reduced Effluent
 - Reduced chemical discharge
 - Reduced drain volumes
 - Reduced pH extremes

Operation Safety

- Eliminates bulk caustic & sanitizer
- Lower operating temperature
- Lower usage concentrations
- Non-toxic



Dairy Applications

- CIP
- COP
- Supply-water disinfection
- Crate & Can washing
- Plant wash-down
- Equipment sanitization
- Biofilm removal
- Doorway Foaming
- Fogging

Does It Really Work???



Dairy Soil Removal

- ECA detergent was tested to find the ideal temperature, concentration & pH
- Test Procedure
 - Coupons soiled with heated cream
 - Effectiveness determined by weight loss
- Tests showed that pH was the critical factor in cleaning effectiveness



Detergent Comparison



Effective Cleaning at a pH of 11.5



Summary of Results

 ECA detergent performed as effectively as bulk caustic and chlorinated detergent at a pH of 11.5 and temperature of 110°F



 Note: Our testing determined that ECA detergent at a pH of 12.5 is equally effective at room temperature

Environmental Disinfection Fogging

- Moyne Institute
- Trinity College, Dublin

Ecasol 250ppm Fogger at 2 metres Challenge doses > 7 log



Organism	15 mins	30 mins						
Surface	Steel	Steel	Vinyl	Vinyl	Tile	Tile	Timber	Timber
S.aureus	7 log	2 log	4 log					
P.aeruginosa	6 log	7 log	3 log	5 log				
B.subtilis	4 log	6 log	4 log	7 log	5 log	7 log	2 log	3 log
C. albicans	6 log	7 log	5 log	7 log	6 log	7 log	1 log	4 log
Asp.nidulans	4 log	6 log	4 log	6 log	6 log	6 log	1 log	3 log

Profitable Sustainability

- CIP water savings
 - Reduces need for rinse steps
 - Average 33% water savings
- CIP energy savings
 - Average 50% energy savings
 - 2.089kJ to heat 1 liter H2O 1°F
 - Consumes 0.8kW per hour
- Reduced CIP time
- Increased line utilization
- Reduced product change-over time
- Improved operator safety
- Reduced transportation cost



Questions?

Thank You!