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## Programme

10:00

Lothar Lißner (Kooperationsstelle Hamburg)  
Introduction to the aims of CLEANTOOL

10:10

Lecture 1: Need for a project and database like CLEANTOOL

Charles Darvin (US Environmental Protection Agency)  
The Solvent Alternatives Guide for Metal Surface Cleaning (SAGE) of the US EPA

10:30

CLEANTOOL Consortium: Presentation of cleaning case studies in relation to the  
CLEANTOOL methodology and the cleaning situations in the specific countries

Klaus Kuhl (Kooperationsstelle Hamburg)  
CLEANTOOL database

Prof. F. La Roca, Graciela Ferrer (Universitat de Valencia, Spain)  
Hidden costs: a source for a win-win initiative

Hermann Thordarsson (IceTec, Iceland)  
Cleaning in fish processing industry

Theodorus Chryssanthopoulos, Dr. Christos Maltezos (Public Power Corp., Greece)  
Substitution, the Greek experience; cleaning of electric motors

Dr. Anne Randmer, Juhan Ruut (EMIECO, Estonia)  
Estonian experience in metal cleaning

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Lecture 2: The cleaning market, cleaning technologies and agents in the EU.  
User needs regarding the CLEANTOOL database

Reiner Grün (DGO, German Association for Electroplating and Surface Technology)  
Main cleaning technologies in Germany

14:20

WS 1:  
Evaluation of cleaning processes  
Networking and databases in metal surface cleaning, user needs  
Introduction: Klaus Kuhl (Kooperationsstelle Hamburg)

14:20

WS 2:

Manual cleaning,

Lothar Lißner (Kooperationsstelle Hamburg)

BREFS with relevance to cleaning operations and other regulations

Introduction: Dr. Jutta Geldermann (Universität Karlsruhe)

16:10

Panel discussion:

New technologies, trends and ideologies in the metal surface cleaning

Dr. Carole LeBlanc (Toxics Use Reduction Institute, TURI, Massachusetts)

Introduction to new metal cleaning technologies and methods

Participants: Prof. Panagiotis Siskos, Reiner Grün, Prof. Brigitte Haase, André van Raalte

17:00

Final lecture:

Experiences with databases in enterprises

Charles Darvin EPA

Good practice and innovation databases as basis for information and communication  
between practitioners and researchers

17:30

Closure

**Press release, 14.11.2003**

**Conclusions of the International Conference on Metal Surface Cleaning Processes, Optimisation and Assessment, Hamburg**

November 10<sup>th</sup> the Cooperation Centre Hamburg organized in collaboration with its European partners an international conference on metal cleaning in Hamburg.

More than 50 cleaning specialists from the USA, the Netherlands, France, Norway, Spain, Greece, Estonia, Iceland and Germany came together to have an intense exchange of views around the introduced CLEANTOOL metal cleaning database.

Charles Darwin, Sr. Mechanical Engineer from the US American Environmental Protection Agency EPA, presented SAGE: an internet based selection system for alternative cleaning methods. In comparison to these procedure proposals, CLEANTOOL offers best-practice cleaning processes, which are actually applied in enterprises. These two instruments complement each other very well.

Members of the project consortium and the national advisory boards described the situation in their countries: Professor la Roca and Graciela Ferrer explained methods of cost analysis using practical examples from Spanish companies. Hermann Thordarson from the Technological Institute of Iceland presented the development of cleaning agents with minimum environmental impact. Dr. Christos Maltezos und Theodoros Chryssanthopoulos illustrated the substitution problems in that large Greek power company. Dr. Anne Randmer and Juhan Ruut highlighted the situation in Estonia and finally Reiner Grün from the Surface Technology Association briefed the participants about the German cleaning techniques.

Two different workshops were set up, in which the evaluation method, integrated in CLEANTOOL, was perfected and the EU initiated „Best Available Techniques Reference Documents“, presented by Dr. Jutta Geldermann, were discussed.

At the following panel discussion Dr. Carole LeBlanc from the Toxic Use Reduction Institute, University Lowell, Massachusetts gave an initial statement, describing the manifold difficulties enterprises encounter when trying to change procedures in metal cleaning. Thereafter Professor Panayotis Siskos, Reiner Grün, Professor Brigitte Haase and André van Raalte argued about their different approaches. Other conference participants also gave their views and presented interesting aspects.

In his final speech Charles Darwin looked backed on many years of experience with databases in enterprises and described using the example of SAGE how this instrument was adapted bit by bit to the requirements of the practitioners.

The atmosphere among participants was excellent, besides some improvement proposals, participants commended the conference. Many new contacts were established, which will also in European context further enhance metal cleaning.

Presentations and minutes can be viewed or downloaded soon under [www.cleantool.org](http://www.cleantool.org).

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## Introduction

*Lothar Lissner, Kooperationsstelle Hamburg, Germany*

Dear participants of our Conference on Metal Surface Cleaning Processes - Optimisation and Assessment.

Welcome in Hamburg in the name of the Kooperationsstelle and all CLEANTOOL partners. Sorry that we invited you in this late time of the year, the last leaves are falling from the trees and darkness comes early. Today we have the opportunity to see all these things very well - due to the view from this room - but hopefully we will not realise it.

My hope is that the cleaning of metal surfaces is such a wide spread and interesting issue that we will forget anything else.

We have here a mixture of persons interested in the topic of cleaning of metal surfaces. From Washington and Boston in the West to Tallinn and Athens in the East. Thank you for taking this opportunity to discuss for one day the situation and the possibilities for improvement. Thanks to all the members of our Advisory Circles, special thanks to all the speakers who took the extra burden to tell us their view in a presentation. Thanks in the name of the Kooperationsstelle to the four CLEANTOOL partners who are working with us now since more than two years and are still on board. For this mixed group we have to use English as lingua franca, unfortunately this choice excluded many interested practitioners. I am not sure whether a probably not very precise but surely very expensive translation would have helped here very much

I hope not only for good professional discussions but also for a lot of interesting personal contacts which improve further communication and co-operation

As you know CLEANTOOL is the abbreviation for "Innovative evaluation and design of industrial surface cleaning processes". The major instrument of CLEANTOOL is a best-practice online database for the cleaning of metal surfaces.

It is one of the major aims of this conference to enable discussions between all parties and persons concerned about the usefulness of such a database and the usability of our CLEANTOOL approach. We developed this database in a consortium together with four partners:

DEI (PPC), Training Department (Greece)  
Electrical power company

EMI-ECO (Estonia)  
Environmental consultant

ICETEC (Iceland)  
Technological Institute of Iceland

UNIVERSITAT DE VALENCIA (Spain)  
Department for Applied Economics

The idea for this project we had in mind since 1996 when we detected SAGE (already developed 1992) – the Solvent Alternatives Guide form from US EPA and the RTI. SAGE was developed by the Surface Cleaning Program at Research Triangle Institute in cooperation with the U.S. EPA Air Pollution Prevention and Control Division (APPD).

We connected this idea with our experience in solvent reduction and substitution projects in the printing, metal and construction industry.

In 2000 the EU accepted in their Innovation program a project proposal from our side and since that time we can work to implement our idea.

In short the project CLEANTOOL aims to develop a database which supports industries with metal surface cleaning tasks in five aspects:

**Orientation**

Giving orientation in a hardly transparent and wide spread market

**Time saving**

Allowing the fastest possible access to solutions

**References**

Showing not only theory but an easy understandable presentation of good practice examples from reference companies

**Interactivity**

Allow interactivity to reduce the variety to the needed information.  
Use interactivity to assess and benchmark a cleaning process

**Neutrality**

Organising a peer review of best practice approaches

The database will finally cover 250 different cleaning processes from five European countries in text, image, and video format and seven languages. All processes have been evaluated under five aspects:

Technology

Quality

Cost Effectiveness

Environmental Impact

Health and Safety.

You will have an overview about the first version by Klaus Kuhl this morning.

That's it from my side up to now . We will go into detail in the following presentations of this morning, prepared by those persons with experience in development of such databases (Charles Darwin) and the groups who really develop our CLEANTOOL database now.

Thank you

## **SAGE, Solvents Alternatives Guide**

### **A Guide to Selection Low Polluting Surface Cleaning Processes**

*Charles H. Darwin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Risk Management  
Research Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA*

*Elizabeth Hill, Research Triangle Institute, Research Triangle Park, NC, USA*

#### **Outline**

1. Background and History of SAGE
2. SAGE System Design Philosophy
3. SAGE Example
4. Additional Features in SAGE
5. Technical Information Sources

#### **Development of SAGE**

Formation of a steering committee in 1991 consisting of representatives from the Agency; industry; academia; and Federal, State, and Local government.

Objective to identify surface cleaning options that could replace solvents being phased out by the Montreal Protocol.

Identified in 1991 as highest priority need by focus group made up of industry, State, Federal, and EPA representatives.

Initially aimed at identifying substitutes for the 33/50 compounds and that comply with the Montreal Protocol.

#### **Background and History of SAGE**

1. System matured to include information useful to the selection of all alternatives including information on regulatory issues, alternative's cost, equipment requirements, case studies, vendors, etc.
2. Initially distributed via mail with over 2000 copies of version 1.0 and 2.0 mailed to requestors.
3. Converted to a Web-based guide due to the demand for the system.

#### **Goal for SAGE**

Development a handbook of surface cleaning alternatives

SAGE System Design Philosophy

SAGE is designed to mimic analytical process used by a process engineer tasked to identify and design an alternative surface cleaning process and its installation.

#### **Design Philosophy**

1. Must allow user to quickly identify solvent cleaning alternative.
2. Must contain factual and verifiable information about solvent alternatives.
3. Provide credibility to vendor-supplied information.

4. Identify health, safety, waste disposal, and technical requirements for implementing alternatives.
5. Identify sources of technical assistance.
6. System must be straight-forward and user-friendly.

### Approach

SAGE identifies potential process alternatives by asking a series of questions that determine which processes are compatible with product requirements including:

- part size
- item material
- item geometry
- surface chemistry
- processing rate requirements
- auxiliary equipment and utility availability

### Example Scenario

1. Surfaces: Cu, PVC, silicon rubber
2. Assembly
3. High production rate
4. Blind holes, and complex geometry
5. Withstand high static and impact pressures
6. Cannot accept abrasion
7. Contaminants oil, grease, and fibers
8. Expensive



### Approach

First Iteration

Process vs. Surface	Abrasion	Acidic Aqueous	Alkaline Aqueous	Acetone	Chelating Agents	Inhibiting agents	NMP	Turpines	CO <sub>2</sub> Pellets	Neutral H <sub>2</sub> O	Supercritical gases	Surfactants	CO <sub>2</sub> Snow	Wiping
H.C. Steel	0	-1	0	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cu	-1	0	+1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	-1	+1	0	+1	0	0
Mg	0	-1	+1	0	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	0	0
Ti	0	-1	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0
Brass	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1
PVC	0	-1	0	-5	0	0	-5	0	0	0	-5	0	0	0
Silicon Rubber	0	0	-1	-5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Matrix 1. Matrix to select or deselect surface vs. process





### Approach

#### Second Iteration



Process vs. Surface	Abrasion	Acidic Aqueous	Alkaline Aqueous	Acetone	Chelating Agents	Inhibiting agents	NMP	Terpenes	CO <sub>2</sub> Pellets	Neutral H <sub>2</sub> O	Supercritical gases	Surfactants	CO <sub>2</sub> Snow	Wiping
Oil	-1	-1	+1	0	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	+1	-1	+1	
Fibers	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	+1	0	+1	0	0	
Grease	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	+1	

Matrix 2. Matrix to select or deselect process options vs. contaminant.



### Approach

#### Third Iteration



Process vs. Operating Parameters	Abrasion	Acidic Aqueous	Alkaline Aqueous	Acetone	Chelating Agents	Inhibiting agents	NMP	Terpenes	CO <sub>2</sub> Pellets	Neutral H <sub>2</sub> O	Supercritical gases	Surfactants	CO <sub>2</sub> Snow	Wiping
Assembly, y	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	+1	-1	-1	
Pressue, N	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Production H.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	-1	
Blind Holes	-1	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	

Matrix 3. Matrix to select or deselect process options vs. product physical properties.



### Approach

#### Cleaning Recommendations



	Abrasion	Acidic Aqueous	Alkaline Aqueous	Acetone	Chelating Agents	Inhibiting agents	NMP	Terpenes	CO <sub>2</sub> Pellets	Neutral H <sub>2</sub> O	Supercritical gas	Surfactants	CO <sub>2</sub> Snow	Wiping
Totals	-5	-1	+3	No	-2	+2	No	+1	-5	+3	No	+6	-1	-1
Results	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No



## Approach

Provides a ranked list of chemistry and/or process alternatives.

## Chemistry Alternatives

- Aqueous solutions
  - neutral
  - alkaline
  - acidic
- Semi-aqueous solutions
- Lactate esters
- Alcohol
- Acetone
- NMP
- Terpenes
- Dibasic esters
- Glycol esters
- Petroleum distillates

## Mechanical/Electrical Alternatives

- No clean
- Sprays and power washing
- Immersion
- Ultra and megasonics
- Laser
- UV/Ozone
- Wiping
- Plasma
- CO2 snow
- CO2 ice
- Liquid and supercritical gaseous fluids
- Abrasive systems
- Steam
- Xenon flash lamp

The screenshot shows the SAGE software interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Process Advisor', 'Alternatives', 'Search', and 'Links'. Below the tabs, the title 'SAFE' is displayed. The main content area is titled 'Information Report' and contains a warning message: 'This page was generated dynamically by a program - if it does not exist on the time as a page that can be bookmarked. If you would like to save this information, use your browser to save this page to your local hard drive.' Below the warning, there is a 'Prepared for' field with the value 'Dennis' and a 'Print name' field with the value 'EPA 1134'. The main table is titled 'Alternative Evaluations' and has four columns: 'Alternative', 'Relative Score', 'Chemical Alternatives', and 'Relative Score'. The table lists various alternatives such as 'Ultrasound Solution', 'Enzymatic', 'Terpenes', 'Alcohol', 'Acetone', 'NMP', 'Terpenes', 'Dibasic esters', 'Glycol esters', 'Petroleum distillates', 'No clean', 'Sprays and power washing', 'Immersion', 'Ultra and megasonics', 'Laser', 'UV/Ozone', 'Wiping', 'Plasma', 'CO2 snow', 'CO2 ice', 'Liquid and supercritical gaseous fluids', 'Abrasive systems', 'Steam', and 'Xenon flash lamp'.

Alternative	Relative Score	Chemical Alternatives	Relative Score
Ultrasound Solution	99	Ultrasound	99
Enzymatic	98	Low Pressure Steam	98
Terpenes	96	Enzymatic	79
Alcohol	79	Chemical Alternatives	79
Acetone	50	High Pressure Steam	50
NMP	50	Megasonics	50
Terpenes	48	Steam	48
Dibasic esters	40	Wiping	40
Glycol esters	40	Immersion	40
Petroleum distillates	40	CO2 Snow	40
No clean	40	CO2 Ice	40
Sprays and power washing	40	Supercritical CO2	40
Immersion	40	Plasma	40
Ultra and megasonics	40	UV/Ozone	40
Laser	40	Wiping	40
UV/Ozone	40	Plasma	40
Wiping	40	CO2 Snow	40
Plasma	40	CO2 Ice	40
CO2 snow	40	Supercritical CO2	40
CO2 ice	40	Plasma	40
Liquid and supercritical gaseous fluids	40	UV/Ozone	40
Abrasive systems	40	Wiping	40
Steam	40	Plasma	40
Xenon flash lamp	40	CO2 Snow	40
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		Supercritical CO2	40
		Plasma	40
		UV/Ozone	40
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		CO2 Snow	40
		CO2 Ice	40
		Supercritical CO2	40
		Plasma	40
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### **Additional Features of SAGE**

- Process conversion checklist
- State agency contacts
- Expert contacts
- MSDS
- Process cost calculator
- Important related Web site links
- Glossary
- References.

### **Data Sources**

- Equipment catalogs
- INTERNET advertisement
- Nine direct vendor contacts
- User contacts and case studies
- EPA technology evaluation programs

### **References Sources**

Richardson's Engineering Cost Manuals  
OAQPS Control Cost Manual  
AACE Seminars  
Open Literature  
Industry Web Sites

### **SAGE Facts**

1. Selected as solvent selection system for ENVIRO\$ENSE
2. Resides on the Internet in both the EPA and RTI Web sites.
3. Usage averages more than 20,000 per month via the Internet.
4. Selected as outstanding Web sites by two Web rating services.
5. Linked from a number of Web sites including the UN, State agencies and state technical assistance Web sites.

### **Locations**

- [WWW.EPA.gov/TTN/CATC/](http://WWW.EPA.gov/TTN/CATC/)  
or
- [WWW.clean.rti.org](http://WWW.clean.rti.org)

## Concept of the CLEANTOOL Database

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### Main Idea

- Real processes
- Best practice
- Documented by means of questionnaire
- Filled out together with plant technician
- So far 50 processes in database
- Aim: 250 – 300 processes

### Access

Through internet

[www.schmeling-webservices.de](http://www.schmeling-webservices.de) (test-site)

[www.cleantool.org](http://www.cleantool.org)

### Examples:

1. Users enter all individual requirements via a comprehensive search interface. This may include parameters for material, dirt, size, geometry, amount and subsequent process.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [http://www.schmeling-webservices.de/search/search\\_Frameset.php?tidlen=2](http://www.schmeling-webservices.de/search/search_Frameset.php?tidlen=2). The page title is "List of Search Results" and the logo for "cleantool" is visible in the top right corner.

The search interface is organized into several sections:

- Materialtype:** A dropdown menu with options: cast iron, chromium, copper, metal parts, nickel, stainless steel, steel (highlighted), steel pointed, Test, and zinc.
- Dirtype:** A dropdown menu with options: ceramic, glass, plastic, rubber, and wood.
- Subsequent process:** A dropdown menu with options: Longest dimension 1 mm to 10 mm, Longest dimension 10 mm to 100 mm, Longest dimension 100 mm to 500 mm (highlighted), Longest dimension 1 000 mm to 5 000 mm, and Longest dimension 500 mm to 1000 mm.
- Weight:** A dropdown menu with options: 1 g to 100 g, 1 kg to 10 kg, 1/2 kg to 700 kg, 100 g to 1 kg, and 11 tons.
- Shape:** A dropdown menu with options: a complicated geometry, a simple geometry, Holes, hollow spaces, and metal folding.
- Calculate maximum throughput of parts to be cleaned per year:** A text input field containing the value "20000".
- Choose:** A button located at the bottom right of the form.

2. The search results will appear in a list along side a rough basic evaluation. From this list the interesting processes can be selected.

Adresse [http://www.schmeling-webservices.de/search/eval\\_mid\\_list.php?idlan=2&sort0=costs&query\\_show=cp,parttype=1;cp,dirttype=3,2;;;dim=14,15;\\_Dur\\_j\\_froi](http://www.schmeling-webservices.de/search/eval_mid_list.php?idlan=2&sort0=costs&query_show=cp,parttype=1;cp,dirttype=3,2;;;dim=14,15;_Dur_j_froi) Wechseln zu Links

Evaluation

Designation(Short)	Costs	Technology	Quality	OSH	Environment	
<a href="#">D 16 Small parts from repair</a>	good	good	very good	very good	good	8
<a href="#">D 17 Cleaning during repair and maintenance with hydrocarbons on a wash stand</a>	satisfactory	good	good	good	good	11

3. The respective technical sheet shows almost all stored process data in extra screens and include e.g. removed dirt, all process steps and the agents used in these steps, the type of equipment and the cleaning procedure in detail.

**D 17 Cleaning during repair and maintenance with hydrocarbons on a wash stand** (Data: 2002-04-15)

Small items from repair work and maintenance eg brake linings made of steel are cleaned from lubricants using hydrocarbons flashpoint > 55°C (A III) on a wash stand, thereafter reassembling



Material    Dirt    Equipment    Agents    Process    Costs    Evaluate    Compare selected processes

<b>Material:</b>	Small items from repair work and maintenance eg brake linings
	steel
	smooth surfaces, hollow spaces
Calculate utilisation of equipment (throughput workload) in %:	12.00
Calculate maximum throughput of parts to be cleaned per year:	20.000
<b>Dirt:</b>	mineral oil, grease, metallic particles, mud/dust, soot
<b>Previous process:</b>	Disassembly
<b>Dirt:</b>	Grease (90.00%)
<b>Agents:</b>	Step1: Hydrocarbon solvent - low volatility (flashpoint between 55-100 °C) (Cleaning product: Elnectus LB-850)
<b>Equipment:</b>	KAB / NETT
	Washstand with foot operated electric pump
<b>Process:</b>	Cleaning by hand by wash stands (used rags, brushes etc. in addition)
<b>How long takes the cleaning process of one</b>	1.00

4. Search results can be evaluated by the system according to the individual requirements be they technological, quality, environmental, health and safety or cost considerations. Thereby all criteria will be further subdivided, in order to avoid coming up with a summarized score, which will have little meaning to the practitioner. The users are to decide how to weigh the different categories according to their individual requirements. This tool gives out evaluations on a scale of one to five and marks the different grades by related colours.

equipment:	good	good
Quality:	very good	good
Quality of cleaning:	very good	good
Rating:		
Further treatment:	assembling/fitting, measurement, testing, Repair, maintenance	assembling/fitting, measurement, testing, Repair, maintenance
Surface requirements:	thin film of oil/grease tolerable/desired	Free of oil and grease
Special quality criteria of the company:		breakings, sealings and fittings need to be free of oil and grease
Quick tests:	Visual control	Visual control
Advanced tests:		
OSH:	very good	good
Steps:	1	
Cleaner type:	Fatty acid esters and (amino)emulsions	Hydrocarbon solvent - low volatile (flashpoint between 55-100 °C), iso-paraffins, Xn,R,Phrase 63
Acute health:	very good	good
Chronic health:	very good	very good
Fine/Inhalation:	very good	good
Standards:	CE, CS	CE, CS
Metals in room:	Yes	Yes
Procedure Hazards:	very good	sufficient
Environment:	good	good
Steps:	1	
Environment Hazards:	good	good
Hazards Exposure:	very good	very good
Treatment of waste:	sufficient	sufficient
Consumption(power) (min/90/100) 15V:	0.020/0.020/90	0.020/0.020/90
Steps:	1	

5. Evaluation of costs for cleaning processes poses a special challenge. Even within one country the prices for energy, water, agents etc. may vary, not to mention variations between different countries. To overcome these problems, CLEANTOOL provides an interactive feature, encouraging users to enter their individual labour-, energy-, water- etc. costs into the calculation interface and get back a customized estimation of cleaning costs.

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Calculate

<b>Summary:</b>							
A 11 Direct Labour :							
	Costs/hour :	46,00 EURO	% costs :				
	Costs/hour :	46,00 EURO					
	Workingdays/year :	220 Days					
	Time :	5,000	Costs/day :	46,00 EURO			
	Times/day :	12,00	Costs/year :		10 120,00 EURO	10 120,00 EURO	
A 12 Indirect Labour :							
	Costs/hour :	46,00 EURO	Time :	0,00			
	Workingdays/year :	220 Days					
A 21 Materials for cleaning equipment maintenance :			% costs :				
A 22 Materials for cleaning :			% costs :				

## **Hidden Costs: A source of opportunities for win-win initiatives**

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### **Cleaning processes in Spanish firms**

- Cleaning is considered as a secondary or auxiliary task in the framework of the production process: cleaning operations account for (far) less than 10% of the total cost of the production process
- Attention is not paid to the cleanliness quality while problems do not arise in the subsequent step: overcleaning is frequently preferred
- There is a lack of technical auditing and quality monitoring of cleaning processes: insufficient technical information
- Current cost accounting in firms works by departments or plants but not by processes

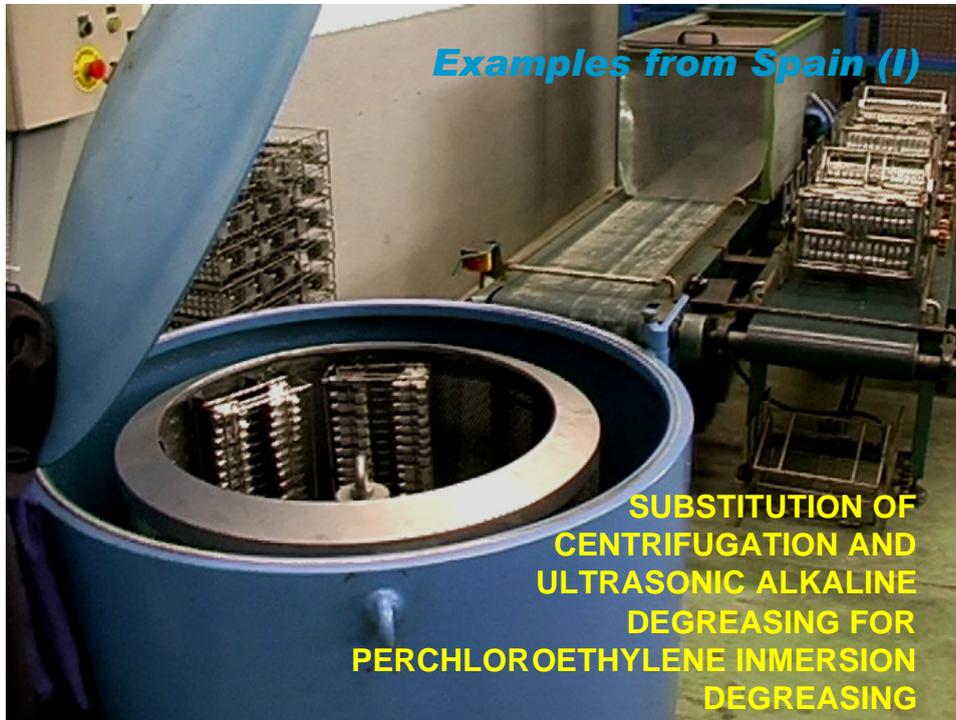
As a consequence, there is not reliable information on cleaning costs.

### **Costs related to cleaning processes**

- Labour costs: although the cost of a labour hour is known, there are problems to know how many labour hours are invested in the cleaning process:
  - Direct labour (i.e. Multitask operator),
  - Indirect labour (i.e. control of chemicals, quality control (analyses), etc.)
- Cost of the agent: although the price of an agent unit is known, problems arise in calculating the quantity used if the agent is applied sporadically, in several processes, or no rules are set for additions and renewing.
- Energy cost: it is calculated for the whole firm or plant but imputation of direct and indirect energy consumption is difficult due to the lack of information about the energy consumed by the process.
- The same is applicable to water cost.
- Non-conformity cost: re-cleaning cost due to cleaning failures should be accounted.
- Waste management costs: they are generally related to the whole volume of wastes and wastewater generated by the firm or plant, but not segregated information per process is available.
- Occupied floor cost: this cost is usually not taken into account for cleaning processes (except when there is a shortage of plant space).
- Equipment cost: not only amortisation cost should be considered, but also maintenance service costs. These kinds of costs use to be calculated for the whole plant's equipment but not per process.
- Health and safety costs: current and capital costs of measures taken for protecting workers must be included in the calculation of cleaning cost. Usually, these costs are accounted aggregately, not per process or even department.
- Air emission costs: implementation and maintenance of installations for preventing / controlling emissions into air should be accounted following a point-of-emission logic, that is to say, as an additional cost for the process that causes them.

Limited internal, technical and economic information obstructs innovative practices and a faster adaptation to new legal requirements, impacting negatively on industrial long-run competitiveness.

### Examples from Spain



#### Parts to be cleaned:

gas regulation valves (gas fires)

#### Part's features:

extruded aluminium; blind holes; holes; interconnected interior conductions; complicated geometry 50 gr.; 7cm\*7cm\*1.2cm; 400000 parts/year

#### Dirt to be moved:

oils and drilling oil (495 l/year); metallic particles (6 kg/year)

#### Cleanliness quality required:

free of metallic particles, oils and dust; and dry

#### Preceding process:

machining

#### Subsequent process:

storage for further assembling

#### Former cleaning process:



degreasing by immersion in perchloroethylene

**New cleaning process:**

Centrifugation + ultrasonic alkaline degreasing by immersion

**Motivation for changing the process:**

increasing H&S and environmental legal pressure on chlorinated solvents



**Centrifugator**



**Ultrasonic alkaline degreasing by immersion**



**Oven**

**COST COMPARISON (annual basis):**

Items	PER process	Centrif + aqueous process
Labour costs	31680.00 €	31680,00 €
Cleaning agent	761.10 €	565.00 €
Energy	2060.00 €	2100.00 €
Water (complete cycle)	0.00 €	34.5 €
Reuse of oils	0.00 €	- 620.00 €
Waste management	1800.00 €	6.00 €
Indirect costs related to H&S and Environmental laws	500.00 €	0.00 €
<b>TOTAL OPERATIVE COSTS</b>	<b>36801.10 €</b>	<b>33765.50 €</b>
<b>OPERATIVE ANNUAL SAVINGS</b>		<b>3035.60 €</b>
<b>INVESTMENT REQUIRED</b>		<b>16830.00 €</b>
<b>INVESTMENT RETURN TIME</b>		<b>5.5 years</b>



**Parts to be cleaned:**

Infrastructure metal parts (street lamps, metal/wire fences, etc.)

**Part's features:**

cold and hot rolled steel; from middle to big size (up to 12.5 m length, 1.8 m width, 3.2 m depth); very heavy; holes and complicated geometry

**Dirt to be moved:**

rust and mill scale (99%); machining mineral oils (1%)



**Cleanliness quality required:**

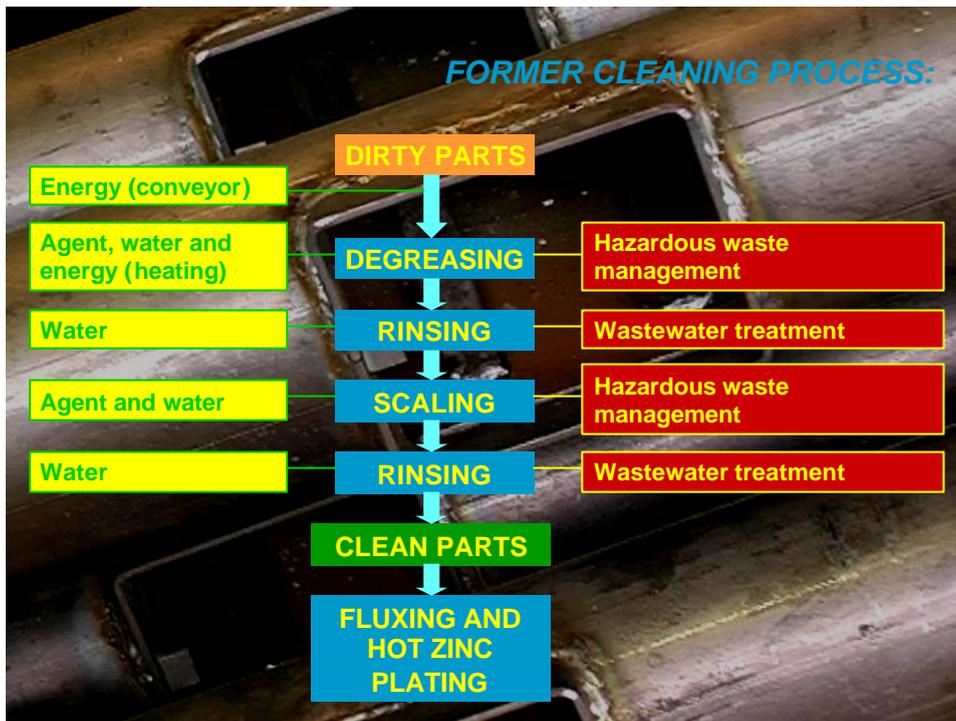
white steel (Sa 3)

**Preceding process:**

(external) machining

**Subsequent process:**

fluxing and hot zinc plating



**Modifications in the new cleaning process:**

Separation of plated material from non-plated material. Amount of dirt of parts is controlled to accept or refuse parts to be cleaned.

**Degreasing and rinsing:**

Eliminated

**Scaling:**

HCl + surfactant and inhibitor additive. System for drained cleaning agent recovery. Exhausted scaling bathes (non-galvanized parts) are neutralised.

**Rinsing:**

Eliminated

**Fluxing:**

Connected to a REGENERATOR that also treats exhausted de-galvanizing bathes generating ferric hydroxide, which is used for neutralising exhausted scaling bathes for non-galvanized parts.

**Neutralization:**

The process gives rise to the production of ferric and ferrous chloride as by-products commercialised by the firm.



#### Advantages of the new cleaning process:

- Segregation scaling bathes → increase of cleaning agent operative life
- Reduction of air emissions. Free of particles air emissions
- Recovery of cleaning agent from draining
- Valorization of process wastes (now by-products)
- Elimination of rinsing water consumption
- Liberation of operative indoor floor
- Increase of cleaning agent efficiency
- Time and conveyor/heating energy savings

#### Concluding remarks

Information on hidden costs makes possible an optimal evaluation of opportunity costs. This improves the quality of decision making and reinforces innovative processes, launched usually for environmental or Health and Safety reasons.

## **Cleaning of machinery in fish processing industry with fatty acid ester based semifluid detergents**

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**“Environmentally friendly choice from sheep tallow”**

**"Vistvænni kostur úr kindamör"**

**kynlega þykir mér hljóma Hvað með síru og nýstrokkað smjör selspik, lýsi eða rjóma?**

### **Background**

- Subprint
- Technology transfer project of using vegetable oil esters as cleaning agents in the printing industry instead of conventional solvents
- Vegetable oil esters are good solvents for oils and lipophilic substances
- Polyol from fish oil
- Biodiesel from meat wastes

### **Project – product development**

- research project/product development of making a cleaning agent from cheap fat, such as sheep tallow, first intended to clean cars in winter
- fat from the meat processing industry is a waste product generating waste management costs
- result of the project was a fatty acid ester cleaner that had good uses as a tar remover for cars, paint brush cleaner that could replace solvents such as turpentine or white spirit and general cleaner for fat/oil/grease

### **Uses in the fish processing industry**

- as the cleaner seemed to be of good use the small Icelandic market forced the producer to try to sell it to the fish processing industry and it was used in cleaning fish meal factories and of fish lines
- the next step was testing it in the fish processing lines where food for human consumption is produced

### **Specific problems in cleaning in the fish processing industry**

- the most difficult task is to remove the bio fouling film formed by bacteria as a defence mechanism against cleaning and washing
- this film can e.g. be seen as a yellowish film on conveyor belts
- bio film formation is a mode of bacterial survival common to many different environments

### **Biofouling films**

- steps of the biofilm development process have recently been elucidated
- attachment of planktonic cells to surface
- gene expression for biofilm formation
- production of exopolysaccharides and glycoproteins for protection
- a highly organized structure evolves with channels for nutrients and wastes

### Conventional cleaning agents used

- Conventional cleaning agents used in the industry are alkaline, bactericidal, turning fats into soap for removal
- they are good at killing the bacteria and general cleaning but not necessarily for removing the film
- their alkalinity is harsh to equipment and machinery – matting of surfaces or corrosion of steel and aluminium follows

### Advantages of fatty esters

- Microemulsions such as fatty ester cleaning agents may penetrate the biofilm better than conventional cleaning agents
- the biofilm is more easily removed by the following washing
- they are neutral agents, so corrosion is prevented

### Tests in factories

- Test results from a shrimp factory
- Cleaning ability is equally good or better with yellow film disappearing with time
- Bacteria counts are low



### Corrosion tests - prevention

- Corrosion tests and comparisons are being carried out by IceTec and a producer of fish processing equipment in Iceland
- The same producer wants to use fatty esters as corrosion prevention material during transport

### Fatty acid ester cleaners and the fish processing industry

- Fatty acid ester cleaners are a new and good option in the fish processing industry
- Most likely there possibilities of improvement of the cleaner properties
- The FAE cleaners tested are environmentally safe and partly made from waste material

## **The choice of an agent after the substitution of 1,1,1-trichloroethane The Greek experience**

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### **The PPC S.A.**

The Public Power Corporation (PPC S.A.) is the largest producer of electricity in Greece with almost 30.000 employees. It has 100 self-owned power stations. One third of them (thermal and hydroelectric) is connected to main land's power network. The rest two thirds are independent (39 thermal, 2 hydroelectric, 20 wind parks, 5 photovoltaic parks) power stations, which are located throughout the Greek islands.

It produces 48.000 GWh per year and possesses 11.000 km of transmission lines and 196.000 km of distribution network. Its annual lignite production at its self-owned mines is 66,2 million tons. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest production of electricity from lignite in Europe.

### **The old agent**

The agent 1,1,1-trichloroethane is eliminated law in order to protect the ozone layer. This agent was almost exclusively used for cleaning PPC's equipment and installations and degreasing surfaces before painting, because of its very good physicochemical characteristics:

#### **1. Advantages**

No flammable, good degreaser, high evaporation speed, low surface tension, high dielectric strength, compatibility with metals, compatibility with non-metals, low toxicity, soft odor, ability to be recycled, no residues left, easy to handle.

#### **2. Disadvantages**

Low bio-degradability, photochemical reactivity.

### **The substitution**

Six years ago, the PPC management appointed a committee in order to proceed with issuing specifications for substitutes of the 1,1,1-trichloroethane. The steps taken by the committee were:

#### **1. Market research for industrial cleaners on the basis of:**

Chemical composition, physicochemical characteristics, hygiene and work safety, environmental impacts, cleaning equipment, handling and disposal.

#### **2. Testing at PPC/TRSC Laboratories for determination of:**

Alkalinity, foaming, evaporation speed, solid residue, compatibility with metals and non metals, cleaning ability, flash point, dielectric strength.

#### **3. Comparison of tests results with suppliers' data and relative references.**

#### **4. Grouping and characterizing agents**

They were grouped into the two main categories:

Water based cleaners and Paraffin based solvents

#### **Advantages**

Water based:

Non flammable, no residues left, bio-degradable, easy to handle.

Paraffin based:

Good degreasers, high electric resistance and dielectric strength, compatibility with metals, low toxicity.

## **Disadvantages**

Water based:

Bad degreasers, low electric resistance, low evaporation speed, possibly incompatible with metals.

Paraffin based:

Flammability, residual film, need care for disposal, low evaporation speed, possibility incompatible with non metals, acute odor.

## **5. Small scale usage of substitutes on the job**

The committee made questionnaires and interviewed a large sample of the company users. They also planned pilot cleaning procedures which were audited and filmed in video.

## **6. Main parameters were considered for the agent substitution**

- The personnel had to change its mentality and attitude towards the new agents and cleaning procedures.
- Technical information and training were required for the personnel.
- Application difficulties such as water cleaning for vehicles and paraffin cleaners would not dry easily.

## **7. Technical specifications for two kinds of cleaners**

Were issued on the basis of all the above

## **8. Training**

Training seminars are planned to meet personnel needs for the new cleaning products requirements after the substitution.

## **Presentation of cleaning processes in various units of PPC (Lignite Centers and Steam power Stations, etc.**

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### **1. PPC / West Macedonia, Lignite Center, Central Machinery Maintenance Station, Sector of Rollers Maintenance**

Equipment to be cleaned: Accessories of rollers(cylinders for conveyor belts)

Dirt: Dust, mud, grease

Cleaning equipment: Washing machine (own-construction)

Cleaning process: Dismantling of rollers and cleaning by immersing them into a bath

Duration: 2 hours.

Cleaning agent: Aqueous cleaner, moderate alkaline "Ecowash" with hot water (temperature 90°C).

Total cost: 50.000 € per year

### **2. PPC / West Macedonia, Lignite Center, Central Mechanical**

Equipment to be cleaned: Bearings, gears, couplings, etc.

Dirt: Dust, mud, mineral oil, grease

Cleaning equipment: Cleaning basins

Cleaning process:

First step: Internal cleaning by hand using only brushes and wad

Second step: Cleaning by Diesel oil

Cleaning agent: Diesel oil

Total cost: 40.000 € per year

### **3. PPC / West Macedonia, Lignite Center, Sector of Diesel Engines Repair and Maintenance**

Equipment to be cleaned: Motors, gear-boxes, etc.

Dirt: Dust, mud, mineral oil, grease, soot

Cleaning equipment: Spray washing machine (own-construction) 31 kW.

Cleaning process: Dismantling of motors and gear-boxes and cleaning of each mounting separately by automation cleaning facilities

Duration: 2 hours

Cleaning agent: Aqueous cleaner, moderate alkaline "Ecowash" with hot water (temperature 90°C)

Total cost: 8.2000 € per year

#### **4. PPC / Megapolis, Lignite Center, Central Electrical**

Equipment to be cleaned: Rotors of electric motors,

P=132kW

Dirt: Dust, mud, grease

Cleaning equipment: Spraying high-pressure washing machine (p=200bar) ELLESSE and furnace P=12kW

(own construction)

Cleaning process:

First Step: Degreasing the rotors by mechanical treatment

Second Step: Spray-washing under high pressure (Duration: 1 hour)

Third Step: Drying into the furnace (Duration: 5 hours)

#### **5. PPC / Steam Power Station of Megapoli, 4<sup>th</sup> Unit (300 MW), Maintenance Sector / Electrical Workshop**

Equipment to be cleaned: Winding of electric motors (Medium Tension 6kV, 2.2MW)

Dirt: Dust, mud, grease

Cleaning equipment: Special brushes

Cleaning process:

First step: Use of special brushes and compressed air for dust removing

Second step: Degreasing using the below cleaning agent

Third step: Drying

Cleaning agent: "Chesterton 274"

Duration:1 hour

Frequency of windings' maintenance: Once every 8 years

Total cost: 600 € per year

#### **6. PPC / Steam Power Station of Megapoli, 4<sup>th</sup> Unit (300 MW), Maintenance Sector**

Equipment to be cleaned: Bearings of fans and other devices of the Steam Power Station machinery (filters, etc.)

Dirt: Dust, mud, mineral oil

Cleaning equipment: Spraying high-pressure washing machine (p=200bar, P=5.7kW) MAER L 800(Italy)

Cleaning process: Spray-washing under high pressure 200bar

Cleaning agent: Hot water (temperature 90°C)

Total cost: 1.400 € per year

### **7. PPC / Steam Power Station of Megapoli, 4<sup>th</sup> Unit (300 MW), Maintenance Sector**

Equipment to be cleaned: Turbine's cooler

Dirt: Dust, mud

Cleaning equipment: Gun of high speed firing (type CS-300)

Cleaning process: Inserting pressurised air and water after firing special "brushes" into the tubes of the cooler by the gun

Duration: 400 hours per year

Frequency of cooler's maintenance: Once a year

Cleaning agent: Air, water

Total cost: 12.000 € per year

### **8. T.E.K. L.L.C. (Limited Liability Company), (Private Company in Northwestern Greece near the cities of Ptolemais and Florina)**

Equipment to be cleaned: Various mechanical equipment, iron-sheets, etc.

Dirt: Dust, mud, grease, mineral oil, anticorrosive substances, lubricants

Cleaning equipment: Sandblast cleaning apparatus P=90kW with nozzle diameter 11mm and p=7,5bars

Cleaning process: "Dry" sand-blast cleaning

Duration: 4 hours per day

Cleaning agent: Sand for sandblast

Total cost: 22.000 € per year

## Estonian Experience in Cleaning of Metal Surfaces

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Paper discusses some issues of cleaning processes of metal surfaces in Estonia.

### Background: Estonian chemical industry

Production of chemicals and chemical products comprises 4,4 % of Estonian industrial production, production of rubber and plastic materials 3,2 % (in 2001).

The dynamics of production capacity of most common products is as presented in table below:

Product group	Unit	1998	1999	2000	2001
Ammonia	Ktons	174,8	145,5	127,5	
Mineral fertiliser (nitrogen based, as 100 % N)	Ktons	x	41,4	37,5	39,0
Mineral fertiliser mixtures	Ktons	x	x	x	55,8
Resins and plastic material	Ktons	21,4	20,3	27,1	x
Benzene	Ktons	23,8	14,5	13,6	6,5
Toluene	Ktons	4,6	4,5	4,6	1,5
Formaline	Ktons	31,9	14,3	21,3	x
Coagulants	Ktons	11,2	10,2	10,5	x
Sealing mixtures, etc.	Tons	x	368,9	508,0	x
Medicinal products	Million EEK	147,0	126,7	170,5	x
Synthetic cleaning agents	Ktons	x	0,76	0,68	3,4
Paint products	Ktons	x	14,70	16,97	15,10

X – data not available

### Production of cleaning chemicals in Estonia:

Non-specific cleaners, including car service, agricultural applications and some others are produced in Estonia.

Main client groups for specific cleaners are food industry and medicine – disinfection properties of cleaning agents are essential for these applications.

Mostly aqueous alkaline cleaners are produced, solvent based cleaners <10 %, chlorinated solvents are not used in formulations

Total number of producers is ~10 in Estonia, larger ones are Flora Ltd. and Estko Ltd. (Estko is presented in Estonian Advisory Circle of CLEANTOOL Project).

There is at least one company known that specialises on cleaners containing only non-hazardous substances or additives.

### Production of metals, processing of metals

Metal engineering industry share in industrial production is 22, 3 %. There is a relatively large number of companies in the branch, but most of them have number of employees less than 10 (see annex I). Number of companies having more than 50 employees is ~125.

Approximately 80 companies are members of the Federation of Estonian Engineering Industry. Major representatives in the federation are from following branches:

### Participation in CLEANTOOL Project

Machine building	14	-
Production of transportation equipment	4	2 <sup>1</sup> (Norma, BLRT Group)
Various metal products	17	2 (Tartu Instrument, Vasar)
Agriculture and Forestry machinery	8	-
Special tools	8	-

Norma is presented in Estonian Advisory Circle of CLEANTOOL Project.

## II Cleaning processes practiced in Estonia

Based on the stages of cleaning, the processes cleaning of metal surfaces could be divided into categories as following:

1. Primary applications - processing of metals are used further as raw material: Metal surface cleaning processes are incorporated in the main production cycle and usually are not a separate or stand-alone operation, production is usually designed as “high-throughput” system (e.g. cold or hot rolling in production of sheets etc. of ferrous metals). Typically these installations are subject to the integrated environmental permit, including requirement to implement Best Available Techniques (as specified in IPPC Directive 96/61/EC). Requirements to the quality of the products are high and subject to standardisation. There are only few applications of BAT in Estonia, e.g. production of continuous hot-dip zinc coated steel sheets in Galvex Estonia Ltd. <sup>2</sup> These applications are out of the scope of CLEANTOOL Project.

2. Secondary applications – processing of metals to final products  
Processes of that type are presented in Annex II  
Some applications have series of cleaning processes in line, especially in electroplating: details from casting or other forming processes are vibro-treated to remove casting channels, oxides, etc., then treated by ultrasonic or alkaline to remove oil, followed by acid pickling, electrochemical treatment with presence of alkaline or neutral agents.

3. Tertiary applications – cleaning metal surfaces in maintenance routines.  
Processes dealt with in the frame of CLEANTOOL Project are presented in Annex III

### Some conclusions from experiences gained in Estonia

There are no known cleaning equipment producers in Estonia. Some companies have used in-house applications to implement simple techniques (rotation drums, baths).

Considering cleaning in processing of metals as final products (secondary applications) no local know-how on agents neither R&D activities exist in Estonia. Most agents commercially used are imported.

Usually, enterprises perform tests of different agents before choosing the optimal chemical.

Local production of cleaning agents for tertiary applications is rather well developed. Mostly aqueous agents are produced, but for some specific applications, especially in car care also non-chlorinated solvents are used in formulas.

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<sup>1</sup> The actual number of companies is larger as BLRT Group consists of 12 enterprises of which 5 are participating the project.

<sup>2</sup> The company does not participate in the CLEANTOOL Project

Some enterprises are subject to IPPC permitting, i.e. cleaning process should not be evaluated as a 'stand alone' operation.

### Annex I. Number of enterprises in the metal processing branch

Activity / (share in industrial production, %)	Characterisation of enterprises	
	Number of employees	Number of enterprises
<b>Production of metals</b> (see below)	1-9	5
	20-49	3
	> 100	1
<b>Production of metal products, excluding machinery and equipment</b> (7,1 %, including production of metals)	1-9	246
	10-19	96
	20-49	71
	50-99	29
	≥ 100	13
<b>Production of office equipment and computers (0, 4 %)</b>	1-9	3
	10-19	4
	20-49	3
<b>Production of other electrical equipment and apparatuses</b> (2, 0 %)	1-9	36
	10-19	9
	20-49	5
	50-99	8
	≥ 100	8
<b>Production of communication equipment, TV and radio sets</b> (2, 3 %)	1-9	29
	10-19	6
	20-49	8
	50-99	6
	≥ 100	7
<b>Production of medicinal equipment, optical devices, precision tools</b> (1, 4 %)	1-9	55
	10-19	8
	20-49	5
	50-99	4
	≥ 100	6
<b>Production of motor vehicles (1, 9 %)</b>	1-9	1
	10-19	5
	20-49	5
	50-99	3
	≥ 100	2
<b>Production of other transport equipment (1, 6 %)</b>	1-9	21
	10-19	10
	20-49	12
	50-99	6
	≥ 100	4
<b>Production of other machinery and equipment (2, 7 %)</b>	1-9	82
	10-19	19
	20-49	24
	50-99	14
	≥ 100	13

## Annex II. Cleaning in processing of metals to final products

Cleaning process	Dirt	Cleaning equipment	Agent	Applications
Vibro-treatment	Oils, fingerprints, soot, etc.	Vibro-shaker, manual loading /Germany/	Stone pellets + Aqueous cleaner /Germany/	Prior electro-plating or painting, 2
			Oak pellets + aqueous cleaner /prepared in-house/	Final polishing of cast products, 1
Chlorinated solvent cleaning	Various	Vapour degreaser, closed system /Sweden/	Trichloroethylene /Finland/	Electronics industry, 1
Ultrasonic cleaning	Various	Ultrasonic bath /Sweden/	Aqueous alkaline cleaner /Finland/	Electronics, electroplating, 2
Aqueous cleaning	Oil, emulsions	Washing machine: spraying-etc.; manual loading	Aqueous neutral cleaner /Sweden/, aqueous alkaline cleaner /Germany/	Electroplating or paintwork, 2
Chemical and electrochemical processes	Various	Electroplating line /Sweden/	Aqueous neutral and alkaline agents, /Finland/ hydrochloric acid	Electroplating, 6
	Oil, rust	Treatment vats	Alkaline + acidic treatment	Hot zincing, 1
Blasting, other mechanical treatment	Rust	Blasting chamber, 60 m <sup>3</sup>	Steel grains	Hot zincing, 1
	Mold residue, oxides	Blasting chamber, 2 m <sup>3</sup>	Steel and pig-iron grains	Casting, 1
	Oxides, cast edges	Rotating drum, 0.2 m <sup>3</sup>	Sawdust added	Casting, 1

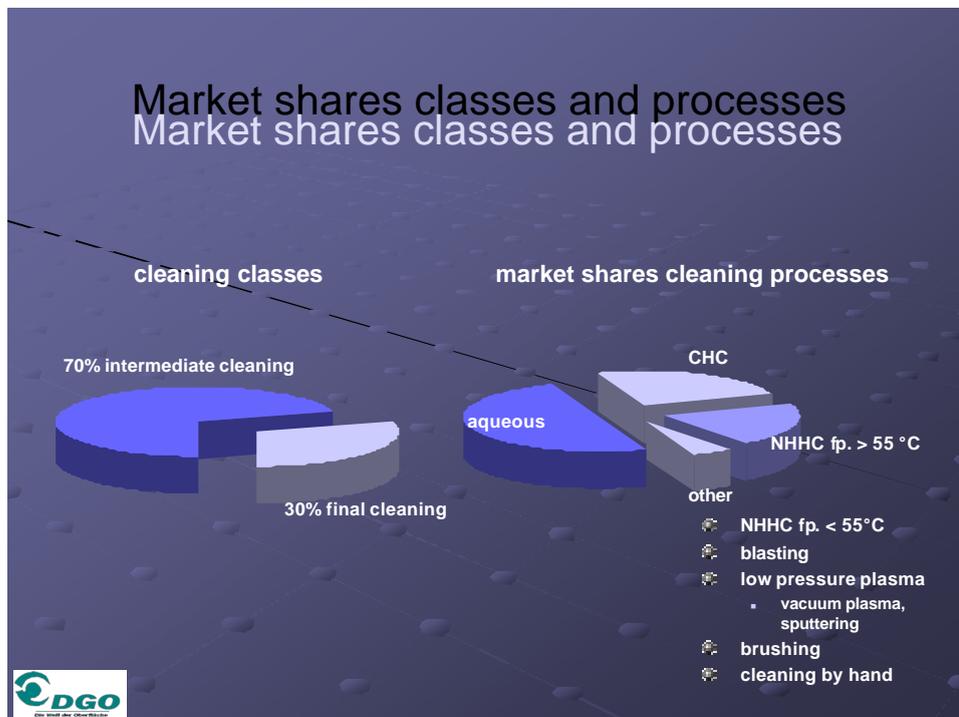
## Annex III. Cleaning metal surfaces in maintenance routines.

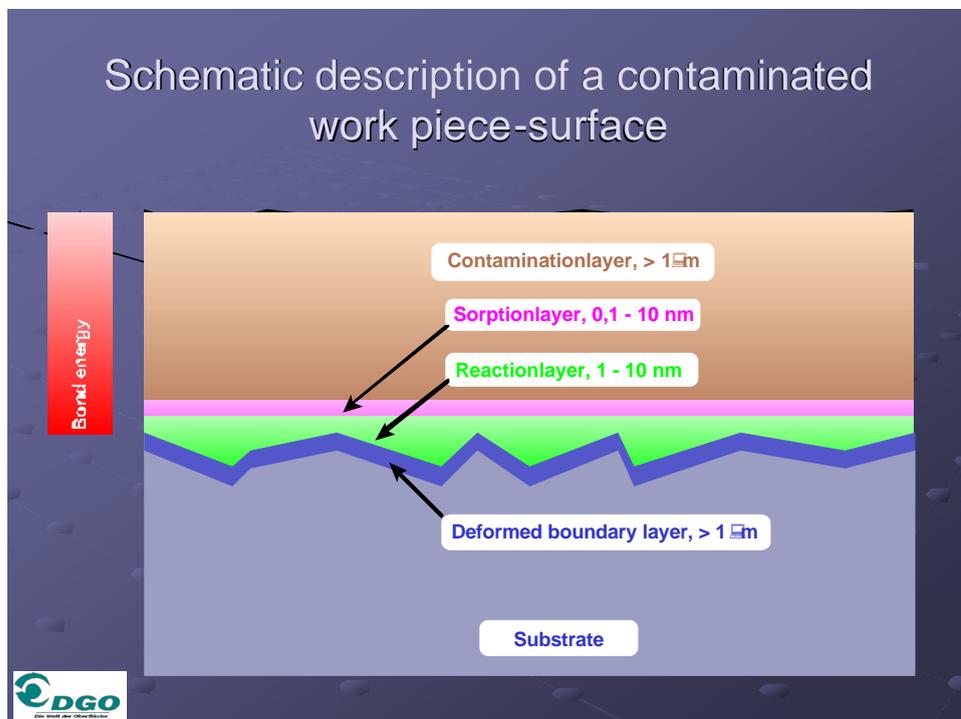
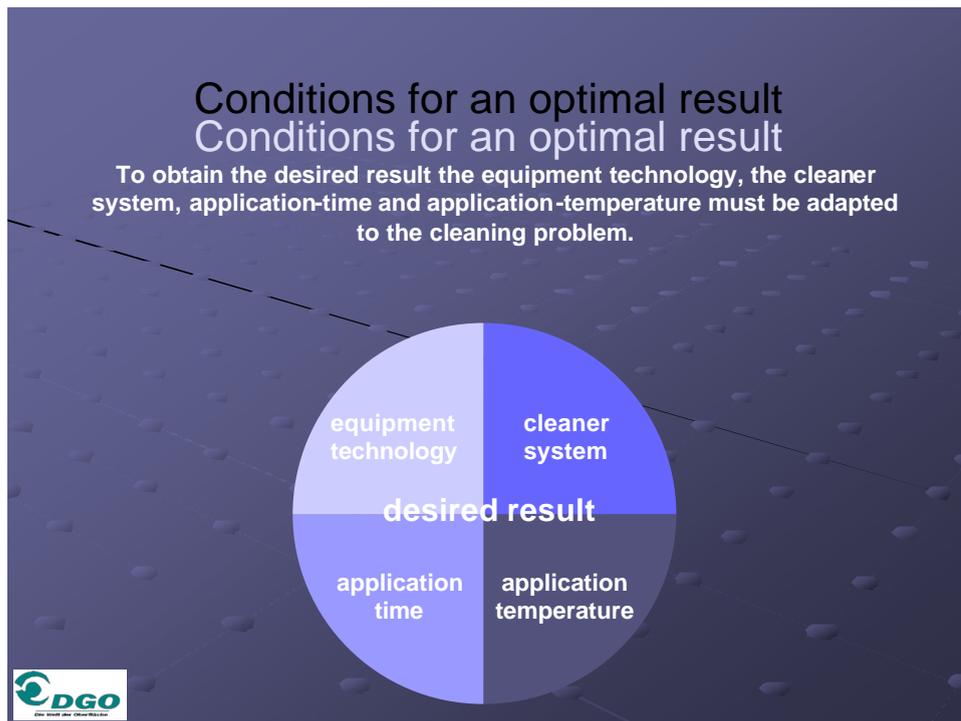
Branch/activity	Dirt	Agent / process	Cleaning equipment	Applications
Food industry	Animal fat, blood	3-step aqueous: alkaline + acidic + disinfectant /Estonia/	spray-cleaning plant /Denmark/	Automated, 3
Cleaning of gas cylinders	Oily residue, rust, paint	Outside: mechanical cleaning Interior: mechanically by metal rods, followed by ethanol	Brushing station Rotational shaker /in-house origin/	Manual loading, 1
Ship repairing: maintenance of generators	Oily residue	Aqueous, alkaline soaking agent /Estonia/	High-pressure cleaner /Germany/	Manual, 1
	Oil, dust	Solvent-based agent, not hazardous /Norway/	manual application	1

Ship repairing: preparatory works for painting	Marine species	Cleaning by water jet	Jet pump station /Germany/	Manual, 1
	Paint, rust	Blasting granules: silicate /Finland/	Blasting nozzles, Compressor units /Germany/	Manual, 1
Tank cleaning	Sediment, oil, fuel residues	Aromatic-hydrocarbon distillate based soaking agent /USA-International/	Rotating head jet system /Sweden/	Vehicle mounted, 1
			Jet washer /Germany/	Manual, 1
Assembled sys- tems: industrial applications	oil, dust	Aqueous alkaline agents /Finland/	Washing machine (Finland)	Manual load- ing, 2
	burnt-in oil	Kerosene /Russia/	Bath, 50 L /in-house origin/	Manual, 1
Assembled sys- tems: car-care applications	oily dirt	Pressurised air cleaning + aqueous alkaline agent /Great Britain/	Wheeled jet washing stand /Italy/	Manual, 1
	sintered oily dirt	Pressurised air cleaning + solvent based agent /Netherlands/	spray bottle, "run- off" cleaning	Manual, 1
	rust, oil, oily dirt	Solvent based agents /Netherlands/	spray bottle, manual wiping	Manual, 4
Car / bus maintenance. engine washing	oily dirt	Aqueous neutral agents /Sweden/	Jet washer /Germany/	Manual, 1
		Aqueous alkaline agents /Great Britain/	spray bottle, sponge	Manual, 1
		Industrial gasoline based agent + water /Estonia/	spray bottle, water hose	Manual, 1
Maintenance of cars / buses: washing	Dust, oil, salt, etc.	Aqueous neutral agent /Estonia/	Jet washer /Germany/	Manual, 1
		Aqueous neutral agents /Sweden/	Washing station /Finland/	1
	Bitumen stains	Alcohol-based agent /Sweden/	Jet washer /Germany/	Manual, 1

## Main cleaning technologies: an overview

Reiner Grün, German Association for Electroplating and Surface Treatment, Zwingenberg, Germany





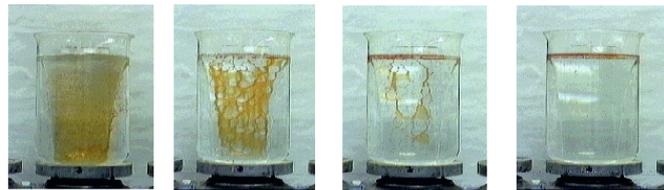
## Cleaning systems Cleaning systems

- solvents
  - CHC
    - TRI, trichloroethylene
    - PER, perchloroethylene
    - MeCl, methylene chloride
  - NHHC fp. > 55°C
    - Isoparaffine
    - hydrocarbons
    - Alkoxy-Propanol (Dowanol)
- aqueous, demulsifying or emulsifying
  - alkaline cleaner
    - pH 9-14
    - powder, liquid
    - spray, immersion, US
    - 1 and 2 components
  - neutral cleaner
    - pH 7-9
    - liquid
    - spray, immersion, US
    - corrosion protection
  - acid cleaner
    - pH < 6
    - liquid
    - immersion, US

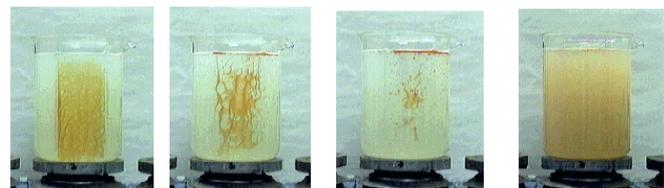


## Aqueous cleaning systems

demulsifying system

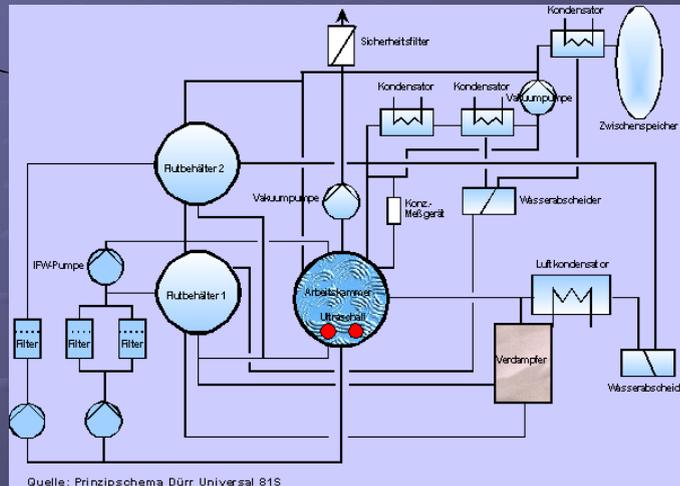


emulsifying system



oil on a lantern slide; 60 °C

## Equipment for solvent cleaning one chamber vacuum plant (125 mbar)



## Equipment for solvent cleaning

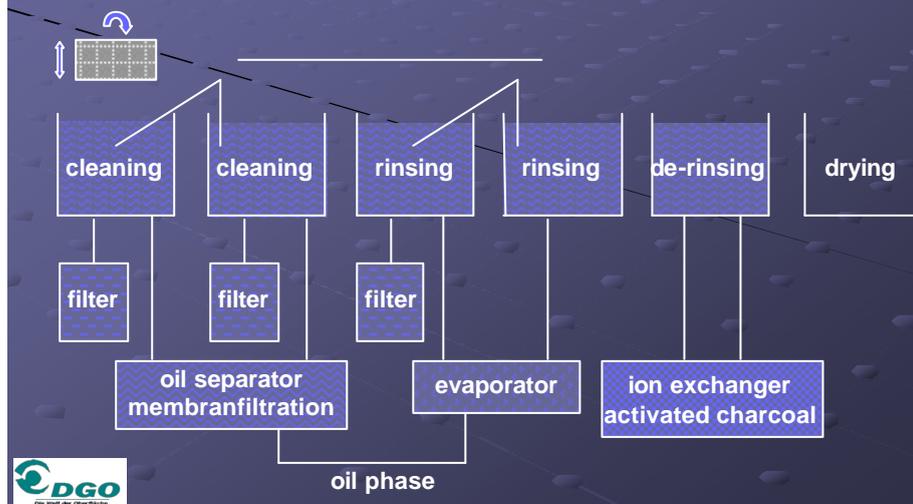


## Solvent cleaning

- **pressure**
  - 100-125 mbar
- **application temperature**
  - 70-80 °C
- **methods**
  - spray (1-10 bar)
  - ultrasonic
  - immersion
  - Hydrosor<sup>®</sup>, high pressure flow (5-25 bar)
- **chemical analysis**
  - oil content
  - water content
  - stabilizer



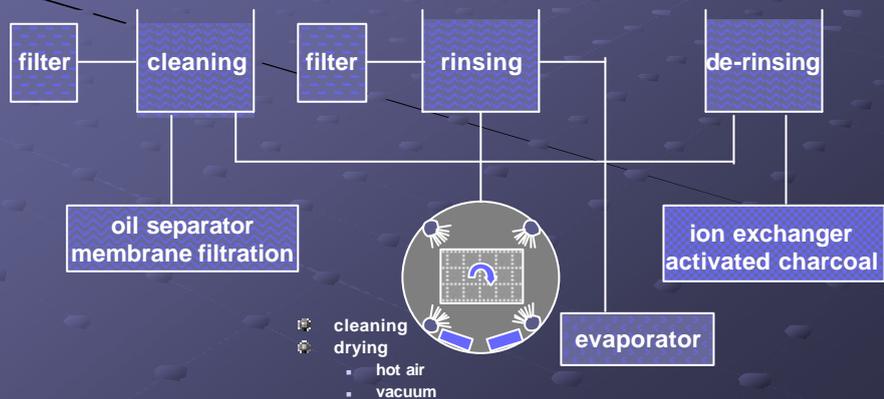
## Equipment for aqueous cleaning multi chamber plant



## Equipment for aqueous cleaning multi chamber plant



## Equipment for aqueous cleaning single chamber plant



## Single-chamber plant



## Aqueous cleaning

- application temperature
  - 70-80 °C
- methods
  - spray (1-10 bar)
  - ultrasonic (US)
  - immersion
  - Hydroson®, high pressure flow (5-25 bar)
  - high pressure deburring and cleaning (500-1000 bar)
  - Hydrovac®, boiling with vacuum (70-80 °C, 125 mbar)
- chemical analysis
  - builder
  - surfactant
  - water quality
  - corrosion protection



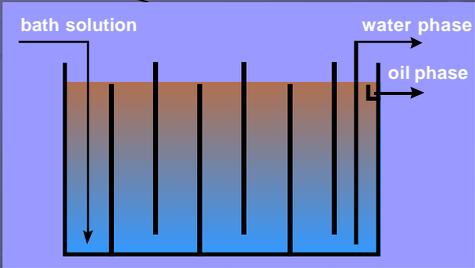
## Chemical analysis Chemical analysis

- solvents
  - NHHC
    - oil content
      - refraction index
      - boiling point
  - CHC
    - oil content
      - boiling point
    - water content
    - stabilizer
      - titration
      - pH

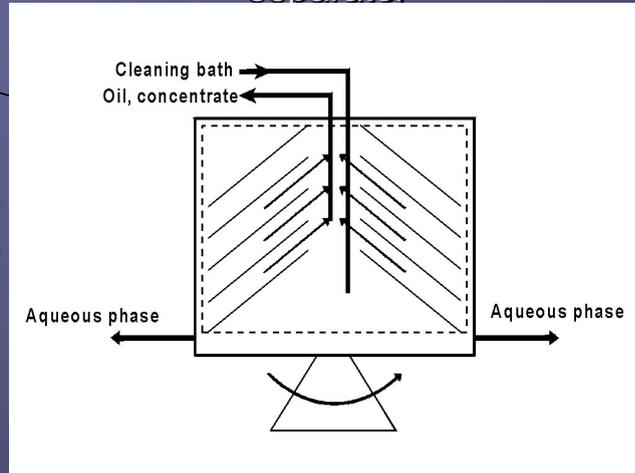
- aqueous cleaning
  - builder
    - titration
    - photometry ( $PO_4$ )
  - surfactant
    - photometry
    - tensiometer ([www.sita-messtechnik.de](http://www.sita-messtechnik.de))
  - water quality
    - conductance
    - photometry (COD)
  - corrosion protection
    - titration
    - DIN-Spänetest



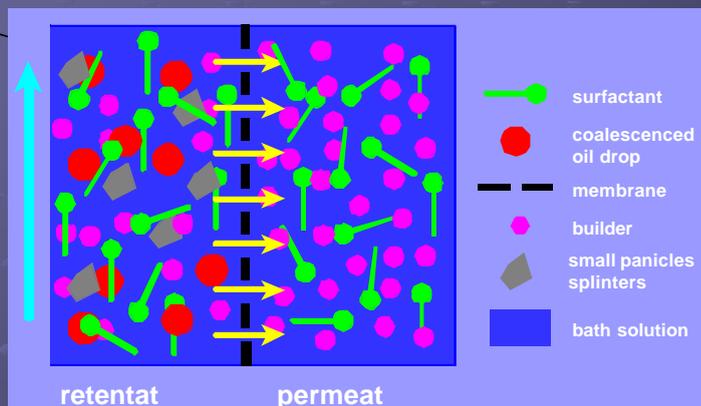
## Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance oil-separator



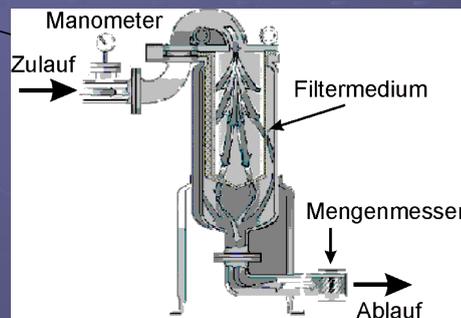
### Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance separator



### Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance membrane filtration (UF/MF)



## Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance Aqueous cleaning bath maintenance particle filtration



## Aqueous cleaning water quality Aqueous cleaning water quality tap water ingredients

- calcium, magnesium
  - calcareous spots
- chloride, sulfate
  - rust, corrosion
- sodium
- potassium
- nitrate
- carbonate
- different organic substances



## Automatically proportioning

### advantages with the use of proportioning units

- consistent concentration
- less chemical analysis
- consistent cleaning quality
- smaller share of rejects
- smaller rectification of rejects



## Workshop 1, Part 1: Evaluation of Cleaning Processes

Introduction: Klaus Kuhl, Kooperationsstelle Hamburg, Germany

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Evaluation

### Overview

Technology	Quality	OSH	Environment	Costs
Throughput, utilization	Eval. by techn. (text)	Acute health hazards (CM)	Environmental hazards (CM)	Total costs
Size of equipment	Eval. by techn. (grades)	Chronic health hazards	Emissions into air	Total costs per unit
Central/ decentral ...	Subsequent process	Fire, explosion hazards	Waste	Investment costs
Number of steps	Standards	Mechanical, el., etc. hazards	Energy consumption	Operational costs a) Labour b) Energy c) Waste/Water d) Waste e) Maintenance f) Agents
Auxiliary equipment	Analyses	Noise	Water consumption	
Qualification of workers		Procedure hazards	Waste water	
Quality of equipment				

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### Technology I

- First idea  
Compatibility and tuning of all components  
BUT: limited data, very imprecise, components usually cover a wide range; German AC opposed
- Second idea  
Users view: what is important to him/her, as he/she considers to apply the process  
Not a real assessment but rather selection criteria.

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**Evaluation**

**Technology II**

Utilization, maximum and usual throughput	Calculated from questionnaire (3.5)	In percent resp. number of parts
Size of equipment (floor space, height)	Length, width, height (3.7)	In meters
Central or decentral	Central/decentral (3.9)	Central/decentral
Simple or complicated procedure	Number of steps (3.8)	Number
Special or multitask equipment	Special/multitask (3.9)	Special/multitask
Auxiliary equipment (distillation, waste processing)	As stated in questionnaire (3.12)	Text
Qualification level of workers	As stated in questionnaire (6.4)	Text
Quality of equipment as seen by plant technician	As stated in questionnaire (3.7, 7.2)	Text

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**Evaluation**

**Quality (Customer's Satisfaction)**

Evaluation by technician	Statement of users and possibly test records	Text (6.1)
Evaluation by technician	Statement of users and possibly test records	Five grades (6.1)
Subsequent process	E.g. electroplating, painting, repair, ...	Text (3.8.B)
Standards	Which standards are applied	Text (6.2, 3.8.C)
Analyses	Which analytical methods are applied	Text (6.3)

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Evaluation

### Column Modell

Risks	Acute health hazards	Chronic health hazards	Environmental hazards	Fire and explosion hazards	hazards caused by the exposure potential	hazards caused by the procedures
very high	highly toxic	K1, K2, M1, M2	N; water pollution	extremely flammable	gases, dusts	open
high	toxic, highly corrosive	R1,R2,K3,M3	class: WGK 3	highly flammable	highly volatile	
medium	harmful, corrosive	R3	WGK 2	flammable	volatile	closed
low	irritant	chronically affecting	WGK 1	hardly flammable	low volatile	
negligible	harmless by experience		not water polluting	inflammable	solids	tightly closed

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### Column Modell (II)

- Download as pdf file:
  - German: [www.hvbg.de/d/bia/pramodell/spalte.htm](http://www.hvbg.de/d/bia/pramodell/spalte.htm)
  - English: [.../spaltee.htm](http://.../spaltee.htm)
- Electronic version:
  - [www.aser.uni-wuppertal.de](http://www.aser.uni-wuppertal.de)

### OSH (Concentration)

We rely on SDS especially compiled for the working concentration (agent producers have to surrender SDSs also for the concentration applied in the workshops). We will use these special SDSs to get the information for the column model (R-phrases, ...) etc.

If we would use the SDS with the original concentration of the agent, an agent producer who dilutes his hazardous product with a sufficient amount of water would score good results and another one with the same product who does not dilute that much would get bad results; although the working concentration could be the same.



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Evaluation

Environment

Environmental hazards	Column modell, R-phrases, German water pollution class	Five grades
Emissions into air	Column modell, vapour pressure	Five grades
Waste attributed to agent	Processing of waste: evaporation, disposed of, reused, reused in company, no waste	Five grades
Energy consumption	Electric power multiplied by time	kWh
Water consumption	Water consumption	m <sup>3</sup>
Waste water	Waste water attributed to cleaning process	m <sup>3</sup>

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Evaluation

Costs

Total costs	Total cost generally per year	Euros
Total costs per unit	Per parts, per surface, per removed dirt (yearly)	Euros
Investment costs	Equipment etc.	Euros
Operational costs: a) Labour b) Energy c) Water/wastewater (treatment) d) Waste e) Maintenance f) Agents		Euros

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## **Energy, water, sewage, costs**

A common scale is needed for:

- Energy consumption
- Water consumption
- Waste water
- Costs

Case 1: Comparison of a limited number of processes, selected by the user on almost identical requirements, parameters.

E.g.: Electric power 100 kWh against 50 kWh,

Water consumption 400 m<sup>3</sup> against 500 m<sup>3</sup>

These figures are to be transferred to a scale between 1 and 5 for comparison purposes.

Case 2: Precise comparison

Related to removed amount of dirt (or number of parts)

100 kWh/10 kg of dirt -> 10 units presented on a scale between 1 and 5

50 kWh/20 kg of dirt -> 2.5 units presented on a scale between 1 and 5

## **Minutes of Workshop 1 Part 1:**

Proposal to alter the "hazards caused by procedures"-table of our evaluation scheme. The selection of substances should be based on the column model. The current selection criteria were seen as inconsistent. The proposal was accepted by the CLEANTOOL staff.

The question of concentration was discussed in detail. As the current evaluation scheme is only based on the working concentration, the hazards of handling the delivered concentrates is not considered. This was due to the fact that most companies have automatic systems installed so that workers hardly come into contact with the concentrates. Nonetheless it was felt that a consideration would be helpful. (Carole LeBlanc: Dilution is no solution! She stressed the transport risks.)

Possibilities of database maintenance were also discussed.

## **Workshop 1, Part 2: Networking and Databases**

*Introduction: Klaus Kuhl, Kooperationsstelle Hamburg, Germany*

**(This introduction was not presented at the Workshop)**

### **Who should be in the Network**

- Enterprise technicians
- Specialists-practitioners
- Researchers, labs
- Projects
- EPA and OSHA
- Plant and agent producers/suppliers
- Magazines (archives)
- Consultants

### **How to Network**

How to guarantee that users find the right persons to answer their questions

- Database
- Newsgroup
- Listserv
- Forum
- Community
- Archives

### **How to Finance Networking**

- Sponsors
- Charges
- Integration
- Project
- ....

## Workshop 2: Introduction in Manual Cleaning and BREFS

*Introduction: Lothar Lißner, Kooperationsstelle Hamburg, Germany*

MANUAL CLEANING is a major cleaning technology, wide spread, small size, hard to control

BREFS are prepared res. available for larger installations, fewer uses, large size, well controlled



### Pictures from manual cleaning Pictures from manual cleaning



Hamburg, 11 November 2003

### Typical areas of manual cleaning of metal surfaces

Maintenance and repair in workshops or on site

Cars, trucks, busses, lifts, furnaces, boilers, electric installations, agricultural and construction machinery

Workshops mechanical engineering

Regular daily cleaning in the less automated processes, e.g. parts of the food industry, professional canteens

Removal with blasting processes

e.g. shipyards, corrosion protection of steel constructions

Small workshops

e.g. jewellery

Manual cleaning needs most concern in terms of health and safety, cost effectiveness and quality.

The used methods depend highly on experience due to an often unknown amount and sometimes also unknown type of dirt.

Large installations are better evaluated. Better data about dirt and quality requirements for the further processing are available.

### **The environment**

The huge number of manual cleaning processes cannot be controlled in practice.

The used amounts of cleaning agents are small in relation to large installations, but in total they might be even more important due to the open use.

Large installations are better controlled. The risk is higher in case of an accident or a leakage.

### **Cost effectiveness and quality**

The main strategy in manual cleaning is: take much of an aggressive cleaning agent and you are on the right way.

Control of costs and quality is difficult.

### **Technology**

The technologies are still simple:

Mechanical removal,

Brushing

Wiping

Dipping into open bathes (sometimes heated or ultrasonic)

Blasting

The washing table is the major tool in workshops. Cleaning on site is done by wiping and brushing.

### **Health and safety**

The open uses poses in many cases an unacceptable risks for the workers.

### **BREFS**

BREFS are Best available Techniques reference documents

They are prepared in the frame of an EU-Directive  
(the IPPC = Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control)

They have to be taken into account in the licensing process of industrial installations.

Covered are also “installations for the surface treatment of substances, objects or products using organic solvents, in particular for dressing, printing, coating, degreasing, waterproofing, sizing, painting, cleaning or impregnating”

(Mrs Geldermann)

Manual cleaning needs a real improvement

How can the companies be reached?

Is it possible to reach these types of industries with a database?

Can the regulations and technologies in BREFS support smaller manual cleaning operations?

## **Workshop 2, Part 2: BREFS**

### **Determination of Best Available Techniques (BAT)**

*Introduction: Dr. Jutta Geldermann, French-German Institute for Environmental Research (DFIU), University of Karlsruhe (TH), Germany*

*Prof. Dr. Otto Rentz, French-German Institute for Environmental Research (DFIU), University of Karlsruhe (TH), Germany*

### **Determination of Best Available Techniques (BAT)**

#### Overview

- Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control as the Aim of the Environmental Policy in the EU
  - IPPC-Directive 96/61/EC
  - Surface Treatment
- Approach for the assessment of cross-media aspects for BAT determination at EU-level
- Thematic Network ISACOAT  
Integrated Scenario Analysis in the sector of Metal Surface Coating
- Discussion / Open Questions

### **Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control as the Aim of the Environmental Policy in the EU IPPC-Directive**

- EC-Directive concerning Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC-Directive, 96/61/EG)
- Determination of „Best Available Techniques“ (BAT):
  - on an EU level: Description of BAT for the industrial sectors by Technical Working Groups (TWG)
  - on a national level: Orientation towards BAT during the process of granting the permit
- Annex I lists categories of covered industrial activities.
  - TWG on Surface Treatment of Metals and Plastics  
Kick-off Meeting: Sevilla 10 -12 April 2002
  - TWG on Surface Treatment using Solvents  
Kick-off Meeting: Sevilla 27 – 28 March 2003
- <http://eippcb.jrc.es/pages/FAbout.htm>

### **Council Directive 91/61/EG on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Art. 2 (11)**

#### Definition

- The term „best available techniques“ signifies the most effective and advanced stage in the development of activities and their methods of operation which indicate the practical suitability of particular techniques for providing in principle the basis for

emission limit values designed to prevent and, where that is not practicable, generally to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment as a whole.

- „Techniques“ include both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, operated and decommissioned.
- „Available“ techniques means those developed on a scale which allows implementation in the relevant industrial sector, under economically and technically viable conditions, taking into consideration the costs and advantages, whether or not the techniques are used or produced inside the Member State in question, as long as they are reasonably accessible to the operator.
- „Best“ means most effective in achieving a high general level of protection of the environment as a whole.

In determining the best available techniques special consideration should be given to the items listed in Annex IV.

### **Categories of Industrial Activities**

Annex I (IPPC-Directive)

- Installations or parts of installations used for research, development and testing of new products and processes are not covered by this Directive.
- The threshold values given below generally refer to production capacities or outputs. Where one operator carries out several activities falling under the same subheading in the same installation or on the same site, the capacities of such activities are added together.
- 1. Energy industries
- 2. Production and processing of metals
  - 2.1. Metal ore (including sulphide ore) roasting or sintering installations
  - 2.2. Installations for the production of pig iron or steel .....
  - .....
  - 2.5. Installations
    - (a) for the production of non-ferrous crude metals from ore, concentrates or secondary raw materials by metallurgical, chemical or electrolytic processes
    - (b) for the smelting, including the alloyage, of non-ferrous metals, including recovered products, (refining, foundry casting, etc.) ...
  - 2.6. Installations for surface treatment of metals and plastic materials using an electrolytic or chemical process where the volume of the treatment vats exceeds 30m<sup>3</sup>

### **Categories of Industrial Activities**

Annex I (IPPC-Directive)

- 3. Mineral industry
- 4. Chemical industry
  - Production within the meaning of the categories of activities contained in this section means the production on an industrial scale by chemical processing of substances or groups of substances listed in Sections 4.1 to 4.6

- .....
- 5. Waste management
- 6. Other activities
  - 6.1. Industrial plants for the production of pulp and paper and board with a production capacity exceeding 20 tonnes per day
  - 6.2. Plants for the pre-treatment (operations such as washing, bleaching, mercerization) or dyeing of fibres or textiles where the treatment capacity exceeds 10 tonnes per day
  - 6.3. Plants for the tanning of hides and skins ...
- .....
- 6.7. Installations for the surface treatment of substances, objects or products using organic solvents, in particular for dressing, printing, coating, degreasing, waterproofing, sizing, painting, cleaning or impregnating, with a consumption capacity of more than 150 kg per hour or more than 200 tonnes per year

### **General principles governing the basic obligations of the operator**

#### Article 3 (IPPC-Directive)

- Member States shall take the necessary measures to provide that the competent authorities ensure that installations are operated in such a way that:
  - all the appropriate preventive measures are taken against pollution, in particular through application of the best available techniques;
  - no significant pollution is caused;
  - waste production is avoided in accordance with Council Directive 75/442/EEC of 15 July 1975 on waste; where waste is produced, it is recovered or, where that is technically and economically impossible, it is disposed of while avoiding or reducing any impact on the environment;
  - energy is used efficiently;
  - the necessary measures are taken to prevent accidents and limit their consequences;
  - the necessary measures are taken upon definitive cessation of activities to avoid any pollution risk and return the site of operation to a satisfactory state.
- For the purposes of compliance with this Article, it shall be sufficient if Member States ensure that the competent authorities take account of the general principles set out in this Article when they determine the conditions of the permit.

## Organisation of the Information Exchange and Determination of BAT

Article 16 (2) (IPPC-Directive)

EU-Commission (DG XI, XII, III)  
initiates the information exchange:

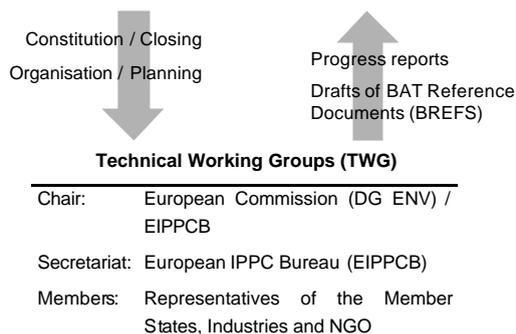
- *IPPC Information Exchange Forum (IEF)* for final discussion of BREF (BAT reference documents)  
Representatives from member states, industry, NGO
- *European IPPC Bureau (EIPPCB)* at the IPTS in Seville
- *Technical Working Groups (TWGs)* for each particular industry (as Iron / Steel; Ferrous Metal Processing; Non-ferrous metal processes)  
Representatives from member states, industry, NGO, EIPPCB (Seville)

### Information Exchange Forum (IEF)

Chair: European Commission (DG ENV)

Secretariat: European Commission (DG ENV)

Members: Representatives of the Member States, Industries and NGO (Non-governmental Organisations)



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## General boundaries of BREFs

### IPPC BREF outline and guide

- Executive Summary
- Preface
- General Information
- Applied Processes and Techniques
- Current Emission and Consumption Levels
- Techniques to Consider in the Determination of BAT
- Best Available Techniques (BAT)
- Emerging Techniques
- Concluding Remarks
- Annexes
  1. Glossary – to define abbreviations and terms used in the document;
  2. Supporting Literature and/or Case studies;
  3. Summaries of existing national and international legislation, as far as submitted by the TWG;
  4. Monitoring of emissions (specific to sector)

## Report on Best Available Techniques in the Sectors Paint and Adhesive Application

Rentz, O.; Peters, N. H.; Nunge, S.; Geldermann, J.: Bericht über Beste Verfügbare Techniken (BVT) in den Bereichen der Lack- und Klebstoffanwendung in Deutschland; VDI-Verlag, Reihe 16 (Technik und Wirtschaft) Nr. 158, Düsseldorf (2003); ISBN 3-18-315816-7

Paint application	Adhesive application
Serial coating of passenger cars	Tapes
Coating of busses, trucks and mobile homes	Paper and packaging, composite foils
Coating of agricultural and construction machines	Vehicles
Coating of rail vehicles	Shoes and leather goods
Coating of planes	Wood materials and furniture
Coating of ships	
Coating of plastic and metal workpieces	
Coating of packings	
Coating of furniture	



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## Approach for the assessment of cross-media aspects for BAT determination at EU-level

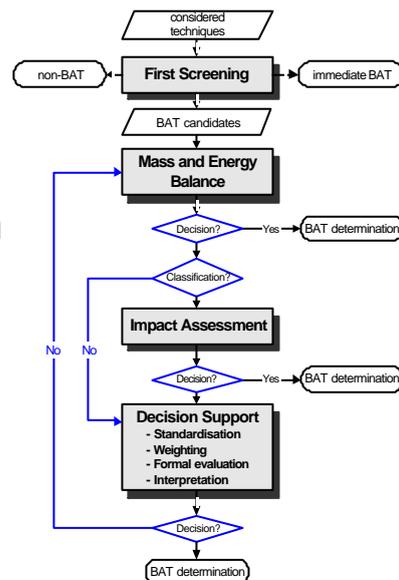
### Preconditions:

- Requirements of the IPPC-Directive
- Sufficient data availability assumed
- Economic and technical viability assumed, because considered techniques are tested on an industrial scale

### Proposal:

#### Assessment procedure with a modular structure

- allowing for an iterative application
- focussing the experts' discussion on key issues



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### **Objective of the “First Screening“- Module is the Setting of the Assessment Scope and the Selection of “Candidate BAT“**

#### Module 1: First Screening

- Setting of system boundaries  
(main process, sub-processes, associated activities)
- Non-Compliance with relevant emission limit values  
'non-BAT'
- If no relevant environmental impacts is caused  
'immediate BAT'

### **Objective of the “Mass and Energy Balance“- Module is the Compilation of relevant Mass and Energy Flows**

#### Module 2: Mass and Energy Balance

- Determination of assessment scope
  - Extension is necessary, if significant differences in
    - use of energy,
    - input substances, or
    - waste generation
  - Limitation is possible, if system parts are equal, slightly different, or of minor ecological relevance
- Supplementation of mass and energy data as part of the information exchange according to IPPC-Directive

### **Objective of the „Impact Assessment“- Module is the Modelling of the Potential Environmental Impact**

#### Module 3: Impact Assessment (1/2)

- Assignment of mass and energy flows to respective Impact Categories (cf. Life Cycle Assessment LCA)
- Calculation of 'Impact Potentials'

Linear impact assessment factors are not designed for a realistic modelling of complex interdependencies and toxicological issues, but some guidance on the cross-media aspects can be given.

## Further Research is needed for the different Impact Categories for BAT Determination at EU-Level

Module 3: Impact Assessment (2/2)

### Adopted from the LCA:

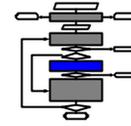
- Global warming
- Ozone depletion (stratosphere)
- Acidification of land and water
- Nitrification of water
- Photochemical oxidants formation

### Pragmatically modified:

- Consumption of resources
- Humantoxicity
- Ecotoxicity
- Hazardous Waste

### Newly introduced:

- Protection of the marine environment



## Objective of the „Decision Support“- Module is the Transparent and Comprehensible Data Preparation for BAT Determination

Module 4: Decision Support (1/2)

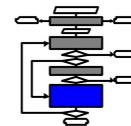
**Weighting as the most subjective part of each decision should be based on objective information**

**Ecological relevance** of the impact categories

**Quantitative relevance** of the impact potentials of the considered techniques (based on 'specific contribution')

Estimation of the **total relevance** with verbal predicates

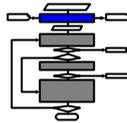
		Specific contribution				
		100 - 80%	80 - 60%	60 - 40%	40 - 20%	< 20%
		of the maximum				
		very large	large	medium	moderate	low
Ecological relevance	very large	very large	very large	large	large	medium
	large	very large	large	large	medium	medium
	medium	large	large	medium	medium	moderate
	moderate	large	medium	medium	moderate	moderate
	low	medium	medium	moderate	moderate	low



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## Sintering is a process in which fine ore is mixed with coke and additives and agglomerated by heating into larger lumps

Description of the Sintering Process

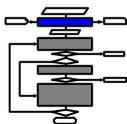


Source: HKM Hüttenwerke Krupp Mannesmann; <http://www.hkm.de/produktion-umwelt/index.html>

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## The Case Study about the Sinter Production considers four different technologies and the main environmental impacts

Overview of the System

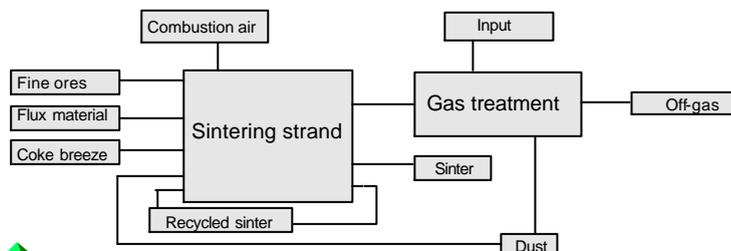


### Environmental Concerns:

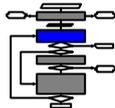
Particulate emissions  
(Fine and coarse dusts)  
Heavy metals  
Gaseous emissions  
(SO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PCDD/PCDF)

### Examined Techniques:

Technique A: Electrostatic precipitator (ESP)  
Technique B: ESP plus fabric filter  
Technique C: Cyclone  
Technique D: Airfine process



## Mass and Energy Balance



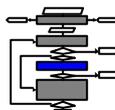
All figures are related to the reference quantity of 1 ton sinter



Relevant input and output	Substance	Technique	Technique	Technique	Technique	Unit
		A	B	C	D	
Energy	Fossil fuels	1700	1560	1650	1600	MJ PE
	Electric energy	395	425	345	410	MJ PE
Atmospheric emissions	Dust	7.65·10 <sup>-2</sup>	9.21·10 <sup>-3</sup>	6.48·10 <sup>-1</sup>	1.10·10 <sup>-1</sup>	kg
	CO	17.25	31.30	23.76	39.60	kg
	SO <sub>2</sub>	0.832	1.311	1.350	0.820	kg
	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.410	0.527	0.486	0.400	kg
	NM VOC	8.61·10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.60·10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.05·10 <sup>-1</sup>	2.50·10 <sup>-2</sup>	kg
	Chloride ions as HCl	3.62·10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.86·10 <sup>-2</sup>	4.54·10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.90·10 <sup>-2</sup>	kg
	Fluoride ions as HF	3.52·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.60·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.14·10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.29·10 <sup>-3</sup>	kg
	PCDD/PCDF	3.45·10 <sup>-9</sup>	1.84·10 <sup>-9</sup>	6.48·10 <sup>-9</sup>	0.446·10 <sup>-9</sup>	kg
	As	1.00·10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.68·10 <sup>-7</sup>	4.32·10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.10·10 <sup>-6</sup>	kg
	Cd	1.40·10 <sup>-4</sup>	5.71·10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.30·10 <sup>-4</sup>	6.69·10 <sup>-6</sup>	kg
	Cr	1.21·10 <sup>-4</sup>	4.42·10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.32·10 <sup>-6</sup>	4.46·10 <sup>-6</sup>	kg
	Cu	3.54·10 <sup>-4</sup>	1.84·10 <sup>-6</sup>	1.30·10 <sup>-4</sup>	3.79·10 <sup>-5</sup>	kg
	Hg	4.51·10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.49·10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.32·10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.23·10 <sup>-5</sup>	kg
	Mn	7.18·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.03·10 <sup>-6</sup>	5.44·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.01·10 <sup>-5</sup>	kg
	Ni	9.76·10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.60·10 <sup>-6</sup>	7.46·10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.10·10 <sup>-5</sup>	kg
	Pb	8.75·10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.47·10 <sup>-6</sup>	9.91·10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.58·10 <sup>-5</sup>	kg
	Sn	9.18·10 <sup>-5</sup>	7.00·10 <sup>-7</sup>	9.44·10 <sup>-5</sup>	1.30·10 <sup>-4</sup>	kg
Tl	1.95·10 <sup>-5</sup>	2.21·10 <sup>-7</sup>	1.56·10 <sup>-5</sup>	4.46·10 <sup>-6</sup>	kg	
Zn	2.40·10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.60·10 <sup>-5</sup>	3.67·10 <sup>-4</sup>	2.23·10 <sup>-6</sup>	kg	
Aquatic emissions	Chloride	0	0	0	3.06·10 <sup>-4</sup>	kg
	SO <sub>4</sub>	0	0	0	1.55·10 <sup>-4</sup>	kg
	Solid particles	0	0	0	5.11·10 <sup>-7</sup>	kg
	Fe	0	0	0	1.45·10 <sup>-8</sup>	kg
	Cr	0	0	0	5.69·10 <sup>-10</sup>	kg
	Cu	0	0	0	3.97·10 <sup>-9</sup>	kg
	Zn, Ni, Cd, Al, As, Pb, CN-volatile, Fluorides (F), Sulfide (S), NH-N, NO <sub>x</sub> -N, NO <sub>2</sub> -N, TOC, COD	0	0	0	0	kg
Waste	Filter cake, dry	0	0	0	0.15	kg

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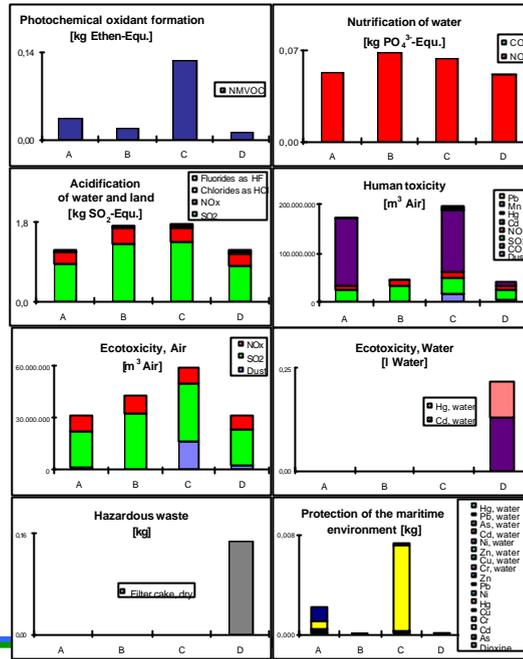
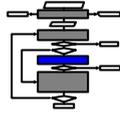
## Impact Assessment for sinter technique D



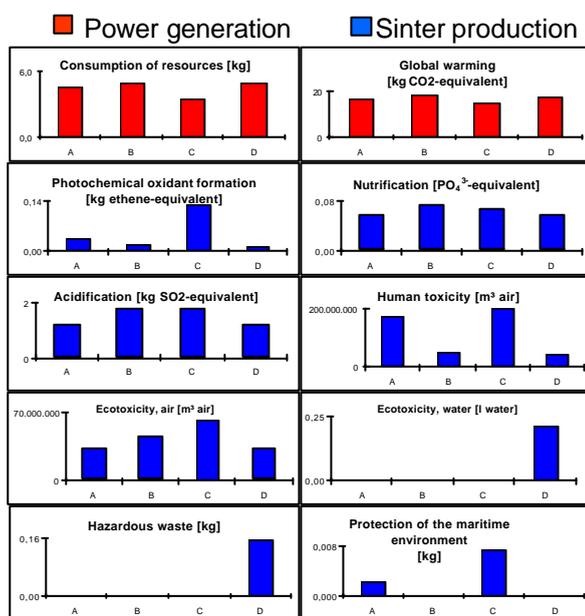
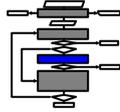
Medium	Substance	Impact category
Air	Dust	Humantoxicity Ecotoxicity, air
	CO	Humantoxicity
	SO <sub>2</sub>	Acidification Humantoxicity Ecotoxicity, air
	NO <sub>x</sub>	Acidification Eutrophication Humantoxicity Ecotoxicity, air
	NM VOC	Formation of Photochemical oxidants
	Chloride as HCl	Acidification
	Fluoride as HF	Acidification
	PCDD/PCDF	Protection of the maritime environment
	As	Protection of the maritime environment
	Cd	Humantoxicity Protection of the maritime environment
	Cr	Protection of the maritime environment
	Cu	Protection of the maritime environment
	Hg	Humantoxicity Protection of the maritime environment
	Mn	Humantoxicity
	Ni	Protection of the maritime environment
	Pb	Humantoxicity Protection of the maritime environment
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	Zn, water	Protection of the maritime environment

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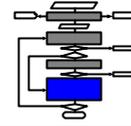
Impact potentials per ton sinter



Impact potentials per ton sinter  
Disaggregation of power generation



## Starting Point of the Decision Support Module is the Decision Table based on the Impact Assessment

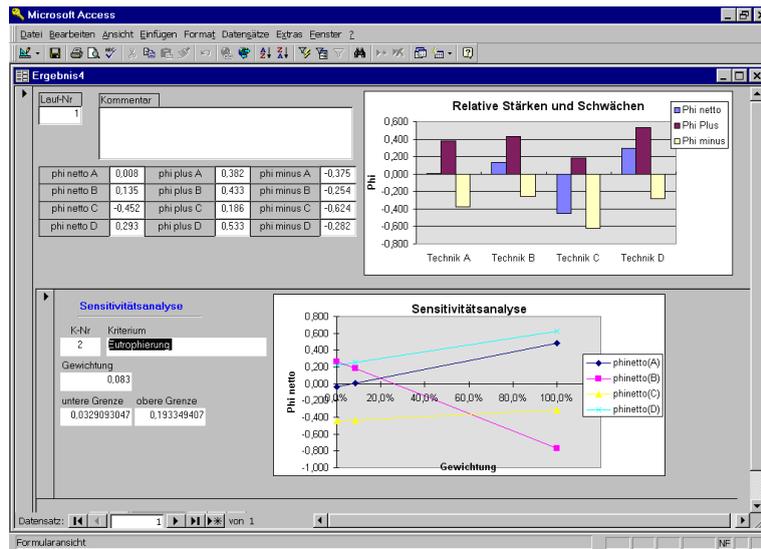


Decision Table of the Case Study

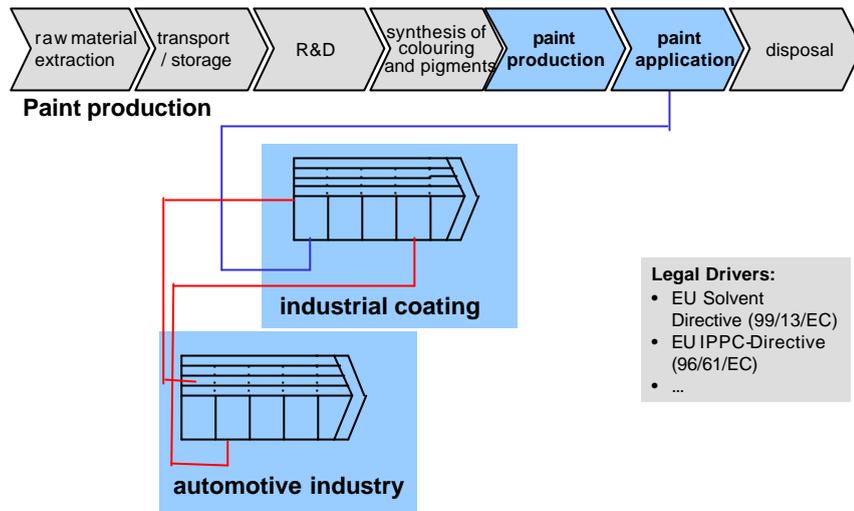
Alternatives	Technique A	Technique B	Technique C	Technique D	Unit per t sinter	Weighting
Photochemical oxidant formation	35.8	19.1	127	10.4	10 <sup>-3</sup> kg Ethene-Equ.	8.3%
Nitrification	53.2	68.4	63.2	52	10 <sup>-3</sup> kg PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup> -Equ.	8.3%
Acidification	1.16	1.71	1.75	1.15	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Equ.	8.3%
Humantoxicity	174	47.3	197	42	10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> Air	13.9%
Ecotoxicity, air	30.9	43.5	59.7	31.3	10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup> Air	8.3%
Ecotoxicity, water	0	0	0	0.22	l Water	5.6%
Hazardous waste	0	0	0	0.15	kg	5.6%
Protection of the marine environment	2.24	0.05	7.39	0.11	10 <sup>-3</sup> kg	8.3%
Fossil energy	1700	1560	1650	1600	MJ	8.3%
Electric energy	395	425	345	410	MJ	8.3%
PCDD/PCDF	3.45	1.84	6.48	0.45	10 <sup>-9</sup> kg	11.1%
Aquatic emissions	0	0	0	1		5.6%



## Multi-Criteria Decision Support System for Integrated Technique Assessment



## Decisions within Industrial Supply Chains are characterized by Hierarchical Structures in a Distributed Environment



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## Strategic Planning within the Supply Chain of the Coating Industry

- The value chain of the paint industry involves many heterogeneous companies:
  - on the one hand big suppliers of raw materials (e.g. solvents suppliers or suppliers of pigments), paint producers and producers of painting installations,
  - on the other hand a huge number of various companies of paint applications (SME: small and medium sized enterprises)
- The coating sector still has a substantial contribution to the total VOC-emissions, although new paint products and technologies have already been developed.
- Within an integrated procedure model decision support tools for the paint application sector are presented, allowing a cost-efficient implementation of new paint products and technologies and an assessment method for the estimation of future costs induced by environmental legislations.

## Integrated Scenario Analysis

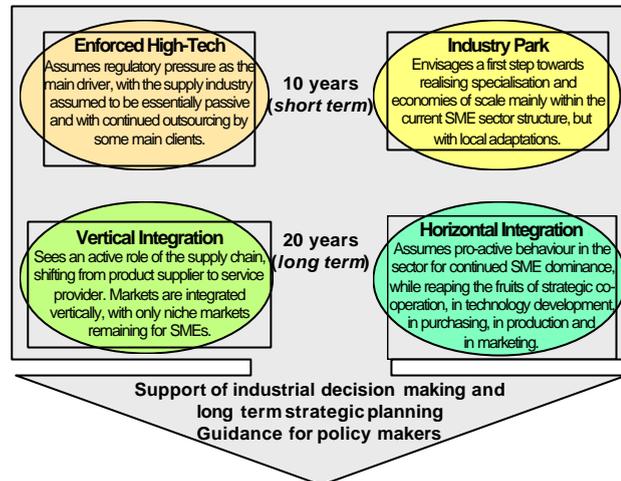
- Possible future scenarios in industrial engineering and in the coating sector are investigated in close co-operation with paint producers, SME in the sector of metal coating and research institutions from all over Europe.
- Different types of scenarios will be developed.
- The envisaged scenarios help to explore future structural changes in organisation and functioning of the sector caused by new environmentally friendly products and techniques.
- As a result, sectoral strategic planning can be improved, taking into account environmental, technical and socio-economic aspects along the complete supply chain and life cycle.
- In this context, existing assessment tools (e.g. Life Cycle Assessment or Substance Flow Analysis) are being used and further developed.

## Thematic Network ISACOAT

### Integrated Scenario Analysis in the sector of Metal Surface Coating

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- University of Surrey (CES) (UK)
- University of Perugia (Italien)
- AX Consulting (Finnland)
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- IPTS (Polen)
- IMP (Polen)
- SVUOM Czech Republic
- ISQ Portugal
- DuPont (Deutschland)
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## **Minutes of Workshop 2:**

Mr Lißner gave a brief overview on the current manifold uses of manual cleaning . Manual cleaning still is a major cleaning technology for most of the small cleaning operations, but also for larger works. Subsequently Mrs Geldermann of the French-German Institute for Environmental Research (DFIU) held a lecture on “Determination of Best Available Techniques (BAT)” (see details in Annex 2) concerning IPPC, BREFS and BAT's.

Adjacent to the presentation the group was given the possibility for discussion. There were different views on whether the basic parameters within IPPC are too complicated for SME to apply or not. One opinion was that IPPC has a more abstract approach to the subject compared to practical oriented databases like CLEANTOOL or SAGE. According to one participant IPPC and databases like CLEANTOOL are depending on each other, because IPPC can only be implemented by SME unless the necessary data are available.

One participant mentioned legislative differences and existing differences in industrial structures within Europe that have to be taken into account when applying IPPC. IPPC seems to be interesting for big companies and leaves the main group of producers within Europe out of focus.

Mrs Geldermann didn't agree with these statements and pointed out the wide range of possible applications that the IPPC has to cover within Europe and that it has been put into action already several years ago. She pointed out, that IPPC covers all larger installations of cleaning. To her it is not absolutely necessary to gain information from a new database but to use existing sources of information in the internet. She recommended that databases like CLEANTOOL should first of all innovate in an IPPC direction and from there break down the information to a practical basis. That would make CLEANTOOL a useful part of IPPC.

Finally the participants agreed mainly that CLEANTOOL is an environmental instrument that could be of importance for a huge number of European SME because of its design. It gives the possibility to compare cleaning processes on a very practical level. The most important motivation is not to make CLEANTOOL only a tool to improve the environmental performance but to give SME a useful instrument to asses all aspects of their day-to-day cleaning processes.

## **Panel discussion**

### **Introduction to new metal cleaning technologies and methods**

*Carole LeBlanc, Ph.D., Toxics Use Reduction Institute (TURI), University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Massachusetts, USA*

#### **Presentation Overview**

- Background Information
- The Need for a Tool and/or Training
- Results of Using the Tool
- Results of Training Thus Far
- Continuing and Future Work
- Acknowledgements and Contact Information

#### **Background Information**

- Metalworking frequently involves surface treatment with greases, lubes, waxes, etc.
- These topical treatments often require removal within the manufacturing process
- Organo/chlorinated solvents traditionally used for this purpose
  - Practice known as 'degreasing' or 'vapor degreasing'
  - Widespread in many global industries, including electronics

#### **Potential Hazards of Solvents**

##### Acute Issues

- Reactivity such as flammability

##### Chronic Issues

- May deplete the ozone layer (ODP)
- May add to global warming (GWP)
- May contain toxics
  - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
  - Carcinogens
  - Reproductive Toxins
  - Neurological Toxins

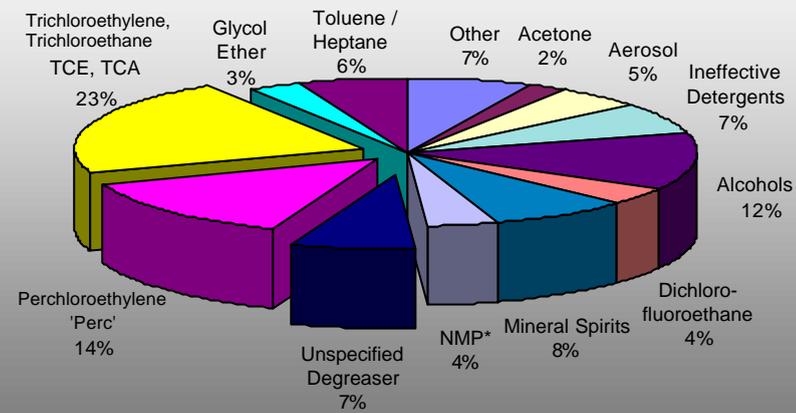
#### **Why a Surface Cleaning Lab in Mass.?**

- Many of EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) chemicals are used, not manufactured, in this state
- Transportation issues are therefore very important
- Some of these toxics are known for their solvency, that is, their ability to dissolve dirt (i.e., clean surfaces)

#### **Top Five TRI Chemicals (1994)**

- Toluene
- Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK)
- Trichloroethylene (TCE)
- Dichloromethane
- Methanol
  
- Approximately six million pounds for total air/water/land releases in Massachusetts

## Organo/chlorinated Solvents\*



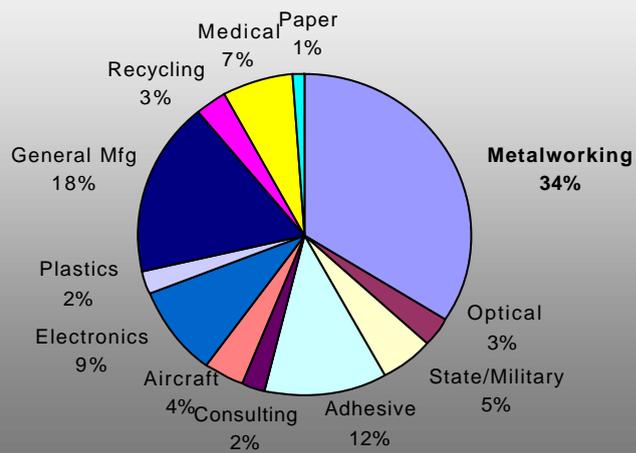
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\*N-Methyl Pyrrolidone

\* SSL Replacement Studies 1994-1999

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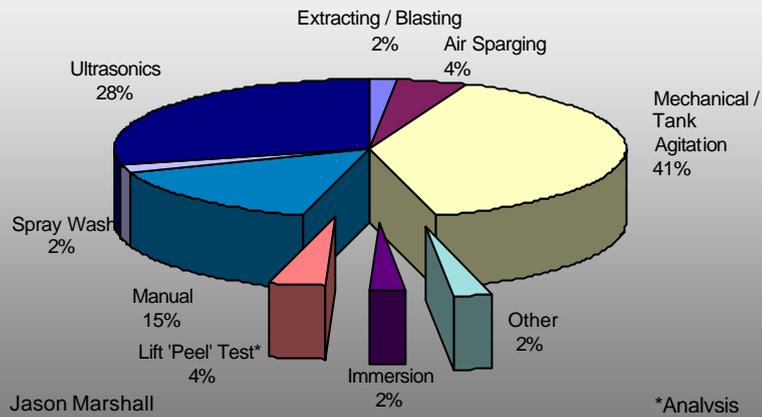
## Studies by Industry (1994-1999)



Jason Marshall

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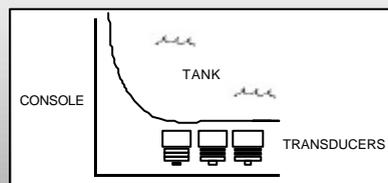
## Alternative Cleaning Processes



1994-1990

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## Some Examples



**Aqueous Ultrasonic Tank**

**Delivery Device for Sodium Bicarbonate Blasting**

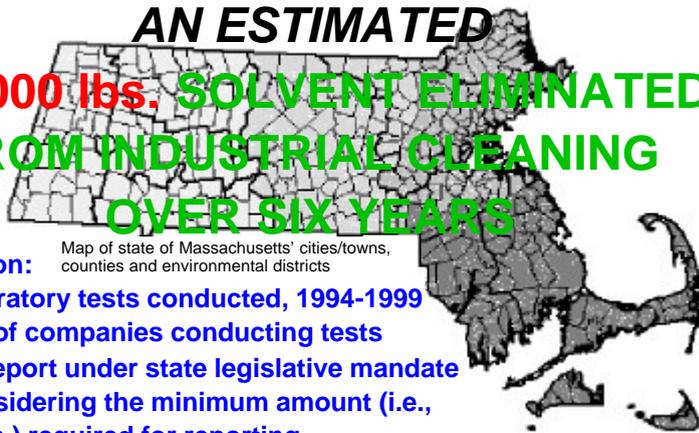


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## Equipment Comparison

- Studies Confirm: No Single 'Drop-In' solution for high- and low-tech industries
- Vapor Degreasers for Solvents Use vs. Whole Host of cleaning mechanisms: Ultrasonics, Air Sparging, Media Blasting for Non-aqueous Substitutes, etc.
- Process Feasibility is driven by equipment costs, as opposed to chemical costs, but *real savings in treatment, hauling and disposal of foregoing regulated solvents*

**USE OF TEST REQUEST SHEET  
RESULTED IN:\***  
**AN ESTIMATED  
100,000 lbs. SOLVENT ELIMINATED  
FROM INDUSTRIAL CLEANING  
OVER SIX YEARS**



- \*Based on:**
- (1) Laboratory tests conducted, 1994-1999
  - (2) 60% of companies conducting tests do not report under state legislative mandate and considering the minimum amount (i.e., 5,000 lbs.) required for reporting
  - (3) Preliminary data from Clark University's survey of client companies in Worcester area
  - (4) Creation/use of sheet was sole major change to pre-test plan

## How Aqueous Cleaners Work

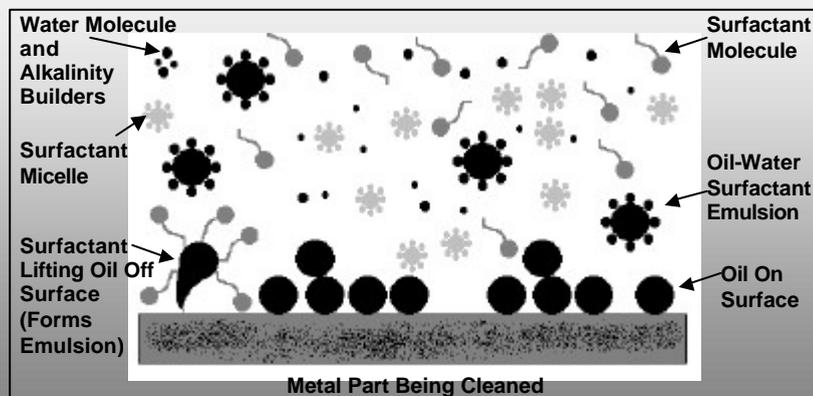


Figure 3.2 MICROSCOPIC DEPICTION OF AQUEOUS CLEANING OF METAL<sup>47</sup>

## Importance of Surfactants

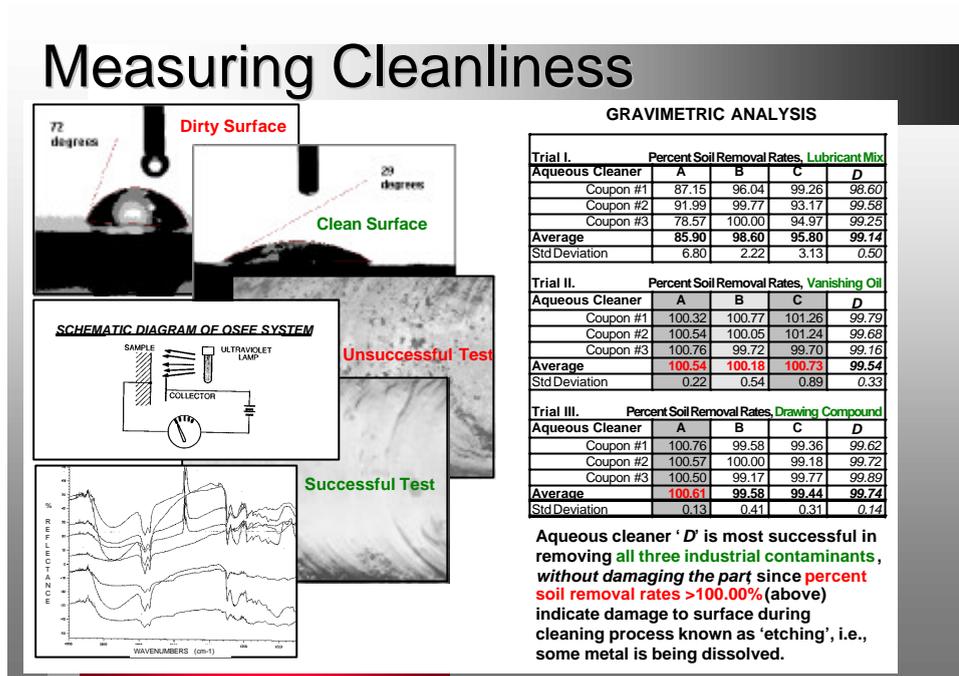
Trade Name	Company	Class and Formula	Form	Conc. (%)	Type	*HLB	Remarks
Icomeen T-2	BASF Wyandotte	Ethoxylated Amines	Paste		Cationic	5.0	Wetting agent, Penetrant, etc.
Scherco-teric MS-2	Scher Chemicals	Coco imidazolium deriv. dicarboxylate	Liquid	42	Ampho-teric (acid or base)		Mild for shampoos, Industrial cleaners
Makon 10	Stephan Company	Alkoxyates	Liquid	100	Nonionic		Detergent, emulsifier in hard surface cleaners
Witconate 1240	Witco Chemical	Linear alkylaryl sodium sulfonate	Slurry	40	Anionic		Hard surface Cleaner. laundry

\*The Hydrophylic Lipophylic Balance (HLB) is listed only if the company reports it. **McCutcheon's Emulsifier and Detergent Entries**

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## Aqueous Cleaning Systems

Part-Cleaning Equipment	Brief Description
Air Sparging or Activity-Supplying Unit Immersion/Soak Tank	Immersion/soak tanks fitted with side or bottom aeration; Vibrational and rotational movement also available for agitation Holding tanks for dipping parts in batch cleaning
Manual Parts Washer/Degreaser	Free-standing sink with pressure at low psi; usually heated storage tank for chemical cleaner recirculation underneath with/without filtration unit
Spray/Cabinet/usually Low-moderate psi	Stationary dishwasher configuration generally in stainless steel; needs low-foaming detergent; may be incompatible with some semi-aqueous cleaners
Spray/Conveyor/usually Low-moderate psi	Spray station with parts moving along on belt for continuous operation; may have integral rinsing and drying stations
Spray/Free-standing, Hand-held units/ Moderate-high psi	Powerwash with hose and nozzle than can be hand-held or automated depending on water pressure (psi); can also be used for removal of some coatings
Ultrasonics	Cavitation of ultrasonically-induced bubbles produces work to clean like a jewelry cleaner; range of KHz and model sizes available for many applications; one of the easier methods to duplicate / scale-up



## Progress Thus Far

- Professional survey conducted (2001) of companies using SSL services:<sup>3</sup>
  - 1/3 clients fully implement lab recommendations
  - 1/3 clients partially implement lab recommendations
  - 1/3 clients have not implement lab recommendations

## What These Results Reveal

- Implementation rate (30-60%) by industry following SSL testing much higher than national average of 10% for similar technical assistance programs<sup>4</sup>
- Successful technical diffusion requires hands-on approach
- Recent increase in SSL tests suggests: *Presence, not just use*, of hazardous chemicals perceived by industry as risk<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Upcoming TURI publication (end of fiscal year, 2003)

<sup>4</sup> Tim Lindsey, Waste Management and Research Center (WMRC), Champaign, IL, <http://www.wmrc.uiuc.edu>

<sup>5</sup> See also, National Institute of Justice Publication NIJ 195171

## Important Terms

- Technical Diffusion<sup>6</sup>
  - Innovation spreads to other firms for *same* purpose/industry (example: cleaning alternatives)
- Technology Transfer<sup>7</sup>
  - Innovation spreads to other firms for *different* purpose/industry (example: internet)
- 'Disruptive Technology'
  - Innovation *completely and irrevocably* changes industry (example: digital photography)

## Consequently...

### Who's Ready for Change?

- NOT the current leaders of a technology
  - Polaroid: Instant vs. digital photography
  - Other examples: [www.disruptivetechologies.com](http://www.disruptivetechologies.com)
- If *real savings* accompanies *process change* (already mentioned), what's stopping progress?
  - FEAR OF CHANGE
- AND, what are the implications of this for chemical plant safety, after 9/11?
  - More government-sponsored programs should offer hands-on technical assistance for entrepreneurs to speed up development

## Assumptions

### Targeted Audiences

- Will not all be trained chemists
- Will possess many different levels/kinds of expertise
- Will not control all manufacturing variables

### Goals of Any Tool/Training

- Should explain need for solvent substitution, or the need to return to aqueous (water-based) cleaners
- Be based on the scientific method
- But still be 'Stakeholder Friendly'
  - Language Barriers

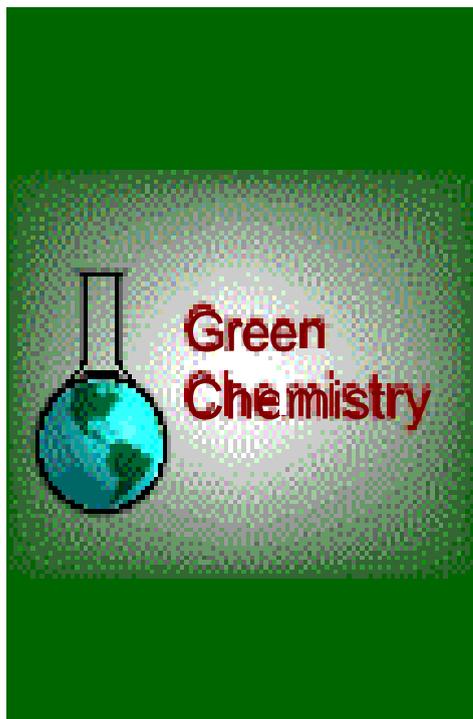
### Cleaning-Up the Cleaning Problem

- Cleaning Necessary for Quality Control (QC), important for ISO 9000 but does not add to product value – costs money!
- Product Re-design Not An Option for Many Cases
- In Identifying Chemicals for Solvent Substitution:
  - There is still no universally accepted method of determining, '*How Clean Is Clean.*'

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<sup>6</sup> For more information, contact the National Pollution Roundtable N(NPPR, Washington, DC)

<sup>7</sup> For more information, contact the National Pollution Roundtable N(NPPR, Washington, DC)



“The **MIS <management information system>** field deals with all the information and problem solving activity of a modern, successful organization. The MIS discipline brings together the various business areas, computer science, and quantitative analysis techniques. This program provides the theory and methodology to analyze, design, implement, and manage an organization’s information technology and systems.”



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## Three Years Later...The Tool as an Electronic Notebook

A screenshot of an electronic notebook interface. On the left, a window titled "THE AQUEOUS WAY TO GO: THE INTERACTIVE CLASSIFICATION OF CLEANING DATA TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL DECISION-MAKING FOR SOLVENT SUBSTITUTION" displays a blue water droplet on a dark surface. To the right is a table of contents with 14 numbered entries, each with a corresponding colored button (1-11 are green, 12-14 are white).

1	1. <a href="#">Introduction</a>
2	2. <a href="#">Index- Solvents and Detergents</a>
3	3. <a href="#">Chemical/Physical Properties</a> : Merck Index
4	4. <a href="#">Health and Safety, Part I</a>
5	MSDSs and HMIS/NFPA Ratings
6	Handling Requirements
7	5. <a href="#">Environmental Effects, Part I</a> : Indicators
8	6. <a href="#">Case Studies and Standards</a> : SAGE, ASTM
9	7. <a href="#">Process Parameters</a> : Laboratory Databases, Tests and Vendors
10	8. <a href="#">Results of Application-Specific Testing*</a>
11	9. <a href="#">Health and Safety, Part II</a>
12	TOMES <sup>®</sup> HSDB, Section 5.0
13	Consequences of <Over>exposure
14	10. <a href="#">Environmental Effects, Part II</a>
	TOMES <sup>®</sup> HSDB, Section 7.0
	Environmental Fate
	11. <a href="#">Sustainability Factors</a>
	TOMES <sup>®</sup> HSDB, Section 2.0
	Methods and Locations of Production
	12. <a href="#">Total Cost Accounting/Worksheet</a>
	13. <a href="#">Regulations</a>
	14. <a href="#">Advances in Cleaning Technologies*</a>

\*For individualized entries.

### **Important Aspects of the Notebook**

- Web-linked to related sites / databases
- Chronologically-sensitive to decision-making process
- Built-in continuous improvement similar to life cycle analysis
  - By assessing the ingredients of cleaners for manufacture, *not just their use*

### **Testing the Tool**

- Two Case Studies
  - University of Massachusetts Lowell
  - Chicopee, Massachusetts School System
- WWW Outreach
  - Inquiries from over 20 countries to date, including UNEP
  - [www.angelfire.com/band2/greencleaners/doctoralthesis.html](http://www.angelfire.com/band2/greencleaners/doctoralthesis.html)
- Reveals
  - Inherent environmental justice issues
  - Need for training component

### **Two Years Later...**

The Tool's Training Module

Example Abbreviated Agenda

- Introduction
  - Historical Discovery of Solvents
  - Effects and Regulation of Solvents
  - The Science Behind Surface Cleaning
- Cleaning Alternatives Research
  - The Role of Environmental Indicators
  - Aqueous and Semi-Aqueous Cleaners
  - Testing Protocols and Analytical Techniques
- Other Important Considerations
  - Non-Aqueous Replacement Cleaners
  - Working with Vendors, Databases and Standards
  - Total Cost Accounting

### **Training Workshops**

- Agenda also changed / developed over time
- Full- and half-day sessions held
- Classroom style (i.e., not 'hands-on')
- University of Massachusetts Lowell sponsoring 1-2 day training session(s) in *Corporate Signature Seminar Series\**

\* TBA. Pre-publication announcement available.

## Results of the Training<sup>8</sup>

1. OVERALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE TRAINING? 3.6
  - (a) How would you rate the delivery of instruction (i.e. presentation, visual aids)? 3.7
  - (b) How would you rate the instructional materials (i.e., handouts)? 4.0
  - (c) How would you rate the depth/level of detail covered? 3.6
  
2. OVERALL, HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE TOOL? 3.6
  - (a) How would you rate the organization of its materials? 4.2
  - (b) How would you rate the usefulness of its contents? 3.9
  - (c) How would you rate the relevance of its web sites? 3.8
  
3. HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE LENGTH OF TIME ALLOTTED:
  - (a) For Session? 3.4
  - (b) For Questions? 4.0

## Remaining Issues

- Rinsing, Drying and Corrosion
- Testing Protocols
  - Using 'TACT'
- No Clean / Design for the Environment (DfE) / Alternative Materials and Nanotechnology
- Water and Energy Usage
- Anything Else???

## Continuing and Future Work

Feedback from Sessions Like This and Survey of TURI Lab Client Companies:

- Hands-on Workshop Format Required
- Design Traditional Science Curriculum
  - 1-3 Undergraduate Classes per week with one Lab Session (one semester) and/or
  - Certification Program (Community Colleges)
- Eventual Application as Part of Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP)<sup>9</sup> Procurement Programs Expand Training to Janitorial Applications
- Not All Aqueous Cleaners Are Created Equal!
  - Endocrine Disrupters

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<sup>8</sup> BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

POOR		FAIR		EXCELLENT
1	2	3	4	5

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.state.ma.us/osd/enviro/enviro.htm>

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## Introductions of panel members

### Presentation of Work and Research

*Prof. Dr. Brigitte Haase, Hochschule Bremerhaven and IWT, Stiftung Institut für  
Werkzeugtechnik Bremen, Germany*

Arbeitsgebiet:

*Working Field:*

Oberflächenmodifikation von Werkstoffen und Bauteilen  
*Surface modification of materials and components*

Bauteilreinigung / *Industrial surface cleaning*

Oberflächenvorbehandlung / *Surface pretreatment*

Oberflächenanalytik / *Surface analysis*

Elektrochemische Verfahren / *Electrochemical processes*

Korrosion und Korrosionsschutz / *Corrosion and corrosion protection*



## IWT

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*Institute of Materials Science*

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### Hauptabteilungen

*Departments*

- Werkstofftechnik  
*Materials Technology*
- Verfahrenstechnik  
*Process Engineering*
- Fertigungstechnik  
*Manufacturing Engineering*

### Aktivitäten

*Activities*

- F&E - R&D
- Dienstleistungen für die Industrie  
*Services for industry*

### Schwerpunkte

*Research Topics*

- metallische Werkstoffe, Baustoffe  
*Metals and alloys, construction materials*
- Oberflächenmodifikation durch thermische, chemische und mechanische Verfahren  
*Surface modification using thermal, chemical and mechanical processes*
- Verfahrensentwicklung  
*Process development*



**Arbeitsgemeinschaft Wärmebehandlung und  
Werkstofftechnik e.V.**

***Association for Materials and Heat Treatment***

**Ziel :** Den Kenntnisstand in der Werkstofftechnik, insbesondere der Wärmebehandlung, vertiefen und erweitern

**Objective :** *To improve and extend theoretical and practical knowledge of material technology, especially of heat treatment.*

**24 Fachausschüsse / 24 Working committees:**

- FA 5 Messen und Regeln in der Wärmebehandlungstechnik
- FA 8 Sicherheit in Wärmebehandlungsbetrieben
- **FA 14 Reinigen/Surface Cleaning**
- FA 16 Umwelt
- FA 18 Integration der Wärmebehandlung in die Fertigung
- FA 19 Wärmebehandlungsprozeßtechnik
- FA 23 Schleifschlämme

**Surface cleaning**

... one process out of many in the manufacturing line of a part or component,  
... one process out of many to modify surface condition.

**Demands**

... evaluate surface condition prior to cleaning step,  
... evaluate surface condition as required by the subsequent manufacturing step,  
... define objective in terms of surface condition to be obtained.

**Tools**

... methods of surface analysis,  
... process analysis,  
... reference methods.

**Aim**

... control of surface condition throughout the manufacturing line.  
... reduce number of cleaning processes,  
... reduce chemicals and energy consumption.

ENERGY INPUT		
mechanical	thermal	chemical
<p><b>abrasive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• blasting</li> <li>• grinding</li> </ul>	<p><b>reaktive</b></p> <p>heat treatment T &gt;&gt; 100 °C</p>	<p><b>abrasive/reaktive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pickling                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in liquids</li> <li>- plasma-assisted</li> <li>- sputter-cleaning</li> <li>- elektropolishing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>non-abrasive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stirring, mixing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ultrasound</li> <li>- Spritzen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>non-reaktive</b></p> <p>T &lt; 100 °C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bath temperature</li> <li>• vapor phase degreasing</li> </ul>	<p><b>non-reaktive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organic solvents</li> <li>• aqueous solutions</li> <li>• CO<sub>2</sub></li> </ul>

### Presentation of Work and Research

*André van Raalte, IVAM Research and Consultancy on Sustainability, section Chemical Risks, Amsterdam, Netherlands*

Mr. Raalte introduced the **TOPROM project**, in which IVAM is performing trials with cleaning with fatty acid esters. Apart from the already known applications, such as manual removal of conservation layers and cleaning with cleaning tables, IVAM is also looking at new applications, such as cleaning prior to coating.

The project group have had some successes and some failures. The main problem seems to be the smell of some of the products. Workers are used to the smell of the solvents and like it, whereas the smell of the esters is different ("fish and chips") and not always appreciated.

The REACH programme excludes fatty acid esters from the obligation of registration, which could mean a boost for these products in comparison with the traditional degreasers.

Another important factor in the Netherlands is that the substitution of organic solvents is mainly triggered by occupational health considerations (CTE).

## **TOPROM**

### ***Metal cleaning with fatty acid esters***

Traditionally, cleaning and degreasing in the metal industry is done with volatile organic compounds (VOC). Because of the environmental and occupational risks associated with the use of this type of compounds, alternatives should be sought. The TOPROM-project aims to demonstrate the possibilities of fatty acid esters in the metal industry. The Dutch government subsidises the project in which trials are performed in four companies.

#### The need to replace VOCs

VOC are detrimental to the environment and to the health of workers. Long-term exposure to VOC can result in CTE (Chronic Toxic Encephalopathy). The symptoms of this syndrome include fatigue, loss of memory, and in severe cases, depression and personality changes. VOC also cause skin problems. Environmental effects of VOC are mainly summer smog, and pollution of waterways.

In the European metal industry approximately 280.000 tons of VOC are used per year for the cleaning and degreasing of metal surfaces, products and tools. This amounts to 12,8% of the total use of VOC (EU VOC Directive, November 1999). The Dutch government aims to have these organic compounds replaced by less dangerous chemicals.

In the last decade VOC have been replaced by water based cleaners containing surfactants and acidic or alkaline chemicals. In some cases however, these water based cleaners are not effective enough, or they may cause safety problems when they come into contact with electrical circuits. In those cases fatty acid esters can be a solution.

The use of fatty acid esters results in a reduced emission of VOC to the environment. Fatty acid esters have been proven to be less volatile, readily biodegradable, and more skin-friendly. Moreover, they are based on renewable sources.

#### TOPROM

Fatty acid esters are based on oils of sunflower, coconut, rape seed and soy bean that have been modified to make them suitable as cleaning agents. They have an excellent solvency power and are less harmful to the environment and hazardous for the health of workers. Vegetable esters have already been proven to be effective as cleaning agents in the following applications:

1. manual parts cleaning in a cleaning table
2. removal of bituminous conservation layers from ship axles and engines

Trials have been successful in both applications. Advantages of the esters are their prolonged life-span compared to the traditional cleaning agents, and the fact that no skin problems are experienced. Moreover, there is no need to install ventilation or extractor systems because the esters have a very low volatility.

#### Aims of the project

TOPROM aims to replace VOC as cleaning agents with fatty acid esters through the identification and demonstration of additional applications of these vegetable cleaning agents. A number of trials have been instigated in four metal companies, supported by laboratory experiments.

The trials were selected in such a way, that they cover a wide range of applications: cleaning of rollers in sheet manufacturing, of press tools for deep drawing, precision cleaning, and cleaning prior to coating. The project is being carried out in close cooperation with manufacturers and suppliers of cleaning agents.

The design of the project makes it possible to consider all aspects of the cleaning process, including the technical aspects (e.g. solvency power), environmental issues, workers' health, cost effectiveness and waste treatment.

#### Partners

Consultant: environmental and occupational health aspects, technical aspects, laboratory facilities

IVAM, research and consultancy on sustainability, section Chemical risks TNO-TPD

#### Manufacturers and / or suppliers of cleaning agents

MAVOM

Hijmeco

#### Waste treatment

VVM

#### Metal companies

Philips ETG and Philips PGE

Corus

Damen Shipyards

CompXRegout

#### Others

AKZO Nobel Coatings

### **Discussion**

Comment from Ms. Brigitte Haase (Hochschule Bremerhaven):

Surface conditions have to be described.

Demands are: 1) to control the cleaning process 2) to evaluate the surface.

Tools are: 1) surface analysis 2) process analysis and 3) reference methods.

Aims are: 1) control of surface condition throughout the manufacture line 2) to reduce the number of cleaning processes 3) to reduce chemicals and energy consumption.

Comment from André van Raalte:

The involved project should use vegetable oils. Problems: fatty acid esters smell (fish and chips). Substitution of organic solvents is stimulated by occupational health mainly in the Netherlands. One target is to get the trade unions to fight for organic solvents. Financial considerations are important (the cost of the product), but not always determinative, contrary to what some say. In the experience of IVAM, workers' acceptance is decisive.

Lothar Lißner said: Is the future 100 % aqueous cleaning?

Mr. Grün (DGO) said: No, you need solvents for cleaning processes. You can rely on chlorinated carbons a little. Another trend is a new business model: specialists in cleaning because companies are no specialists in cleaning.

Other comments and questions were:

Why is more cleaning more expensive?

We need customized solutions. There is a need to help small customers selling solutions to other customers.

Some tools:

Application specification

Data base to increase learning curve

99 % of the processes are aqueous

Mrs. Haase stressed that the term "cleaning" could be misleading as normally part of the dirt is allowed to remain on the surfaces. It is only removed to that degree that the subsequent process is not affected.

## **Developing Computer Software Tools to Facilitate Pollution Reduction**

*Charles H. Darwin, Sr. Mechanical Engineer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

### **Research and Development at EPA**

- 1,950 employees
- \$700 million budget
- \$100 million extramural research grant program
- 13 lab or research facilities across the U.S.
- Credible, relevant and timely research results and technical support that inform EPA policy decisions

### **Making decisions with sound science requires...**

- Relevant, high quality, cutting-edge research in human health, ecology, pollution control and prevention, economics and decision sciences
- Proper characterization of scientific findings
- Appropriate use of science in the decision process

### **Research and development**

- contribute uniquely to...
  - Health and ecological research, as well as research in pollution prevention and new technology
  - In-house research and an external grants program
  - Problem-driven and core research

### **High Priority Research Areas**

- Human Health
- Particulate Matter
- Drinking Water
- Clean Water
- Global Change
- Endocrine Disruptors
- Ecological Risk
- Pollution Prevention
- Homeland Security



### **National Risk Management Research Laboratory**

- Waste water treatment research
- Air pollution control research and development
- Industrial technology research and development
- Pollution prevention
- Industrial surface cleaning coating
- Environmental tools development

### **Discussion Outline**

Developing an effective expert system for surface cleaning by?

- Developing a clear understanding of the industry.
- Understanding the capabilities of the audience.
- Provide information on the technical and regulatory requirements of the industry.
- Validation of recommendations

### **Expert System Development**

Understand the industry

Content and presentation of information may be dependent upon the characteristics or the industry such as:

- Solicit industry assistance
- Average business size

- Industry capitalization
- Staff capability
- Industry location

### **Expert System Development**

- Know the Audience
- Education level of typical industry management and staff
- Knowledge of PC manipulation
- The average user understanding of the science of surface cleaning

### **Expert System Development**

Providing information on the technical and regulatory requirements of the industry

Provide process description

- Provide installation and facility requirements
- Provide approximate capital and operating cost information where possible.
- Provide regulatory and legislative cautions
- Provide technical assistance contacts
- Provide system maintenance

### **Expert System Development**

Validation of recommendations

Develop database of case studies to validate viability of recommendations for defined scenario.

### **Expert System Development Summary**

- Know the industry and its processes
- Know the audience
- Develop data base of case studies
- Maintain system

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