



# REMOVAL OF ORGANIC POLLUTANTS AND WARFARE AGENTS UTILIZING SURFACE MODIFIED FILTRATION DEVICES

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## What is MYCELX ?

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- A “Curable Polymeric Surface Modification”
  - Composition Patents: 5,437,793 and 5,746,925
  - **Chemical Abstract Services (CAS) #173967-80-1 and #173967-81-2**
- The reaction product of several natural drying oils, glycerides and isobutyl methacrylate
- MYCELX cross-links during the curing process (permanently infusing into the desired substrate)
- MYCELX-infused substrates are extremely “Hydrophobic” & “Oleophilic”



## UNIQUE PROPERTIES OF MYCELX CHEMISTRY

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- Permanent bonding into the substrate
- Full transfer of properties upon binding
- Affinity-ability to bind disparate phases of organic compounds
- Fixed footprint
- Low generated pressure differential to filter saturation
- Ability to handle concentrated slugs without clogging

# MYCELX Cartridge Saturation (New vs. 50%)





## KEY ORGANIC COMPOUNDS CAPTURED BY SURFACE MODIFIED FILTRATION DEVICES

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- **Aromatic Hydrocarbons - BTEX**
- **Cycloalkanes**
- **Crude, Fuels, Lubes Oils, Transformer Oils, Vegetable Oils**
- **Complex Organics, Monomers & Polymers**
- **POPs (i.e., PCB's, Dioxin, Pesticides)**
- **Chlorinated Solvents (TCE/PCE)**
- **Phenolics**
- **MTBE**
- **Heavy Metals existing as Organ-Metallics**

# MARINE AND NAVAL BILGE WATER APPLICATION



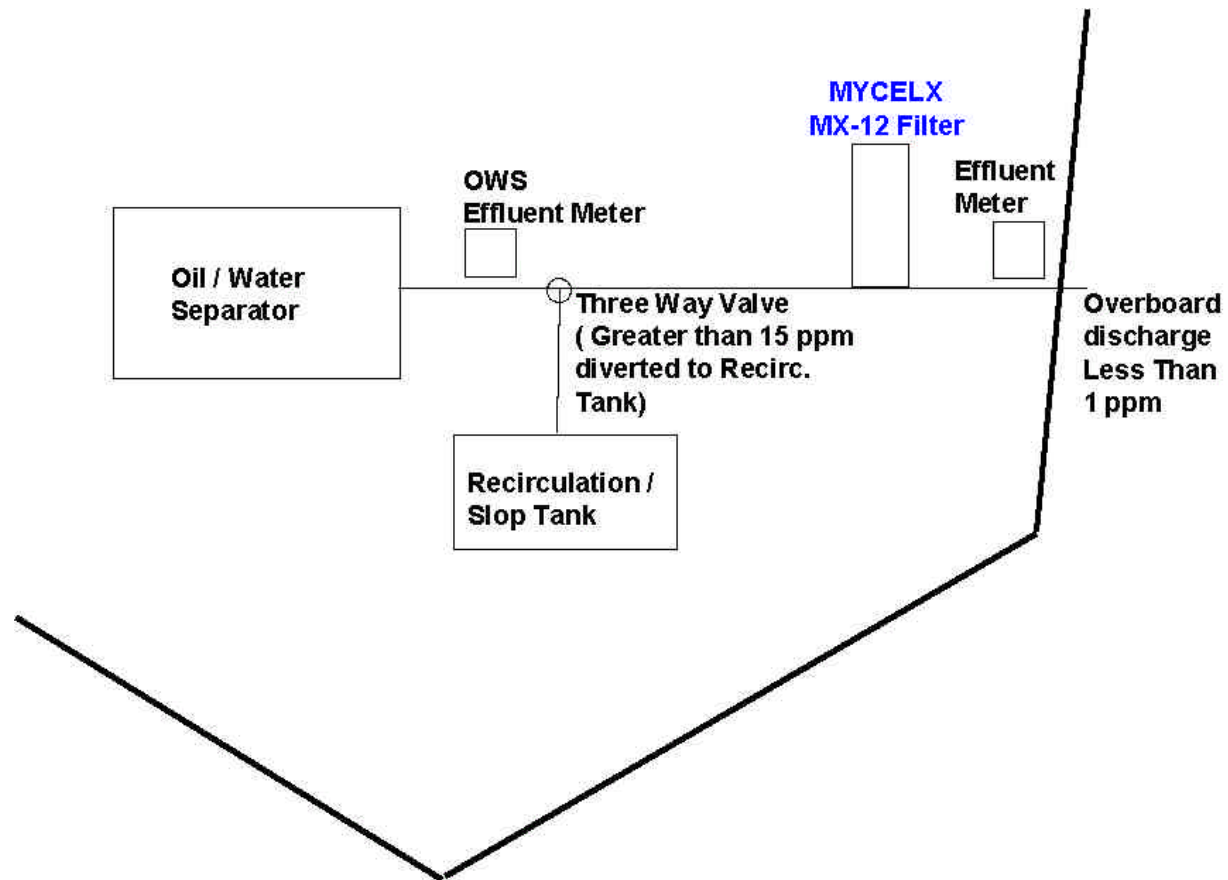
**MYCELX filters employed in treatment of Naval bilge water**

## MARINE AND NAVAL BILGE WATER APPLICATION



**MYCELX filter removing emulsified oil from discharge water on oil drilling ship.**

# SCHEMATIC OF MYCELX UNIT DEPLOYMENT ON CRUISE SHIP





# PROTECTION OF CROSS FLOW MEMBRANE FILTRATION DEVICES



**MYCELX unit protecting Reverse Osmosis unit from organic fouling**

## PCB REMEDIATION AT SUPERFUND SITE



# UNDERGROUND UTILITY –PCB & OIL MANHOLE EFFLUENT

Sample Date	5/22/00	Volume	PCB 1061 ug/l	Fluoride mg/l	TPH mg/l	O&G mg/l	Tot Pb mg/l	Tot Cu mg/l
<b>Effluent</b>			1.0	0.24	5.00	5.00	0.013	0.01
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	1	6000	1.0	0.31	7.31	5.00	0.1	0.011
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	2	6000	1.0	0.28	218	252	0.0065	0.01
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	7	6000	1.0	0.23	20	5.00	22	0.27
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	19	6000	40	3.0	139	141	1.2	0.094
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	33	6000	10	3.0	128	108	150	3.3
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	46	6000	1.0	0.01	2140	141000	31	1.6
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	49	6000	10	3.0	103	93	0.077	0.016
<b>Manhole Influent</b>	34	6000	1.0	0.18	5.5	5.00	0.013	87
<b>Avg Influent</b>			56.85	0.130	367.851	17608.000	33.050	11.563
<b>Max Influent</b>			950.0	0.310	2140.000	141000.00	150.000	87.000
<b>Min Influent</b>			1.0	0.010	5.000	5.000	0.007	0.010
<b>Avg</b>			0.123077	1.84615	0.013592	0.0002825	0.000575	0.00086
<b>Avg = Differential</b>			7.1	-0.11	362.9	17693.0	33.0	11.6



## Removal of BTEX and MTBE from Contaminated Surface Water (ppm)

<u>Sample ID</u>	<u>MTBE</u>	<u>Benzene</u>	<u>Toluene</u>	<u>Ethyl benzene</u>	<u>Xylene*</u>
<b>Inlet #1 **</b>	87	2.0	12	3.8	24
<b>Discharge #1</b>	0.18	0.004	0.016	0.002	0.012
<b>Knockdown #1</b>	99.8%	99.8%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%

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<b>Inlet #2</b>	17	0.92	3.2	0.48	2.6
<b>Discharge #2</b>	0.21	0.034	0.14	0.030	0.14
<b>Knockdown #2</b>	98.7%	96.3%	95.6%	94%	95%

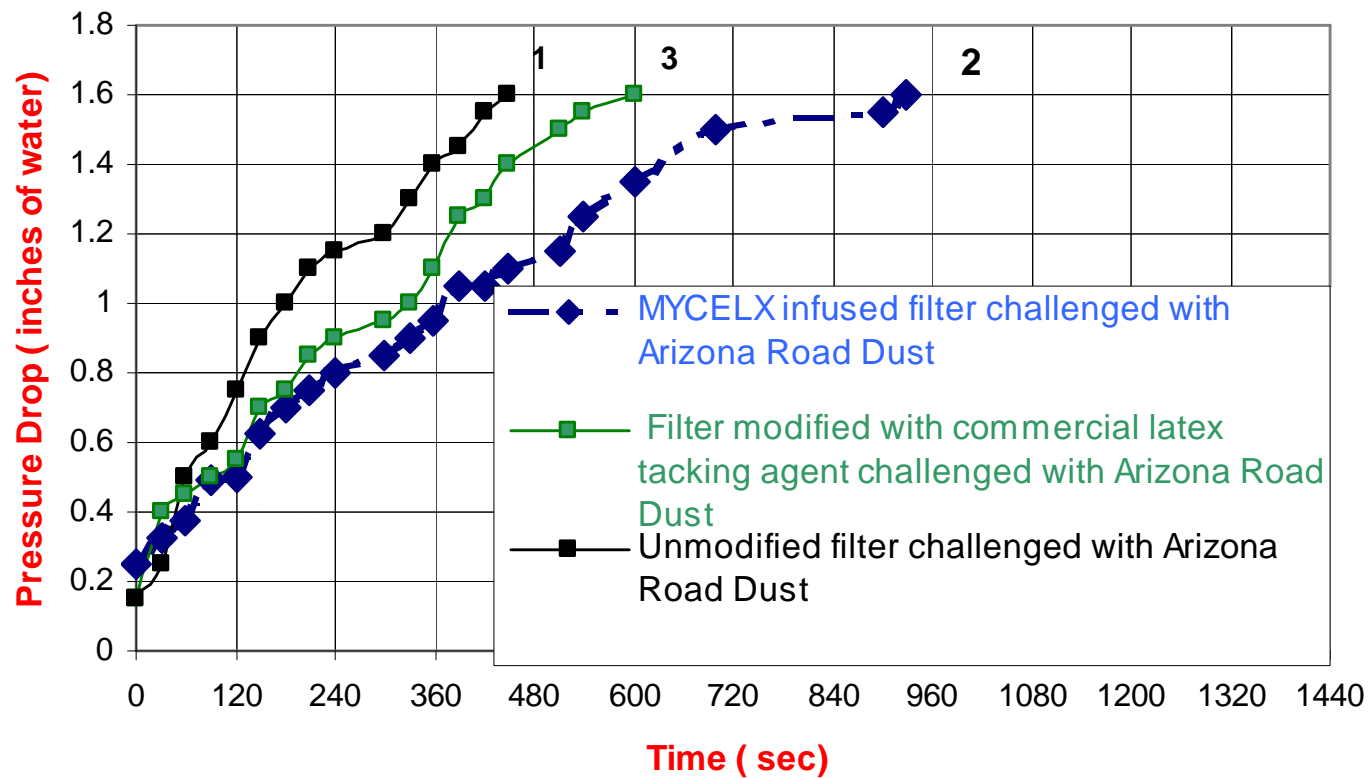
\*Average of all Isomers

\*\*USEPA Method 8020 – Volatile Aromatic Hydrocarbons

# FILTRATION OF AIRBORNE ORGANIC POLLUTANTS

## Comparison of Pressure Drop and Dust absorption characteristics

Arizona Road Dust ( 1-10 micron)



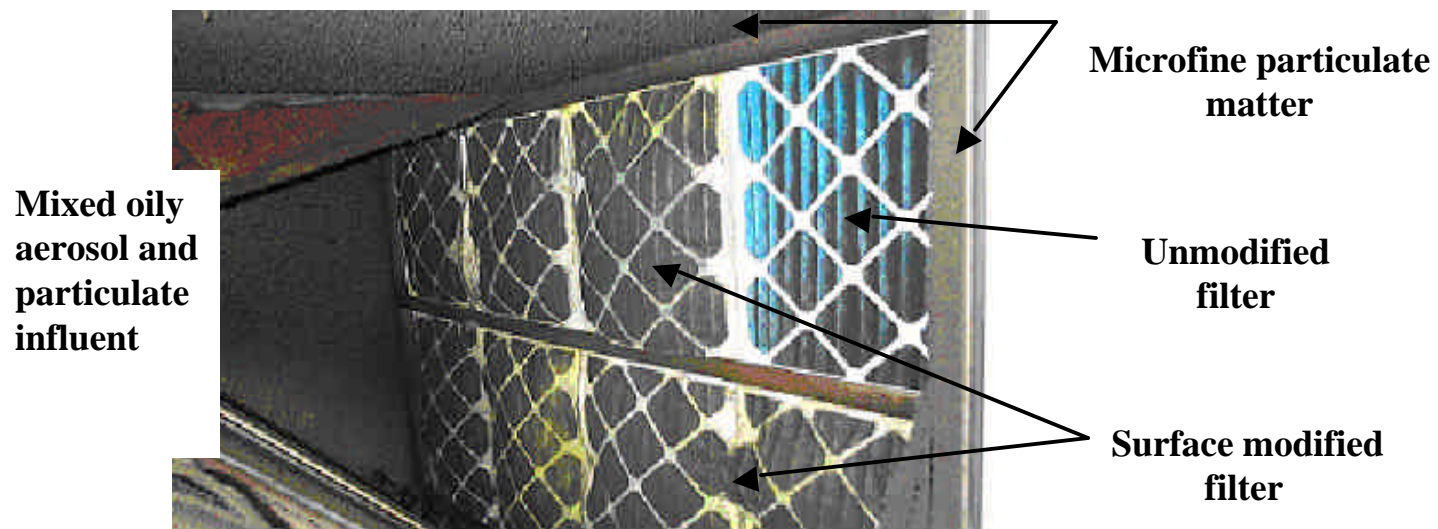


## COMPARISON OF DUST HOLDING CAPACITIES TO A CONSTANT PRESSURE DROP

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<b>Challenged with Arizona Road dust alone</b>	<b>Arrestance %</b>	<b>Dust holding capacity ( grams)</b>
<b>1.Unmodified filter</b>	<b>37.26</b>	<b>14.16</b>
<b>2.MYCELX infused filter</b>	<b>62.75</b>	<b>50.09</b>
<b>3.Filter modified with commercial tackifier</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>16.89</b>

# FILTRATION OF OILY AEROSOLS

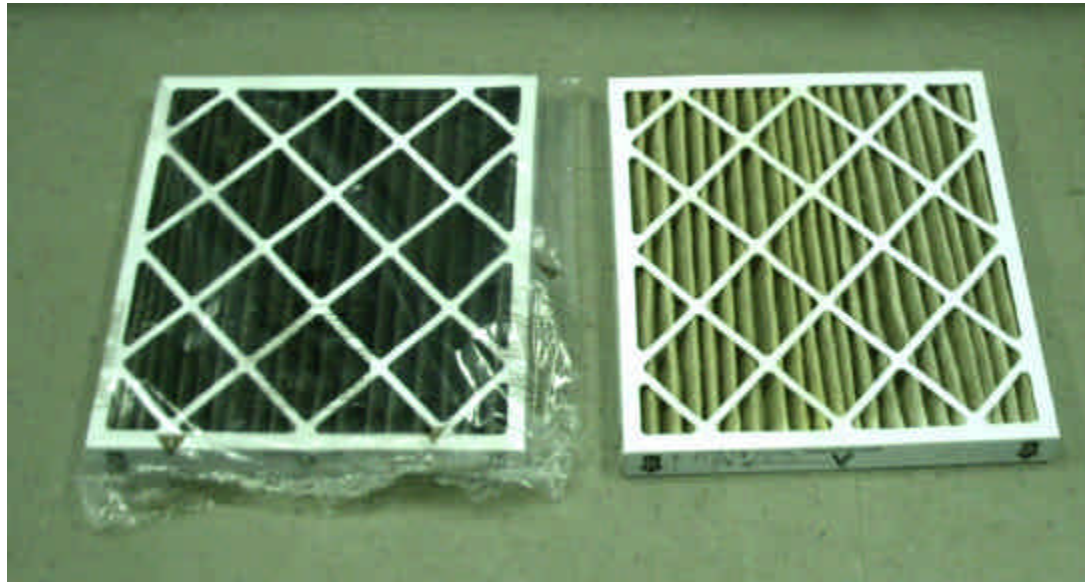


**Collection of microfine particulates by surface modified filters in mixed oily aerosol air stream**



## PURIFICATION OF AIR IN HOSPITALS

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**Picture showing the difference between new and used filter utilized to purify incoming air at SLOAN KETTERING Cancer Research Center. Filter has turned black due to Diesel soot emissions from city buses which stop near air intake.**





# **CONCLUSIONS**

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- **Incorporation of emerging technologies with filter technology is making it possible for filter media to perform to more rigorous emergent regulations.**
- **Surface modification of filtration devices with MYCELX renders it amenable to fulfilling outstanding requirements in military, industrial and medical applications**
- **Surface modified filtration devices are highly efficient with no re-entrainment or re-release of contaminants.**
- **Provide the “safety margin” to meet stricter environmental discharge requirements.**
- **Protect expensive technologies from mixed particulates/oily influent.**
- **Non-toxic and Approved by EPA and California Fish & Game Commission for Pollution Remediation. Easily & inexpensively disposed (No Residual Water).**