

**2007 GLOBAL DEMILITARIZATION
SYMPOSIUM AND EXHIBITION**

**Update on Demil Technology Programs
at General Atomics**

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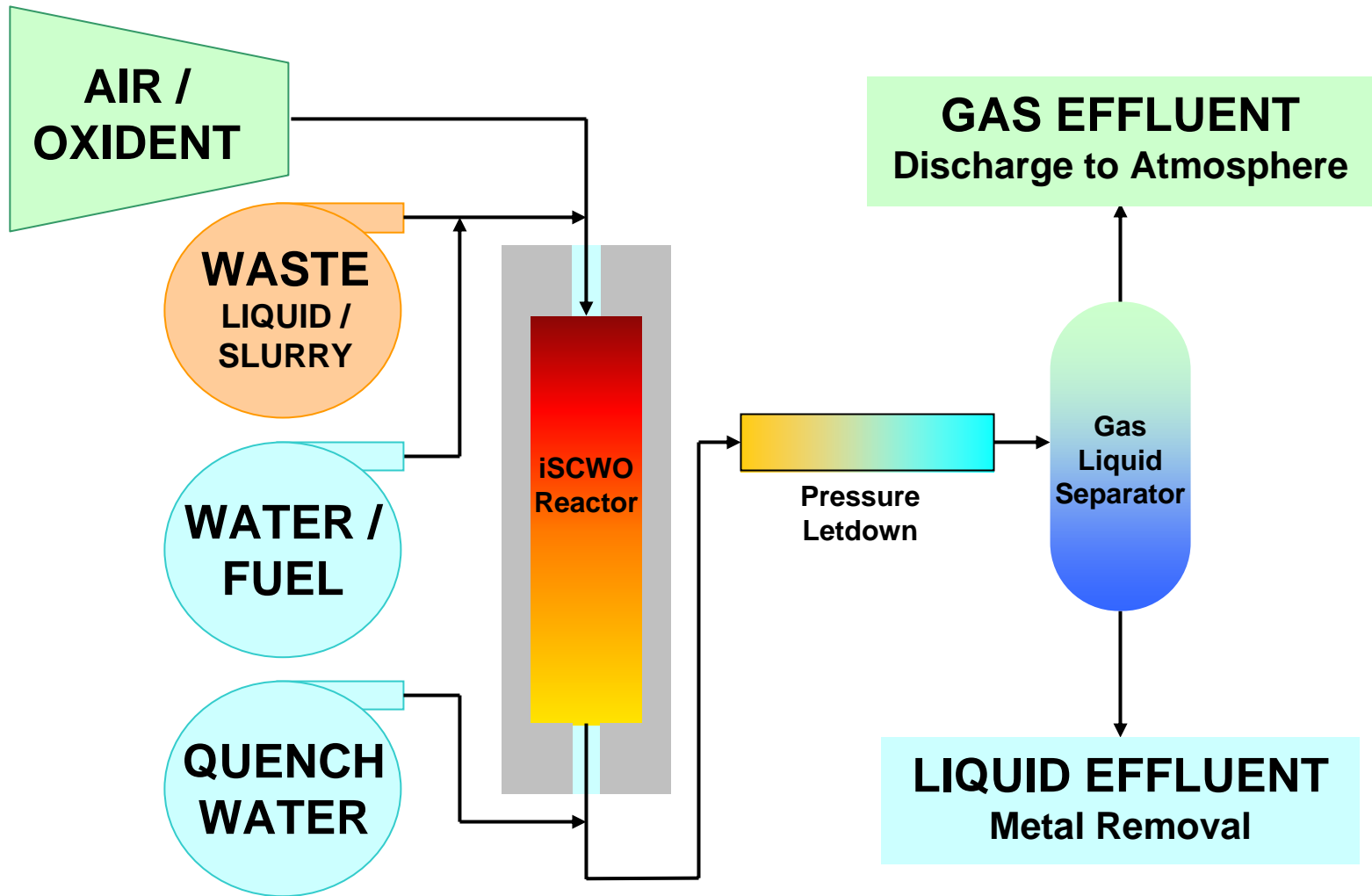


BRIEFING OUTLINE

- iSCWO & Hydrolysis overview
- Current technology transition projects
- FY07/FY08 goals
- Conclusions



iSCWO PROCESS FLOW



SCWO

- SCWO destroys organics with no production of NO_x , SO_x , dioxins, furans or greenhouse gasses.
- Wastes are mixed with water and oxidized at 3400 psi and 1200F
- Suitable for pumpable organics including slurry mixtures of solid wastes
- Gaseous effluents dischargable to the air
- Liquid effluents dischargable to the sewer

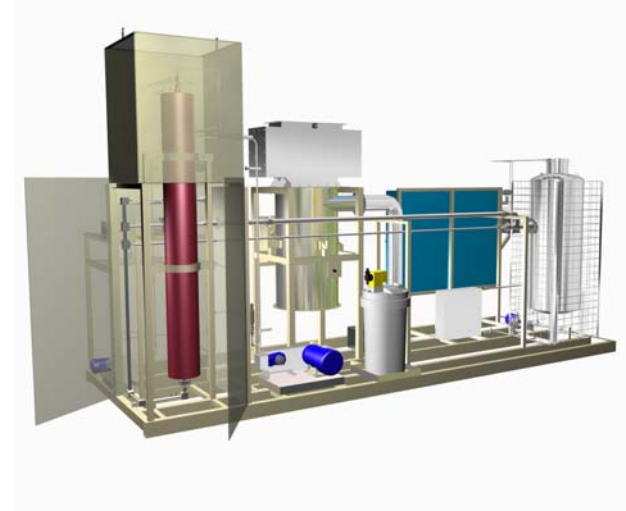


Environmentally friendly waste processing technology



History of SCWO

- SCWO technology issues resolved in the 1990's
- Cost & reliability became impediments to operational demil & commercial applications
- iSCWO developed to resolved cost & operational reliability issues
- iSCWOs now penetrating market for selected demil & commercial applications
- 1st iSCWO undergoing operational tests



ADVANTAGES OF SCWO

- SCWO oxidizes organic wastes
 - Oxidation of a combustible material at temperatures and pressures above the critical point of water, 374°C and 22.1 MPa (3200 psi)
 - Complete oxidation to CO₂, H₂O, and inorganic acids (or salts) for most organic feeds
 - No acid gases, dioxins, furans, or particulates discharge
 - Minimal Gas Discharge - Low NO_x, SO_x, CO, and TOC
 - Destruction of organic wastes occurs very quickly
- Process stability
 - Fully automated, easy & safe operation

*Ultra clean, environmentally friendly
waste processing technology*



GA INDUSTRIAL SCWO (i-SCWO)

- **Objectives**

- Simplified design targeted at specific applications
- Low capital cost
- Easy & quick fabrication
- Robust, reliable & industrial hardened
- Easy shipment & installation
- Small foot print
- Readily permitted
- Suitable for 7/24 operation
- Compatible with future energy conversion, HMRS or special feed prep modules
- Low risk

10 ton/day liquid waste processing unit



iSCWO EQUIPMENT LAYOUT



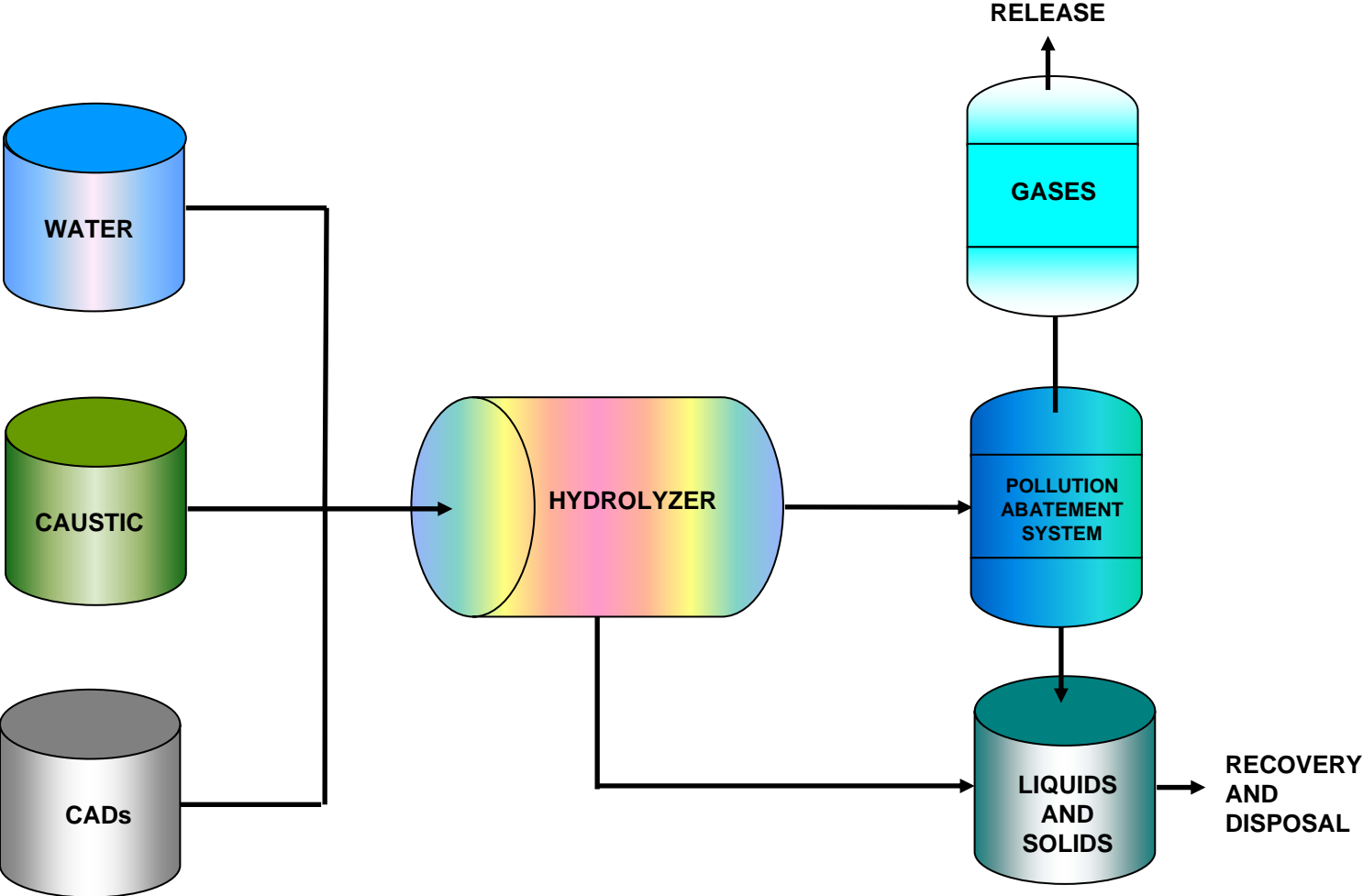
Hydrolysis

Hydrolysis Production Prototype Plant
(HPPP)

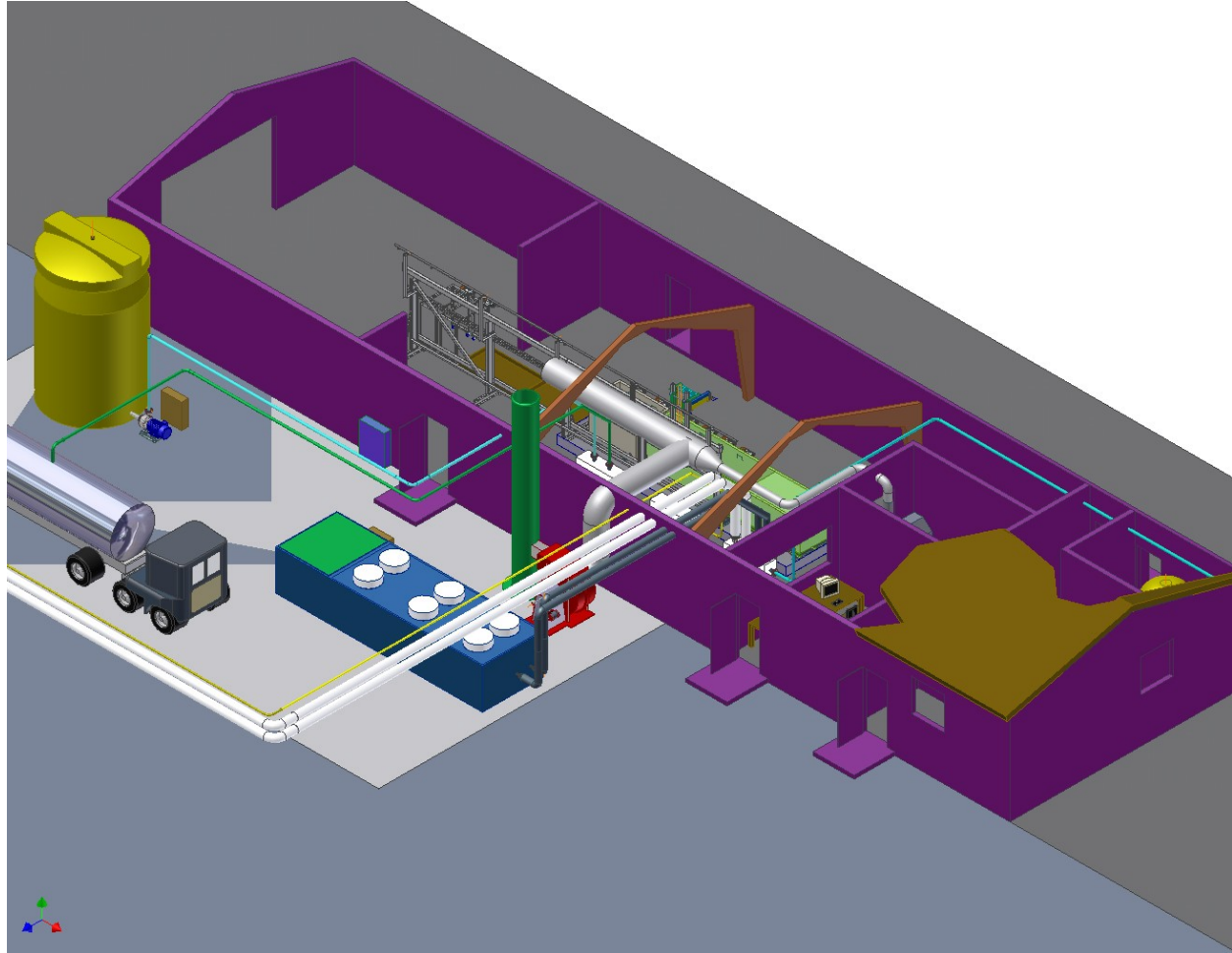
Located at Tooele Army Depot



HYDROLYSIS PROCESS FLOW



CAD HPPP FACILITY



Hydrolysis Production Prototype Plant

Objectives & Status:

- Designed for demil of aluminum bodied CADs
- Design processing rate = ~2 tons/day
- Design & construction complete
- Checkout & systemization complete
- Optimization testing in progress
- Permitting in progress
- Adding a PAS

Over 360,000 CADs = 80 tons Demil'd



CURRENT TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECTS

- **Tooele Army Depot (TEAD)**
 - Base Hydrolysis
 - 3 GPM iSCWO
- **Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD)**
 - 10 GPM iSCWO
- **Alaska iSCWO**
 - 3 GPM iSCWO



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STATUS OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECTS (TTPs)

- **TEAD**
 - CADs Hydrolysis HPPP
 - iSCWO (3 GPM)
- **BGAD**
 - iSCWO (10 GPM)
- **Alaska**
 - iSCWO (3 GPM)



TEAD TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECT

- CADs Hydrolysis HPPP
- iSCWO (3 GPM)



TEAD HYDROLYSIS TTP STATUS

- 2006 – Systemization tests & “trial runs”
- Dec 2006 – Received 3 NOV’s from UTDEQ
- Jan 2007 – Submitted CAP
- Apr – Jun 2007 – System mods & tests
- May 2007 - UTDEQ approval of CAP
- Jun 2007 – Update Risk Analysis
- Jul/Aug 2007 – Rerunning “trial burns” for UTDEQ
- Oct 2007 – Complete all required UTDEQ actions
- Mar 2008 - Install PAS
- Early 2008 – Permit issuance

Production Demil Operations Early 2008



TEAD iSCWO TTP STATUS

- 3 GPM iSCWO design complete
- iSCWO skid construction partially complete
- Building complete
- Awaiting further funding



BGAD TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECT

- 10 GPM iSCWO
- Grind/Slurry feed prep system
- Heavy metals removal system



BGAD TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECT

- **Permitting: RCRA Part B permit application submittal schedule for Jun07**
- **Testing**
 - Completed scale-up tests
 - Performed reactor fabrication tests
- **10 gpm iSCWO**
 - Completed equipment design
 - Completed building design
 - Cleared site for building construction
- **Completed conceptual designs for:**
 - Grind/Slurry system conceptual
 - Heavy metals removal system



ALASKA iSCWO TECHNOLOGY TRANSITION PROJECT

- 3 GPM iSCWO design complete
- iSCWO skid construction partially complete
- iSCWO reactor fabrication nearing completion
- Site purchased – 1 mile from Elmendorf AFB
- Building design work in progress
- RCRA Part B permit application started



FY07 & FY08 Plans

- **TEAD**
 - Complete CADs HPPP operating permit
 - Support CADs demil operations
 - Build & install iSCWO unit
- **BGAD**
 - Obtain RCRA Part B permit
 - Construct the building
 - Start iSCWO construction
- **Alaska**
 - Submit RCRA Part B permit application
 - Complete iSCWO construction
 - Complete building construction
- **R&D**
 - iSCWO energy recovery
 - Acid hydrolysis
 - Analysis & testing of other munitions for hydrolysis



CONCLUSIONS

- **Current Technology Transition Projects (TTPs) are all going well**
 - TEAD CADs Hydrolysis Facility
 - TEAD 2 GPM iSCWO facility
 - BGAD 10 GPM iSCWO
 - Alaska 3 GPM iSCWO

