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iSCWO: Hazardous Waste Destruction System for Energetics Destruction
BAE, Project Integration, Coterie, ARDEC, and RFAAP

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Business Development

Demilitarization, Chemical Waste Destruction and Algae

GA is a recognized world leader in high-technology research, design, manufacturing, and production for industry and government in the U.S. and overseas

Demilitarization and Chemical Waste Destruction Products

Demilitarization

- Technology implementation for demilitarization of a variety of conventional munitions
- Activities with Military and Commercial entities
- Blue Grass Chemical-Agent Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) operations for the destruction of chemical warfare agents



Waste Destruction

- Large variety of applications of supercritical water oxidation (SCWO) for commercial uses
- Considerable growth for chemical waste destruction market for iSCWO



GA Safe Munitions Cryofracture Process



**Destroys munitions efficiently
and thoroughly**

Conventional Demil

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant (MCAAP)

- GA cryofracture system, with ongoing support of operations
- Recent upgrades to handle anti-personnel mines
- Long-term GA involvement for upgrades and operations



Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA)

- GA transportable cryofracture system
- Planning resumed to install/operate system to treat expanded class of munitions (Rockeye, FASCAM, ICM)



Tooele Army Depot (TEAD)

- Performed successful cryofracture tests, followed by planning for cryo plant for cluster bomb units



Yuma Proving Ground (YPG)

- Built cryofracture plant at YPG to demil ICMs

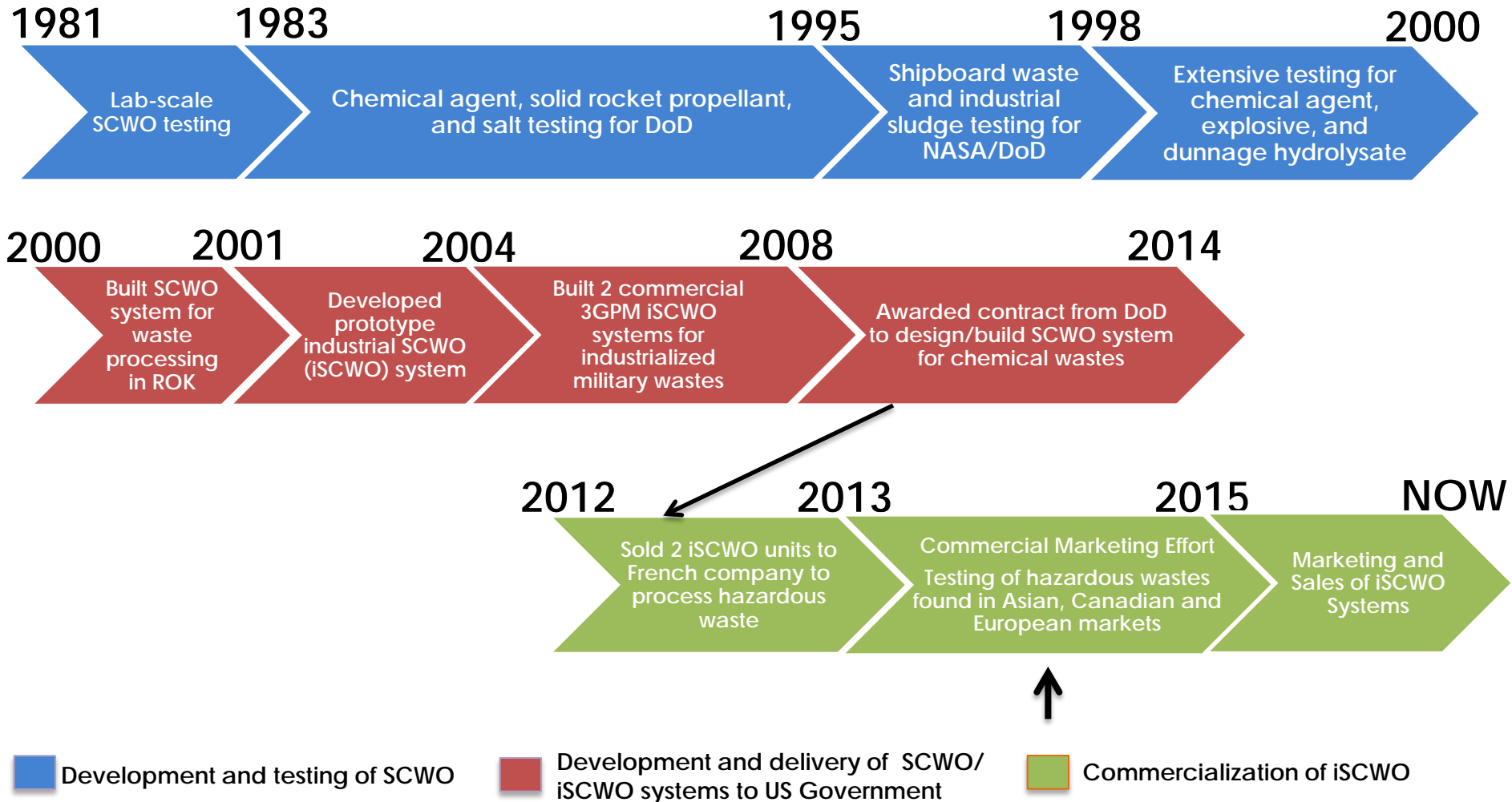


Why Supercritical Water Oxidation (SCWO) for GA?

Our past projects involve thermal treatment of energetic waste

- We have built rotary kiln incinerators – they work (have high throughput) but have permitting, siting and logistics issues
- We have worked with different liquid chemical processing systems but they too have issues (waste water)
- Tested Molten Salt systems – process efficiency issues
- We have built and tested plasma arc systems but we encountered limited waste feed ability, short torch (electrode) life, material buildup in off-gas treatment, and high electrical costs
- In the late-1990's GA selected SCWO as a means for thermal treatment based on tests and customer requirements – this has worked well for GA

GA SCWO Development Timeline



GA's SCWO Experience

- 22 years and \$250M of SCWO development
- Built over 15 working SCWO systems
- Over 35,000 hours of steady state operations
- GA has processed a wide range of waste feeds including actual chemical agent, energetics, energetics hydrolysates and numerous industrial chemicals
- Expertise in salt transport to avoid salt buildup in reactor systems
- Experience in designing preprocessing systems including conveyors, grinders, and slurry systems

Use of SCWO/iSCWO in an Industrial Environment

iSCWO is excellent for the destruction of:

- Expired or obsolete pesticides, fertilizers, and fungicides
- Contaminated water (waste water cleanup)
- Expired or obsolete paints
- Petroleum and/or petrochemical waste streams
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Organic cleaning solutions
- Sewage sludge/animal waste products
- Fire retardant materials
- Energetic material (explosives or propellant)
- Materials not suitable for normal transportation or disposal

A Wide Range of Chemicals Successfully Treated with GA Technologies

Complex Feeds

Activated carbon (spent)*	Explosives/energetics/propellants (hydrolyzed RDX, TNT, Tetryl, NG, NC)*	Paraffin oil
Adhesives*	Fermentation byproducts*	Pesticide manufacturing wastewater
Aqueous Cleaning Solution*	Fuel oil	Pharmaceutical waste*
AFFF	GB chemical agent (neat, hydrolyzed*)	Photographic developer paste
Antifreeze*	Gray water*	Photographic developer solutions*
Aroclor 1242	Greases (mixed)*	Polychlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE)*
Aroclor 1254	Human waste	Pig manure
Aroclor 1260*	Hydraulic fluid*	Propellants (hydrolyzed)*
Bacillus stearothermophilus (heat resistant spores)	Industrial biosludge	Protein
Brake fluid*	Ion exchange resins (styrene - divinyl benzene)	Pulp/paper mill sludge
Bran cereal	Kerosene*	Sewage sludge (black water)*
Caprolactam wastewater	Lube oil (molybdenum disulfide oil)*	Soil contaminated with organics
Casein	Malaria antigen	Soybean plants
Chlorinated plastics (shredded)*	Motor oil*	Sulfolobus acidocaldarius
Class 1.1 solid propellant*	Mustard chemical agent (neat, hydrolyzed*)	Transformer oil*
Class 1.3 AP-depleted solid propellant	Navy shore-based wastes*	Trimsol cutting oil*
Coal	Olive oil	VX chemical agent (neat, hydrolyzed*)
Coal waste	Organic salts (complex mixtures)/	Waste oils (chlorinated and non-chlorinated)*
Corn flakes*	Paint, paint sludges*	Wheat straw*
Corn oil	Paper	Wood fibers
Corn starch		Yeast
Diesel fuel		
E. coli		
Endotoxin (pyrogen)		

Inorganic Substances

Aluminum hydroxide*	Fluorides	Potassium chloride
Aluminum metal	Hydrochloric acid*	Potassium hydroxide
Aluminum oxide sodium	Hydrofluoric acid	Potassium sulfate
Ammonia*	Iron chloride	Silica
Ammonium chloride	Iron oxide*	Sodium bicarbonate*
Ammonium nitrate*	Lead chloride*	Sodium carbonate
Ammonium nitrite*	Lead sulfate*	Sodium chloride*
Ammonium perchlorate*	Lithium hydroxide	Sodium fluoride*
Ammonium sulfate	Lithium sulfate	Sodium hydroxide*
Ammonium sulfite*	Magnesium nitrate	Sodium nitrate
Boric acid	Magnesium oxide	Sodium nitrite
Bromides	Magnesium phosphate	Sodium phosphate*
Calcium carbonate	Magnesium sulfate	Sodium sulfate*
Calcium chloride	Mercuric chloride	Sodium sulfite
Calcium oxide	Molybdenum disulfide lube oil*	Sulfur, elemental
Calcium phosphate	Nitric acid*	Sulfuric acid*
Calcium sulfate	Phosphoric acid	Titanium dioxide
Cerium chloride*	Potassium bicarbonate	Zinc chloride*
Copper chloride	Potassium carbonate	Zinc sulfate*

Organic Chemicals

Acetic Acid	Dichlorobenzene	Nitrobenzene*
Acetone	4,4-Dichlorobiphenyl	2-nitrophenol
Acetylsalicylic acid(aspirin)	Dichloroethylene	4-nitrophenol
Adumbran	Dichlorophenol	Nitrotoluene
4[(2-Amino-3, 5-dibromophenyl)-methylamino]cyclohexanol	Diethanolamine*	Octachlorostyrene
Ammonium acetate*	Dimethylformamide*	Octadecanoic acid magnesium salt
Ammonium formate*	Dimethyl methyl phosphonate (DMMP)*	Paracetamol
Ammonium oxalate*	Dimethyl sulfoxide*	Pentachlorobenzene
Benzene	4,6-dinitro-o-cresol	Pentachlorobenzonitrile
Biphenyl	Dinitrotoluene	Pentachlorophenol*
Butanol*	Dipyridamole	Pentachloropyridine
Calcium acetate*	Diisopropyl ethanalamine	Phenol
Carbon tetrachloride*	Diisopropyl ethylamine	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB*)
Carboxylic acids	Ethanol	Polychlorotrifluoroethylene*
Carboxymethyl cellulose	Ethyl acetate*	Sodium acetate
Cellulose	Ethylene chlorohydrin	Sodium formate
Cerium Acetate*	Ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid	Sodium hexanoate
Chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins	Ethylene glycol	Sodium isethionate*
6-chloro-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-3-methyl-1H-3-benzazepine hydrochloride	Fluorescein*	Sodium propionate
Chlorobenzene*	Freon 22	Sucrose
Chloroform*	Glycerol	Surfactant
2-Chlororphenol*	Hexachlorobenzene	Tetrachlorobenzene
o-Chlorotoluene*	Hexachlorocyclohexane	Tetrachloroethylene*
Cobalt acetate	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Tetrapropylene H
m-Cresol*	Iron acetate*	Thiodiglycol*
Cyanide*	Isooctane	Toluene
Cyclohexane	Isopropanol*	Tributyl phosphate
DDT	Lead acetate*	Trichlorobenzenes
Decachlorobiphenyl	Mercaptans	1,1,1-Trichloroethane*
Dextrose	Mercaptoethanol	1,1,2-Trichloroethane*
Dibenzofurans	Methanol*	Trichloroethylene
3,5-dibromo-N(2-cyclohexyl)-N-methyltoluene-,2-diamine	Methyl acetate*	Trichlorophenol
Dibutyl phosphate	Methyl cellosolve	Trifluoroacetic acid
Dichloroacetic acid	Methylene chloride*	1,3,7-Trimethylxanthine
Dichloroanisole	Methyl ethyl ketone	Unsymmetrical dimethyl hydrazine
	Methylphosphonic acid (MPA)	Urea
	Monoethanolamine*	o-Xylene*
		Zinc acetate*

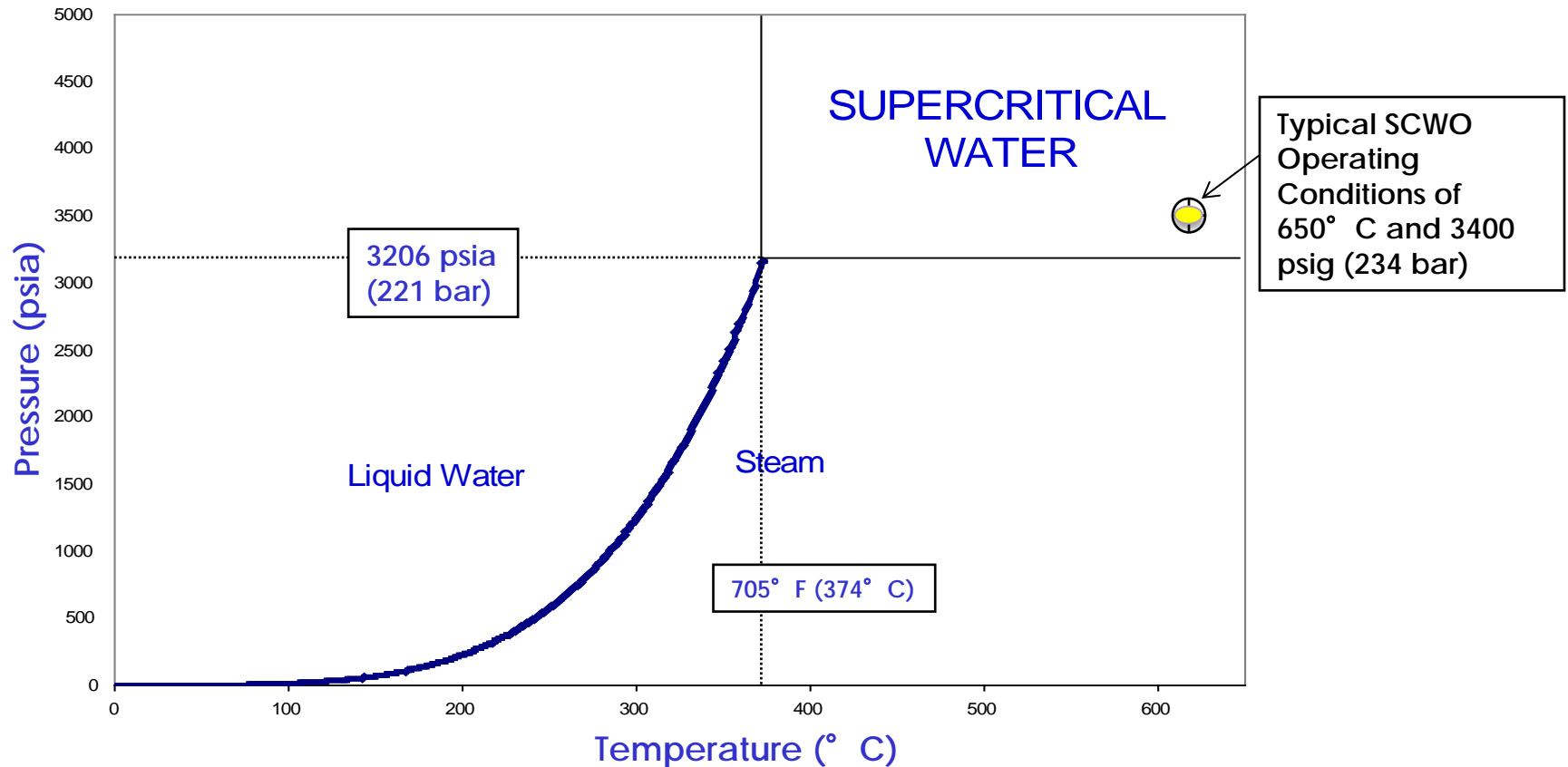
SCWO Influent and Effluents Examples



Complete destruction of organic material

SCWO Technology

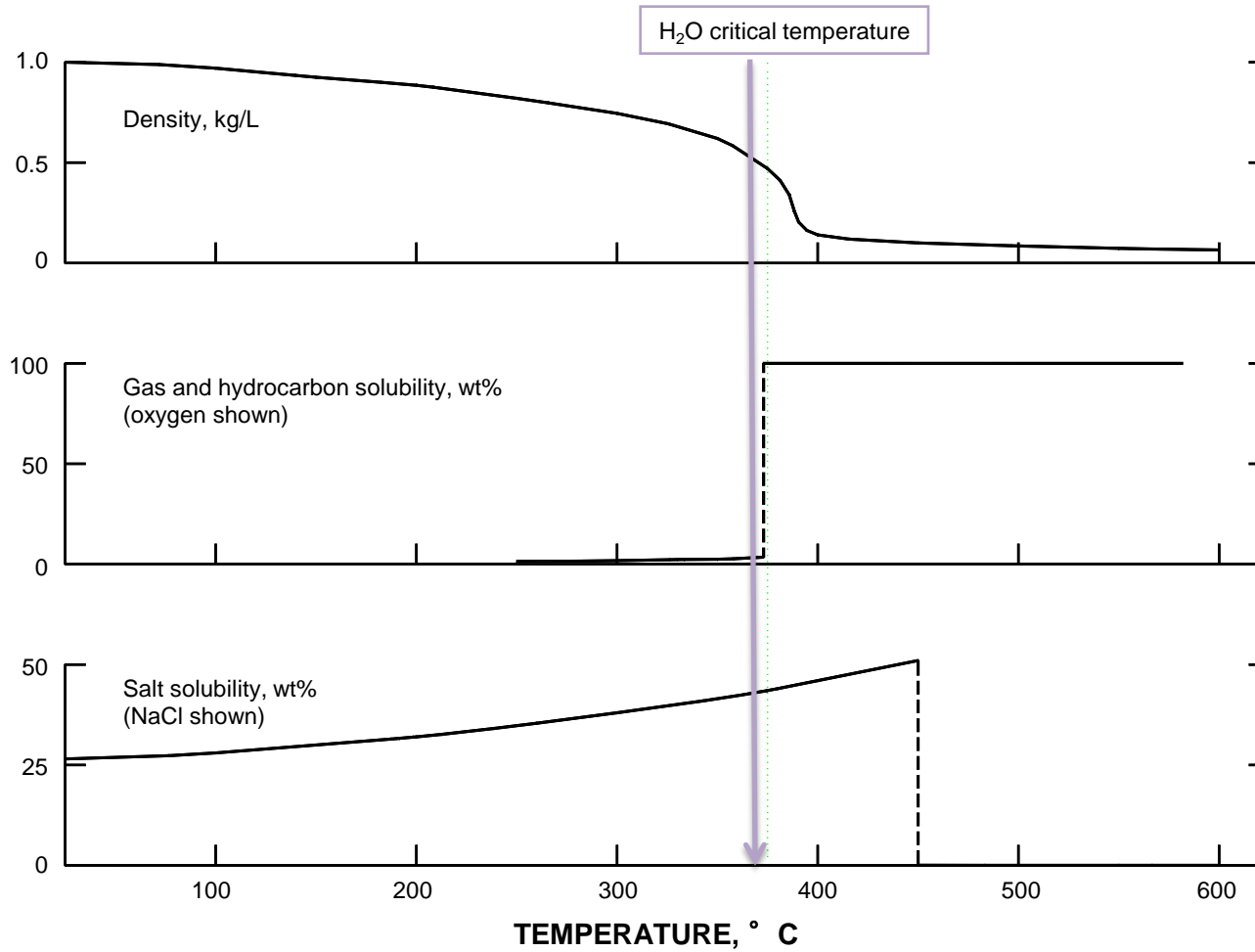
What is Supercritical Water?



Supercritical water is water that is heated and pressurized above its thermodynamic critical point of 374° C and 221 bar.

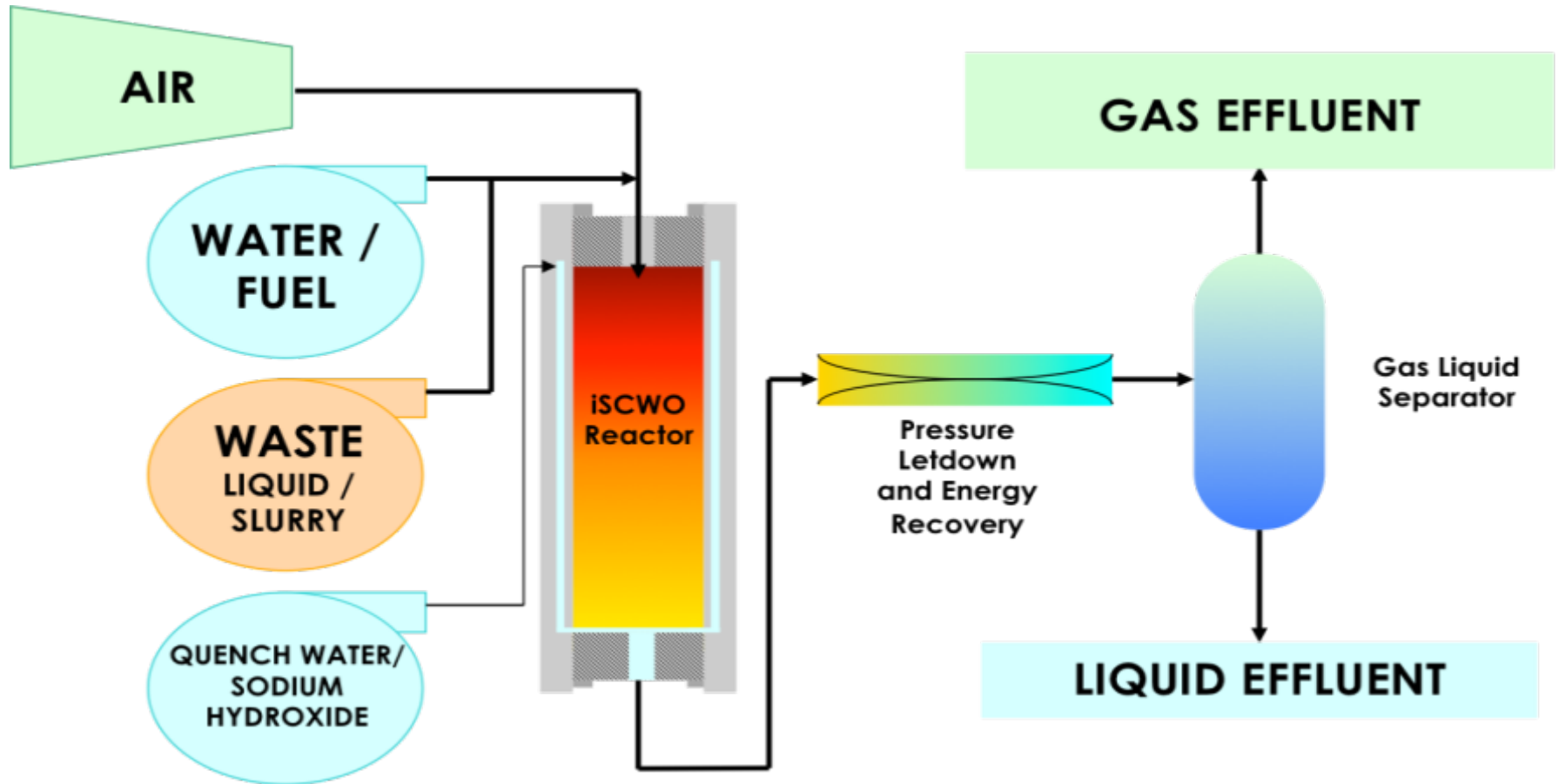
We operate at 650° C and 234 Bar to ensure complete oxidation of wastes.

SCW Properties

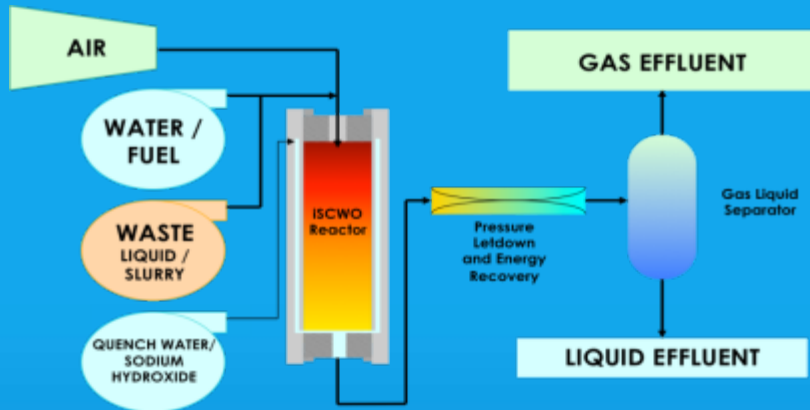


PRESSURE = 250 bar (3626 psig)

iSCWO Process Flow



iSCWO: Technical & Cost Advantages



- Perfect for onsite waste destruction
- Cost competitive with incineration or any other oxidation process at site
- No airborne particulates
- No afterburner or complex secondary processing equipment
- Clean water by-product required little or no post-treatment prior to discharge to POTW
- Air supply for oxidant instead of LOX
- Simple design – easily maintainable
- Waste stream testing in San Diego

Rapid, complete organic destruction with no pollution abatement system

iSCWO Offers Significant Advantages

- Efficient waste destruction at supercritical conditions due to high solubility of organics and oxygen plus excellent reaction kinetics
- iSCWO process uses chemical energy released from oxidation of organics in feed streams maintain internal reactor temperature of 650° C – self sustaining
- Liquid waste feed can be very dilute to highly concentrated wastes
- *NO Pollution Abatement System (PAS) required*
- Effluents contain non-detect levels of nitrogen oxide (NO_x), sulfur oxide (SO_x), and total organic carbon (TOC) plus no airborne particulates
- Uses high pressure air as oxidant source versus liquid oxygen
- Can achieve Destruction Removal Efficiency (DRE) for TOC >99.99% (non-detect)

iSCWO Release Streams Meet Environmental Requirements



Waste Feed	Gas Release	Liquid Release
iSCWO Waste Feed	O ₂ CO ₂ Water vapor Organic free	Organic-free water Some salts (depending on chemical feed) Metallic oxides particles (depending on chemical feed)

All Liquid Releases Designed for Discharge Directly to a Public Owned Treatment Works (POTW)

Perfect for Onsite Waste Processing

- System is very cost effective for onsite waste destruction
- As limits are placed on incineration and hazardous waste transportability issues, onsite waste destruction is attractive
- Processing equipment has a small footprint
~25' x 8' x 15' (L x W x H)
- Multiple systems can be added in parallel to increase capacity (x 3GPM)
- Solid materials can be ground and slurried for iSCWO processing
- No afterburner or complex secondary processing equipment
- Simple control system means minimal manpower required for treatment of hazardous materials

What we offer - Modular iSCWO Systems



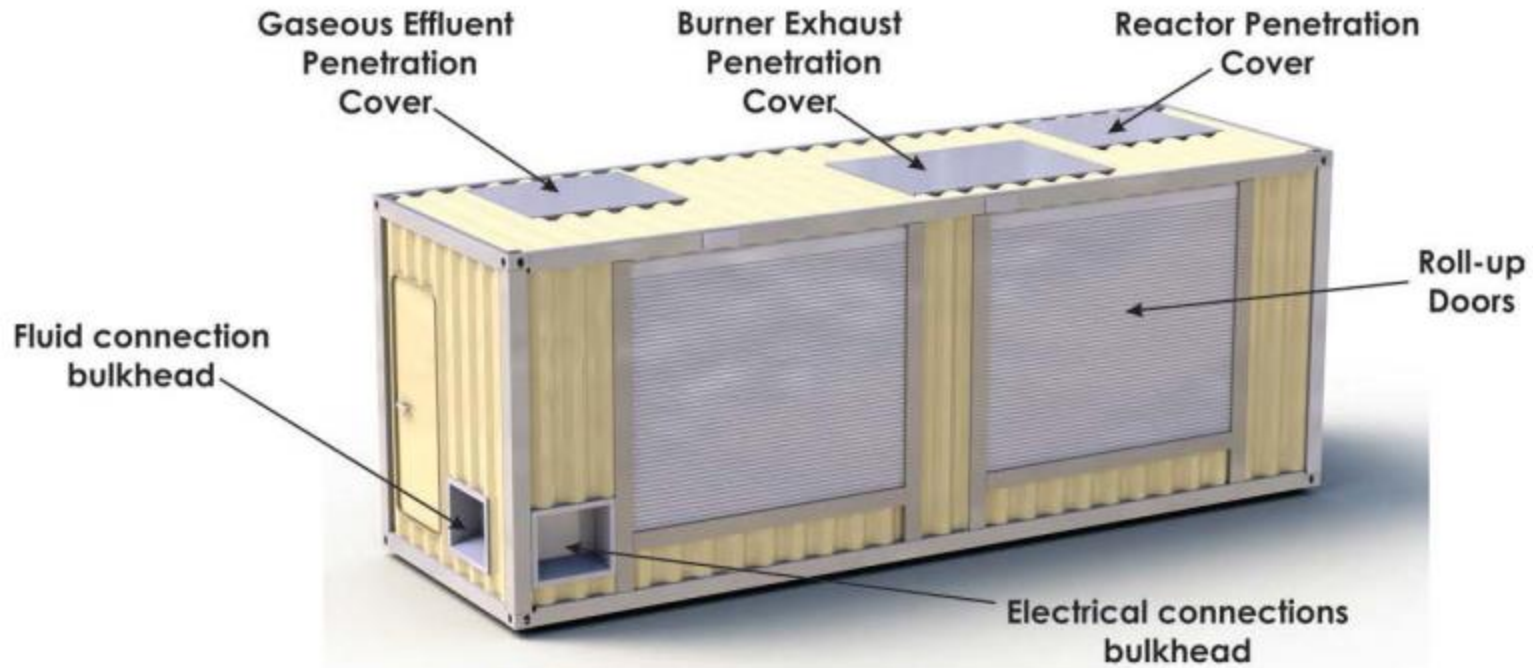
3 GPM iSCWO skid



3 GPM transportable iSCWO system

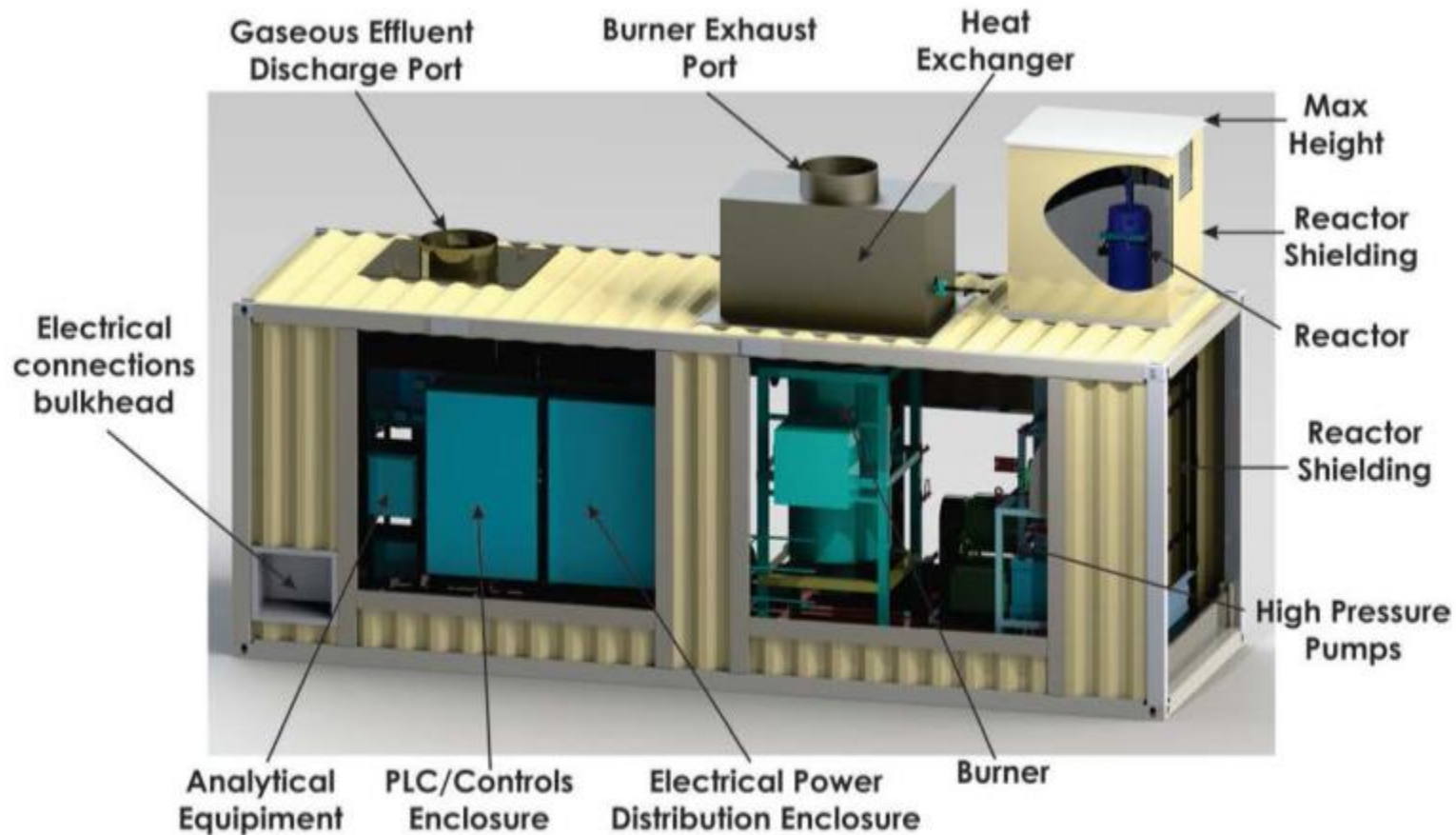
Modular design allows for rapid setup and start of process operations

3 GPM Shipping Configuration



3-gpm iSCWO Shipping Configuration
25 feet long by 8 feet wide by 9.5 feet tall
Approximate weight = 20,800 pounds

3 GPM iSCWO Assembled Configuration



3-gpm iSCWO Assembled Configuration
Maximum Height = 14.5 feet

Fixed Facility iSCWO Systems



iSCWO System with Tanks



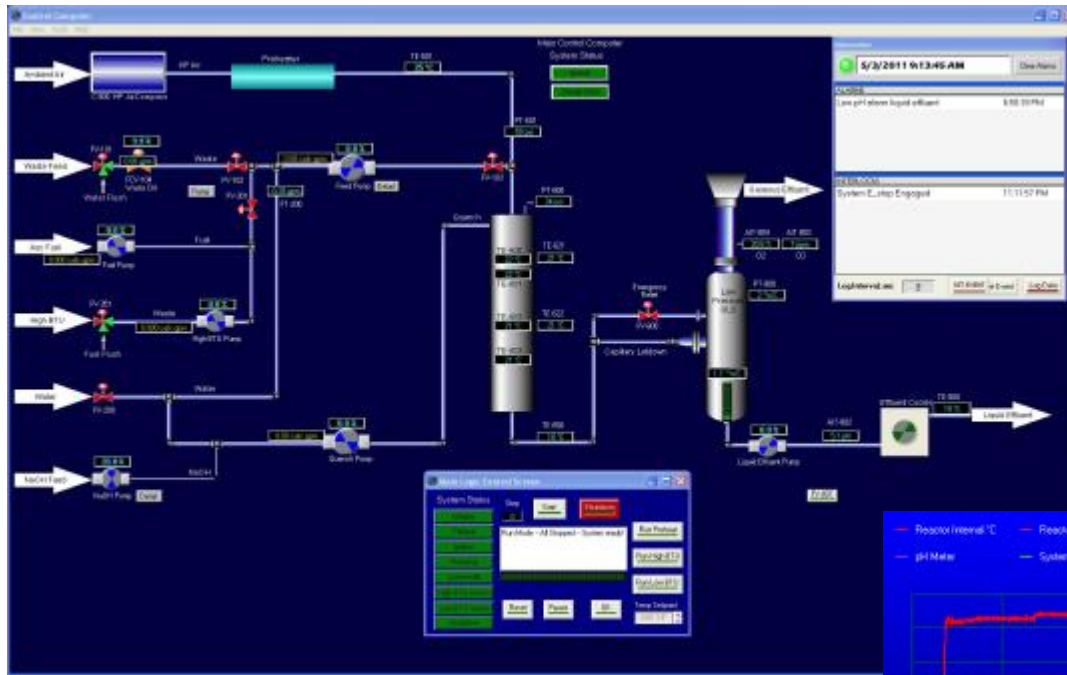
Complete Facility with control room, service rooms, offices, and waste-in receiving and inspection areas

iSCWO systems can be part of new or existing processes

iSCWO Process Control

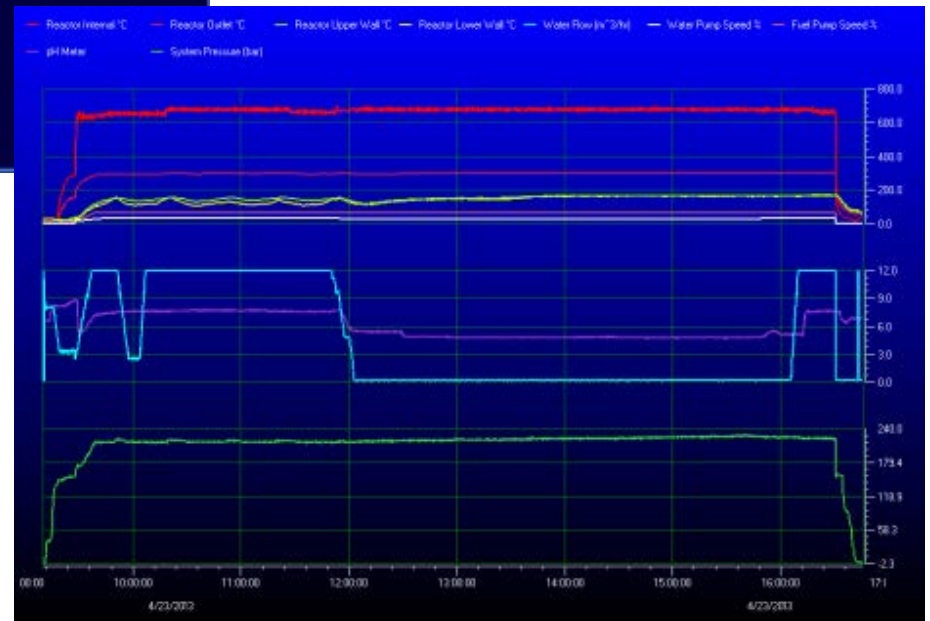
- iSCWO control system is very intuitive – operates like a video game
- Easy-to-read displays (system charts and graphic diagram)
- Basic modes of operation: Maintenance and Operation
- Maintenance mode: Interlocks and alarms are disabled and everything is controlled manually
- Operation mode: All interlocks and alarms are enabled. Single push button sequential operation including preheat, ignition, idle, waste processing and Shutdown
- In English or Metric Units
- Customized user language

iSCWO Control Screens



← PFD based control screen

Real time data plots →



Data stored for environmental review

iSCWO System Design Specifications

iSCWO equipment design meets American and European code Requirements:

- **American requirements**

- American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- US National Electric Code
- American Petroleum Institute (API)

- **European requirements**

- European Pressure Equipment Directive (PED)
- European Machinery Directive 2006/42/CE
- European Voltage Directive 2006/95/CE
- Wiring Directive IEC 60204-1

- **QA/QC**

- All project phases executed per ISO-9001 requirements

GA iSCWO Typical Scope of Supply

- The typical iSCWO system includes:
 - Skid mounted system (pumps, reactor, gas/liquid separator, controls)
 - Gas and liquid effluent monitoring equipment
 - American, Asian and European electrical and mechanical standards (including pressure)
 - Acceptance testing at GA
 - Shipping to nearby customer port
 - Installation, start-up and checkout supervision
 - Training and documentation (e.g., O&M manuals and design documents)



Customer acceptance tests at GA

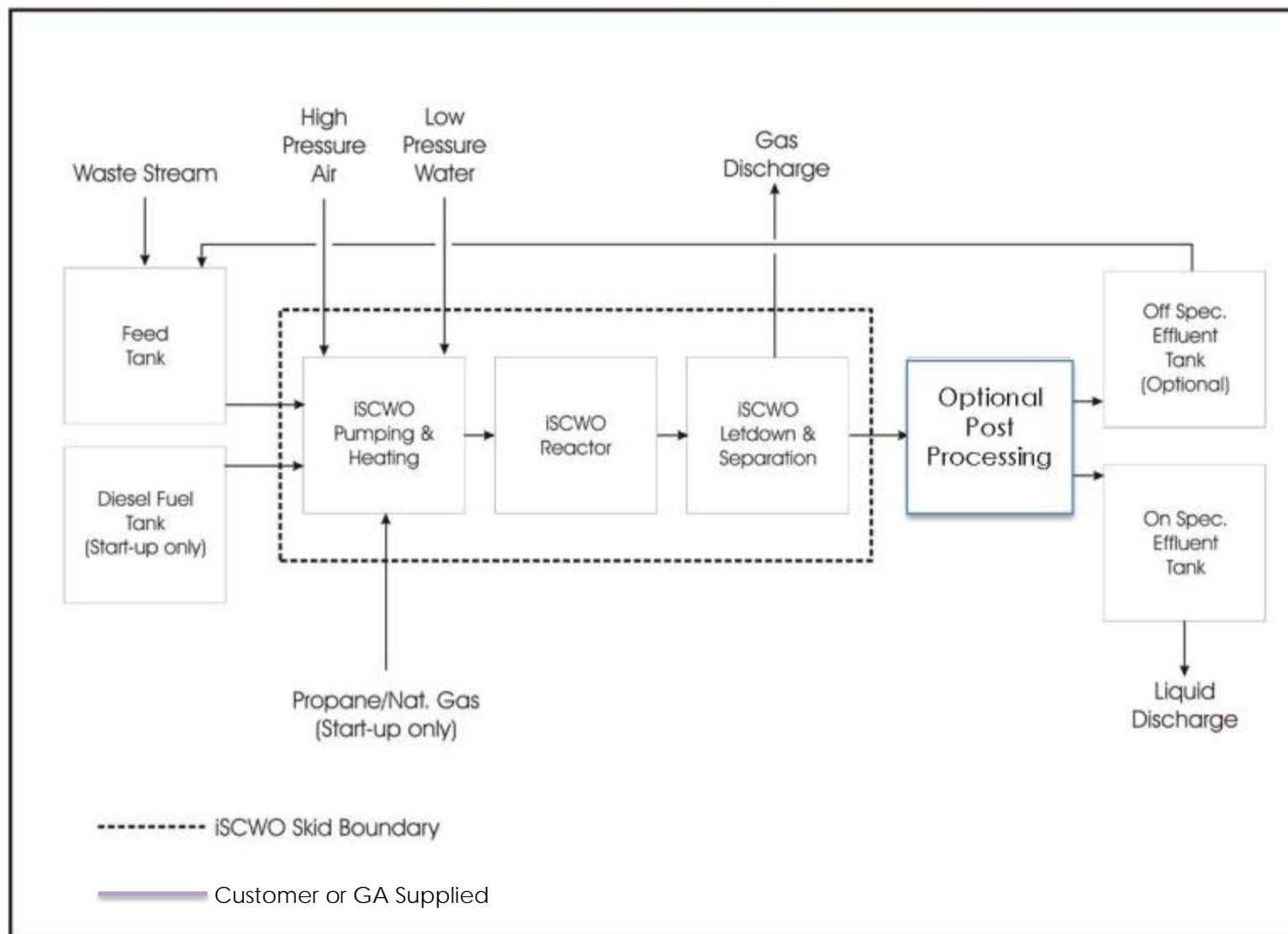
GA iSCWO Customer Scope of Supply

- **Typical customer scope of supply for GA iSCWO includes:**
 - **Installation site**
 - Requirements determined on a case-by-case basis
 - Customization of iSCWO equipment is possible to meet site requirements
 - **Utilities**
 - Electrical, water, ventilation, telecommunications, fire suppression (if required), propane/natural gas and instrument air
 - **Feed mixing and delivery system**
 - 3 gpm at ~30 psig
 - Tank mixing and heating (if required)
 - High pressure air compressor package
 - **Fuel storage tank and delivery system**
 - 0.25 gpm at ~50 psig
 - **Effluent holding tanks and pump-off system**
 - Including filtration and ion exchange if required to meet discharge requirements
 - **All required permits**

Preprocessing Steps for iSCWO

- Previous iSCWO systems have required the development of integrated components to prepare the waste for iSCWO destruction
- Rarely is the waste feed a “deliver and pump in” process
- Experience in energetics (explosives and propellant) along with other chemical waste feeds requiring preprocessing steps
- Some steps include pre-concentrating, blending, filtering and other waste pretreatment technologies
- GA has extensive experience in selecting the proper pre and post treatment components required for the specific waste to be processed by iSCWO

Typical iSCWO Boundary Limits



GA History at Camp Minden

- Shipped a 3gpm iSCWO system with compressor to Camp Minden for testing
- Performed limited testing at Camp Minden
 - Rocket AP
 - Yellow D
 - HC Smokes
 - Cleaning Solutions
- Began Assembling 10gpm unit at Camp Minden
- All worked stopped because of Explo System Bankruptcy
- US Army requested 10gpm unit to be shipped to MCAAP
- GA cleaned/removed any liquids at Site
- 3gpm unit still at Camp Minden



Camp Minden 3gpm iSCWO System

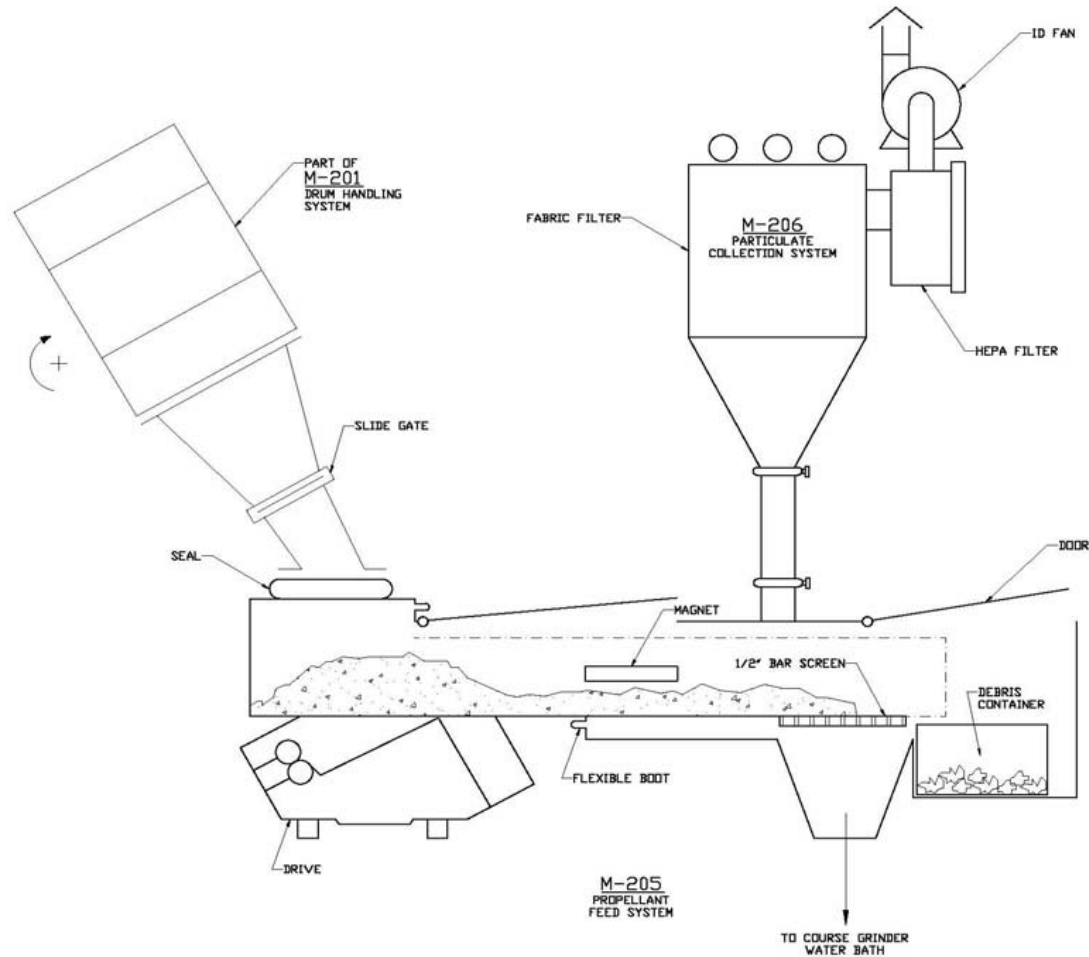


3 GPM iSCWO Skid



3 GPM iSCWO Tanks

Camp Minden 3gpm iSCWO System – Slurry Feed



Customer Interaction

Some of GA iSCWO Activities



Excellent Application of iSCWO for On-Site Waste Destruction

Some examples of iSCWO Applications



Ground water cleanup



Sewage Concentrate destruction



Pesticide destruction



Petroleum Waste Destruction



Illegal Chemical Destruction



Clean Contaminated Soils



River water cleanup

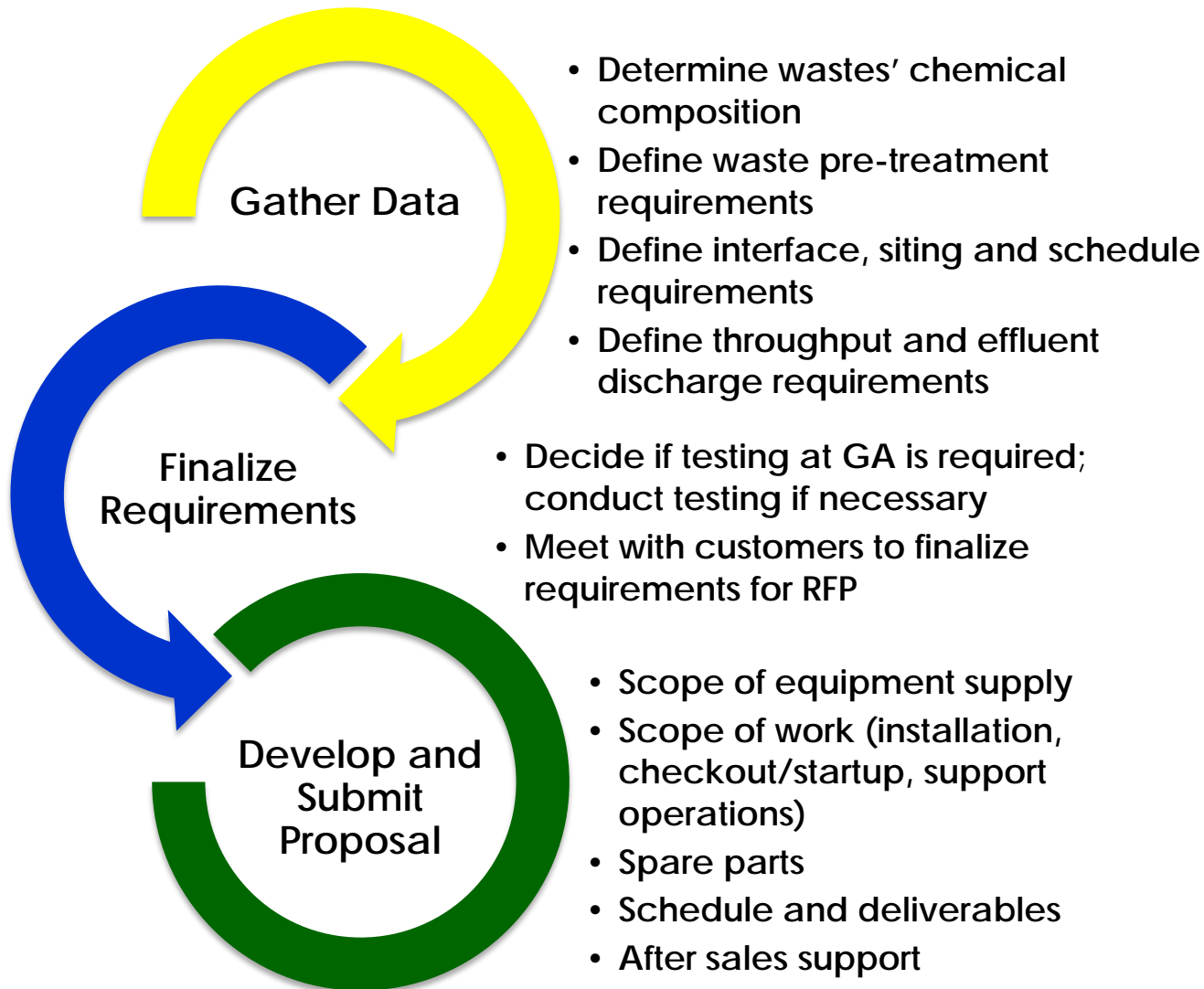


Chemical Process Waste Treatment



Chemical Waste Destruction

Customer Engagement Process



GA iSCWO Demonstration System



iSCWO System used for different chemical waste treatment tests



Dedicated iSCWO Test Facility

System arrangement allows for easy tests with data analysis

Conclusions



- Simple to operate, automated and easy maintenance
- iSCWO is an excellent waste destruction process suitable for onsite treatment of organic wastes at affordable cost
- iSCWO is fully capable of destroying a wide range of pumpable hazardous waste to strict environmental standards
- Mobility for multi-site waste destruction
- iSCWO systems use air rather than liquid oxygen which makes the processing site easier to permit and eliminates a number safety issues related to LOX systems.
- No pollution abatement system necessary to meet environmental regulations
- GA has 22 years experience with SCWO systems
- GA provides testing capability and effluent analysis for customers – know before you buy

Contact Information

Thank you very much for your time!

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