

Surface Active Foam Fractionation® (SAFF®) Technology

Pairing for complete closed loop Separation, Concentration, and Destruction

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# Pairing for Complete Closed Loop Separation, Concentration, and Destruction

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## **Solving PFAS Contamination**







Analyzing and evaluating waste streams to detect trace amounts of PFAS and inform solutions like remediation. Separating and concentrating PFAS from contaminated water. Destroying the removed PFAS by enzymatically breaking the C-F bond.



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# SAFF Process

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### **SAFF:** The Basic Concept of Foam Fractionation

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## **SAFF<sup>™</sup> Separation Mechanism**



### RISING AIR BUBBLES

### Separates PFAS to surface

- Hydrophilic Head: Orientates in water
- Hydrophobic Tail: Orientates in air-bubble



Introduction of aeration into water column

## **Concept of Foam Fractionation**

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## **SAFF<sup>™</sup> Concentration Process**



Based on data collected during field trial from Oakey plant (May 2019 - June 2020)

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### Generate a Closed-Loop Solution 2 3 1 **SEPARATION** CONCENTRATION DESTROY EP G Reactive $\rightarrow$ 0 C allonnia ENVIRO Bimetallic Iron

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## **Treatability Study Results – Hanscom AFB**

### Without SAFFactant

Analyte	Predicted Treatment	Treatment % Decrease	Influent Pretreatment (ng/L)	Effluent Remaining PFAS (ng/L)
PFHpA	100%	27%	16.8	12.2
PFHxS	100%	77%	107	24.7
PFDS	100%		ND	ND
PFNA	100%	100%	3.56	ND
PFOS	100%	98%	324	4.99
PFOA	100%	72%	38	10.4
Total PFAS	90%	71%	731	212

### With Biodegradable SAFFactant

Analyte	Predicted Treatment	Treatment % Decrease	Influent Pretreatment (ng/L)	Effluent Remaining PFAS (ng/L)
PFHpA	100%	71%	16.8	4.88
PFHxS	100%	97%	107	3.18
PFDS	100%		ND	ND
PFNA	100%	100%	3.56	ND
PFOS	100%	100%	324	1.5
PFOA	100%	100%	38	0.0
Total PFAS	90%	80%	731	146

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### **Concentrate – Transferred for Destruction**

	Concentrate, No SAFFactant (ng/L)	Concentrate, With SAFFactant (ng/L)	
PFOS	9268	8646	
PFOA	803	1011	
Total PFAS	15304	15851	

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## **AECOM's DE-FLUORO**

- Electrochemical Oxidation, proven to work on
  - Source area groundwater
  - Untreated wastewater
  - AFFF concentrate
  - Remediation derived waste
    - IX still bottom
    - Soil washing wastewater
    - Foam fractionation concentrate
- Uses electrode to mineralize PFAS (complete defluorination and desulfurization of PFAS molecules

#### PFAS concentration reductions after DE-FLUORO<sup>TM</sup> treatment of various waste streams

		Reduction (%) Post- DE-FLUORO™ Treatment		
Sample Description	Initial PFAS Concentration (ppb)	PFOA	PFOS	Total PFAS (31 compounds)
Untreated wastewater	400	100	100	100
Source zone groundwater	500	100	99.9	98.6
Fractionation wastewater	1,800	99.7	99.6	99.4
Soil washing wastewater	14,000	100	99.9	99.2
lon exchange resin regenerant	400,000	98.5	98.5	92.9

### **SAFF in Action**

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## US SAFF<sup>®</sup> Groundwater Treatment with Destruction, Minnesota

- Fall 2022, operating at Lake Elmo, MN operated by Minnesota
   Pollution Control Agency and EPOC
   Enviro
- Successful treatment of nonfoaming water, without use of SAFFactant additive
- Now treating surface water with similar PFAS, which is foaming
- Concentrate is generated and stored onsite for later destruction



## US SAFF<sup>®</sup> Groundwater Treatment with Destruction, Minnesota



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## US SAFF<sup>®</sup> Groundwater Treatment with Destruction, Minnesota



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## US SAFF® Groundwater Treatment Using Additive for Enhanced Stripping

- Summer 2022 in the Northeast US with CDM Smith and EPOC Enviro
- Full scale demonstration additive removed to 10 ug/L
- Water did not foam, moderate treatment demonstrated without additive, great treatment demonstrated with additive
- Concentration factor: 90,000x



## US SAFF<sup>®</sup> Groundwater Treatment Using Additive for Enhanced Stripping



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# The Closed Loop PFAS Solution

Combining SAFF<sup>®</sup> and PFAS Annihilator<sup>™</sup>

https://www.crystal-clean.com/renewable-solution/pfas-solution-4never/



### Field Deployments of 4never Technology

- Revive Environmental's Annihilator on-site destruction solution powered by supercritical water oxidation (SCWO)
  - Primary unit processes 350 to 500 gallons per day.
- Recent Field Demonstration (February/March 2022)
  - PFAS in at mg/L scale -> PFAS out <10 ng/L.</p>
  - Part per million concentrations of VOCs and SVOCs also destroyed to non-detect levels.
- Hands-off, turnkey solution with a hub and spoke model
  - "hub" located in Grand Rapids MI, with shipping network set up to transport SAFF concentrate to Annihilator for disposal, all labor provided





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Landfill Leachate

- 1. Queensland, Australia
- 2. New South Wales, Australia
- 3. Confidential Site, Spain
- 4. Confidential Site, UK
- 5. Helsingborg, Sweden
- 6. Brottby, Sweden

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- 7. Stockholm, Sweden
- 8. Stockholm, Sweden
- 9. Confidential Site, East Coast USA

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- 10.Massachusetts, USA
- 11. Michigan, East Coast USA
- 12. Minnesota, USA
- 13. Vermont, USA
- 14.Maine, USA

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#### **UPCOMING DoD Funded Projects at**

- Beale AFB, CA (SAFF + HALT Destruction)
- March ARB, CA (SAFF + UX Destruction)
- Hanscom AFB, MA (SAFF + DE-FLUORO)
- Wurtsmith AFB (SAFF + Annihilator)

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• Confidential DoD Site (SAFF + Biosensor)

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### SAFF<sup>®</sup>: Sustainable PFAS Treatment



#### PERFORMANCE

- Removes >99.9% PFOS/PFOA (below detection limits)
- Proven full-scale, global technology
- Working range: 0.005 50,000 ug/l PFAS
- Daily treatment capacity: Over 120-150 gpm per unit



#### VALUE

- Lowest cost per treated gallon
- Lowest cost per mass of PFAS removed
- Automated system with remote telemetry control – minimal labor
- Energy efficient: estimated rate of 2.5kw/ 1,000 gallon treated

#### **WASTE REDUCTION**

- No adsorbent media required
- Can achieve concentration factors >10,000:1
- PFAS concentrate suitable for onsite destruction

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Closed loop with onsite destruction



#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

- Suitable for ISO-18504 (2017) Sustainable
  Remediation rating
- Green chemistry and sustainable engineering design
- Modular systems produced using agile manufacturing
- Minimal consumables

# OPEX Costs for Removing PFAS from Telge Landfill Leachate





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Energy

USD \$0.05/m3 (treated)

### Waste USD \$0.02/m3 (treated)

T O T A L O P E X USD \$0.12/m3

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