## El Dorado Engineering, Inc. Propellant Disposal Technology









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### El Dorado Engineering, Inc. Designers - Consultants

- EDE Specializes In:
  - Demilitarization of conventional munitions, chemical munitions,
     bulk Propellants, Explosives, and Pyrotechnics (PEP), and rocket motors
  - Recycling of munitions, explosive, and propellant wastes
  - Environmental consulting, permitting and restoration, related to PEP
  - Hazardous/explosive waste treatment and disposal
- Capabilities Include:
  - Design
  - Consulting
  - Fabrication
  - Installation
  - Commissioning
  - Training
  - Permitting
- Over 34 yrs. In the Demilitarization Business, HQ in Salt Lake City, UT
- Take pride in record of safety, project cooperation, and client satisfaction

### El Dorado Engineering, Inc. SAMPLE PROJECTS

- Design, install, & commission numerous turnkey Rotary Kiln Explosive Waste Incinerators including facilities in: Taiwan, U.K. Germany, Albania, Ukraine, Korea, Belgium.
- Design & provide numerous turnkey Transportable Flashing Furnace Systems (Used at: Ravenna AAP, Eglin AFB, Hill AFB, Anniston Army Depot, China Lake, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Talon West Virginia, Letterkenny Army Depot.)
- Design/Build contained burn facilities for disposal of military & commercial energetic materials
- Design/build contained burn systems to dispose of nitrocellulose based propellant in small tactical rocket motors
- Design/Build turnkey facility for contained burn demilitarization of large AP based propellant tactical rocket motors for U.S. Army\*
- Design & construct a facility to demilitarize flares, reclaiming and recycling magnesium
- Design, build, and test water jet washout system for chemical munitions
- Design munition preparation and disassembly equipment
- Design/Build turnkey induction heating meltout system for explosives recycling from mortars\*
- Used our understanding of propellant combustion processes and atmospheric dispersion to consult for NASA on go/no-go launch criteria for Space Shuttle Launches, and permitting of test facilities.



Notes: \* Ongoing

## Demilitarization Technology Considerations

- Safe
- Environmentally Responsible
- Effective
- Robust
- Simple
- Proven
- Inexpensive
- Versatile



### Non-Open Burning Thermal Treatment Alternatives

- Contained Burn
- Rotary Kiln
- Static Kiln
- "Tunnel" Furnace
- Co-firing
- Contained Detonation
- Car-bottom Furnace
- Transportable Furnaces



#### Contained Burn Systems

- Bulk Propellant, Explosives
- Tactical Rocket Motors
- Air Bag Propellants
- Igniters, Detonators
- PEP Contaminated Waste







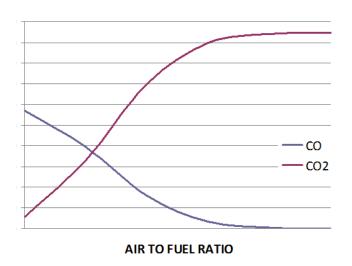


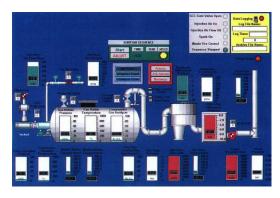
#### **Contained Burn Technology** System Elements

- Feed System:
  - Minimize Handling
  - Batch or Semi-Continuous
- Containment Vessel:
  - Promote Proper Combustion
  - Contain Products
- Ignition Source: Reliable, Safe
- Pollution Abatement System
  - Meter and Scrub Exhaust
  - Prevent Fugitive Emissions
- Controls











## Contained Burn Technology Scaling



10 pounds per burn cycle

50,000 pounds per burn cycle





#### DOD Project Nitrocellulose Based Propellant



Nitrocellulose Based Propellant Contained Burn System Chamber and Pollution Abatement System



# Commercial Clients Various Turnkey Systems









#### DOD Tactical Rocket Motor Propellant Disposal

- Large Workload
  - 60 1605 lbs Propellant/Motor
  - Challenging Chemistry
- Thorough Technology Evaluation
  - Non Open Burning
  - Numerous Stakeholders



- Construction Ongoing
  - Letterkenny, PA
  - RCRA and Air Permits Approved
  - DDESB
- Capacity
  - Up to 805 Pounds per Cycle
  - Up to 3 Cycles per Hour











#### China Lake, CA NSWC Full Scale Demonstration (400lb/cycle)

- Cylindrical Steel Vessel (15' X 80')
- Sized For Gas Generation, Thermal Load, Peak Pressures
- Designed to Optimize Combustion Conditions
- Designed to Withstand Maximum Credible Event (MCE) in Case of Rocket Motor Deflagration
- Contains and Cools Gases After Firing
- Gases are Metered Through Pollution Control System







#### Large Tactical Motor Feed System

China Lake Feed System, Large Tactical Rocket Motors:

- Provides Convenient External Loading/Unloading
- Quick-Opening Autoclave Door Design
- Remote Automated Actuation with Ignition Interlock
- Designed for Flexibility to Accommodate a Wide Variety of Loads
- Minden Would Utilize a Cold Burn Tray Loaded by Forklift onto Firing "Shelf"









#### **Pollution Control**

- Designed For Chemistry of Workload
- Size/Expense Minimized by Proper Metering
- Stack Emissions Monitored





Particulate Samples
PAS INLET PAS OUTLET







#### Minden Contained Burn System

- Safety
- Proven
- **Efficient Pollution Control**
- Simple Controls
- Throughput
- Relatively Simple Permitting
- Versatile

- 880 lbs per Cycle
- 2-3 cycles per Hour
- 1800-2500 lbs per Hour

