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Brown Grease Recovery For Biodiesel

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Welcome!

Solids and Rag Layer



Grease trap waste

Presentation Overview

- Company Background
- Grease Trap Waste Separation Systems
- Hawaii Grease Trap Recovery Program
- Brown Grease to Biodiesel

Pacific Biodiesel Inc.

Company History

- Formed in 1996 in Kahului.
- Distributed production focus
- Built 11 Biodiesel facilities
- Present Company Activities
 - Used Cooking Oil (UCO) and Grease Trap (GT) pumping
 - Biodiesel production facilities
 - Fuel sales and distribution
 - Mgmt. contracting



Pacific Biodiesel Technologies

■ Process Technology

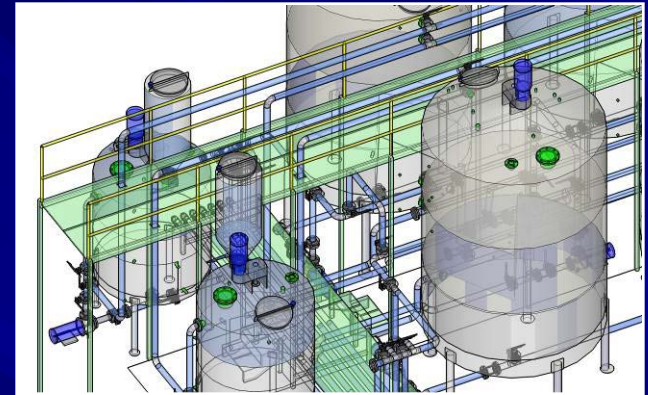
- Multi-feedstock biodiesel process technology
- Process utilities and tank farm equipment
- Feedstock collection and rendering equipment
- Facility retrofits

■ Laboratory Services

- ASTM fuel testing
- QC Program development
- Process verification and optimization

■ Research and Development

- Contract R&D projects
- Feedstock development
- Pilot Plant verification



The Pacific Biodiesel Ohana



Grease Trap Disposal Options

- Land Application
- Headworks Injection
- Dewatering and Landfill
- Anaerobic Digestion
- Grease Separation and Fuel Use

Land Application

- Overhead application can cause oily runoff
- FOG Can kill vegetation
- Sometimes mixed with septage
- Long driving distances often necessary
- Not a clean or effective solution



Headworks Injection

- Eliminates pump station plugs
- Increases load on primary clarifier
- May not be compatible with tertiary treatment technologies



Dewatering and Landfill

- Small, low capital cost
- Hauler Owned
- Difficult to get consistent results
- Requires substantial polymer use, landfill cost



Anaerobic Digestion

- High carbon content
- Good gas production
- Slow breakdown of grease layer
- Lower value return compared to separation and fuel use



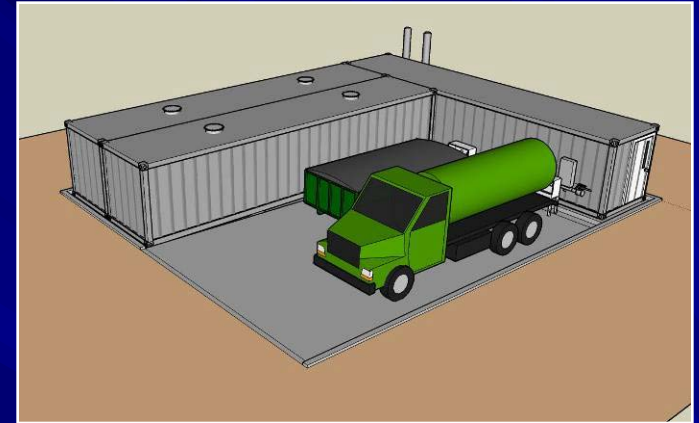
Grease Separation and Fuel Use

- Separate Grease from water and solids
 - Solids: AD feedstock or composted
 - Water: discharged
 - Grease: fuel replacement in boilers or biodiesel feedstock

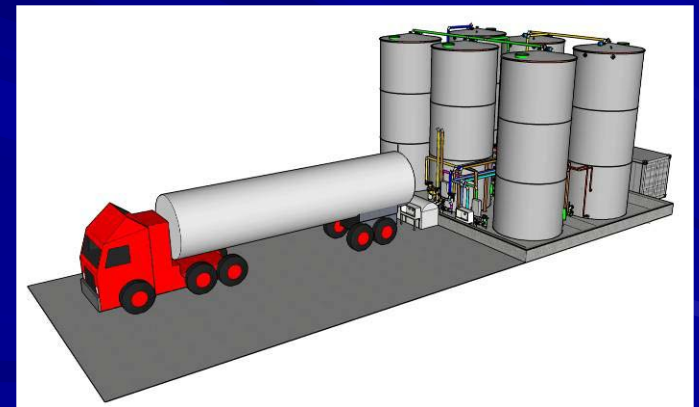


Grease Trap Separation Facilities

- Pre-assembled or built on site
- Capacity: 6,000-45,000 gal/day
- Stand alone, integrate with biodiesel plants or POWT plants
- Grease Trap and/or Used Cooking Oil



6,000 gal/day stand alone



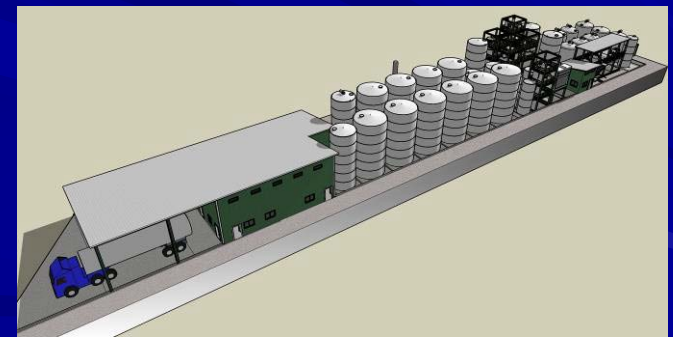
25,000 gal/day stand alone

Grease Trap Separation Facilities

- Low elec. consumption
<\$0.002/gal
- Low chem. consumption
<\$0.005/gal
- Low odor – fully enclosed equipment
- Small footprint: 2100-4500 sq ft (including loading bays)

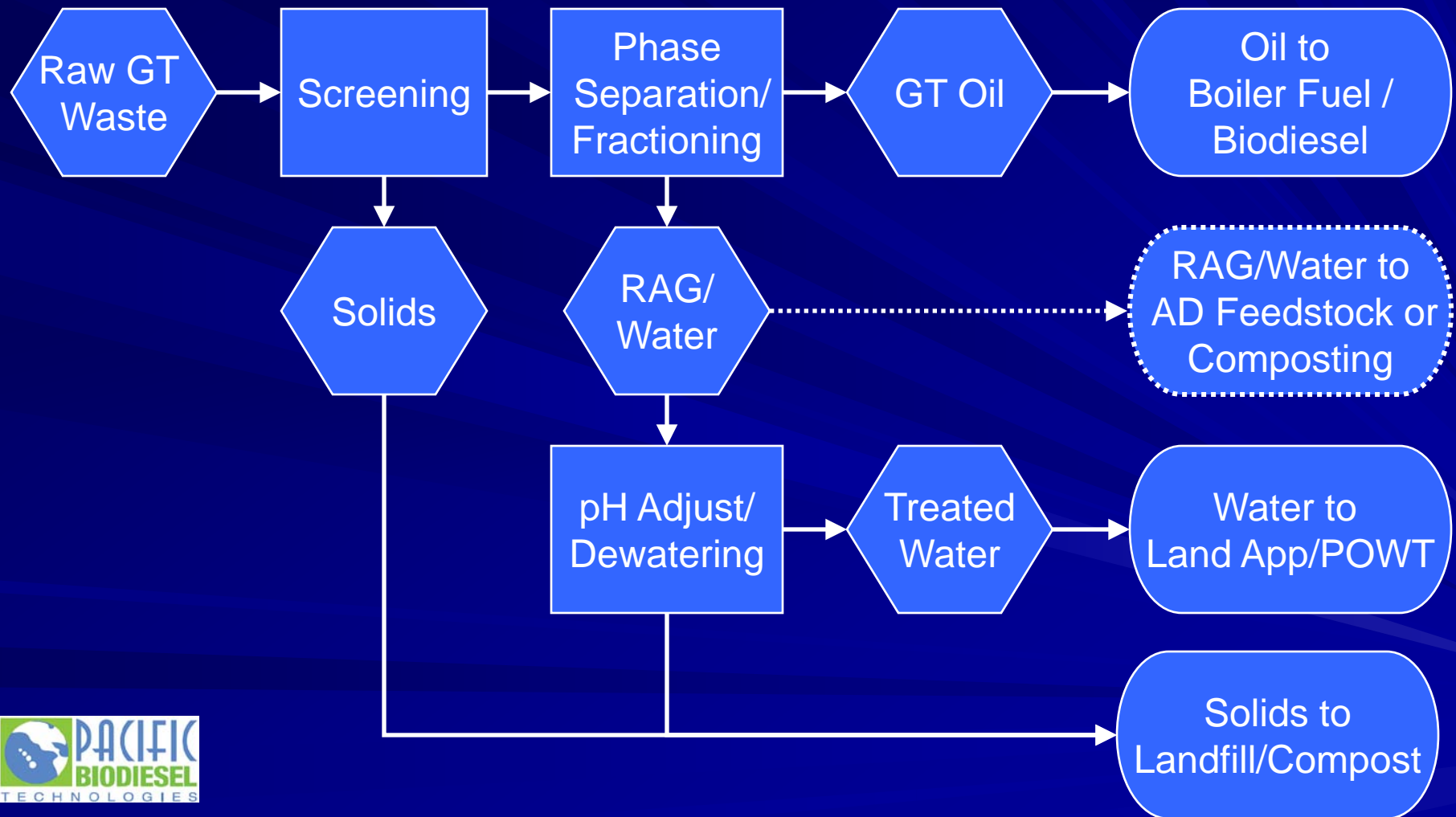


25,000 gal/day sited with
1Mgpy Biodiesel Plant



45,000 gal/day sited with
5Mgpy Biodiesel Plant

Grease Trap Waste Separation



San Francisco PUC FOG Separation Plant



PB Hawaii Grease Trap Program

- Started 1999, expanded in 2000 to Honolulu
- Plants located at central landfill (Maui) and Sand Island, adjacent to POWT plant (Oahu)
- Accept grease trap waste and cooking oil only
- Current capacity 30,000 gal/day
- Process grease trap waste into four streams:
 - “Bio bunker” heavy fuel replacement (1-10%)
 - Co-composting liquid additive (5-8%)
 - Landfill solids (1%)
 - POWT plant discharge water (80-90%)

PB Hawaii Grease Trap Program

Successes:

- Significant diversion of GTW from landfills - approx. 150,000 tons to date
- Approx. 4,000,000 gals of low sulfur alternative fuel oil produced



Oahu Biofuels Grease Trap Plant

PB Hawaii Grease Trap Program

Program Benefits

- Much lower disposal costs for haulers compared to landfill
- Keeps illegal dumping at a minimum
- Produces value-added product
- Potential for even higher value as biodiesel production feedstock

PB Hawaii Grease Trap Program



Mixed
Waste

Separated
Grease

Compost
Additive

Discharge
Water

Brown Grease to Biodiesel

- Program began in 2005
- Solve biodiesel feedstock issues:
 - High FFA (80%-100%)
 - High Sulfur ~500 ppm
 - Emulsions, fine solids
 - Heavily Polymerized Fatty Acids



Brown Grease To Biodiesel

- Developed Method:
 - Mixed Stream approach
 - 50% FFA capacity
 - Modification of traditional Acid-Based Technology
 - High Vacuum Evaporator purification



Brown Grease To Biodiesel

- Mixed Feedstock facility
 - Accept all types of greases and tallow
 - Allow for variations in waste feedstock
 - Blend for cloud point consistency, oxidative stability
- Retrofit installations under development



Separated Grease Trap Oil and Finished Grease Trap Biodiesel

Brown Grease To Biodiesel

- First dedicated 2.5Mgpy facility with advanced technology to produce biodiesel from trap grease and other hard to convert oils under construction in Hawaii in 2010.



- Biodiesel fuel may be used in diesel engines including generators, on-road trucks and farming/construction/industrial equipment.
- Biodiesel can fuel cars with diesel engines. Roughly 5% of U.S. passenger vehicles have diesel engines. In Europe, > 40% are diesel.



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