# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Operation Report Oct 93 – Dec 93

## I. INTRODUCTION

This Operation Report is prepared by EPD for the Environment and Planning Committee (EPC) of the Kwai Tsing District Board. It outlines the activities of the Chemical Waste Treatment Centre (CWTC) and provides a summary of environmental performance of the plant.

The environmental performance summary as shown in Section II of this report covers the result of environmental monitoring from October 93 to December 93.

## II. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Enviropace are required to undertake regular checks on environmental performance of the operation of the plant. These include the following:

- Effluent discharge monitoring
- Stack gas monitoring
- Stabilised residue monitoring

### Effluent Discharge

Effluent from the CWTC treatment processes has to meet very strict discharge limits on pollutant concentration. Multiple processes are employed inside the CWTC to treat all liquid wastes to ensure a safe waste management system. Continuous automatic monitoring of pH, temperature and flow rate are conducted to facilitate immediate warning on any significant change detected in the composition of the effluent, such that prompt corrective response can be effected.

Effluent from the plant is discharged in batches. Each batch is sampled and analyzed, and discharges are permitted only if limits are met. Tables 1 to 3 show the summary of effluent quality from October 93 to December 93. No exceedances in effluent discharge limits were observed.

#### Stack Gas

Air emissions from the incineration system are closely monitored by a comprehensive management and monitoring programme to ensure that the system is operating safely and in an environmentally acceptable manner.

A continuous monitoring system on key parameters is installed in the incinerator stack to ensure combustion and air pollutant removal processes are functionally well. Furthermore, the incinerator is equipped with an automatic waste feed cut-off system. In the event that the continuous monitoring system picks up any potential sign of exceedance of any of the control parameters, waste feed to the incinerator will be stopped automatically. The result for Stack Gas Monitoring from October 93 to December 93 are attached in Tables4 to 6 and compliance in all stack gas control parameters has been achieved.

## Stabilised Residue

All solid wastes and process residues at the CWTC are detoxified, chemically stabilized and physically immobilized to an environmentally benign state. Samples of the stabilized materials have to pass a series of analytical tests, proven to be innocuous before being sent to an off-site landfill for final disposal.

The summaries of result for Stabilized Residue from October 93 to December 93 are attached in Tables 7 to 9. All of the test parameters fell within the control limits and no exceedances occurred.

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
рН	6-10	6.36 – 9.97	N/A
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/l)	100	< 80	N/A
Total Phosphate (mg/l)	10	< 8	N/A
Total Sulphate (mg/l)	2000	169.71 – 1831	1014
Total Sulphides (mg/l)	10	< 0.2	N/A
Total Cyanide (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.03	N/A
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	100	9.5 – 98	36.5
Oil and Grease (mg/l)	20	< 19.8	N/A
Total Phenols (mg/l)	0.5	< 0.351	N/A
Total Residual Chlorine (mg/l)	1	< 0.9	N/A
Anionic Detergents (mg/l)	15	< 2	N/A
Temperature (°C)	43	23.3 – 36.1	N/A
Floatable Substances (mg/l)	Not to be detected	Not detected	Not detected
Toxic Metals :			
Arsenic (mg/l)	2	< 0.5	
Barium (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	
Chromium (mg/l)	1	< 0.1	
Copper (mg/l)	2	< 1.7	
Lead (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Manganese (mg/l)	5	< 0.7	
Mercury (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Nickel (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Silver (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Tin (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Zinc (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Total Toxic Metals # (mg/l)	10	< 10	
Boron (mg/l)	5	< 0.5	
Iron (mg/l)	10	< 5	N/A

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Pesticides:			
Aldrin (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
BHCS (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	N/A
DDT (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
Semi-volatile Compounds:			
Benzo (A) Pyrene (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	N/A
Volatile Compounds:			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls:			
Total PCBs (mg/l)	0.003	< 0.003	N/A
Radioactive Substances:			
Gross (pc/l)	10000	< 10000	
Radium-226 (pc/l)	30	< 30	N/A
Strontium-90 (pc/l)	100	< 100	

<sup>#</sup> Total toxic metals include: Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Silver, Tin, Zinc.

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
рН	6-10	6.74 – 10	N/A
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/l)	100	< 92.5	N/A
Total Phosphate (mg/l)	10	< 8	N/A
Total Sulphate (mg/l)	2000	88.7 – 1412.7	848.3
Total Sulphides (mg/l)	10	< 0.2	N/A
Total Cyanide (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.09	N/A
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	100	3.1 – 92.8	29.02
Oil and Grease (mg/l)	20	< 19.8	N/A
Total Phenols (mg/l)	0.5	< 0.3	N/A
Total Residual Chlorine (mg/l)	1	< 0.82	N/A
Anionic Detergents (mg/l)	15	< 2	N/A
Temperature (°C)	43	21 – 35	N/A
Floatable Substances (mg/l)	Not to be	Not detected	Not detected
Toxic Metals :	detected		
Arsenic (mg/l)	2	< 0.5	
Barium (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	
Chromium (mg/l)	1	< 0.2	
Copper (mg/l)	2	< 1.7	
Lead (mg/l)	2	< 1.9	
Manganese (mg/l)	5	< 0.5	
Mercury (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Nickel (mg/l)	2	< 1.3	
Silver (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Tin (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Zinc (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Total Toxic Metals # (mg/l)	10	< 10	
Boron (mg/l)	5	< 4.1	
Iron (mg/l)	10	< 5	N/A

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Pesticides:			
Aldrin (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
BHCS (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	N/A
DDT (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
Semi-volatile Compounds:			
Benzo (A) Pyrene (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	N/A
Volatile Compounds:			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls:			
Total PCBs (mg/l)	0.003	< 0.003	N/A
Radioactive Substances:			
Gross (pc/l)	10000	< 10000	
Radium-226 (pc/l)	30	< 30	N/A
Strontium-90 (pc/l)	100	< 100	

<sup>#</sup> Total toxic metals include: Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Silver, Tin, Zinc.

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
рН	6-10	6.65 – 8.57	N/A
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/l)	100	< 80	N/A
Total Phosphate (mg/l)	10	< 9.55	N/A
Total Sulphate (mg/l)	2000	291.8 – 975	664.7
Total Sulphides (mg/l)	10	< 1	N/A
Total Cyanide (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.08	N/A
Total Suspended Solids (mg/l)	100	8.3 - 72	28.0
Oil and Grease (mg/l)	20	< 19.4	N/A
Total Phenols (mg/l)	0.5	< 0.5	N/A
Total Residual Chlorine (mg/l)	1	< 1	N/A
Anionic Detergents (mg/l)	15	< 2	N/A
Temperature (°C)	43	19 – 30	N/A
Floatable Substances (mg/l)	Not to be detected	Not detected	Not detected
Toxic Metals :			
Arsenic (mg/l)	2	< 0.5	
Barium (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Cadmium (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	
Chromium (mg/l)	1	< 0.1	
Copper (mg/l)	2	< 1.6	
Lead (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Manganese (mg/l)	5	< 0.5	
Mercury (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Nickel (mg/l)	2	< 1.7	
Silver (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Tin (mg/l)	5	< 1	
Zinc (mg/l)	2	< 1	
Total Toxic Metals # (mg/l)	10	< 10	
Boron (mg/l)	5	< 2.8	
Iron (mg/l)	10	< 5	N/A

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Pesticides:			
Aldrin (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
BHCS (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	N/A
DDT (mg/l)	0.01	< 0.01	
Semi-volatile Compounds:			
Benzo (A) Pyrene (mg/l)	0.1	< 0.1	N/A
Volatile Compounds:			
1,1,1-Trichloroethane (mg/l)	0.05	< 0.05	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls:			
Total PCBs (mg/l)	0.003	< 0.003	N/A
Radioactive Substances:			
Gross (pc/l)	10000	< 10000	
Radium-226 (pc/l)	30	< 30	N/A
Strontium-90 (pc/l)	100	< 100	

<sup>#</sup> Total toxic metals include: Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, Silver, Tin, Zinc.

# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stack Gas Monitoring Summary (October 1993)

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Particulates (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	75	< 30.1	N/A
Chlorine and Compounds (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	100	< 3.0	N/A
Fluorine and Compounds (as HF) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	25	< 0.3	N/A
Hydrogen Sulphide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5	Not detected	N/A
Acidity (as Sulphuric Acid) (mg/m³)	100	49.1 – 75.8	N/A
Sulphur Dioxide (mg/m³)	750	1.3 – 1.4	N/A
Hydrochloric Acid (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	38	8.2 - 14.4	10.4
Total Phosphorus (as P) (mg/m³)	7.5	< 1.229	N/A
Hydrogen Fluoride (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.5	< 0.8	N/A
Hydrogen Bromide (mg/m³)	7.5	< 2.0	N/A
Toxic Metals I:			
Mercury (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3	< 0.002	
Cadmium (mg/m³)	3	< 0.025	N/A
Antimony (mg/m³)	3	< 0.246	
Toxic Metals II :			
Lead (mg/m³)	10	< 0.246	
Copper (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.246	
Arsenic (mg/m³)	10	< 0.006	N/A
Nickel (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.246	
Chromium (mg/m³)	10	< 0.025	
Total of Toxic Metals I & II (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 1.035	N/A
Dioxin (ng/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1	0.0158 - 0.0322	0.024

# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stack Gas Monitoring Summary ( November 1993 )

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Particulates (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	75	4.6 - 18.2	11.9
Chlorine and Compounds (as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	100	< 3.2	N/A
Fluorine and Compounds (as HF) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	25	< 0.3	N/A
Hydrogen Sulphide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5	Not detected	N/A
Acidity (as Sulphuric Acid) (mg/m³)	100	6.2 – 27.9	20.7
Sulphur Dioxide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	750	5.5 - 55.9	25
Hydrochloric Acid (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	38	4.7 – 13.9	9.3
Total Phosphorus (as P) (mg/m³)	7.5	< 1.644	N/A
Hydrogen Fluoride (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.5	< 1.0	N/A
Hydrogen Bromide (mg/m³)	7.5	< 1.0	N/A
Toxic Metals I:			I
Mercury (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3	< 0.002	
Cadmium (mg/m³)	3	< 0.033	N/A
Antimony (mg/m³)	3	< 0.329	
Toxic Metals II :			I
Lead (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.329	
Copper (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.329	
Arsenic (mg/m³)	10	< 0.012	N/A
Nickel (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.329	
Chromium (mg/m³)	10	< 0.033	
Total of Toxic Metals I & II (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 1.394	N/A
Dioxin (ng/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1	Note (1)	N/A

Note: (1) Incinerator was shut down for maintenance of waste heat boiler.

## Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stack Gas Monitoring Summary ( December 1993 )

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Particulates (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	75	5 - 13.9	8.50
Chlorine and Compounds	100	< 2.7	N/A
(as Cl <sub>2</sub> ) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
Fluorine and Compounds	25	< 0.3	N/A
(as HF) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )			
Hydrogen Sulphide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	5	Not detected	N/A
Acidity (as Sulphuric Acid) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	100	2 – 37.3	18.00
Sulphur Dioxide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	750	1.5 – 171.6	58.20
Hydrochloric Acid (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	38	3.7 - 14.5	9.17
Total Phosphorus (as P) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.5	< 1.625	N/A
Hydrogen Fluoride (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.5	< 0.8	N/A
Hydrogen Bromide (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	7.5	< 0.7	N/A
Toxic Metals I:			
Mercury (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3	< 0.002	
Cadmium (mg/m³)	3	< 0.033	N/A
Antimony (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	3	< 0.325	
Toxic Metals II :			
Lead (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.325	
Copper (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.325	
Arsenic (mg/m³)	10	< 0.006	N/A
Nickel (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 0.325	
Chromium (mg/m³)	10	< 0.033	
Total of Toxic Metals I & II (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	10	< 1.372	N/A
Dioxin (ng/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.1	Note (1)	N/A

Note: (1) Investigation was carried out with a view to further refine the dioxin detection control procedure. Routine monitoring was suspended for a month.

# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stabilised Materials Summary (October 1993)

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Section A			
pH (water)	8 (lower limit)	8.4 – 13.15	N/A
% Solids (%)	30 (lower limit)	41 - 100	95.3
Toxic Metals:	,		
Cadmium (ppm)	0.5	< 0.5	
Mercury (ppm)	0.1	< 0.1	
Total Chromium (ppm)	10	< 1	
Copper (ppm)	-	< 8	N/A
Nickel (ppm)	-	< 1	
Lead (ppm)	-	< 8	
Zinc (ppm)	-	< 6.11	
Total of copper, nickel, lead, zinc (ppm)	25	< 22.5	
Iron (ppm)	20	< 9.8	N/A
Sulphide (ppm)	10	< 1	N/A
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (ppm)	10	< 1	N/A
Cyanide (ppm)	5	< 1	N/A
Section B			
Volatile Organic Contents (ppm)	5000	< 15	N/A
Total Organic Halides (ppm)	10	< 3.6	N/A
Total Chloro Phenols (ppm)	2	< 2	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (ppm)	1	< 1	N/A
TCDD equivalent (ITEF method) (ppb)	1	< 1	N/A

# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stabilised Materials Summary ( November 1993 )

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Section A			
pH (water)	8 (lower limit)	11.03 – 13.18	N/A
% Solids (%)	30 (lower limit)	44.5 - 100	79.12
Toxic Metals:			
Cadmium (ppm)	0.5	< 0.5	
Mercury (ppm)	0.1	< 0.1	
Total Chromium (ppm)	10	< 2.3	
Copper (ppm)	-	< 6.6	N/A
Nickel (ppm)	-	< 1	
Lead (ppm)	-	< 8.1	
Zinc (ppm)	-	< 6	
Total of copper, nickel, lead, zinc (ppm)	25	< 21.7	
Iron (ppm)	20	< 5	N/A
Sulphide (ppm)	10	< 5	N/A
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (ppm)	10	< 2.2	N/A
Cyanide (ppm)	5	< 5	N/A
Section B			
Volatile Organic Contents (ppm)	5000	< 15	N/A
Total Organic Halides (ppm)	10	< 9.84	N/A
Total Chloro Phenols (ppm)	2	< 2	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (ppm)	1	< 1	N/A
TCDD equivalent (ITEF method) (ppb)	1	< 1	N/A

# Chemical Waste Treatment Centre Stabilised Materials Summary ( December 1993 )

Parameters	Control Limits	Result	Mean
Section A			
pH (water)	8 (lower limit)	11.13 – 12.49	N/A
% Solids (%)	30 (lower limit)	67.7 - 100	82.5
Toxic Metals:			
Cadmium (ppm)	0.5	< 0.5	
Mercury (ppm)	0.1	< 0.1	
Total Chromium (ppm)	10	< 1.8	
Copper (ppm)	-	< 3.7	N/A
Nickel (ppm)	-	< 1	
Lead (ppm)	-	< 1.7	
Zinc (ppm)	-	< 3.8	
Total of copper, nickel, lead, zinc (ppm)	25	< 8.7	
Iron (ppm)	20	< 15.4	N/A
Sulphide (ppm)	10	< 5	N/A
Ammoniacal Nitrogen (ppm)	10	< 7.7	N/A
Cyanide (ppm)	5	< 5	N/A
Section B			
Volatile Organic Contents (ppm)	5000	< 15	N/A
Total Organic Halides (ppm)	10	< 2.39	N/A
Total Chloro Phenols (ppm)	2	< 2	N/A
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (ppm)	1	< 1	N/A
TCDD equivalent (ITEF method) (ppb)	1	< 1	N/A