MMV Decontamination of a Biologics Production Facility

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- 2. Decontamination selection process
- 3. CD Gas Process
- 4. Protocol Generation
- 5. Example Pictures of other Decon Projects

The Facility

- 2.0 million cu ft. (57,000 cu m) facility dedicated to the production of biologics.
- A biologic is manufactured in a living system such as a microorganism, or plant or animal cells. They include:
 - o vaccines
 - blood and blood products for transfusion and/or manufacturing into other products
 - allergenic extracts, which are used for both diagnosis and treatment (for example, allergy shots)
 - human cells and tissues used for transplantation (for example, tendons, ligaments and bone)
 - o gene therapies
 - cellular therapies
 - tests to screen potential blood donors for infectious agents such as HIV
- Since this is a living system facility, a contamination can cause cost \$\$\$\$ (millions)

What is an Effective Decontamination?

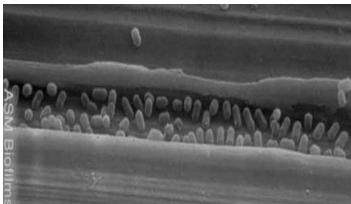
All Decontamination methods can work based on the following:

Must reach ALL surfaces for a prescribed amount of time, which means you must have:

- ✓ Good and Complete Distribution
- ✓ Thorough and Total Penetration
- ✓ Sufficient Contact Time
- ✓ Specified Concentration

Any decontamination method requires a complete and thorough distribution of the sterilant or high level liquid disinfectant to get an effective decontamination

= Successful Decontamination

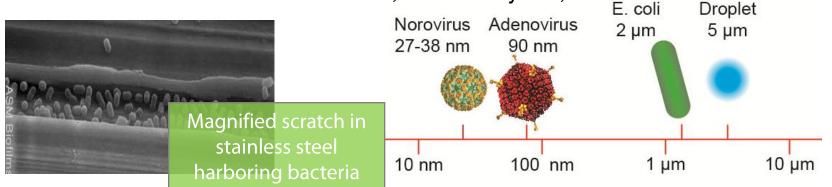


Effectiveness – Spray and Wipe/Fogging

Spray & Wipe: Impractical for every surface in a LARGE facility to be wiped (threads of screws, crevices, HVAC grills)

Mists & Fogs: Difficult reaching ALL organisms:

- Particle size is larger than organisms,
- Affected by gravity,
- Difficult to reach under surfaces, behind objects, etc.
 Fog / Mist
 Development



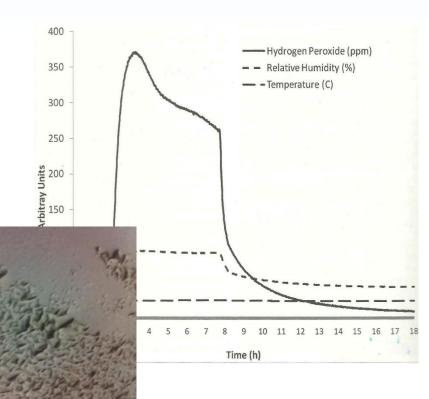
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Effectiveness - VPHP

- Vapors want to condense before distributing completely
- Difficult in large volumes
- Requires extensive cycle development
- Corrosive (bubbles paint)
- Not reproducible issues with temperatures, RH, condensation, volume, room geometry, equipment, HEPA's, etc.
- Vapors also clump, like clouds, restricting distribution.





Effectiveness – True Gas

True Gas: Chlorine Dioxide and Formaldehyde

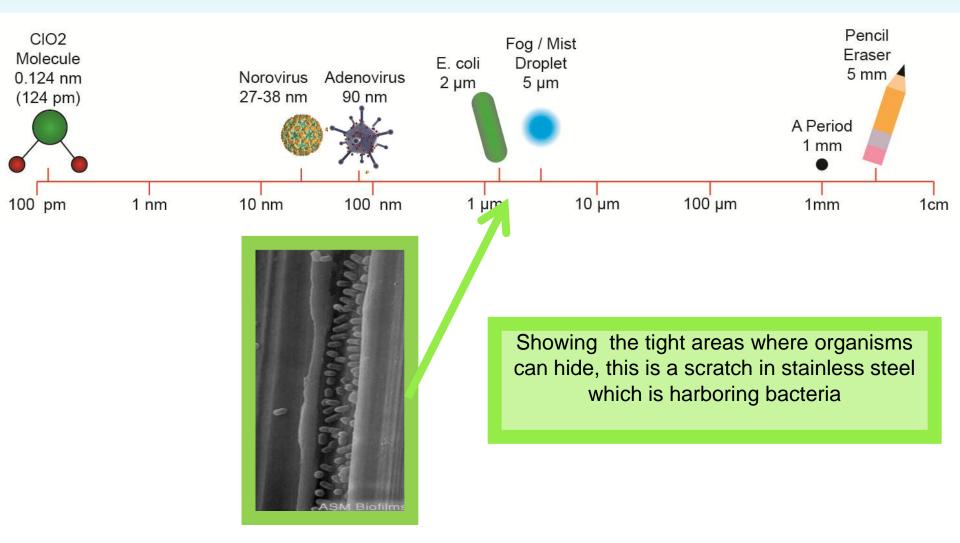
 Gasses are able to reach EVERY organism, even in crevices / scratches.



Why Does CD so well?

Size Comparisons

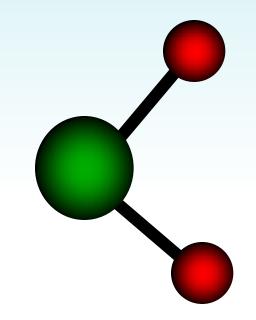
Organism sizes vs. CIO₂ molecule



What is Chlorine Dioxide (CD) ?

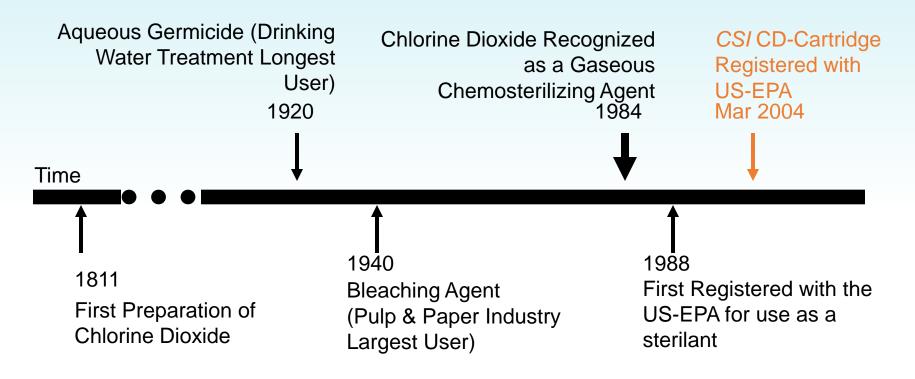
Properties:

- Yellow-Green Gas¹
- Water Soluble²
- Boiling Point 11°C³
- Tri-atomic Molecule
- ➢ Molecular Weight 67.5



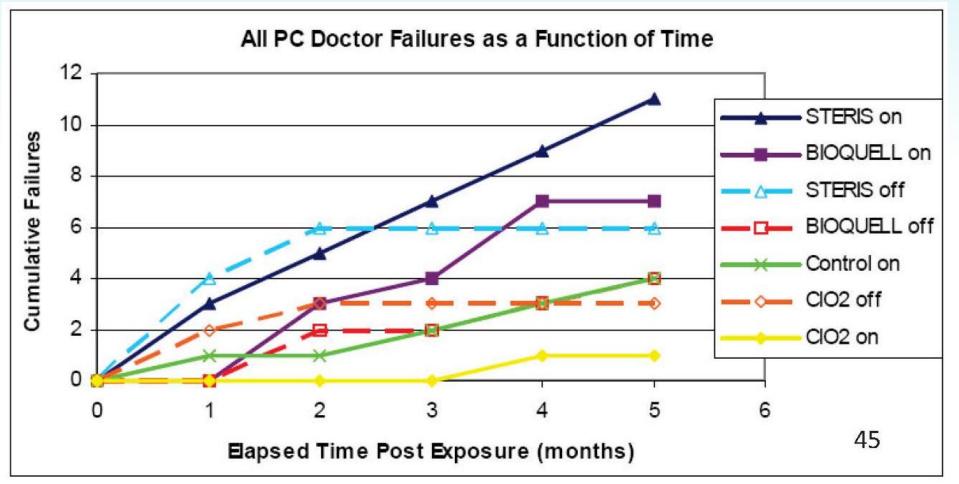
- Ability to be monitored in real time with a photometric device. Not subject to condensation or affected by temperature gradients.
- 2. Ability to penetrate water (not all sterilants can penetrate water, *vapors can not*)
- 3. Chlorine dioxide is a "true gas" at room temperatures; which means excellent distribution and penetration.

Chlorine Dioxide Time Line



- ➢ World wide consumption of chlorine dioxide 4.5 million lbs/day (2.04million kg/day).
- ➤ 743,000 lbs (337,000 kg) released to atmosphere in 2000.
- Example: Maine allows 3 lb's / hour (1.4kg / hour)of CD to be emitted
- 2004 Ontario reported releases of 114 tonnes (103,419kg)
- CD is not listed in the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association Air Toxics "Hot Spots" Program Revised 1992 Risk Assessment Guidelines as having health values (cancer or noncancer) for use in risk assessments (CAPCOA, 1993)CD

Material Compatibility EPA Comparison of Decon Agents



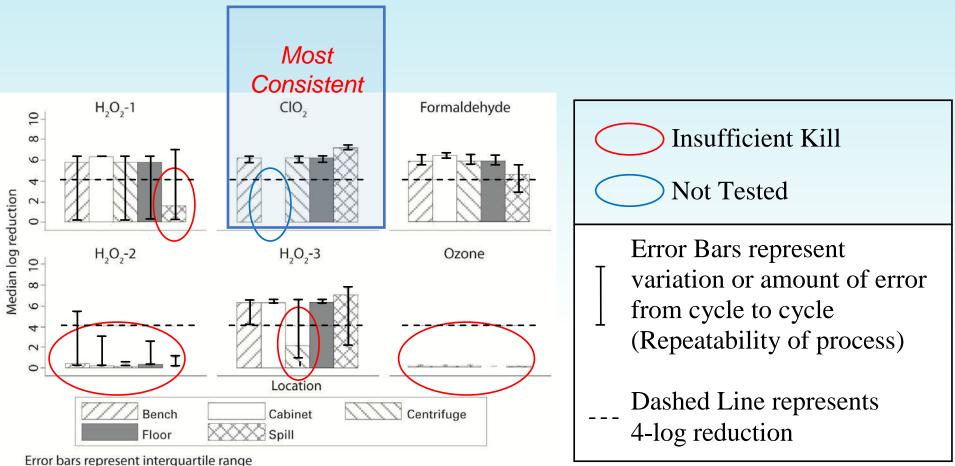
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Cycle Development Questions

CD Gas	VPHP
Ne	Vee
NO	Yes
	Mara
ΝΟ	Yes
No	Yes
Νο	Yes
No	Yes
No	Yes
Νο	Yes
Νο	Dry - Yes Wet – No
	No No No No No No

CD cycle is 720 PPM-Hours for any shape, load pattern, volume



Dashed line represents four-log reduction

Figure 1: Observed median Log reduction by fumigation system and location Ref. Beswick Alan J., et al, "Comparison of Multiple Systems for Laboratory Whole Room Fumigation", Applied Biosafety Vol. 16, No. 3, 2011.

The Chlorine Dioxide Decontamination Process

- Pre-Conditioning
 Raise RH 65%-75%
- Conditioning
 Dwell time at RH SP
- Charge
 Raise CD Concentration 1mg/L
- Exposure

Dwell time at CD SP

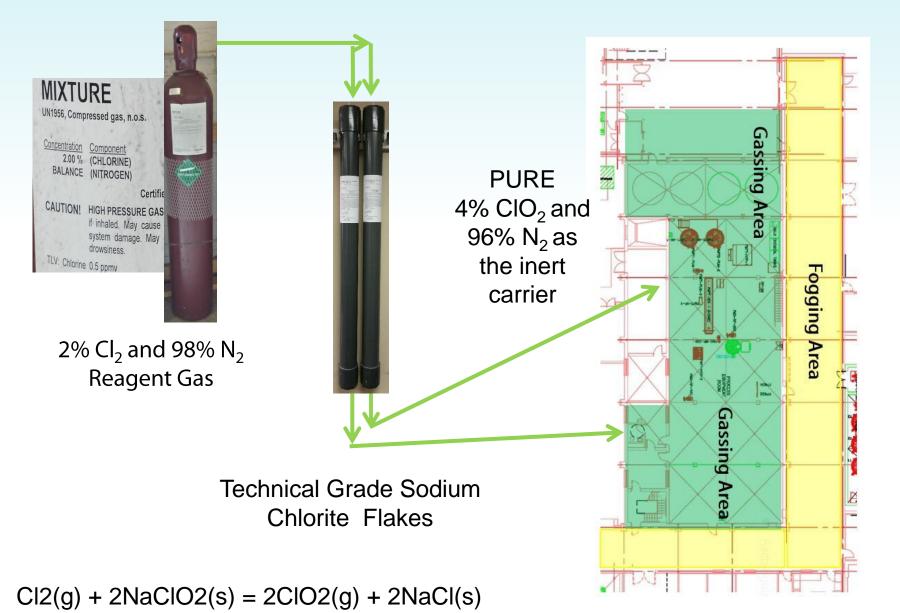
Aeration

Remove CD Gas 12-15 air exchanges





CD Dry Gas Generation Process

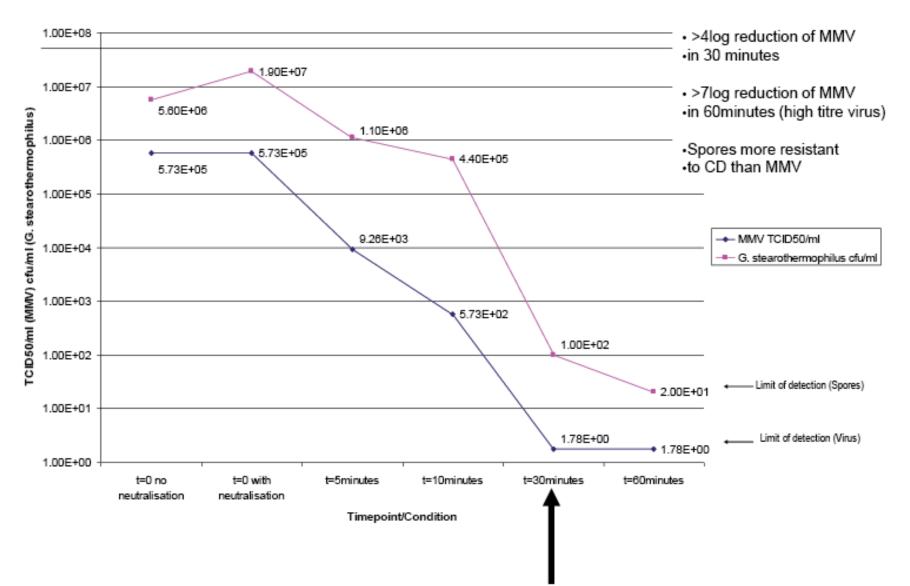


Pre-Planning

- Do as much as you can to prevent the contamination
- Put methods in place to detect contamination as soon as possible to minimize the effect / distribution
- Develop a pre-approved Decontamination protocol and put it in place BEFORE the contamination occurs:
 - This minimizes downtime.
 - This allows the best method to be investigated.
 - This can be done more effectively when focus is <u>not</u> on the contamination and potential recall discussions.

Chlorine Dioxide Efficacy on MMV

Chlorine dioxide mediated kill curve for MMV and G. stearothermophilus

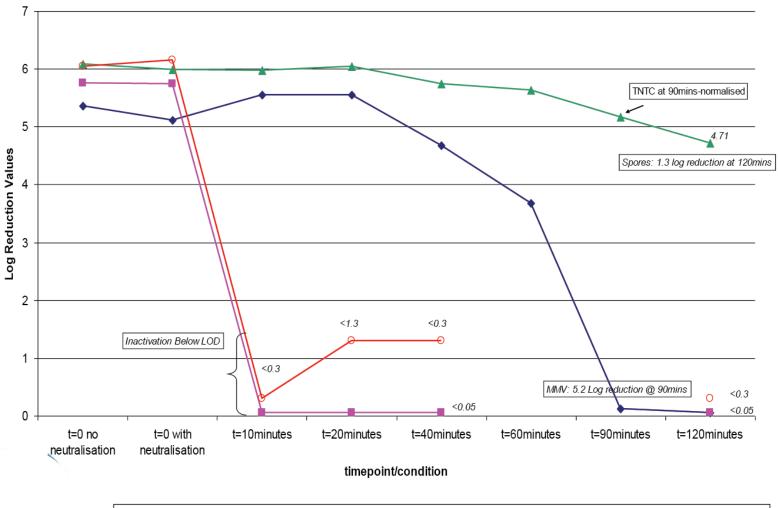


Chlorine dioxide Efficacy Log Reduction

Chlorine Dioxide mediated inactivation of MMV and Spores in cell-free media and buffer

- Spores more resistant than MMV to Chlorine Dioxide

- Presence of cell-free proteinaceous material inhibits effective decontamination of spores



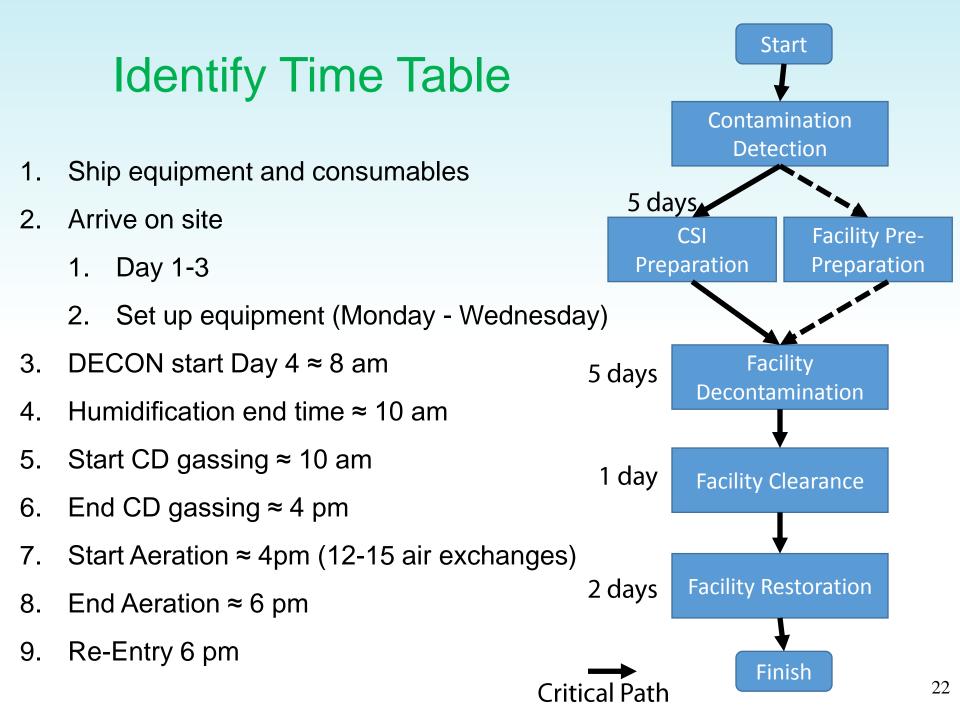
🔶 MMV in Cell-Free media 🗕 MMV in Buffer 📥 G. stearothermophilus in cell-free media 🔶 G. stearothermophilus in buffer

Steps to Develop Protocol

- Visit site and evaluate
- What areas will be decontaminated?
 - Sections
 - \circ Entire building
- What are the volumes?
 - o How many generators are required for volume?
- What HVAC's handle what sections?
- Are the HVAC's recirculating or 100% fresh in/out?
 - If Recirculating how much recirculation? (need some fresh air to exhaust the gas)
- Can the HVAC raise RH to 65%?
 - How many humidifiers are needed?

Protocol Development

- What is the Timeline (from contamination to decontamination)
- Determine Department Responsibilities (Site)
- Determine Company Responsibilities (CSI vs. Site)
- How much equipment is needed? (generators, humidifiers, tubing, etc.)
- Develop acceptance criteria
- How many BI will be used and where will they be placed
- Where is power for humidity generators?
- HVAC needs to be cycled once every hour for 5 minutes from a remote location
- Develop check lists



Identify Department Responsibilities

Process Microbiology

- Prepare the decontamination protocol and associated report.
- Approve decon protocol and report.
- Assist in the execution of the decontamination protocol.
- ► Lead any investigation activities.

Operations

- Approve decon protocol and report.
- Support the execution of the decontamination protocol.
- Support any investigation activities.

Engineering

- Approve decon protocol and report.
- Coordinate the planning and execution of the protocol.
- Support the execution of the decontamination protocol.
- Support any investigation activities.

EHS

- > Approve decon protocol and report.
- Ensure adequate safety measures are in place to support the decontamination activities.
- Support the execution of the decontamination protocol.
- > Support any investigation activities.

Quality Control (QCL)

- Perform analytical testing as specified in the protocol.
- ➤ Review the decontamination protocol.
- Ensure that analytical methods are validated in accordance with Company Standards and Procedures as appropriate.
- Support any investigation activities.

ClorDiSys Solutions Inc. (CSI)

- Perform Chlorine Dioxide decontamination as per the protocol, applicable method statement and procedures.
- ► Support any investigation activities.

Quality Assurance (QA)

Approve the decontamination protocol, and 23 associated report.

Identify Site Responsibilities

- Casework ,cabinets all drawers and doors must be opened
- BSC's, Laminar flow hoods, fume hoods, and down flow tables turn on the units and leave running during the entire decontamination process.
- Refrigerators / Freezers Must be at ambient temperature
- Washers Open door fully.
- Elevators lock the elevator doors open to allow air circulation, so RH and CD will contact this area.
- If walk-in cold or warm rooms are included in the scope of the decontamination, they will need to be shutdown prior to the decontamination and be brought to ambient temperature.
- Bump HVAC's during the process

Determine Equipment Needed

- 2,000,000 cu ft. (57,000 cu m)
- 82 generators
- 248 chlorine cylinders
- 150 Fans/Blowers
- 3 Automatic EMS CD Gas Sensor Module
- 1/4" gas inject tubing (200-red)
- 1/4" gas sample tubing (44-green)
- Duct Tape (25)
- 2 ft. Wide Tape (4)
- Plastic Sheeting (3)
- 60 Biological Indicators (spore strips)
- 12 people
- 3 Days setup
- 1 Day gassing





Determine Acceptance Criteria

ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA / VALIDATION PARAMETERS

- 1. The CD decontamination conditions must be met in the room/area being decontaminated:
 - CD concentration-time \geq 720ppm/hr
- 2. All BI's tested for each location should be negative for growth and the control is positive.
- All areas of the facility have a CD concentration less than 0.1 ppm's once the decontamination is completed as documented.

Biological Indicators

- Develop a rationale for quantity and placement
- Biological indicators Geobacillus stearothermophilus with a spore population of ≥ 106 on a paper carrier within a Tyvek envelope will be positioned through the classified room(s) to be decontaminated
- Qty. 1 BI in each Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC)
- < 50,000 cu ft. use Qty. 1 BI. Rooms with a volume less than 50,000 ft^3 were considered small enough whereby CD gas would uniformly distribute
- >50,000 cu ft. and active Cell Culture Rooms use Qty. 5 Bl's (one in each corner and one in center).
- >50,000 cu ft. and Non Cell Culture Rooms use Qty. 3 Bl's (one in opposing corners and lone in the room's center).
- A minimum of 2 biological indicator strips will be placed in each classified room. The location of BIs will be documented in Attachment.

Area	Location		
Cell Culture Processing	Room 1002 -1		
Rooms:	Room 1002 -2		
	Room 1002 -3		
	Room 1002 -4		
	Room 1002 -5		
Processing Rooms:	Room 1011 -1		
	Room 1011 -2		
	Room 1011-3		
Outlying areas	Hallway 1100		
	Lobby 1101		
	Hallway 1102		
	Hallway 1103		
	Hallway 1104		
	Hallway 1105		
	Vestibule 1102		

Emergency Contacts

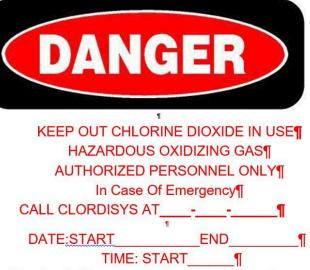
Emergency Contacts

This information will be populated at the time of the event, as contact information may change between protocol approval and protocol execution.

Contact Function	Contact Name	Contact Number
CSI Project Manager		
Main Contact		
Security		
Maintenance		
Fire Dept.		
Police Dept.		

Danger Signage Placement

Determine warning sign and placement of signs



Premises shall be vacated at least 1 hour before the operation is started and shall not be re-entered until the danger signs have been removed by the proper authorities¶

Location	Inside/Outside	Signs Placed (Y/N)	Initial/Date
222 Door	Outside		
221 Door	Outside		
223 Door	Outside		
224 Door	Outside		
230 double doors	Outside		
231 Door	Outside		
232 Door	Outside		
233 Door	Outside		
234 Door	Outside		

Gas Inject, Sample and BI Locations

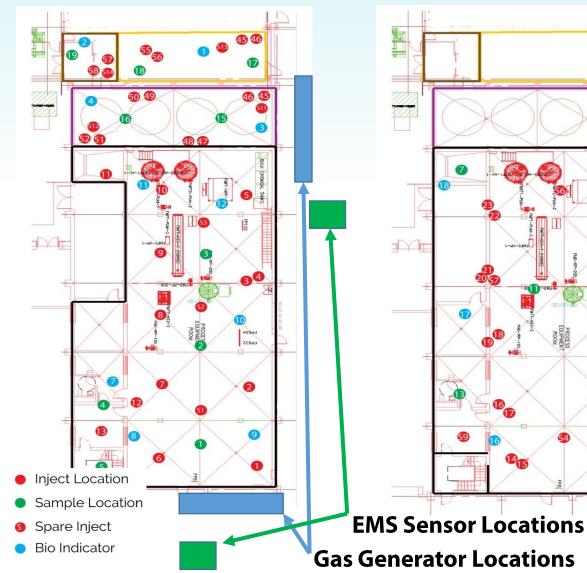
Main Floor Level

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Eb@25

Production Floor Level





Space Decontamination Checklist

Item	Description	Yes	No	Initial / Date
Warning	Are all applicable and appropriate warning signs			
Signs	prominently posted at all possible points of entry to the			
	site and all other places as required?			
Site Access	Is access to the site on the date of the decontamination			
	restricted to only those individuals directly responsible			
	for implementing the decontamination procedure?			
HVAC	Are all HVAC systems shut down as required by the			
System	decontamination procedure?			
HVAC	Are all HVAC openings sealed off as applicable?			
Sealing				
Sealing	Are all openings sealed off between the			
	decontamination areas and areas that are not in the			
	scope of the decontamination procedure?			
Notifications	All applicable on/off-site agencies, i.e., Environmental			
	Health & Safety, Police, Fire Dept, etc. been notified of			
	the decontamination procedure as required			
Cleaning	All general site debris and other items that cannot be			
	properly decontamination and been removed as			
	appropriate.			
PPE	All applicable Personal Protective Equipment is on-site			
	and easily accessible			

Air Handling Unit and Ductwork Decontamination

- Manual cycling of AHU's during gassing is done to draw chlorine dioxide gas mixture into the associated AHU's and ducts in order to decontaminate system air filters and the inside surfaces of AHU's and associated ductwork.
- The air handler units (AHU's) that serve the areas where live cells are present will be bumped (turned on and off) once per hour for 5 minutes for the entire decontamination process.
- De-humidification chillers are turned off.

Unit	To be Cycled on during process	Cycled (Y/N)	Shutdown	Shutdown (Y/N)	Sealed	Sealed (Y/N)	Initial/Date
AHU-001	Yes		No		Outside air in/out		
					internal dampers		
AHU-003	Yes		No		Outside air in/out		
					internal dampers		
AHU-100	Yes		No		Damper between		
					Supply and		
					Exhaust plenum		
AHU-004	No		Yes		No		
AHU-201	No		Yes		No		
AHU-208	No		Yes		No		
AHU-219	No		Yes		No		

Special Sealing

- Identify items that require special sealing.
- If room xx is not being decontaminated, CSI will seal it off and monitor it frequently for low-level leakage of chlorine dioxide gas
- Supply and return grilles in rooms 222a, 223a, and 224a require sealing.
- Supply and return grills in hallways 13, and rooms 131, 121, 175, 174, 172, 112 and 222, and stairs 142, and 166 require sealing.
- Mechanical Room 222 has some penetrations going into the ceiling above that require sealing.

ltem	Location	Sealed (Y/N)	Initial/Date
Doors	Doors 234		
Doors	Stairwell 144		
Doors	Stairwell 145		
Doors	Fire Room 155		
Doors	Stairwell 147		
Doors	Corridor 13		
Doors	Receiving Dock overhead door		
Doors	Receiving vestibule 113		
Doors	Corridor 120		

Check Sheet (Before Gassing)

Site will assist with the following

Room ID & #	Procedure	Yes / No/ N/A	Performed By/Date
	Incubators (including walk in types) at room temperature and door open		
	Freezers (including walk in types) at room temperature and door open		
	Fridges/cold rooms at room temperature and door open		
	Autoclave doors Open		
	Process Equipment(e.g. tanks, bioreactors) open where possible		
	Door Interlocks disabled and doors propped open		
	All exterior windows covered with black plastic (only applicable if decontamination occurring during daylight hours)		
	All cabinet doors open		
	All drawers open		
	All pass through open		
	All Biological Safety Cabinets switched on		
	All debris (clothing, paper, rubbish etc) removed from room		
	All raw materials and consumables removed from room		

Check Sheet (Before Gassing)

- Turn off smoke detectors and differential pressure alarms
- CD gas and RH looks like smoke to some detectors
- All doors will be open and differential pressure will be 0

Differential Pressure Alarms			Smoke Detectors			
Differential Pressure Alarm Tag	Alarm OFF (Yes/No)	Performed By/Date	Smoke Detector Tag	Smoke Detector OFF (Yes/No)	Performed By/Date	

Start the Decontamination Process

RH Log Sheet (Before Gassing)

- CSI turns on the humidifiers and monitors the humidity levels with hand held RH sensors. A humidity level over 65% is the goal with a target level between 65 to 75%. Results will be documented.
- Once the humidification level is held for a minimum of 30 minutes, the humidifiers are removed from the area.

Location (Room	Location (Room	Greater than 65%	Steam Type	Initial/Date
#)	Name)	(Y/N)		
N/A	Pass Elevator		NA	
222	Vestibule		Humidifier (1)	
223	Stair #1		Large Humidifier	
224	Storage		Large Humidifier	
225	Storage		Large Humidifier	
26	Conference		Large Humidifier	
226	Corridor		Large Humidifier	
227	Office		Large Humidifier	
333	Communications		Humidifier (1)	
334	Office		Large Humidifier	
335	Conference		Humidifier (2)	
336	View Alcove		Humidifier (1)	
337	Corridor		Large Humidifier	

Start the Decontamination Gassing Process

Approximately 6 hours later

End the Decontamination Gassing Process

Room Clearance Checklist (After Gassing)

- CSI verifies that the CD levels are low enough to enter the area that was decontaminated.
- CSI wears appropriate gowning before re-entering the decontaminated facility.

Location (Room #)	Location (Room Name)	CD Below 0.1 PPM (Y/N)	Initial/Date
N/A	Pass Elevator		
222	Vestibule		
225	Stair #1		
26	Sample Drop off		
226	Storage		
227	Conference		
333	Corridor		
334	Office		
335	Communications		
336	Office		
337	Conference		

BI Results log Sheet (After Gassing)

 CSI ensures that BI's or other indicators are removed from the appropriate places. Biological indicators will be incubated by CSI to ensure a quicker turnaround time. CSI validated a Reduced Incubation Time (36 hours) with NAMSA who supplies the BI's and growth media.

BI #	Room #	Room Description	BI location within Room	Performed By/Date

Check Sheet (After Gassing)

Turn ON smoke detectors and differential pressure alarms

Differential Pressure Alarms			Smoke Detectors		
Differential Pressure Alarm Tag	Alarm ON (Yes/No)	Performed By/Date	Smoke Detector Tag	Smoke Detector ON (Yes/No)	Performed By/Date

Check Sheet (After Gassing)

Same as before gassing, but reversing status

Room ID & #	Procedure	Yes / No/ N/A	Performed By/Date
	Incubators (including walk in types) switched on and door closed		
	Freezers switched on and door closed		
	Fridges/Walk in cold rooms switched on and door closed		
	Autoclave doors closed		
	Process Equipment(e.g. tanks, bioreactors) open where possible		
	Door Interlocks enabled and doors closed		
	Black plastic from exteriors windows removed		
	All cabinet doors open		
	All drawers closed		
	All pass through closed		
	All Biological Safety Cabinets switched off		

Final (After Gassing)

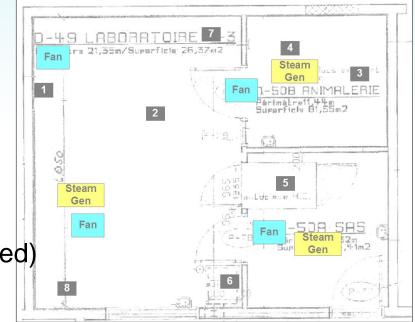
- Remove the gas generation equipment.
- Ensure the removal of the gas sample tubing, gas feed tubing, circulation fans, humidity generators, Rh probes, etc. from the area.
- Ensure removal of any sealing materials.
- Ensures removal of any signage.
- Upon completion of Decontamination Activities, Site personnel:
 - Review Clearance Form
 - Walkthrough and inspects area while decontamination personnel are still on site.
 - Release facility back to operation upon successful execution of this protocol.
- A final report to this protocol will be submitted once the BI results are obtained. It will
 include an overview of the process, process parameters attained, BI results, and
 documentation of residual CD levels.

The following slides show example decontamination job setup

Decon Site Preparation (Place Equipment)

Steps:

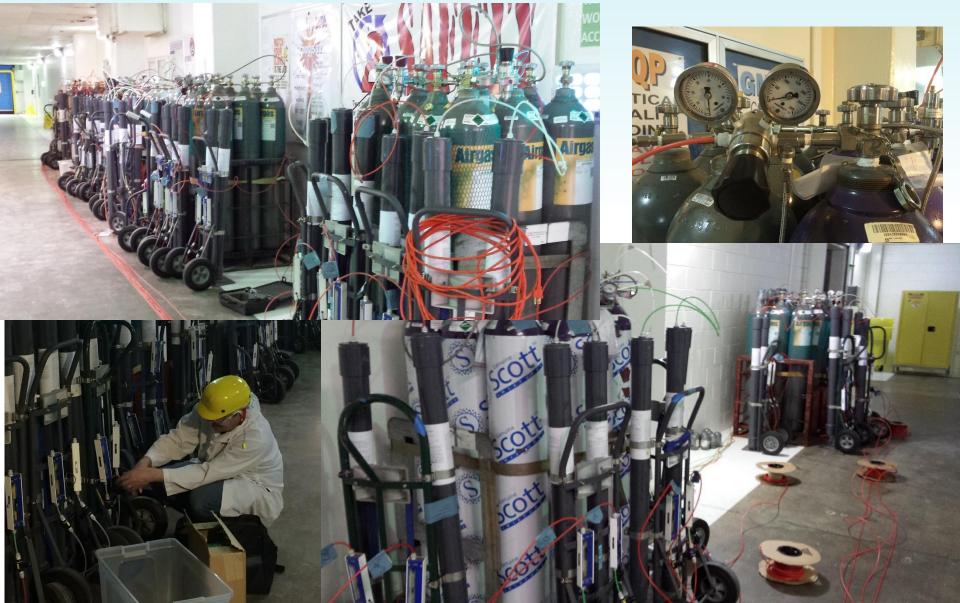
- 1. Run gas inject tubing
- 2. Run sample tubing
- 3. Place distribution fans / blower
- 4. Seal HVAC (Supply and Exhaust)
- 5. Seal entry/exit doors
- 6. Place biological indicators (If required)
- 7. Seal LAST doorway
- 8. Start RH / Gassing



Gassing Preparation (Place Generators)



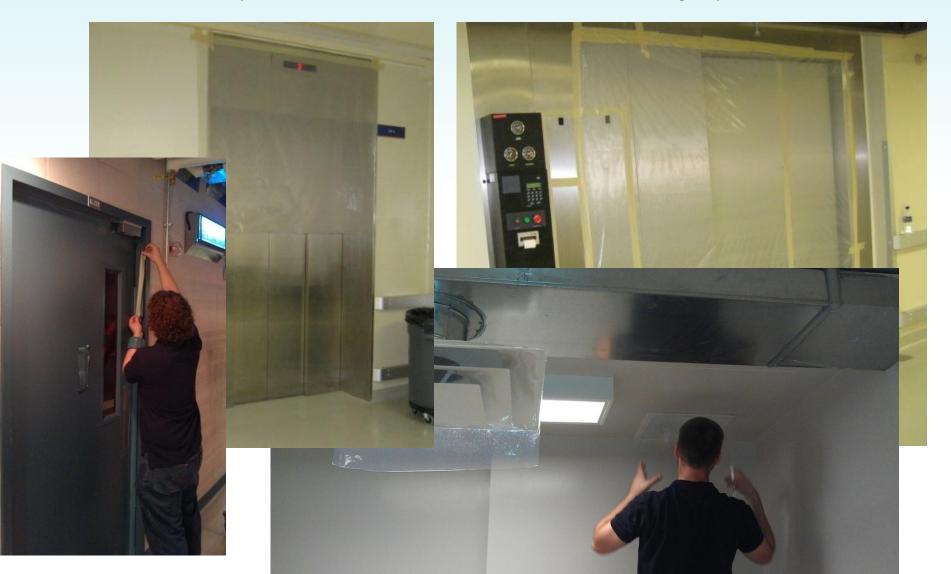
Gassing Preparation (Place & Setup Generators)



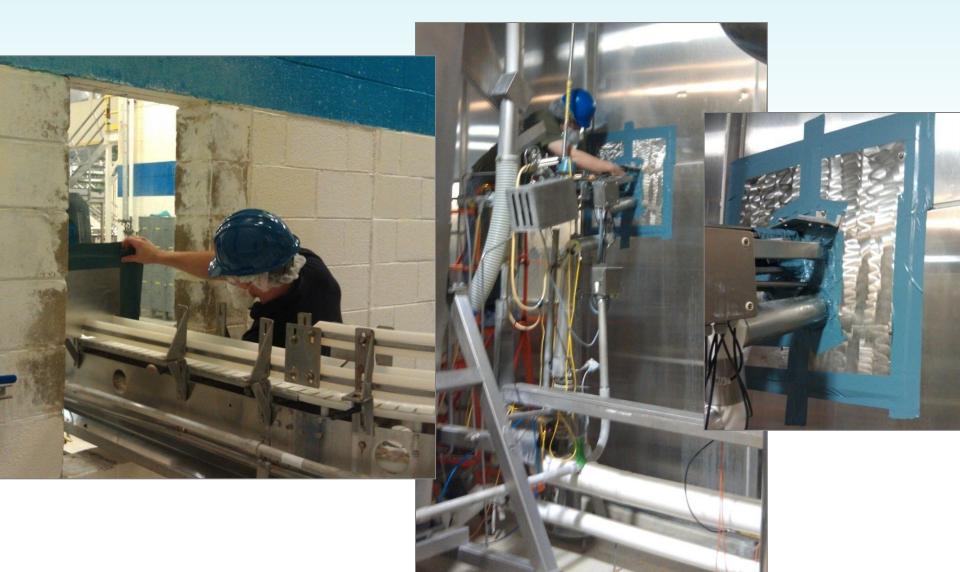
Gassing Preparation (Run Tubing)



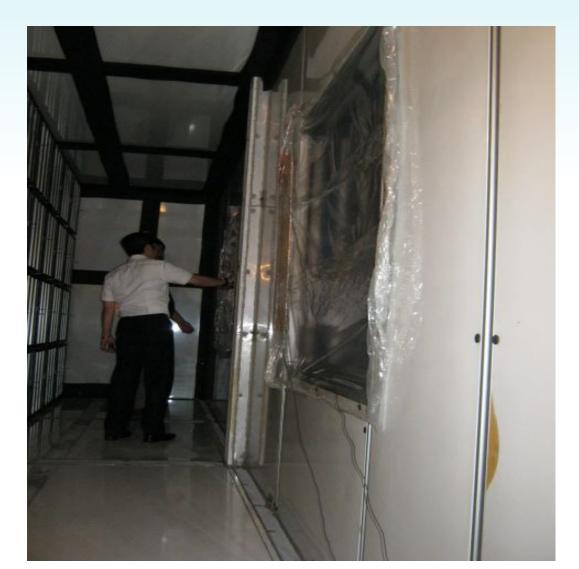
Gassing Preparation (Seal Penetrations/Doorways)



Gassing Preparation (Seal Mouse Holes)



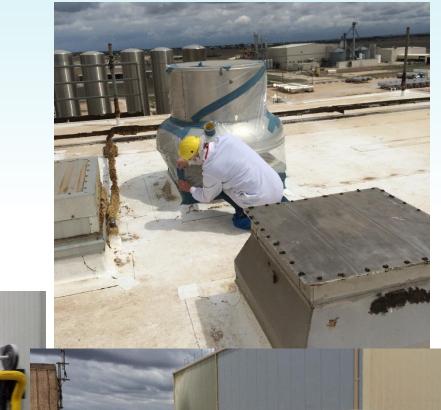
Gassing Preparation (Seal Main Supply)



Gassing Preparation (Seal Roof Exhaust)



Gassing Preparation (Seal Penetrations/Doorways/Exhaust)



Gassing Preparation (Seal Roof Exhaust)



Gassing Preparation (Seal Roof Exhaust)



Gassing Preparation (Place Biological Indicators)



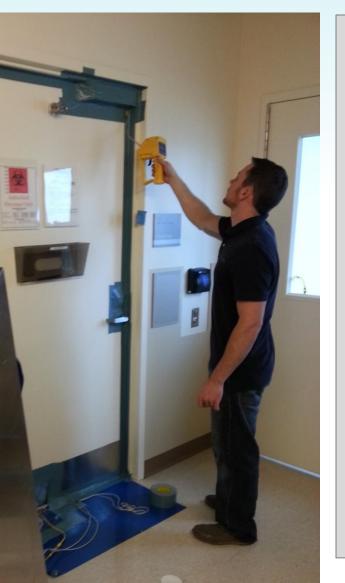
Gassing Preparation (Seal Last Doorways)



Start Gassing



Leak Detection

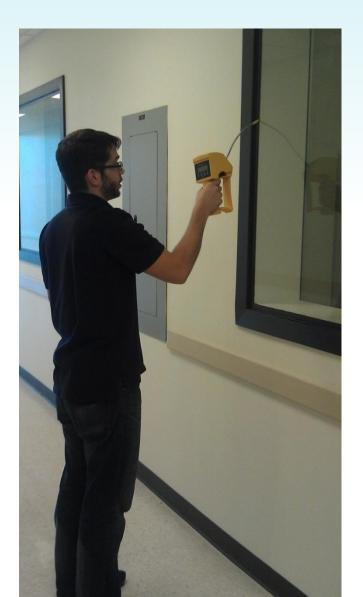


 Check for Leaks During Gassing

 Gassing Complete

Then

Clean-up



Gassing Complete (Unseal Doorways)





Gassing Complete (Remove BI's)



Gassing Complete (Remove Tubing and Fans)



Summary

- First Don't get a contamination
- Second Develop a plan for decontamination before the contamination occurs
- Steps for the plan
 - Survey the site
 - Determine the scope (What areas are included / excluded from the decontamination
 - Develop a site specific protocol
 - Identify Responsibilities
 - \circ Identify the time line

CD gas can eliminate the issue

- Biocidal at Low Concentration and Ambient Temperature
- CD gas is Size Scalable
- CD is a true gas to get distribution and penetration
- No Measurable Residuals
- Gas Concentration is Easily and Accurately Monitored
- No manual wiping required

Prevention

- Implement utilizing a Decontamination Chamber rather than using the "spray and pray" method of bringing equipment and supplies into the clean production area.
- Implement utilizing a Decontamination Chamber for pallets of raw materials when offloading trucks and bringing pallets into the building.



Other Uses

Mix-fill, measuring and packaging process Isolators



Lyophilizers (Freeze Dryers)



3 hour cycle CD cycle run every 2 weeks

Old steam cycle 24 hours with heat up /cool down time

Beta-Lactam Inactivation

Carbapenu

Imipenen

Chlorine dioxide gas has been proven to provide a 3-log inactivation of eight different beta-lactams in three different beta-lactam groups.

This allows for the safe repurposing of equipment and facilities used for the production of beta-lactams for future work in non-beta-lactam applications.

Beta Lactams Tested

Cephalosporins

Cefadroxil

Cefazolin

Cephalexin

Penicillins

Penicillin G

Penicillin V

Ampicillin

Amoxicillin

	Cycle Parameters			
t	Rh	75%		
	Concentration	3-5 mg/L		
	Exposure	4-7 hrs		
n	Dosage	7,240 ppm-hrs for 99.9% reduction		
	CHRIST			
ms	PENICILLI	Area and a second		
n	Common Branch TAKE 1 TAS TIMES DAL			
	TIMESU			
	Qtv30			
	Store Pho			

Process Tanks and Piping





Example of Long Distances True Gases Can Travel Prepared by: Paul Lorcheim, P.E. Director of Operations ClorDiSys Solutions, Inc www.clordisys.com

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Example of EXCELLENT Penetration Ability in dirty load



How Clean is Clean

#1

2

#3

#1

#3

#2

Decontamination Chambers (325 ft³)





2.5 hr cycle time

Identify Department Responsibilities

Department	Responsibilities	
Validation	Review and approve the protocol.	
	Review and approve the protocol.	
	Bump HVAC units	
	Remove any items from areas	
	Replace lubricants	
Engineering	Humidify rooms with HVAC	
	Inhibit smoke detectors	
	Notify regulators	
	Notify Clordisys of project scope	
	Review and approve the protocol.	
Production People	Remove any items from areas	
	Prepare equipment	
Quality Control,	Review and approve the protocol.	
Microbiology		
Quality Assurance	Review and approve the protocol.	

BI Results log Sheet (After Gassing)

 CSI ensures that BI's or other indicators are removed from the appropriate places. Biological indicators will be incubated by CSI to ensure a quicker turnaround time. CSI validated a Reduced Incubation Time (RIT) with NAMSA who supplies the BI's and growth media.

ID#	Location	Time Incubated	<u>Result</u>	Initial/Date
1	Room 1002 -1			
2	Room 1002 -2			
3	Room 1002 -3			
4	Room 1002 -4			
5	Room 1002 -5			
6	Room 1011 -1			
7	Room 1011 -2			
8	Room 1011-3			
9	Hallway 1100			
10	Lobby 1101			
33	Hallway 1104			
34	Hallway 1105			
35	Vestibule 1102			