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The Evolution of Salt Brine



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Overview

History of Brine and Brine Making

How we use Brine

Enhancing Brines (Blending)

New Technologies



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OH HOW WE HAVE CHANGED









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AS TIME PASSES ROADS CHANGE









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Pre-Treating Salt (The Hard Way!)











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The Beginning – Brine Makers















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WDM's Newest Brine Maker





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"Experimental Unit"





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THE SYSTEM CAN ALSO MAKE BLENDS FOR STORAGE IF DESIRED. FILL RATES, RATIOS AND BATCH PROGRESS CAN ALL BE MONITORED



This is the screen that shows the volume in storage, mixing ratios, volume pumped and all the other goodies



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THE OPERATOR CONNECTS THE HOSE, ENTERS THEIR TRUCK NUMBER, ENTERS AN AMOUNT AND IT FILLS IT PRECISELY ACCORDING TO THE PRE-DETERMINED FORMULA







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Argentina Brine Maker





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Traditional Brine Facility







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WASHINGTON STATE FACILITY





FORT COLLINS FACILITY







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BRINE MAKING IS EASY AND COST EFFECTIVE









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Virginia Brine Water Source









VDOT



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Truck Washing Bay - Indiana





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Housed in same building as solid chemical

Indiana DOT - Greensberg





All automatically controlled, touch screen actuated, with printouts of production







Accubrilne Data Log Printout





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Cleaning Out The Mess







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Stainless Steel Brine Maker Fitted With ACS Coupler













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Self Cleaning Designs







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Augers out Deposits













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Application Equipment









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Bret's answer to maintaining bike lanes!





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Flow Boy trailer capable of carrying 2700 gallons of

liquid plus 14 tons of dry material









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More Liquid



















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How we use brine



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Pre - Wetting



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Slurry Grinder













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Pre-Treating Roadways using Anti-icing



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ANTI-ICING











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USING LIQUIDS FOR DE-ICING



Conditions must be correct for using liquids in deicing. Warm pavement temperatures, low or no additional snowfall rates, short route cycle times, no blowing snow.



Enhancing Brine



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Chloride Cocktails

The Art Of Blending Liquid Deicers







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85%



5%





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MANIFOLD BLENDING SYSTEM









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Automated Systems









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Mixtures Can Be Purchased





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Test Products



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Recent Research



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A literature review, practitioner survey and series of laboratory tests an agriculturally derived and complex chloride mineral deiers evaluated their performance and investigated the molecular processes involved. A best practices manual provides guidelines for material application, storage and handling.

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title: Understanding the Effectiveness of Non-Chloride Liquid Agricultural By-Products and Solid Complex Chloride/ Mineral Products Used in Snow and Lee Control Operations Project Number: CR13-02 Project Cost: 5191,238 Report Date: September 2015

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AG-BASED DEICERS EFFECTIVE AT COLD TEMPERATURES

RESEARCH BRIEF

n recent years, many new deicing and anti-kcing agents based on agricultural byproducts and complex chloride mineral (CCM) blends have been introduced to the market. Agricultural byproducts, commonly from beets, corn, beer brewing or cheesemaking, generally contain or are added to chlorides. Manufacturers have chained that these products offer benefits over read salt by itself and other more traditional deicers in their ability to reduce the freezing point of water, stick to the read surface, capture energy from sunlight or reduce corrosion of whiles and infrastructure.

Need for Research

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While the functionality of salt as a road deicing agent has been studied extensively, never agriculturally derived and CCM products have not been as thoroughly valuated. In particular, there is a need to understand the bysical mechanisms behind their effectiveness—what happens on the molecular level to enhance decicing.

This project was designed to provide objective performance information and a best practices manual to guide Clear Roads members in determining appropriate, cost-effective applications and handling of agriculturally derived and CCM products.

Objectives and Methodology

The project included a literature review to identify currently available agricultural-based and CCM products, existing methods for evaluating deier performance and studies of mechanisms by which deiers and anti-interse function. Researchers also surveyed winter maintenance practitioners about their experience with agriculturally derived deiers and CCMs.

Researchers then performed several innovative laboratory tests of 10 commercially available products: two CCMs, four agriculturally derived liquid products used as received, and four agricultural products mixed with all brine as specified by the vendor. The tests made use of a snow chamber and traffic simulator to measure the impact of the deicers on friction, weakening of the ice bond to pave met, deicer absorbance of sunlight and deicer longeriy on pavement.

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