



TURNING GREEN

Boggs Paving, Inc.

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Warm Mix Demo

October 10, 2007

- 15,000 tons
- 50% RAP @ 270°F (132 C) / PG 64-22
- Contractor has 50,000 more tons under contract

**This Street
Paved With
Environmentally
Friendly
Warm Mix Asphalt**

York County
South Carolina



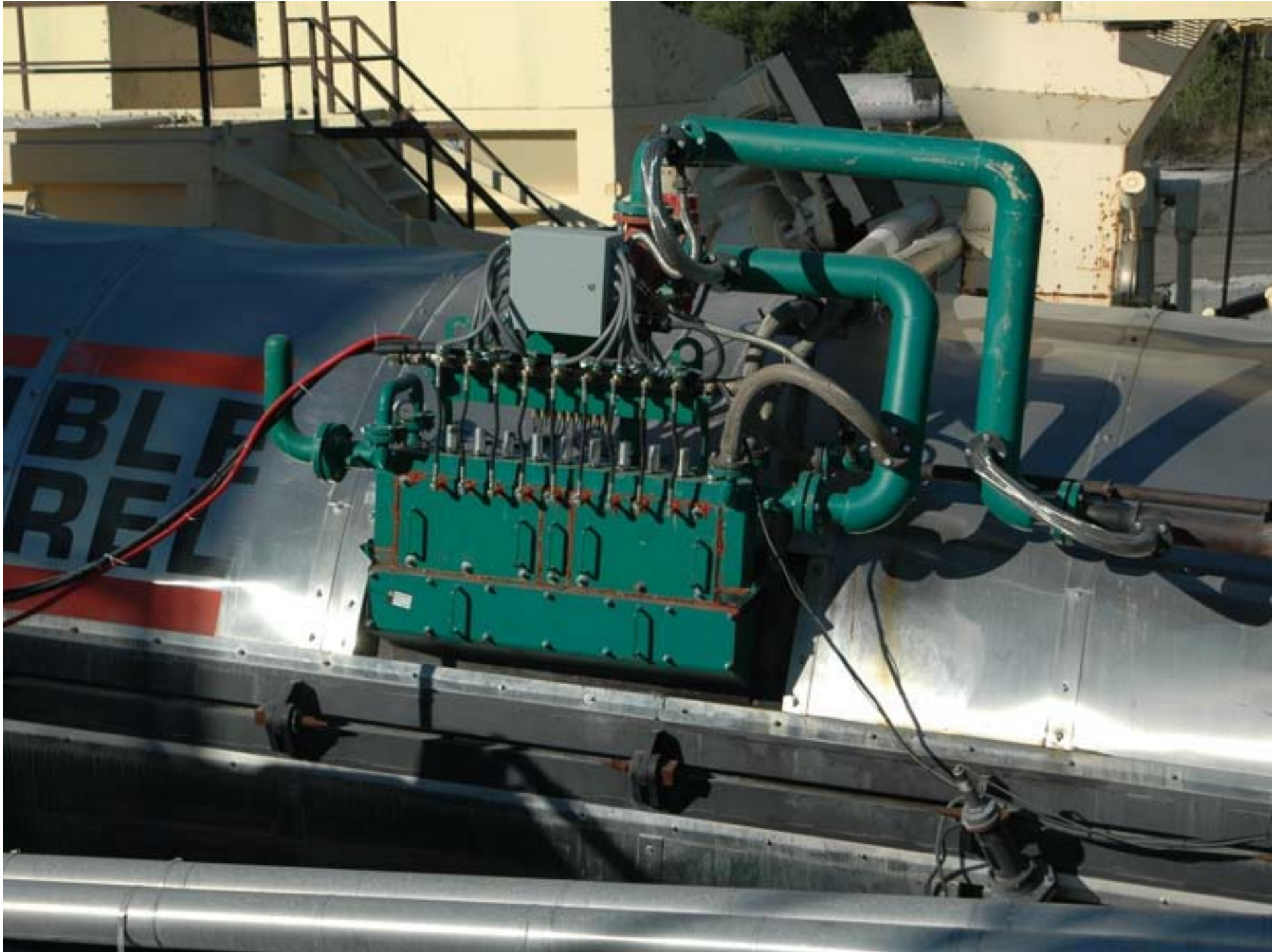
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- Achieved by lowering the viscosity of the AC binder
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Advantages of Warm Mix

- Economic Advantages:
 - 14% reduction in fuel consumption (50F)
 - Ideal for high percentages of RAP
- Ecological Advantages
 - Reduced fuel consumption = reduced greenhouse gas emissions
 - No visible smoke or odor
 - “Green” asphalt plants = better neighbors

Additional Warm Mix Advantages

- Less oxidation of AC
- Lower plant cost (\$300k - \$500k)
- Lower plant maintenance cost
- Plant safety
- Paving crew safety

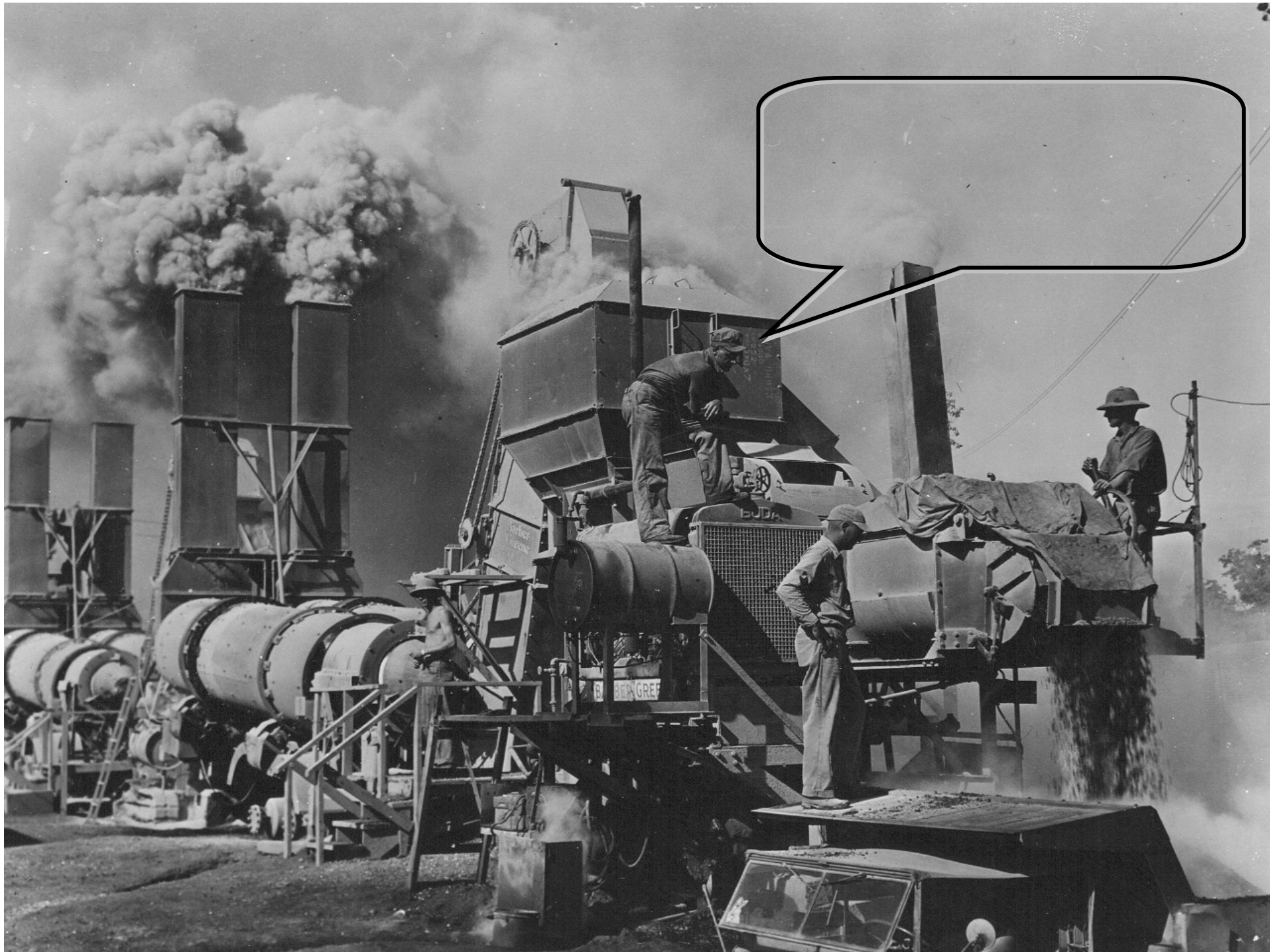


No Smoke – No Smell...Why?

- **Light oils are either put in asphalt or left in asphalt during refining**
- **These light oils boil above 285°F**
- **By mixing at below 285°F, the boiling point is never reached...eliminating smoke (vapor) and corresponding smell**



PHOTO OF BOTHWELL ROAD
TAKEN MAY 6, 1912
BY B. S. SEATTLE, W. N.









NO SMOKE AT THE PAVER!

**CONVENTIONAL
HOT MIX**



WARM MIX



DANGER: Di-hydrogen Monoxide

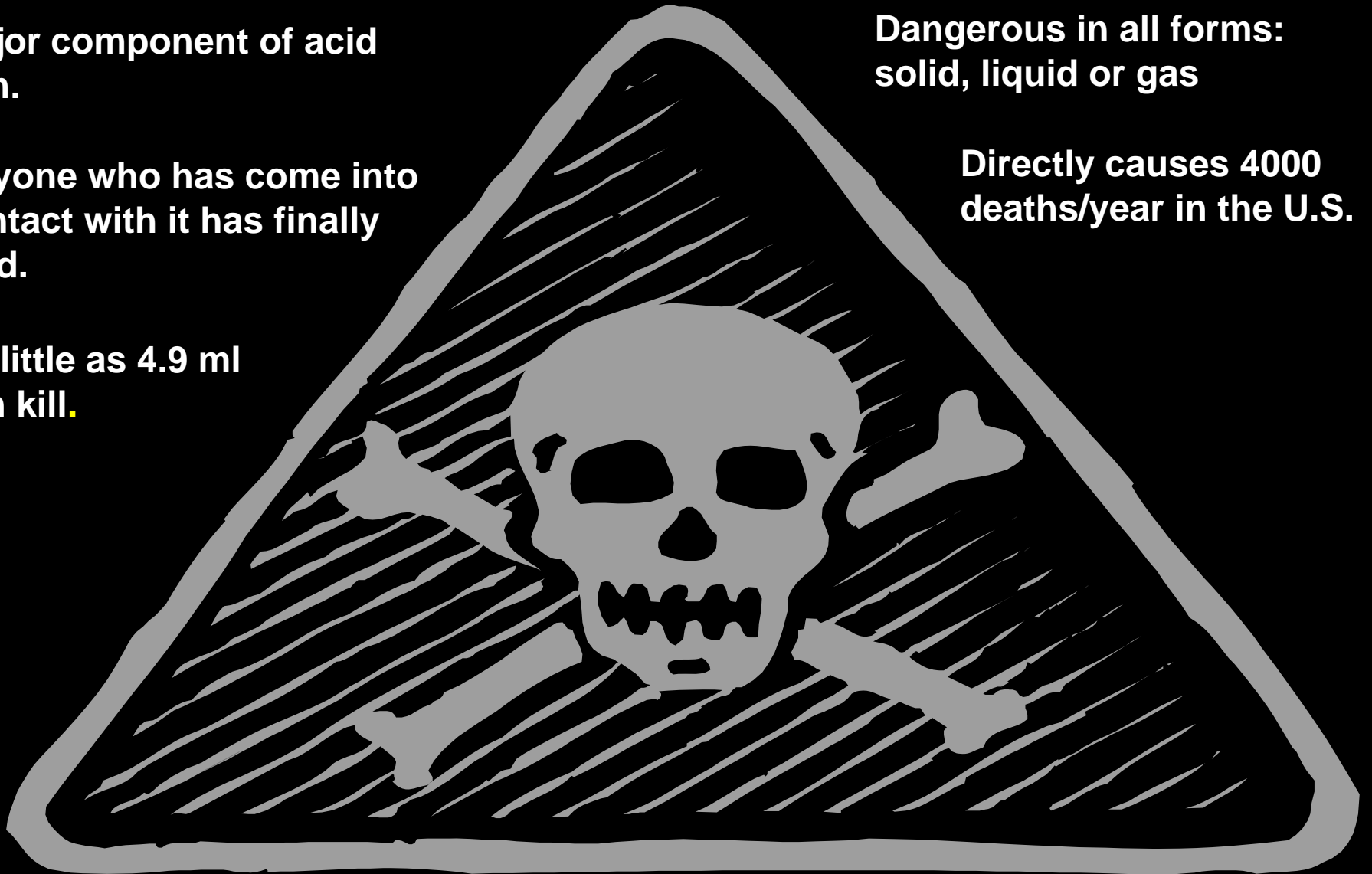
Major component of acid rain.

Anyone who has come into contact with it has finally died.

As little as 4.9 ml can kill.

Dangerous in all forms: solid, liquid or gas

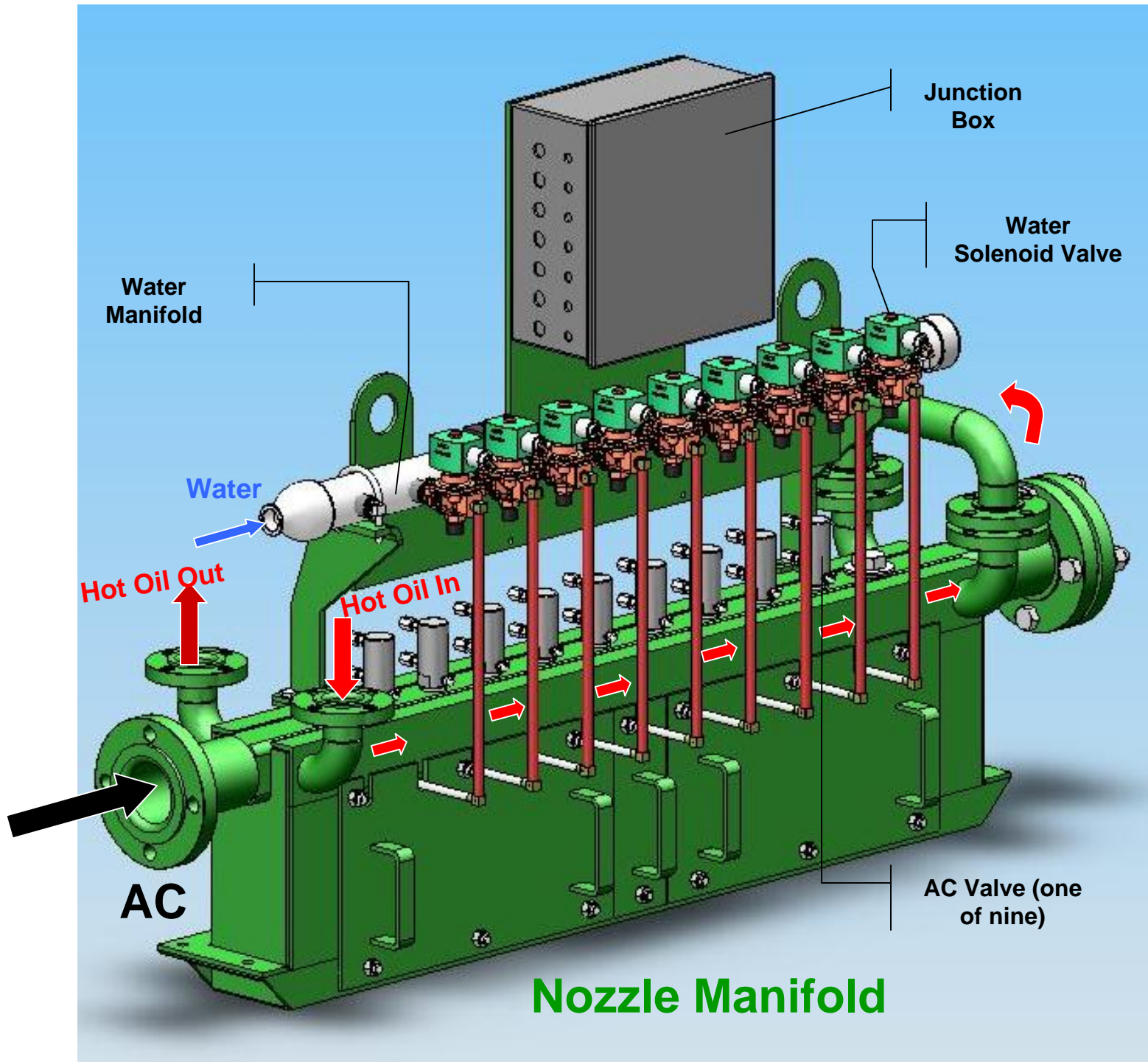
Directly causes 4000 deaths/year in the U.S.



Astec Multi-nozzle Device

- Mixes water and AC to create microscopic steam bubbles to foam the AC
- Water flow rate = 2% of AC flow rate (NOT 2% of mix!)
- 2.5 TPH AC per nozzle, 8 nozzles = 400 TPH mix
- PLC controlled
- Mix transported, placed and compacted using “normal” procedures





Junction Box

Water Solenoid Valve

Water Manifold

Water

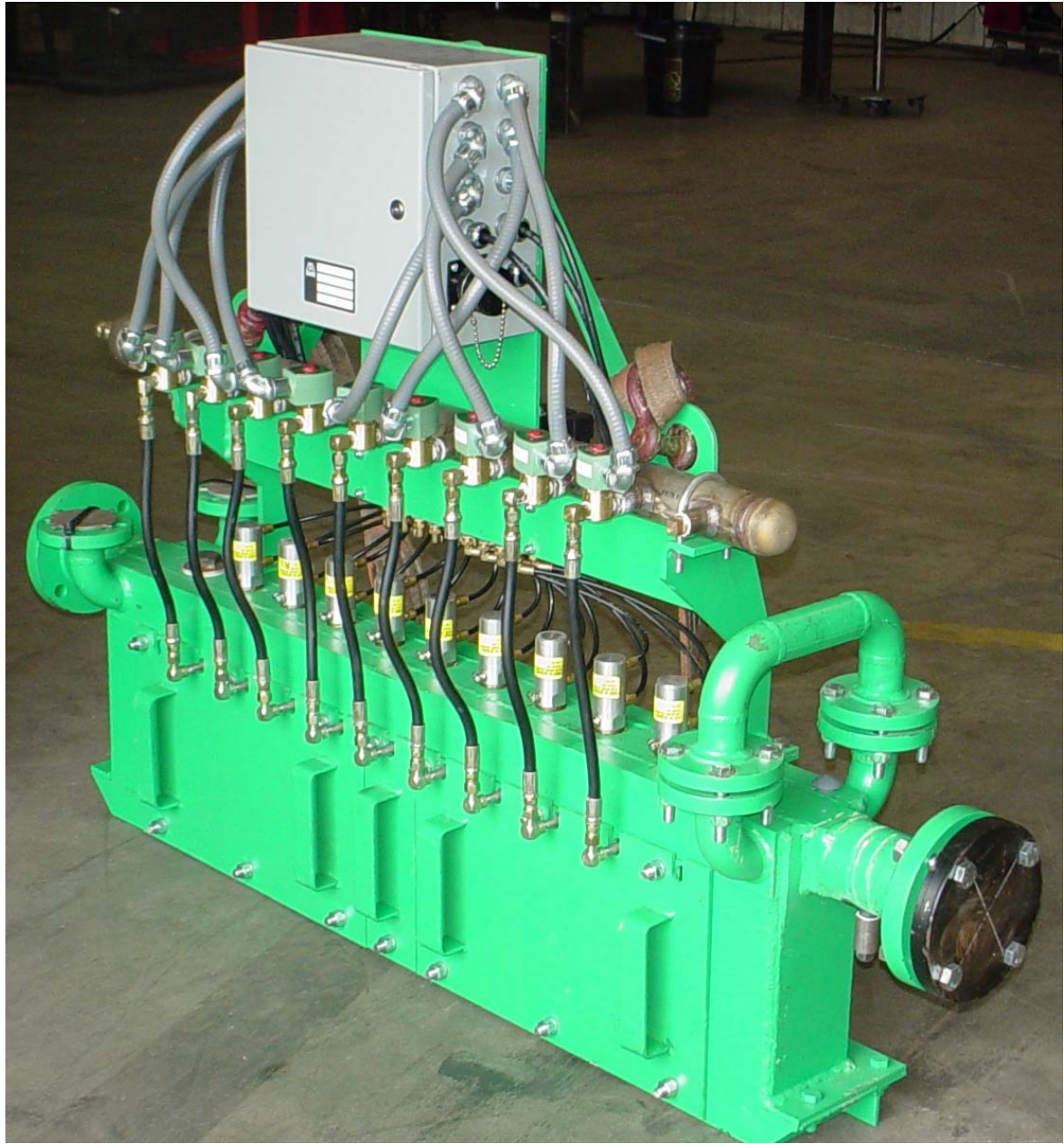
Hot Oil Out

Hot Oil In

AC

AC Valve (one of nine)

Nozzle Manifold

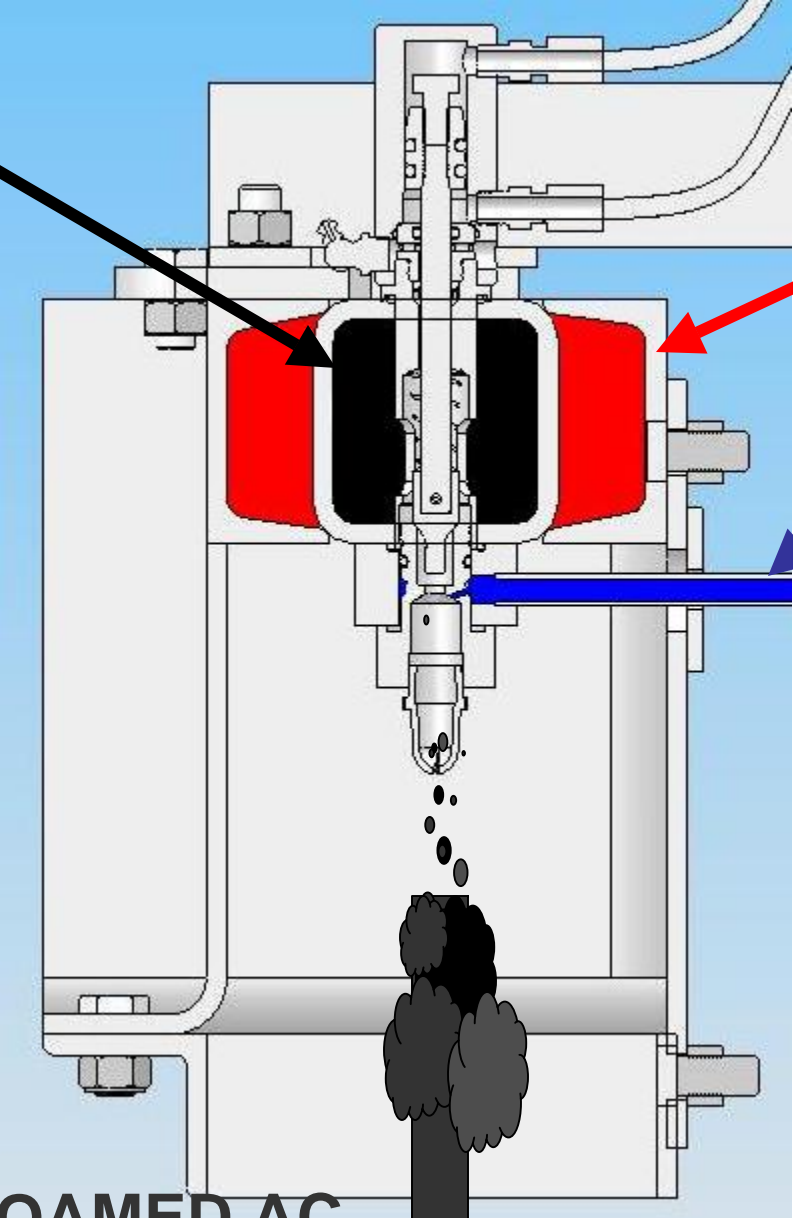


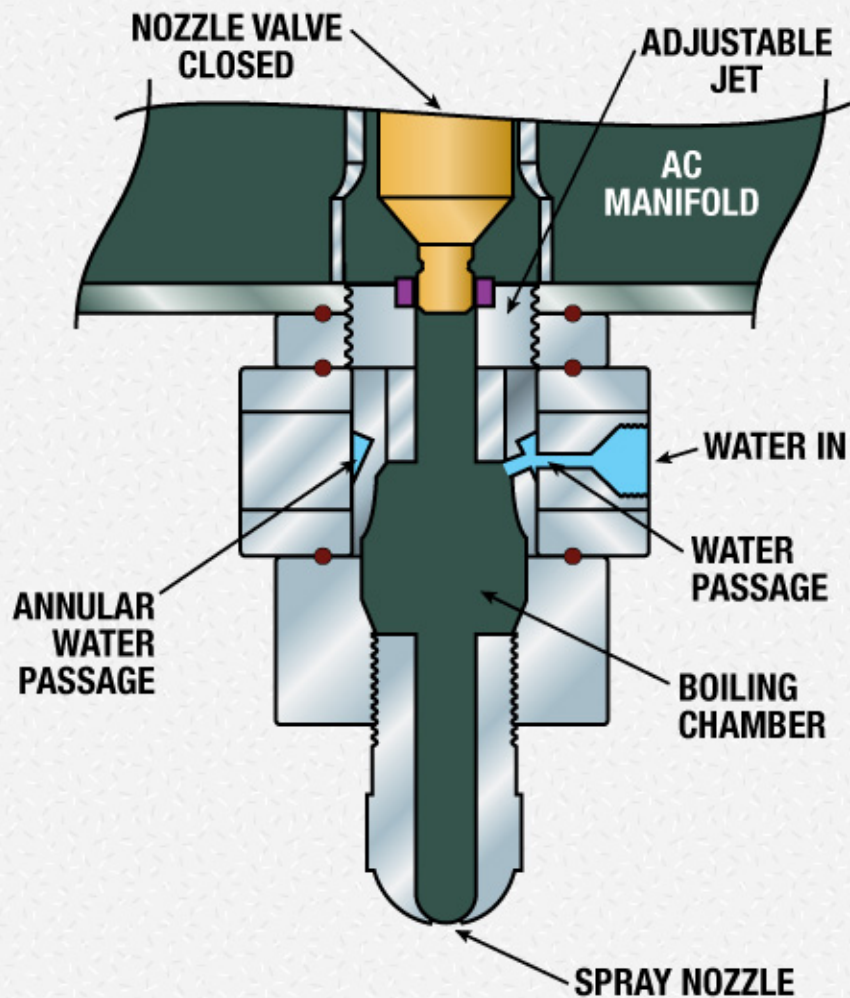
LIQUID AC

HOT OIL

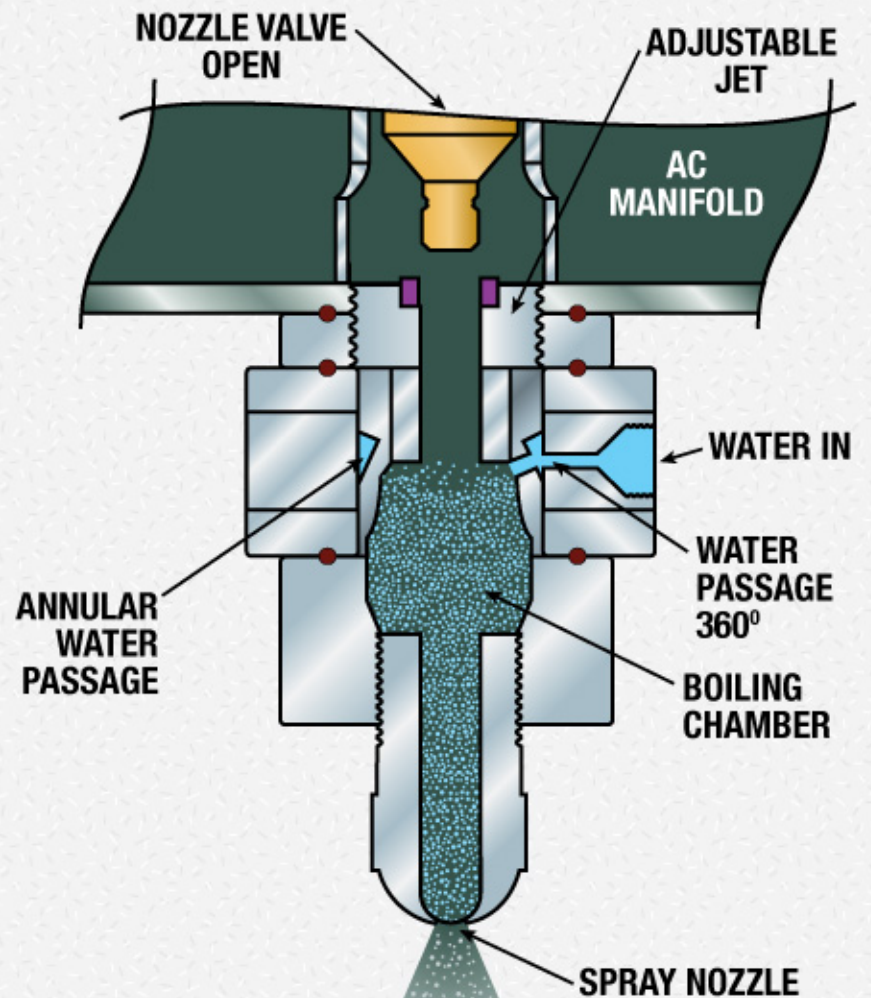
WATER

FOAMED AC





FOAM NOZZLE CLOSED



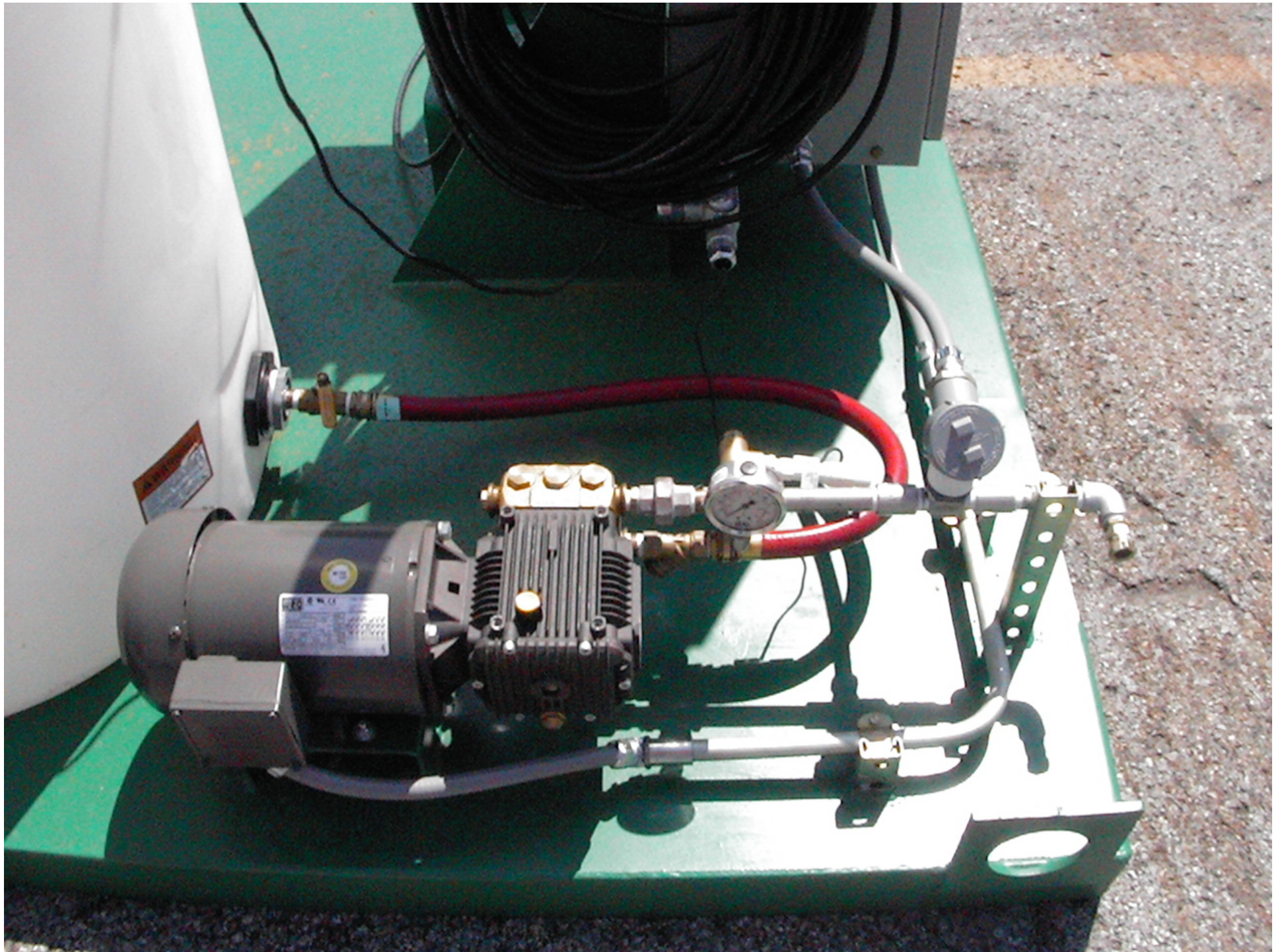
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FOAM NOZZLE



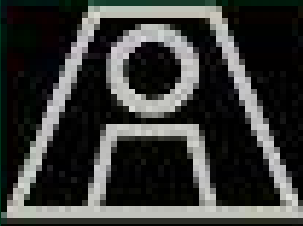


WATER AND CONTROL SKID



TOUCH PANEL IN CONTROL HOUSE





HOME

DBG : 2008.06.20

* Enabled

* Foam Mix

* Spraying

AC (TPH): 16.28

Target H2O (GPM): 1.30

AC (GPM): 65.10

H2O (GPM): 1.29

H2O % of AC: 2.00

H2O Valves



AC Valves



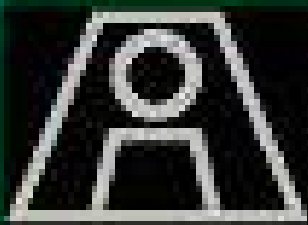
Enable

Home

AC

H2O

System



AC VALVES

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AC (TPH):	16.28	Target H2O (GPM):	1.30
AC (GPM):	65.10	H2O (GPM):	1.29

AC 1	AC 2	AC 3	AC 4	AC 5
0.00	10.00	20.00	30.00	40.00
AC 6	AC 7	AC 8	AC 9	AC 10
50.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00

Hysteresis

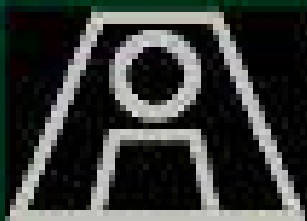
Hysteresis Delay

3.00

3

Save

- Home
- AC
- H2O
- Config
-



Nozzle Test

DBG : 2008.06.20

* Disabled

* Hot Mix

* Diverted

AC (TPH): 0.00 Target H2O (GPM): 0.00

AC (GPM): 0.00 H2O (GPM): 0.56

1	Passed	6	N/A	Nozzle Delay	Pass Delay
				0	5

2	Test1-3	7	Waiting	Nozzle Test	Water Speed
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				30	10.00
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3	Waiting	8	Waiting		
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4	Waiting	9	Waiting		Start
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5	Waiting	10	Waiting		Abort
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Home	AC	H2O	PID	Manual
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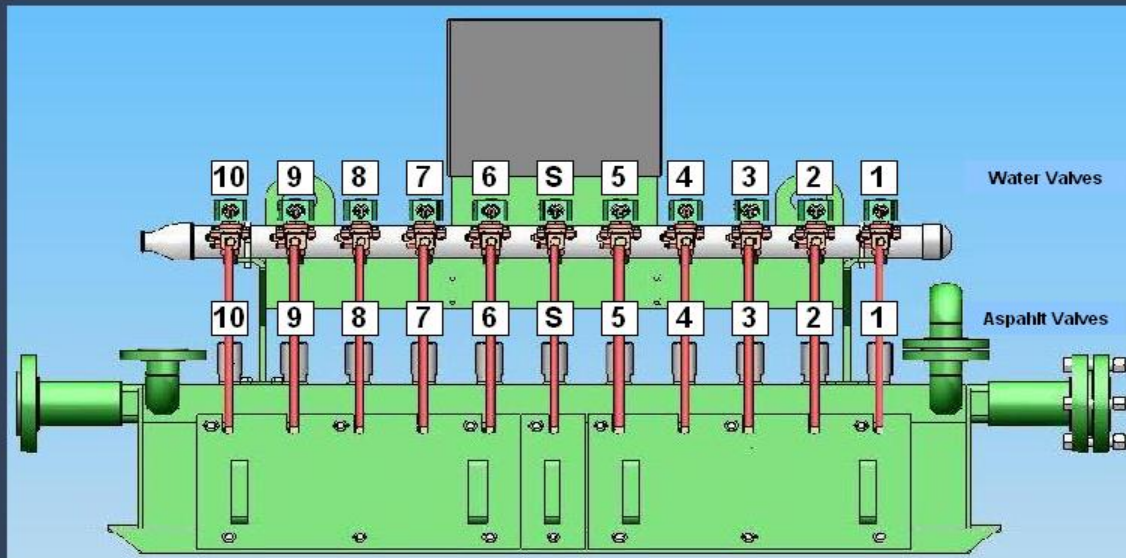
	TARGET TPH	ACTUAL TPH	AGG TPH	REC TPH	MF TPH	AC TPH	ASA TPH	MIX TEMP	TONS RUN	TONS TO GO
PMII	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.90	0.00	+95.1	+767.2	-135.9
Mix ID: BINDER C 50%										

AC TEMP
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AC HOLD
ON
OFF

Green Asphalt Control

Diverted



Asphalt (Data)		Water	
AC (GPM)	H2O (GPM)	AC (TPH)	Target H2O (GPM)
0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
AC Spray Delay	H2O% of AC	AC Divert Delay	
3.00	2.00	2.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Enable			
<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance			

Asphalt (Configuration)		
Signal Type	Hysteresis	AC Valve 6
PMII/TCII	3.00	50.00
	AC Valve 2	AC Valve 7
	10.00	60.00
New Flow Delay	AC Valve 3	AC Valve 8
5.00	15.00	70.00
Post SprayTime	AC Valve 4	AC Valve 9
60.00	30.00	80.00
	AC Valve 5	AC Valve 10
	40.00	90.00

Water (Configuration)		PID Setting		(Manuals)	
H2O Signal	Reset	I Sel	Manual Speed		
0	P Sel	D Sel	20.00		
H2O Signal (Min)	Gain	TM_Lag			
0.00	2.00	2000			
H2O Signal (Max)	Deadband	PV			
3.50	0.10	0.00			
	TI	LMN			
	1000	20.00			
	TD				
	10000				
	I_Man				
	20.00				
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual Mode					

MOTOR STATUS
OFF

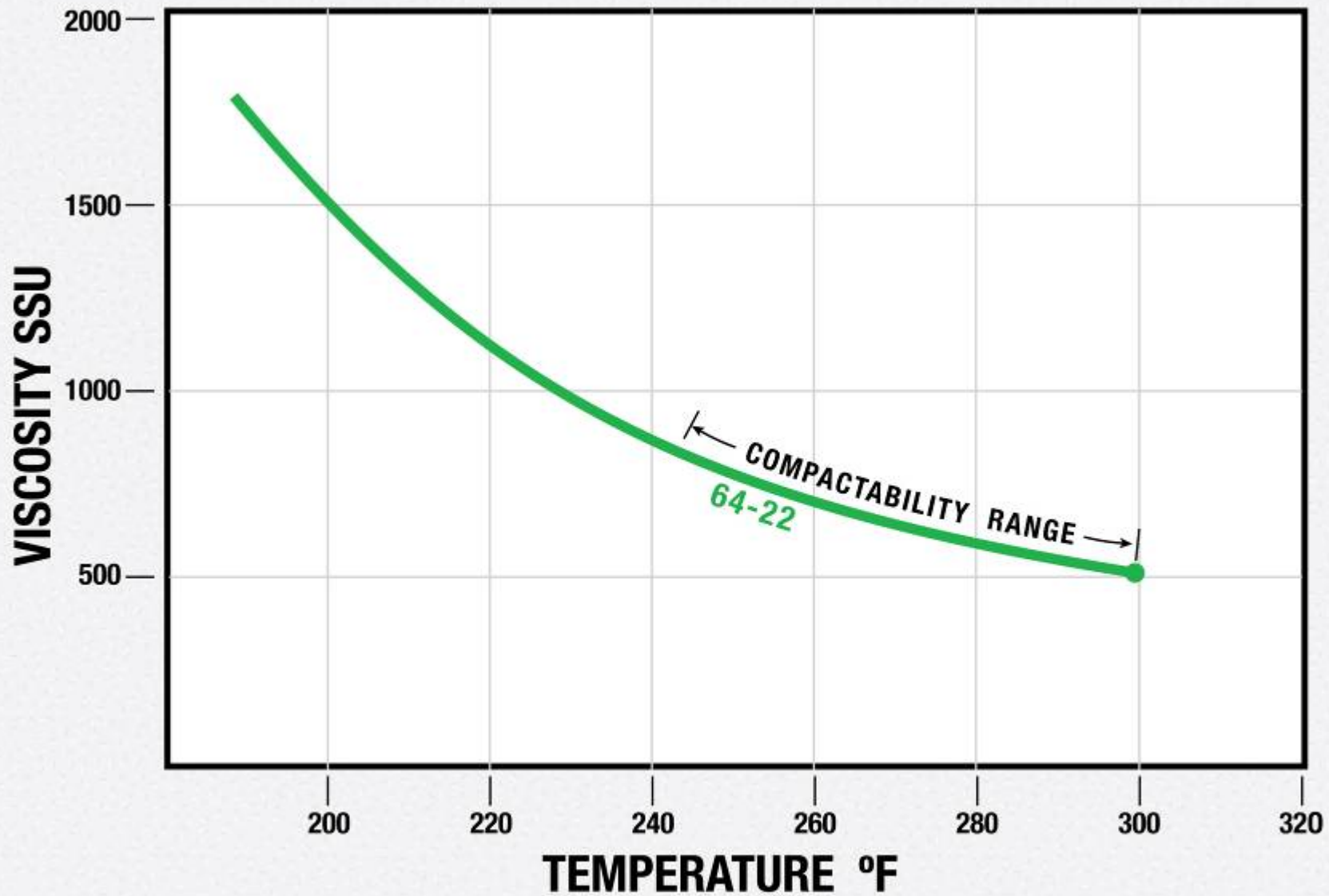
MID STREAM STATUS
PLANT OK

10/03/2007 04:28:17 AM	S7 Program(1)/SFM_DB	On/Off	1610612979	Alarm
10/03/2007 05:16:46 AM	S7 Program(1)/SFM_DB	On/Off	1610613005	Alarm
10/03/2007 03:52:22 PM	PLC Initiated a Midstream Stop!	On/Off	308	Alarm

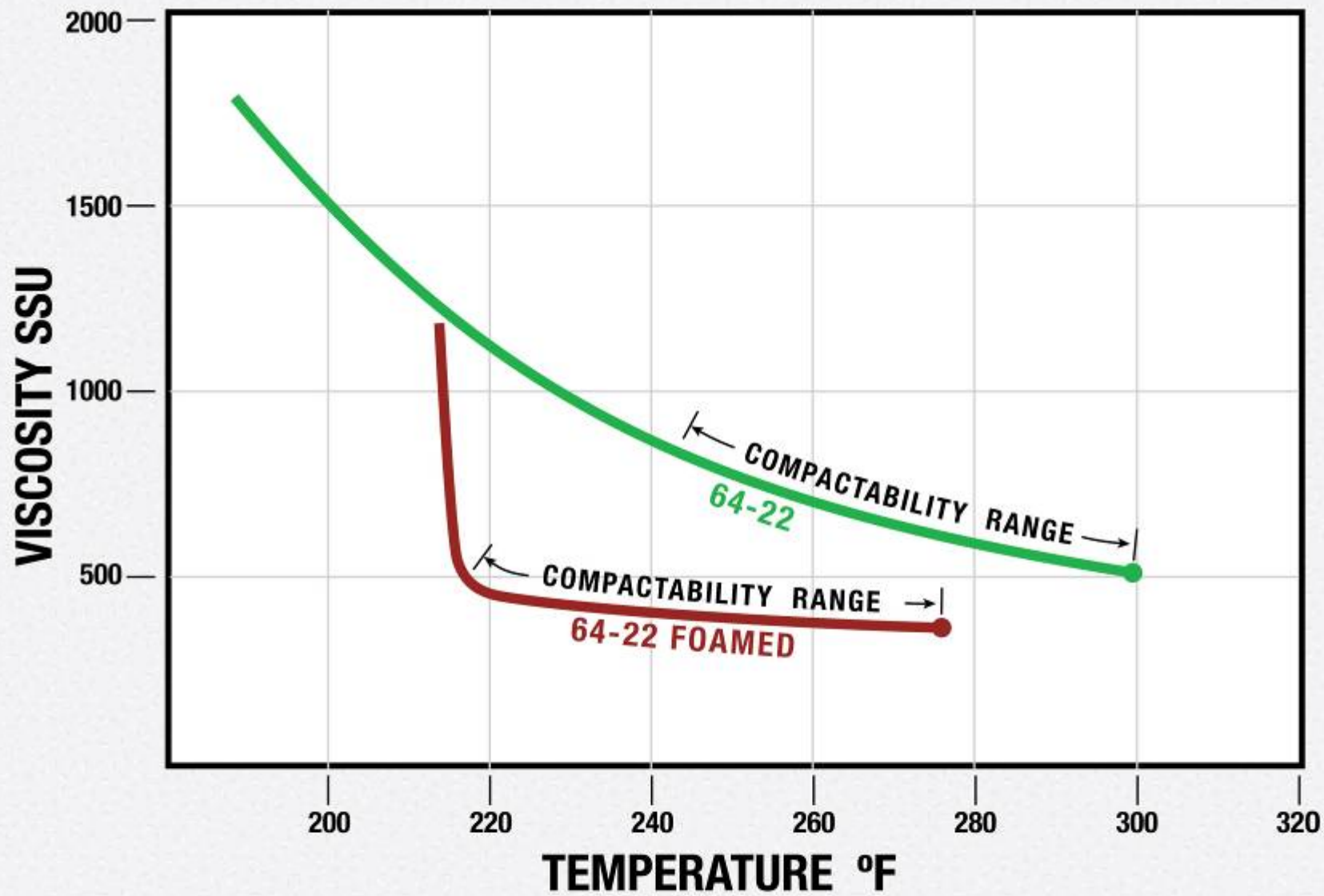
Alarms History

START-UP
ALARM

AGG 1 2 3 4 5 6 AC SPRAY 1 AC TF 1 2 3 4 ASA 1 REC 1 2 3 MF 1



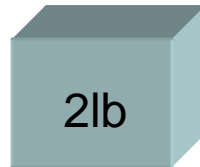
VISCOSITY / TEMPERATURE PG 64 -22 (Approx.)



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Astec Foamed Asphalt

How much water injected per virgin ton of mix ?



$3 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 3 \frac{3}{4}'' \times 3 \frac{3}{4}''$

How much water stays in the mix?

- AC Content: 5%
- Voids: 25% (pre-compaction), 5% (post-compaction)
- Density: 110 lbm/ft³ (pre-compaction);140 lbm/ft³ (post-compaction)

$$\text{Volume of uncompacted mix (ft}^3\text{/ton)} = \frac{2000 \text{ lbm/ton}}{110 \text{ lbm/ft}^3} = 18.2 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}$$

Of this 18.2ft³, 25% (4.54ft³) consists of air voids.

$$\text{Volume of AC (ft}^3\text{/ton)} = \frac{5\% \times 2000 \text{ lbm/ton}}{65 \text{ lbm/ft}^3} = 1.54 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}$$

How much water stays in the mix is limited by the volume of air voids.

$$\text{Available volume for foamed AC (ft}^3\text{/ton)} = 4.54 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton} + 1.54 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton} = 6.08 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}$$

0.016 ft³/lbm (ambient temperature liquid water) to 30.53 ft³/lbm (superheated steam at 300°F)

BEFORE COMPACTION

$$\text{Mass of water (lbm/ton)} = \frac{4.54 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}}{30.53 \text{ ft}^3\text{/lbm}} = 0.149 \text{ lbm/ton}$$

$$\text{Mass \% of remaining injected water} = \frac{0.149 \text{ lbm/ton} \times 100\%}{2000 \text{ lbm/ton}} = 0.0075\%$$

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AFTER COMPACTION

$$\text{Volume of compacted mix (ft}^3\text{/ton)} = \frac{2000 \text{ lbm/ton}}{140 \text{ lbm/ft}^3} = 14.3 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}$$

$$\text{Remaining void volume (ft}^3\text{/ton)} = 0.05 \times 14.3 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton} = 0.715 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}$$

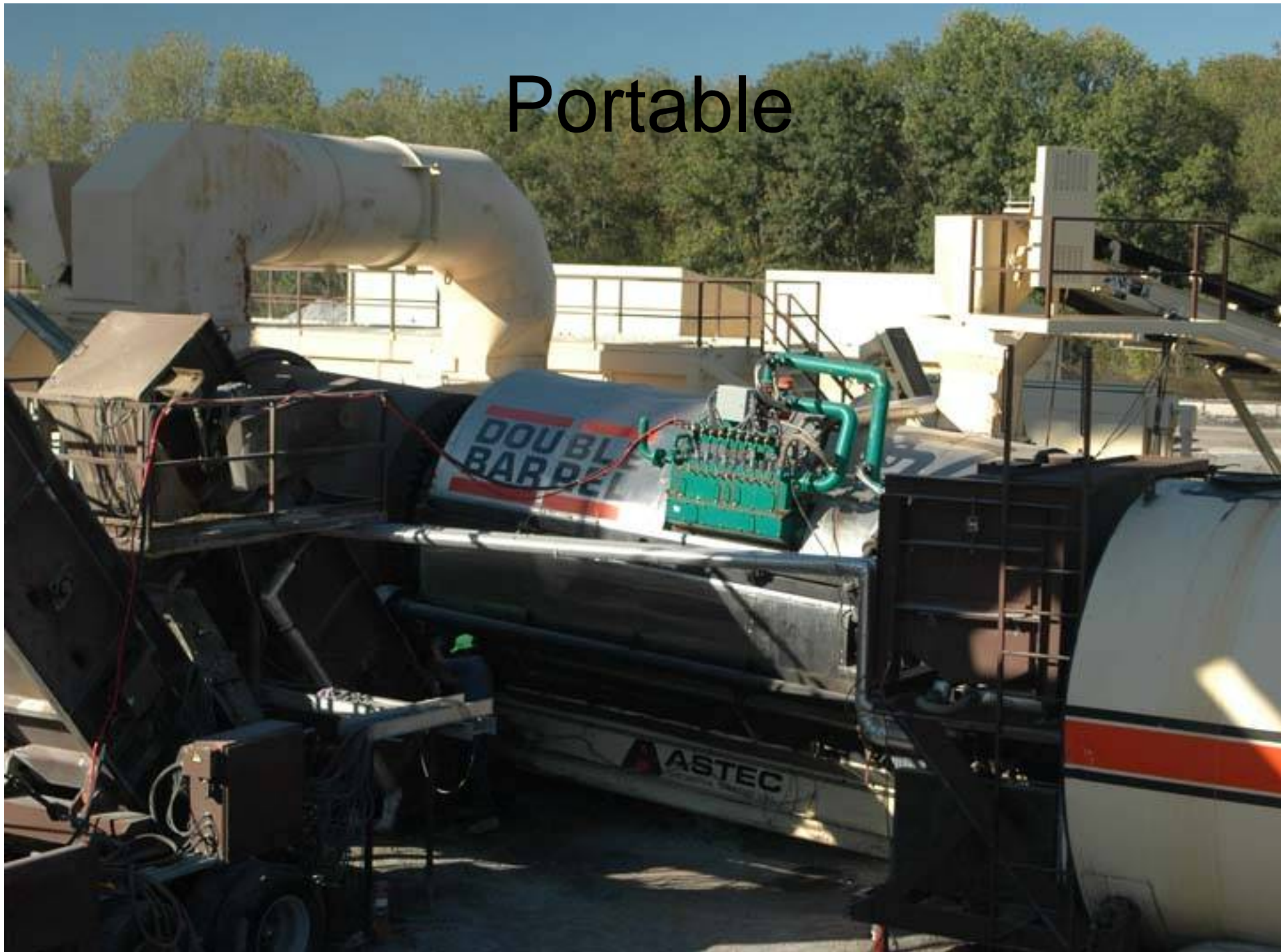
$$\text{Mass of remaining water (lbm/ton)} = \frac{0.715 \text{ ft}^3\text{/ton}}{30.53 \text{ ft}^3\text{/lbm}} = 0.0234 \text{ lbm/ton}$$

$$\text{Mass \% of remaining injected water} = \frac{0.0234 \text{ lbm/ton} \times 100\%}{2000 \text{ lbm/ton}} = 0.0012\%$$

Typical Installation

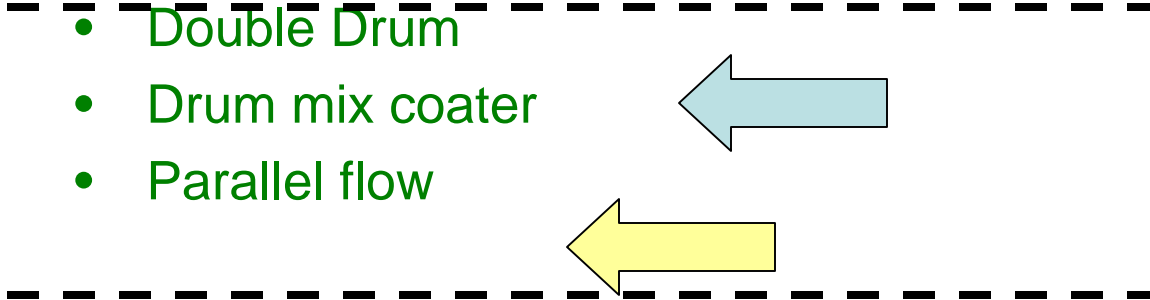
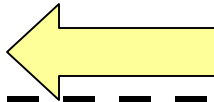
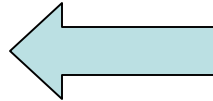
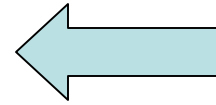


Portable



Installations

- Double Barrel (most common)
- Double RAP
- Double Drum
- Drum mix coater
- Parallel flow



Mechanical Installation Requirements

- **Piping recon a MUST for a “no surprises” retrofit installation.**
 - Sometimes may be by customer reps
 - Sometimes requires a visit by Astec
- **Plant must be down 2 days for mechanical installation – typically Saturday-Sunday.**
- **Typical installation takes 2 fitter/welders about 2 x 10 hour days (+ or –)**
 - Starts Friday afternoon after shutdown.
 - Plant ready to run HMA Monday morning.
- “New” installation takes much less time as most of the piping is new
 - No time-consuming pipe and AC box modifications.

Electrical Installation Requirements

- **Time required depends upon plant configuration and cabling requirements.**
- **Generally, electrical installation takes between 16 and 20 man-hours including check-out.**
- **Most electrical and mechanical installation can occur concurrently.**
 - After mechanical installation is complete, electrical installation may be finished.
 - Allow a day for system checkout (most system functions may be checked out while running HMA).

System Costs

1/4 ¢/ton additive cost:
5 ¢ per truck load
\$1 for every 400 tons

Based on 0.0785 \$/ft³ water including sewage fee

What we have done to date

- Sold over 180 units to create hot foam mechanically**
- Stored in silo for 4 days**
- Produced 76-22 (Polymers) and placed at 270°F**
- Produced rubber mix at 270°F**

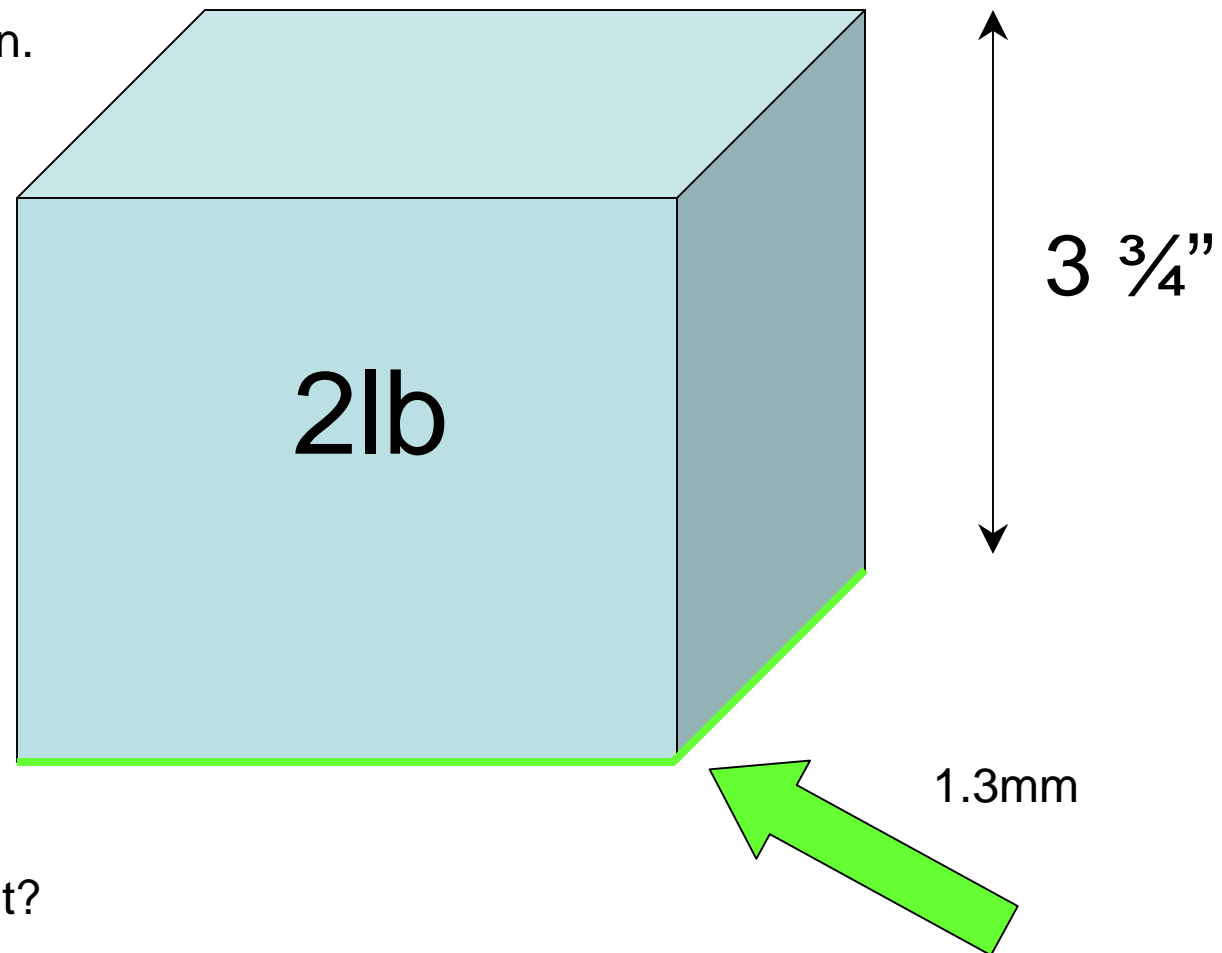
What we have done to date

– Numerous Demonstration Projects

- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee x 4
- Alabama
- Texas
- Arkansas
- California
- Kentucky
- British Columbia
- Ohio x 2
- Illinois
- Maryland
- Louisiana
- Florida x 2
- Massachusetts

Mix Design Modifications

- No fines addition.
- No AC reformulation.



- Anti-stripping agent?

Production/Construction Techniques and Issues



If some of the water remains in the mix, won't I show a high AC content?

NO

- A small amount of water remains in the mix after compaction
- Theoretically, this could show up as AC content.
- Maximum of 0.0012% of the water remains.
- Beyond the measurement accuracy of AC content (typically reported to the nearest 0.1%).

Won't the baghouse temperature be too low when I lower mix temperature?



- Depends on a number of factors.
- Decreases BH temps about 35°F to 40°F (CF dryer) all other factors constant.
- **Things go better with RAP**

Can coating be affected?

YES

- Depends on a number of factors
- Coating is affected by many factors: aggregate, mix temperature, AC type, and/or fines content
- Generally, coating decreases with mix temperature
- **Coating begins to deteriorate below 250°F**
- Good coating has been observed below 200°F
- Green System has significantly improved coating if coating initially appeared less complete

Do I have to do anything special to my binder?

YES

- Keep standard binder at 300°F or higher
- AC Foaming nozzles have 3/8" openings
- AC temperatures above 300°F ensure low enough viscosity for a reasonable (<40psig) backpressure.

Won't I experience a drop in mix temperature since I am adding water?

NO

- Significant temperatures drops during ordinary hauls in moderate weather is caused by internal moisture
- Internal moisture signs: steam and water at the silo tops, water running out of the truck beds, and a drop in mix temperature (27°F per ½%).
- Water remaining in the mix post compaction is 0.0012% (0.07°F drop)

What mix temperatures should I run?

240F - 250F (virgin)

270F - 280F (RAP)

Can I run WMA produced using the Astec Green System at higher temperatures?

YES

- There is no danger in running the mix at higher temperatures
- Mix simply remains workable for a longer period

Will running WMA with RAP affect the heating and mixing of the RAP?

NO

- RAP still obtains its heat from superheated virgin aggregate.
- There is just less superheat required.

Running RAP is like...

**Cold
Water**



RAP
(Ambient Temperature)

+

**Hot
Water**



**Virgin
Aggregate**
(Superheated Temperature)

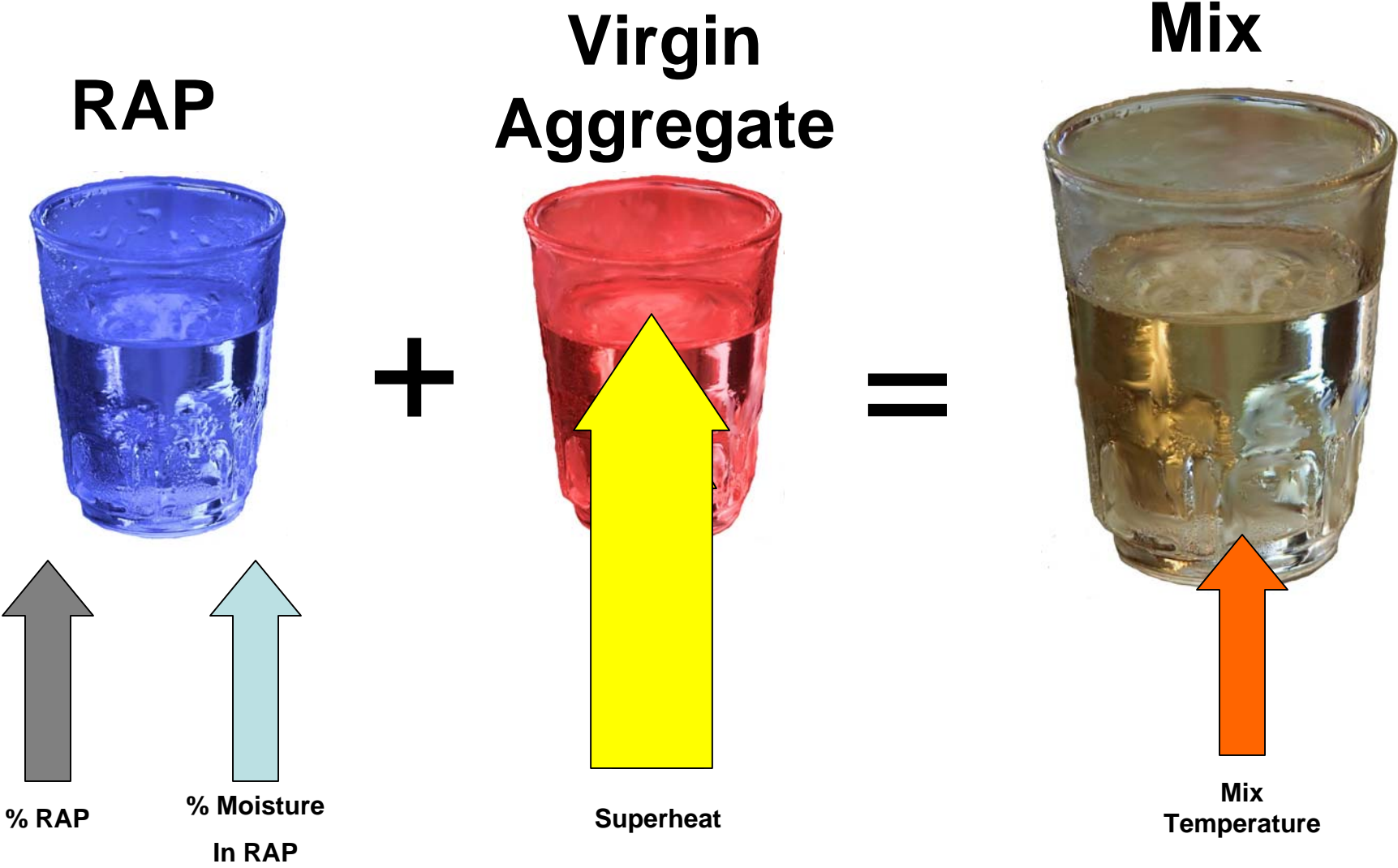
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**Warm
Water**



Mix
(Mix Temperature)

What affects the level of superheat?



How does WMA affect superheat?

RAP



+

**Virgin
Aggregate**



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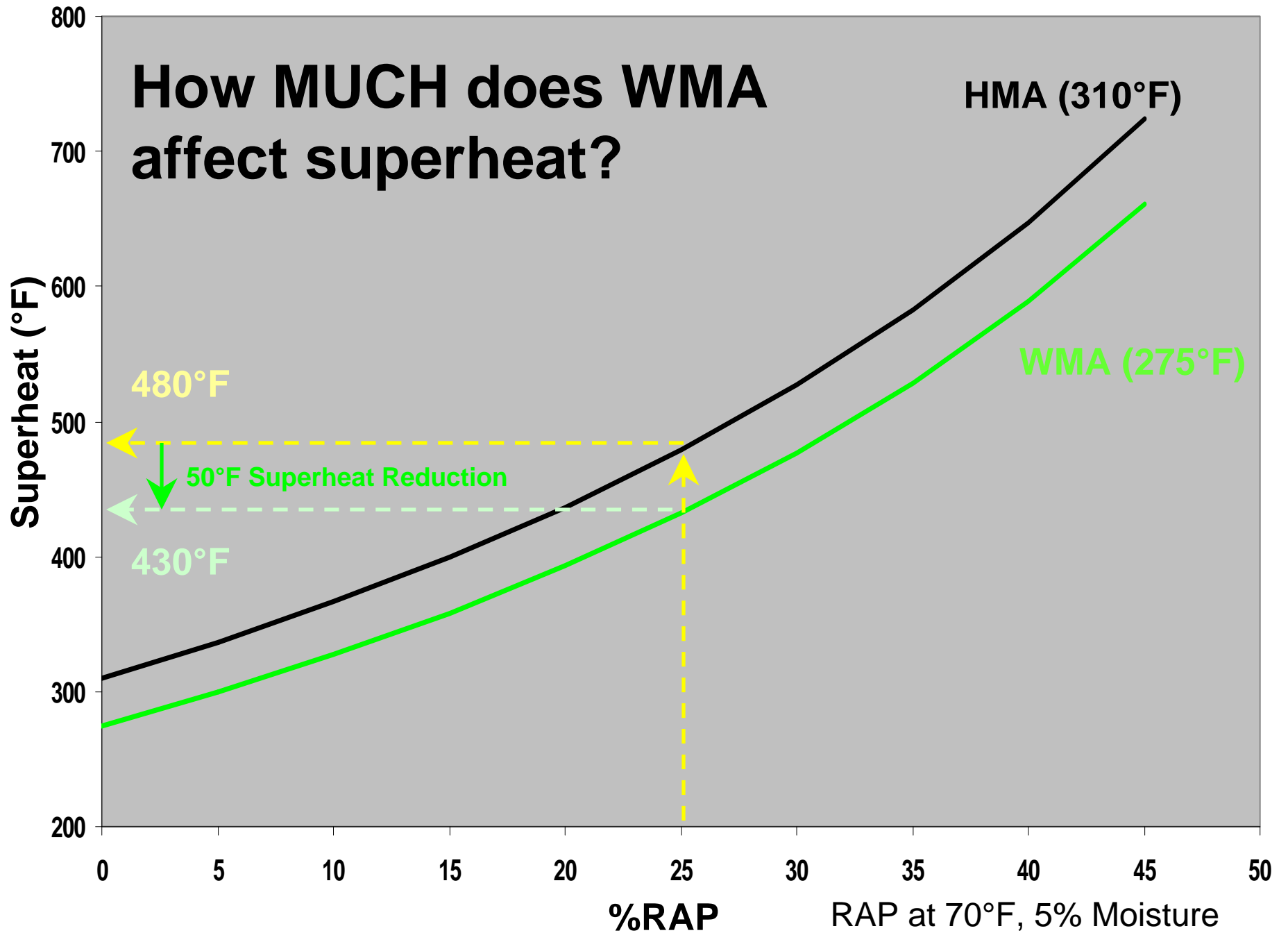
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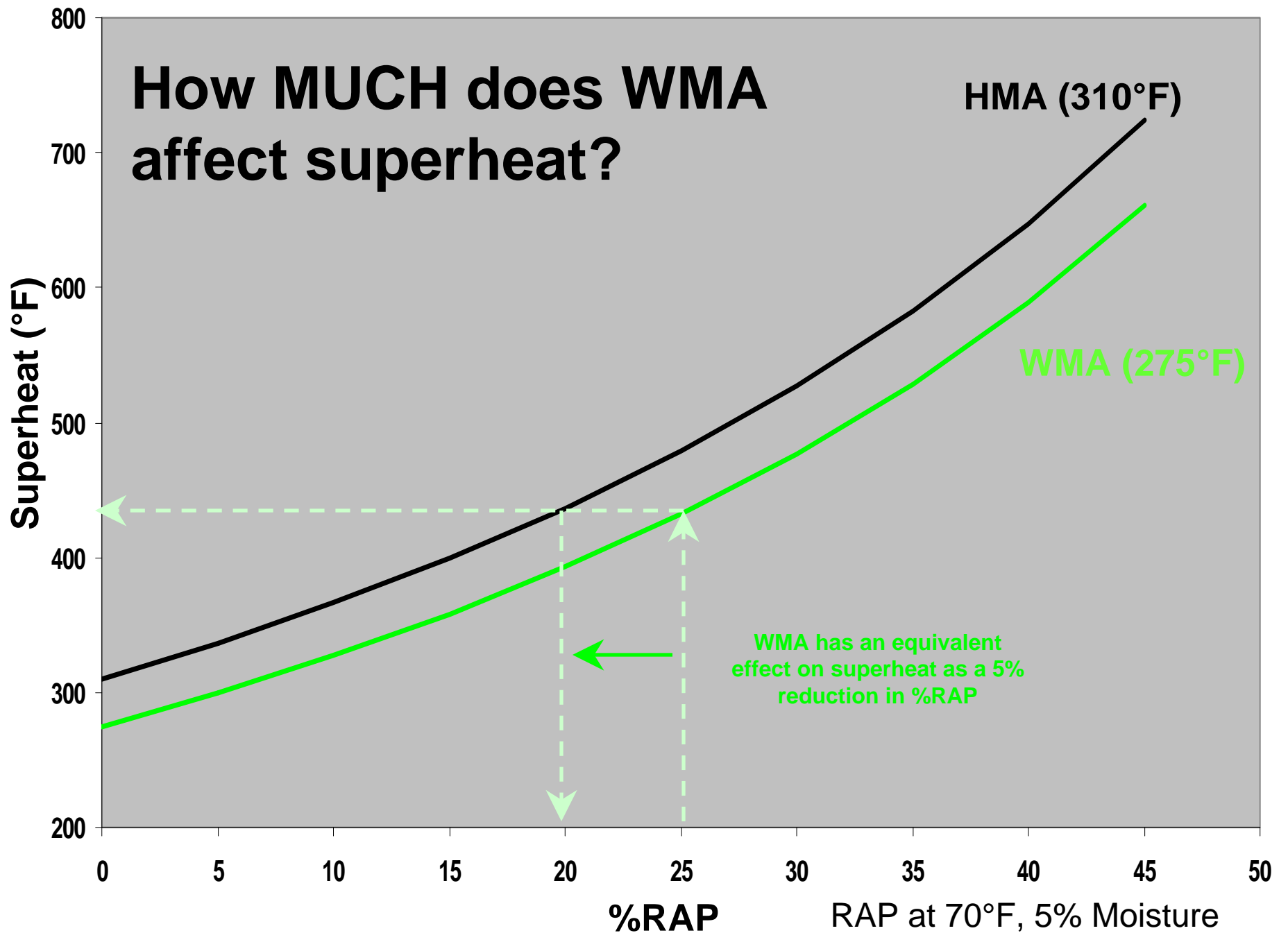
Superheat

**Mix
Temperature**

How MUCH does WMA affect superheat?



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Can WMA produced using the Astec Green System be stored?

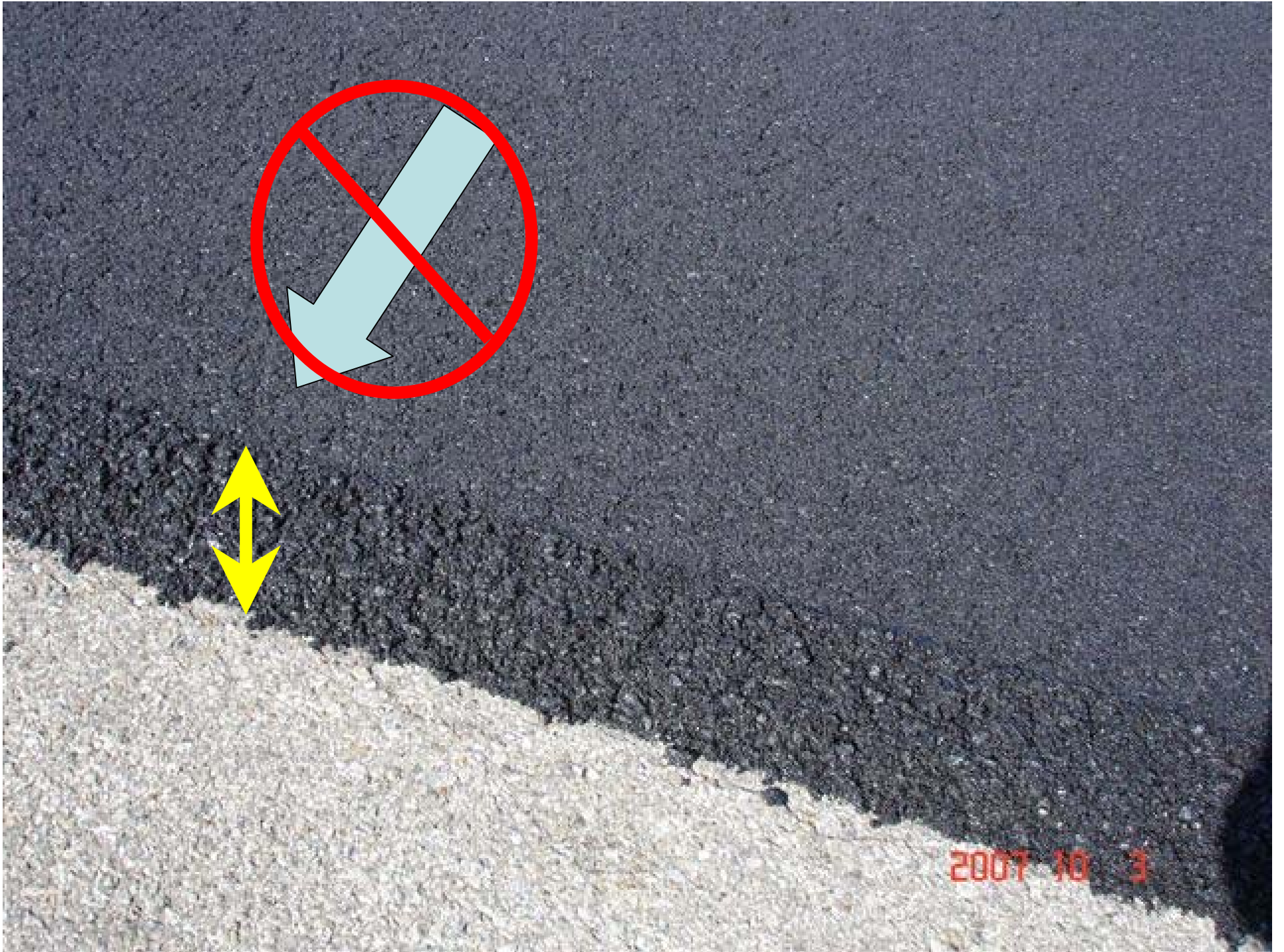
YES

- As long as the corresponding HMA may be stored
- First test was 24 hours then 48 hours
- Have stored as long as 4 days

Will rolling patterns change?

YES

- Generally, crews have been able to begin rolling immediately.
- At some locations, less rolling was required
- Experiment. Each situation is unique.



Is handwork different than that of HMA?

YES

- Can be different depending upon the situation
- Cold day tight quarter handwork became difficult on one job
- Straight pulls were no issue.

Does WMA produced with the Astec Green System look different?



- Can look the same as ordinary HMA minus smoke as smell
- Can look rich (especially virgin mixes) due to film thickness

Won't my water freeze when it gets cold?

YES

- "Cold weather package" available through Astec Parts.
- Not meant for "winterizing".
- What about anti-freeze?



It's Green!

- Use 14% less fuel due to 50°F lower temperature and lower exhaust temp.**
- 14% less CO₂ emissions**
- Reduced volatiles**
- Better, longer-lasting pavement**

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Reduced Emissions

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)*

Mix Temperature (°F)	Load-out Emissions (lb/yr)	Silo-filling Emissions (lb/yr)	% Reduction
325	2346	7312	
275	669	2084	71.5
260	459	1430	80.4

❖ Based upon a plant producing mix at 400TPH with a total yearly production of 600,000 tons







Demonstration

- On June 21, 2007, the City of Chattanooga agreed to mill high traffic road and use 50% RAP @ 270°F with 64-22
- The RAP was fractionated
- The 64-22 AC was foamed
- Southeastern Materials produced and laid the mix



Lojac Inc.

Nashville, Tennessee

Warm Mix Demo

September 26, 2007

- **30% RAP @ 260°F / PG 64-22**
- **700 tons binder**
- **700 tons surface mix**
- **100 tons surface / PG 76-22 @ 270°F**



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Lojac Inc.

Nashville, Tennessee

Warm Mix Demo

October 3, 2007

- **Tennessee D.O.T. Warm Mix Test**

Tennessee DOT Warm Mix Test

Technology Demonstration Test Results:

Nashville Area, September 2007, Limestone

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| ▪ Advera WMA | ▪ Sasobit | ▪ Evotherm | ▪ Astec Green System |
| ▪ 1150 Tons Placed | ▪ 705 Tons Placed | ▪ 750 Tons Placed | ▪ 775 Tons Placed |
| ▪ % AC 5.16 & 5.28 | ▪ % AC 5.14 | ▪ % AC 5.22 & 5.36 | ▪ % AC 5.19 & 5.29 |
| ▪ % Air Voids 4.7 | ▪ % Air Voids 3.5 | ▪ % Air Voids 5.1 | ▪ % Air Voids 4.0 |
| ▪ Stability 1475 | ▪ Stability 1825 | ▪ Stability 1455 | ▪ Stability 2200 |
| ▪ TSR 51.9% | ▪ TSR 65.5% | ▪ TSR 72.7% | ▪ TSR 84.3% |
| ▪ Density 92.7% | ▪ Density 91.0% | ▪ Density 91.0% | ▪ Density 91.6% |

QA Testing

Technology Demonstration Test Results:

Nashville Area, September 2007, Limestone

▪ Advera WMA	▪ Sasobit	▪ Evotherm	▪ Astec Green System
▪ 1150 Tons Placed	▪ 705 Tons Placed	▪ 750 Tons Placed	▪ 775 Tons Placed
▪ % AC 5.16 & 5.28	▪ % AC 5.14	▪ % AC 5.22 & 5.36	▪ % AC 5.19 & 5.29
▪ % Air Voids 4.7	▪ % Air Voids 3.5	▪ % Air Voids 5.1	▪ % Air Voids 4.0
▪ Stability 1475	▪ Stability 1825	▪ Stability 1455	▪ Stability 2200
▪ TSR 51.9%	▪ TSR 65.5%	▪ TSR 72.7%	▪ TSR 84.3%
▪ Density 92.7%	▪ Density 91.0%	▪ Density 91.0%	▪ Density 91.6%

State may require TSR test prior to paving

Standard QA testing

Compaction at 10°F less than plant exit temp.

Reheated WMA retains WMA properties

Voluntary testing/documentation a good idea

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Questions ?