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POWER-GEN MIDDLE EAST CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

4-6 October 2015 Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre

2016 MEMBRANE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

February 1-5, 2016 Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas

WATER AND DEVELOPMENT CONGRESS & EXHIBITION

18 to 22 October 2015 King Hussein bin Talal convention centre, Jordan





BRETT BOYD Saudi Aramco Facilities Planning Specialist

"Get involved, learn and make a difference", says Brett Boyd. Meet our highlighted member this quarter. Brett has been an active member of SAWEA for 2 years. He works as a Utilities Planning Specialist for Aramco. Brett joined SAWEA to become a strong advocate of wastewater reuse. He was recently awarded 3 patents for water and wastewater treatment equipment improvements. As a technical advisor on wastewater, Brett hopes to get all the Dhahran

household yards and gardens switched to reuse water from groundwater so that we can be a "shining example to the rest of the Kingdom"





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- ✓ Chemistry degree from Queens University Belfast.
- ✓ Chartered Chemist and member of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- ■ 36 years with Nalco in Sales and Marketing, last 15 years as an ITC.
- ▲ Expertise in Cooling Water and Boiler Water Systems in Refineries and the Petrochemical Industry. Also responsible for driving new innovative Technologies in the Middle East i.e. Purate, the new Chlorine Dioxide system.
- Spoken Languages: English (Mother language)

How Chlorine Kills Pathogens

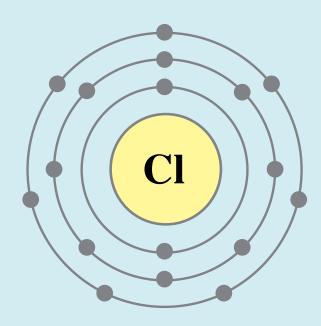
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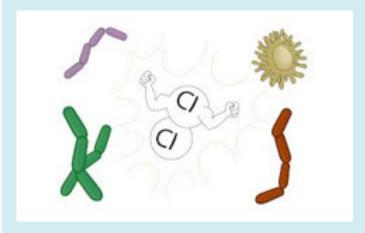


HOW DOES CHLORINE CARRY OUT ITS WELL-KNOWN ROLE OF **MAKING WATER SAFE?**

Upon adding chlorine to water, two chemical species, known together as free chlorine are formed. These species, hypochlorous acid (HOCI, electrically neutral) and hypochlorite ion (OCI-, electrically negative), behave very differently. Hypochlorous acid is not only more reactive than the hypochlorite ion, but is also a stronger disinfectant and oxidant.

The ratio of hypochlorous acid to hypochlorite ion in water is determined by the pH. At low pH (higher acidity), hypochlorous acid dominates while at high pH hypochlorite ion dominates. Thus, the speed and efficacy of chlorine disinfection against pathogens may be affected by the pH of the water being treated. Fortunately, bacteria and viruses are relatively easy targets of chlorination over a wide range of pH. However, treatment operators of surface water systems treating raw water contaminated by the parasitic protozoan Giardia may take advantage of the pHhypochlorous acid relationship and adjust the pH to be effective against Giardia, which is much more resistant to chlorination than either viruses or bacteria.





Another reason for maintaining a redominance of hypochlorous acid during treatment has to do with the fact that pathogen surfaces carry a natural negative electrical charge. These surfaces are more readily penetrated by the uncharged, electrically neutral hypochlorous acid than the negatively charged hypochlorite ion. Moving through slime coatings, cell walls and resistant shells of waterborne microorganisms, hypochlorous acid effectively destroys these pathogens. Water is made microbiologically safe as pathogens either die or are rendered incapable of reproducing.

WATER FACTS

PORTLAND JUST INSTALLED WATER PIPES HAT GENERATE









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