



# Enhancing the performance of waste water treatment plants with Arkea™ technology

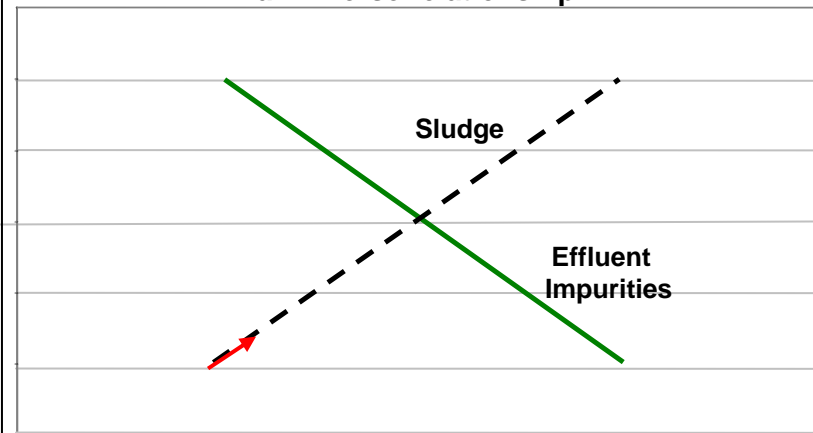


## The sludge management challenge

Constant pressure to improve effluent quality increases sludge production.

Need to reduce sludge generation without harming effluent purity.

**Water purity versus sludge production:  
an inverse relationship**



Increased use of flocculating agents results in higher volumes of sludge

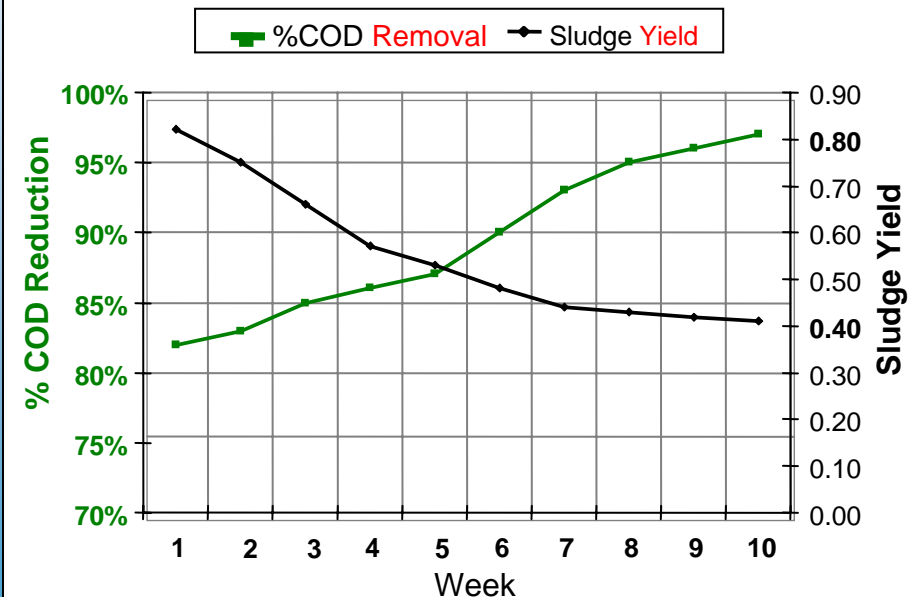
# Arkea™ restores the optimal balance between low sludge production and high COD removal

Week 1: Typical WWT flow with low DO.

Adding Arkea™ increases COD removal and reduces sludge yield.

Week 10: Problem is resolved

Problem: % COD reduction vs. sludge yield



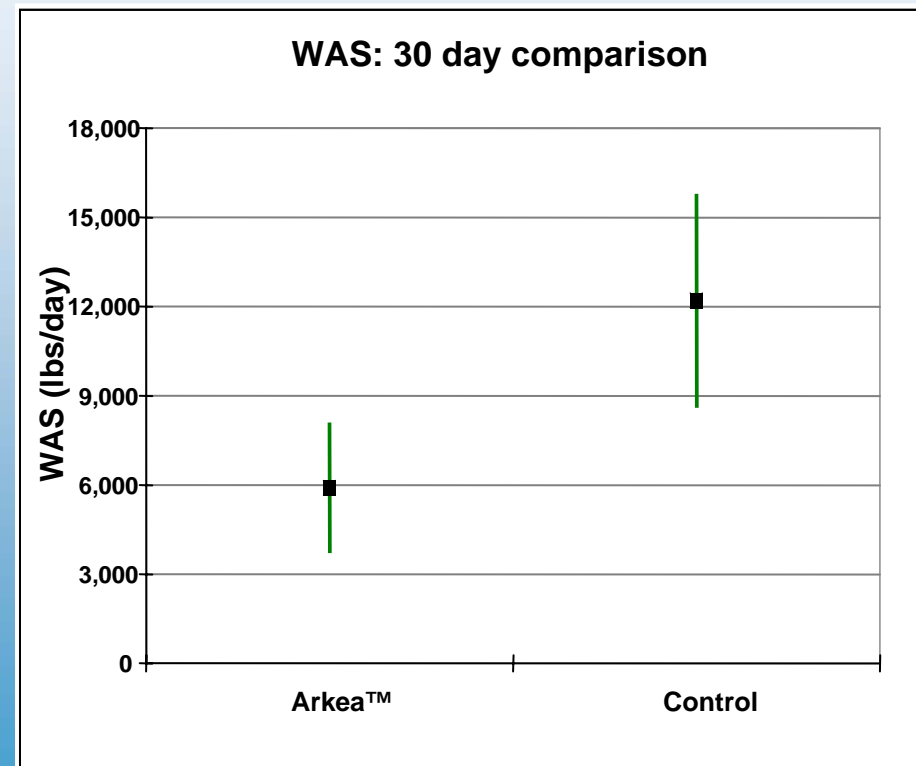
## Site test comparison

Two adjacent streams with split flow and separate returns.

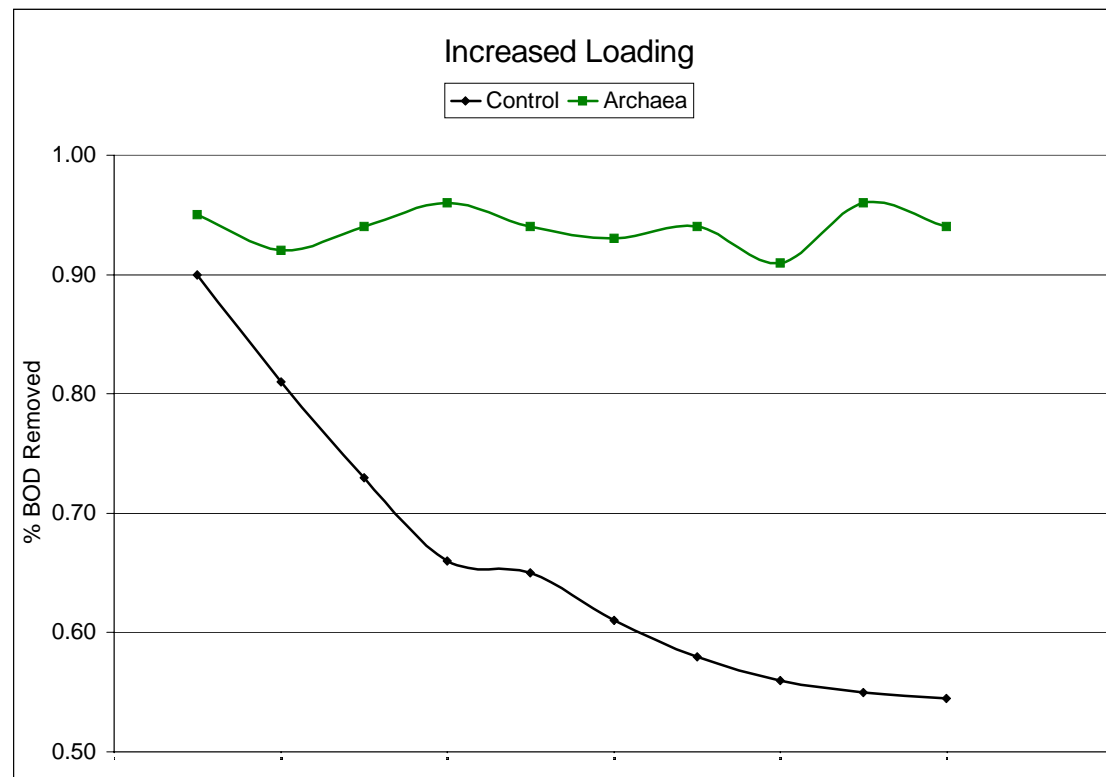
Data shown are mean  $\pm$  two standard deviations.

Control stream generated over 200% more WAS than the Arkea™ treated stream.

WAS = Waste Activated Sludge



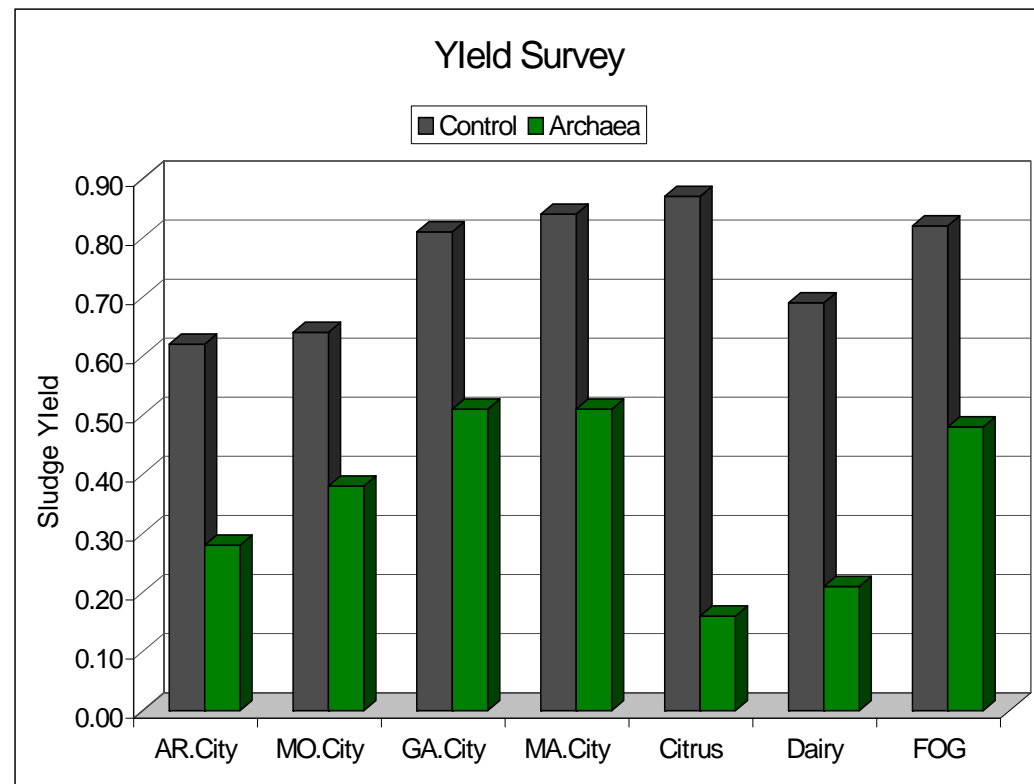
## Arkea™ deals with overloads (slugs) in waste water treatment plants



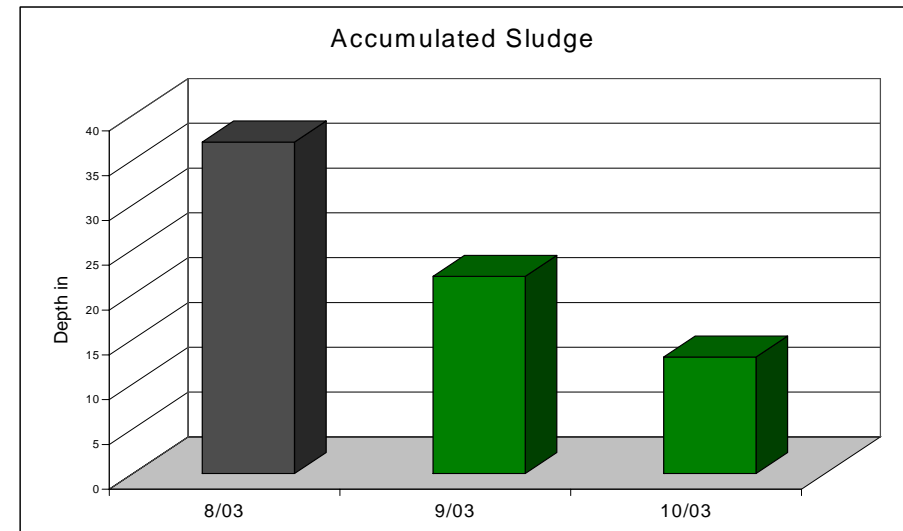
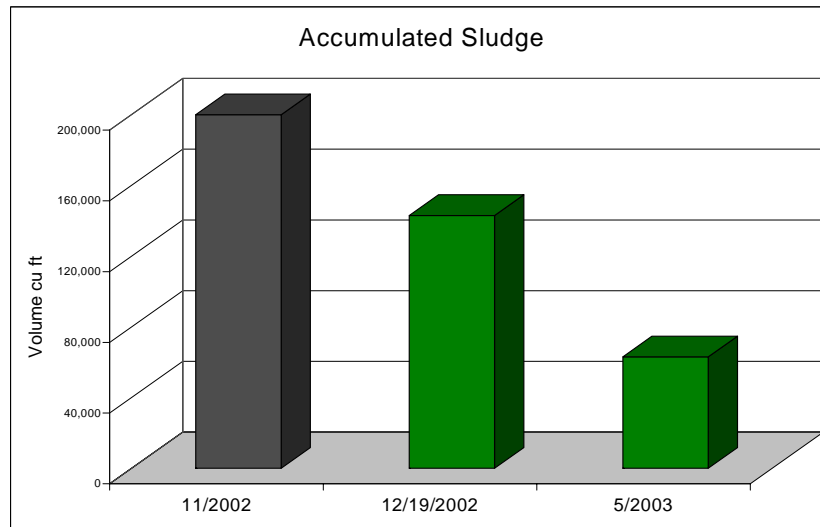
Medium-sized city with instant coffee plant that produces high CO and high NH<sub>3</sub> slug loads. **Arkea™** treatment compensates for slugs.

## Sludge reduction in waste water treatment plants is assured with Arkea™ installation

- Sludge yield reduced across wide variety of applications and geographies.
- Universally positive impact.
- 160% return on investment.



## Biological Dredging



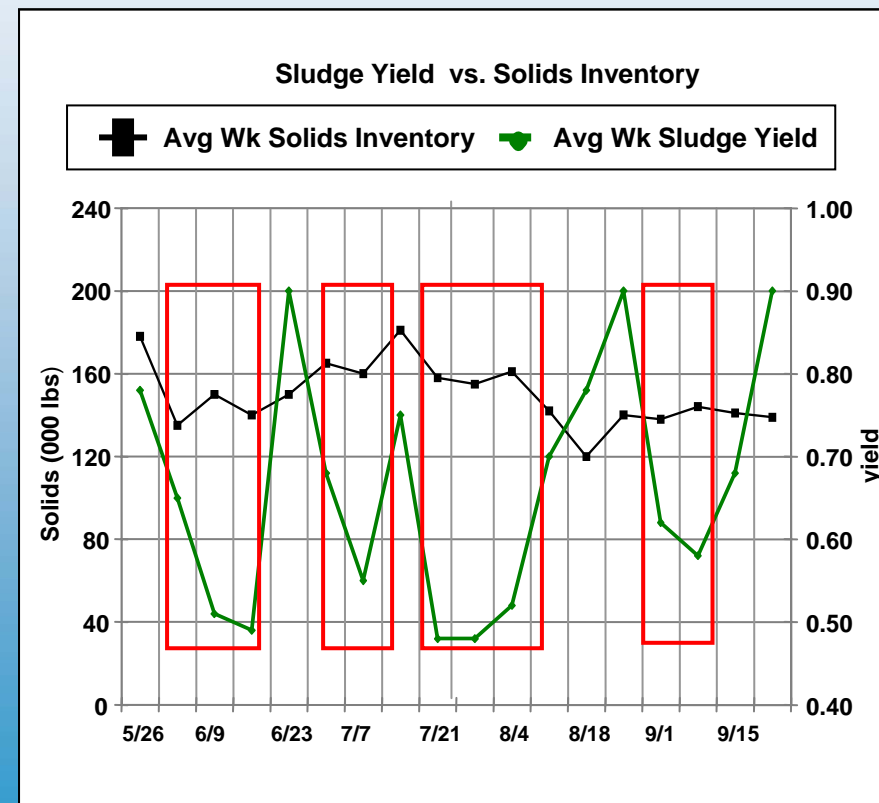
- Two cities with excess accumulated sludge in lagoons.
- In both cases, biological dredging with Arkea™ reclaimed significant hydraulic volume at about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the cost of mechanical dredging and without shutting down.

## “Off-On-Off” Arkea™: impact on sludge yield

19 million gallon p.d. plant  
Arkea™ treatment activated  
during periods in red boxes.  
Treatment turned off for  
several cycles in between.  
Weekly solids inventory.

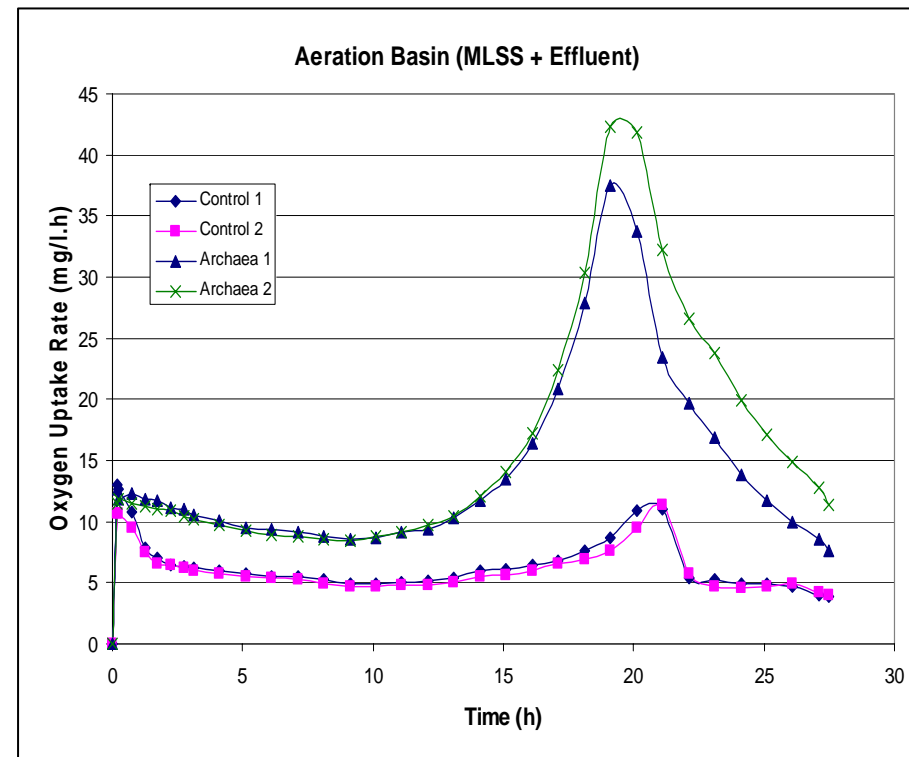
### Conclusion:

When Arkea™ is “on” sludge yield drops. When it is “off” sludge accumulates.



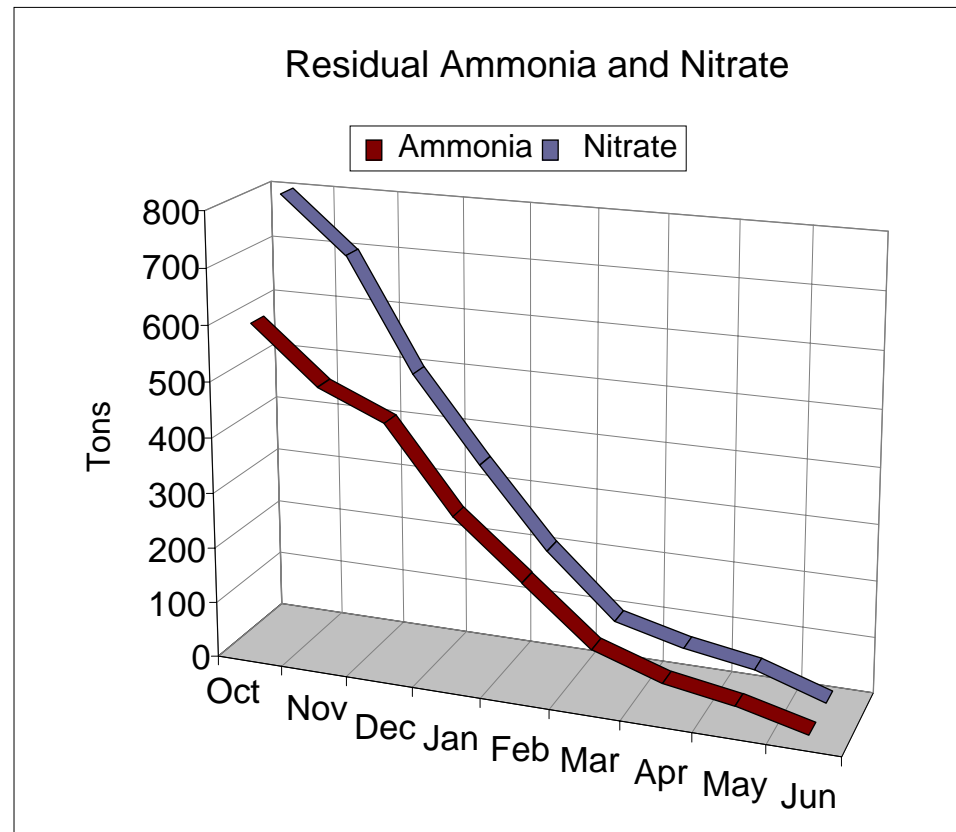
## Biocidal Citrus Oils

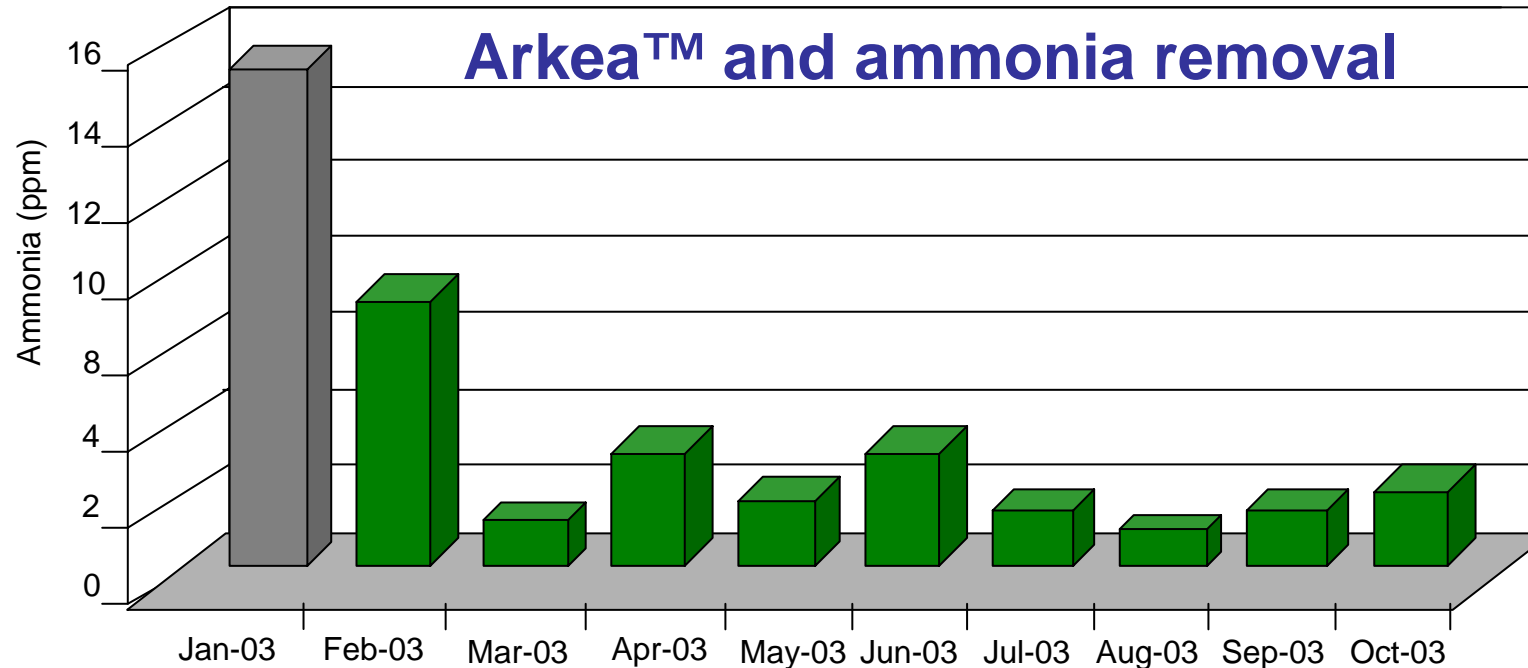
- Chart shows data from respirometry analysis of citrus processing waste.
- Citrus waste contains biocidal essential oils.
- Superior oxygen uptake with Arkea™.



## Eliminating nitrogen

- Plant producing sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and ammonia for explosives.
- 150 million gallon “lake” to dilute it.
- Need to eliminate ammonia, nitrate, sulphate to be within limits.
- Reduced levels to zero over nine months





## Arkea™ effectively manages ammonia

- ❑ Oxidation pond treatment plant (1.5 MGD).
- ❑ Dosing equations calculated based on incoming BOD and ammonia levels
- ❑ Samples taken weekly: chart shows monthly mean values.
- ❑ Similar results noted in municipal and domestic waste water treatment plants
- ❑ Kinetics of ammonia breakdown have been established.
- ❑ In addition to reduced ammonia, total nitrogen is also effectively managed.
- ❑ This allows improved engineering of the process.