

## BFL 5700SO

Sulphides develop in wastewaters from the anaerobic decomposition of organic matter containing sulphur or from the reduction of sulphites and sulphates. The most common sulphide encountered is hydrogen sulphide ( $H_2S$ ). This is a colourless, inflammable gas with the characteristic odour of rotten eggs - a foul smell.

Odour control is a major concern in the operation of many municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plants. Foul odours are a public nuisance and give rise to unfavourable publicity. Environmental legislation is becoming stricter all the time especially in relation to odours / air emissions released adjacent to sensitive areas such as housing, recreation parks, schools, etc.

The blackening of wastewater and sludge usually results from the formation of  $H_2S$  which in turn combines with the iron present to produce ferrous sulphide - which produces a noxious odour when disturbed e.g. when pumping wastewater from storage lagoons or when wasting and thickening sludge.

$H_2S$  released to the atmosphere above the wastewater in sewers not flowing to full capacity tends to accumulate at the crown of the pipe.  $H_2S$  can be oxidised to produce sulphuric acid that will attack both cast-iron and concrete sewage pipes - this corrosion can be severe enough to cause collapse.

$H_2S$  is toxic to nitrifying bacteria. These bacteria are highly sensitive and if  $H_2S$  is present even at low concentrations the nitrifying biomass can be wiped out. The result is lost nitrification, increased levels of ammonia in the final effluent, possibility of fish kills if

final effluent is discharged to a sensitive river as well as heavy fines if discharge licence is exceeded.

Build-up and accumulation of  $H_2S$  in enclosed areas such as pump sumps can be detrimental to the health of the operator. In many pump sumps the operator has to descend a ladder to check or repair a float, etc. If gas has accumulated in this area then the health and safety of the operator is compromised.

BFL 5700SO is a biological product that has capabilities of oxidising  $H_2S$  and other reduced sulphur compounds to produce non-harmful, non-corrosive, odourless end products.

Typical situations in which the use of BFL 5700SO is beneficial include: -

**Treatment of odours associated with primary and secondary sludges**

**Removal of  $H_2S$  associated with storage of wastewater for long periods of time**

**Removal of toxicity in wastewaters associated with nitrification**

**Seeding or reseeded of biological gas scrubbers / biofilters**

**Prevention of build-up and accumulation of  $H_2S$  gas in enclosed spaces.**

BFL 5700SO uses only harmless, natural micro-organisms that eliminate the problem by oxidising soluble sulphides in a highly effective and environmentally acceptable manner.

### **What is BFL 5700SO?**

BFL 5700SO is a biological product specially formulated to provide chemolithotrophic microbial

strains that effectively oxidise H<sub>2</sub>S and other reduced sulphur compounds to ultimately produce sulphate.

The microbial species in BFL 5700SO grow slowly so it is important to add sufficient numbers so that an effective population is generated as fast as possible. Regular maintenance dosing will sustain biomass and performance.

The types of systems in which BFL 5700SO can be used include: -

**Biological gas scrubber / Biofilter**

**Pump sump**

**Sewerage network**

**Storage lagoon**

**Balance tanks**

**Primary sedimentation tank**

**Picket fence thickener**

**Thickened sludge storage tank**

**Sludge press / Belt press**

BFL 5700SO can be used with other BFL 5000 series products to address additional problems in a system.

### **Directions for use**

BFL 5700SO is supplied as a powder product on a cereal base and must be rehydrated before use. This is achieved by adding the required quantity of product to lukewarm (~30°C) water in a suitable container. Apply 1 part product to 10 parts water, stir well and allow to stand for 1 hour before application.

As each application is unique and has different characteristics it is important to assess the site before deciding on a dosing programme. The Technical Department will provide assistance in the assessment of the site, designing a treatment programme and

recommending a suitable dose point.

### ***Optimum operational conditions for BFL 5700SO:***

| <b>Parameter</b> | <b>Minimum</b> | <b>Optimum</b> | <b>Maximum</b> |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>pH</b>        | 6.0            | 7              | 8.5            |
| <b>T(°C)</b>     | 5              | 25 - 30        | 40             |

### **Product safety**

The micro-organisms in BFL 5700SO have all been isolated from natural environments. They have not been genetically modified in any way. These microbial strains have been classified as being harmless to humans, animals and plants in accordance with EU and WHO guidelines. The product is subjected to independent testing to ensure that it is free of *Salmonella* and other contaminants.

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