

# An Alternative Treatment Technology to Open Burning and Open Detonation of Energetic Hazardous Wastes

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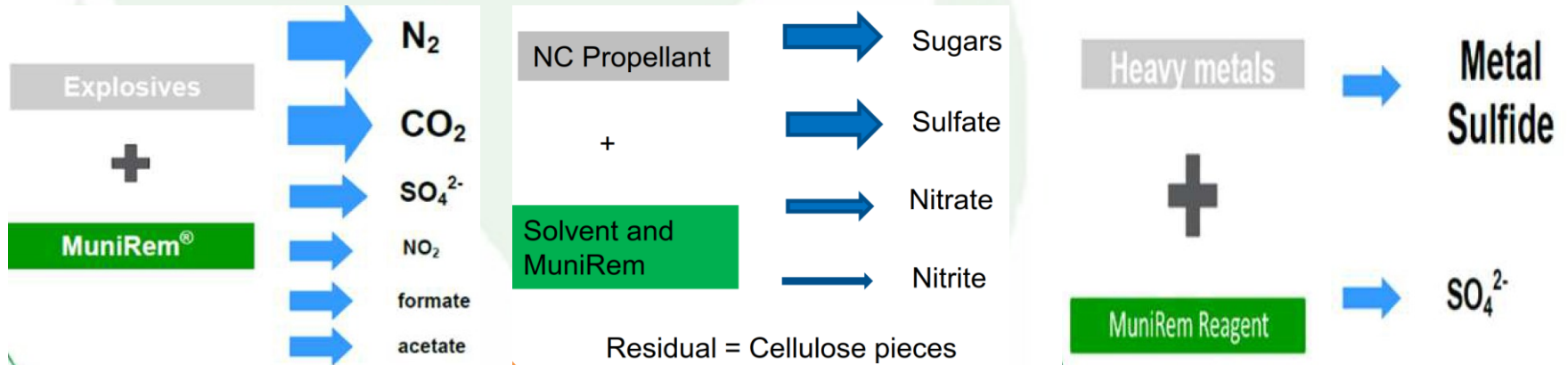
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# What is the Solution?

- A University of Georgia patented innovation commercialized under the Trademark MuniRem®
- Achieves near-instant neutralization and destruction of explosives and chemical warfare agents in an aqueous solution
- Invention based on reduction chemistry mediated by sulfur oxides and other enhancers
- Stabilizes metals as insoluble metal sulfides, thus used for heavy metals remediation
- End-product from reactions is non-hazardous waste
- Versatile and Scalable
- Exclusively licensed to MuniRem Environmental, LLC founded by the inventor at Univ. of Georgia

# Unique Properties of the Chemical Reduction Reagent

End Products after chemical neutralization and destruction are **non-hazardous**



## Commercial Product and Packaging: **Types**

### Types

- MuniRem-R541E
- MuniRem-R532E
- MuniRem-R811E
- MuniRem-FE
- MuniRem-Foam
- MuniRem-BC
  
- All varieties available in deodorized versions (MuniRem-RxxxE-D) which mask the sulfur odor.
- Deodorized MuniRem products are provided upon Client's request.

### Packaging

- 5 lb Pail, sold in packs of 4 (limited availability at present)
- 45 lb Pails (normally available ex-stock)
- 200 lb Drum (available to order)
- Portable Field Kit with 4 x 2 lb jars of different MuniRem Reagents



5 Lb (2.2 kg)  
pail



45 Lb (20.5 kg)  
pail



220 Lb (100 kg)  
Drum



Portable  
Field Kit

# MuniRem Capabilities & Applications

## Versatility of Chemical Reagent

### Military Explosives

- C4
- HMX
- PETN
- RDX
- Semtex

### Commercial Explosives

- ANAL
- ANFO
- Black Powder
- Dynamite
- Nitroglycerin
- Smokeless Powder
- TNT
- Urea Nitrate

### Improvised Explosives\*

- HMTD
- TATP

### Other Contaminants

- Heavy Metals
- Reactive Aluminum
- Halogenated Organics

## Applications

### A. Demilitarization:

- Bulk explosives neutralization
- Demilitarization derived waste
- Recovered underwater munitions
- Humanitarian demining
- Neutralization of Fireworks/Flares

### B. Decontamination:

- Manufacturing equipment
- Former explosive manufacturing buildings
- Scrap metal & bomb casings
- Indoor Training Range Maintenance

### C. Remediation

- Soil
- Groundwater and Wastewater
- Training Ranges



## NEUTRALIZATION AND DISPOSAL OF BULK EXPLOSIVES

### Case Studies:

Military Explosive – Composition D

Commercial Explosive – Dynamite

# Options for Recovery of Bomb Fillers (Bulk Energetics)

- Water jet
- Water saw
- Milling
- Cryogenic Breaching



Projectile Casings



Breaching and Recovery  
of Bulk Energetics



Recovered Bulk Energetics

# Custom Built Reactors for Instant Neutralization of Multiple 10 lb. (4.5 kg) Batches of Bulk Explosives



**Main Treatment Tank Reactor**

Complete, instant and rapid neutralization in under 30 minutes

Effluent wastewater target of 2 ppm explosives achieved

Bomb casings registered no detectable explosive compounds or intermediate products after decontamination in MuniRem solution

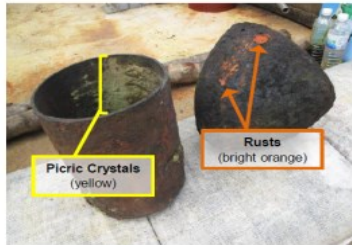

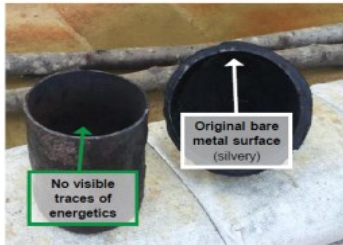








# Thermal Vs. Non-thermal Decontamination of Bomb Casings

## Thermal Decontamination



## MuniRem Bath Decontamination

<p>Before Treatment</p> 	<p>30-mins MuniRem® Bath</p> 	<p>30-mins after MuniRem® Bath</p> 
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## **Chemical Neutralization and Destruction of Dynamite in Abandoned Magazines**

Hazard is highly unstable nitroglycerine sweating out of the dynamite sticks

# Chemical Neutralization and Destruction of Dynamite Abandoned in Storage Magazine

## Storage Magazine Before Doors Opened



## Contents of Explosive Storage Magazine



>40 Years Old



## Abandoned Explosive Magazine



# Chemical Neutralization and Destruction of Dynamite Abandoned in Storage Magazine

Dynamite Soaked with MuniRem Solution to Allow for Safe Recovery



Recovered Dynamite in Plastic Tub and Soaked in MuniRem Solution



# Chemical Neutralization and Destruction of Dynamite Abandoned in Storage Magazine

Destruction of Dynamite in MuniRem Reagent Solution



Packaging Left from Destruction of Dynamite



# Open Detonation vs. Chemical Neutralization of Underwater Munitions

## Unexploded Ordnance Clearance at Mappleton Beach by Open Detonation

<https://ceobs.org/blast-fishing-how-abandoned-ordnance-is-destroying-coral-reefs/>

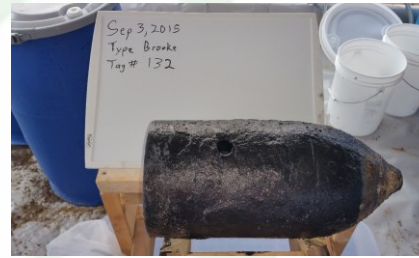


## Breaching and Chemical Neutralization of Recovered Underwater Munitions



# Chemical Neutralization of Munitions

End Products: Empty Bomb Casings and Non-hazardous Wastewater



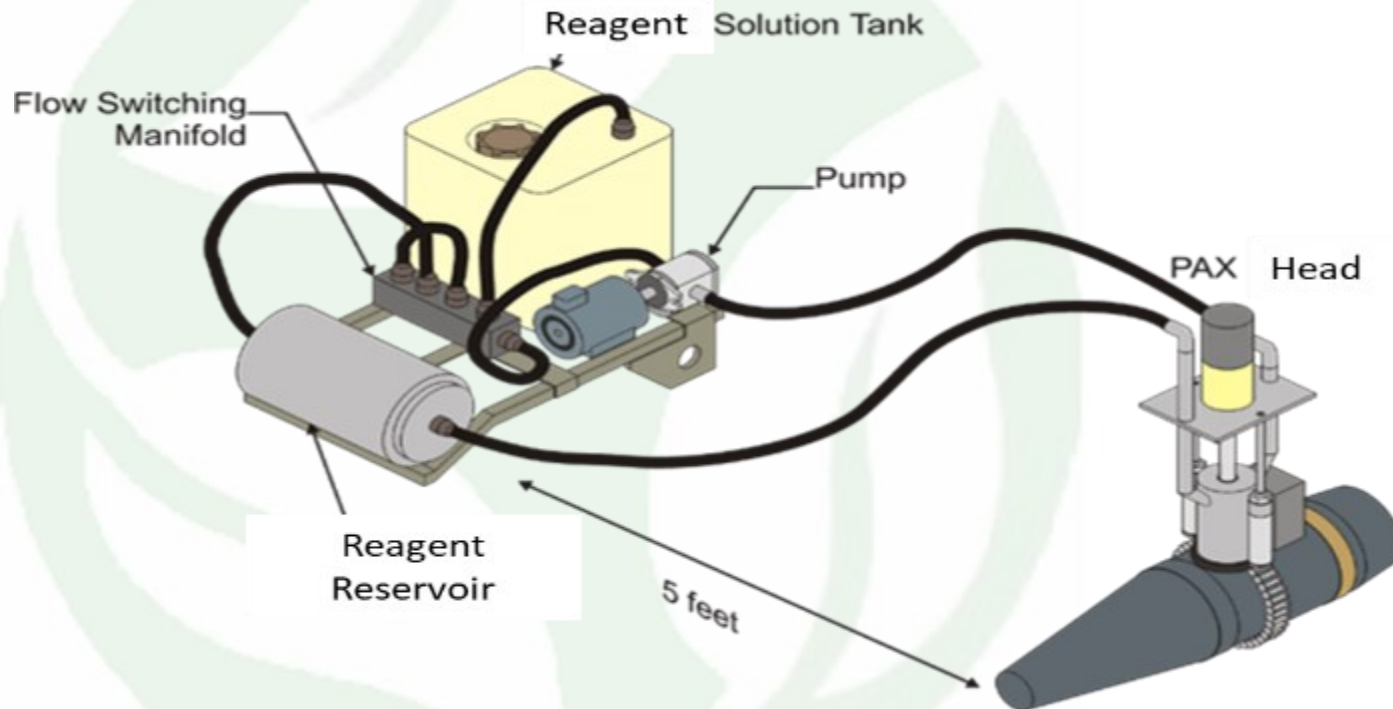
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Fuze





# In-Place Demilitarization of Munitions

Equipment developed and demonstrated by SRI & ARA, Inc

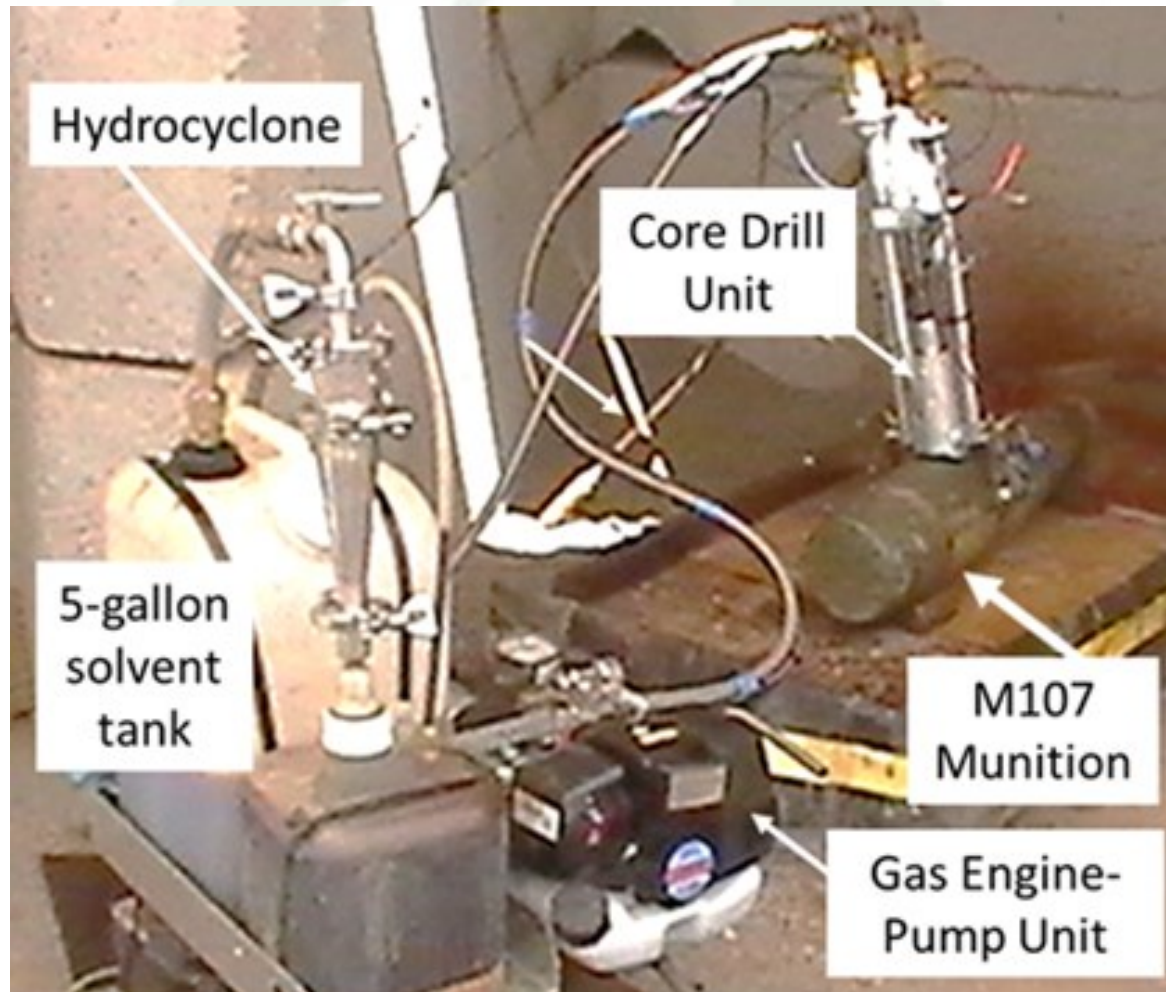


**Mature, low-risk technology for fast field destruction of toxic liquid chemicals, and safe remote breaching of chemical ordinance shell.**

Extensively tested

Energy-efficient, fluidized bed, multi-arc reactor CWA elimination system (US Patent 8,465,809 B2, 2013)

# In-Place Breaching, Dissolution and Destruction of Bomb Fillers in M107 Munition Item



PAX/MuniRem technology is packaged as a transportable system carried on board of a trailer pulled by a jeep to destroy stockpiles of toxic materials and/or destroy tens of munitions in a matter of hours.

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# In-Situ Remediation of Explosives in Soil at a DoD BRAC Site in the USA



MuniRem<sup>®</sup> is directly tilled into the soil for treatment



Blackened soil: neutralization of explosives in hotspot areas

# MuniRem Technology Rating

No.	Criteria	Rating
1	Maturity	Already applied at full scale to demilitarize discarded military munitions and neutralize bulk explosives Compliments other demilitarization technologies
2	Process Efficacy	Demonstrated and validated at bench, pilot and full scale
3	Process Throughput	10s to 100s pounds per hour. Determined by breaching and neutralization method
4	Process Safety	<b>Very safe.</b> Near instant neutralization of most energetics
5	Public & Regulatory Acceptance	Already approved on multiple State and Federal projects
6	Secondary Waste Issue	Not a concern
7	Destruction Verification Capacity	Available and Rapid. EXPRAY Test Kits and similar commercially available wet chemistry explosives sensors
8	Process Flexibility	Very scalable and adaptable. Easily transportable for on-site demilitarization. Fixed facility not a requirement for application

# Increasing Capacity by Building Government and Industry Partnerships Worldwide

Country	Private Industry	Government
Australia	X	X
Canada	X	X
Israel	X	X
Lebanon	X	X
Mexico	X	0
Saudi Arabia	0	X
South Africa	X	0
United Kingdom	0	X
United States	X	X

New partnerships coming up in Bosnia, Greece, Netherland/Germany

## Conclusions

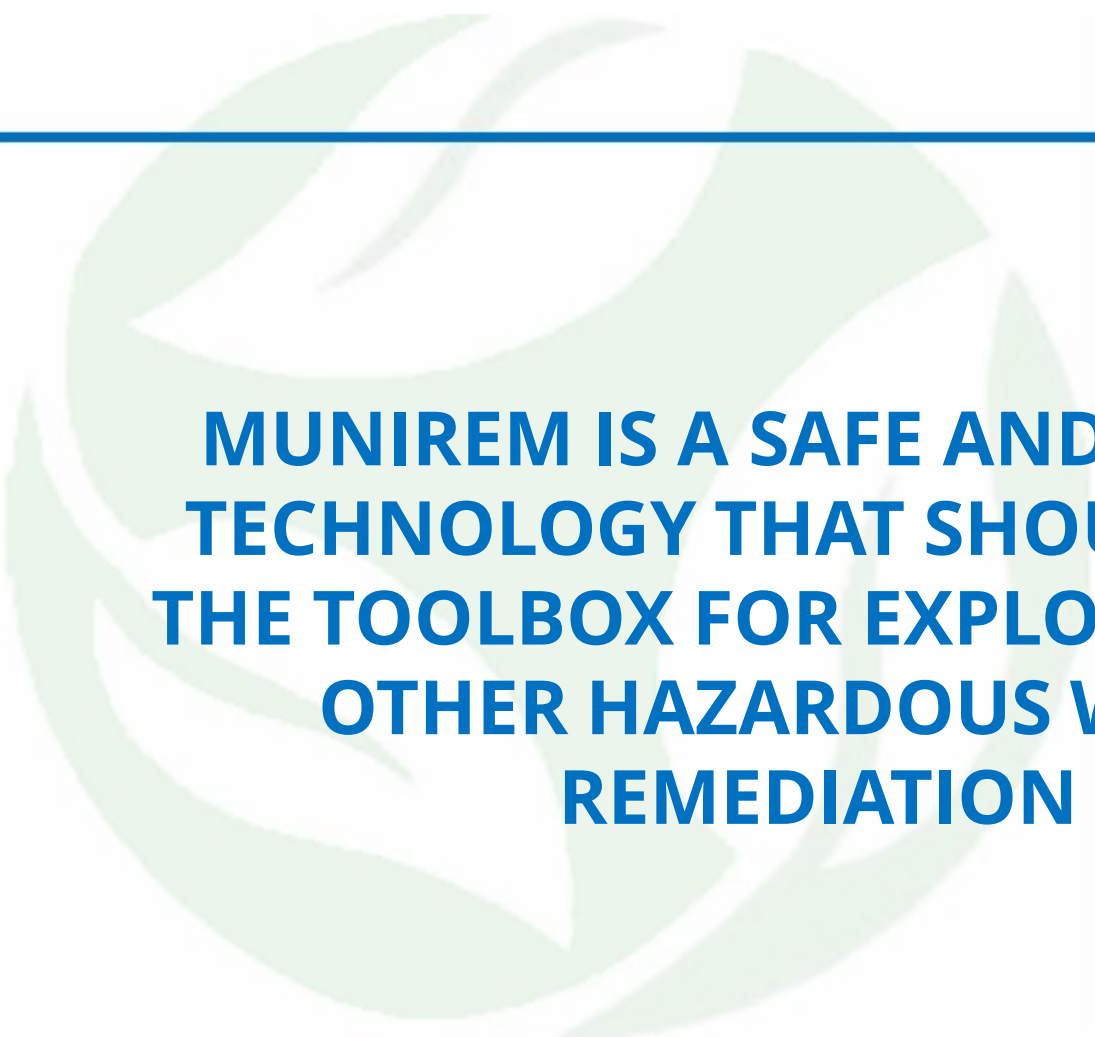
We have a safe solution to destroy dynamite and other explosives without polluting our air, soil and water.

We have a solution to mitigate the world's explosives remnants of wars faster and safely.

This invention is also beneficial for combating weapons of mass destruction and humanitarian demining.



An underwater muniton dump site. According to the DoD, there are at least 32,000 tons of chemical weapons dumped in U.S. coastal waters. (Photo: Courtesy of the International Dialogue on Underwater Munitions)

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**MUNIREM IS A SAFE AND PROVEN  
TECHNOLOGY THAT SHOULD BE IN  
THE TOOLBOX FOR EXPLOSIVES AND  
OTHER HAZARDOUS WASTE  
REMEDICATION**