

# GILES CHEMICAL ~ PREMIER MAGNESIA

**Company Procedure** 

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#### 1.0 Purpose

This procedure puts into detail proper steps to ensure that all sulfuric acid coming to the plant in tankers is handled safely and correctly.

## 2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to all manufacturing workers.

#### 3.0 Responsibility

Material Handler

### **4.0 Safety Considerations**

The Material Handler and truck driver must both be present during the entire unloading process. All PPE pertaining to handling sulfuric acid must be worn.

Safety is a condition of employment. Employees are not authorized to work in an unsafe manner and are prohibited from harming the environment of the facility or community.

### 5.0 Materials/Equipment-

- PPE clothing
- key to lock
- empty bucket
- metal container with lime

#### 6.0 Procedure

- 1. Trucks can only be unloaded between the hours of 7 AM 5 PM.
- 2. Upon arrival, the truck driver will contact the Lead Operator working the shift.
- 3. The Lead Operator will get the key for the lock on the #2 intake valve from the Maintenance Office and give it to the Material Handler.
- 4. Close #2 Intake Valve.
- 5. The #1 intake valve determining where the acid is to go must be set correctly.
  - If the acid is to go to the storage tanks it should be in the horizontal position



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- 6. The Material Handler will then remove the lock from the #2 intake valve.
- 7. Check the levels in the storage tanks to determine which tank is to be filled.
- 8. At the top of the platform, the middle feeder line determines which tank to feed into.
- 9. If you are feeding into #1 Acid Storage Tank, the 1<sup>st</sup> valve must be horizontal (inline) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> valve upright (closed).
- 10. If you are feeding into #2 Acid Storage Tank, the 1<sup>st</sup> valve must be upright (closed) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> valve must be horizontal (inline).
- 11. Request that the truck driver give you a sample of the acid before he begins to unload.
- 12. The truck driver, (in full personal protective equipment) will then hook up to intake valve and begin the unloading process.
- 13. When the unloading is complete, the truck driver will drain the remaining acid from his hose into a designated bucket.
- 14. The Material Handler will then empty the bucket into a specially designated area. The area will be a metal container filled with the proper amount of lime to neutralize the acid.
- 15. The Material Handler will then close the intake valve, re-secure the lock and return the key to the Maintenance Office.
- 16. When enough time has elapsed, the non-reactive waste product will then be taken to the "mud" pile and dumped.

#### 7.0 Reference Documents

N/A

#### **8.0 Change Information**

Document review- updated format using new template and numbering system.