

# **SludgeHammer**<sup>®</sup>

nature called. we answered.

**Empowering Nature in** Wastewater Treatment Systems

## We love our lakes - So how do we protect them?





How do you keep a lake like this from becoming

#### A lake like this!



### Annual Lake Weather Cycle



## Spring Diatom Increase and Aquatic Food Cycle

Diatoms





#### **Bacterial Bioremediation**



Dr. Wickham Develops the SludgeHammer Blend Bacteria and displays successful soil remediations at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Oakland Naval Supply Depot, Chevron Oil and PEMEX.

#### Active Fermentation in Manure Lagoon



#### Sources of Wastewater Bacteria















# Weaknesses of Strict Aerobes



- 1. Random sourcing
- 2. Appetite constrained by host dependency
- Require O<sub>2</sub> Cannot survive in anaerobic leach field.
- 4. Cannot ferment
- Cannot denitrify

# Soil Bacteria



- Survive in anaerobic conditions
- When anaerobic they ferment sugars such as muco-polysaccharides
- · Denitrifiers when anaerobic
- Operate at low temperatures
- Spore formers are "R" selected
- Produce very small level of biomass
- Robust enough to recover quickly

The ABG is an aeration device that provides a specific refuge where facultative soil bacteria can be grown inside the tank.



# GeoFlow Subsurface Drip Irrigation



Nitrogen and Phosphate Directly taken up by Vegetative Growth

Enriched organic environment of discharge point increases nutrient absorption and biological treatment even in winter.



#### Why is water so unique?



#### Viscosity and Surface Tension

Walking on water!





#### Capillary action and soil





Liquid microlayer around soil particles



Capillary action can pull water all the way up a 200 foot tree! Nutrient control is the key with phosphate being the most important. Aeration may be the best way to keep it in the soil and out of the Groundwater

#### Lysimeter Soil Samples at Depth Total Phosphorus readings as mg/l

	Site 3			Site 1			Site 2 SludgeHammer withsubsurface drip		
	Conventional Septic/leachfield			Single SludgeHammer in septic tank/leachfield					
	Depth			Depth			Depth		
Date	6"	12"	24"	6"	12"	24"	6"	12"	24"
Baseline 11/12	1.19	1.59	0.5	0.15	0.14	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.47
12/13/2004	1.95	NS	1.63	0	0	0	0	0	NS
1/5/2005	2.96	3.23	1.89	0.12	0	0	NS	NS	0
1/10/2005	NS	3.78	1.58	0.06	0	0	NS	NS	0
1/26/2005	5.12	NS	2.81	0.09	0	0.11	NS	NS	NS
2/8/2005	6.7	NS	3.56	0.06	0	0	NS	NS	0
2/14/2005	6.97	7.06	4.5	0.09	0.05	0.07	NS	NS	0.57
2/21/2005	7.96	8.06	5.22	0.08	0	0	0.08	0	0
2/28/2005	7.05	8.51	5.28	0.27	0.07	0.32	0.09	0.25	0.08
3/7/2005	6.28	NS	4.29	0.09	0.06	0	0.09	0	0.05
avg	5.62	6.13	3.42	0.10	0.02	0.16	0.07	0.06	0.10

# Septage treatment through soil



	BOD	TSS	NH3	NO2	NO3	TKN	TN	Phosp.
Raw Septage	2423	4280.3	125.60	0.04	1.3	232.30	233.60	19.2
Average SludgeHammer	80.57	438.73	4.81	3.35	18.37	18.21	39.29	6.28
Average Soil Treatment	16	14.46	7.56	0	4.75	10.68	15.83	0.83

No	: Analysis	Concentration	LOD	Units
SA	MPLE ID: PUMP TANK			
1	BOD 5-DAY SM5210-B-2016	<7	7	mg/L (PPM)
1	NITROGEN, AMMONIA - SM4500-NH3-G-2011	ND	0.20	mg/L (PPM)
1	NITROGEN, KJELDAHL EPA SM4500-NH3-G	1.8	1.0	mg/L (PPM)
1	NITROGEN, NITRATE - EPA 353.2	10.8	0.50	mg/L (PPM)
1	NITROGEN, NITRITE - EPA 353.2	0.42	0.05	mg/L (PPM)
1	PHOSPHORUS-TOTAL EPA 365.1	4.33	0.25	mg/L (PPM)
1	RESIDUE, NON-FILTERABLE(TSS)/SM2540D	7	1	mg/L (PPM)
SA	MPLE ID: SOIL SAMPLER			
2	NITROGEN, AMMONIA - SM4500-NH3-G-2011	8.59	0.20	mg/L (PPM)
2	NITROGEN, NITRATE - EPA 353.2	1.63	0.50	mg/L (PPM)
2	NITROGEN, NITRITE - EPA 353.2	0.06	0.05	mg/L (PPM)
2	PHOSPHORUS-TOTAL EPA 365.1	ND	0.25	mg/L (PPM)

DigIt Excavation converts pumpand-Haul tanks to Drip at Lake Cora





#### Tiny yard next to private lake near Traverse City





# Trees can now be part of your disposal system.



The Visconti property on Mullet Lake already had a beautiful landscape mound. Treated effluent now provides nutrients and irrigation.



### What about Lakes that already have blooms?

Pond Unit added to Pea Soup lake



Solar powered pond treatment unit

Pond water without algae





# Phosphate Adsorption Media



## Silver Lake Biochar Installation



June 10 – Installation with Secchi disc at 32"



August 11 – Secchi reading at 48" and visible clearing throughout the lake.



