





Remediating Pollution with Photocatalytic Pavements



Air Pollution: Natural Causes





Air Pollution: Man-Made Causes



Source: EPA National Emissions Inventory (NEI)



The Back Story on Air Pollution

- Over 90% of transportation fuel is petroleum based.
- 50% of fuel combustion emissions are Nitrogen Oxides (NOx).
- NOx is the primary cause of visual air pollution and acid rain.

Source: EPA



Understanding Nitrogen Oxides

NOx includes Nitric Oxides (NO) and Nitrogen Dioxides (NO_2) – with NO_2 being particularly dangerous due to its:

- Adverse effects on human respiratory systems
- Role as a precursor to tropospheric ozone and particulate matter





From the Vehicles We Drive... to the Air We Breathe





How Ozone Forms As NOx Mixes with Air and Sun, Dreaded Ground Level Ozone and Other Damaging Pollutants are Formed.





U.S. NO₂ Emission Density Nitrogen Dioxide





What Does this Mean to All of Us... and to Our Grandchildren?

- In 2014, the World Health Organization estimated 7 million premature deaths worldwide due to air pollution.
- An MIT study estimated 200,000 premature deaths in the U.S. each year due to air pollution.
- The International Energy Agency estimates China's smog is reducing life expectancy by 25 months.



Today's Reality is Grim... The Health Costs of Pollution





The Monetary Costs of Pollution

- The World Bank estimates air pollution is costing the world economy more then \$5 trillion annually in welfare costs.
- The International Energy Agency estimates additional costs in life-saving innovations as:
 - \$2.3 trillion for advanced pollution controls in vehicles
 - \$2.5 trillion for advances in the energy sector



The Safety Costs of Pollution

THE TIMES

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Air pollution is blamed for increases in road accidents

Oliver Moody, Science Correspondent

October 3 2016, 12:01am, The Times



A PhD student at the London School of Economics found that the number of accidents on British roads fluctuated in line with levels of nitrogen dioxide PETER MACDIAMMOGETTY IMAGES

Heavy pollution makes people drive more dangerously, according to the first study to link dirty air with road accidents.



The Problem is Clear...

and a field-proven approach to pollution remediation has been found!



The Science Behind Photocatalytic Reactions

The use of Titanium Dioxide (TiO_2) as a photocatalyst was discovered in 1972.

- When exposed to UV light, TiO₂ creates hydroxyl radicals and superoxides.
- These intermediates then oxidize to reduce NOx, which oxidizes into water-soluble nitrates that are washed way by rainfall.



Proven in Application: Roofs

A CNRS study of Noxite® roofing demonstrates an 89% reduction in NOx!



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Arrival of the pollutant (NOx) Excitation of the TiO₂

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Transformation of the pollutant



Nitrates diluted and washed away in rainwater

Source: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique – French National Scientific Research Centre



Roofing Case Study

- Sustainable
- Proven in Performance



To meet the high performance needs of this critical facility, the two-ply Icopal Siplast SBS- modified bitumen Paradiene 20/30 Eco-Activ® System was chosen.

Noxite® from lcopal is part of its Eco-Active range of building protection systems, and is manufactured with a granular titanium dioxide finish which works actively with the surrounding environment to transform harmful nitrogen oxides into harmless nitrates.



Proven in Application: Buildings Torre de Especialidades Hospital, Mexico City, Mexico







Proven in Application: Buildings

Palazzo Italia, 2015 World's Fair, Milan, Italy: 9,000 sq.m Tiocem® Photocatalytic Concrete with TIO₂

Reaction process of NOx reduction by TioCem®







Proven in Application: New Concrete Roads

Borgo Palazzo Street, Bergamo, Italy: New Roadways, Tiocem® Photocatalytic Concrete with TIO₂



Two Weeks of Testing: NOx reductions of 41-49% 19

Example of NO_x reduction – November 2006





Proven in Application: Existing Asphalt Roads

Charlotte County, FL

A.R.A.-1 Ti® polymerized asphalt rejuvenator with pollution remediation

- Maltene-Replenishing
- Air-Purifying
- Deep Penetration
- Increased Longevity





Proven in Application: Existing Concrete Roads

Austin, TX, TxDOT – I-35 PCC Softer Aggregate Pavement Litho 1000 Ti® concrete sealer and hardening agent with pollution remediation and Skidabrader surface texturing

- Maltene-Replenishing
- Air-Purifying
- Deep Penetration
- Increased Longevity
- Enhanced Texturing







Proven in Application: All Roads

- Marginally more expensive than regular "top of the curve" ^{Vehicle} preservation strategies
- Significantly contributory to remediating air pollution
- Equally effective on new and existing concrete and asphalt roadways





Imagine the Possibilities

Pollution-Remediating...

- Roofs
- Buildings
- Roadways









The Need is Clear, The Time is Now



The future is theirs...the responsibility, **ours.**





Questions?

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