

## **Kansas firm turns nose up to bad smells**

*Company loans odor-eliminating device to Boy Scouts*

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**Local companies don't have to worry about creating offensive smells, according to a firm in Mission, Kan. Environmental Pasteurization believes it has the answer for offensive smells, and to prove it, it loaned one of its patented processors to the Boy Scouts for use at Camp Geiger. "We haven't found any odor we can't eliminate," said Don Sifers, manager and creator of the processor.**

The company developed a machine, housed in a 14-gauge steel box, that can be hooked up to any closed system, from vault latrines at campgrounds to manufacturing areas where chemicals or other items are heated and mixed.

A standard-sized processor uses one gallon of propane for every 25 "running" hours of operation, said Todd Doxsee, the company's vice president of sales.

"Nobody believed it would work, so the company decided to select some Boy Scout camps and U.S. Army Corp of Engineers sites for demonstration projects," Mr. Sifers said.

On Thursday, Brenda Land, a sanitary engineer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forestry Service, visited the Camp Geiger project to see how things were working with the machine.

"Cub Scouts were out here during the last two weekends, and they aren't used to strange smells," said John Clawson, the ranger who lives at Camp Geiger. Usually, the kids will complain about smells when they catch a whiff of something offensive, Mr. Clawson said. But the processor eliminated any smells, he said.

The company's machine doesn't have to be constantly running. It can have a timer that turns the processor on only as needed. The machine is flameless and produces heat that can be recycled and reused a second time to heat the vault at no cost, Mr. Doxsee said.

Ms. Land, who works in the Forestry Service's California technology and development center, said if the company can produce a tamper-resistant, neutral-colored container and pass the necessary tests, it might become another tool in the Forestry Service toolbox.

Costs vary, depending on a company's needs and the amount of odor that needs to be eliminated. The Boy Scouts plan to evaluate their trial period before making any decisions.

After he became President of Sifers Chemicals, he developed an aerosol carpet stain remover in 1964 which he named "Spot Shot" which was later sold to WD-40.

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