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### **Evaporative Cooling**

#### Introduction

Temperatures within animal housing can dramatically increase during periods of warm weather and will have a detrimental effect on the health of the livestock within. Therefore, evaporative cooling systems are used to reduce the indoor air temperature.

An evaporative cooling system works by pumping cold clean water from a reservoir tank to a feed pipe situated across the top of a corrugated cool cell pad. The water naturally flows slowly downward wetting the entire pad as a large fan, situated on the inside edge, draws air through it and into the building, see diagram 1.0. As the air passes through the core of the system, it is naturally cooled by the continuous flow of cold water over the cells, thereby reducing the ambient temperature within the livestock housing.





#### Pathogen challenges & mineral deposits

The warm and wet conditions within the cool cell pads provide the ideal environment in which algae and bacteria can grow, increasing the potential for disease-causing organisms to be introduced.

Dust particles being drawn into the building can also be considered a possible source of infection as their surface has the potential to transport disease-causing organisms from one place to another, over long distances, as they travel through the air.

With water constantly passing over the cool cell pads, mineral and scale deposits can block the corrugated openings, restricting air flow and decreasing the efficiency of the cooling system. Therefore, as a result, the fans need to work harder to achieve the same amount of air flow into the building, which in turn will increase energy costs and required maintenance for the cooling system.

#### Reduces scale build-up & mineral deposits

Compatible with cool cell pad materials

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#### Proven reduction in hard water scale build-up

By its nature, the oxidative chemistry of Virkon<sup>™</sup> S combined with the high level of sequestrant within its formulation helps to keep minerals in solution, thus mitigating the build-up of scale deposits on the cool cell pads.

#### **Proven materials compatibility**

Virkon<sup>™</sup> S does not have any detrimental effect on the integrity of the materials used in the construction of cool cell pads, especially the adhesive.

In a practical use study carried out, sections of cool cell pads (approximately 8" x 3" x 3") were immersed in a 2% Virkon<sup>™</sup> S solution for three weeks, the recommended application rate of Virkon<sup>™</sup> S solution for continuous cool cell pad disinfection is 0.5% (once the pads have been cleaned).

The pads were visually inspected over the course of the study and, as can be seen in the images, no degradation of the construction materials was observed. The adhesive and structural integrity of the cool cell pads remained intact.

#### How to apply Virkon<sup>™</sup> S

At the start of the warm weather season, use an acidic heavy-duty cleaner such as Biosolve<sup>™</sup> AquaMax<sup>™</sup> XL to clean and remove mineral deposits from evaporative coolers prior to disinfection with Virkon<sup>™</sup> S. (Virkon<sup>™</sup> S is not approved for use in evaporative cooling systems in California).

Prepare a 1% Virkon<sup>™</sup> S solution (1:100 dilution rate) to disinfect evaporative coolers by adding 1.3oz of the concentrate per gallon of water for the total volume of the reservoir/sump.



Treat existing algae and slime contaminated surfaces with a 1:100 dilution of Virkon<sup>™</sup> S. Treat cooler water every week with a dilution of 1:200 or 0.65 oz. of Virkon<sup>™</sup> S for every gallon of cooler water.

Make Virkon<sup>™</sup> S your one step disinfectant for cleaning and disinfecting your evaporative coolers, and decrease your energy costs and improve maintenance of your cooling system.

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