SULFIX PPA-resistant H$_2$S scavenger program for asphalt
Mitigate hydrogen sulfide regeneration during production and blending

The chemical binders used in asphalt manufacturing are often modified using a variety of techniques to improve their properties and performance, enabling terminal operators to enhance the value of asphalt products. In North America particularly, binders such as polyphosphoric acid (PPA) have been used for many years. During asphalt refining, hydrogen sulfide (H$_2$S) levels can be a serious HSE concern, requiring a H$_2$S scavenger program to help mitigate the risk. However, mixing a PPA modifier into the scavenged asphalt product can pose an additional threat as it can trigger the regeneration of H$_2$S. The resulting reaction can significantly increase HSE hazards and operational risks if not properly treated.

This issue has become a growing concern for asphalt terminal operators, as current treatment programs are unable to prevent PPA-based H$_2$S regeneration at economical dosage rates. To help find a safer solution, Baker Hughes developed the SULFIX™ PPA-resistant hydrogen sulfide scavenger program. This program helps mitigate H$_2$S released from asphalt and bitumen products while resisting H$_2$S reversion caused by PPA modification. The SULFIX PPA-resistant H$_2$S hydrogen sulfide scavenger can be injected during the asphalt modification process at the terminal or, alternatively, can be added to asphalt during the production process. The reaction of the SULFIX PPA-resistant scavenger with H$_2$S is fast and irreversible under standard asphalt manufacturing conditions and resistant to H$_2$S regeneration under PPA-modified conditions.

The scavenger is an ideal treatment for applications that require immediate H$_2$S reduction or where retreatment of asphalt after PPA modification is not economical. Treating the asphalt with the SULFIX PPA-resistant scavenger program helps minimize your safety risks while also protecting downstream transportation and storage equipment from H$_2$S-induced corrosion, offering you additional economic benefits.

Applications
- Asphalt terminals
- Asphalt production modification facilities

Benefits
- Reduce employee safety risks, comply with environmental regulations, and minimizes related CAPEX with properly chemical treatment and application
- Lessen mitigation logistics and cost with a single treatment solution
- Decrease emissions, odor, and corrosion caused by H$_2$S
- Stabilizes asphalt quality due to metal-based scavenger technology program

Contact your Baker Hughes representative to learn how a SULFIX PPA-resistant scavenger program can help you reduce HSE and operational concerns when blending asphalt with polyphosphoric acid.