

Potash in the Innovation Center



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Potash materials are frequently tested in the FEECO Innovation Center for a variety of reasons. This might include to test the feasibility of a new product or idea, enhance the characteristics or performance of an existing product, improve upon or troubleshoot a process, or even develop a new process.

Our process experts can work with you to develop a customized testing program around the answers you're looking for. Depending on your needs, we offer testing services in four categories:

1. Feasibility/Proof of Concept - An initial, non-witnessed batch testing phase in which the possibility of creating a product is explored.

2. Proof of Product - A more in-depth batch testing phase in which more time is spent determining whether a product can be made to desired specifications.

3. Proof of Process - A continuous testing phase that aims to establish the equipment setup and parameters required for continuous production of your specific material.

4. Process/Product Optimization - An in-depth study to optimize your specific material's characteristics and/or production parameters in an industrial setting.

Processes Commonly Tested:

- Potash Pelletizing
- Potash Compaction
- Potash Drying
- Potash Glazing

Equipment Commonly Tested:

- Disc Pelletizer
- Roll Compactor
- Rotary Dryer
- Pin Mixer/Pug Mill
- Screen
- Hammer Mill
- Conveyor
- Bucket Elevator

Most often, customers are looking to create a durable pellet or granule capable of breaking down quickly in standard field conditions, while also counteracting dust and improving product handling. To achieve this, various binders are also used during the agglomeration tests, to create a product that is durable enough to withstand subsequent processing and handling.

Commonly Tested Potash Materials:

- Potash (MOP, SOP, Langbeinite)
- Various Fertilizer and/or Mineral Blends
- Polyhalite

THE INNOVATION CENTER ADVANTAGE

Testing in the FEECO Innovation Center provides an invaluable opportunity to test in a controlled environment, allowing you to gain a familiarity with your material, while reducing the chance for unforeseen problems after process scale-up. Some of the many advantages to testing in the FEECO Innovation Center include:

Material Experience:

FEECO has been a pioneer in material processing since the 1950s, and has extensive knowledge around hundreds of materials and processing methods. FEECO is highly experienced in working with potash and its many forms, as well as various fertilizer blends.

Customers gain a valuable familiarity with their material and its unique characteristics through testing in the Innovation Center.

Complete Process Knowledge:

FEECO is familiar with each aspect of a process, from agglomeration and kiln processing, to drying and cooling, allowing us to look at how the process will function as a whole, instead of each individual portion.

Process Scale-up:

Once the process configuration has been defined, FEECO can aid in process scale-up, as well as manufacturing the equipment needed to get the job done.

Automation & Data Collection:

FEECO is a Rockwell Automation partner, providing integrated process control solutions for our customers, both as a service in the Innovation Center, and as part of a system purchase. This provides customers with state-of-the-art data collection and reporting capabilities.

A variety of data points can be monitored, trended, and adjusted in real time, all from a single interface or mobile device.

Historical data is also available for returning customers, allowing you to pick up exactly where you left off.

Virtual Lab:

FEECO offers a unique Virtual Lab where customers can view their material being tested in real time, without having to come to the FEECO facility.

Commonly Targeted Material Characteristics:

- Crush Strength
- Abrasion/Attrition
- Material Composition
- Bulk Density
- Flowability
- Moisture Content
- Green/Wet Strength
- Sieve Analysis
- Solubility

SCHEDULE A TEST

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