

Milorganite Poem

MILWAUKEE MAKES MILORGANITE FAMOUS!!!

Milwaukee is the land of cheer
 German cooking, ale and beer;
 They eat and drink from Morn till night,
 And then they make MILORGANITE!!!

Their ball team is quite their pride,
 It's fame has traveled far and wide.
 The grandstand has a place in sight
 Where they can go and make MILORGANITE!!!

After the game they go to dinner,
 It does not matter whose the winner;
 And after sleeping through the night,
 Start making more MILORGANITE!!!

I state without equivocation,
 This chore has keen cooperation;
 It's manufacture is an art,
 Where everybody does his part.

Old men, young men, perfumed ladies,
 Boys and girls and even babies;
 Grunt and strain and do what's right,
 To pile up more MILORGANITE!!!

You make it — we sell it — if it's not good —
 Author — unknown then it's your own fault!!! daily production — 205 tons!!!



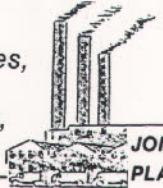
"STRIKE THREE!!"



The more WE get!!!



MILWAUKEE'S GEMUETLICHKEIT TRIO



JONES ISLAND SEWAGE PLANT

Milorganite and the Environment

In the 1970's great concern was expressed about the heavy metals, particularly cadmium, in Milorganite. At one point in late 1979 a citizen subcommittee to the Citizen's Environmental Assessment Base Committee urged the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to halt Milorganite production. The commissioners of MMSD seriously considered stopping the production of Milorganite. However, before production was stopped the staff of the Milorganite Sales Department demonstrated the situation was greatly exaggerated and production continued. To protect MMSD from possible legal action the commission ordered a notice put on the bags to inform Milorganite users of the cadmium situation. Later, Mike Malk, Manager of Solids Utilization, showed the commissioners of MMSD that Milorganite sales saved the taxpayers of Milwaukee more than \$5 million annually and that any other form of sewage disposal would cost much more.

In order to ease any further objections, MMSD ordered several key industries in the Milwaukee sewage treatment area to pretreat their wastes to remove the cadmium and recycle it. Since then the cadmium levels have dropped to well within the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's recommendations.

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