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(54) Title: NOVEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD FOR NEUTRALIZATION AND SOLIDIFICATION OF HAZARDOUS ALKALI SPILLS (57) Abstract A dry particulate composition containing an organic neutralizing acid and, materials having varying absorption rates may be used to neutralize alkaline spills, and solidify the spills to render them harmless. These compositions may be applied to the spills by fire-extinguisher-like delivery devices which spread the compositions on the spills from a relatively safe distance without splattering the hazardous materials.		

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NOVEL COMPOSITIONS AND METHOD FOR
NEUTRALIZATION AND SOLIDIFICATION OF
HAZARDOUS ALKALI SPILLS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 This application is a continuation-in-part
of U.S. Serial No. 06/859,122, which is hereby
incorporated herein by reference.

1. Field of the Invention

20 This invention relates to novel compositions
and the novel methods of their use for neutralization
and clean-up of hazardous alkali spills.

2. Prior Art

25 Various compositions have been known in the
past to be useful for the neutralization of alkali
waste materials. Some prior art references describe
methods for neutralizing alkali spills. However,
these prior art compositions and methods for alkali
waste neutralization entail certain disadvantages in
30 situations in which alkali compositions spill in an
industrial plant or similar cases.

United States Patent No. 3,042,622
(Kirschenbauer) describes an abrasive cleaning
composition comprising a mixture of a water-insoluble
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abrasive cleaning composition comprising a mixture or a water-insoluble abrasive material and an alkaline ingredient, and an acidic ingredient. The composition exhibits both alkaline and acidic cleansing properties in water. The abrasive agents used in the composition include siliceous materials including silex, tripoli, pumice, volcanic ash, pumicite, bentonite, diatomaceous earth, feldspar and the like. The composition may also include a water-soluble acidic ingredient, including citric acid (column 2, line 45). These abrasive compositions may be used for cleaning, such as in scouring powders, and for the removal of stains from metal surfaces. However, these compositions are useful as abrasives for cleansing, and cannot be applied to hazardous spill control.

United States Patent No. 3,708,429 describes cleaning compositions comprising a substantially anhydrous mixture of (a) a surface active agent, (b) an alkaline catalyst, (c) an acid release agent, and (d) a lower aliphatic alcohol. The acid release agent can be encapsulated using an encapsulating material which is stable in the anhydrous composition, but which dissolves or disperses in water in order to activate the acidic material inside. The acid release agents useful in this composition includes citric acid, glutaric acid and tartaric acid, as well as acid salts. This patent also states that the acidic materials may be absorbed onto solid carrier materials, e.g. acetic acid absorbed onto bentonite. These compositions are described as being useful for cleaning fatty soil from dishes and for dishwashing compositions which are used diluted in water, rather than for hazardous spill neutralization.

United States Patent No. 4,105,576

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° (Seidenberger) is directed to the control and
clean-up of liquid caustic spills by neutralization
and absorption into a granular composition formed
from citric acid, expanded perlite, flour, fumed
silica, a pH indicator dye and water. The
5 composition is prepared by adding the pH indicator to
deionized water, charging a blender with citric acid
monohydrate through a crusher to break up lumps, and
charging the blender with perlite. The pH indicator
solution is poured in a substantially even fashion
10 over the surface of the perlite and the components
mixed for about twenty minutes. Flour is added to
the mixture and blended such that the flour coats and
partially dries the formulation. Fumed silica is
then added and the composition blended to provide a
15 homogeneous blend. The blend is then ready to absorb
caustic spills. However, this method produces
particles which are unsuitable for application to the
spill from a safe distance.

20 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention is directed to a novel
composition and method of using the composition to
neutralize and solidify hazardous alkali spills so as
to prevent the spread of such a spill by absorption,
25 neutralization and solidification from a safe
distance away from the spill. The compositions of
this invention limit the absorption rate so as to
enable the maximum amount of alkali material to react
and be neutralized.

30 The mode of application of the method of
this invention allows the control and neutralization
of hazardous spills from a distance without causing
splashing of the hazardous materials during
neutralization.

35 The novel compositions of this invention

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- o contain the following: about 45 to 75% organic neutralizing acid, about 15 to 45% highly absorptive clay, about 10 to 45% less absorptive clay and about 0.5 to 10% weak water-soluble acid.

5 The novel compositions of this invention may be applied to a hazardous acidic spill through a delivery device similar to a fire extinguisher. The compositions are in the form of small particles of varying sizes, but within a narrow size distribution. Preferably, they have a predominant
10 size distribution in the range between -40 to +200 Tyler screen mesh range.

The compositions of this invention may be made by mixing the components in a blender.

15 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The compositions of this invention preferably contain between about 45 and about 80% by weight of organic neutralizing acid in a dry particulate form such as citric acid, fumaric acid,
20 tartaric acid or benzoic acid, between about 5 to about 45% by weight of a highly absorptive clay such as attapulgite, perlite, fullers earth or minugel and the like, between about 10 to about 45% by weight of less absorptive clay, such as attapulgas clay and the
25 like and between about 0.5 and about 10% by weight of weak water soluble acid such as sodium dihydrogen phosphate.

The organic neutralizing acid component of the compositions of this invention serve to
30 neutralize, absorb and solidify the alkali spills to which they are applied. After treatment, they are amenable to safe clean-up. The organic neutralizing acid may be any organic acid which is in a dry particulate form at room temperature, such as citric
35 acid, tartaric acid, benzoic acid or fumaric acid or

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° a combination of such acids. Such acids are relatively insoluble. Dry particulate acids are preferable so that the composition may be dispensed readily from a distance in a fire extinguisher-like delivery device in the appropriate dispersion pattern.

5 The absorptive clays which are present in the composition aid in absorbing and containing the hazardous alkaline materials so as to allow the acid component to react with and neutralize them. Preferably, different clays having varying degrees of
10 absorption rates should be used so that the largest possible proportion of the alkaline materials may be given the opportunity to react and neutralize. Hence, a highly absorptive and a less absorptive clay component should be used in the composition. Highly
15 absorptive clays include Minugel-200^R, some attapulgites, perlites and fullers earth. Less absorptive clays include certain attapulgite clays and the like.

 A small amount of weak, water-soluble acid
20 in the compositions of this invention functions to produce heat by reacting with the bases in the spill to allow the organic neutralizing acid to react more readily (these reactions provide heat of neutralization for the citric acid/hazardous alkali
25 reaction). Because the spill may be absorbed quickly and thus be removed from the areas where it may freely react with the neutralizing acid, a small amount of weak, water soluble acid is desirable to increase the speed of reaction. This acid also
30 generates some heat by reacting with the alkaline materials in the spill, thus providing the heat of solubilization for the sparingly-soluble organic neutralizing acids and increasing their opportunities to react with the base.

35 Dyes may be added to exemplify the

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- ° neutralization reaction as it progresses.

The compositions of this invention are preferably applied to the hazardous spills from a fire-extinguisher-like vessel. They are preferably applied in the dry form in which they are stored.

- 5 They may be stored under pressure until used in a stored pressure vessel or they may be stored in an unpressurized vessel and pressurized by external gas through an external expellent gas cartridge.

- 10 The size distribution of the particles of the compositions of this invention allows them to be applied to spills in a "soft" pattern, i.e. relatively spread out such that they cover a spill as it spreads without splattering the spill. The compositions should be applied from a distance of
15 about 10 to 15 feet. The nozzle velocity should be between about 30 and 50 feet/second. In order to achieve this velocity, the particles should have a size distribution between -40 and +200 Tyler screen mesh size.

- 20 The particulate compositions of this invention may be applied on a nitrogen gas stream. The particular specified size distribution will substantially assure the appropriate flow rate and delivery pattern.

- 25 The compositions of this invention contain both relatively less reactive organic acids and weak water soluble acids such as sodium dihydrogen phosphate. The sodium dihydrogen phosphate, for example, acts as a catalyst to aid the neutralization
30 reactions. This encourages neutralization of many alkali materials which may have a higher heat of neutralization than others. This allows a controlled and complete neutralization reaction.

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o EXAMPLES

The following Examples set forth various compositions of this invention which can be used to neutralize, absorb and solidify alkali spills. They serve to illustrate, but not to limit the claimed invention.

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- | | <u>Example 1</u> | <u>Example 9</u> |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | 69.5% Citric Acid | 80.0% Citric Acid |
| | 15.0% Fullers Earth | 9.25% Fullers Earth |
| | 15.0% Minugel 200 | 9.25% Minugel 200 |
| | 0.5% Magnesium Stearate | 1.5% TCP |
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- | | <u>Example 2</u> | <u>Example 10</u> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| | 75.0% Citric Acid | 75.0% Citric Acid |
| | 6.0% Fullers Earth | 6.0% Fullers Earth |
| | 18.5% Minugel 200 | 18.5% Minugel 200 |
| | 0.5% Magnesium Stearate | 1.5% TCP |
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- | | <u>Example 3</u> | <u>Example 11</u> |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 70.0% Citric Acid | 75.0% Citric Acid |
| | 7.5% Fullers Earth | 6.5% Fullers Earth |
| | 22.5% Minugel 200 | 15.5% Minugel 200 |
| | 4.09 gm Red dye #60 | 3.0% TCP |
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- | | <u>Example 4</u> | <u>Example 12</u> |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|
| | 75.0% Citric Acid | 75.0% Citric Acid |
| | 6.5% Fullers Earth | 6.5% Fullers Earth |
| | 18.5% Minugel 200 | 18.0% Minugel 200 |
| | 6.81 gm Red dye #60 | 0.5% TCP |
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- | | <u>Example 5</u> | <u>Example 13</u> |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| | 80.0% Citric Acid | 80.0% Citric Acid |
| | 10.0% Fullers Earth | 10.0% Fullers Earth |
| | 10.0% Minugel 200 | 10.0% Minugel 200 |
| | | 0.5% Aluminum Octoate |
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- | | <u>Example 6</u> | <u>Example 14</u> |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
| | 70.0% Citric Acid | 80.0% Citric Acid |
| | 22.5% Fullers Earth | 9.75% Fullers Earth |
| | 7.5% Minugel 200 | 9.75% Minugel 200 |
| | | 0.5% Sodium Stearate |
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- | | <u>Example 7</u> | <u>Example 15</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 80.0% Citric Acid | 80.0% Citric Acid |
| | 9.8% Fullers Earth | 9.75% Minugel 200 |
| | 9.8% Minugel 200 | 9.75% Attapulgas Clay |
| | 0.4% Magnesium Stearate | 0.5% Aluminum Octoate |
- | | <u>Example 8</u> | <u>Example 16</u> |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| | 80.0% Citric Acid | 80.0% Citric Acid |
| | 9.8% Fullers Earth | 14.2% Fullers Earth |
| | 9.8% Minugel | 5.3% Attapulgas Clay |
| | 0.4% TCP | 0.5% Aluminum Octoate |

0	<u>Example 17</u>	<u>Example 26</u>
	80.0% Citric Acid 9.75% Minugel 200 9.75% Attapulgas Clay 0.5% Aluminum Octoate	60.0% Citric Acid 19.0% Fumaric Acid 1.0% Starch 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Petro AGS
5	<u>Example 18</u>	<u>Example 27</u>
	80.0% Citric Acid 16.56% Attapulgate Clay 3.0% Starch 0.5% Polyacrylate	70.0% Citric Acid 7.5% Fullers Earth 22.5% Minugel 200
10	<u>Example 19</u>	<u>Example 28</u>
	80.0% Citric Acid 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Polyacrylate	80.0% Citric Acid 10.0% Fullers Earth 10.0% Minugel 200
15	<u>Example 20</u>	<u>Example 29</u>
	60.0% Citric Acid 20.0% Fumaric Acid 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Polyacrylate	70.0% Citric Acid 22.5% Fullers Earth 7.5% Minugel 200
20	<u>Example 21</u>	<u>Example 30</u>
	40.0% Citric Acid 40.0% Fumaric Acid 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Petro AGS (mono-sodium salt of dimethyl naphthalene sulfonate)	80.0% Citric Acid 9.8% Fullers Earth 9.8% Minugel 200 0.4% Mg Stearate
25	<u>Example 22</u>	<u>Example 31</u>
	20.0% Citric Acid 60.0% Fumaric Acid 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Petro AGS	80.0% Citric Acid 9.25% Fullers Earth 9.25% Minugel 200 1.50% Tricalcium Phosphate (TCP)
30	<u>Example 23</u>	<u>Example 32</u>
	80.0% Fumaric Acid 19.5% Attapulgate Clay 0.5% Petro AGS	80.0% Citric Acid 9.8% Fullers Earth 9.8% Minugel 200 0.4% TCP
35	<u>Example 24</u>	<u>Example 32</u>
	65.0% Citric Acid 18.0% Fumaric Acid 15.0% Attapulgate Clay 2.0% Starch (grain product, modified starch and polyacrylate crystals known commercially as "S-500") 0.5% Petro AGS	75.0% Citric Acid 6.0% Fullers Earth 18.5% Minugel 200 0.5% Mg Stearate

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- o Example 25
60.0% Citric Acid
18.0% Fumaric Acid
2.0% Starch
19.5% Attapulgate Clay
0.5% Petro AGS

5 Table I below sets forth the results of
tests demonstrating the ability of the compositions
of the foregoing Examples 1-17 to absorb, neutralize
and solidify alkali spills. In these tests, a
specified amount of alkaline material was spilled in
10 an enclosed area. The type of alkali is set out in
column 2 of Table I, entitled "Base". The volume of
spill is set out in column 3, entitled "Volume
(gal)". The compositions of this invention were then
applied from a fire extinguisher type dispenser. The
15 initial weight of the neutralize composition, or of
"agent", was measured prior to the test and is set
forth in column 4 in (pounds)-(ounces). The weight
of agent actually discharged was measured after the
test, which depends on the size distribution of the
20 particles, is set forth in column 5 entitled "Weight
Discharge". The percent discharge measures the
efficiency of the discharge, column 6. The initial pH
of the alkali spill measured after dispensing the
agent is in column 7. The final pH of the
25 agent/alkali spill mixture was measured after the
test reaction took place (column 8). Comments
regarding the quality of the resulting solid and the
reaction between the composition and alkali material
are set forth in column 9.

30 Table II sets forth average particle size
distributions for several of the compositions of this
invention.

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TABLE I

Example	Base	Volume (gal)	Wt. Agent	Wt. Discharge	% Discharge	pH(i)	pH(f)	Solid
1	NaOH	2	24 - 9	22 - 13	92.9	12.70	12.83	soft mud; good absorption; fast reaction
5								
2	NaOH	2	24 - 8	23 - 12	96.9	12.67	12.99	Poor absorption until mixed; fast complete reaction
3	NaOH	2	24 - 4	23 - 1	95.2	13.09	12.94	Solid after setting up
10								
3A	NaOH	2	24 - 8	23 - 8	95.9	8.46	10.57	Liquid until mixed - nice solid; fast, good reaction
3B	NaOH	2	23 - 4	--	100	11.83	13.27	Applied with shovel
15								
4	NaOH	1.8	24 - 8	23 - 6	95.4	12.6	12.65	Solidified with time; fast reaction
4A	KOH	1.86	24 - 4	23 - 0	94.8	6.05	5.78	Fast, complete reaction; moderate heat; poor absorption;
20								
3C	NaOH	1.68	24 - 8	23 - 8	95.9	10.07	10.63	Soupy until mixed; good absorption; fast reaction
3D	NaOH	1.80	24 - 8	23 - 4	94.9	12.25	12.30	Good absorption; fast reaction
25								
5	NaOH	1.86	24 - 8	23 - 2	94.4	11.40	11.41	Poor at end of discharge
5A	KOH	1.78	24 - 8	22 - 2		4.93	4.72	Liquid in pan - little solid; fast reaction
30								
6	KOH	1.97	23 - 6	21 - 8	92.0	5.95	5.75	Very poor discharge; fast reaction; poor absorption
7	NaOH	1.90	24 - 8	22 - 10	92.3	--	--	No reaction
7A	NaOH	1.98	24 - 8	23	93.9	--	--	No reaction

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TABLE I (continued)

Example	Base	Volume (gal)	Wt. Agent	Wt. Discharge	% Discharge	pH(i)	pH(f)	Solid	
5	8	NaOH	1.83	24 - 8	22 - 2	90.3	6.67	6.78	Reacted before beginning stir; good absorption and reaction
	9	NaOH	1.91	24 - 8	22 - 11	92.6	12.47	12.43	Poor flow at end of discharge; good absorption and reaction
10	10	NaOH	1.90	24 - 8	23 - 2	94.4	11.59	12.19	Poor flow at end of discharge; good absorption and reaction
15	11	NaOH	1.81	24 - 8	22 - 6	95.4	10.06	9.12	Solid very hard when dry; good absorption and reaction
	12	NaOH	1.76	26 - 2	24 - 10	94.3	12.16	12.60	Fast reaction - not hot; good absorption
20	12A	NH ₄ OH	2.05	23 - 12	22 - 14	96.3	4.05	3.94	Cut off ammonia vapors; fast reaction; poor absorption
25	13	NaOH	2.04	23 - 11	22 - 3	93.67	12.19	12.50	Better discharge; dustier than minugel; fast, non-violent reaction
	14	NaOH	2.01	24 - 8	15 - 10	63.78	12.45	12.76	High reaction of short duration
30	15	NaOH	1.98	25 - 10	24 - 0	93.7	10.22	10.19	Good range, reacted before mix; non-violent; and absorption
	15A	KOH	1.71	23 - 15	22 - 1	92.2	4.75	4.52	Good range; relatively fast, mild reaction

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TABLE I (continued)

Example	Base	Volume (gal)	Wt. Agent	Wt. Discharge	% Discharge	pH(i)	pH(f)	Solid	
5	16	NaOH	2.05	25 - 10	23 - 10	92.2	5.42	5.42	Flow dropped off at end; fast, mild reaction
	17	NaOH	2.08	25 - 12	24 - 5	94.4	12.35	12.73	Good discharge; good reaction and absorption
10	17A	KOH	2.15	25 - 11	24 - 5	94.7	4.02	4.05	Fast, mild reaction; poor absorption
	17B	NH ₄ OH	2.19	26 - 6	25 - 0	94.8	6.83	6.93	Slight drop in range, no ammonia smell
15	17C	KOH	2.59	26 - 2	--	--	5.58	5.60	Good discharge; good reaction; poor absorption
	17D	KOH	2.96	26 - 0	24 - 10	94.7	6.75	6.67	Good discharge; good reaction; poor absorption
20	17E	KOH	3.31	26 - 0	24 - 12	95.2	12.81	12.90	Good discharge; good reaction
	17F	NH ₄ OH	2.47	26 - 0	24 - 8	94.7	4.59	4.60	No ammonia odor after application; fast reaction, poor absorption
25	17G	NH ₄ OH	3.09	25 - 8	23 - 14	93.6	4.80	4.78	Fast reaction
30	18	NaOH	-	-	-	-	9.5	5.85	Good
	19	NaOH	-	-	-	-	5.85	5.9	Good - wet solid.
	20	NaOH	-	-	-	-	12.5	9.1	Good - mild reaction - wet solid.
	21	NaOH	-	-	-	-	9.01	4.95	Good soak up - wet solid - no visible rxn.
35	22	NaOH	-	-	-	-	12.28	4.95	Good soak up - wet solid - no visible rxn.

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TABLE I (continued)

	Example	Base	Volume (gal)	Wt. Agent	Wt. Discharge	% Discharge	pH(i)	pH(f)	Solid
5	23	NaOH	-	-	-	-	11.4	4.49	Good soak up - wet solid - no visible rxn.
	24	NaOH	-	-	-	-	11.9	5.62	Very good dry solid, good rxn. and good soak up.
	25	NaOH	-	-	-	-	7.8	5.5	Very dry, spongy solid, good soak up and good rxn.
10	26	NaOH	-	-	-	-	12.0	9.1	Wet solid, good soak-up and good reaction.
	27	NaOH	2	23.06	-	95.9	13.09	12.94	Poor initial absorption until mixed; very liquid - solid after setting up; faster rxn. without magnesium stearate.
20	28	NaOH	1.86	23.2	-	93.4	11.41	13.5	Very poor discharge, no discharge; liquid in pan, little solid.
	29	NaOH	1.95	23.375	-	92	5.75	13	Very poor discharge, no flow at end-long discharge time-stearate needed for flow to stop leaks.
30	30	NaOH	1.9	24.5	-	92.3	-	-	No reaction
	31	NaOH	1.83	24.5	-	90.3	6.78	14	Heat during discharge reacted before beginning to stir.
35	32	NaOH	1.91	24.5	-	92.6	12.47	12.43	Nozzle leaked.

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TABLE II

Example	% Citric Acid		20	Sieve Size			325	PAN	BULK DENSITY	
	40			100	200					
11	75		--	7.94	82.25	5.23	1.65	2.92	110	
5	14	80	--	8.86	86.24	3.10	0.24	1.56	120	
	12	75	--	4.79	69.32	9.30	4.55	12.04	117	
	13	80	--	8.03	84.49	3.99	0.66	2.83	119	
	B12A-1	80	--	4.72	89.50	3.58	0.28	1.92	113	
10	<u>(AVERAGE DISCHARGE)</u>									
	15	80	92.95	--	3.97	83.06	6.56	1.30	5.11	116
	17	80	94.63	0.02	9.98	76.45	6.90	0.84	5.80	114
	17A	80	94.7	0.02	8.04	78.04	7.15	2.54	4.24	116
15	17F	80	<u>93.97</u>	--	3.98	80.78	6.53	2.61	6.10	118
	OVERALL		94.08							
	25A	65	0.06	18.56	76.3	3.5	1.5	0.90	126	

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° WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A composition for neutralizing and solidifying hazardous alkali spills comprising about 45 to 80% organic neutralizing acid, about 5 to 45% highly absorptive clay, about 10 to 45% less
5 absorptive clay and about 0.5 to 10% weak water-soluble acid.
2. A composition according to claim 1 wherein organic neutralizing acid is in a dry particulate form and is selected from the group consisting of
10 citric acid, tartaric acid, fumaric acid and benzoic acid.
3. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said highly absorptive clay is selected from the group consisting of attapulgite, perlite, fullers
15 earth and minugel.
4. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said less absorptive clay is attapulgas clay.
5. A composition according to claim 1 wherein said weak water soluble acid is selected from the
20 group consisting of sodium dihydrogen phosphate, magnesium stearate, sodium stearate and aluminum octoate.
6. A composition according to claim 1 comprising between about 60 and 80% by weight of
25 organic neutralizing acid, between about 5 and 15% highly absorptive clay, between about 10 and 20% less absorptive clay and between about 0.5 and 1% weak water soluble acid.
7. A composition for absorbing neutralizing and solidifying alkali spills comprising about 80% by
30 weight citric acid, about 9.75% minugel, about 9.75% attapulgas clay and about 0.5% aluminum octoate.
8. A method of neutralizing and solidifying hazardous alkali spills comprising applying a
35 composition to the spill comprising about 45 to 75%

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- ° organic neutralizing acid, about 15 to 45% highly absorptive clay, about 10 to 45% less absorptive clay and about 0.5 to 10% weak water-soluble acid such that the spill is neutralized and solidified.

9. A method according to claim 2 wherein said
5 application is accomplished by delivering said composition to said spill under pressure on a nitrogen gas propellant from a fire-extinguisher-like delivery device.

10. A composition according to claim 1 which is
10 in the form of dry particles having a size distribution between -40 and +200 Tyler screen mesh size range.

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I. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER (if several classification symbols apply, indicate all) ³		
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