

# OPERATIONS

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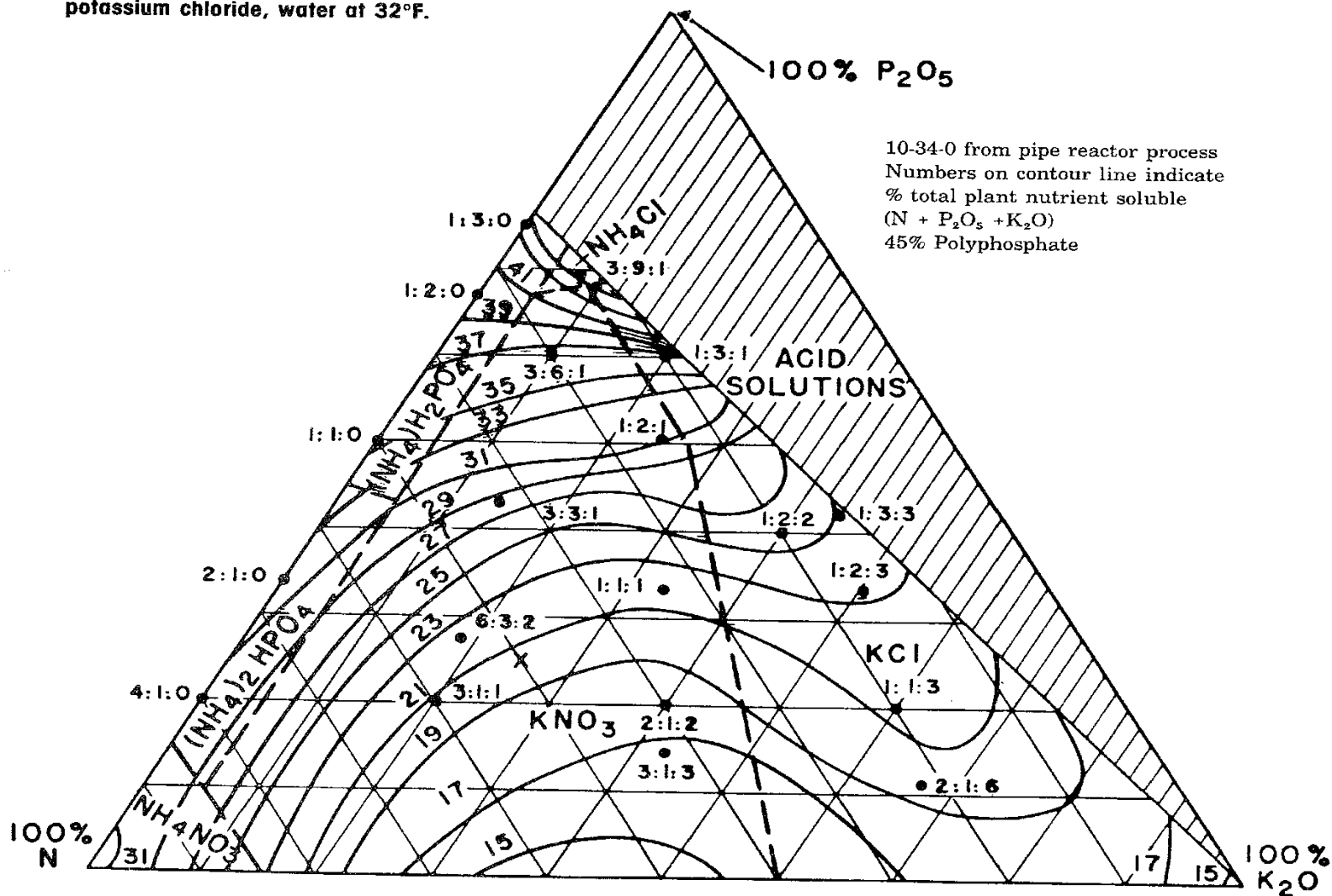
# UREA

- Urea is made by reacting (CO<sub>2</sub>) with anhydrous ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) under 3,000 psi (pounds per square inch) pressure and at 350° (200 atm).
- $\text{CO}_2 + 2 \text{NH}_3 = \text{CO}(\text{NH}_2)_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- The removal of water that occurs during the reaction is referred to as "dehydration."
- The resulting molten mixture is further processed into either prills or granules.
- Making A Liquid Solution

# Liquid Urea

- Heat Of Solution In Water
- 108 btu/lb
- 216,000 btu/ton
- Endothermic Reaction
- Cost Of Heating Water
- Salt Temperature At Different Concentration

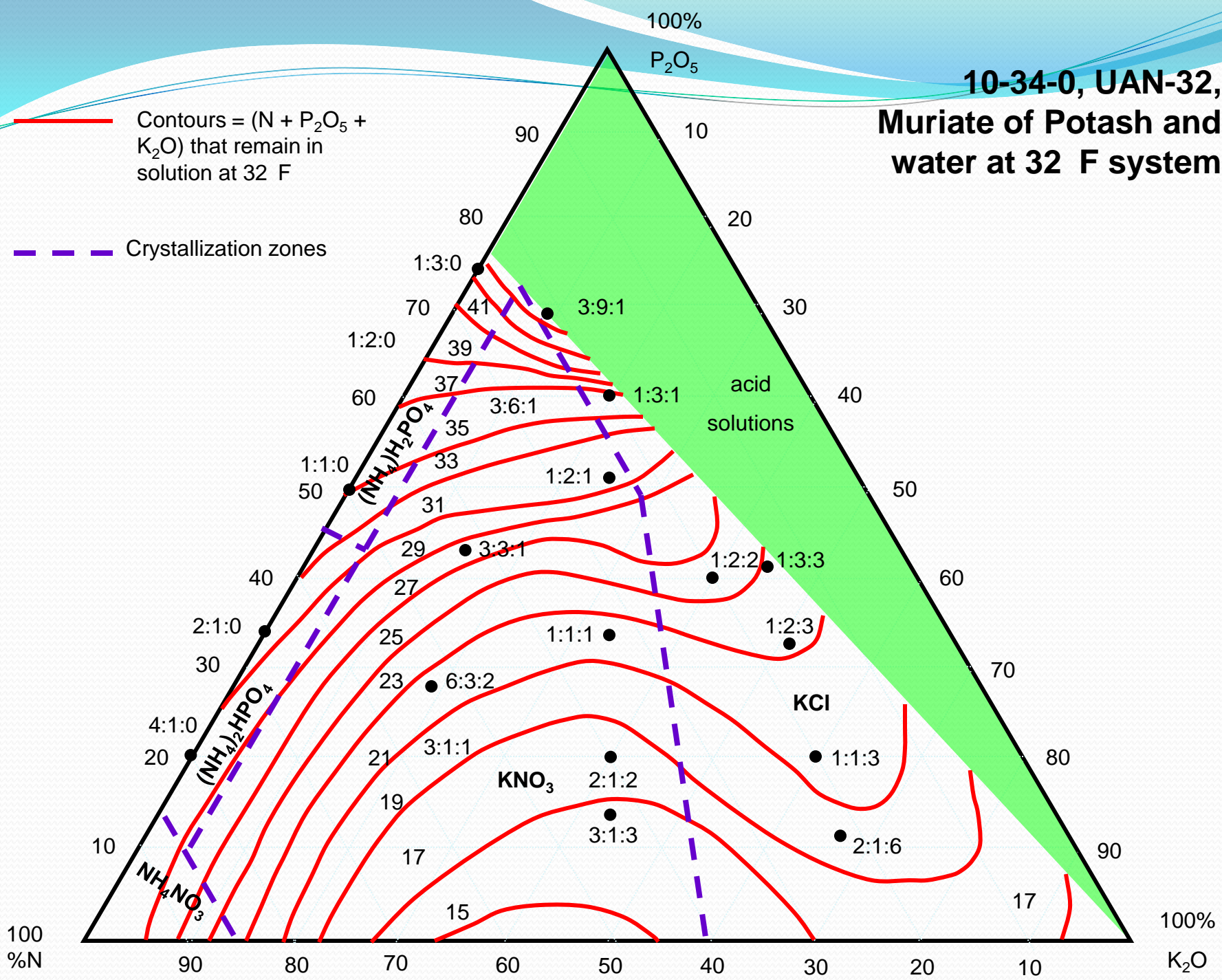
Figure 3.6: System 10-34-0, UAN solution, potassium chloride, water at 32°F.



**10-34-0, UAN-32,  
Muriate of Potash and  
water at 32 F system**

— Contours = (N + P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> + K<sub>2</sub>O) that remain in solution at 32 F

- - - Crystallization zones



# KOH

- $\text{KOH} + \text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{KCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Takes High Temps And Catalyst To Reverse Action
- $\text{KOH} + \text{HNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{KNO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Highly Exothermic
- NO<sub>x</sub> emission potential

# Receiving and Unloading Materials Into the Plant

- HAVE ALL PERTINENT SHIPPING INFORMATION, BOLs, DOT requirement, etc.
- REVIEW AND UNDER STAND MSDS AND RMP/PSM REQUIREMENTS
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECEIVING



# Filling Liquid Storage Tanks

- Make Sure Inbound Transport Is Connected to the Correct Storage Tank
- Open All Appropriate Valves and Close Others
- Contain All Leaks
- Check Tank Inventory Prior To Transfer
- Wear Proper PPE
- Close All Appropriate Valves Upon Completion Of Transfer
- Complete All Documentation and Record Ending Inventory

# Secondary and Micro Nutrients

Use Good Quality Micro Products = Improved Blending  
Pay Attention to Order Of Addition, pH, etc  
Be Careful Of Point Introduction Precipitation  
Make Sure Adequate Mixing Time Prior To Loading  
? Truck Mixing Of Blends

# Pesticides

- MSDS
- PPE
- Order Of Addition, pH,
- Chemical Compatibility
- Wetting Agent
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# HOUSEKEEPING

- Keep Leaks Repaired
- Keep Spills To A Minimum And Cleaned Up
- Avoid Contamination
- Keep Good Records
- Retain Samples
- Documentation
- **HOUSEKEEPING MUST BE A TOP PRIORITY**

# Appearance Value – Cross Contamination

- A Product Is Only As Good As The Skill It Was Made
- Contamination Can Be Disastrous To A Blend
- Dries That Go Into Blends Must Be Segregated
- Alley Ways Must Not Be Allowed To Co-Mingle

# Scale Care and Standard Weights

- Certified Equipment
- Clean Equipment Works Properly
- Load Cells
- Mass Meters
- Keep It Clean And Calibrated



# ANALYTICAL WORK

# Sampling

- Inbound Materials
- Outbound Materials
- Retain Samples



# Actions Taken After Receipt of Analytical Reports

- QA/QC
- Customer Service
- **KNOW WHAT YOU DO AND DO IT WELL**

# PERSONNEL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Safety And Quality Are Everyone's Business
- Be Properly Trained
- Understand All Products
- Chemistry (basic understanding)

# Training

- Haz-ops Trained. What Level?
- PPE
- Safety Meetings/Documentation
- Understanding Of the Process
- Response To Releases, etc.
- Understanding Of Chemistry

# Supervision

- If You Are Not Committed To Training
- If You Are Not Committed To Proper Equipment
- If You Are Not Committed To Safety
- **Don't Make These Products And Have Someone Toll Them For You**

