Georgia Tech and Emory Students Combine to Combat Sanitation Crisis



Motivation:

- 2.6 billion people worldwide lack basic sanitation
- Conventional sewage treatment often not affordable, feasible or sustainable

The Design:

A latrine that uses solar energy to quickly deactivate pathogens in fecal matter.

- Decreases risk of disease transmission
- Enables waste to be used as rich fertilizer

Project Background:

- Originated in 2006 as a collaborative between:
 Georgia Tech Research Institute, Center for Global Safe Water at Emory,
 Fundación Sumaj Huasi (Bolivian NGO), and Engineers Without Borders-GT
- Past support from the World Bank and NCIIA Sustainable Vision Program
- Placed at NCIIA Open Minds Exhibition in Washington D.C. (March 2011)
- •Students create Sanivation

 Company focused on providing novel solutions to the world's sanitation crisis

Up Next:

- Sanivation funded to participate in Start-Up Chile starting July 2011
- Sanivation team moving to Santiago to continue field testing and product development



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