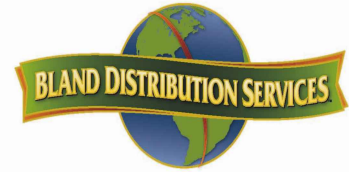




## **Bland Distribution Services now utilizing NASA Food Safety Air Sanitation**

KES Science & Technology, Inc. announces Bland Distribution Services, Donna, Texas, is now utilizing the NASA-developed AiroCide Food Safety Air Sanitation technology. Airborne cross-contamination poses a potential threat to food safety. The chemical-free AiroCide system kills airborne mold, fungi, bacteria and viruses and removes volatile organic compounds (VOC's), like ethylene gas, providing added protection to enhance quality assurance programs for perishable agricultural commodities.



Bland Distribution Services (BDS) opened its 110,000 sq. ft. facility November 2008 in the Rio Grande Valley community of Donna. It offers fully customizable cold storage, logistics, packaging, and warehousing services. BDS is committed to providing superior service and food safety assurance by its participation in the Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) food safety program. SCS monitors and certifies BDS' procedures and practices through third party audits. BDS exceeds the basic food safety requirements of the FDA for superior excellence in food safety.

The AiroCide technology allows BDS to further enhance the safety of the fruit, vegetables and berries they store for their customers. Mike Kirby, General Manager, says "We are excited to offer to our customers the AiroCide Technology throughout the facility, purifying the air by eliminating airborne pathogens, molds and ethylene gas".

The AiroCide technology is not a filtration system. The patented technology, integrated with Photocatalytic Oxidation (PCO), works in unison to destroy harmful airborne microbes and dismantle volatile organic compounds (VOC), like ethylene gas. Clinical studies show a 99% plus kill rate for microbials and removal of VOC's. The AiroCide technology is a FDA listed class II medical device that is also used in the medical health care industry. AiroCide is energy efficient, as it was originally designed for the NASA space station program to successfully conduct astroculture experiments that required air free of mold spores and ethylene gas.

AiroCide is manufactured and distributed by Atlanta, GA based KES Science and Technology, Inc. For more information visit [www.kesscience.com](http://www.kesscience.com) or [www.airocide.com](http://www.airocide.com) or contact Jimmy Lee, at 678-488-5847 or [jlee@KesScience.com](mailto:jlee@KesScience.com).

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