

EFFECT OF SELECTION UPON RESISTANCE OF MICROORGANISMS TO WHITE PHOSPHORUS

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Abstract – Aiming at detoxification of dangerous technogenic pollutant – white phosphorus – an effect of controlled selection of a series of microorganisms (*Aspergillus niger* AM1, *Streptomyces* sp. A8, *Trichoderma asperellum* F-1087) on their resistance to white phosphorus was studied in synthetic culture media containing P₄ as the sole phosphorus source at concentration level of up to 1%. The selection resulted in increasing resistance of the studied organisms. The best adaptability to white phosphorus was demonstrated by streptomycete strain *Streptomyces* sp. A8, which was further investigated using biochemical analysis and metabolic profiling. A procedure for sterilizing P₄ with acetone treatment under mild conditions was developed. Practical recommendations for neutralizing soil contaminated with white phosphorus were proposed, as exemplified by soil treatment with a powdered formulation of the fungus *T. asperellum* F-1087.

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