



# WELCOME

VIRTUAL MEETING WILL BEGIN AT

**11:30 AM Central**

**Society of American Military Engineers**

**Omaha Post**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting**



# Omaha Post Meeting

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**July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Meeting**

# Meeting Agenda

- Pledge of Allegiance
- New Member/ Guest Introductions
- Invocation
- Lunch
- Announcements
- Installation of Officers
- Awards
- Membership Spotlight
- Presentation
- Q&A
- Split Kitty Drawing
- Closing Remarks

# Pledge of Allegiance



I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



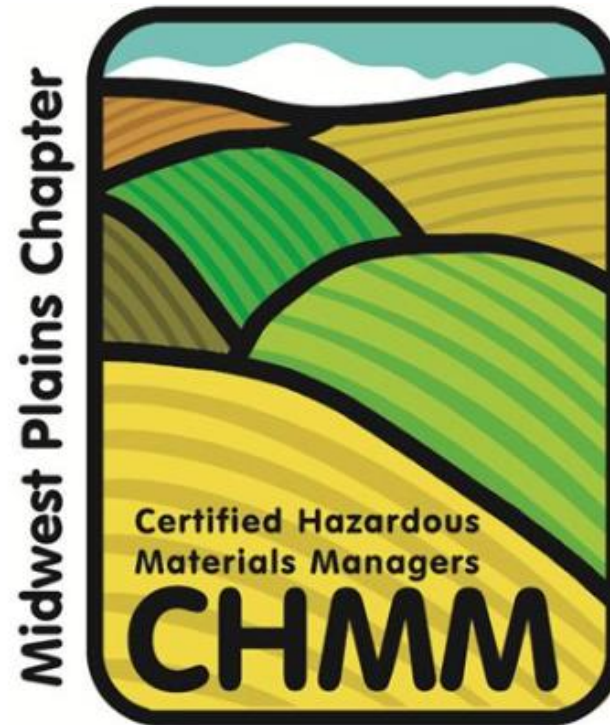
# Introductions

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- Welcome SAME Student Chapter Members
- Welcome New SAME Members
- Introduction of Guests

# WELCOME!

## Midwest Plains Chapter of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers (CHMM)





# Invocation

Please join us in the invocation before we dismiss for lunch

# Lunch

Dismiss by table

# Announcements

## ■ Veterans in Business Forum

- ▶ **Topic:** Nebraska Business Development Center
- ▶ **Speaker:** Kiley Phelps, SBDC
- ▶ **Event Date:** July 19, 2024, from 8:00am – 9:00am
- ▶ **Location:**

UNO, College of Business Administration

Mammel Hall, Room 117

6708 Pine Street

Omaha, Nebraska 68182

- ▶ **RSVP:** Michel Thornhill at [info@littlemountainwebdesign.com](mailto:info@littlemountainwebdesign.com)

## ■ August - Monthly Omaha SAME Post Meeting

- ▶ **Event Date:** August 6<sup>th</sup> at Field Club of Omaha
- ▶ **Topic:** Advances in Metal Roof Technology

# Announcements

- **Veterans Outreach - 50 Mile March: Operation Noble Watchman 2024**
  - ▶ This year the Omaha Post's Veterans Outreach will be supporting the 50 Mile March Foundation and their *mission to empower Veterans facing mental health challenges and homelessness by fostering a community of hope and relentless support.*
  - ▶ This year there is a **need for over 100 volunteers over August 24-25**
  - ▶ Please direct any questions regarding volunteer opportunities to Brianne Schuler at [director@50milmarch.org](mailto:director@50milmarch.org) or (402) 706-6470 or Leon Haith at [leon.haith@50milmarch.org](mailto:leon.haith@50milmarch.org) or (402) 669-3402.
  
- **Virtual Matchmaking Event**
  - ▶ Prime Connections: Bridging Opportunities, a premier virtual matchmaking event designed to connect prime contractors with small businesses.
  - ▶ Omaha Post is partnering with the Nebraska APEX Accelerator to host the virtual event
  - ▶ August 28<sup>th</sup> – More details to come!

# Awards

## Society of American Military Engineers Omaha Post

### Awards

Presented by Stephanie Heibel



# Awards

## Omaha Post Rising Star

**Stephanie Ling, MCC**

# Awards

## Public Sector Partnering

**Bobby Lingerfelt, USACE Omaha**

# Awards

## Student Chapter Rising Star

**Jacob Lang, UNL Student Chapter**

# Awards

## Student Mentoring Program (SMP)

**Ryan Garcia, Omaha Public Schools**

# Awards

**Omaha Post President**

**Chris Artz, Tetra Tech**



# Installation of Officers

**Society of American Military Engineers**

**Omaha Post**

Presiding Officer

SAME Regional Vice President Juila Pluff

# Installation of Officers

President: Stephanie Heibel

Secretary: Chris Artz

Vice President for Leadership and  
Mentoring: Tom Svoboda

Treasurer: Brian Schuele

Vice President for Service Members and  
Veterans: Rob Hufford

Director for Communications: Jill Zehr  
Director for Awards and Recognition:  
Christina McManis

Vice President for IGE: Bobbi Jo Lang

Vice President for Resilience: Don Fucik

Director for Young Members and Student  
Outreach: Stephanie Ling

Vice President for Professional  
Development and Personal Growth:  
Kandi Srb

Director for Fellows: Natasha Gromak



# Membership Spotlight



**ALESIA**  
ARCHITECTURE

The logo for ALESIA ARCHITECTURE features the word "ALESIA" in a large, dark blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "ARCHITECTURE" is written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized graphic element consisting of two overlapping chevron shapes: a green one on top and a blue one on the bottom, pointing to the right.

- Architecture
- Project Management
- Interior Design
- Planning



■ = Current Alesia Projects

### Current IDIQs:

VISN 23 2019-2024

VISN 19 2021-2026

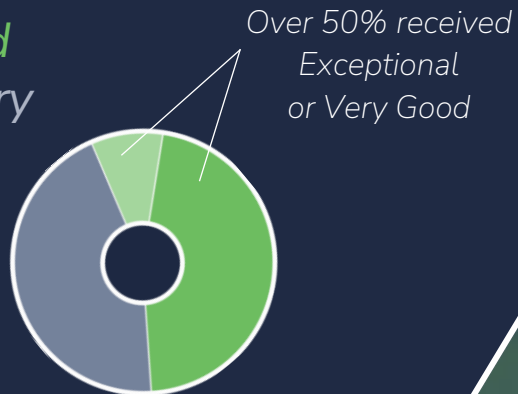
CFM National Region 2023-2028

## 23 Person Team

- 6 Licensed Architects
- 2 Interior Designers
- 1 Engineering Project Manager
- 9 CAD (REVIT®) Technicians
- 5 Administrative Personal

## CPARS - Quality

- 9% Exceptional
- 46% Very Good
- 45% Satisfactory



## Key Markets

- > Healthcare
- > Government

## Healthcare Project Highlights

- Emergency Dept Design Guide
- Urgent Care Design Guide
- Radiology/Imaging
- Sterile Processing
- Mental Health/Behavioral
- Outpatient Treatment Centers
- PACT Clinics
- Community Based Outpatient Clinics

## What's New?

### R. Brec Wilshusen, P.E., F.SAME – Engineering Project Manager

*Military Experience: Retired from Active Duty as a Major after serving 20 years in the Air Force*

*Interest in Engineering: Growing up on a farm, using water for irrigation and controlling erosion were essential elements to operating and improving assets*

*Current Project: Understand how the VA Sheridan WY makes their domestic water, and how we can improve the system*

*One Core Value: Service before Self - The investigation, design, and construction work we do have vast impacts upon society as a whole*

*Other Interests: An avid, if moderately successful, goat herder*



## What's New?

### Cort M. Johnson, M.Arch – Architectural Associate

*Military Experience: Early out after 4 years as an E-3*

*Interest in Architecture: Help make the human experience better through sustainable and equitable design*

*Current Project: VA Las Vegas Diagnostic Imaging Wing Expansion; more equitable and approachable for veterans*

*One Core Value: Freedom of expression through value in life experience...creating architecture which facilitates the freedom of the human-condition and existence*

*Other Interests: Avid adventurer and traveler, I am an alpinist/mountaineer, adventurer, diver of air and sea, sustainable hunter, designer, and veteran*





## What's New?

### Revitalizing our Core

#### *Why?*

As a certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, we take pride in supporting our Veterans and their families through our work with the government.

#### *Redesigning our Mission Statement and Core Values*

*We want to live those in our daily actions and ensure they are seen in our completed designs.*



## Let's Work Together!

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# **E-Redox<sup>®</sup> Technology Case Studies for Treating Contaminated Soils and Groundwater**

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# Acknowledgements and Outline

- Paul Fallgren, Joe Aiken, Nick Santiago, and Kylan Jin (UCLA) – AET
  - Professor Jason Ren – Princeton University
  - Michael Spievack - LANGAN
- I. Case studies of **E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R** for reductive remediation (e.g., chlorinated solvents, perchlorate, and PFAS)
  - II. Case studies of **E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O** for oxidative remediation (e.g., petroleum hydrocarbons)
  - III. **BioCook** for solid organic wastes and PFAS media
  - IV. Mechanisms of **E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R** and **E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O** technologies
  - V. **BioRemeter<sup>®</sup>** for real-time and in-situ monitoring of biodegradation/NSZD/MNA



## Advanced Environmental Technologies (AET)

- Mission: innovating sustainable remedial solutions
- Achievements: 70+ field applications across 14 states and 3 countries
- Key Technologies:
  - **E-Redox** for remediation (patents 11447429B2, 10647581, 10406572, 9045354B2, 7858243B2, 9545652B2)
    - E-redox-R for reductive degradation (e.g., USACE RFP for Fort Carlson and Offutt AFB)
    - E-Redox-O for remediation (e.g, CO OPS remedial tool list)
  - **BioRemeter** (patent 11105766) for real-time monitoring of biodegradation activities
  - **BioCook (MHTC)** (patent 11725157 B2) for fast conversion of organic solid waste, potentially PFAS and the spent media and soil
- Team approach to provide comprehensive service





# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>

Boosts bio(oxidative)degradation

Abiotic destruction and desorption of COC

Desorption of mass into water phase

## E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O<sub>(oxidation)</sub>

## E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R<sub>(Reduction)</sub>

Typical Petroleum Hydrocarbons (e.g., BTEX)

Some PAHs

Other VOCs, SVOCs

Certain Oxyanionic Metals (e.g., CrVI)

Chlorinated Solvents, Some PFAS

Nitrate/Nitrite, Perchlorate

Nitro-aromatic Compounds

PCBs

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- A low intensity “static” electrical field in the matrix and a perpetual source of electrons for (dominant) abiotic reductive degradation
- Desorption of contaminants
- Sets and maintains low redox conditions that also favors bio-dechlorination

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--- Achieved NAD closures under CO Department of Public Health and Environment

# E- remedies of different mechanisms

	Typical Linear Current Density	Typical Linear Voltage Density	Current Loading	Main Reactions
Electrolytic Destruction (ER)	50 mA/cm	5000 mV/cm		Electrode surface/interface reactions, reactive barrier applications
Electrokinetic Migration (Remediation)		500 mV/cm	0.123-0.615 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	Movements of soluble constituents in the matrix
E-Redox <sup>®</sup> -R	<2 mA/cm	<50 mV/cm	0.002-0.006 mA/cm <sup>2</sup>	“Static” weak electrical field that charges soil particles as “micro-capacitors”; disturbing solid-water interface charges and configurations weakening surface adsorption





**FORMER DRY CLEANER SITE ON EAST COLFAX AVENUE, DENVER, CO**



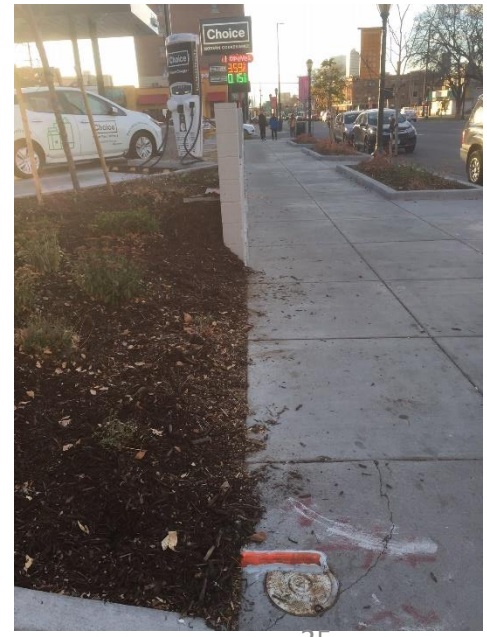
**Location:** Former dry cleaner in Denver, CO

**Contaminated Matrix:** Saturated zone with clay

**Primary Contaminants:** Tetrachloroethene (PCE), trichloroethene (TCE) and 1,2-dichloroethenes (DCEs)

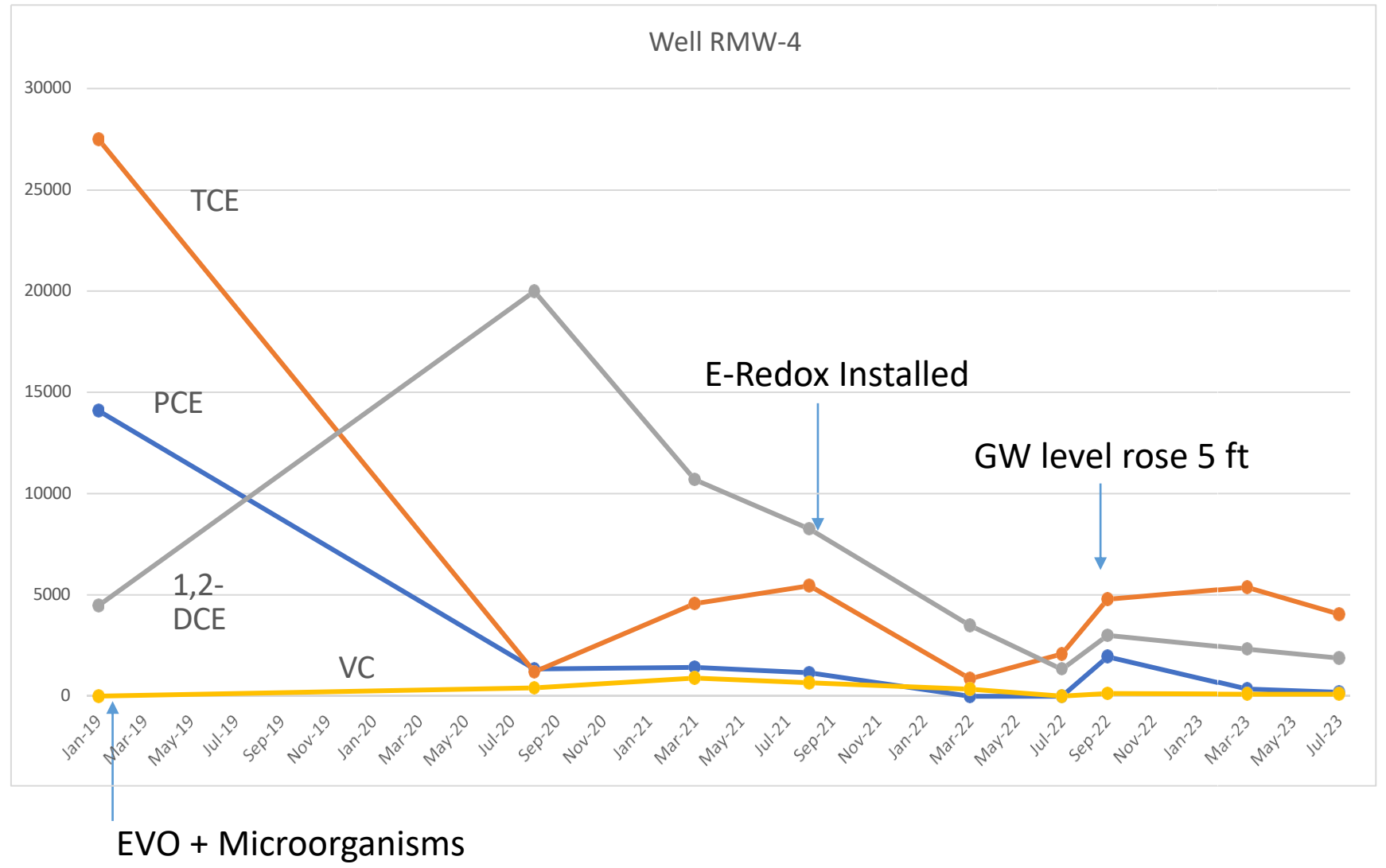
















**FORMER SHOPPING CENTER, NORTHGLENN, CO**



**Location:** Former shopping center with dry cleaners in Northglenn, CO

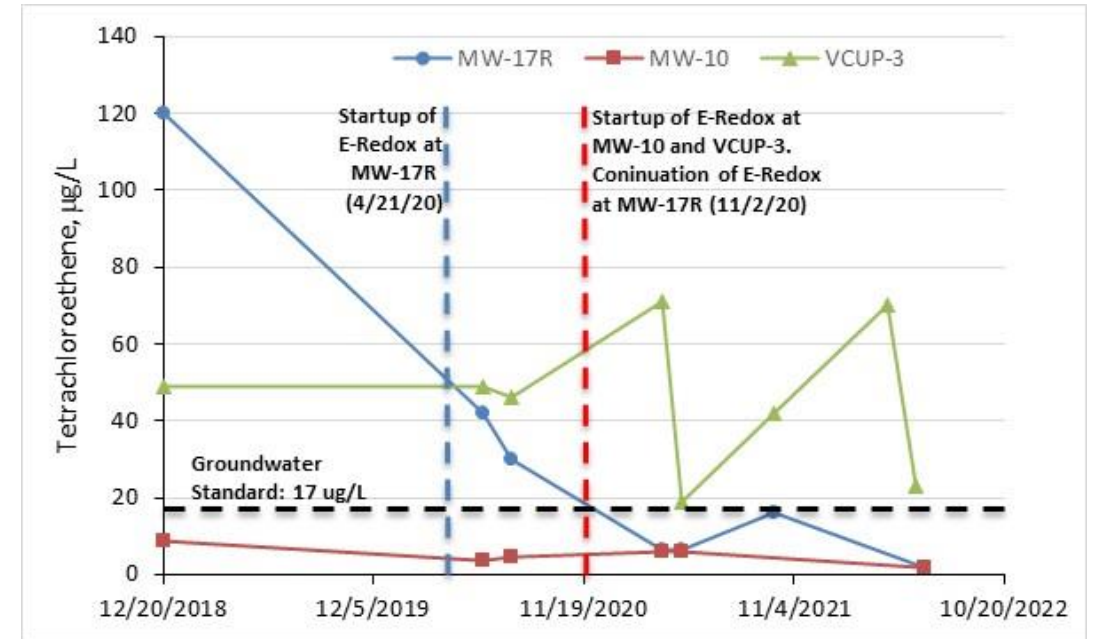
**Contaminated Matrix:** Saturated zone (alluvial, clay, bedrock fractures)

**Main Contaminant:** PCE

**Previous Remediation:** ISCO injections







E-Redox®-R units were decommissioned after <1-yr operation. The site was closed with a No Action Determination (NAD) granted by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment in September 2022





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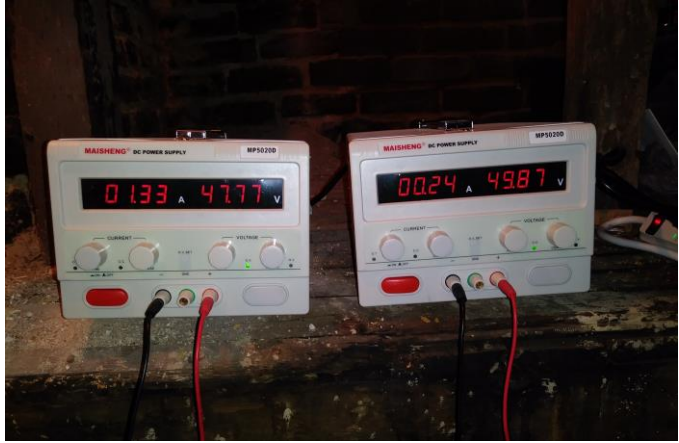
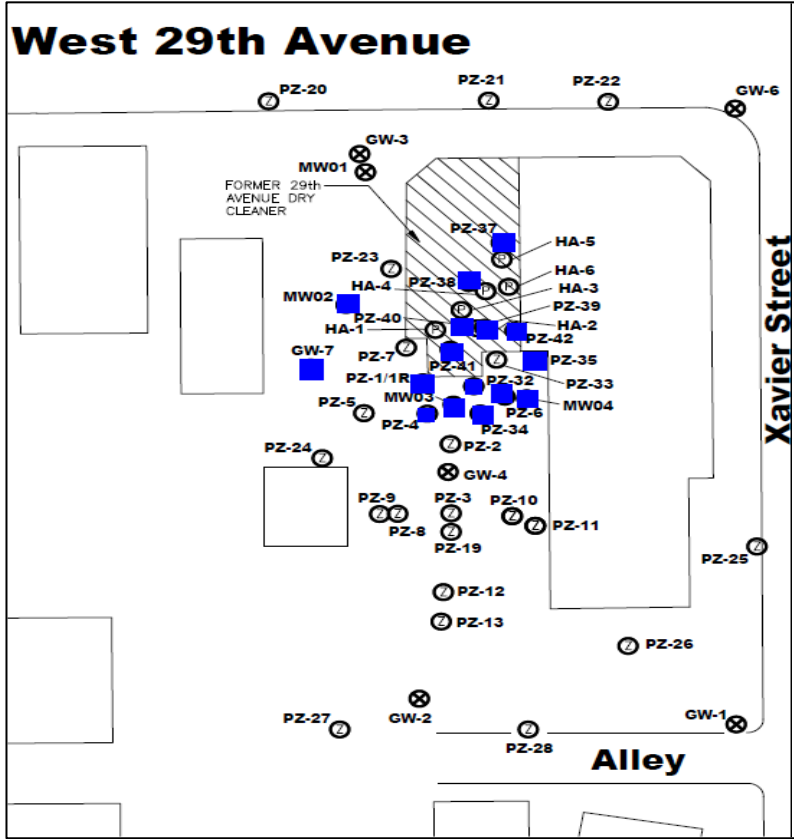
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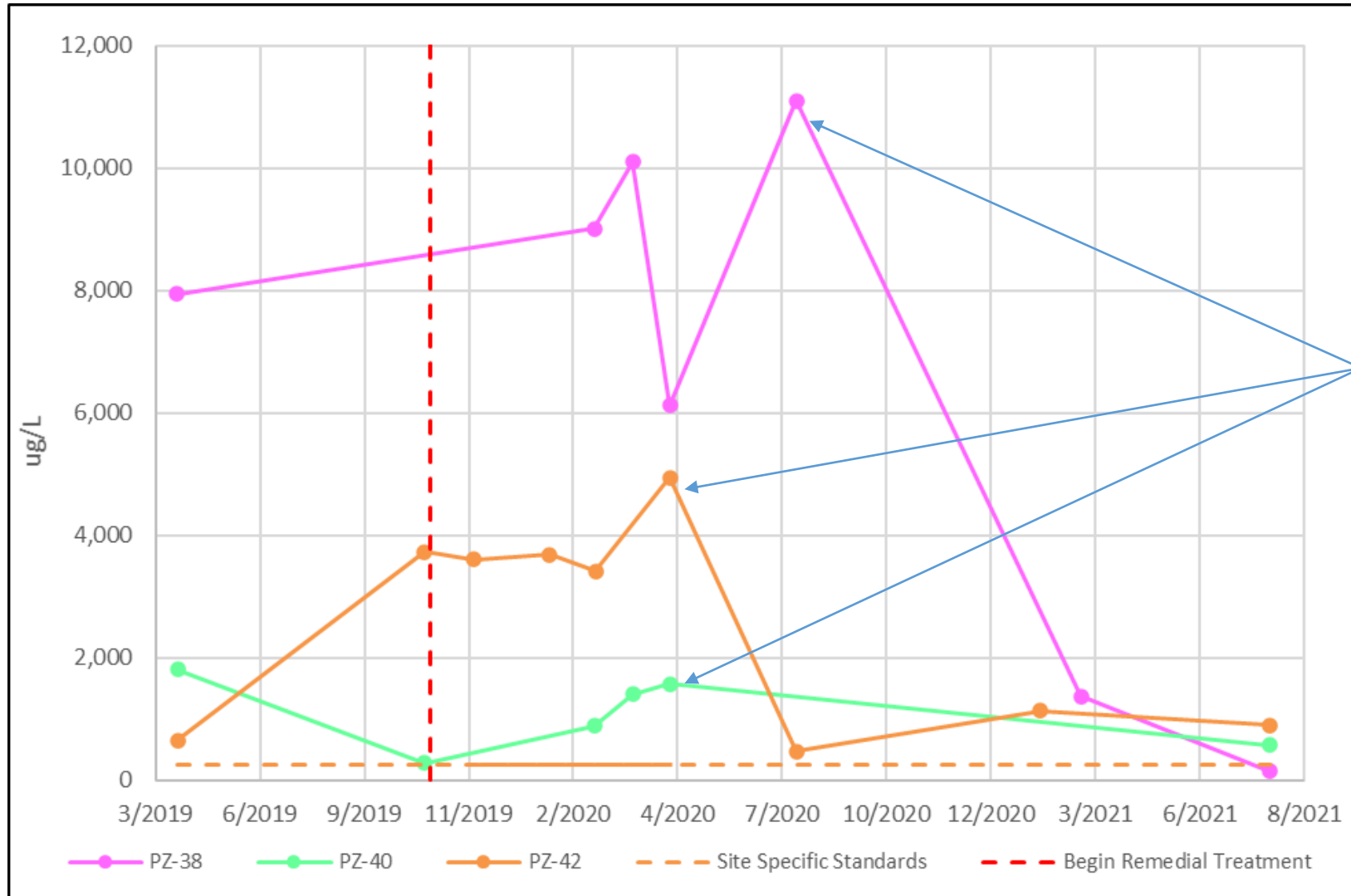
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# E-REDOX- R (REDUCTION) IMPLEMENTATION





Polarity switches of the E-Redox-R units help desorbing PCE from solids into groundwater

PCE Concentration Profiles in Key Monitoring Wells



# Alaska DOT Site Fairbanks, Alaska





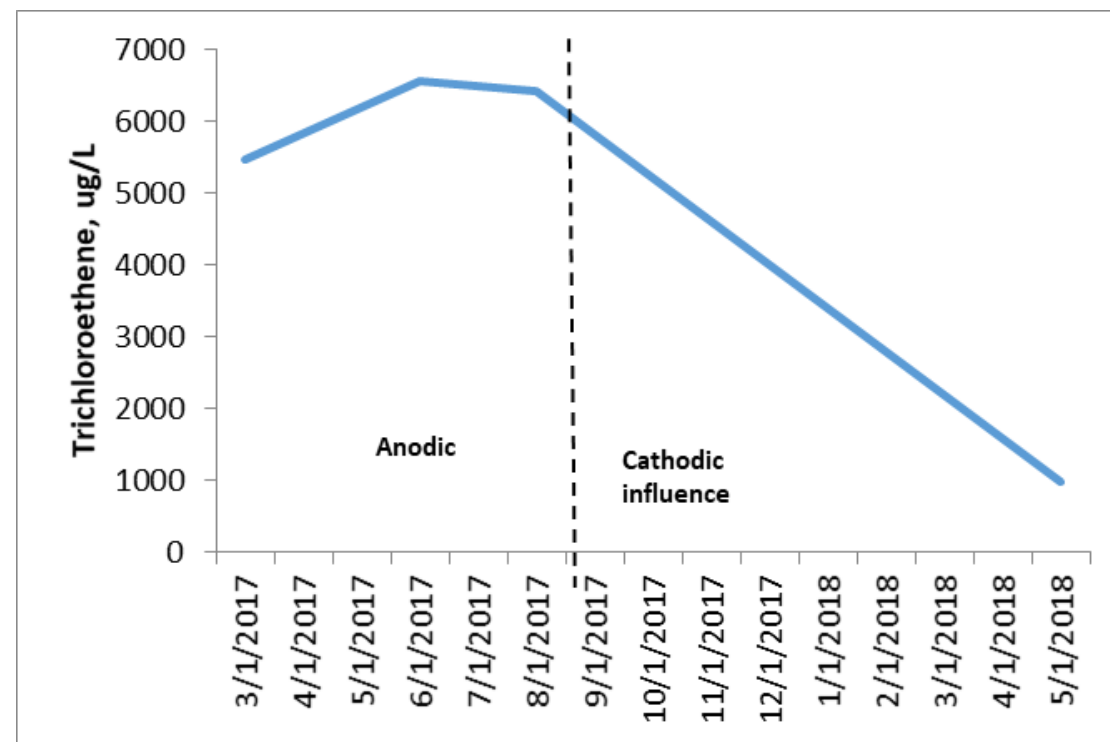
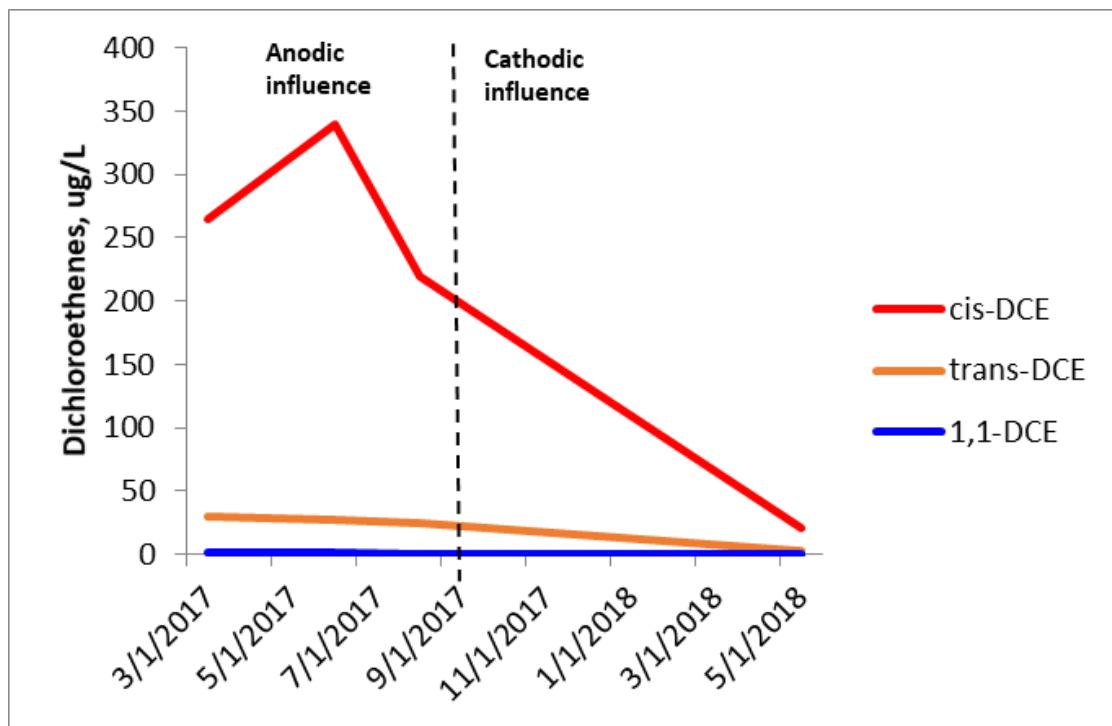
**Location:** DOT Service center, Fairbanks, AK

**Contaminated Matrix:** Groundwater (alluvial, clay)

**Main Contaminant:** TCE and DCEs

**Previous Remediation:** unknown







# Charleston, SC





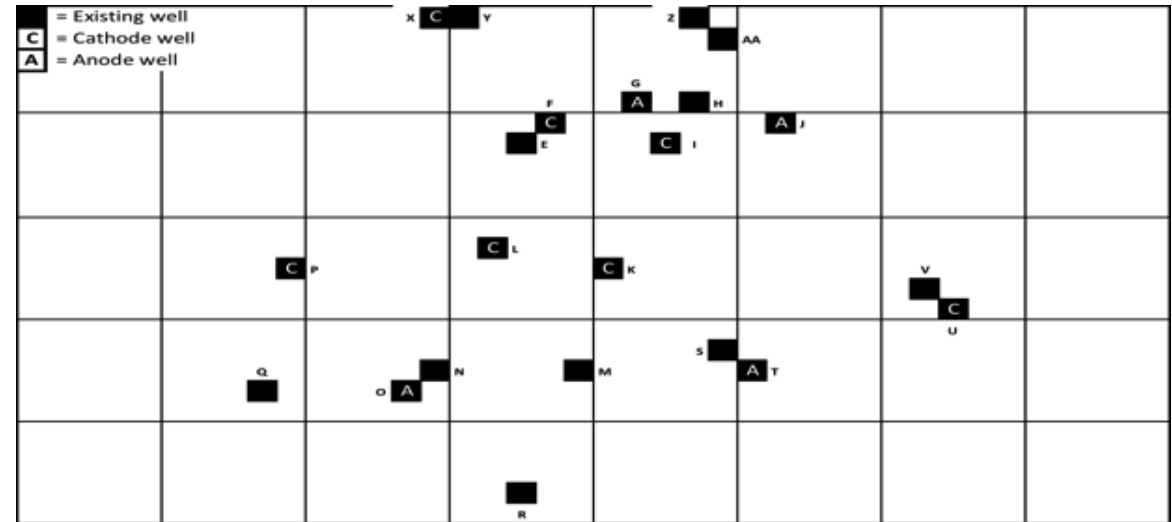
# FORMER AHESIVES PRODUCTION PLANT (under post-remedial monitoring)

**Location:** Former adhesives production plant near Charleston, SC

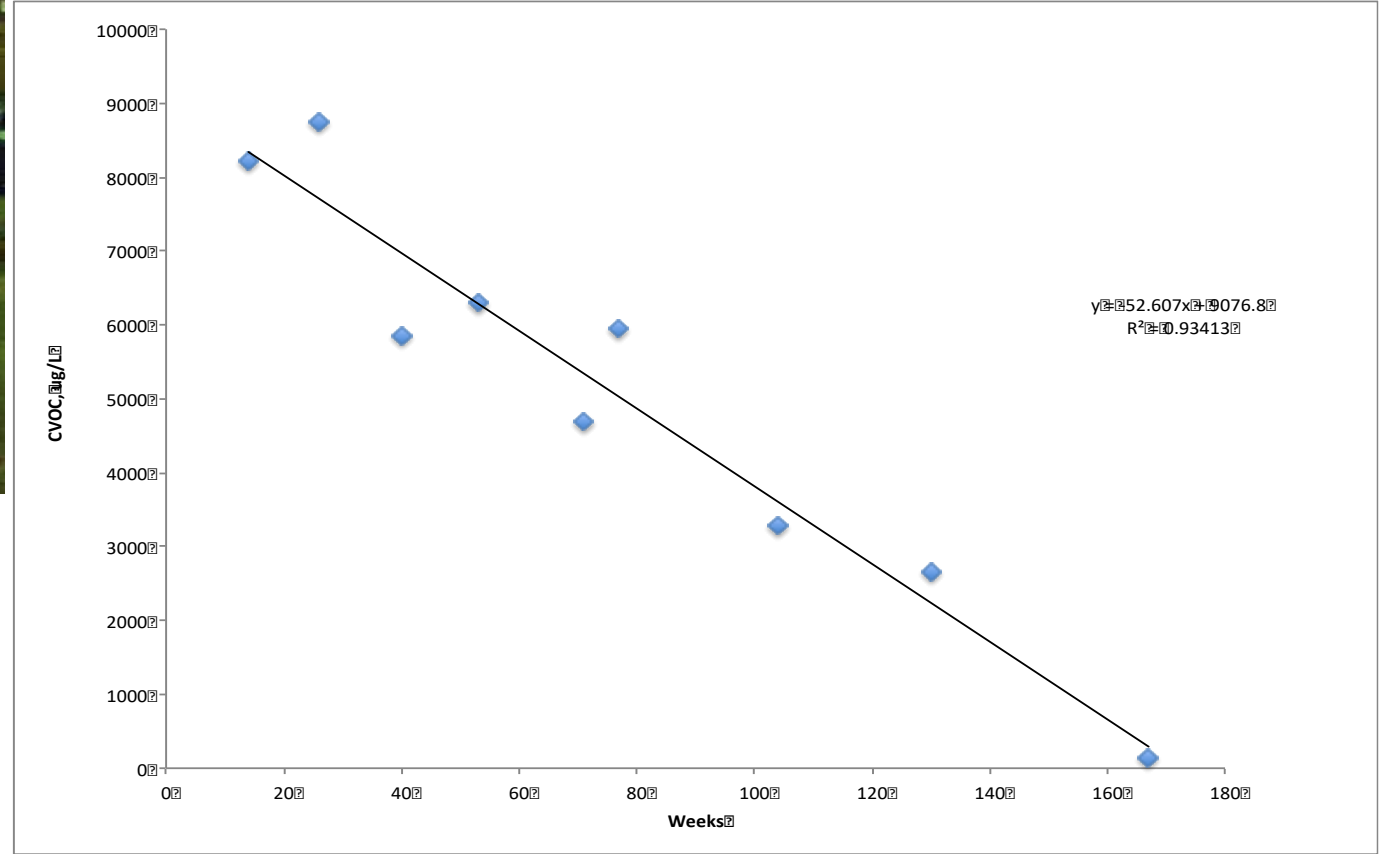
**Contaminated Matrix:** Saturated zone (alluvial, clay)

**Main Contaminant:** PCE, TCE and DCEs, and VC

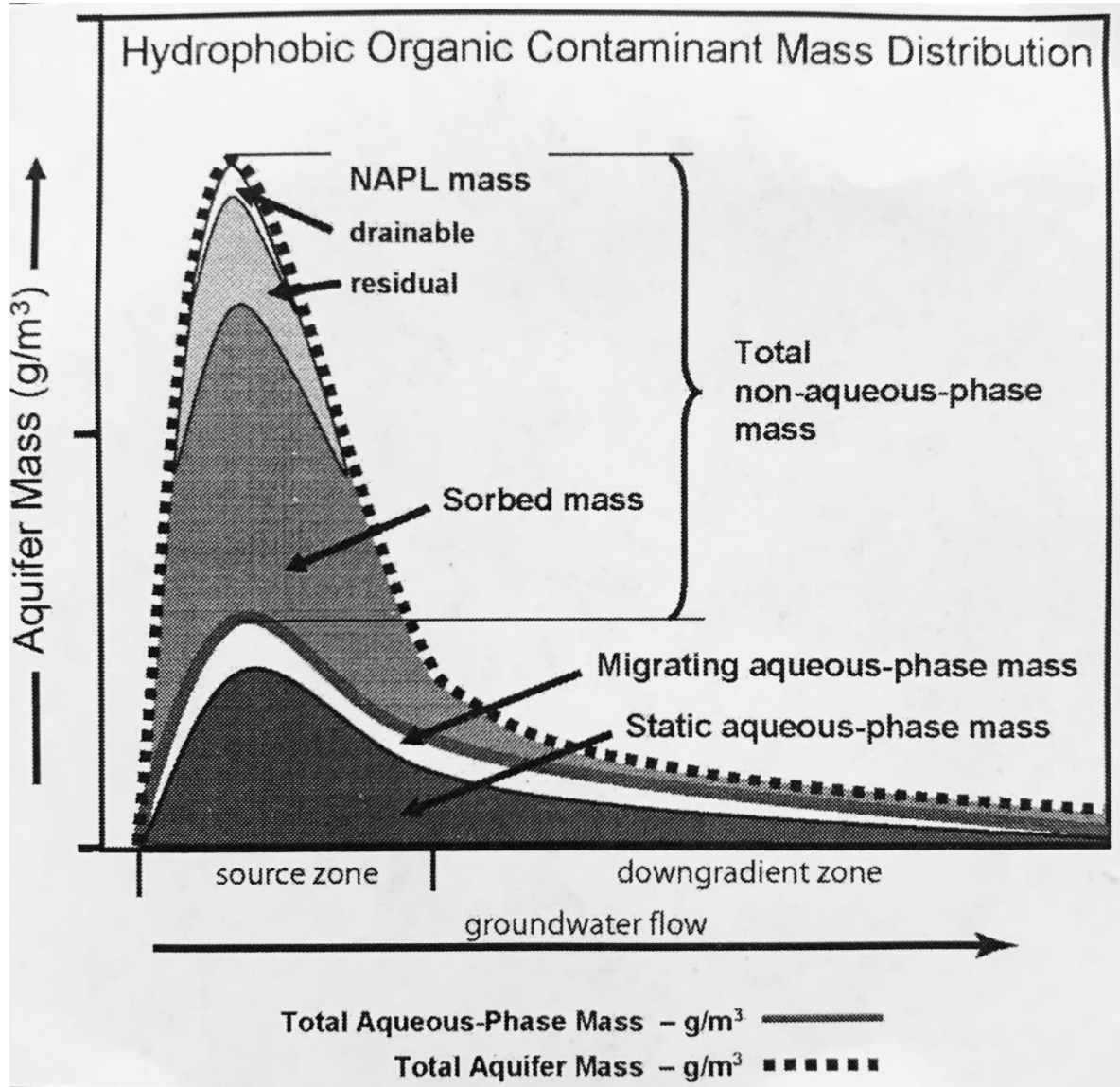
**Previous Remediation:** injections of electron donors, ZVI, and DPE (ongoing)



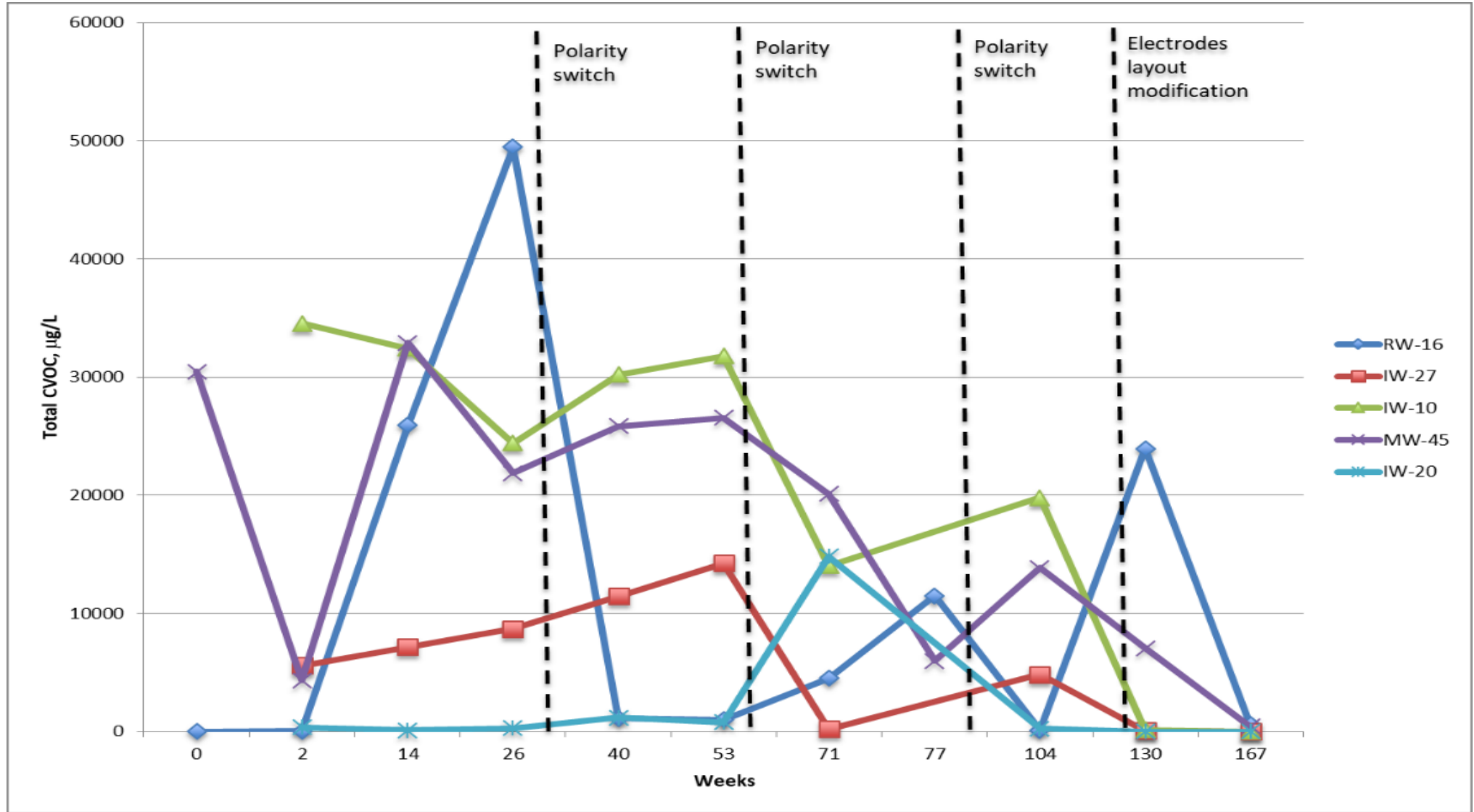




Total site-wide chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOC) concentrations



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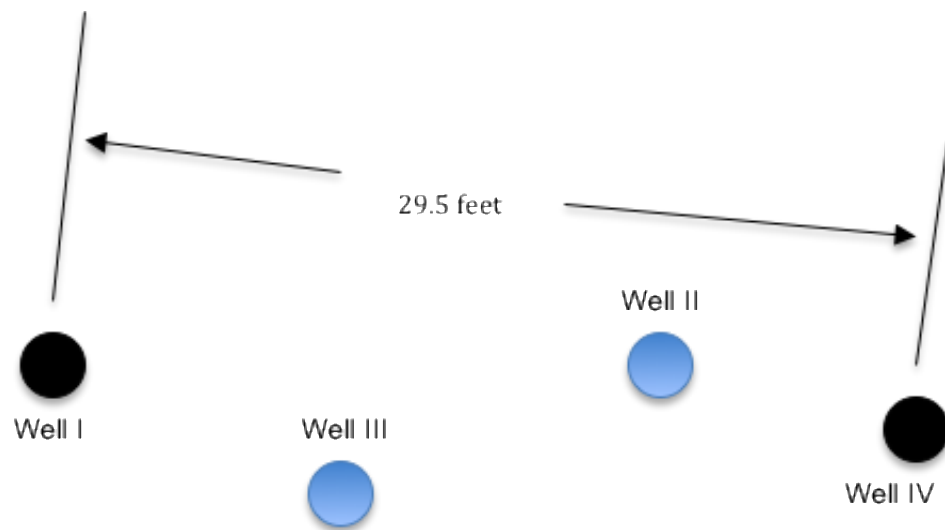




Former Explosives Testing Site, San Bernardino, CA



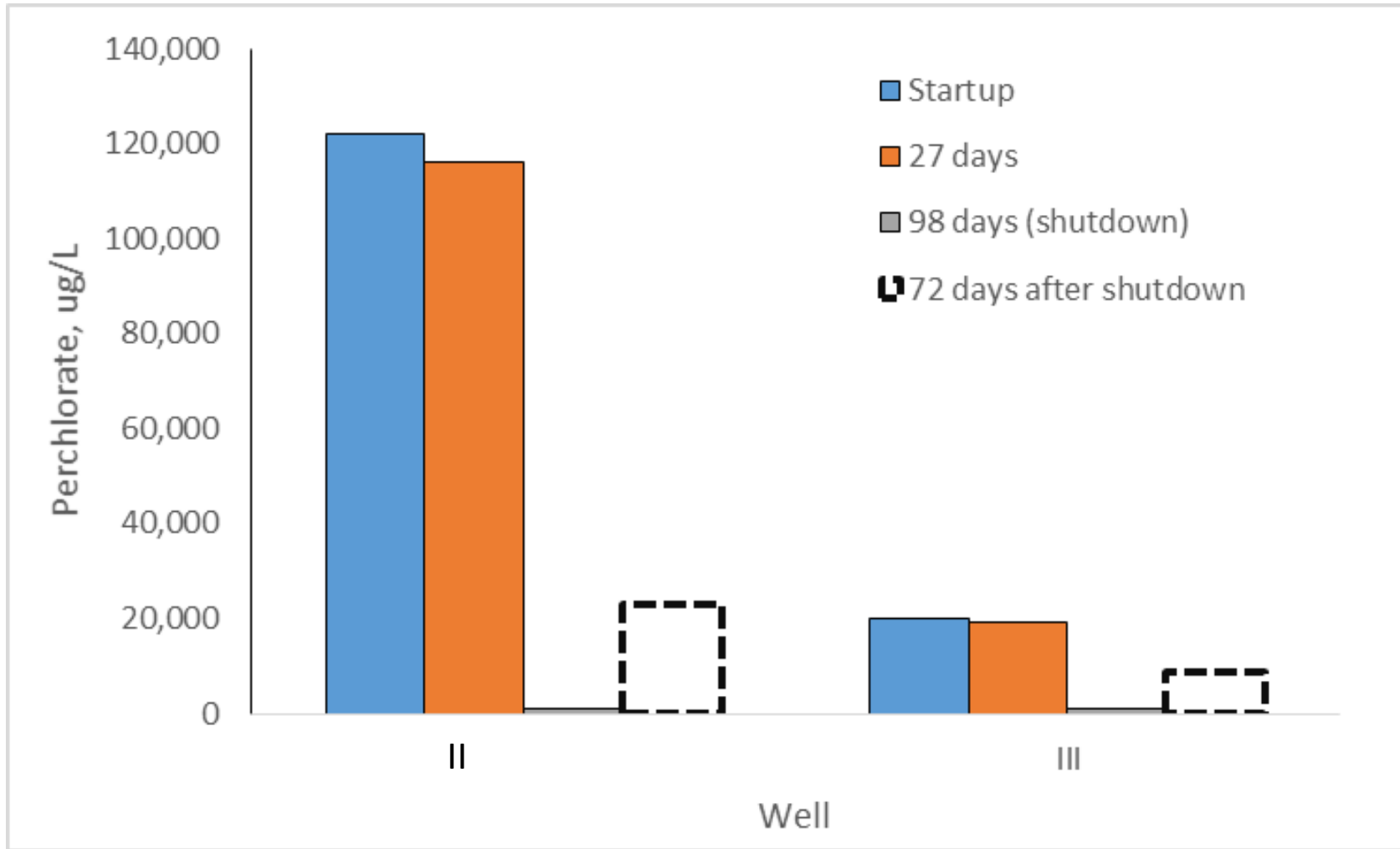
- Former explosives testing site in San Bernardino
- Contaminant: primarily perchlorate
- Past remediation efforts not effective due to low-permeability of aquifer material (clay and shale)
- No municipal power access; solar cells were used for establishing a low-intensity electric field



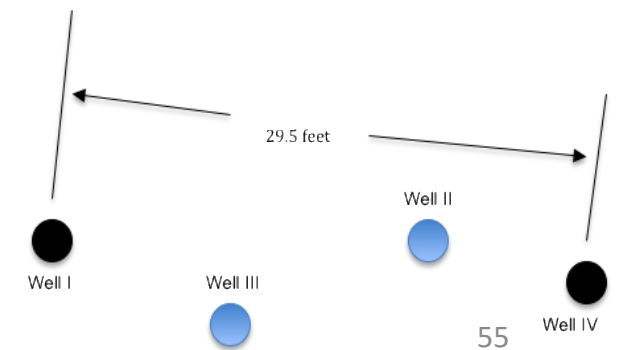
E-Redox<sup>®</sup> field test site layout

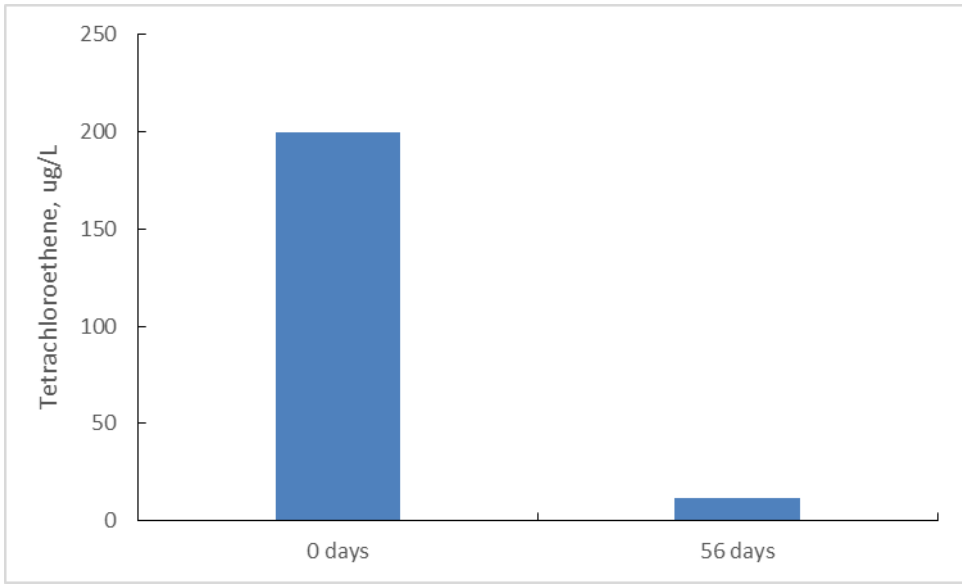




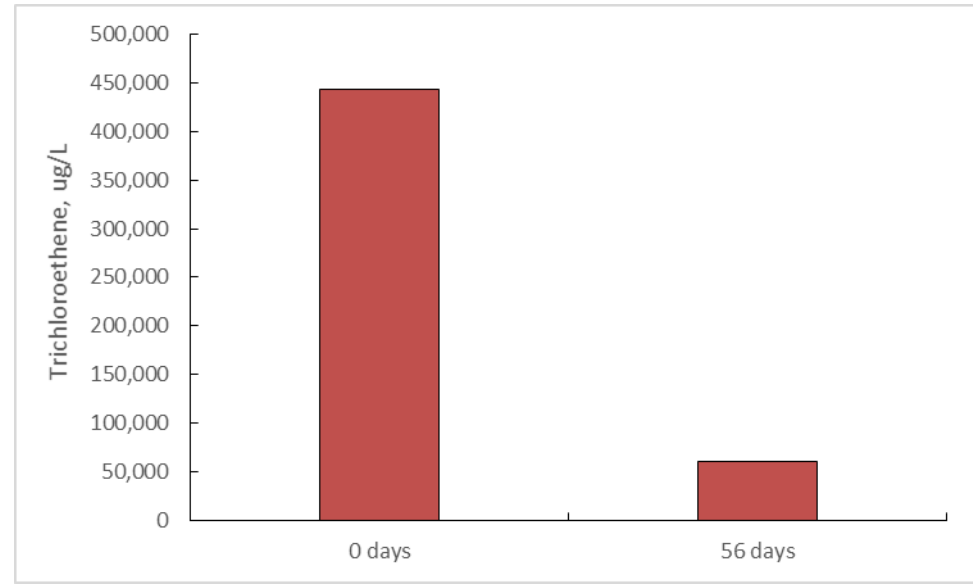


Perchlorate concentrations (98 days of field demonstration)

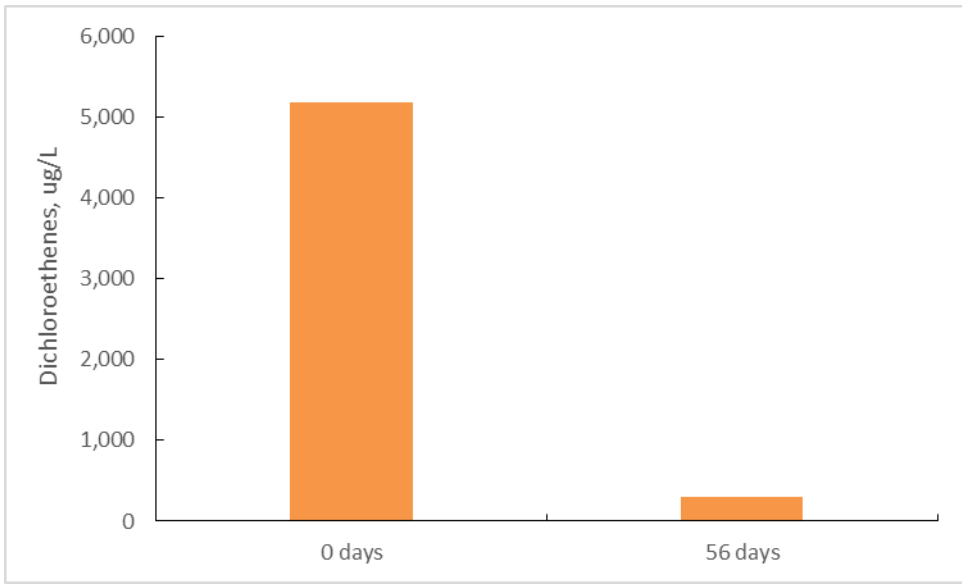




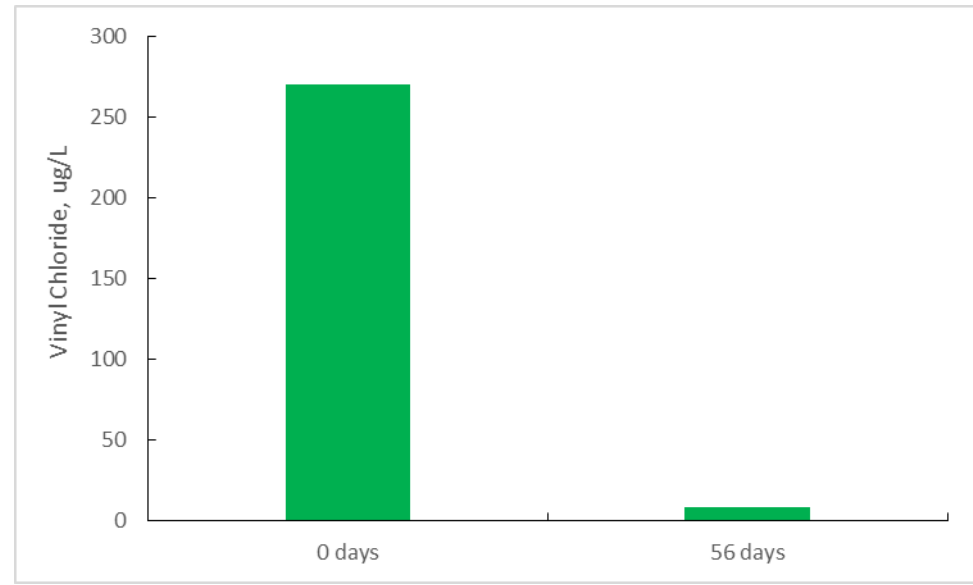
PCE (94% reduction)



TCE (86% reduction)



DCEs (94% reduction)



VC (97% reduction)



# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R (Reduction) Highlights

- **IT WORKS IN CLAY** as well; **NO physical injection**
- Initiates and sustains both **abiotic and biological degradations (dechlorination of CVOC and defluorination of PFAS)**
- **Helps desorption** of COCs (CVOC and PFAS) into the water for enhanced mass removal and destruction
- **ROI of 25-50 ft** (500-2,000 sf/unit); consumes minimum energy, convenient O&M, fits remote sites
- Integrates with other remediation technologies:
  - ZVI rejuvenation
  - Extends electron donor longevity
  - Rapidly establishes **low redox potential** condition for reductive remedies



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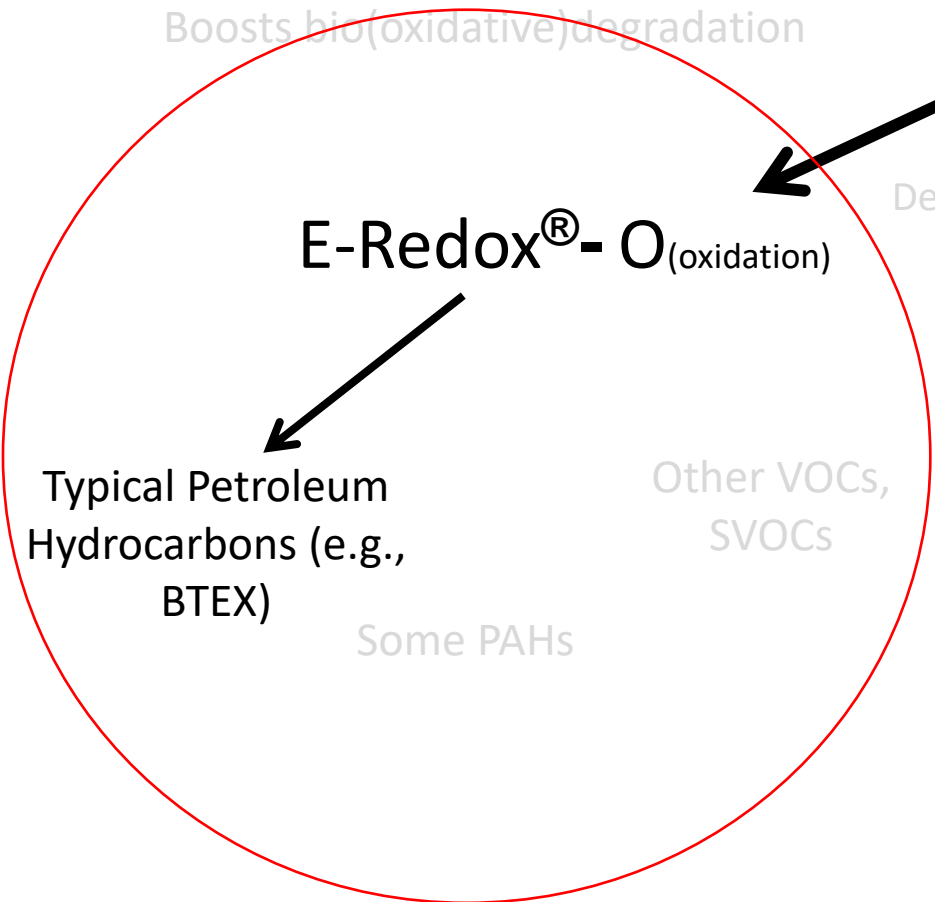
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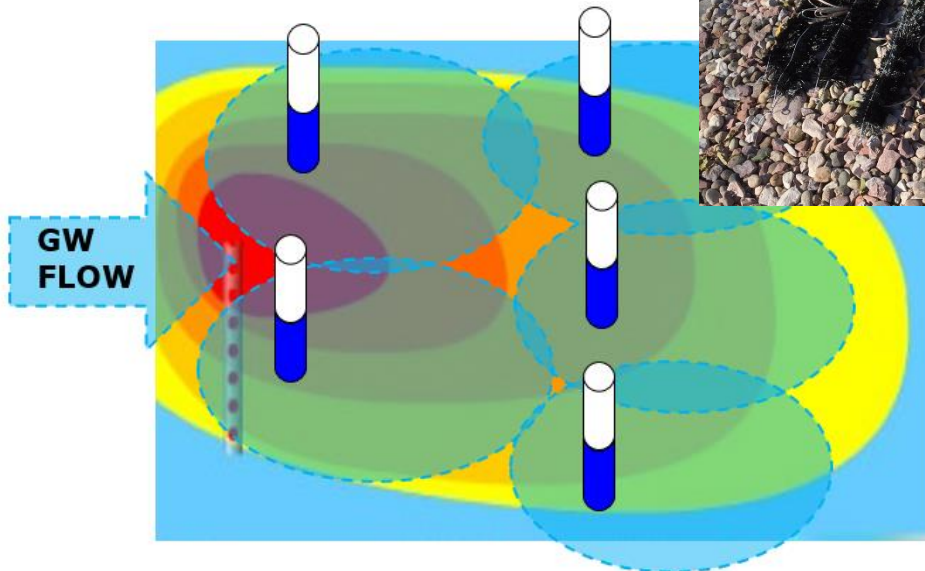
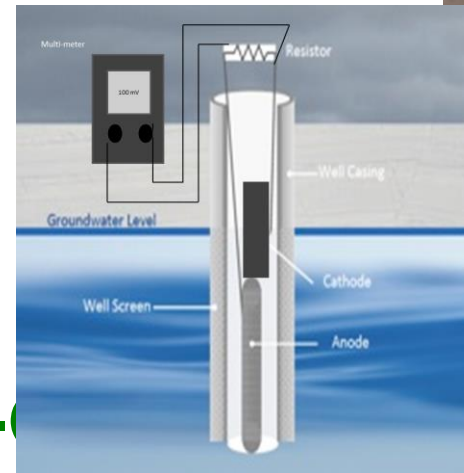
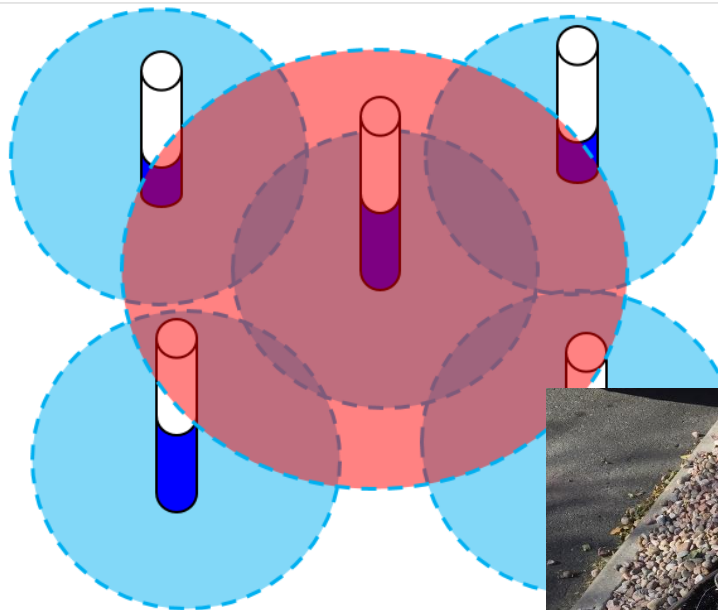
Abiotic redox reactions for COC destruction and desorption

E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R (Reduction)

**A respiratory “Snorkel” for microbes to support and expedite biodegradation in a matrix depleted of electron acceptors, without physical injection of any e-acceptors (air/oxygen/nitrate/sulfate)**

*-- CO OPS listed remedial technology*

# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O for source and small plume treatment



# barrier for areal plume and edge treatment

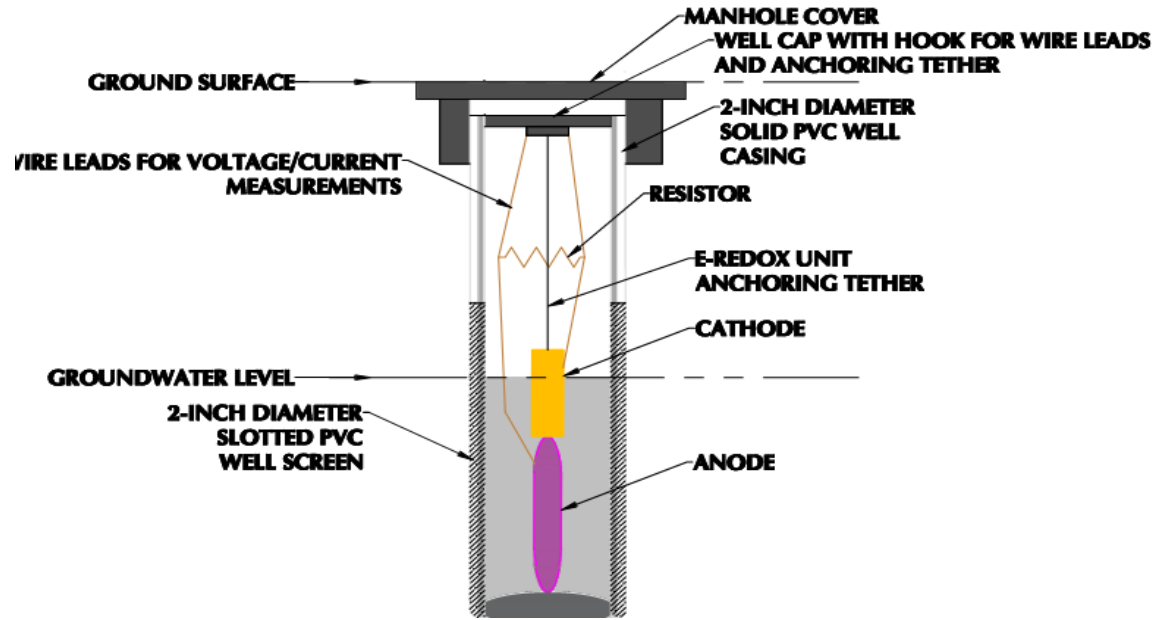




# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O for Petroleum Degradation

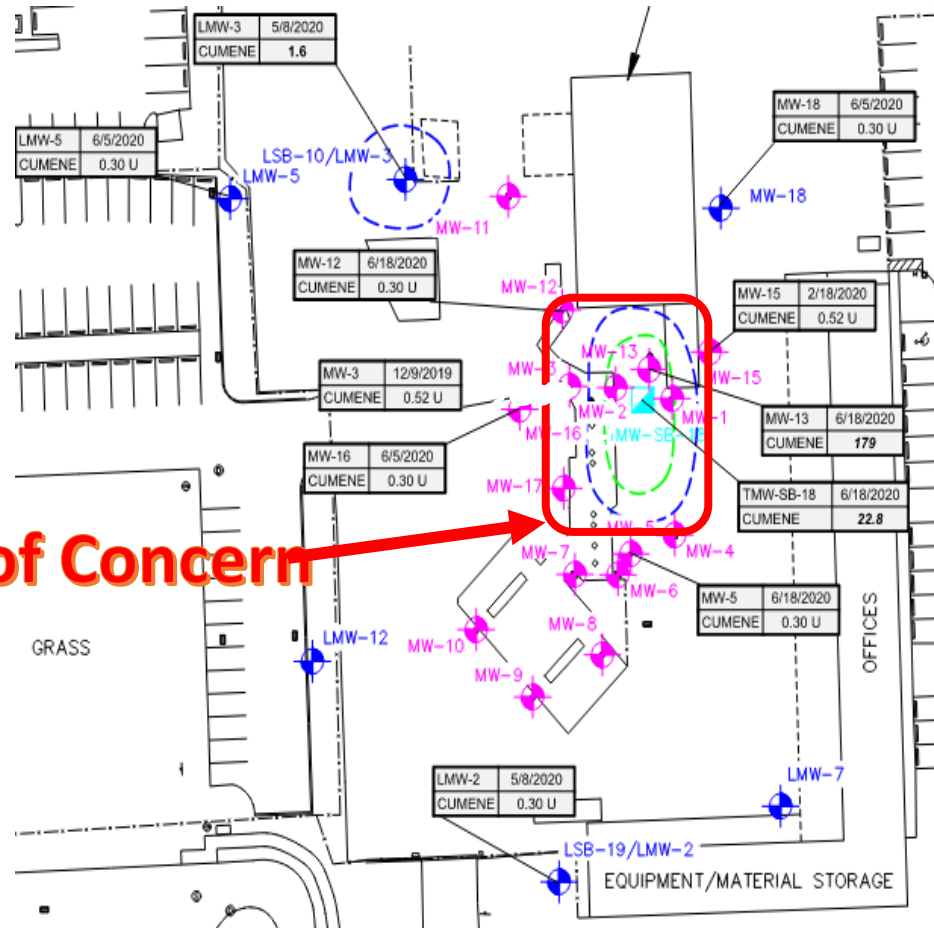








# Site assessment findings – Oakland Park, FL



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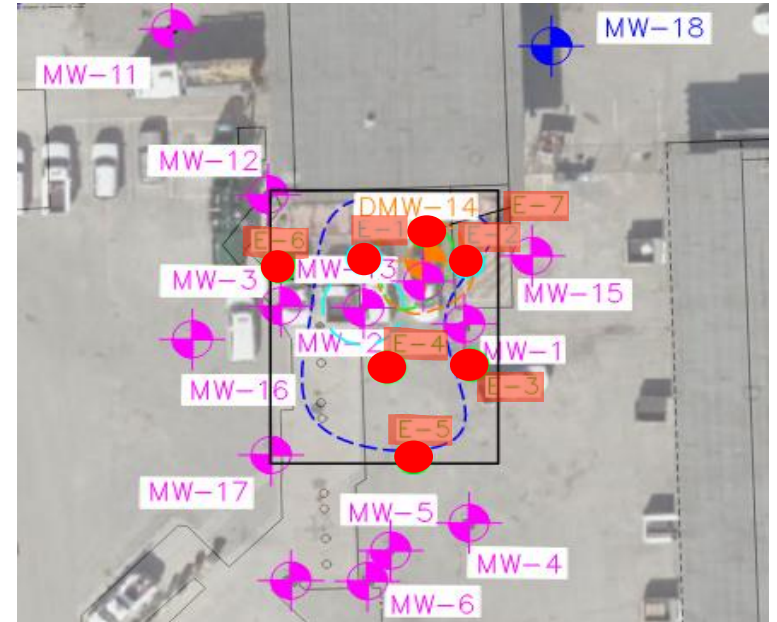
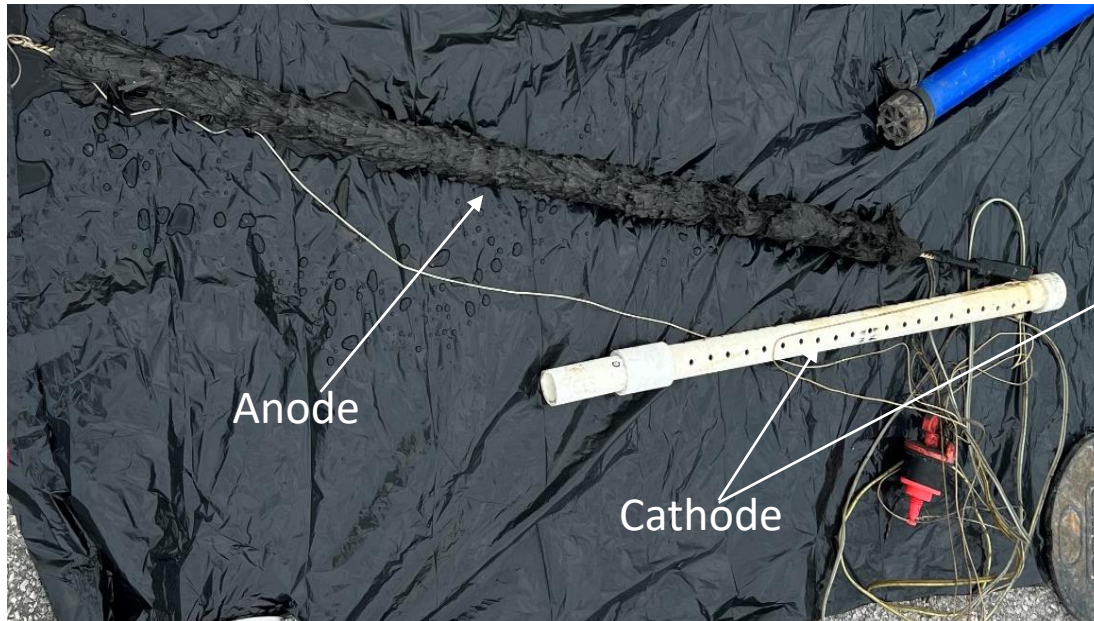
- 1987 Petroleum Discharge from Underground Storage Tanks

Contaminants:

- Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylenes (BTEX), and cumene
- Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH) - Naphthalene and 1- and 2-methylnaphthalenes

# E-Redox<sup>®</sup> FULL SCALE IMPLEMENTATION

7 E-Redox<sup>®</sup> units installed with approximate spacing of 20 feet



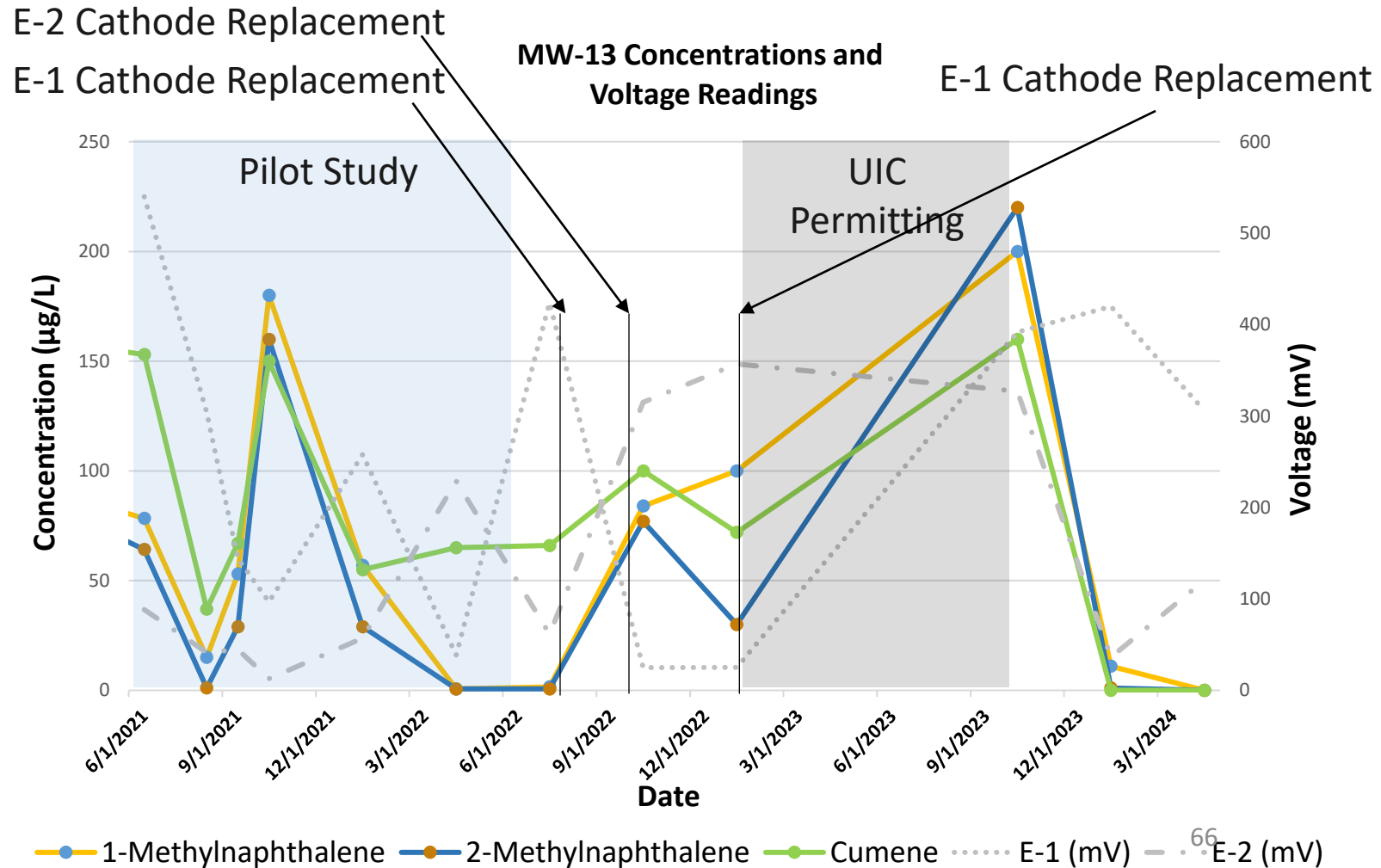
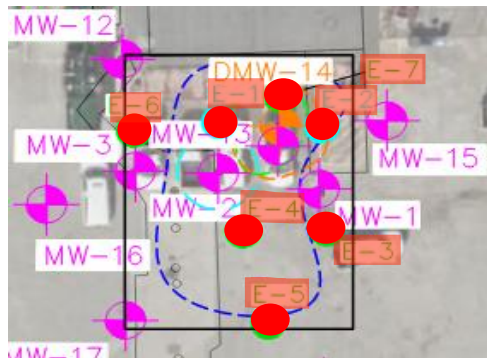
# E-Redox<sup>®</sup> FULL SCALE IMPLEMENTATION

Challenge:

- Decrease in voltage and therefore effectiveness of the E-Redox<sup>®</sup> unit

Solution:

- Quarterly replacement of cathodes





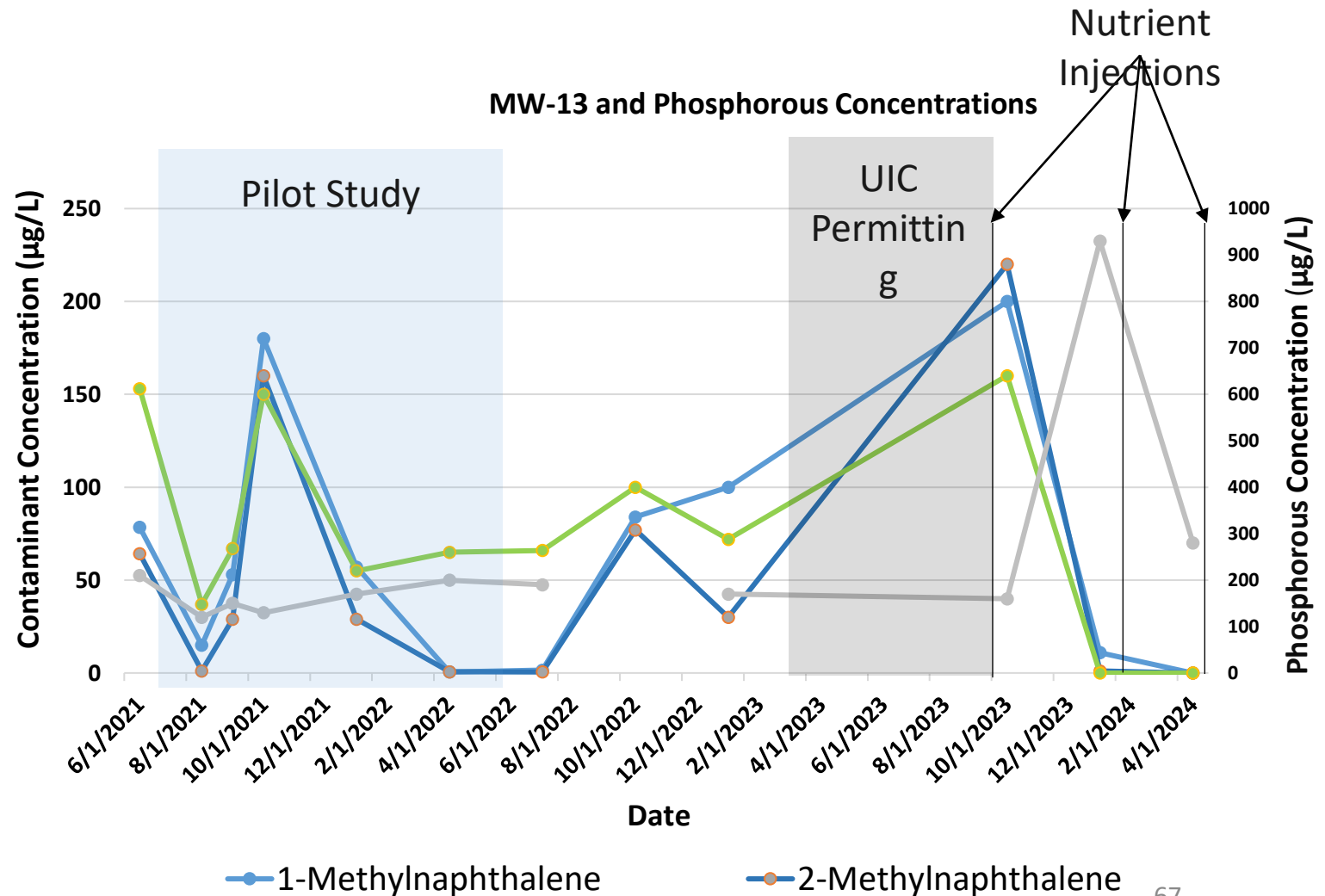
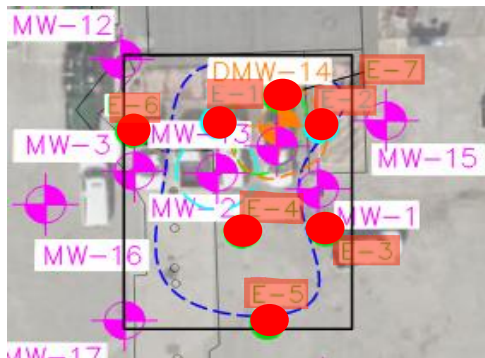
# E-RedoX<sup>®</sup> FULL SCALE IMPLEMENTATION

Challenge:

- Depletion of nutrients essential for biodegradation.

Solution:

- Addition of diammonium phosphate (DAP) and KCL to replenish macro nutrients in the treatment area





## TOTAL CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS

### E-Redox<sup>®</sup>

- 1.07 metric tons, primarily from transportation

### Chemical Oxidation

- 23.53 metric tons, primarily from equipment operation

### Air Sparge & Soil Vapor Extraction

- 6,117 metric tons, primarily from equipment operation

# E-Redox<sup>®</sup> in Remote Areas

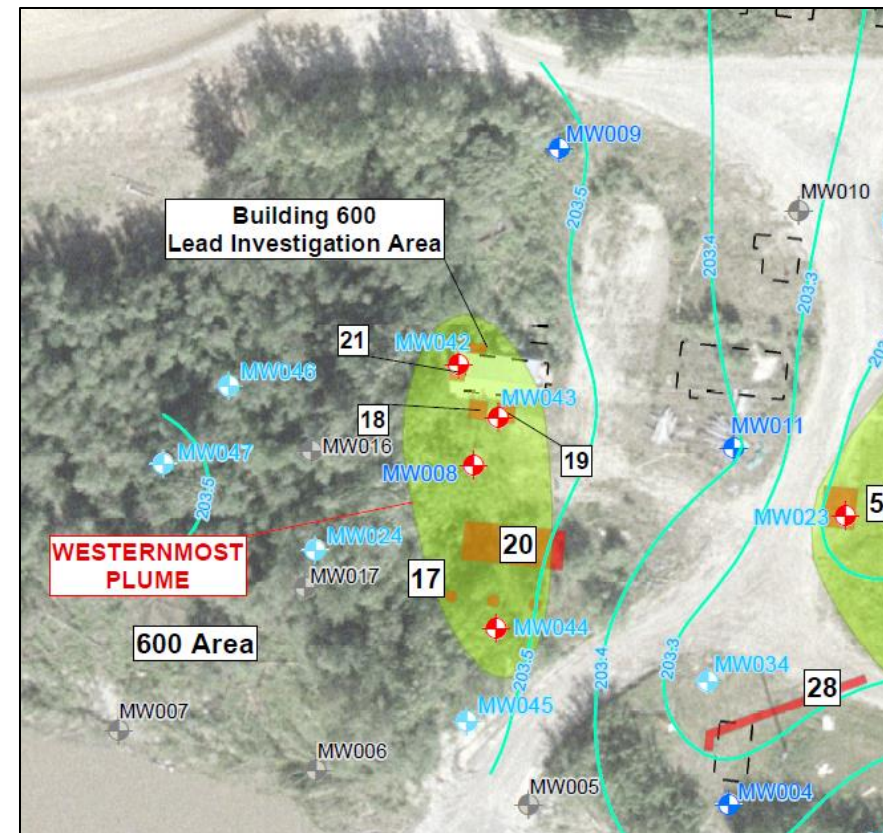
**Location:** Tanana, AK

**Contaminated Matrix:** subsurface soil and groundwater

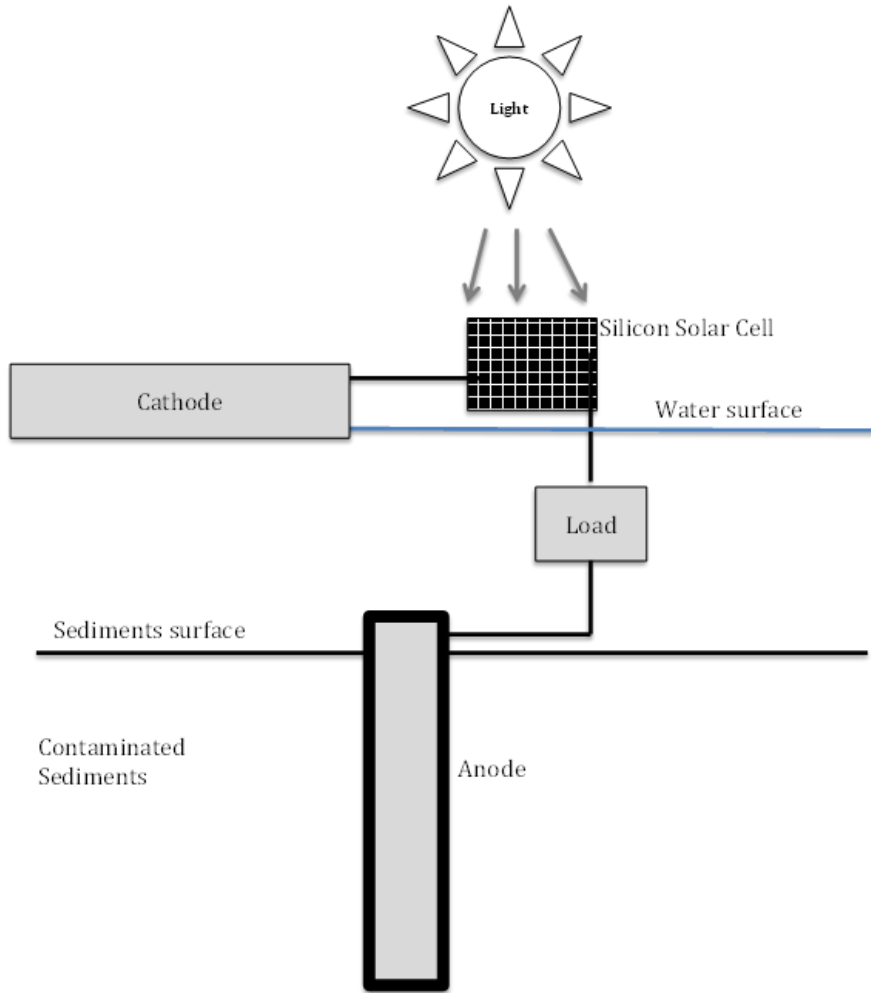
**Primary Contaminants:** DRO and TPH

**Previous Remediation:** NA

**Challenges:** Remote location; limited logistics; climate; lack of power source



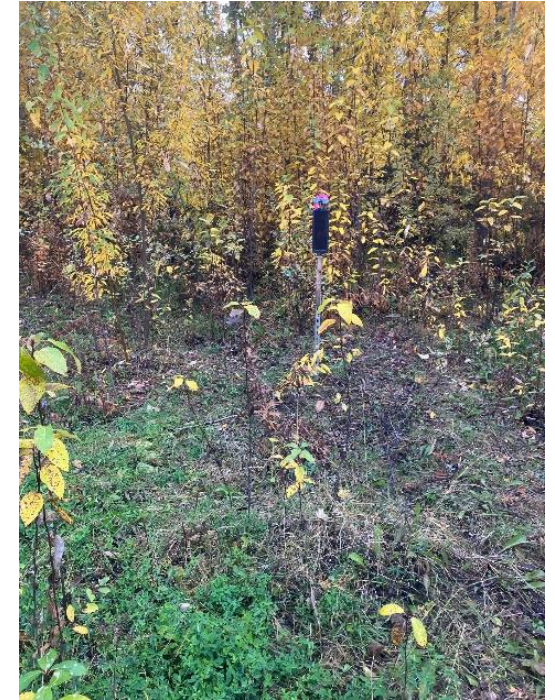
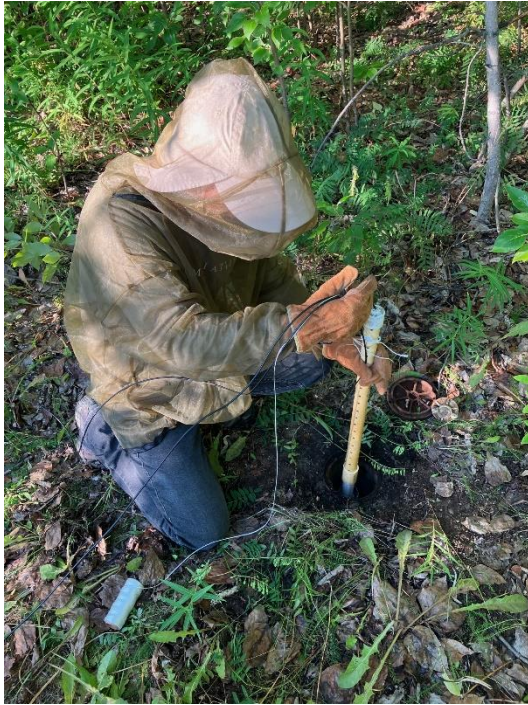




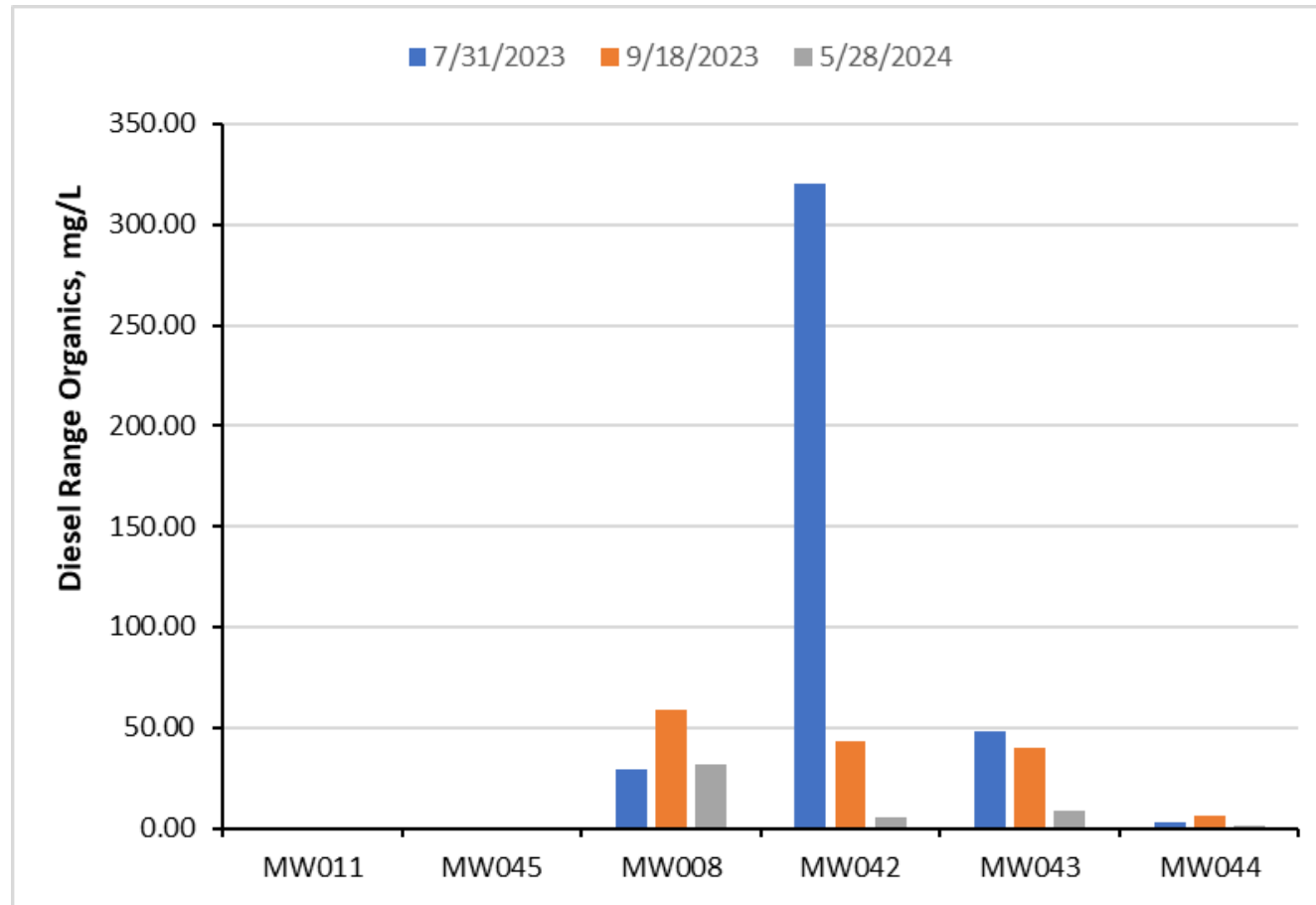
E-Redox<sup>®</sup> Plus applied for treating organic wastes in lake sediments, petroleum hydrocarbons at a former refinery, and DRO at a remote site in Alaska



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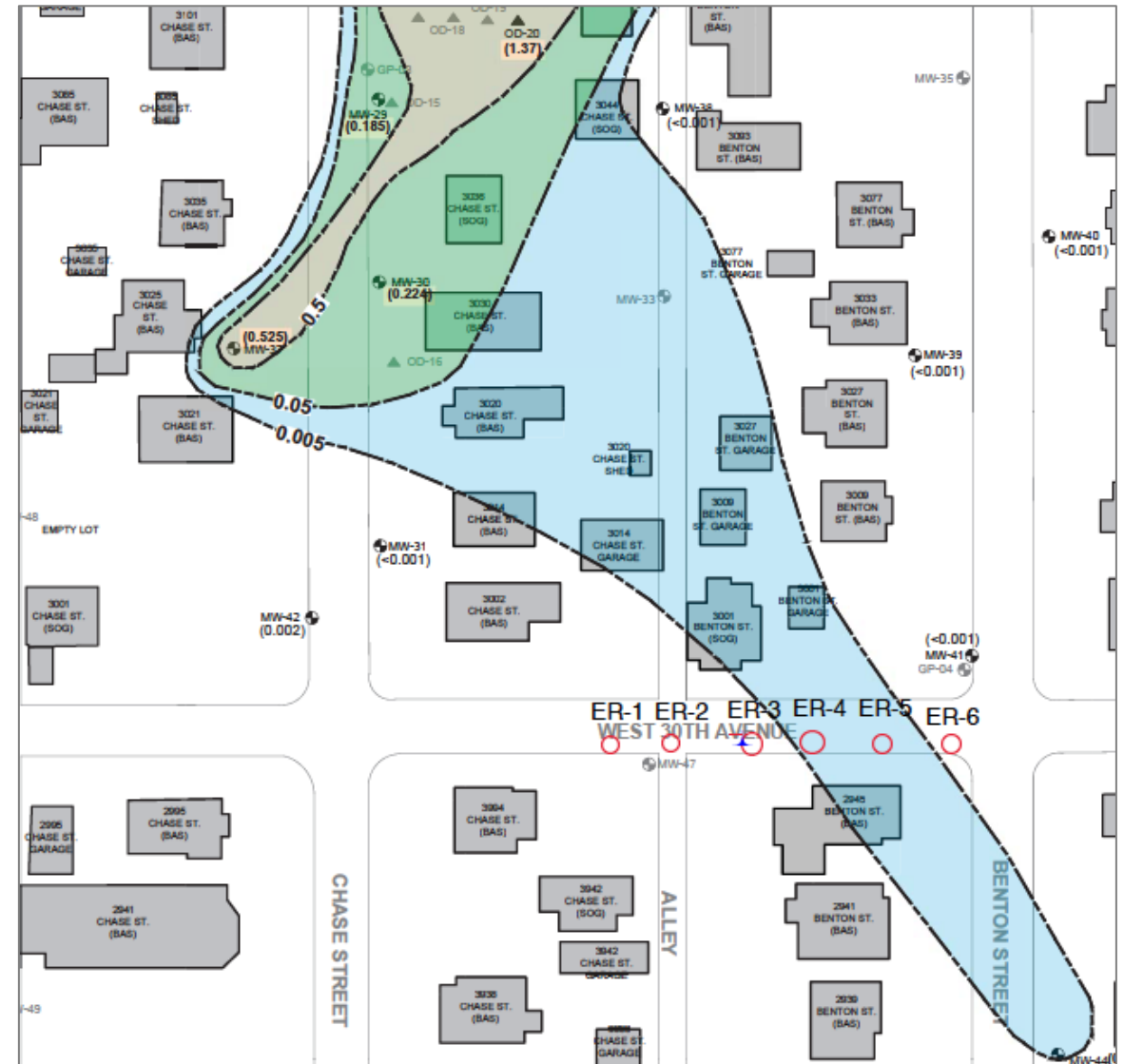
# E-Redox<sup>®</sup> as a “Virtual Barrier”

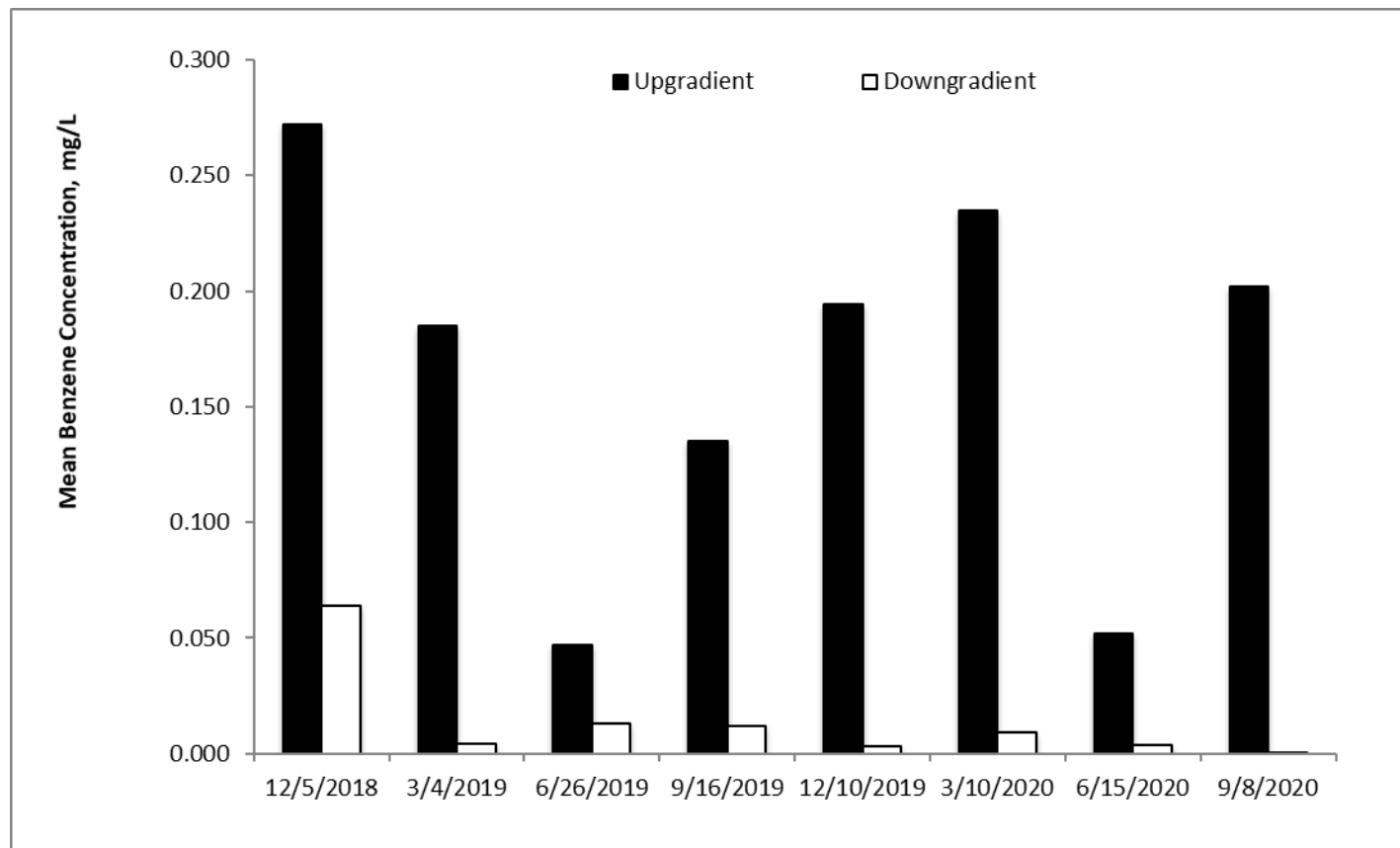
**Location:** Residential area downgradient from a former auto-repair shop and retail fuel station in Wheat Ridge, CO

**Contaminated Matrix:** Groundwater

**Primary Contaminants:** Benzene

**Previous Remediation:** Bioaugmentation





# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O (oxidation) Highlights

- ✓ E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O technology is a “**passive**” **active** treatment for petroleum hydrocarbons by providing a perpetual terminal electron acceptor and expediting electron transfer for microbes
- ✓ E-Redox<sup>®</sup> favors sites with good matrix electrical conductivity (most sites). **IT WORKS IN CLAY as well; and No injection**
- ✓ Voltage profiles in the E-Redox<sup>®</sup> device as a tool for **in-situ real-time monitoring** of biodegradation and potential deficiencies – **BioRemeter<sup>™</sup>**
- ✓ Modular, sustainable, **zero energy input**, minimum maintenance
- ✓ E-Redox<sup>®</sup> can be a stand-alone remedy or synergistically used with other remedial technologies (e.g., nutrients addition, bioaugmentation, carbon-based trapping materials, chemOx, SVE, etc.)







*BioCook*®

**An innovative  
waste treatment  
solution with  
potential for PFAS  
impacted solids**

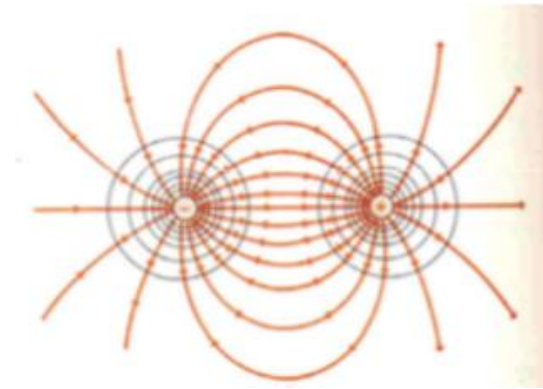
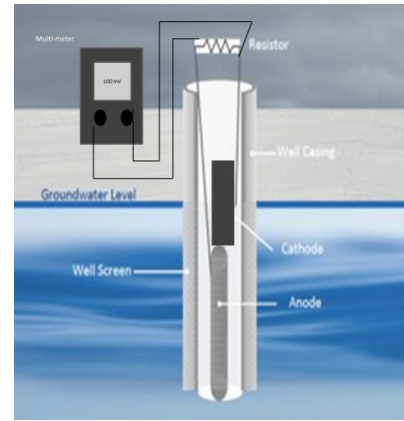
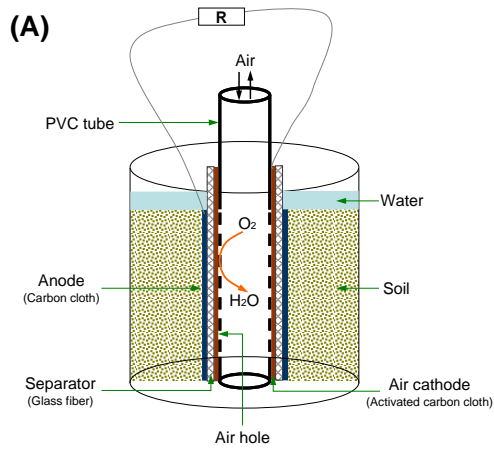




# Proof of Concept Test in Water

Catalytic Reaction	PFOA (ug/L)	PFOS (ug/L)	pH
1-C	5.43	48.74	3.18
1-T	0.14	36.01	3.33
2-C	4.82	46.37	2.4
2-T	0.15	4.31	2.36





# Microbial-Electro-Chemistry Redox Technology

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Reactions via electron transport and shifts of matrix particle/water interface charges and configurations

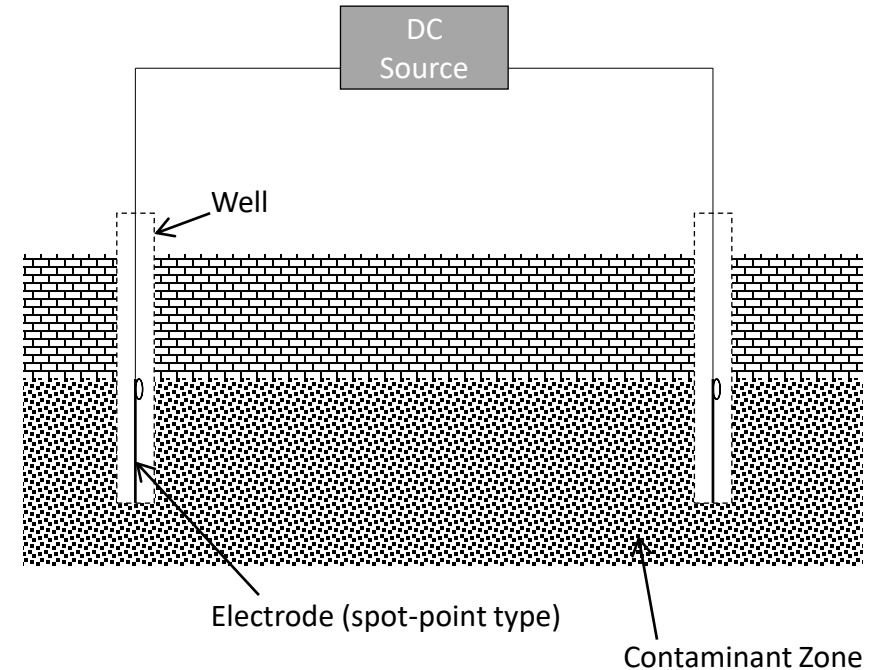
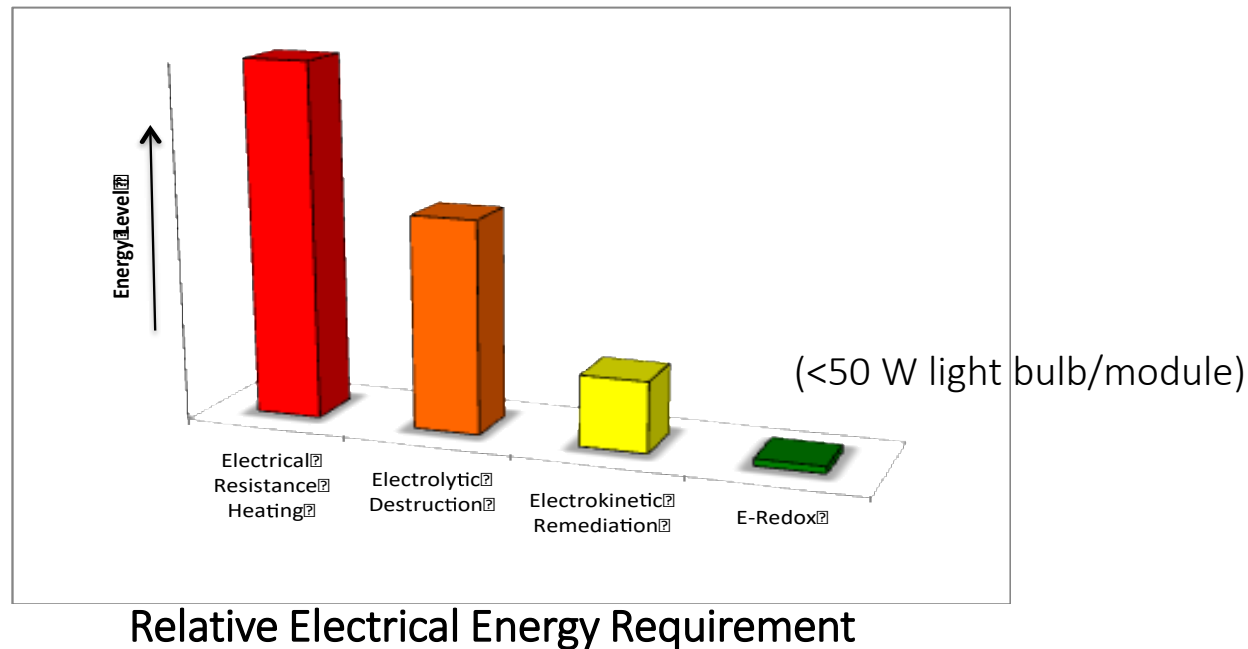
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Friendly for fine-grained lithology with higher electrical conductivities: silts & clays



# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R (reduction and localized oxidation)

- Establishes a low-voltage/low-amperage static electric field in the contaminated matrix.
- Promotes reductive destruction and desorption of source compounds from soil into water



Patented by AET, 1<sup>st</sup> Field Application 2014  
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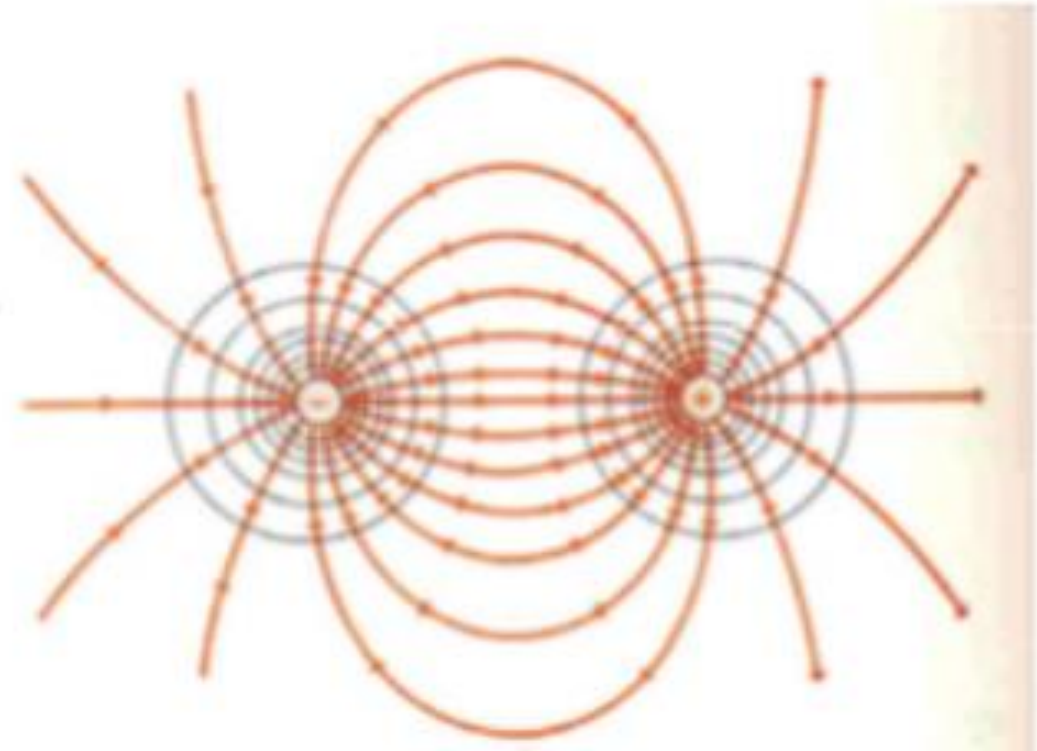
## E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R: “micro-conductor”, “micro-capacitor” mechanism for redox reactions and mass desorption

- Soil particles in the influenced matrix act as micro-conductors, become polarized, and act as “micro-capacitors”\* with constant charging and discharging cycles:
  - Abiotic reductive destruction of chlorinated solvents and oxyanions
  - Beneficial to biological dechlorination
  - Localized redox reactions destruct PFAS compounds
- Constant shifts of surface charge causes electrostatic and hydration repulsion, disturbs the “water cage” configuration and results in:
  - Desorption of contaminants from soil/solids into water
  - Elimination of “rebounds”

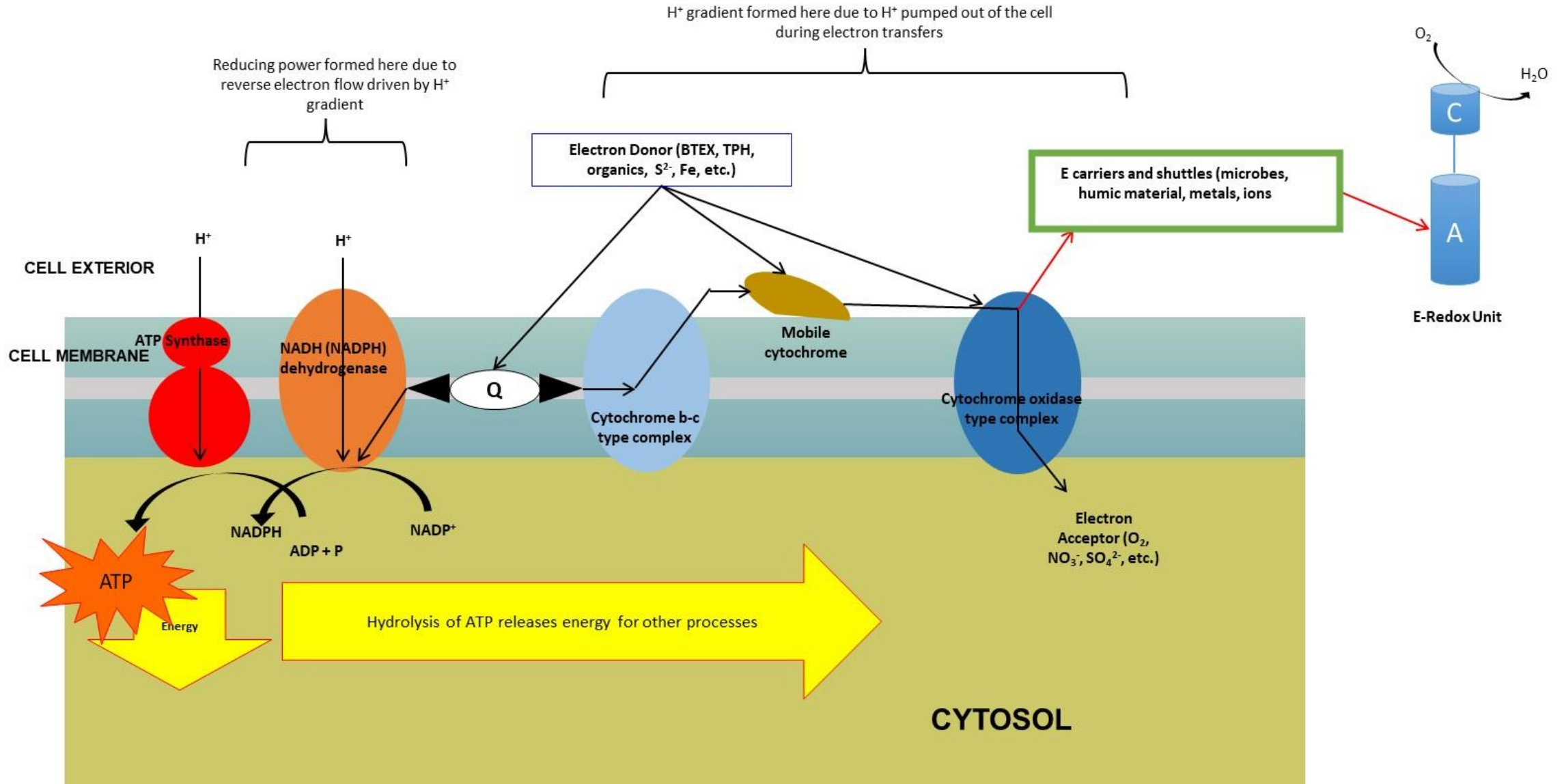
\* *Dietmar Rahner, Dresden U of Technology, 2002*

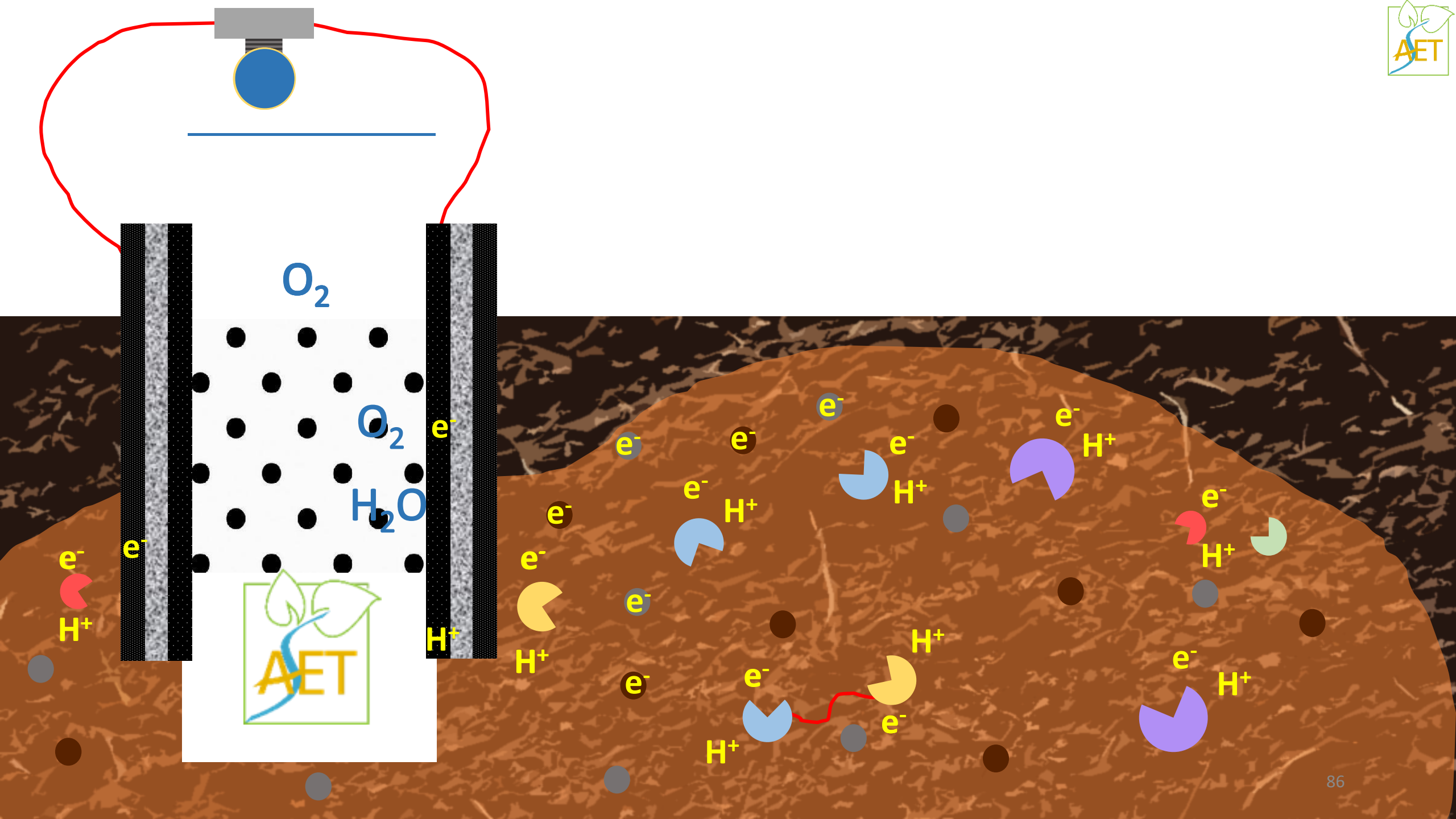
# Static Electric Field

- Field data indicate a radius of influence (ROI) of ~25-30 ft in clay and silts; >50 ft for matrices with injection history of carbon, ZVI, or other conductive compounds
- Electrodes spacing: ~25 ft for mixed saturated and unsaturated matrices















# SUMMARY

- E-Redox<sup>®</sup> (R and O) technologies are applicable to diverse matrices including **CLAY** and other tight matrices. **No injection** is involved
- E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-R (reduction) is mainly an abiotic pathway; E-Redox<sup>®</sup>-O (oxidation) is mainly a biodegradation pathway
- E-Redox<sup>®</sup> facilitates **desorption** of COCs into the water, benefiting mass removal and destruction
- E-Redox<sup>®</sup> is compatible and synergistic to other remediation tools
- BioCook<sup>®</sup> can treat organic solids and potentially PFAS impacted media

THANK YOU!

E-Redox<sup>®</sup>



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# Supplemental Slides



# E-Redox<sup>®</sup>

## Assumptions:

- 2 years in-situ operation
- Quarterly maintenance of 10-15 units

## Total $CO_2$ Emissions:

**1.07 metric tons**, primarily from transportation

- Vs. AS/SVE **6000+ tons**; CHEMOX 2 injections  
**50+ tons**

## Microbial Metabolism and Community Structure in Response to Bioelectrochemically Enhanced Remediation of Petroleum Hydrocarbon-Contaminated Soil

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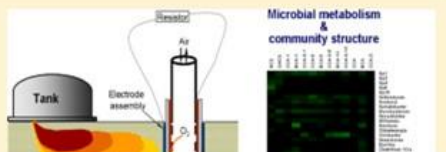
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Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** This study demonstrates that electrodes in a bioelectrochemical system (BES) can potentially serve as a nonexhaustible electron acceptor for *in situ* bioremediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soil. The deployment of BES not only eliminates aeration or supplement of electron acceptors as in contemporary bioremediation but also significantly shortens the remediation period and produces sustainable electricity. More in



## Molecular Transformation of Crude Oil Contaminated Soil after Bioelectrochemical Degradation Revealed by FT-ICR Mass Spectrometry

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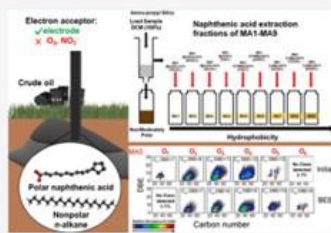
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**ABSTRACT:** Bioremediation is a low-cost approach for crude oil spill remediation, but it is often limited by electron acceptor availability. In addition, the biodegradation products of crude oil contaminants are complex, and transformation pathways are difficult to decipher. This study demonstrates that bioelectrochemical systems (BESs) can be effective in crude oil degradation by integrating biological and electrochemical pathways, and more importantly, it provides the first understanding on the daughter products of bioelectrochemical hydrocarbon degradation. Using electrospray ionization (ESI) Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometry (FT-ICR MS) and two-dimensional gas chromatography (GC × GC), the results showed that the active BES reactor improved the total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) degradation by ~70% than open circuit control reactors. After separating the daughter products into nine fractions (MA1–MA9)



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## Enhanced bioremediation of hydrocarbon-contaminated soil using pilot-scale bioelectrochemical systems

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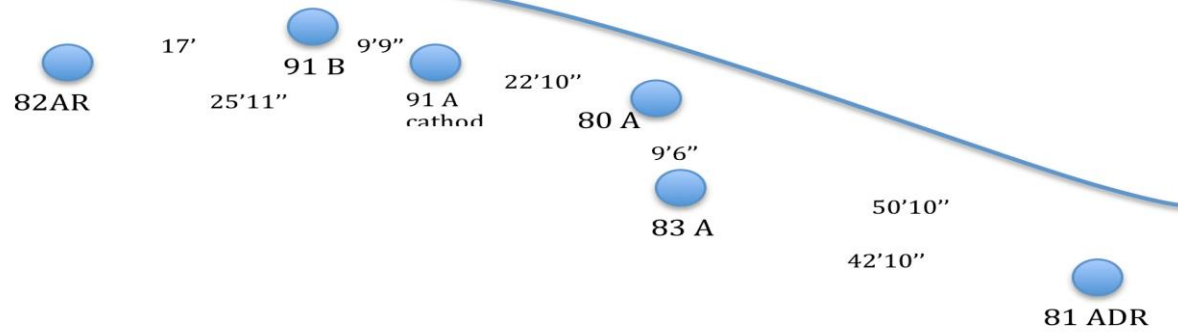
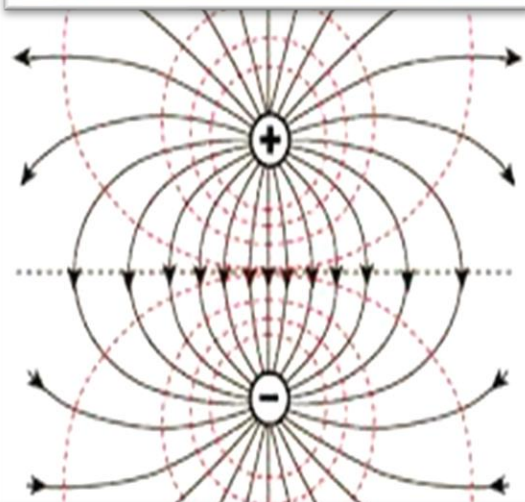
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## Dominance of electroactive microbiomes in bioelectrochemical remediation of hydrocarbon-contaminated soils with different textures

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ORP decreased >115 mV after 30 min and continued to decrease in the area with continued E-Redox-I operating

During the testing period of 4 hr, E-Redox-I system has a measurable ROI of >26 feet from either electrode outward

\*Fallgren, P.H., Eisenbeis, J.J., Jin, S. 2018. *J. Environ. Sci. Health Part A* 53:517-523.



# Benzene Degradation Rates from Laboratory Studies

- E-Redox-O: 585 ug/L/day
- Aerobic: 400 ug/L/day
- Denitrifying: 251 ug/L/day
- Sulfidogenic: 189 ug/L/day
- Methanogenic: lowest to negligible

# Chemical Oxidation



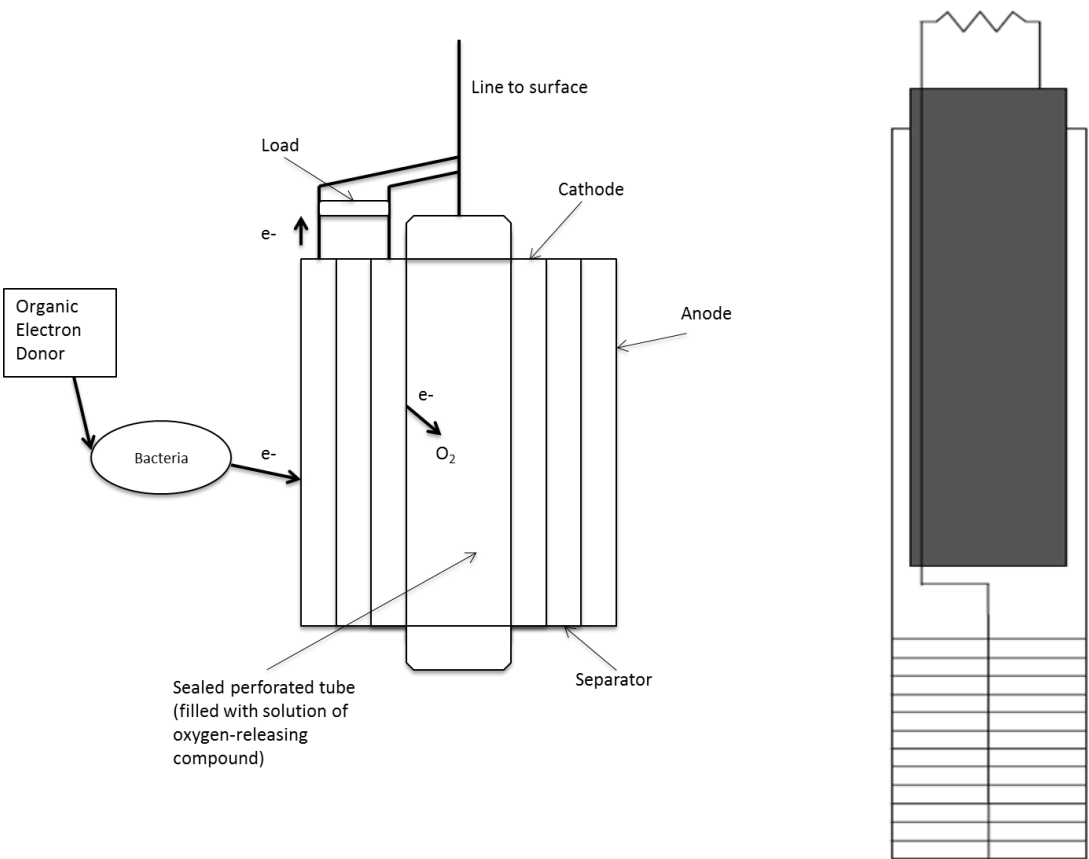
## Assumptions:

- 20 injection wells, 2 rounds of injections
- 55 gallons/persulfate, per injection
- 1000 HP engine to drive injections
- 500 gallons hydrocarbons released

## Total $CO_2$ Emissions:

23.53 metric tons, primarily from equipment operation

# BioRemeter™



Project student intern won 2018 President's Environmental Youth Award



# BioRemeter™ Survey Vs. CO<sub>2</sub> Measurements for Biodegradation

CO <sub>2</sub> % by gas tube	Microbial activity scale	BioRemeter	Improved microbial activity scale
0%	None	12.9 mV	Lower
0.1%	None to very low	16.9 mV	Low
0.3%	Very low	19.2 mV	Low to Moderate
1.0%	Very low	20.5 mV	Low to Moderate
5%	Low	21.4 mV	Low to Moderate
9%	Moderate	51.8 mV	Moderate to High

If we assume 10% of TPH is 10% of TOC:

Upper limit:  $y = 0.0253V$  (g/d)

Lower limit:  $y = 0.0077V$  (g/d)

$y$  = TPH degradation rate (g/day)

$x$  = E-Redox voltage (mV)

# Meeting Close

- Split Kitty Drawing
- PDHs available from the Omaha Post Website
  - ▶ <https://www.same.org/omaha/resources/>