

REGENESIS® Eliminating Risk of PFAS in **Eliminating Risk of PFAS in** Groundwater

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## AGENDA



- PlumeStop Groundbreaking Technology Development
- Manipulating Retardation Factor and Environmental Risk
- Treatment Strategies
- Case Studies
- Other Services We Provide



## **COLLOIDAL ACTIVATED CARBON**

- Size (1–2 µm)
  - 2-3 OoMs smaller than GAC (500-1,000 μm)
  - Size of a red blood cell
  - Suspended in water
  - Huge surface area
  - Extremely fast sorption





## **COLLOIDAL ACTIVATED CARBON**

#### Additives

- Allow for suspension without clumping
- Enable wide-area, low-pressure distribution
- Particles coat the surface of aquifer matrix
- No impedance of groundwater flow
- Converts polluted aquifer into purifying filter





#### **PLUMESTOP - REAGENT DISTRIBUTION**





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#### PLUMESTOP – REAGENT DISTRIBUTION SEM image of Sand Particles Without PlumeStop

Acc.V Spok Magn Det WD 50 m 10.0 kV 3.0 500x GSE 10.0 3.7 Torr KT5-105I - SAND



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#### PLUMESTOP – REAGENT DISTRIBUTION SEM image of sand particles coated with PlumeStop

Acc.V Spot Magn Det WD 20 μm 12.0 kV 3.0 1500x GSE 7.8 3.7-Top KT5-105B





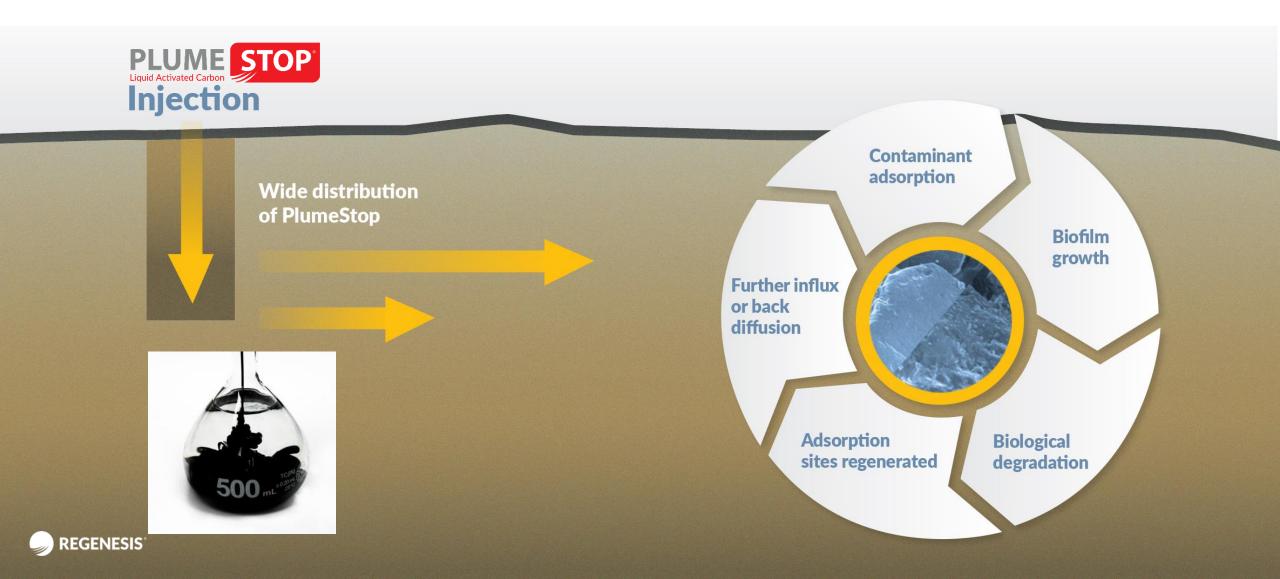
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#### **PLUMESTOP LIQUID ACTIVATED CARBON**



## **TYPICAL PERFORMANCE OF PLUMESTOP**



MIDWEST-CVOCs FOLLOWING PLUMESTOP AND HRC





#### **Remediation Projects**

## 2004 Successful Projects Worldwide





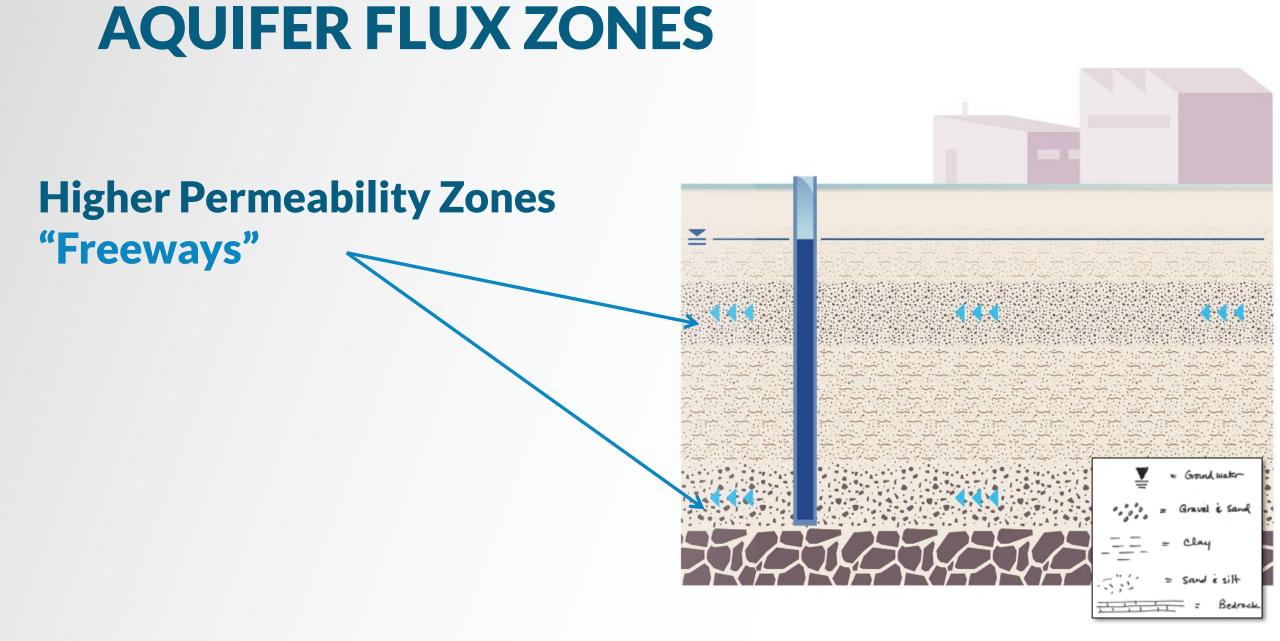


#### **Remediation Projects**



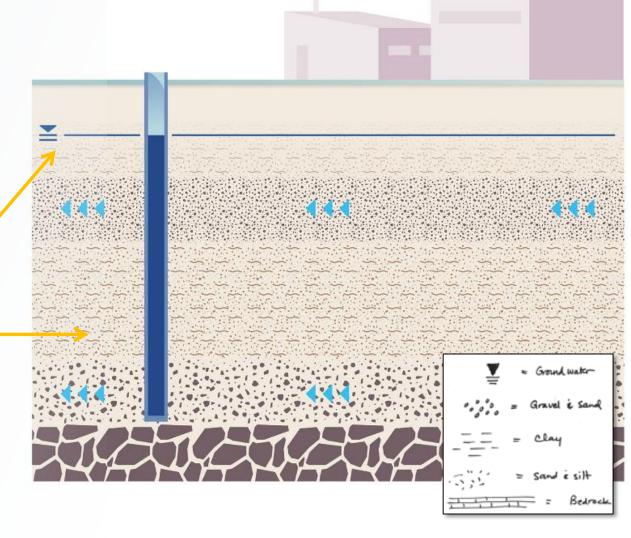
## **Back Diffusion Management**





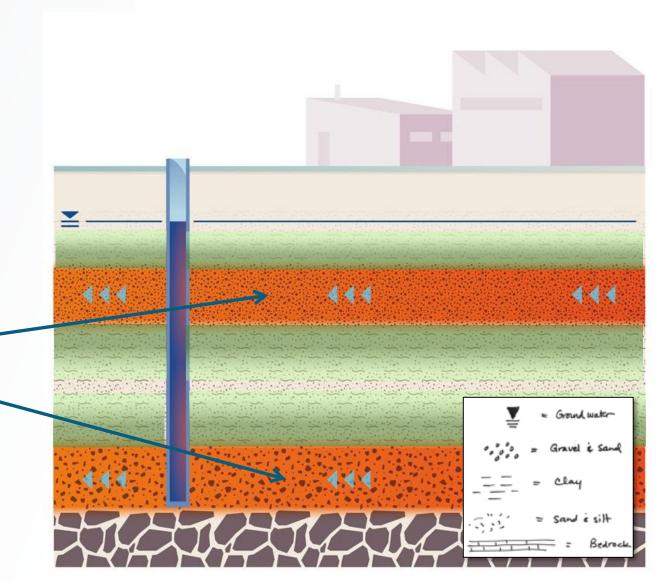
## **AQUIFER FLUX ZONES**

#### Lower Permeability Zones "Parking Lots"



## **BACK DIFFUSION**

#### Relatively Easy to Remediate Contaminants in the Freeways



### **IMPACT OF BACK DIFFUSION**

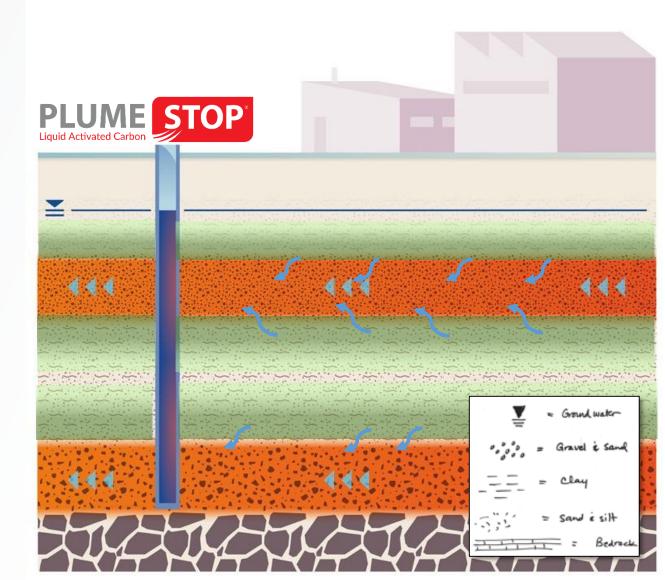


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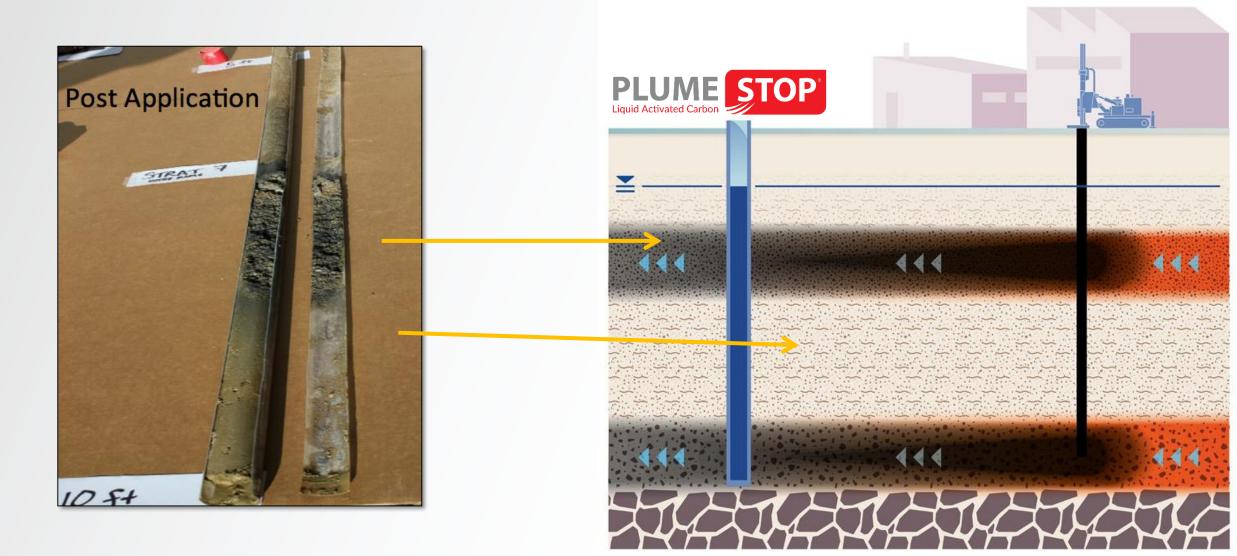


## **PLUMESTOP TREATMENT**

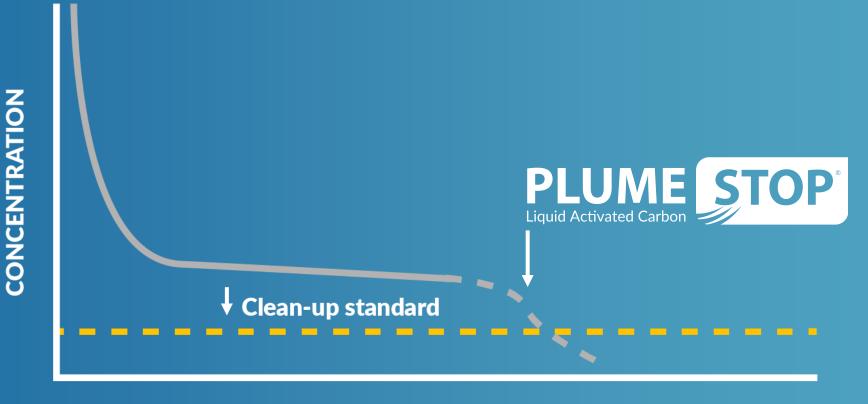
Contaminant Mass Back-Diffusing From the Low-Perm Zones is Captured



#### **PLUMESTOP INJECTION**



## PLUMESTOP ELIMINATES BACK-DIFFUSION IMPACT



TIME



## PASSIVE MANAGEMENT OF GROUNDWATER PLUMES LONG-TERM



## WHICH BRINGS US TO...

## **PLUME STOP**<sup>®</sup> Liquid Activated Carbon

#### **Perfluorinated Compounds**

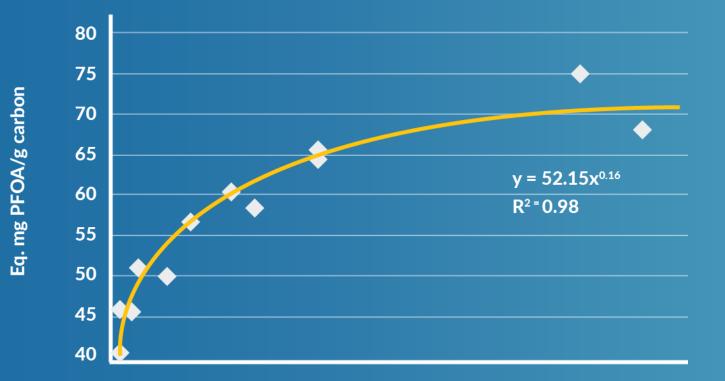






### **PLUMESTOP + PFOA/PFOS**

#### **PlumeStop/PFOA Isotherm**



	Kf	1/n	PS dose, mg/L: 5 ppm -> .005 ppm
PFOA	52	0.16	224
PFOS	135	0.28	163
PCE	105	0.42	445

**Sorption only** (currently no validated destruction methods are available)

Equilibrium PFOA, ppm (mg/L)

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#### PLUMESTOP + PFOA/PFOS: CAPTURE EFFICIENCY So what happens over time?

• Won't the barrier eventually fill up and breakthrough?

• As PFAS do not degrade, the answer is yes

• What's important is how long this will take





## PLUMESTOP + PFAS: RETARDATION FACTOR

For a PlumeStop Barrier at a Mid-Range Dose:

#### PFOA

- The R of a 1,000 µg/L plume is 80
- The R of a 100  $\mu$ g/L plume is 570
- The R of a 10  $\mu$ g/L plume is 4,000

#### PFOS

- The R of a 1,000  $\mu g/L$  plume is 375
- The R of a 100 µg/L plume is 2,000
- The R of a 10  $\mu g/L$  plume is 10,000

\*based on individual components





## PLUMESTOP + PFAS: RETARDATION FACTOR

#### **Example:**

- PlumeStop barrier width 16' (single application at mid-range dose)
- 160' per year seepage velocity
- 100 µg/L influent concentration

#### This is at 100 µg/L

At lower influent concentrations, the retardation quickly becomes much greater.

- Groundwater transit time 36.5 days
- PFOA transit time\* = 20,800 days (57 years)
- PFOS transit time\* = 73,000 days (200 years)

\* transit time peak based on individual components

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#### **ELIMINATE THE RISK FROM PFAS**

#### Environmental RISK = ( PFAS ) X (Exposure)



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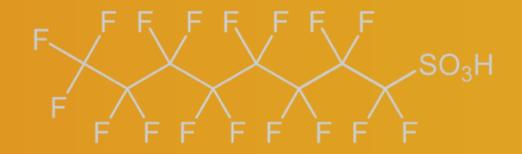
- "Risk-Based Corrective Action" is commonplace throughout world since 1990's
- "No Further Action" granted if plume not expanding and no receptor impacted (water well or surface water)

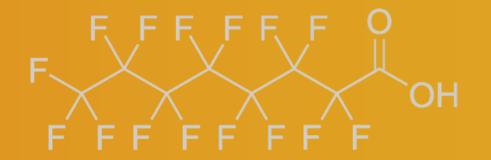




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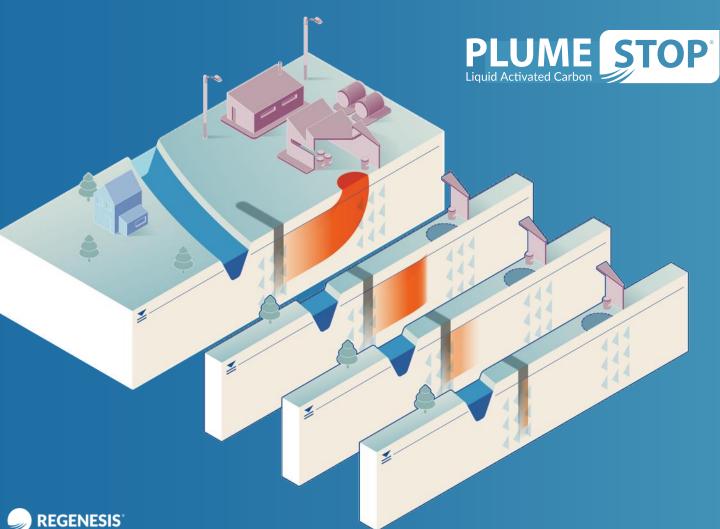
#### **Application Strategies**







## **STRATEGY #1 – SIMPLE PLUME CUT-OFF BARRIER**

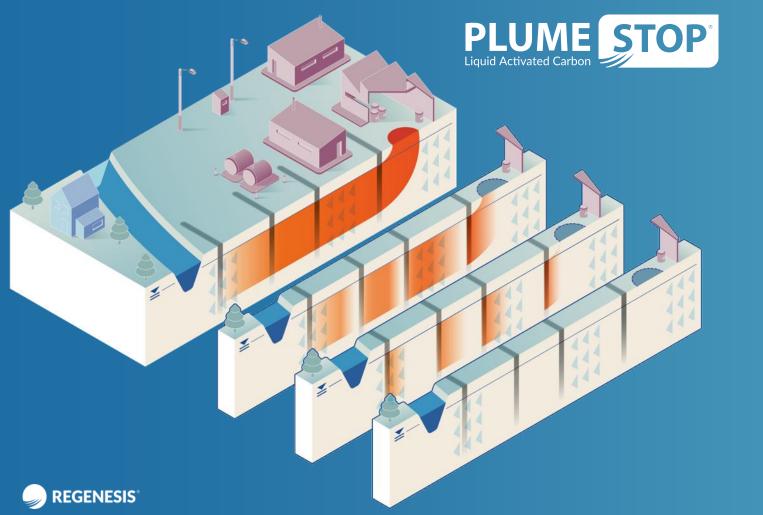


#### Description

- Single barrier of PlumeStop<sup>®</sup>
- Limits plume expansion

- Protection of property boundary
  - (entering site or exiting site)
- Protection of receptor (shown)
  - (e.g. water body; well)
- Plume minimization
  - Liability containment
  - (possible) regulatory compliance

# **STRATEGY #2 - SEQUENCE OF BARRIERS**

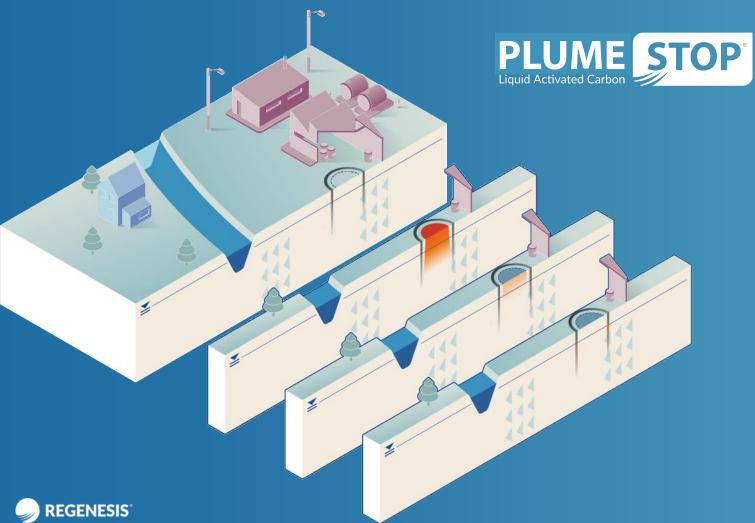


#### Description

- Multiple barriers of PlumeStop<sup>®</sup>
- Progressive elimination of plume

- Addresses entire plume
- Utilizes advection for efficiency
- Particularly suited for:
  - Large plumes (compare cost of grid injection)
  - Built-up areas / restricted access
    - Barriers in access corridors / roadways

## **STRATEGY #3 - POTENTIAL SOURCE CONTAINMENT**



#### Description

- Pre-emptive source control
- PlumeStop<sup>®</sup> in situ 'berm'

- Ring-fence known *potential* source
- Avoidance of plume generation
- Provide extra time for emergency response

## **STRATEGY #4 - LOCALIZED RECEPTOR PROTECTION**



#### Description

- Individual receptor protection
- 'Brita<sup>®</sup>' filter in-ground

- Protection of abstraction wells
  - (e.g. agricultural)
- Interim measure where plume is large
- Amenable to push-pull application
  - Fast response
  - Minimally intrusive
  - Eliminates requirement for additional borings
  - Ability to treat deep wells



# CASE STUDY PFAS – FORMER FURNITURE FACILITY



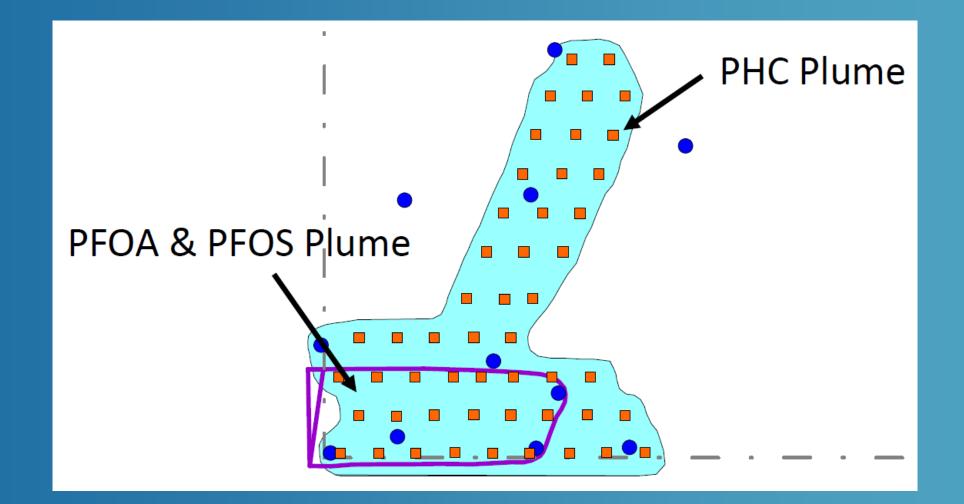


## BACKGROUND

**Initial Driver: Hydrocarbons**  Mixed chain lengths, 100 – 5,000 µg/L **Formation**  Silty sand – till based with sand seams • Water at 3 – 5' below grade **Former Fire Training Area**  History of furniture manufacturing PFAS tested for just in case and found!

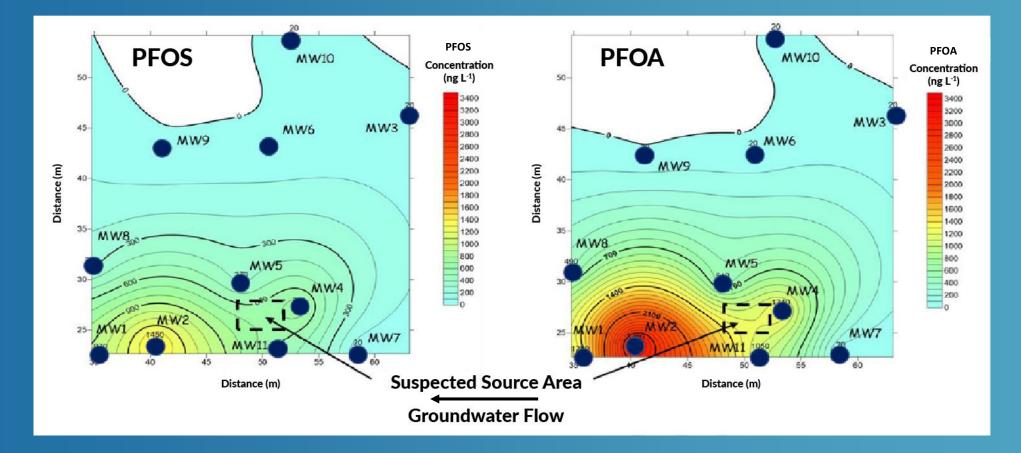


### **PLUME AREA DIAGRAM**





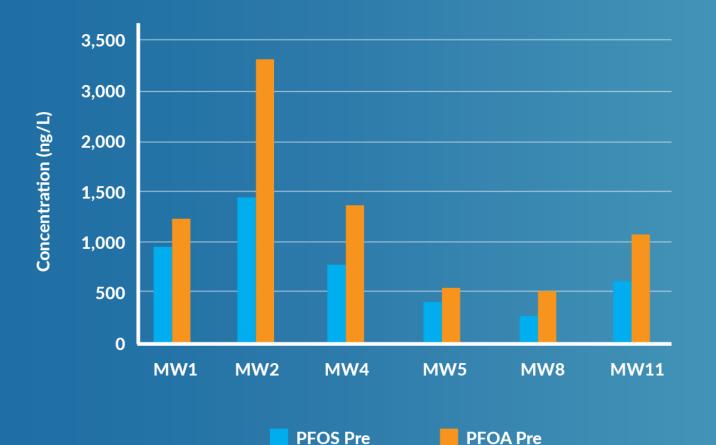
### EXTENT OF PFAS AND PFOA CONTAMINATION PRE-TREATMENT





### **PFAS FORMER FURNITURE SITE**

**Canada PFAS Site** 





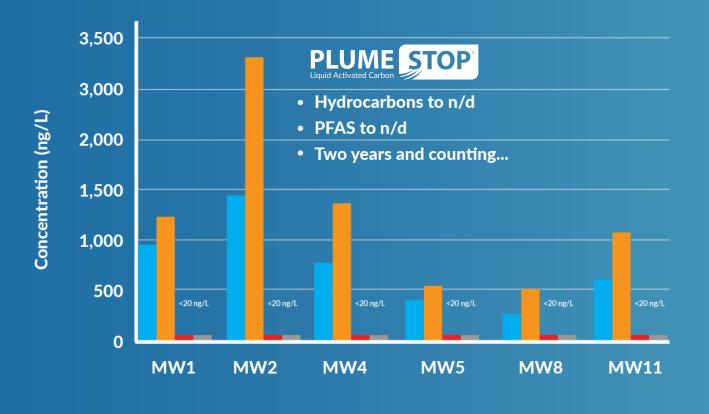


### **PFAS FORMER FURNITURE SITE**

**PFOS Post** 

**PFOA Post** 

#### **Canada PFAS Site**



**PFOA Pre** 

**PFOS Pre** 





### INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AND CALBIBRATION ONGOING

- Involved in independent PFAS research
- Modeled contaminant hydrogeology at project site
- Performed sensitivity analysis under a range of K<sub>f</sub> values to estimate the longevity of capture



**Grant Carey, PhD** 

Porewater Solutions Expertise • Experience • Innovation



# RESULTS

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**Groundwater Concentration vs. Time** 1.E+03 1.E+01 Groundwater Concentration (ng/L) 1.E-01 1.E-03 1.E-05 1.E-07 1.E-09 1.E-11 1.E-13 1.E-15 1.E-17 1.E-19 1.E-21 1.E-23 40 60 0 20 80 100 Time (years) PFOA

**Long Term Results**  Modeled (Grant Carey, PhD) Conservative Analytical Solution Mass flux 161 ug/m<sup>2</sup>/day Source half life 30 years Source Zone PFOA Strongly adsorbed ~100 years 1x10-6 ng/L Source Zone PFOS Not as strongly adsorbed ~100 years ~24 ng/L

### **COST COMPARISON**

#### **Actual Cost of PlumeStop Treatment**

- Design, product and application (total)
- Ongoing system O & M (ex. monitoring)

## Estimated Cost of Pumping & Treating (Most Efficient GAC)

- Design, permitting, construction, startup
- Ongoing system O&M
  - (ex. monitoring @ \$60k/yr X 20 yrs)



\$73,000

\$150,000 \$1,200,000



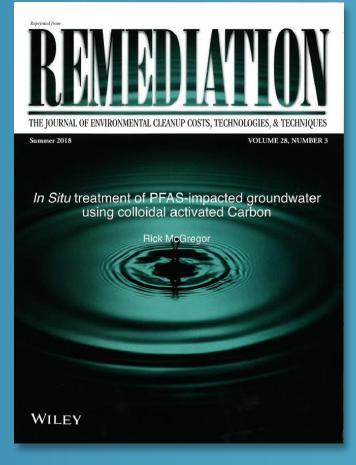


### **REMEDIATION MAGAZINE**

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# CASE STUDY PFAS – SOLVENT RECOVERY FACILITY

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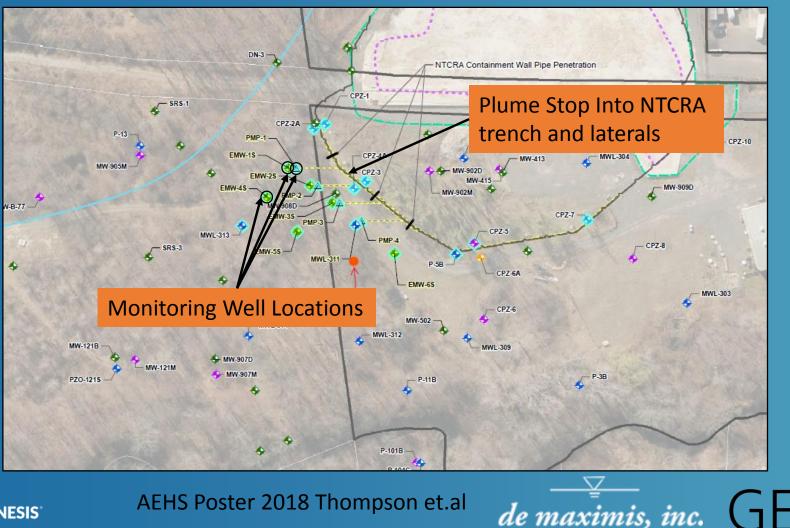


### Solvent Recovery Services of New England Superfund Site in CT

- Plume Stop and Aqua ZVI Application to address cVOC and PFAS contamination
- Target combined 5 compounds 70 ppt: PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, PFHpA
- Starting concentration: max 148ppt
- Applied Reagents in Trench and laterals
- Application July 23-25, 2018
- Aqua ZVI: 4,000 lbs Plume Stop: 21,600 lbs



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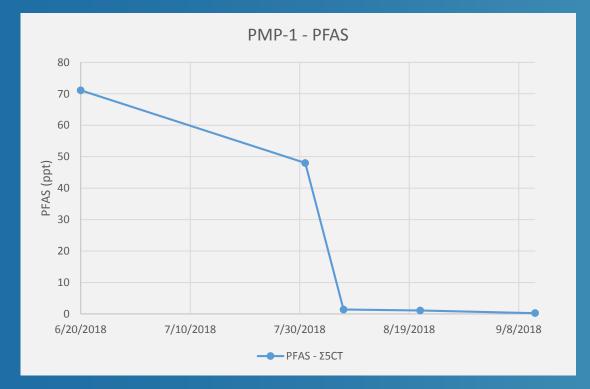


- 8,800 lbs of PlumeStop and 4,000 lbs of ZVI into the upgradient trench
- 12,800 lbs of PlumeStop into the downgradient trench (including four 50' distribution trenches)

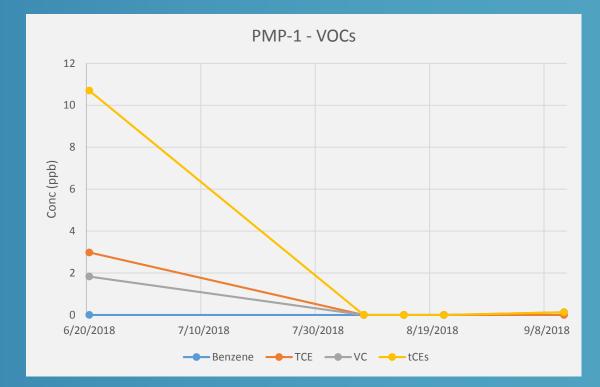


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### **Results from PMP-1 (within trench)**

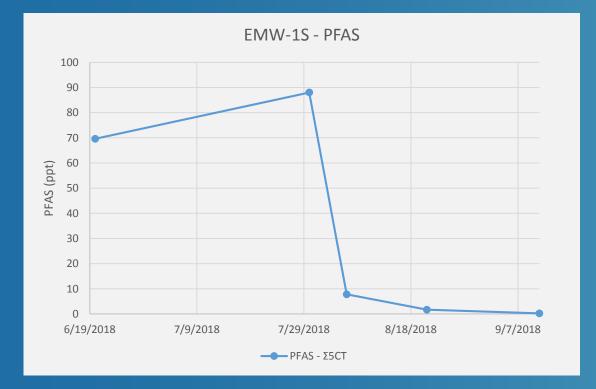


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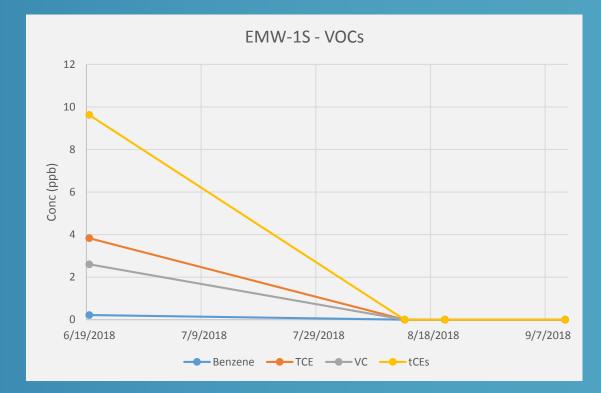


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### **Results from EMW-1S (10 ft downgradient of trench)**

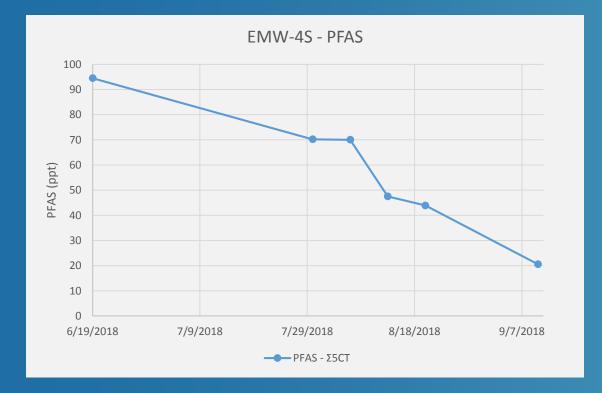


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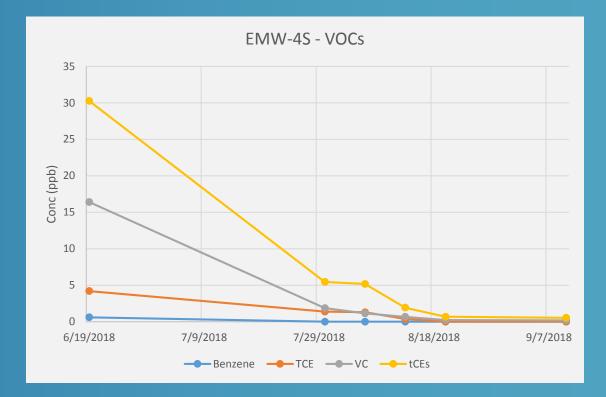




### **Results from EMW-4S (about 50 ft downgradient of trench)**



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### **REGENESIS R&D LAB**

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What about the shorter chain PFAS species, will they adsorb to PlumeStop?

Lab studies
Bench test with groundwater from an Italian site

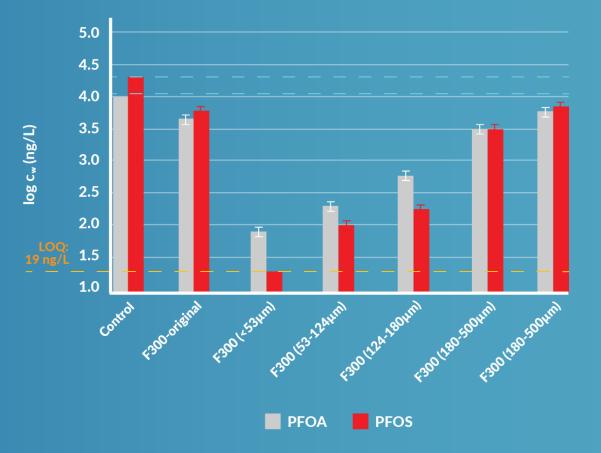


# ACTIVATED CARBON PARTICLE SIZE AND ADSORPTION EFFICACY

- Recent study demonstrated 2 OoM improved removal with smaller activated carbon particles
  - 180–500 mm AC removed 90% PFOS
  - <53 mm AC removed 99.9+% PFOS
- \*GAC particles are less efficient at adsorbing PFAS than PlumeStop because of their size

Xiao, Ulrich, Chen & Higgins. Environ. Sci. Technol. 2017, 51, 6342-6351.

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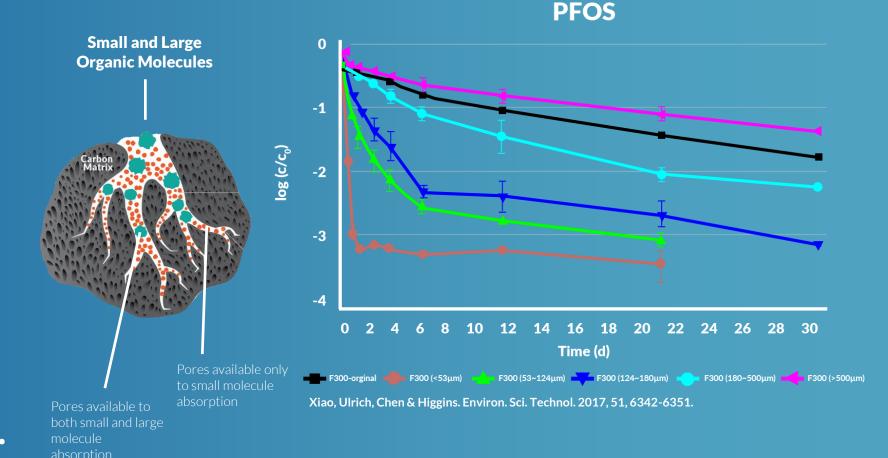


# PFAS ADSORPTON KINETICS & PARTICLE SIZE

 The reason can be attributed to kinetics: intraparticle diffusion

 Smaller particles provide better access to all the sorption sites that activated carbon provides.

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### PLUMESTOP PERFORMANCE SITE WATER BATCH TEST

		Baseline		Control		Treated	
Analyte (ng/L)	Units	Baseline	Baseline	Control	Control	Treated	Treated
		1	2	1	2	1	2
4:2 fluorotelomersulfonate	ng/l	210	230	280	260	< 0.96	< 0.95
6:2 fluorotelomersulfonate	ng/l	6,900	7,600	7,800	7,800	< 2.9	< 2.9
8:2 fluorotelomersulfonate	ng/l	200	190	240	210	< 1.9	< 1.9
Perfluoro-octanesulfonate	ng/l	8,300	8,300	9,300	8,700	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluorobutanesulfonate	ng/l	78	75	89	85	< 0.29	< 0.29
Perfluorobutanoic acid	ng/l	920	930	950	880	34	34
Perfluorodecanoic acid	ng/l	< 10	< 9	9.4	< 8.8	< 0.96	< 0.95
Perfluoroheptanesulfonate	ng/l	94	99	93	94	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluoroheptanoic acid	ng/l	1,200	1,200	1,500	1,300	< 0.29	< 0.29
Perfluorohexanesulfonate	ng/l	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,100	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluorohexanoic acid	ng/l	4,500	4,600	5,200	5,000	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluorononanoic acid	ng/l	570	590	610	620	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluorooctanoic acid	ng/l	990	1,000	1,100	1,100	< 0.29	< 0.29
Perfluoropentanesulfonate	ng/l	110	100	110	110	< 0.39	< 0.38
Perfluoropentanoic acid	ng/l	7,800	7,700	9,000	8,000	< 1.9	< 1.9
Perfluoroundecanoic acid	ng/l	5	5	4.8	3.9	< 0.39	< 0.38
Total PFAS		33,577	34,419	38,286	36,263	34	34

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### SUMMARY

PlumeStop is a Proven Technology
 Treatment of CVOCS, Petroleum Hydrocarbons, and PFAS

• Eliminates the RISK of PFAS in groundwater

- Passive Plume Management
- Cost Effective!
  - Low Cap-Ex
  - Low Op-Ex





### **PETROFIX REMEDIATION FLUID**

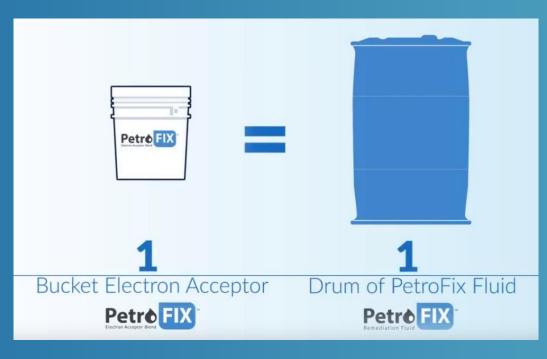




# COMPOSITION

• Fluid, 400 lbs: 32 % activated carbon + slow-release sulfate

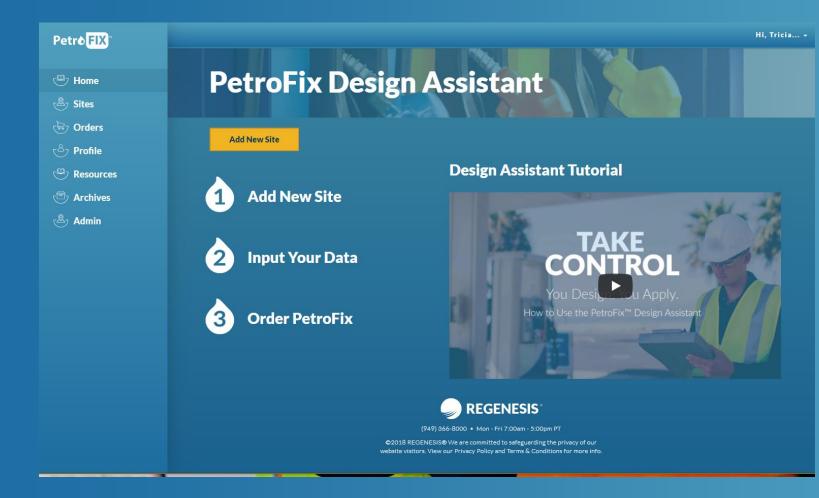
- <u>No</u> transport polymers
- EA Blend, 20 lbs: nitrate/sulfate mix or sulfate salts only
  - Tech bulletin explaining PetroFix treatment approach







### **PETROFIX DESIGN ASSISTANT**



**Design Assistant Lets You:** 

- Track Your Orders
- Manage Your Sites
- Recommends Designs
- Access Helpful Resources
- Archive Your Sites



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### **REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY CLASSES:**



- Enhanced Aerobic Biodegradation
  - ORC-Advanced
- Enhanced Anaerobic Biodegradation
  - 3-D Microemulsion
- In Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO)
  - RegenOx
  - PersulfOx
- In Situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR)
  - Chemical Reducing Solution
  - AquaZVI
  - MicroZVI
- Bioaugmentation
  - BDI Plus
- In Situ Sorption and Biodegradation
  - PlumeStop
  - PetroFix
- Metals Immobilization
  - Metals Remediation Compounds (MRC)

### **REMEDIAL APPROACHES OFFERED:**



#### **DIRECT PUSH INJECTION**

- In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO)
- In-Situ Chemical Reduction (ISCR)
- Bioaugmentation
- In Situ Sorption & Biodegradation
- Enhanced Aerobic Bioremediation
- Enhanced Anaerobic Bioremediation



#### HORIZONTAL DRILL:

- ISCO
- ISCR
- Bioaugmentation
- In Situ Sorption & Biodegradation
- Enhanced Aerobic Bioremediation
- Enhanced Anaerobic Bioremediation



WELLS

- ISCO
- ISCR
- Sorption
- Enhanced Anaerobic Bioremediation



#### **EXCAVATION**

• Soil Mixing & Handling





### **Three core Technologies**

federal and state regulatory approved



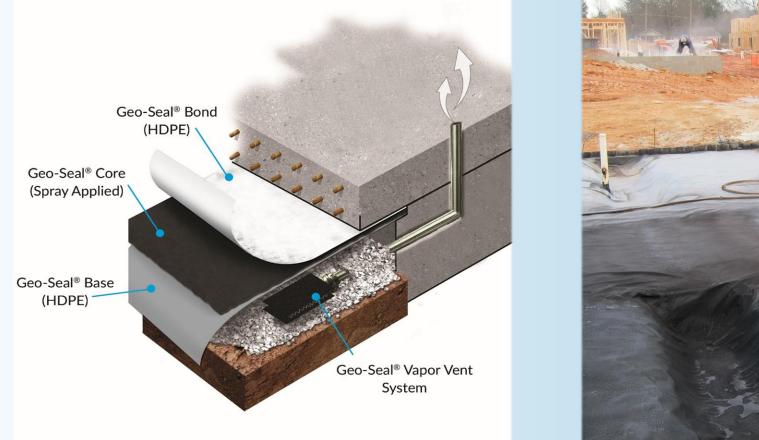








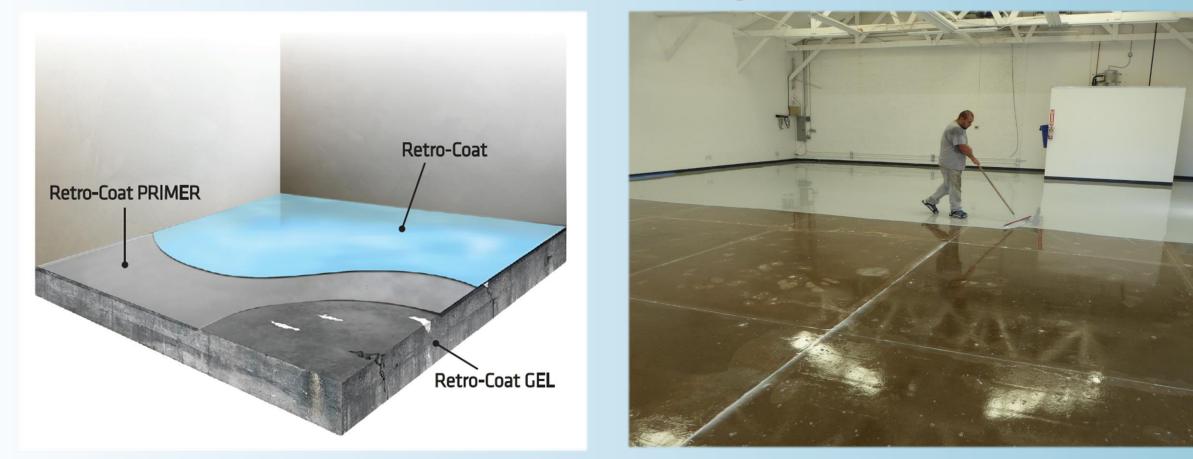












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