

# **Cost-Effective In-Situ Remediation**

Biostimulation as a Residual Source Mass Remediation Strategy





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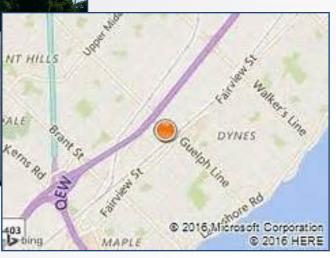


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#### BURLINGTON Ontario, Canada



### **ERD**ENHANCED<sup>™</sup> Summary of Site Conditions

Former Dry Cleaner [PCE] in soils and groundwater above MOECC Table 3 SCS

Residual source mass in saturated soils

### **Site Conditions**

Generally Coarse Textured Soils Silty Sand w/ Silt Generally moist 0.5m – 4.9m bgs, elevated PID readings Weathered Shale 5-8m bgs Bedrock below at ≈8m bgs

#### **Groundwater Conditions**

Groundwater flow generally southeast towards Lake Ontario [PCE] in saturated soils; [PCE] and minimal daughter [cVOCs] in groundwater, total [cVOC] ranged 5,000 – 30,000 ug/L

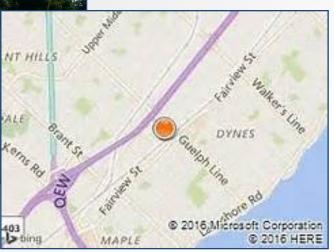
Pre-evaluation Parent:Parent/Daughter Molar Ratio ≈100%







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### **ERD**ENHANCED<sup>™</sup> Summary of Remediation Activities

Site Characterization [PCE] in soils and groundwater above MOECC Table 3 SCS

Residual source mass in saturated soils

#### **Initial Recommendation**

Initial Consultant advised Pump-and-Treat Advised Bioremediation not Appropriate Geochemistry not supportive of Reductive Dechlorination Residual Source Mass Present Advised costs in excess of \$500,000 over 30-years

#### **Concluding Recommendation**

Biostimulation feasible; designed to adjust Geochemistry; destroys contaminants, <\$75K 'all in'

ERDenhanced components facilitate solubilization

Co-solvent affect resulting from additive utilization by microbial populations



# Why is Biostimulation Cost-Effective?



**Biostimulation** is a proven remediation strategy that: Nourishes and stimulates native microbial populations Expedites solubilization of residual source mass contaminants Increases contaminant bioavailability Enhances dissolve phase contaminant destruction to Realize Long-Term Compliance

**Biostimulation** minimizes the impact of remediation by:

Minimizing/Eliminate Multiple Deployments Eliminate above ground support equipment

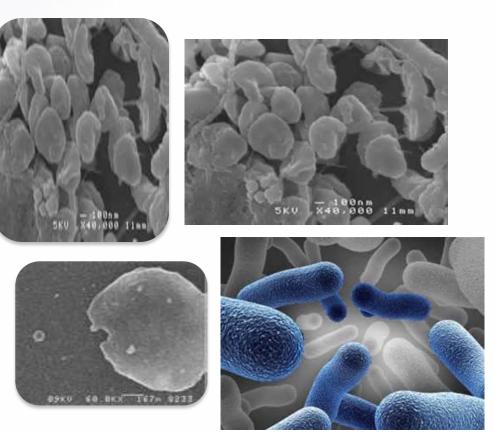
Minimizing off-site removal activities, fuel and energy costs

Minimizes and eliminates nuisance noise, emissions and vapors

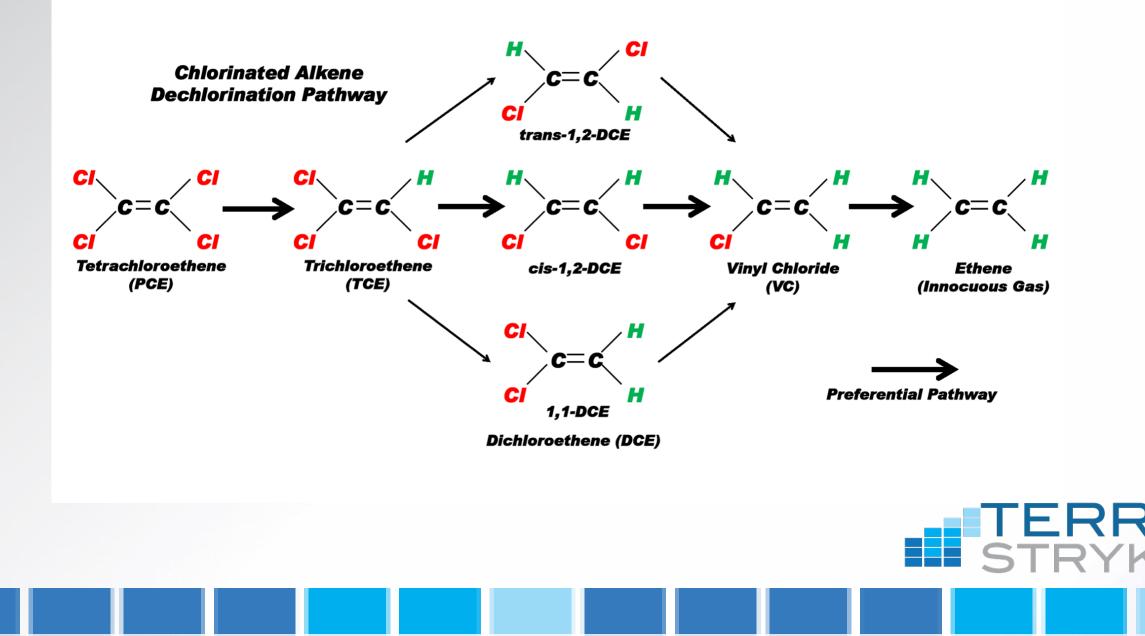
## Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination ERDENHANCED<sup>™</sup> Biostimulation

+ Biotic Reductive Dechlorination = Substitution of H<sup>+</sup> for Cl<sup>-</sup>

- + Environmental Conditions
  - \* Anaerobic (<0.5 mg/L DO)
  - **★** Chemically Reducing (<50 mV ORP)
  - ► ★ Hydrogen ("Fuel" for Dechlorination)
- + Additive Mechanisms
  - **\*** Carbon expedites electron scavenging
  - **\*** Nutrients enhance microbial activity
  - ★ Carbohydrate supplies food and H<sup>+</sup>
  - Creates sustainable reducing conditions which exceed
     5-7 years in duration



### **cVOC** Biotransformation Pathway



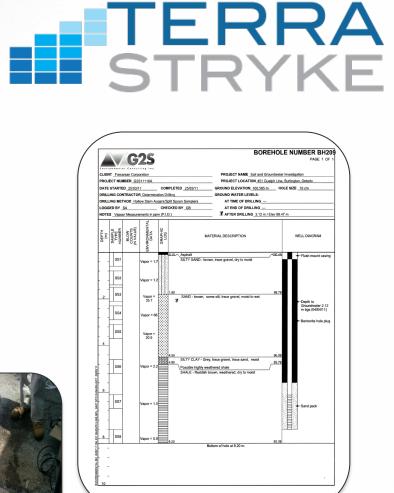
**Determine Efficacy Under Actual Biogeochemical Conditions** 

- + On-Site 'Go-no-Go' on-Site Evaluation
- Low-Cost Low-Risk, no long-term effects to site biogeochemistry
- Additive filled deployment sock suspended directly into existing 2-inch GW monitoring well
- Passively amends casing volume of test well creating an approximate 3-ft area-of-influence

**Baseline & Performance Monitoring/Sampling** 

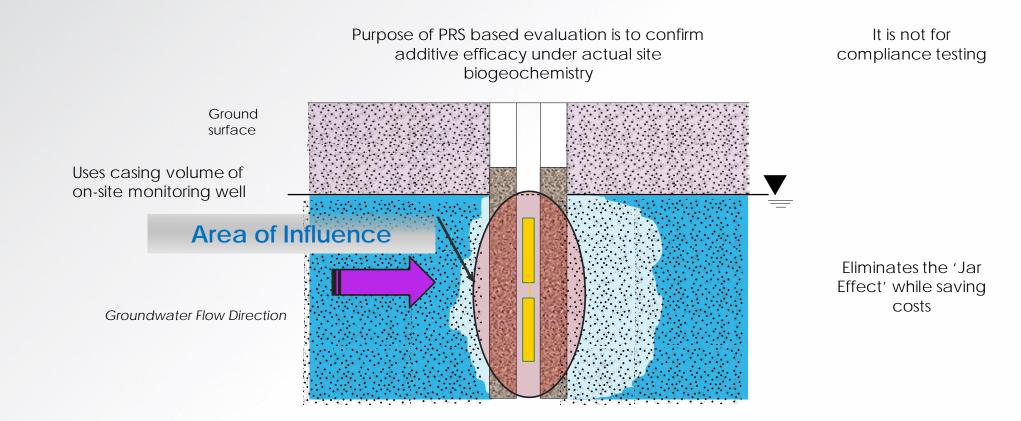
- + PRS replacement events every 6-8 weeks
  + 5-6 replacement events per evaluation
  + Performance sample collection/analysis <u>each</u> event
- + Non-purge, low-flow sampling protocols





**Determine Efficacy Under Actual Biogeochemical Conditions** 





Is Reproducible, but not scalable to full-scale design

**Determine Efficacy Under Actual Biogeochemical Conditions** 



+ Indicator Metrics

**Field Parameters:** 

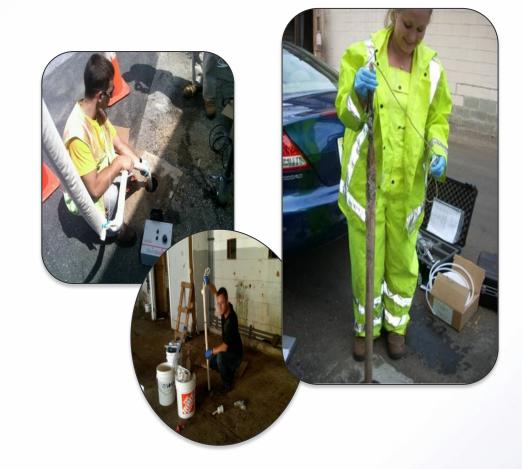
• ORP, DO, pH, Temperature

**Geochemistry:** 

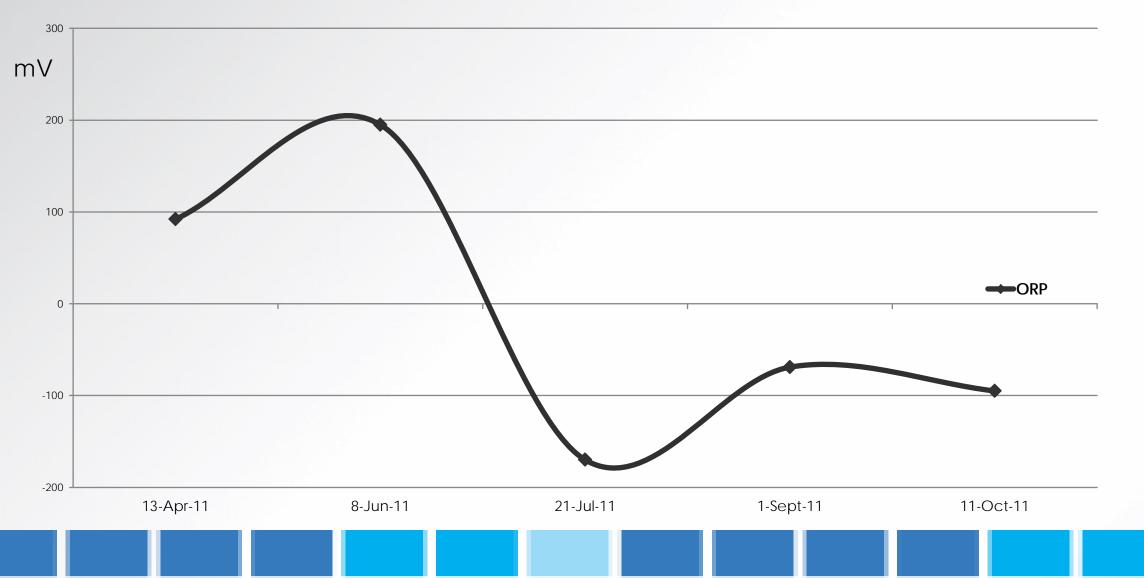
Nitrates (NO3), Sulphates (SO4), dissolved Iron/Manganese

#### Analytical:

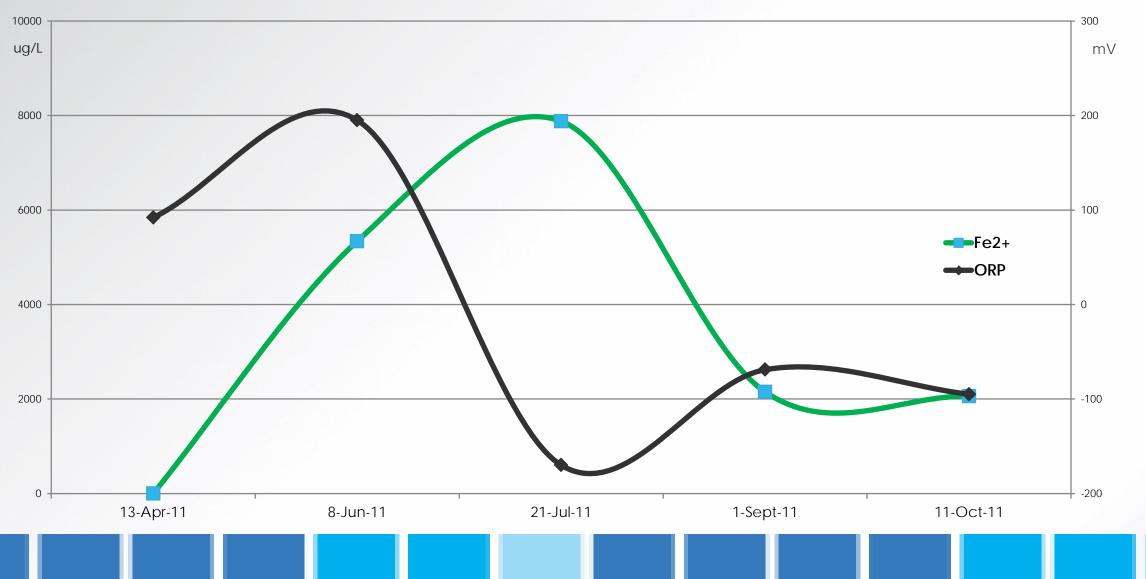
- Contaminant of Concern (EPA 8260)
- Field Indicator Parameters Recorded <u>Every</u> Replacement Event
- + Non-purge, low-flow sampling protocols
  - Assists in the evaluation of additive efficacy
  - Also provides input to residual mass presence
  - Solubilization rates
  - Remediation Timeframes





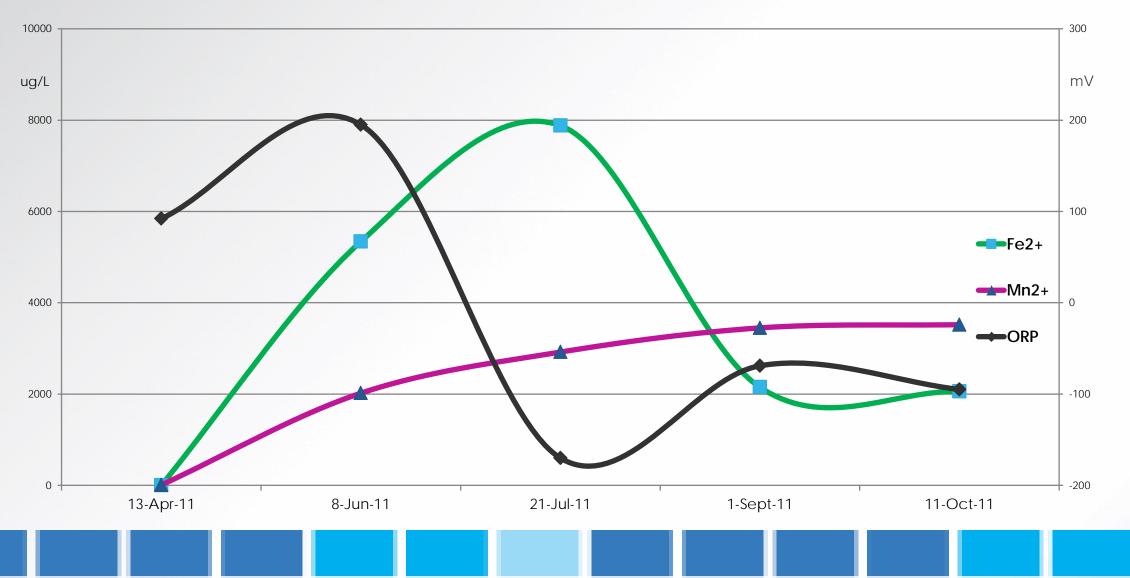


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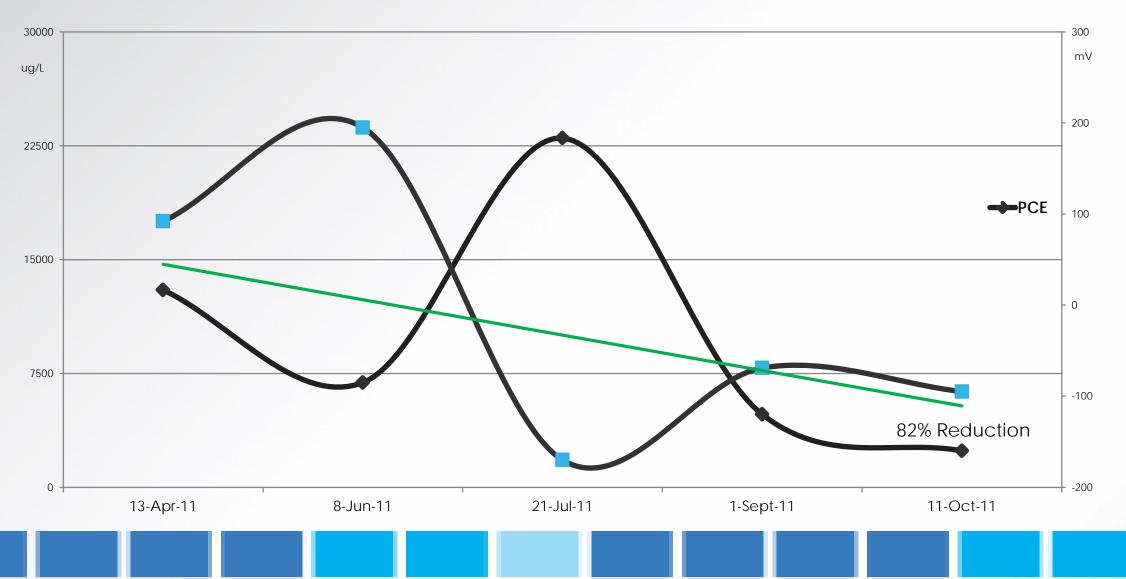


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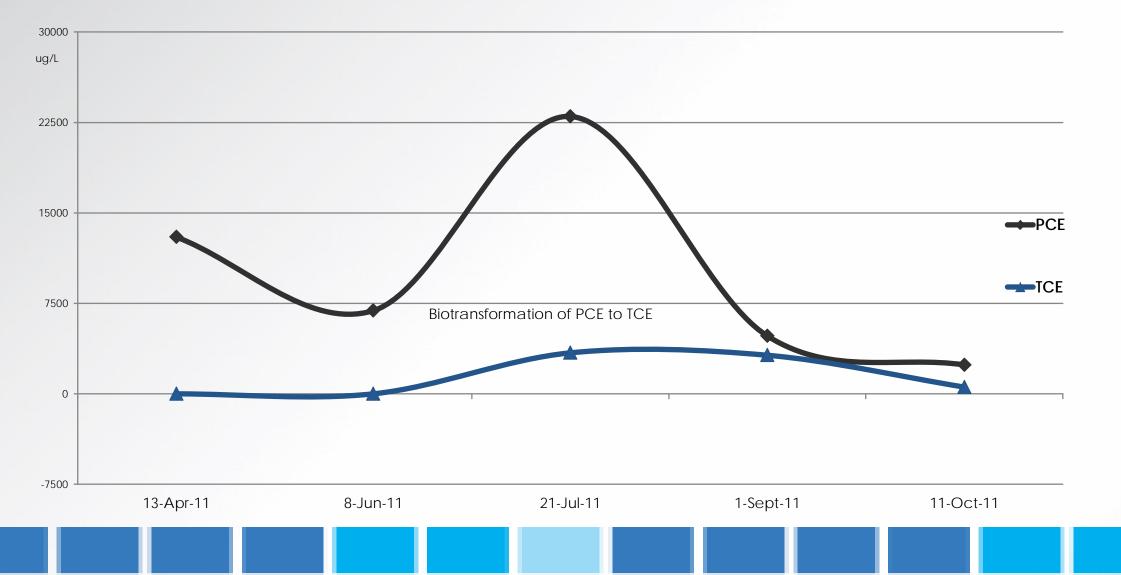


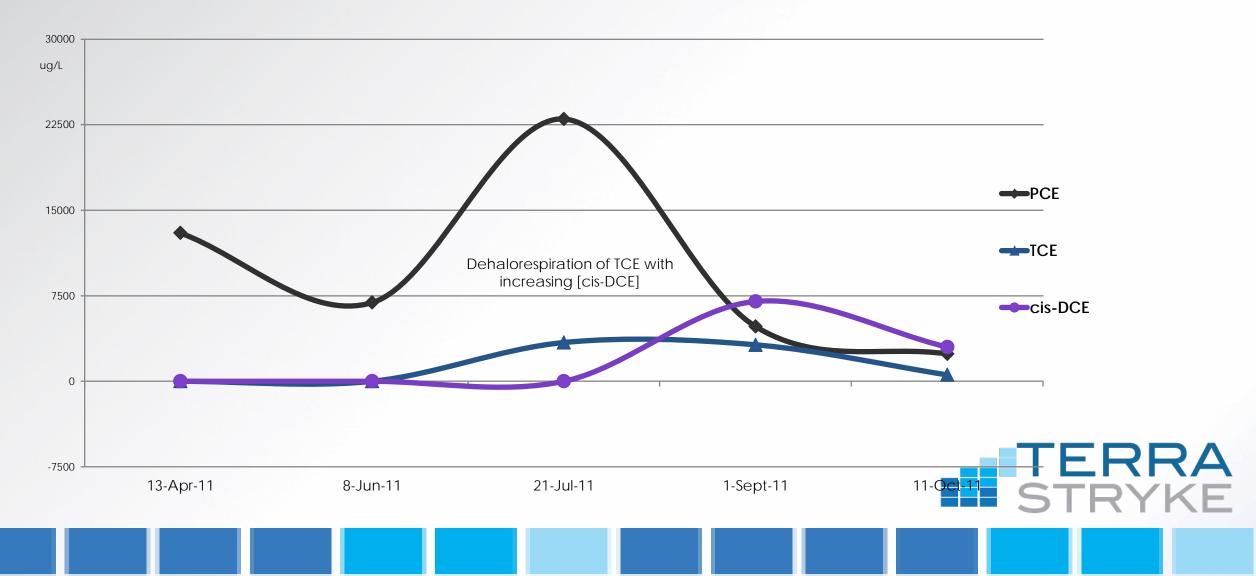




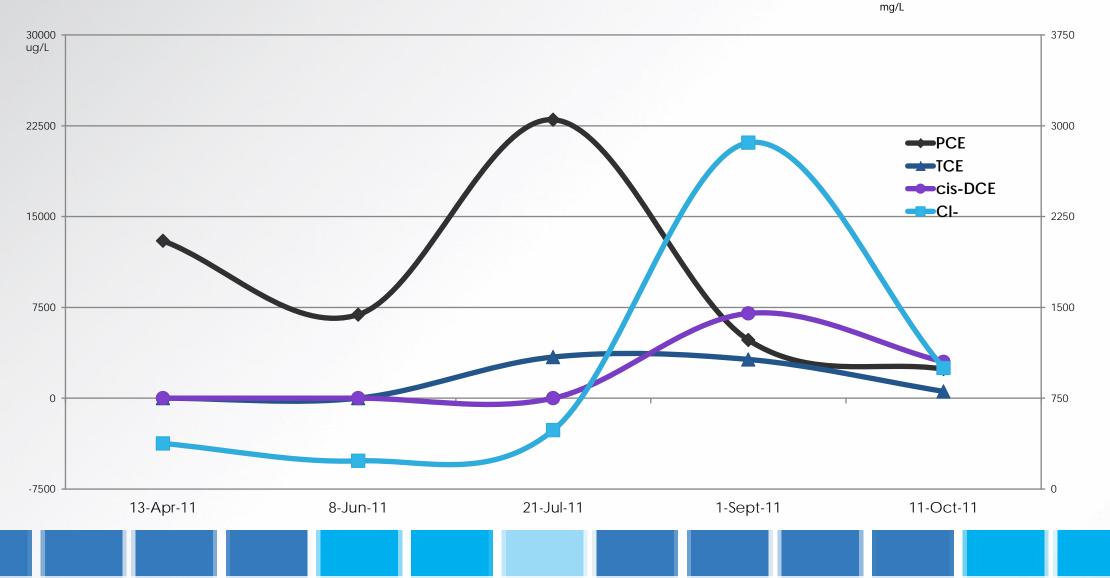




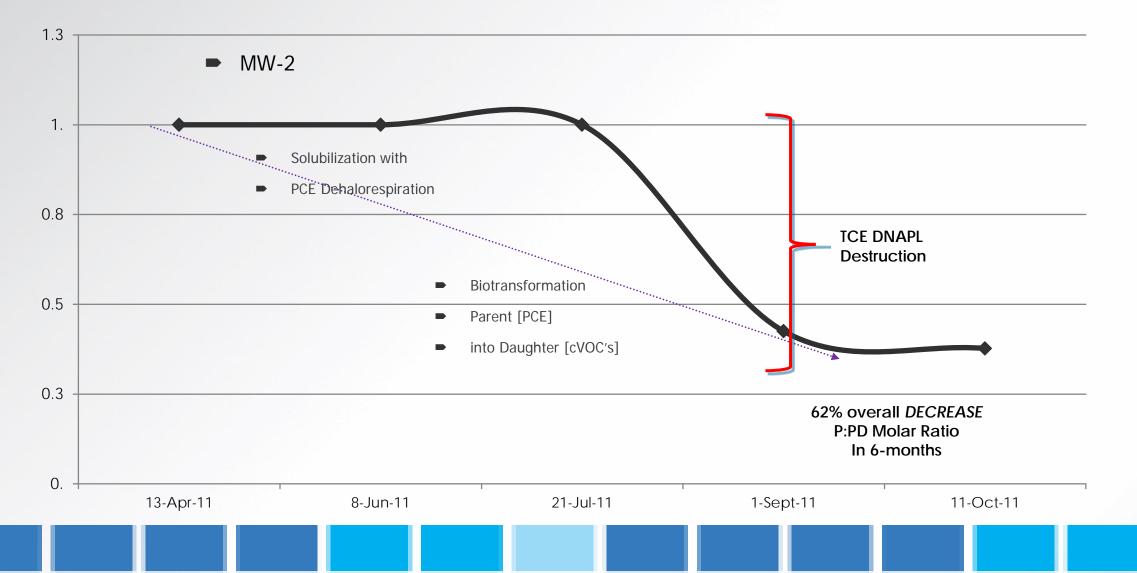




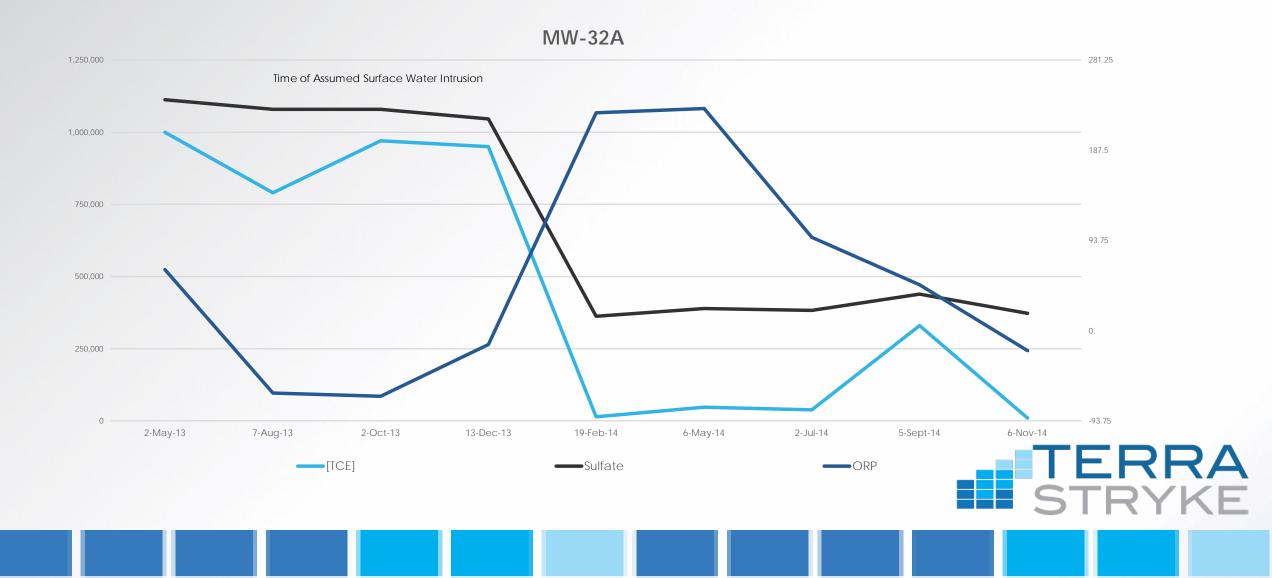








# Importance of P:PD Ratio Contaminant Reduction?



### **Contaminant Reduction but NO Destruction!**



### **Phase II – Contaminated Soil Excavation**





#### **Contaminant Location**

Contaminated source soils located within building proper Full soil source removal unfeasible Subslab excavation limited Residual Mass Present

Excavation – Source Removal

Limited excavation removed 250m<sup>3</sup> contaminated soils Infiltration gallery installed w/in footprint Clear stone, 6-inch slotted PVC, 2-3m bgs

#### **Groundwater Conditions**

Residual mass present at levels above PCE solubility Groundwater concentrations of PCE in area 5,000-30,000 ug/L No daughter products present

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# Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation



#### **Remediation Strategy**

- Enhance treatment zone geochemistry
- Biostimulate native microbial populations
- Expedite Residual Mass Solubilization
- Increase Dissolve Phase [PCE]

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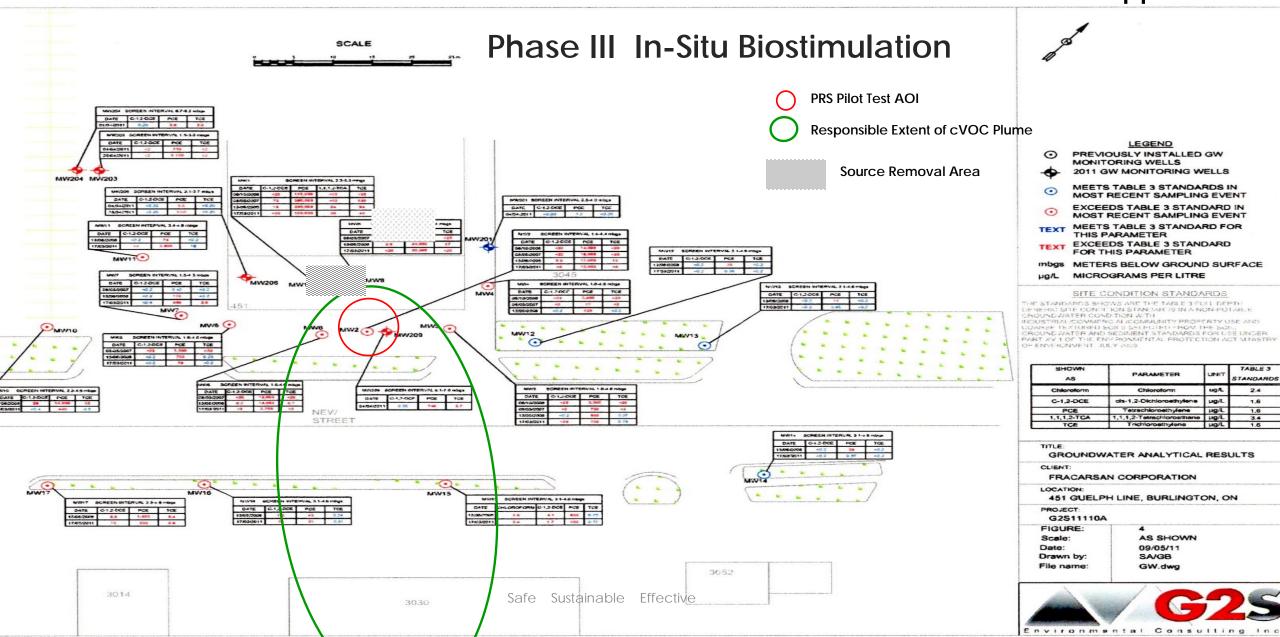
- Leverage momentum of Mother Nature
- Enhance Native Microbial Populations
- Realize enhanced and *complete* biotransformation

#### **Additive Deployment**

- Additive deployed twice in March then July 2014
- 9% additive slurry gravity fed to subslab gallery
- 990kg/840kg w/1,000 gallons chase water/deployment



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# Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation

### Period of Treatment presented >18-months

### Infiltration Gallery Influence Monitoring Wells

- MW-2 (former Pilot location), MW-3, MW-6 and MW-209
- Each located approximately 15-20 meters downgradient
- Extended influence potentially 85-meters downgradient

Five (5) Rounds of Groundwater Monitoring Post Initial Amendment Event

- From March 2014 through October 2015 (17-months)
- Included field geochemical and lab analytical metrics

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## Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation

#### **Pre-Additive Introduction [cVOCs] March 25, 2014**

Location	[PCE]	[TCE]	[cis-DCE]	[VC]	P:PD Ratio	N
MW-2*	370 ug/L	29.6 ug/L	5.4 ug/L	80.3	58.8%	
MW-3	1,030 ug/L	<0.05 ug/L	<0.05 ug/L	ND	99.9%	
MW-6	1,950 ug/L	0.67 ug/L	<0.05 ug/L	ND	99.9%	
MW-209	1.93 ug/L	1.2 ug/L	4.66 ug/L	ND	30.4%	

**Groundwater Conditions** 

MW-2 is former PRS test location; MW-209 is proximate MW-3 and MW-6 not effected by PRS evaluation Non-effected areas with >99% P:PD Ratio No ongoing biotic activity evident

# **Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation**

October 5, 2015 17-months post-deployment

Location	[PCE]	[TCE]	[cis-DCE]	[VC]	%∆[cVOC <sub>total</sub> ]	P:PD Ratio
MW-2	<25 ug/L	<25 ug/L	48 ug/L	<25 ug/L	84.1%reduction	8.7%
MW-3	51 ug/L	2.7 ug/L	170 ug/L	26 ug/L	78.3%reduction	0.8%
MW-6	41 ug/L	12 ug/L	130 ug/L	50 ug/L	88.0%reduction	3.7%
MW-209	NS	NS	NS	NS	-%reduction	NS

#### Average 94.9% Reduction P:PD Ratio Post Deployment

Near 100% REDUCTION at MW-3

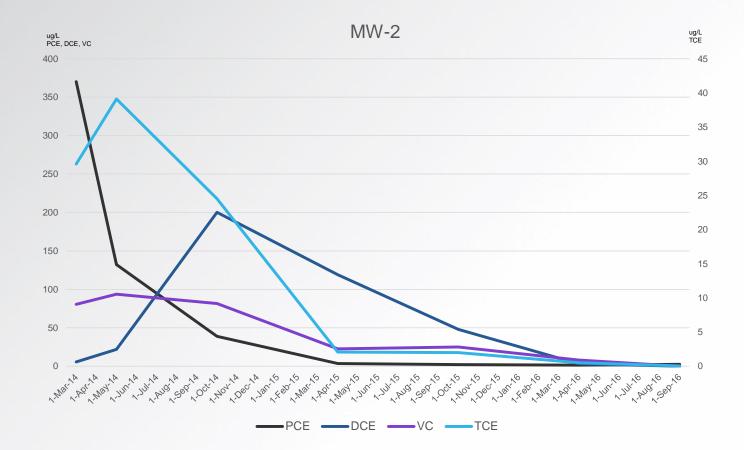
Amended locations demonstrating enhanced reductive dechlorination due to introduction of **ERD**ENHANCED<sup>™</sup>



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2½ years post additive deployment

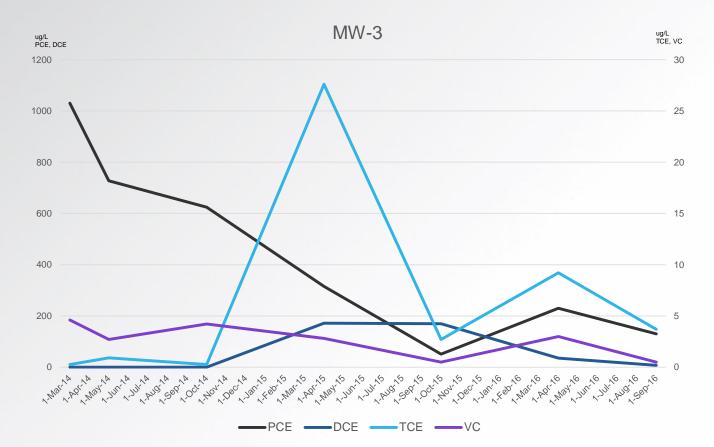
# **Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation**



- 99.4% reduction [PCE]
- Initial 32.1% increase in [TCE] followed by 99.9% reduction
- □ 3,600% increase [DCE] followed by
   ≈100% reduction by evaluation end
- Initial 16.8% increase in [VC] followed by 99.9% reduction
- 99.5% reduction in [cVOCtotal]
- Demonstrates dehalorespiration of parent and subsequent biotransformation into daughter products
- Sample location is now within compliance

Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation

2½ years post additive deployment



	Maximum	reduction	[PCE] >95%	(T=18-months)
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- Overall reduction [PCE] 87.4%
- Five Order-Magnitude Increase [TCE] April 2015
- □ 90.2% subsequent reduction 6-months later
- Overall 86.6% reduction [TCE] from April 2015
- Similar Five Order Magnitude Increase [DCE]
   through October 2015; 6-months after TCE peak
- 95.9% reduction [DCE] from T=12-months to evaluation end
- [VC] maximum increase ≈500% with overall
   89.1% reduction

# Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation

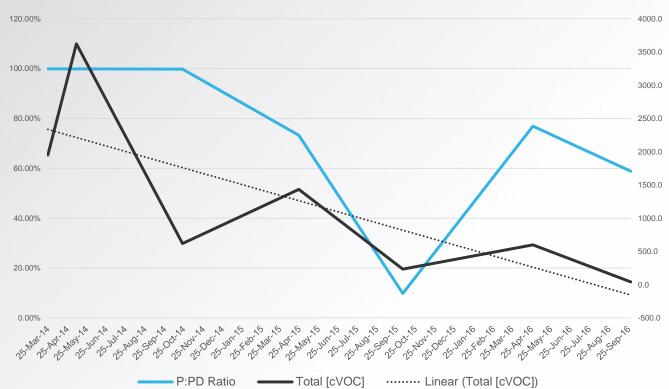
#### April 2016 2-years post deployment

Location	[PCE]	[TCE]	[cis-DCE]	[VC]	%∆[cVOC <sub>total</sub> ]
MW-2	1.5 ug/L	<1.0 ug/L	3 ug/L	8.0 ug/L	99.5%reduction
MW-3	230 ug/L	9.2 ug/L	35 ug/L	< 2.0 ug/L	86.4%reduction
MW-6	510 ug/L	15 ug/L	63 ug/L	10 ug/L	98.8%reduction
MW-209	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS

- 99.5% Percent Reduction [cVOCtotal]
   2-years Post Deployment MW-2
- MW-3 and MW-6 [PCE] slightly increased, as did P:PD; however, [cVOCtotal] decreased 86.4% and 97.8%
- Septic leak in October may have caused loss of reducing conditions
  - advection of upgradient contaminants
  - solubilization of residual mass
- Decreases in [daughters] still occurring concurrent with parent [PCE] increases

2½ years post additive deployment

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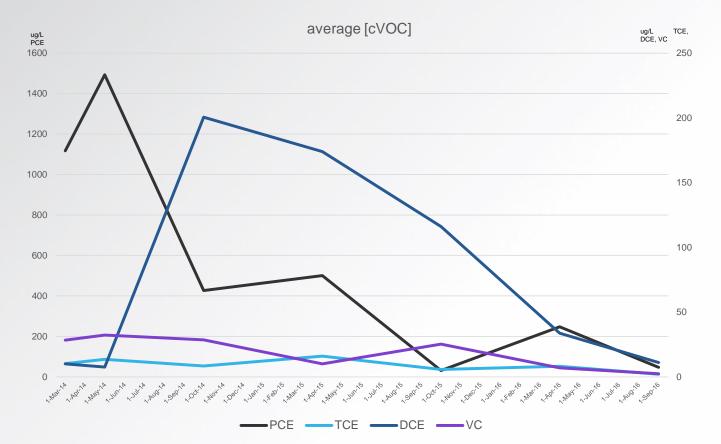


MW-6

- 98.8% reduction [cVOC] total
- 90.1% maximum reduction in P:PD Molar Ratio
   T= month-18 (October 2015)
- 41.2% overall reduction P:PD Molar Ratio
- Graph shows dehalorespiration of parent PCE months T1-T20; where lowest P:PD ratio observed
- T20-T26 [cVOCtotal] slightly increases, then decreases to evaluation end; at same time
- P:PD ratio increases, then drops; slight rise in [PCE] caused disproportionate increase in P:PD as [daughters] continues to decrease

2½ years post additive deployment

# **Phase III In-Situ Biostimulation**



- Plot average [cVOC] within apparent amended treatment zone, avg.[MW2, MW3, MW6]
- 96.9% overall reduction [avg.PCE]
- □ [avg.TCE] increased ≈60%; then decreased
   88.2% by after 2+ years post amending
- [avg.DCE] increased >1,600%; followed by a
   94.5% reduction from peak bioavailability
- [avg.VC] decreased >92.3% overall after occasional increases/decreases

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# Conclusions

- Safe Sustainable and Effective
- Enhances Native Microbial Populations
  - Enhances Dissolve Phase Dehalorespiration
  - Expedites Residual Mass Solubilization
  - Co-Solvent Effect
  - Inorganic Nutrient Package Recycled Within Treatment Zone
  - Enhances Endogenous Decay
  - Extending Carbon Source/Nutrient Availability

#### Sustainable

- Maintains Enhanced Reducing Conditions for over a Decade
- Realizing Complete cVOC Biotransformation w/ Minimal Impacts
- Eliminating Multiple Deployments
- Enhancing Project Cost-Effectiveness

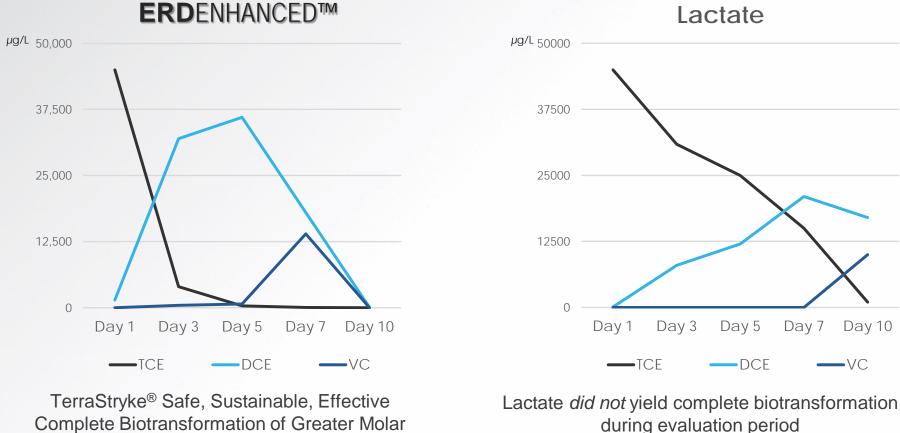


## **Pilot Study Microcosm Evaluation ERD**ENHANCED™

Day 7 Day 10

-VC

### **NASA Stennis Space Station - Mississippi**



Mass of cVOC contaminants

during evaluation period

# Pilot Study – Kenosha Wisconsin ERDENHANCED™

✤ Former Chrysler Facility

### → ERDENHANCED™

- → 99.8% DECREASE in [TCE]
- → 95.0% DECREASE in Total [cVOC]
- Increased Dissolved [Iron] indicative of enhanced iron reduction
- Greater Methane Production Indicative of Stimulation of Methanogenesis
- ✤ 400% Increase in [Ethene] Indicating Complete Parent cVOC Transformation
- [Chloride] Increased while other locations stable/decreased indicating enhanced biostransformation



METRICS	ERDenhanced	Lactate	Hydrogen Based Compound
Total [TCE]	99.8%-	97.5%-	99.9%-
Total [cVOC]	95.0%-	80.2%-	69.8%-
Dissolved Iron	+	NC	NC
Methane	+++	+	+
Ethene	+400%	NC	NC
Ethane	+99%	NC	NC
Chloride	+	-	NC