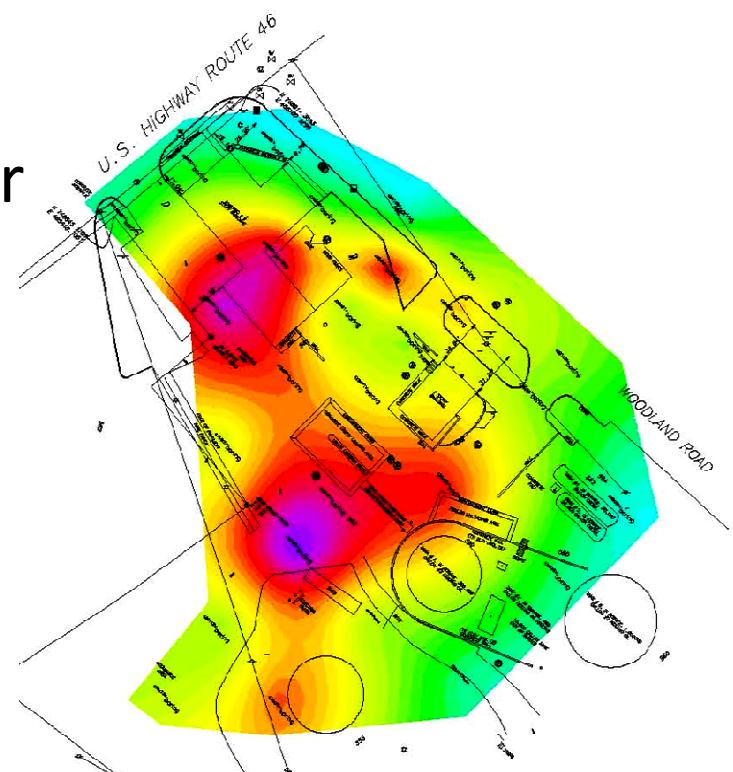




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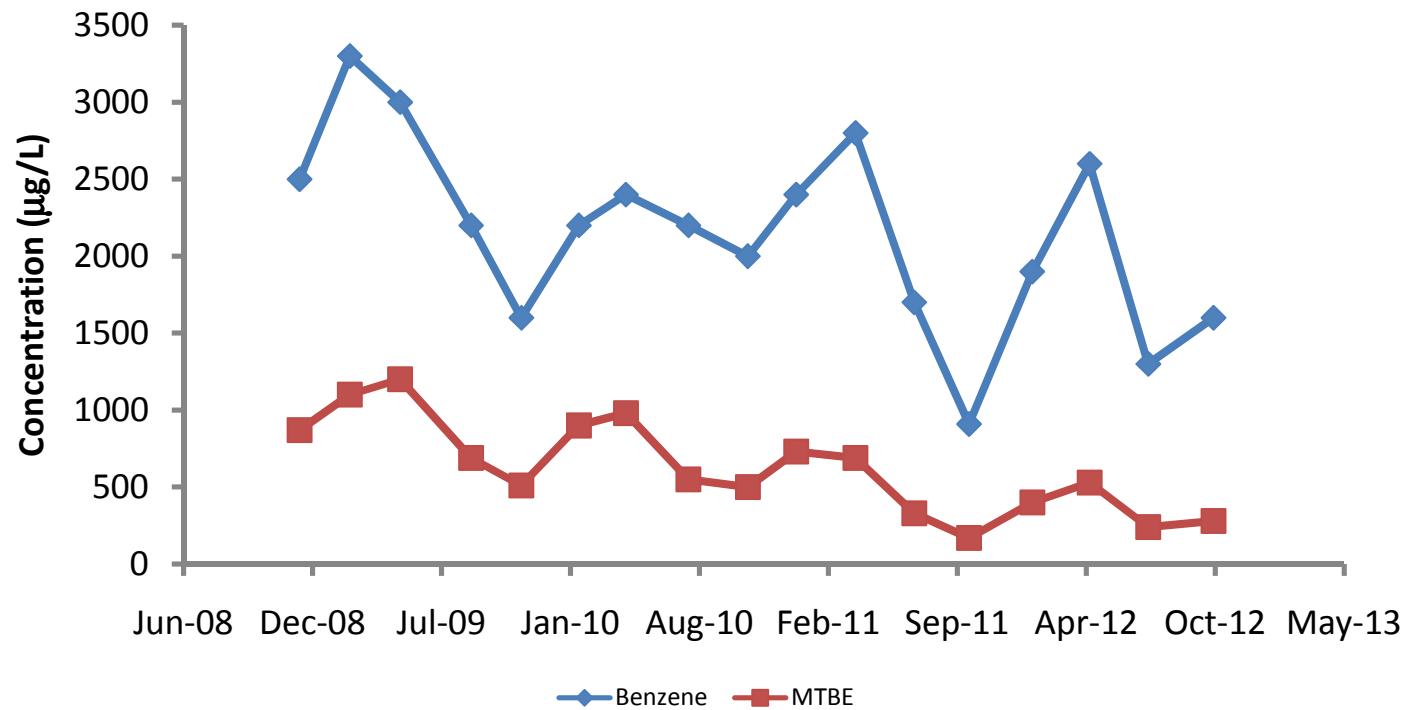
# Study Site

- Petroleum distribution facility
  - Gasoline impacted groundwater



# Evaluating Biodegradation

- Chemical lines of evidence



# Evaluating Biodegradation

- Geochemical lines of evidence



~ 3.1 mg O<sub>2</sub>/ mg benzene

- Electron accepter concentrations in impacted vs non-impacted wells

# Evaluating Biodegradation

- Microbiological lines of evidence
- Plate counts ?
  - <1% of bacteria can be cultured
  - Vastly underestimate populations



# qPCR

- Accurate and precise



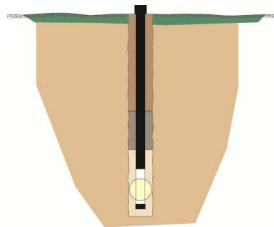
- Rapid

- Sensitive and specific



# qPCR

## Sample Collection



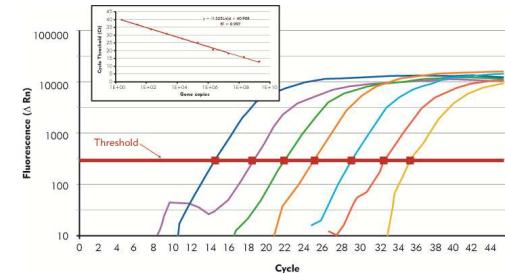
Groundwater, soil, or Bio-Trap samplers collected and shipped overnight on ice (4c)

## Extraction



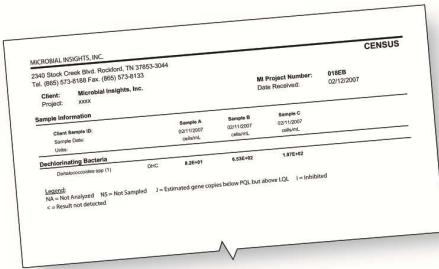
DNA or RNA is extracted from sample upon arrival

## Amplification



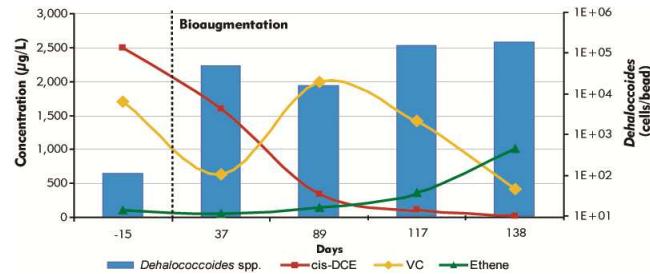
Quantitative Real-Time PCR is used to detect and quantify targets of interest (i.e. toluene monooxygenase)

## Results



Results are emailed to project contact (7 to 10 day TAT)

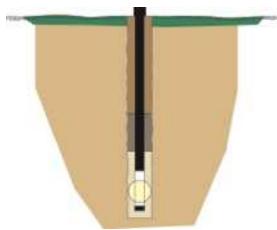
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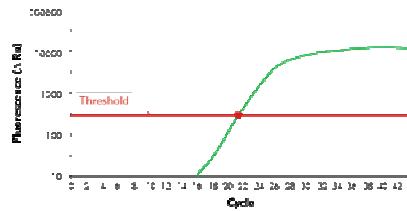
Results are integrated with other site parameters to evaluate site management decisions

# qPCR Approach

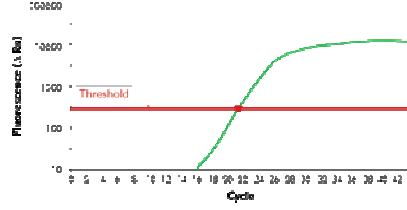
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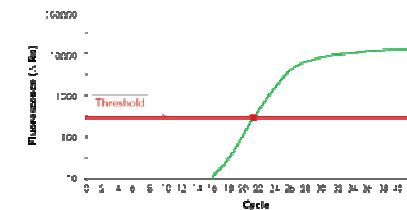
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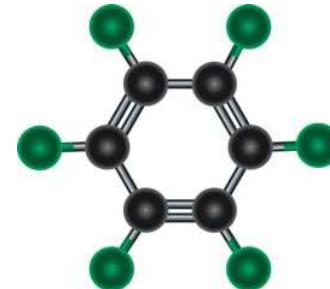
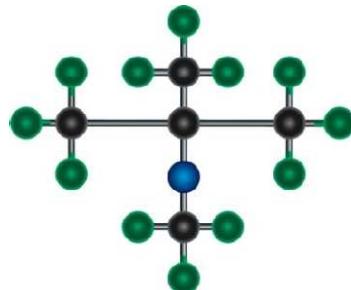
PHE



BSS

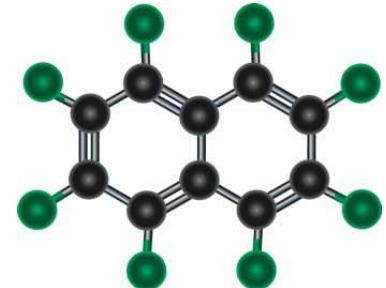
# Mixtures of Contaminants

- Monoaromatics (BTEX)



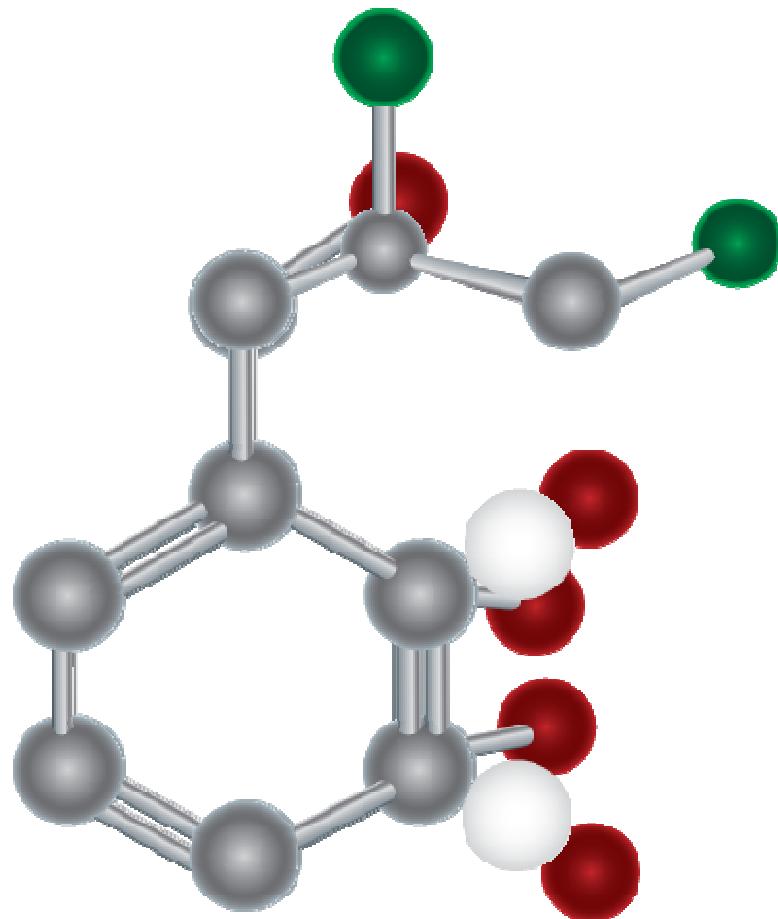
- Fuel oxygenates (MTBE)

- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)

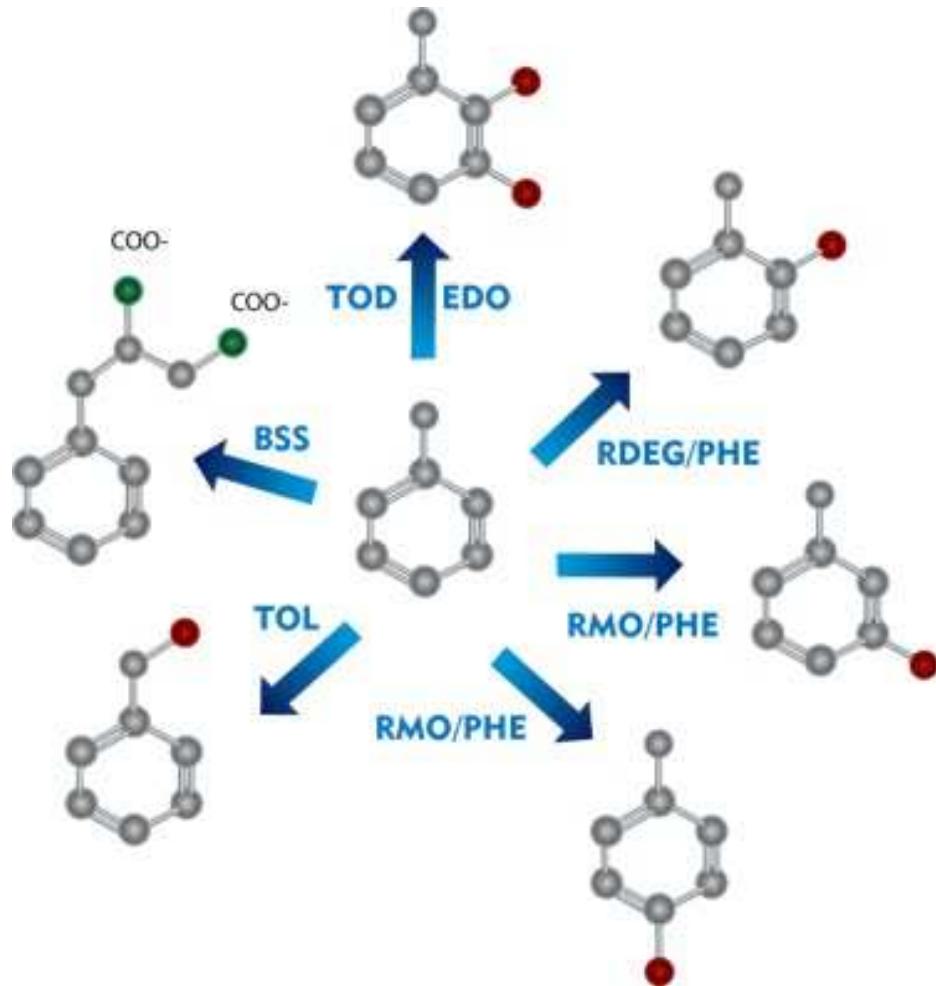


- TPH and n-alkanes

# Anaerobic BTBxEx

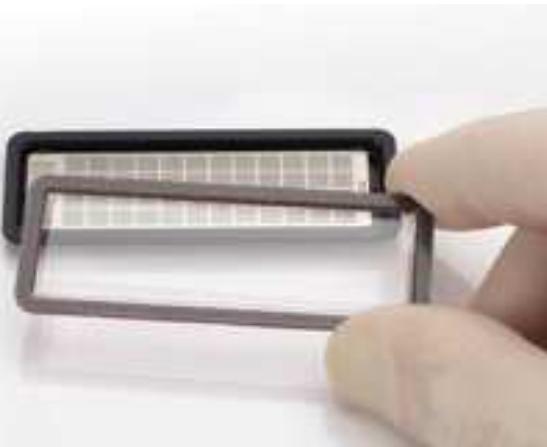


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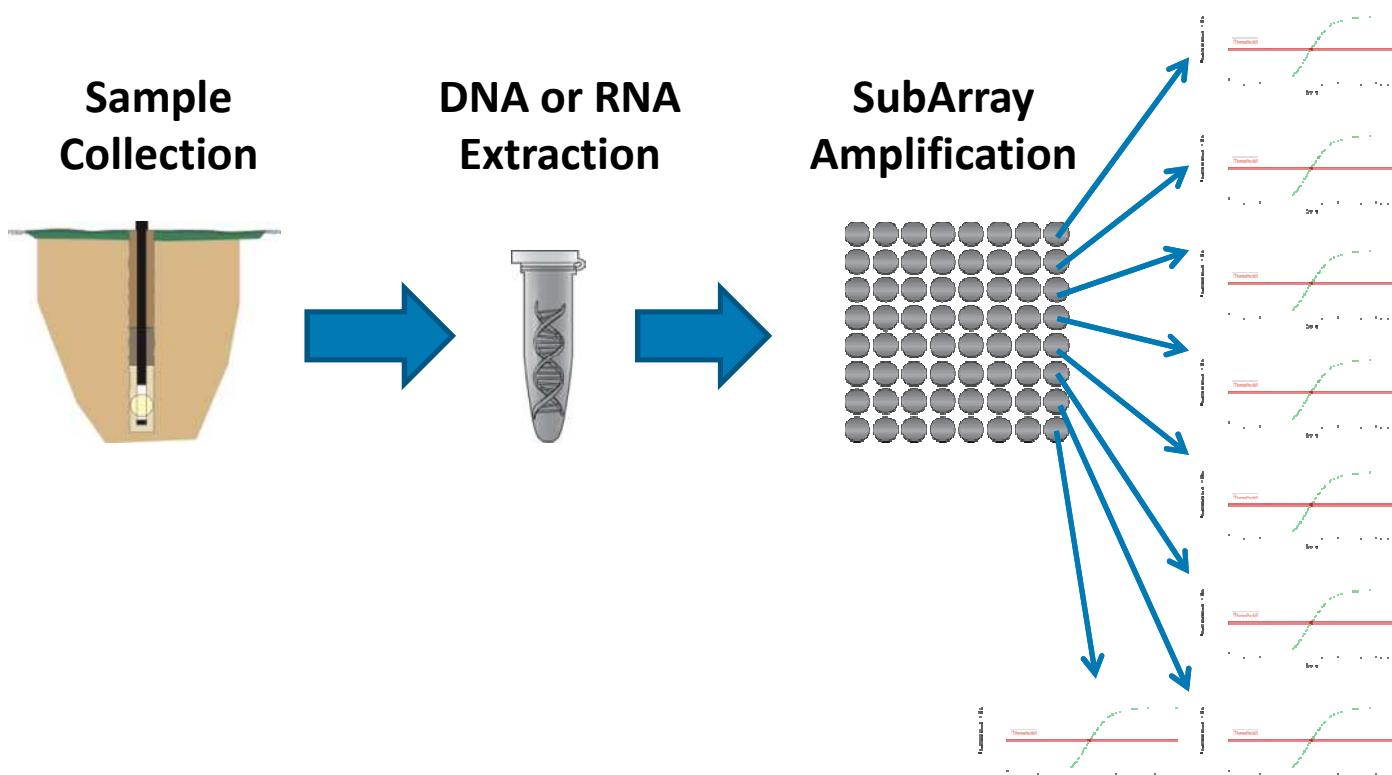


## QuantArray™

- Array platform for simultaneous analysis of numerous targets
- Accurate quantification of all targets from a single analysis



# QuantArray Approach



# QuantArray™-Petro

Sample Information	MW-1	MW-2
<b>Aerobic BTEX and MTBE (cells/mL)</b>		
Toluene 3- and 4-Monoxygenases (RMO)	1.98E+03	7.30E+03
Toluene 2 Monoxygenase (RDEG)	2.50E+02	4.61E+03
Phenol Hydroxylase (PHE)	2.16E+04	2.17E+04
Toluene/Benzene Dioxygenase (TOD)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Xylene/Toluene Monoxygenase (TOL)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Ethylbenzene/Isopropylbenzene Dioxygenase (EDO)	1.38E+04	<2.50E+02
Biphenyl/Isopropylbenzene Dioxygenase (BPH4)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
<i>Methylibium petroliphilum</i> PM1 (PM1)	5.65E+05	1.92E+05
TBA Monoxygenase (TBA)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
<b>Aerobic PAHs and Alkanes (cells/mL)</b>		
Naphthalene Dioxygenase (NAH)	3.49E+05	<2.50E+02
Phenanthrene Dioxygenase (PHN)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Alkane Monoxygenase (ALK)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Alkane Monoxygenase (ALMA)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
<b>Anaerobic BTEX (cells/mL)</b>		
Benzoyl Coenzyme A Reductase (BCR)	2.16E+05	3.33E+03
Benzylsuccinate synthase (BSS)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Benzene Carboxylase (ABC)	<2.50E+02	4.31E+02
<b>Anaerobic PAHs and Alkanes (cells/mL)</b>		
Benzoyl Coenzyme A Reductase (BCR)	2.16E+05	3.33E+03
Naphthylmethylsuccinate Synthase (NMS)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Naphthalene Carboxylase (ANC)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
Alkylsuccinate Synthase (ASSA)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02
<b>Other (cells/bead)</b>		
Total Eubacteria (EBAC)	1.72E+07	1.72E+07
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (APS)	<2.50E+02	<2.50E+02

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Biphenyl/Isopropylbenzene Dioxygenase (BPH4)		
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Naphthalene Dioxygenase (NAH)		
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## Anaerobic BTEX

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## Aerobic Alkanes

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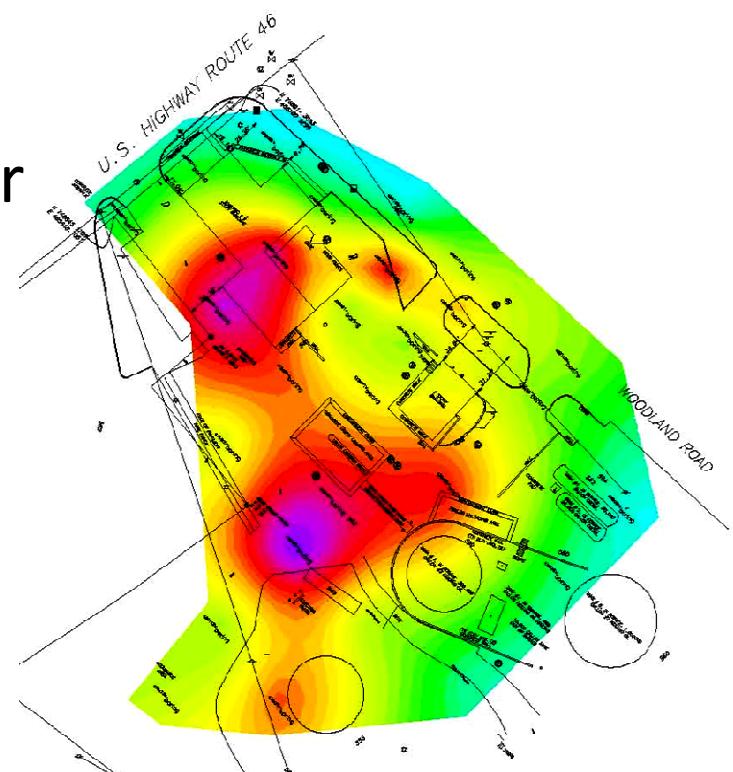
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**Total Bacteria and SRBs**

# Study Site

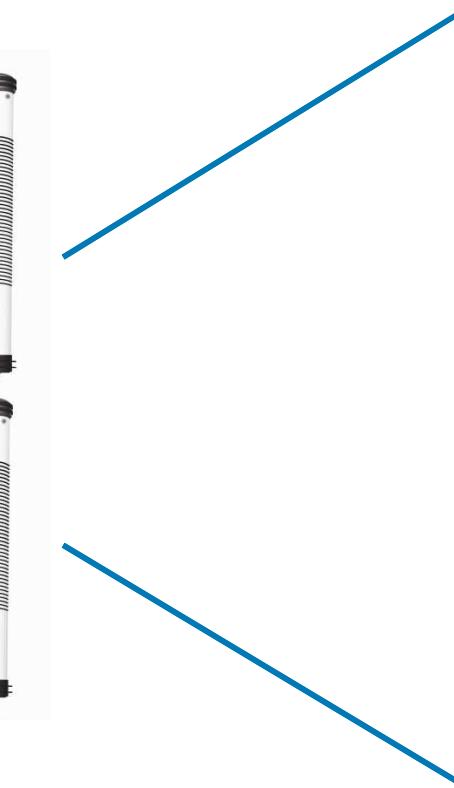
- Petroleum distribution facility
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# *In Situ* Microcosm Study

MNA

BioStim



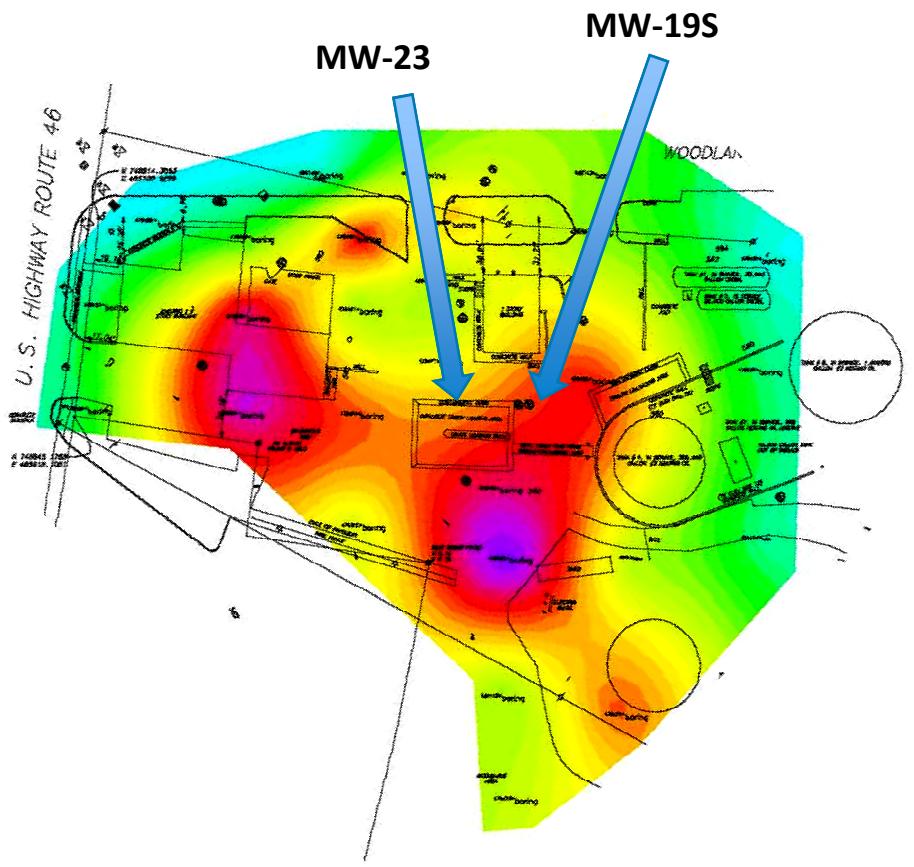
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MICRO  
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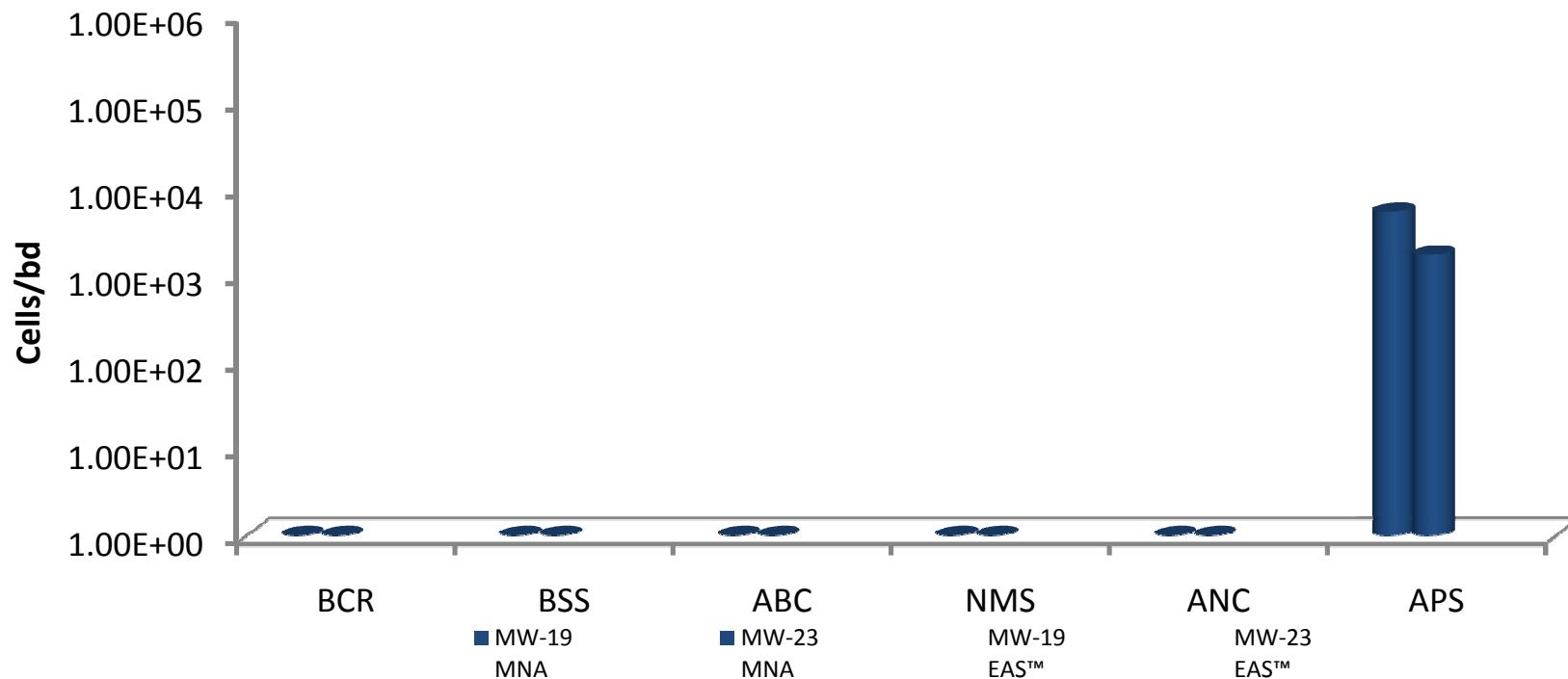
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EAS™

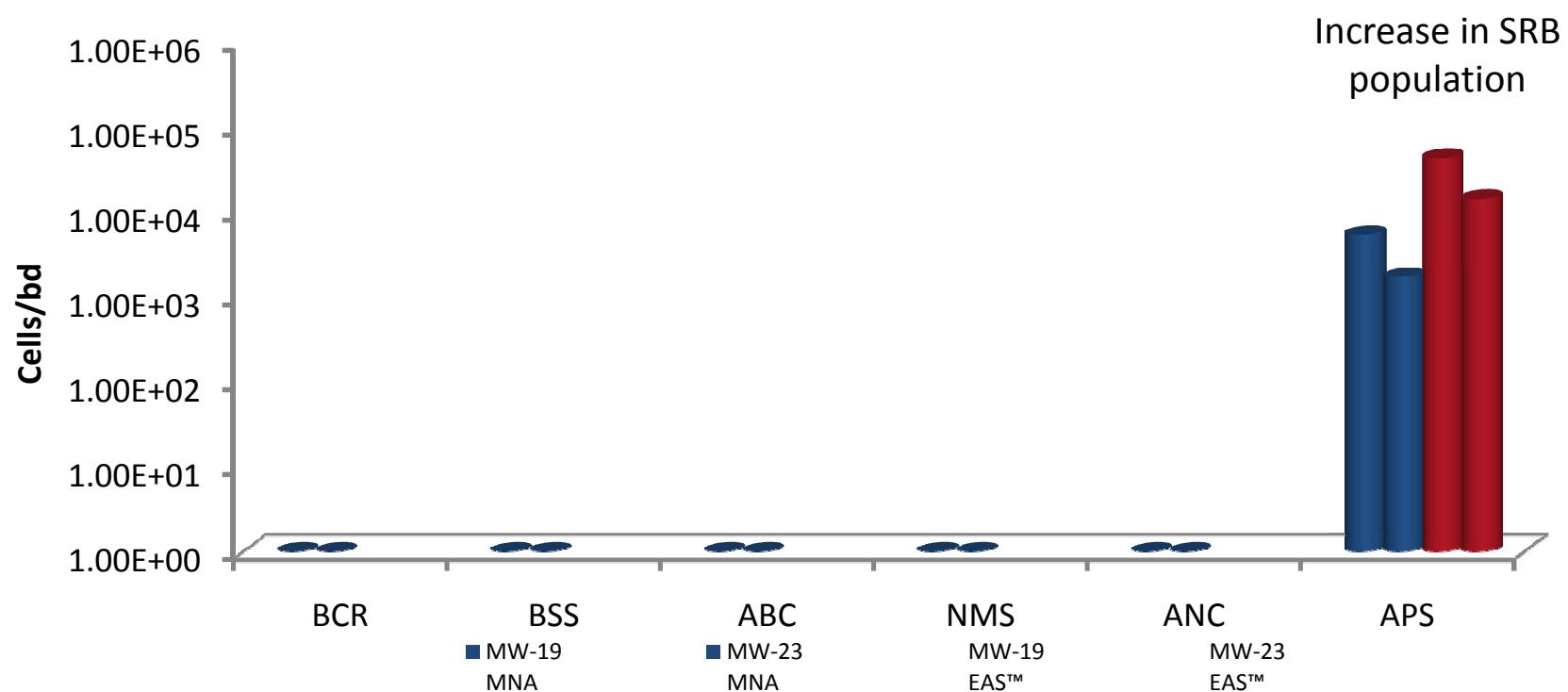
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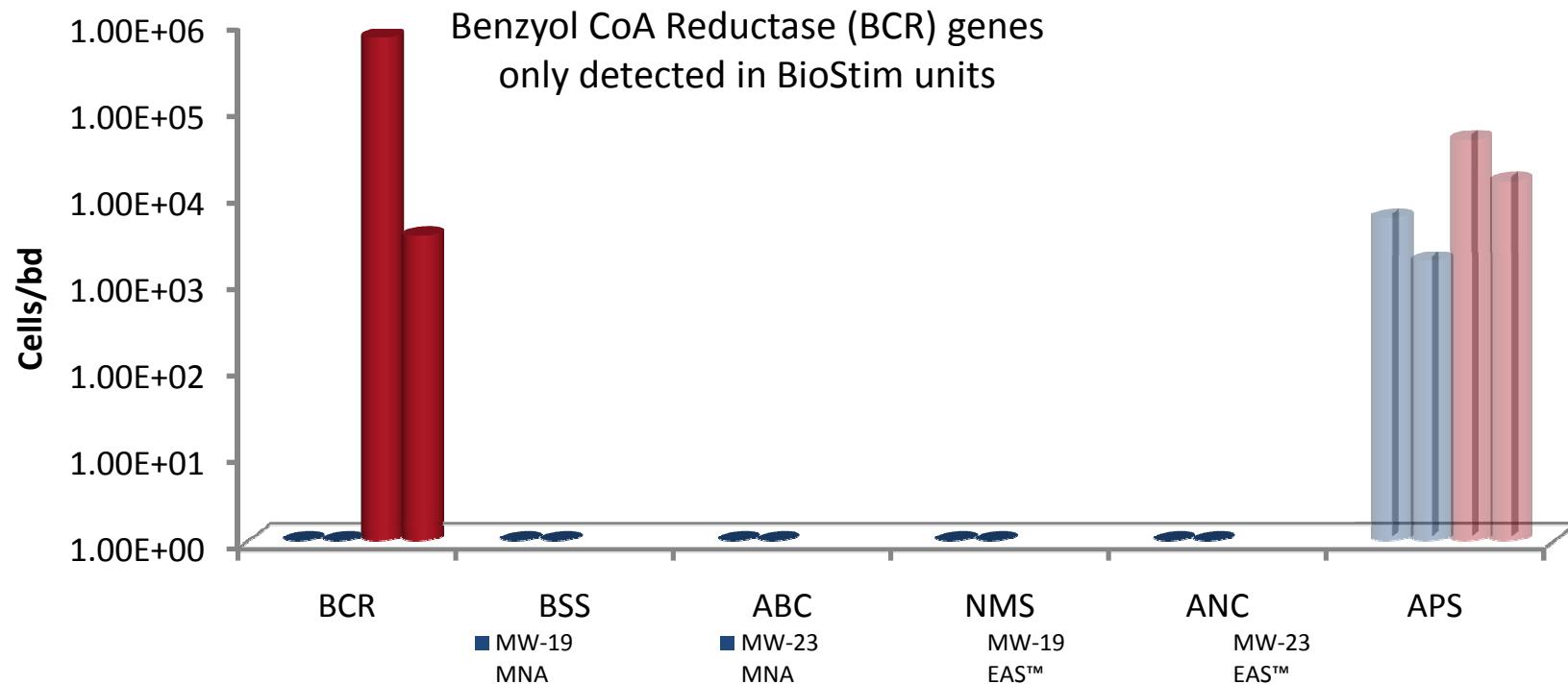
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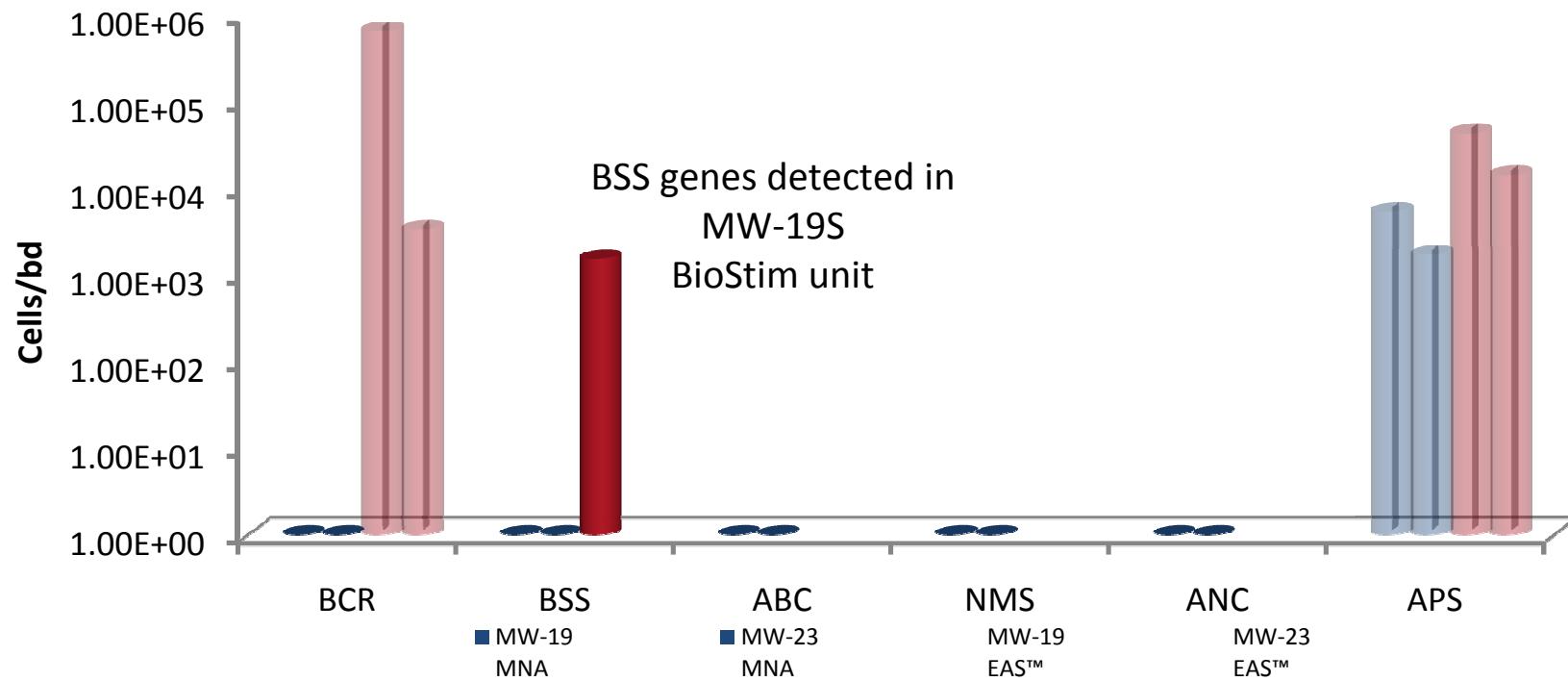
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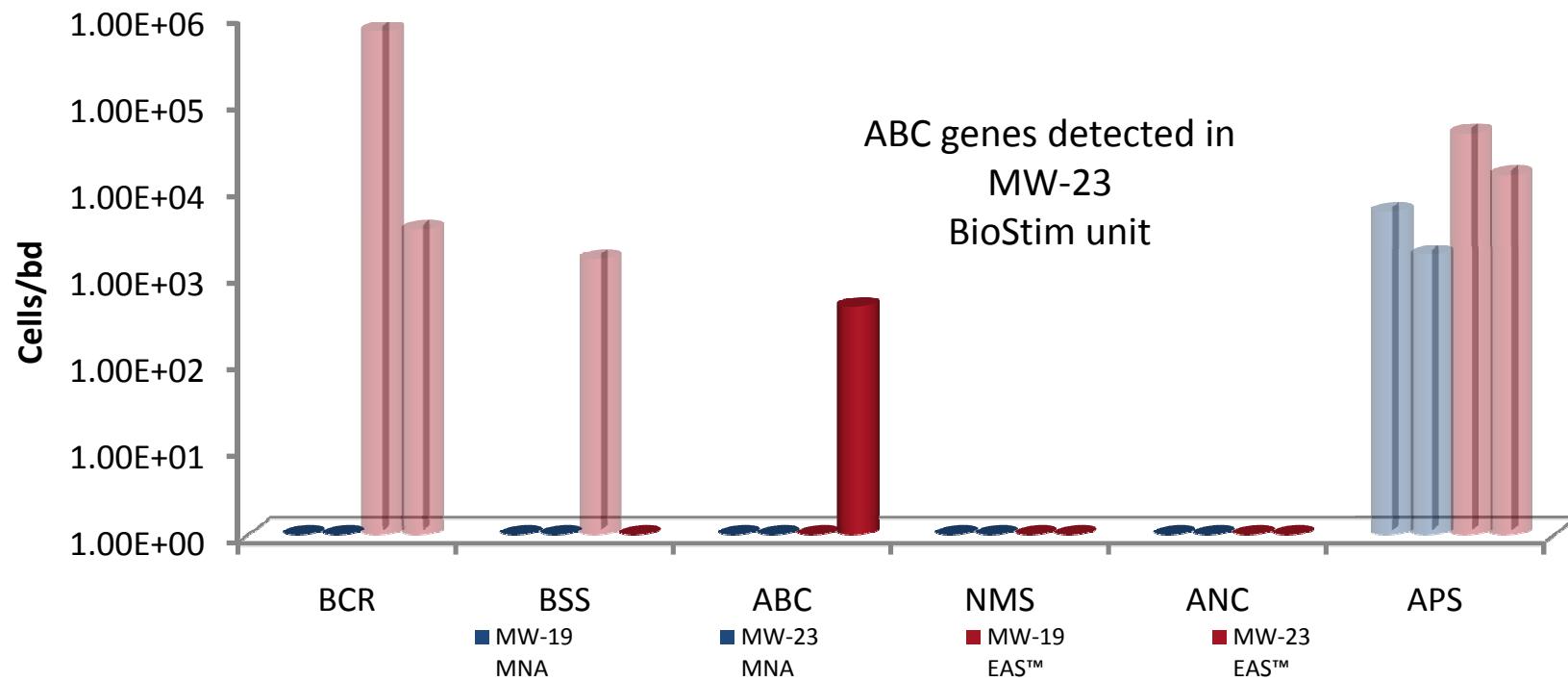
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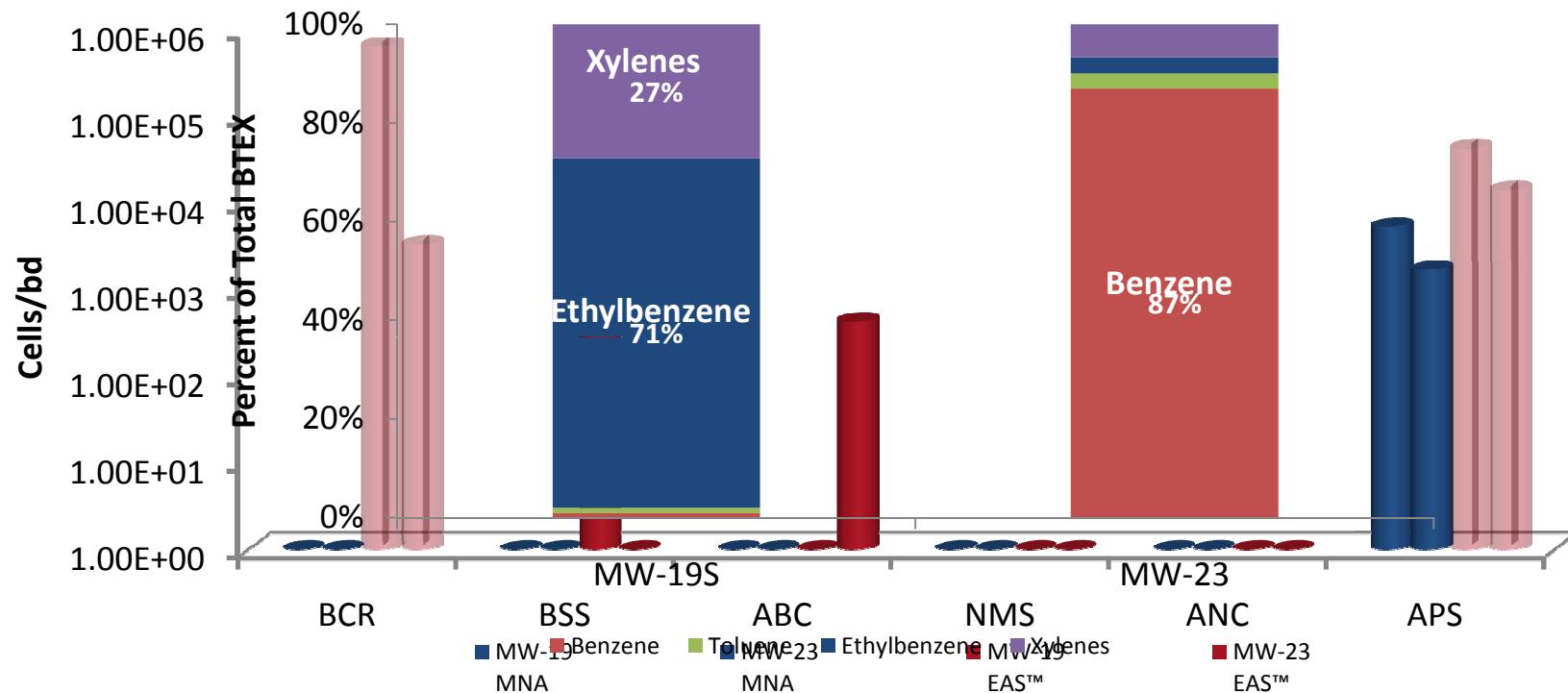
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# Anaerobic Processes - EAS™



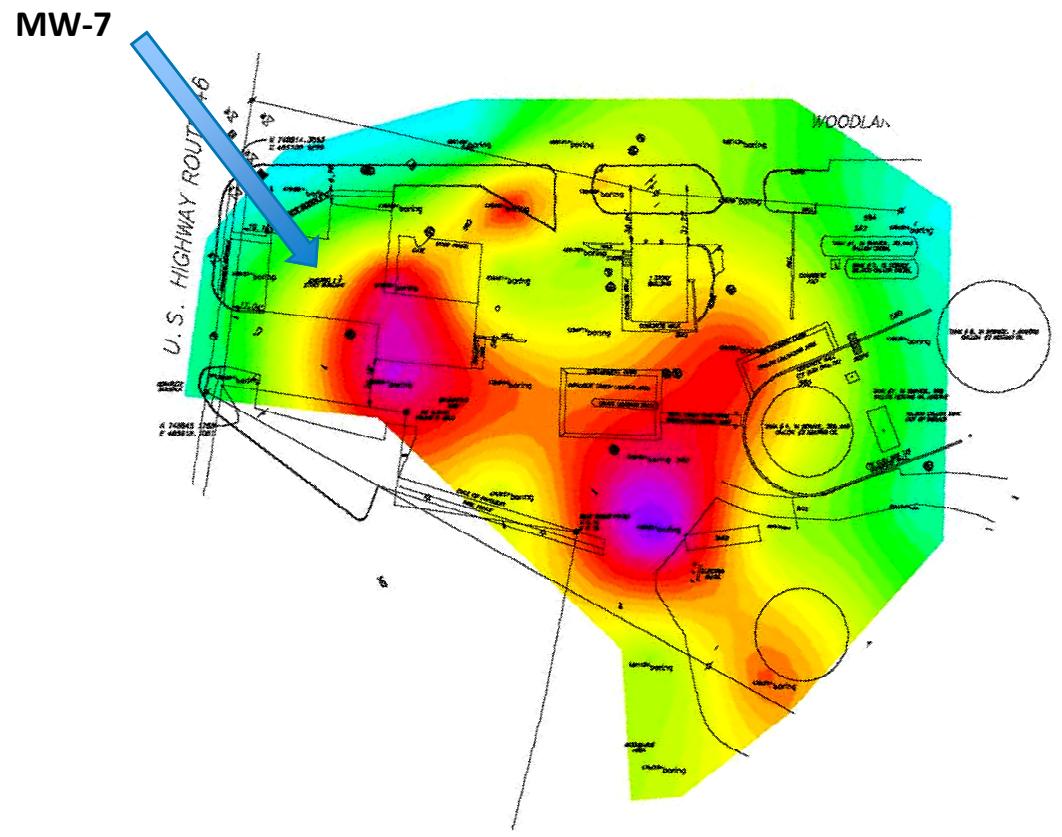
## In Situ Microcosm - EAS™ Addition

- Stimulated increases in
  - Sulfate reducing bacteria (APS)
  - Anaerobic bacteria capable of aromatic hydrocarbon utilization (BCR)
  - Benzylsuccinate synthase (BSS) genes for anaerobic biodegradation of TEX
  - Anaerobic benzene carboxylase genes (ABC)

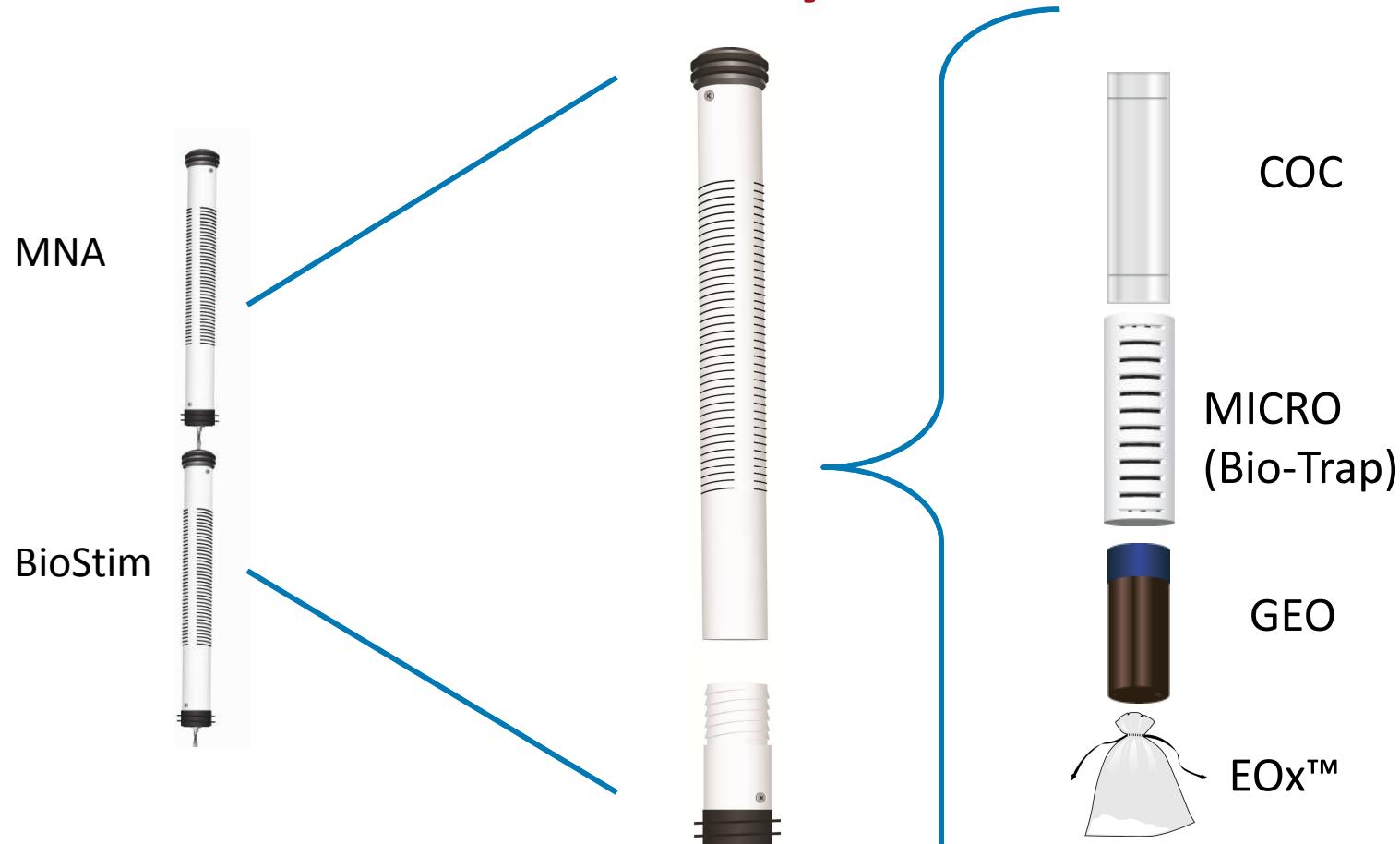
## In Situ Microcosm - EAS™ Addition

- Enhanced potential for anaerobic BTEX biodegradation
- No evidence of anaerobic PAH and alkane degraders
  - Limited deployment time
  - Low PAH concentrations
  - TPH data not available

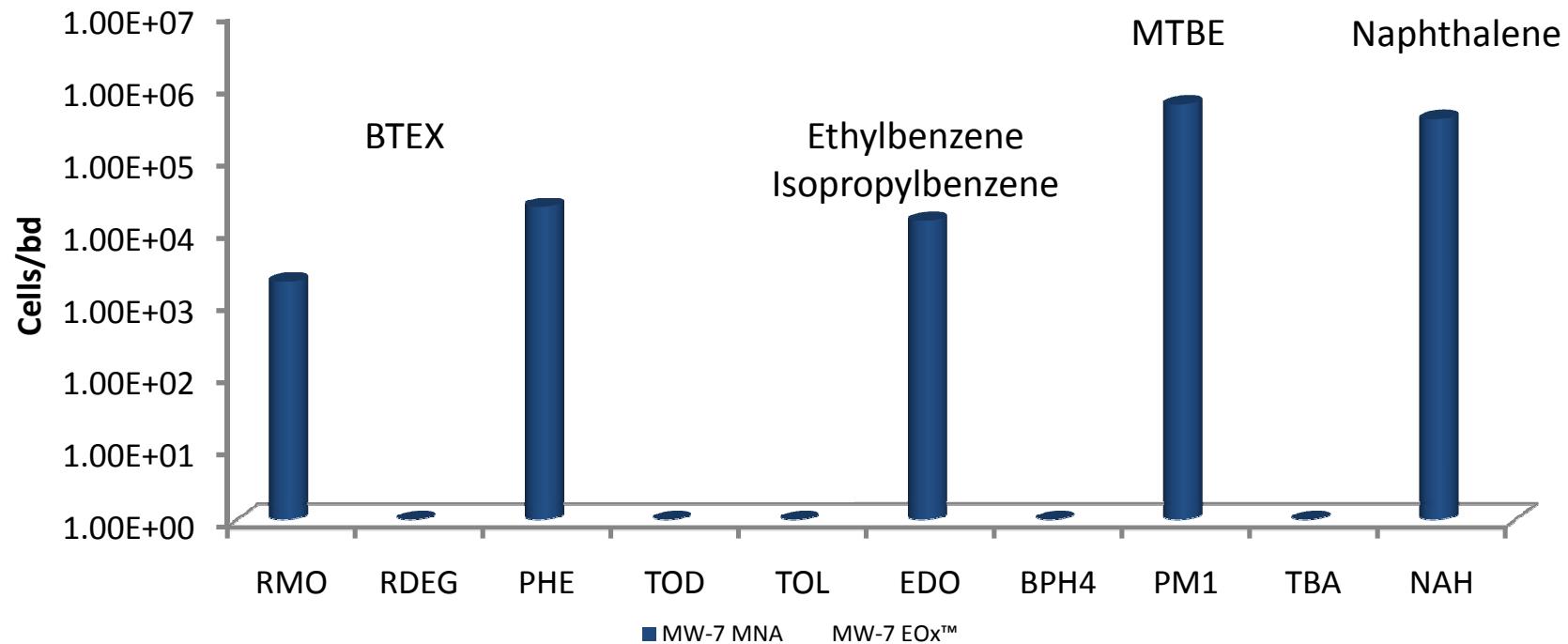
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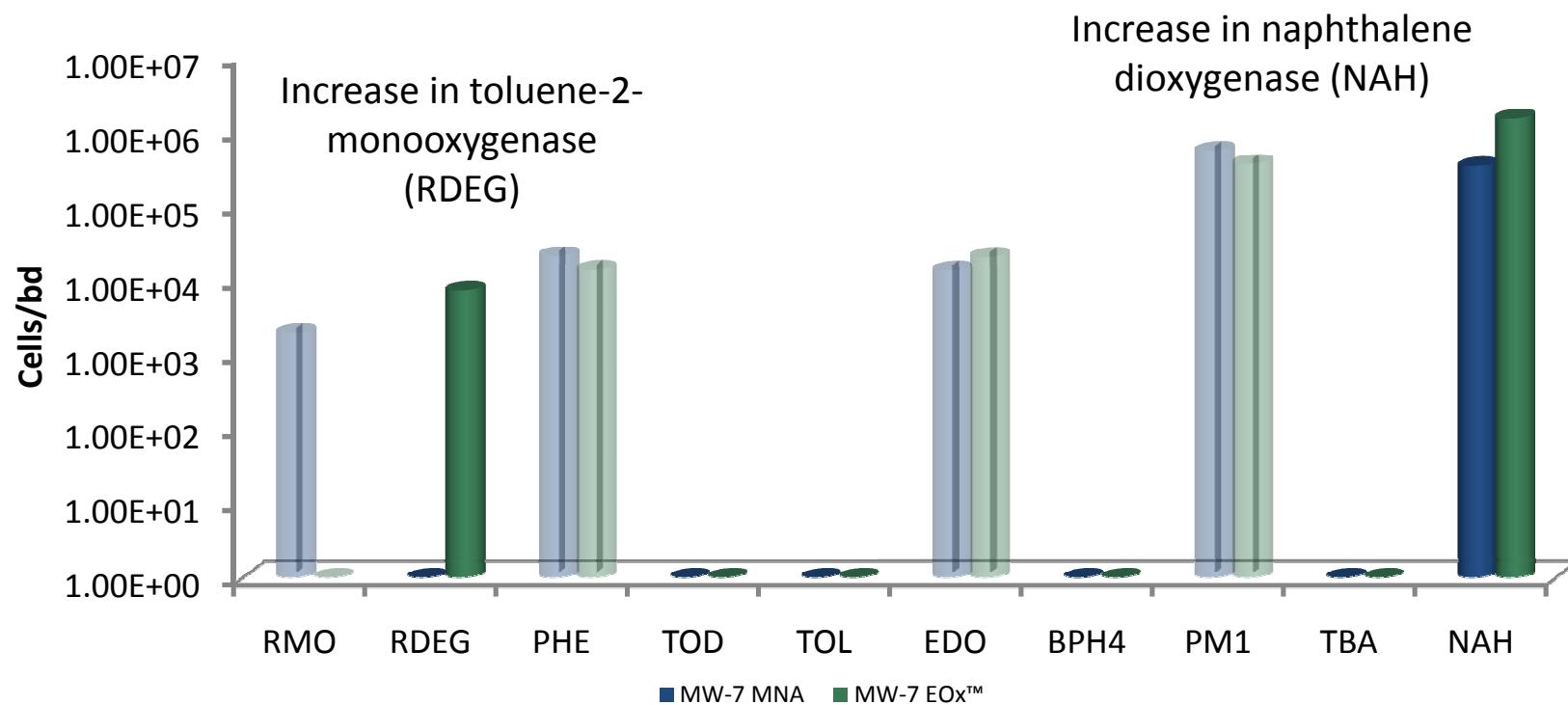
# *In Situ* Microcosm Study



# Aerobic Processes – MNA



# Aerobic Processes – MNA vs BioStim



## In Situ Microcosm - MNA

- QuantArray – Petro Summary
  - Benzene/toluene monooxygenases (RMO, RDEG, PHE)
  - Ethylbenzene dioxygenases
  - MTBE utilizing strain PM1
  - TBA monooxygenase
  - Naphthalene dioxygenase (NAH)
- Substantial populations of aerobic BTEX, MTBE, and PAH utilizing bacteria

## In Situ Microcosm - EOx™ Addition

- Aerobic biodegradation
  - Substantial increase in toluene-2-monoxygenase genes (RDEG) which is not a frequently requested gene target
  - Increase in naphthalene dioxygenase genes (NAH)
  - Comparable concentrations of other target genes

## Site Management

- Anaerobic ISM Studies (MW-19S and MW-23)
  - EAS addition stimulated growth of anaerobic BTEX utilizing bacteria closer to the source zone
- Aerobic ISM Study (MW-7)
  - Approved MNA site
  - Upgradient well with intermittent detection of BTEX
  - Baseline degrader populations significant
  - Some increases with oxygen addition
  - Possible increase in activity – Future studies with RT-qPCR?

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- Dr. Kerry Sublette
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# Questions???

