### SURFACTANT ENHANCED SOIL WASHING OF 20,000 TONS OF BUNKER-C CONTAMINATED SOIL TO ACHIEVE REGULATORY CLEAN-UP GUIDELINES: BENCH TO FULL SCALE APPLIED CASE STUDY

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### **SITE LOCATION**



### SITE INFORMATION

- Soil treatment facility near St. John's NL
- >20,000 Tons of Bunker-C #6 contaminated soil
- TPH Concentration 5000 to >15,000 ppm
- Clean-up Goal: <1000 ppm TPH</li>
- Soil Texture: Silt & Clay <5%
  - Sand & Grave 85%
  - **Coarse Gravel** 10%
- Source Former Industrial site. Spills from large AST and associated on-site pipelines (Under redevelopment)
- Environmental Consultant Third-party Verification



## LET ME TAKE YOU FOR A WALK SEE THE SITE AND SOIL WASHING PROCESS STEP BY STEP



### **FACT**

>90 % of All Organic Contaminants Are
Absorbed or Adsorbed (Sorbed) To Particles In
Soil, Sediments, Drill Cuttings, Bedrock, Sludge, Etc...

**Contaminant Sorption** 

Limits The 'Availability' of Contaminants For All Forms of:

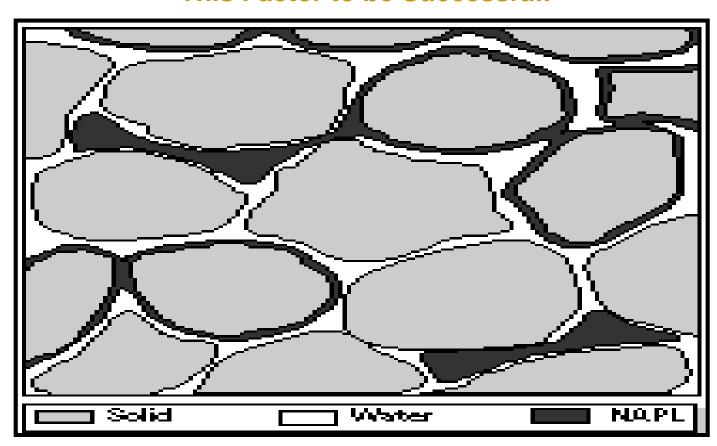
Physical, Chemical & Biological Remediation!

Sorption Is The #1 Reason Why Many
Remediation Project Are Slow, Very Costly and/or Fail To
Achieve Their Objectives!

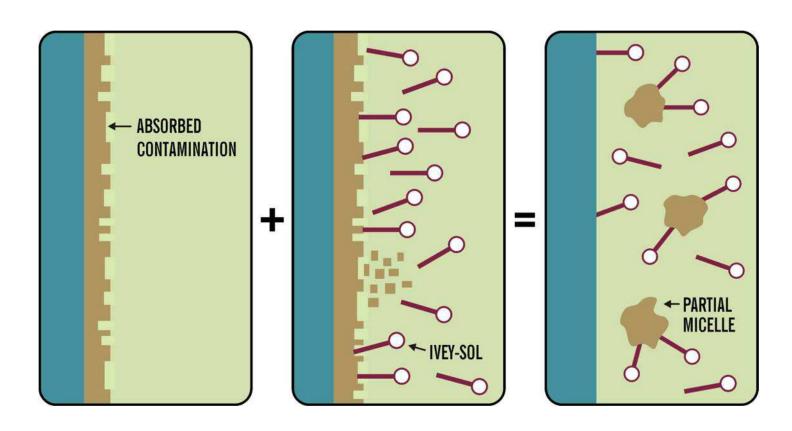
### **SORPTION**

**Adsorption and Absorption Properties and Characteristics** 

Soil & Solids Remediation Must Address This Factor to be Successful!

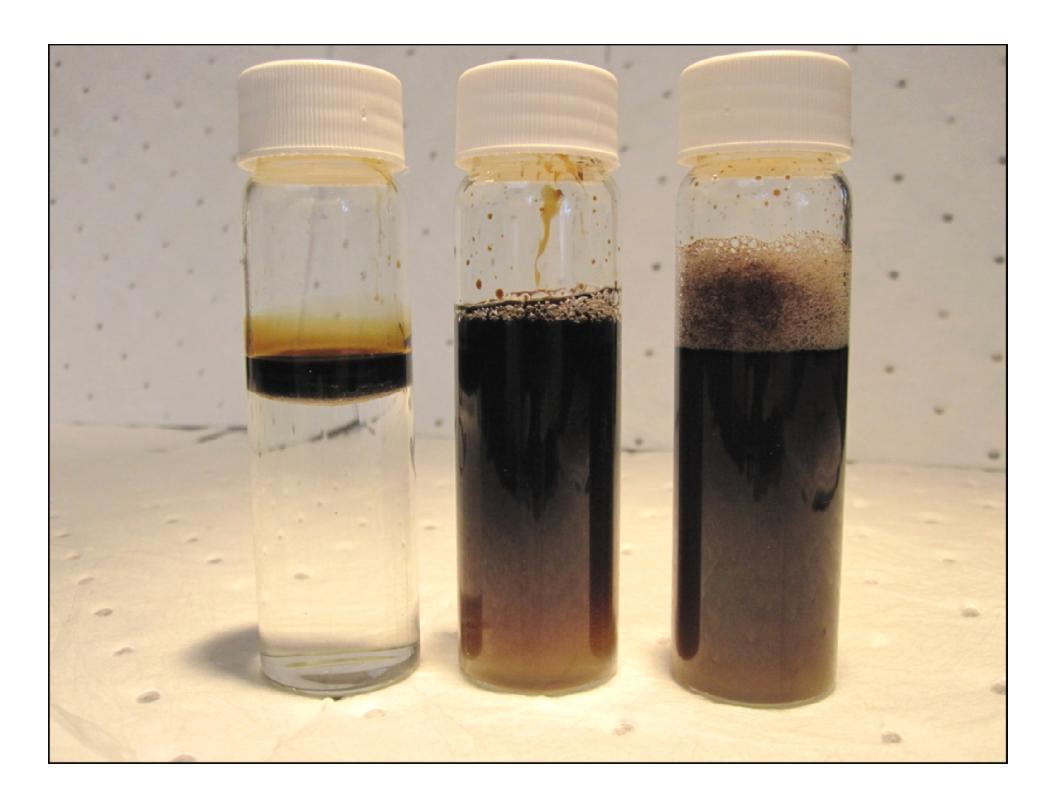


### **MECHANISM**



Ivey-sol Interaction With Oil On A Surface With Partial Micelle Encapsulated of Oil Droplet

(Ivey-sol is Effective Below The CMC)





Pre and post Ivey-sol Surfactant washed solids impacted with heavy-end petroleum hydrocarbons



### TERMS OF REFERENCE

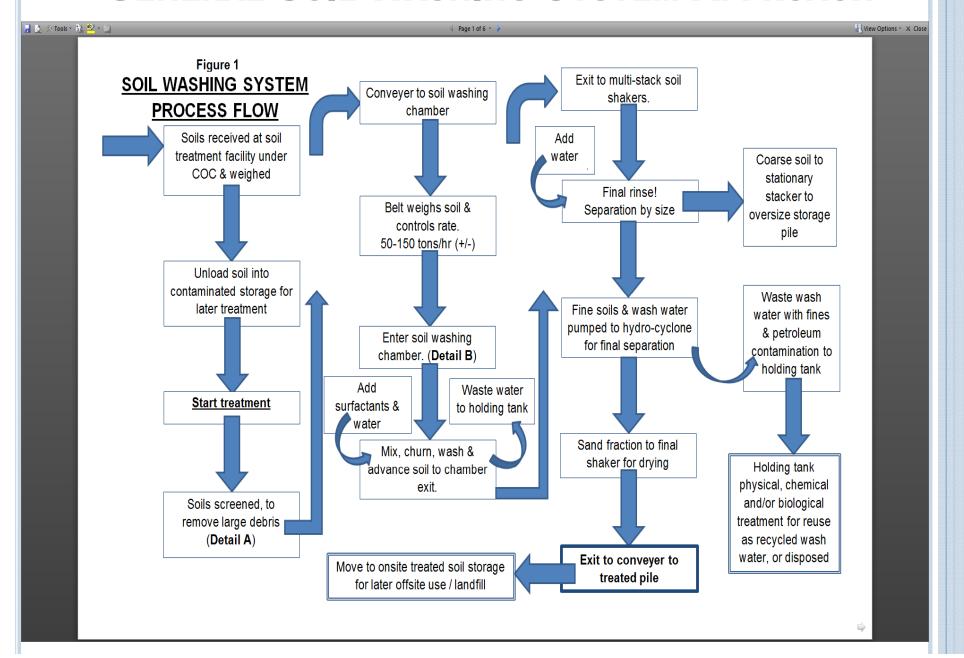
- Surfactant Enhanced Soil Washing (SESW) Using Ivey-sol Surfactant Technology (Concentration of Ivey-sol <0.5%)</li>
- Ratio of solids to liquids Approximately 1:1
- Washing Duration <1 minute (Based on >50 tons/hour)
- Soil washing rate was between 50 to 150 tons/hour, but generally averaged was between 50 to 75 tons/hour
- Cleaned sand and gravel was compliant for reuse as specified aggregate for commercial and industrial site use. Client actually sold the sand and gravel for >\$25/yd<sup>3</sup>
- Waste water treatment was physical settling (ponds), phase separated oil recovery, and polishing with GAC
- Oil Recovery using skimmer on ponds yielded slop oil (\$ Refinery)







### GENERAL SOIL WASHING SYSTEM APPROACH









### SHAKERS - SEPARE ATE SOILS FROM WATER

















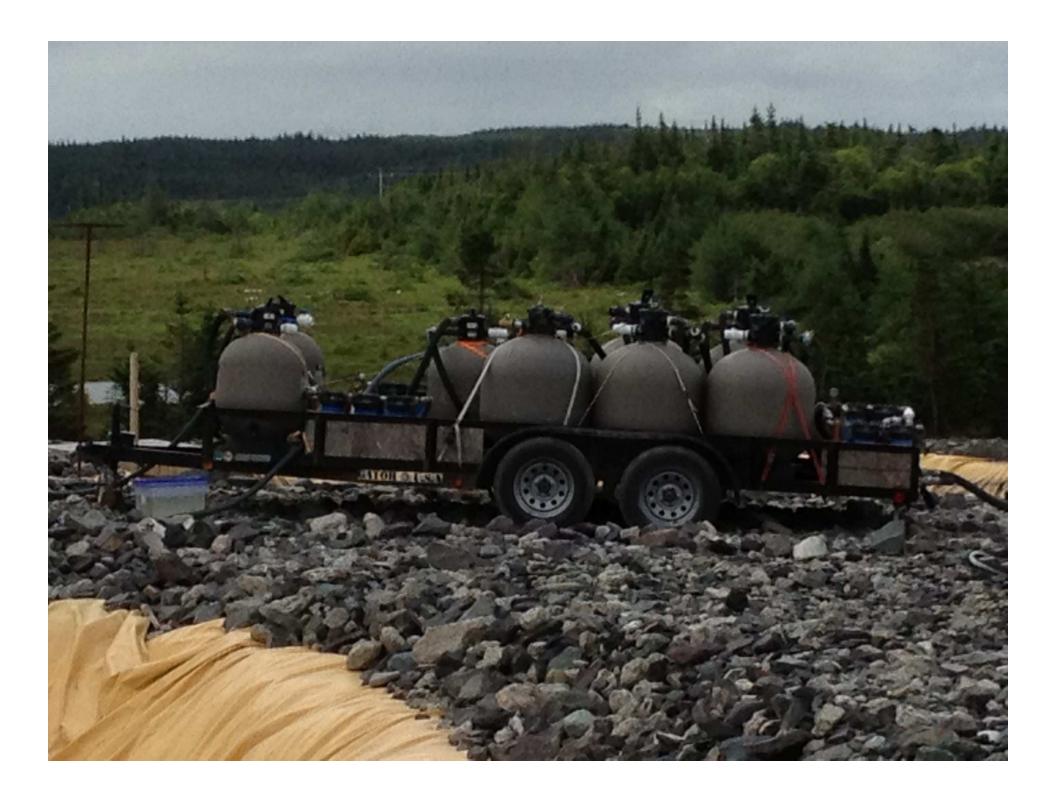
### OIL RECOVERY - POST SOIL WASHING







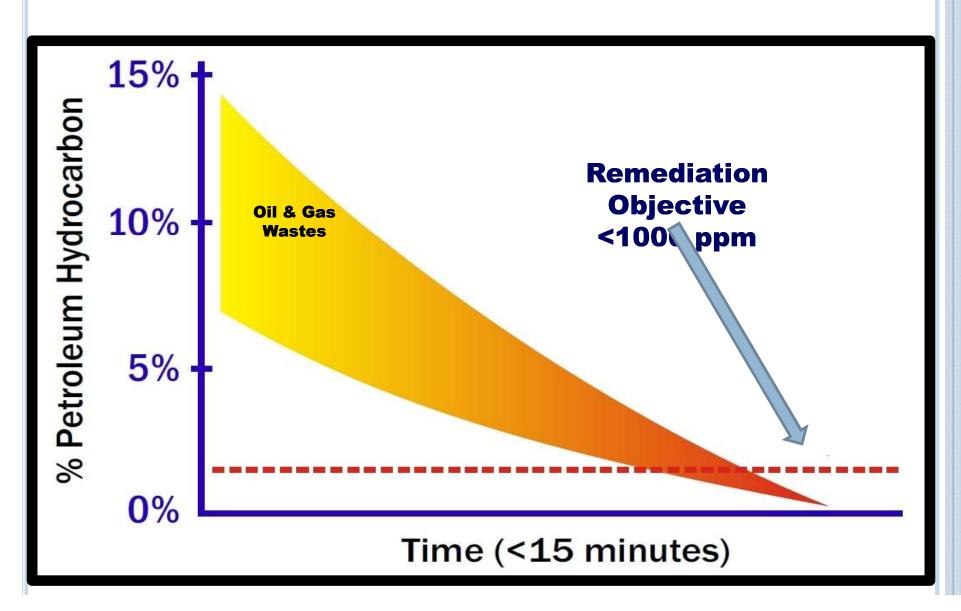




# CLIENT CAN REUSE UPWARDS OF 80% OF MORE OF THEIR WATER. ONLY CLEANING TO A REUSE (NOT DRINKING WATER) STANDARD

### We need an innovate, cost effective, sustainable way to treat TPH contaminated soild!

**Surfactant Enhanced Soil Washing (SESW)** 



### THIRD PART ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT COMPLETED ALL VERIFICATION TESTING TO ENSURE TREATED SOILS ACHIEVED THE <1000 PPM TPH REGULATORY STANDARD



### CLIENT TOOK APPROXIMATELY 50 WORKING DAYS TO TREAT THE 20,000 TONS OF BUNKER-C CONTAMINATED SOIL

(BASED ON A RATE OF 50 TONS/HOUR WITH 8 HOUR WORKING DAYS)

### CONCLUSIONS

- Surfactant Enhances Soil Washing (SESW) using Iveysol is an effective tool for remediation of TPH (petroleum hydrocarbon) contaminated soils
- SESW is effective for treating contaminated soils (i.e., silty-sand, sand, gravel and boulders);
- SESW may allow for oil recovery from waste water;
- SESW is rapid (Takes only minuets per ton)
- SESW can achieve stringent regulatory standards
- SESW is cost effective remediation method
- Very low green house gas emission footprint (Green Technology)



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