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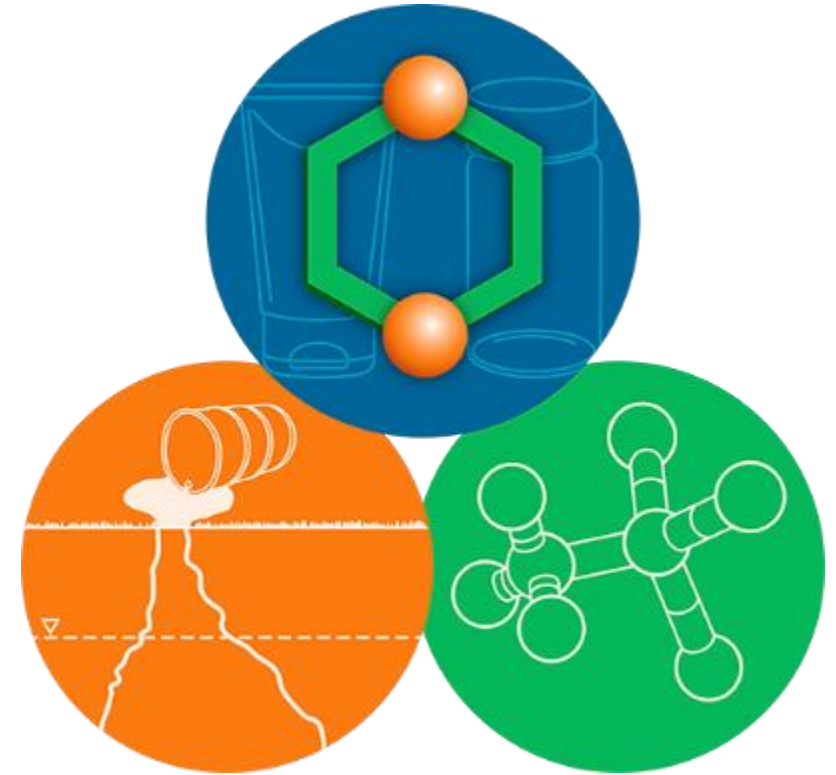
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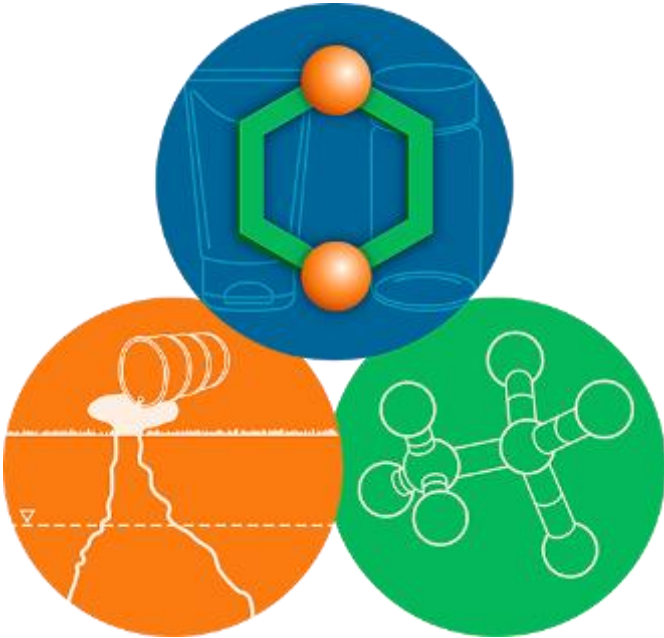
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1,4-Dioxane: Introduction



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Module 4: Sampling & Analysis

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Welcome

Technical Resources for Addressing Environmental Releases of 1,4-Dioxane

This Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) online documentation includes the 1,4-Dioxane Fact Sheets, Guidance Document, and six-part modular training courses prepared by the ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Team. Links within the online document help the reader locate interrelated topics. It is the intention of ITRC to periodically update the document as significant new information and regulatory approaches for 1,4-dioxane develop. The web-based nature of this document lends itself to updating of key information in this rapidly evolving subject. Each document can be downloaded as a PDF.

The documents are designed for state and federal environmental staff, project managers, and other stakeholders to gain knowledge of 1,4-dioxane history and potential sources, regulatory framework, environmental **fate and transport**, investigation strategies, sampling and analysis, toxicity and risk assessment, and remediation and treatment technologies. The document was developed by a team of over 200 environmental practitioners drawn from state and federal government, academia, industry, environmental consulting, and public interest groups. While every effort was made to keep the information accessible to a wide audience, it is assumed the reader has some basic technical background in chemistry, environmental sciences, risk assessment, and environmental remediation. ITRC also produced a [Risk Communications Toolkit](#) that can be applied to emerging contaminants and 1,4-dioxane issues.

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Appendix A: Summary of State Regulations, Policies, and Guidance for

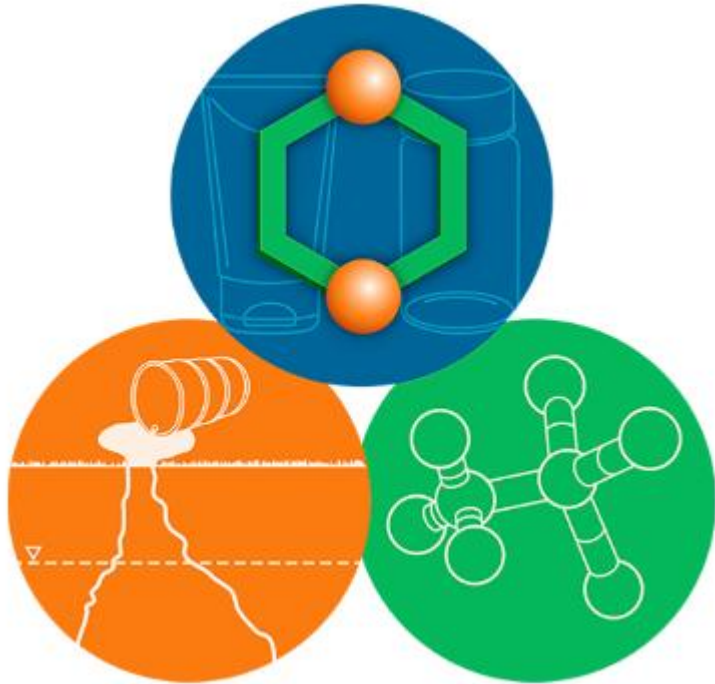
ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Products and Focus?

Series of 1,4-Dioxane Fact Sheets (<https://14d-1.itrcweb.org/fact-sheets/>) – Provide easy to access information about 1,4-Dioxane to answer immediate questions.

Toxicity and Risk Assessment Fact Sheet provides a summary of frequently asked questions regarding the potential human and ecological risks.

1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document (<https://14d-1.itrcweb.org/>) – Provides an in-depth review and technical information that will assist the environmental community with 1,4-dioxane site management and cleanup.

Our Focus is on 1,4-Dioxane



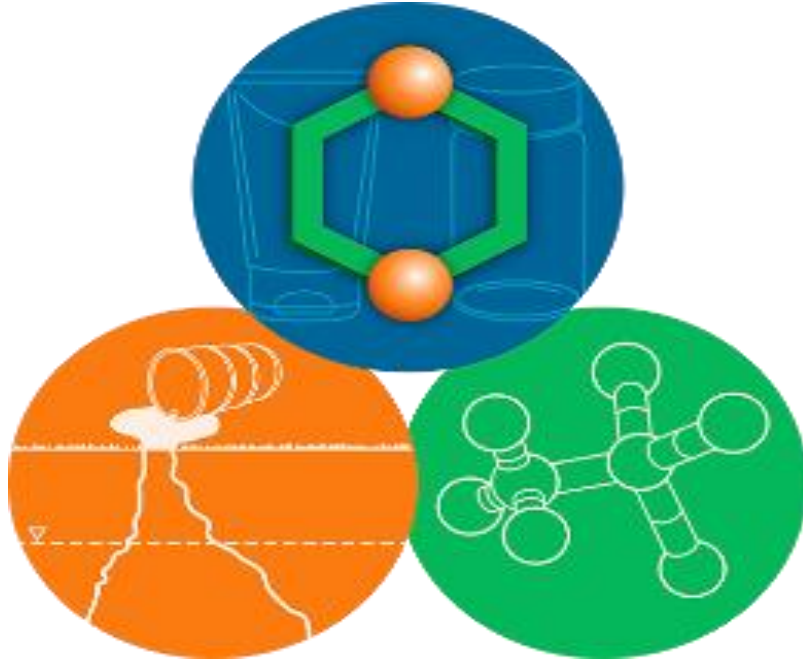
What is 1,4-Dioxane?

Why Do We Care About 1,4-Dioxane?

- ▶ 1,4-Dioxane Concerns
- ▶ We are still learning about 1,4-Dioxane

Use 1,4-Dioxane information and science to your advantage and apply best practices at your sites

Module 1: History of Use & Potential Sources

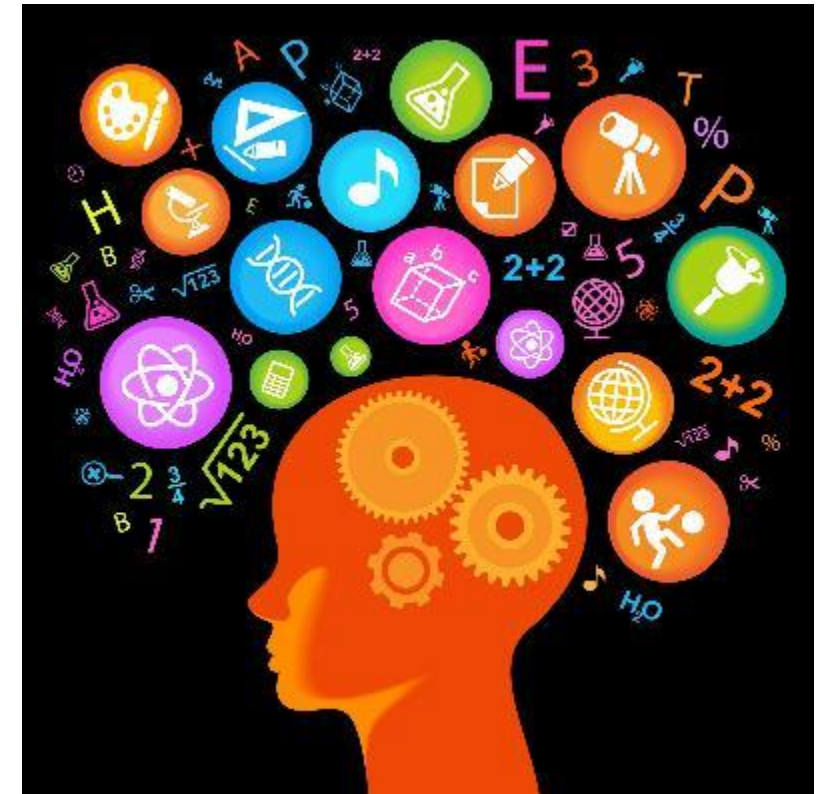


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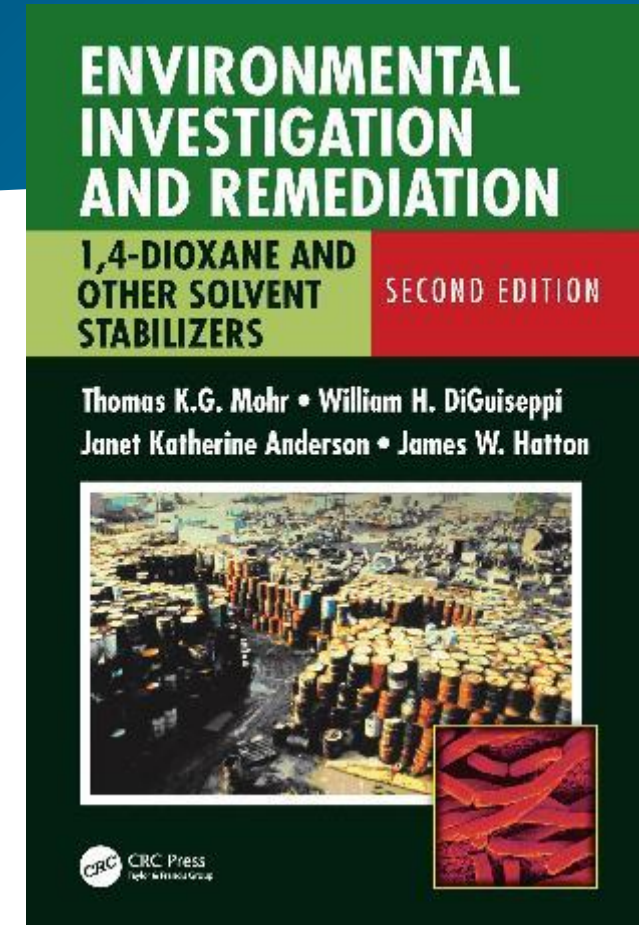
- Provide an overview of uses and potential sources of 1,4-dioxane to the environment
- Provide an understanding of the history of 1,4-dioxane manufacturing and usage
- Provide case study of “typical” 1,4-dioxane and chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOC) impacted site



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1,4-Dioxane Uses

- Solvent stabilizers (90% of usage)
 - Medical, pharmaceutical, and biotechnical
 - Rubber and plastics, especially polyester manufacturing
 - Inks, paints, and coatings
 - Adhesives
 - Automotive and aircraft fluids
 - Many other uses
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- 1,4-Dioxane manufacture, usage and release tied inextricably to 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA)
 - Understanding that relationship/history helps understand where 1,4-dioxane is likely to be found



Why is 1,4-Dioxane Needed to Stabilize Solvents?

- Acids are formed as the solvent decomposes
- Reactions occur between the acids formed and the metals being degreased/plated, so stabilizers address acids:
 - Acid inhibitors – prevent the formation of acids in the first place
 - Acid acceptors – neutralize the acids that form
 - Metal inhibitors – deactivate catalytic properties of metal surfaces and complex metal salts
- 1,4-Dioxane is dominantly used as a metal inhibitor

Was 1,4-Dioxane a Stabilizer in Trichloroethene?

- Trichloroethene (TCE) has been stabilized for vapor degreasing applications since 1940s, but 1,4-dioxane is not documented as the stabilizer used
- Extensive documentation (Mohr et al 2020) for 1,4-dioxane as a stabilizer for 1,1,1-TCA, but scant documentation for TCE
- Vague early patent literature describing TCE formulations
- TCE is substantially more stable than 1,1,1-TCA

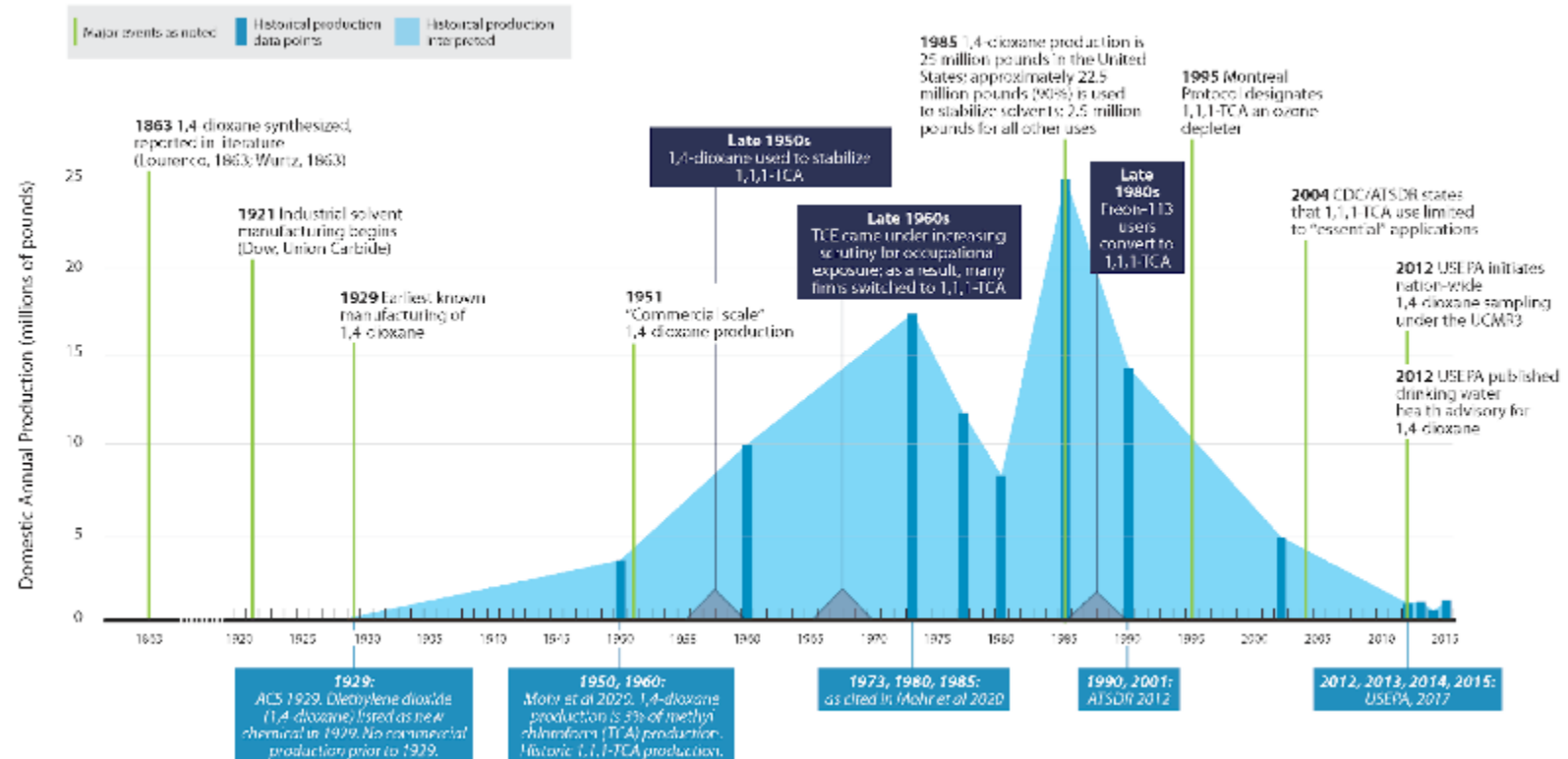
May not matter because of association between TCE and 1,1,1-TCA

Production History

Discussed in time segments:

- Synthesis through 1973
- 1973-1990
- Post 1990

1,4-DIOXANE TIMELINE AND HISTORICAL PRODUCTION

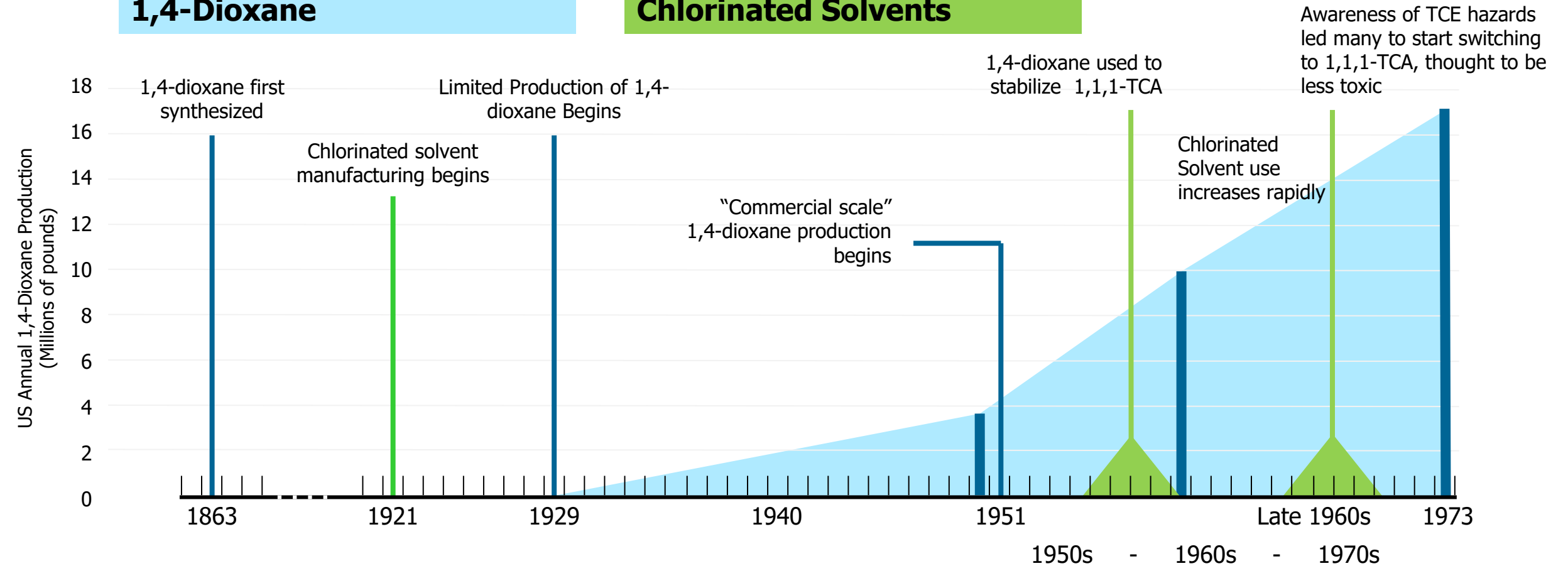


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Invention, Discovery and Growth (1863 – 1973)

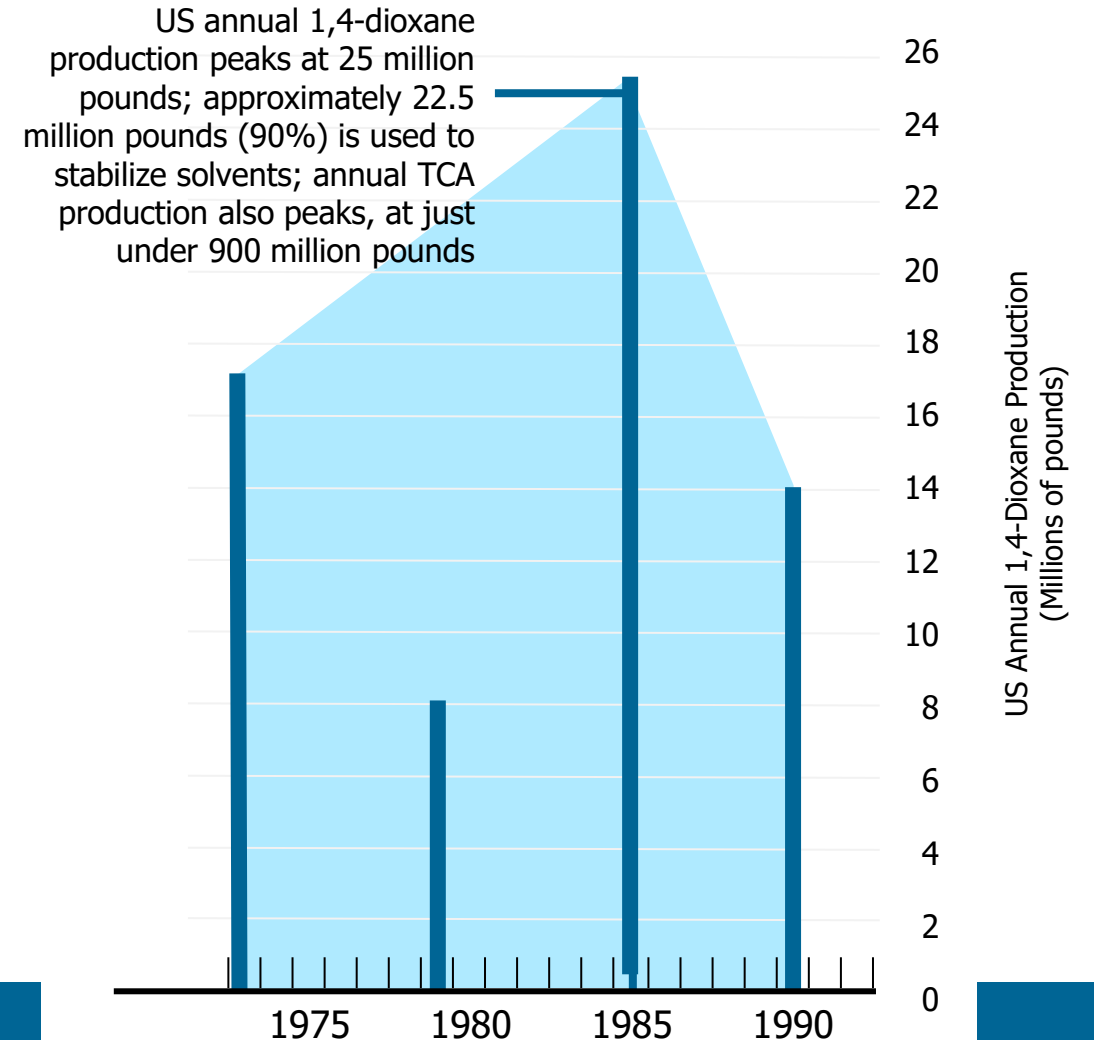
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Chlorinated Solvents



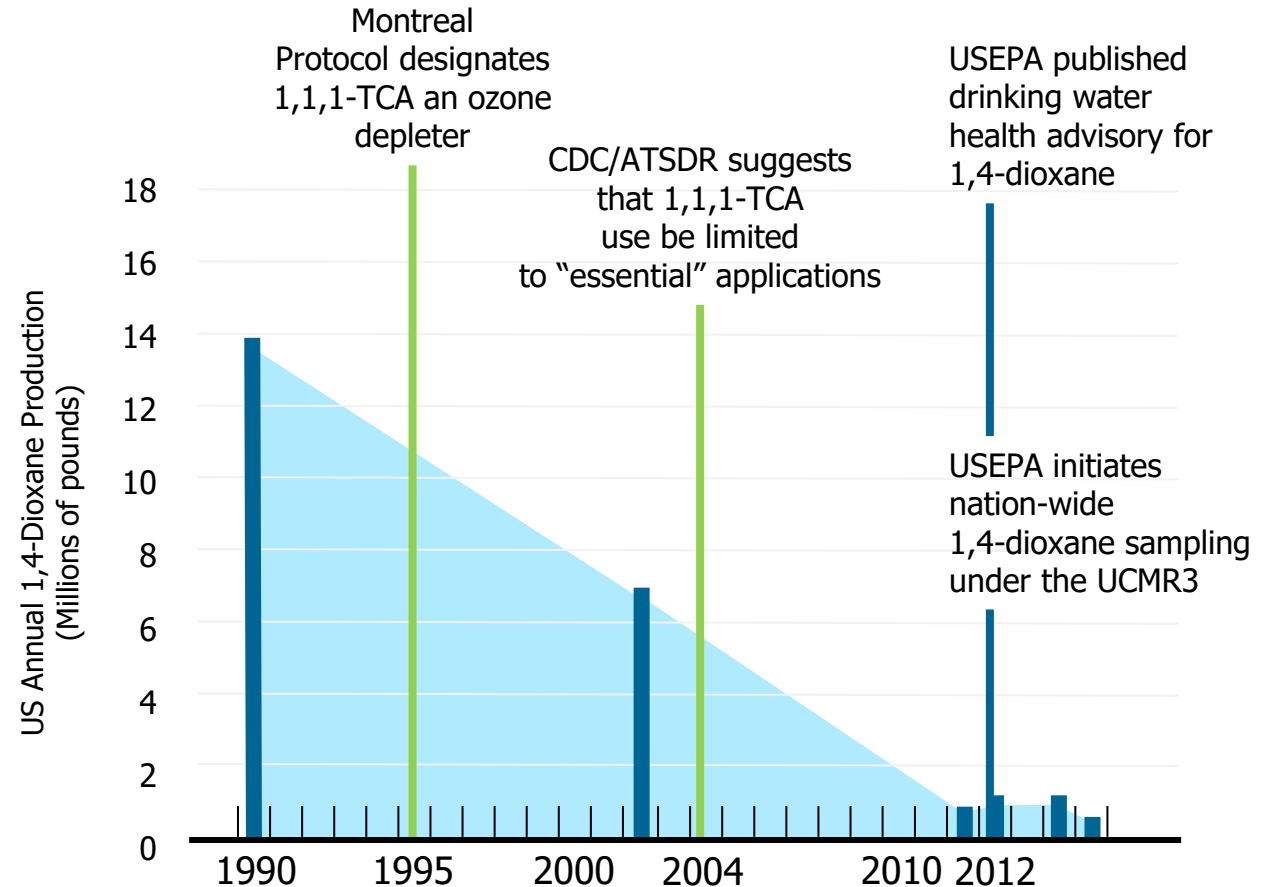
1973-1990

- Limited data available
- Shows variability over time (may be an artifact of data)
- Overall decline from early 1970s to 1990s due to industry reducing solvent usage overall
- 1985 data point valuable in that 90% of 1,4-dioxane in the United States was used for solvent stabilizing



Post-1990

- Decline from 1990 from overall decline in chlorinated solvent usage in US and abroad
- 1995 Montreal Protocol designates 1,1,1-TCA as ozone depleting, driving widespread phase out
- By 2012, production falls to less than 1 million pounds/year

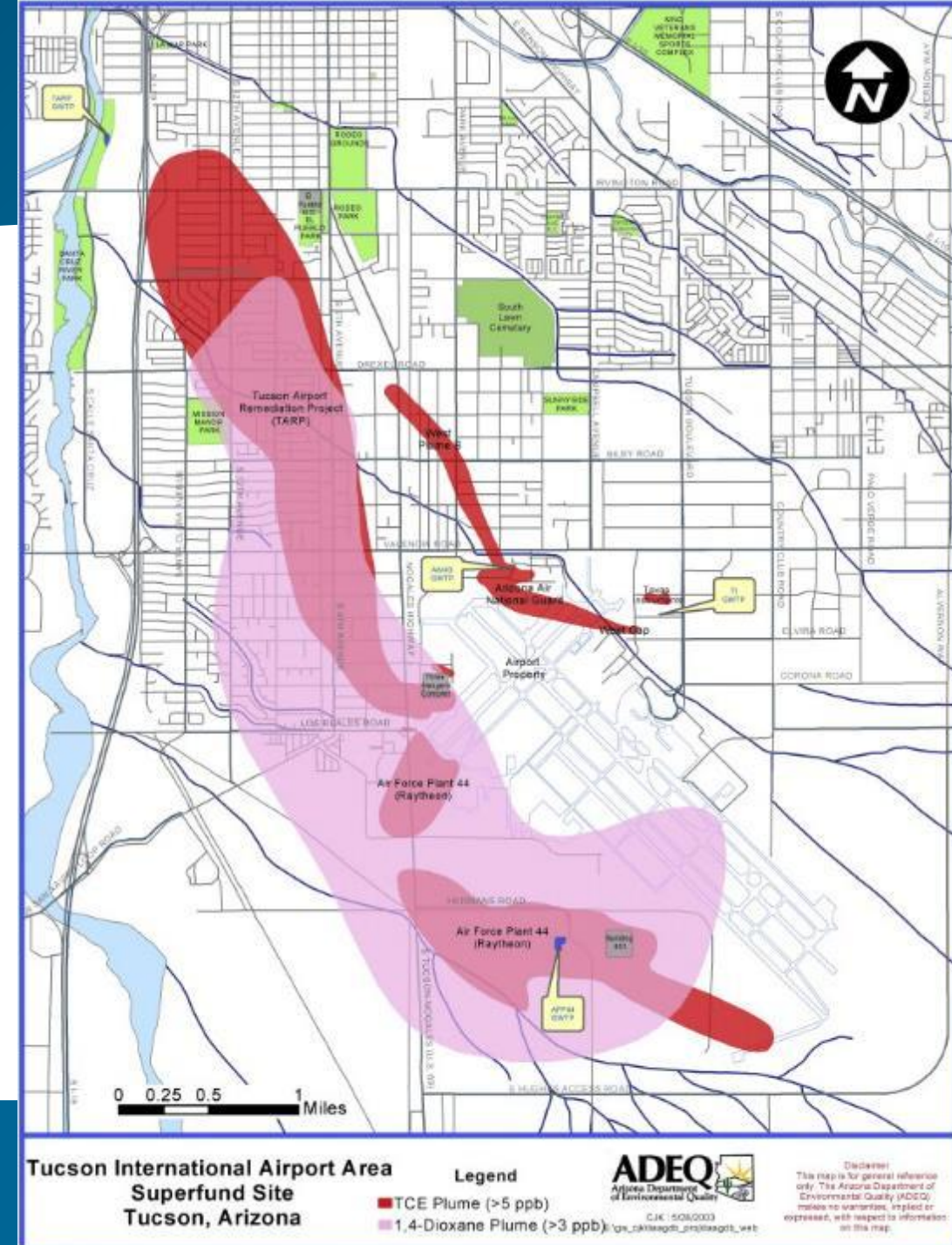


History of Use Case Study – Air Force Plant 44 (AFP44)

- ▶ Missile Manufacturing Plant in Tucson, Arizona
- ▶ Used TCE from 1950s – present (minor uses)
- ▶ Dominantly switched to 1,1,1-TCA from 1974 through the early 1980s
- ▶ Site 3 – Operated 1966 - 1977, disposed vapor degreaser solvent waste in unlined lagoons
- ▶ Site 5 – Operated early 1960s until 1977, disposed wastewater and metal sludge from nearby plating shop with solvent degreasers
- ▶ Groundwater extraction and reinjection system operated 1987 - present

AFP44 Plume Map

- 1,4-Dioxane plume confirms relationship with chlorinated solvents, specifically TCE
- AFP44 is one of several sources in the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund Site
- Main TCE plume disconnected by pump and treat activities since 1987
- 1,4-Dioxane plume wider at time of discovery, due to reinjection of treated (air stripper) water
- Plume has narrowed dramatically with elimination of reinjection on sides of the plume



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Takeaways

- 1,4-Dioxane is used in many industries, but primarily used in stabilizing 1,1,1-TCA
- 1,4-Dioxane manufacture over time is tied to 1,1,1-TCA manufacture and use
- May have been present in TCE but there's little direct evidence; there is, however an empirical association
- 1,4-Dioxane co-location with chlorinated solvents is common, at similar order of magnitude



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Module 2: Regulatory Framework



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Learning Objectives

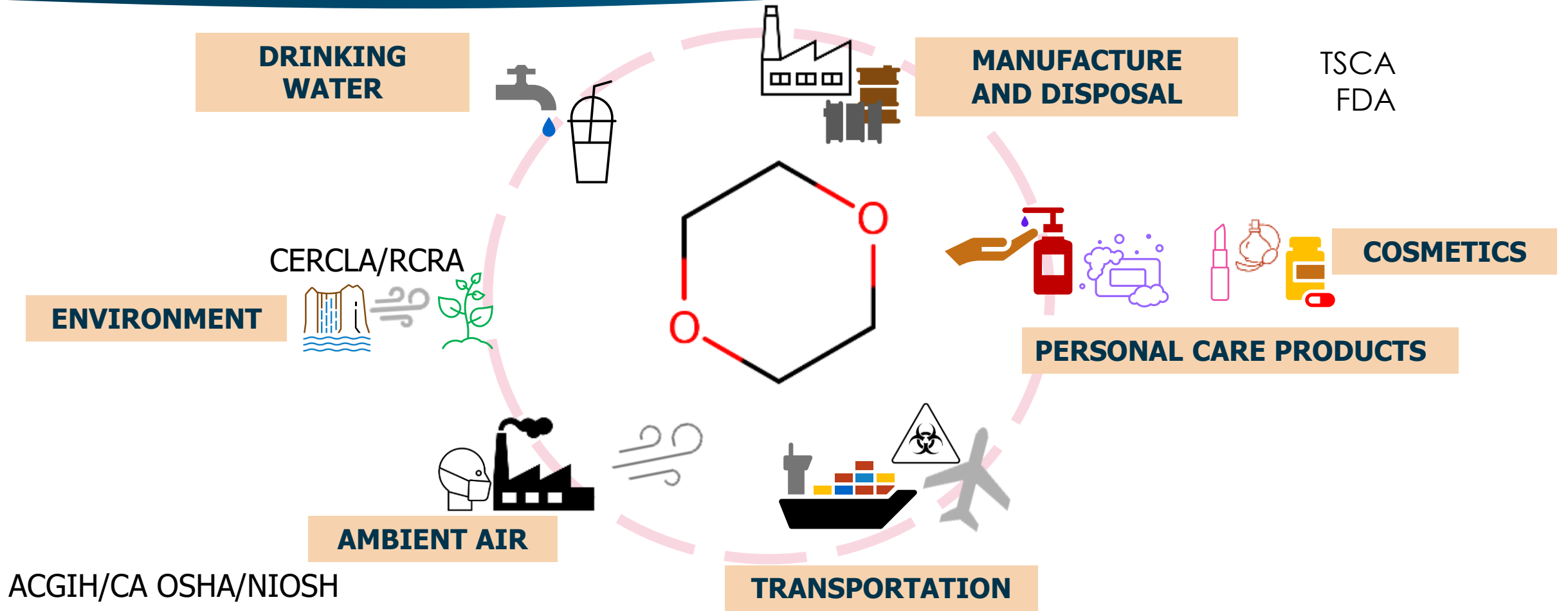
Understand the primary state and U.S. federal regulatory programs of relevance to 1,4-dioxane

Recognize the current U.S. regulatory and guidance values for 1,4-dioxane in groundwater, drinking water, soil, and air



Figure 2-1. 1,4-Dioxane State Regulatory Values for Drinking Water and Groundwater (µg/L)
Data as of 2/3/2021

Regulatory Framework & Landscape



Manufacture (Import, Processing, Distribution, Use and Disposal)

U.S. EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

- Priority chemical – initial risk evaluation issued June 2019
- Evaluation of risk to workers and occupational non-users
 - During “industrial and commercial conditions of use such as manufacturing, processing, distribution, use, and disposal”
- Excludes unintentional occurrence in consumer products

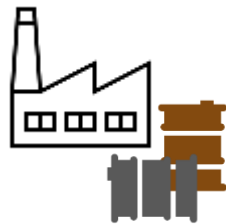


Manufacture (Import, Processing, Distribution, Use and Disposal)



U.S. EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

- Dec 31, 2020 – “Finalized”
- Includes Supplemental Risk Evaluations released November 2020
- New evaluation of risk to general public:
 - as a byproduct in consumer products
 - surface water exposure (swimming and fish consumption) via release from manufacturing plants
 - Did NOT evaluate risk from drinking water exposure

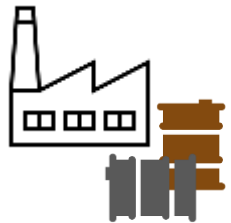


Manufacture (Import, Processing, Distribution, Use and Disposal)

Updates Since 2021 *(not included in the ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance)*

U.S. EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA):

- **July 2023:** US EPA released a draft revised risk determination for 1,4-dioxane under TSCA
- **July 2023:** US EPA released a draft supplement to the risk evaluation for 1,4-dioxane, considering air and water exposure pathways not evaluated in the original assessment
- **November 2024:** US EPA released FINAL risk evaluation! Included additional air and drinking water occupational and consumer exposure pathways
 - US EPA determined that 1,4-dioxane presents unreasonable risk to human health.



Current Occupational Standards – Air

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)

- 20 ppm as an 8-hour threshold limit value

California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CA OSHA)

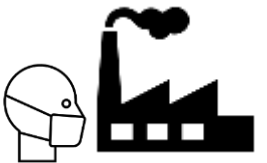
- 0.28 ppm as an 8-hour time weighted average

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (NIOSH)

- 1 ppm as a 30-minute ceiling recommended exposure limit for a lifetime
- 500 ppm immediately dangerous to life and health



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Cosmetics and Pharmaceuticals

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- No limits in cosmetic products
 - Recommends maximum of 10,000 µg/L in product
- No limits in pharmaceuticals
 - Recommendation as Class 2 solvent that daily exposure should not exceed 3.8 mg/day



Personal Care Products

- Federal: NEW EPA TSCA conclusion of no unreasonable risks
 - (Dec 2020)
- States: Product Labeling and Consumer Products Laws:
 - California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act – Prop 65
 - listed as a chemical known to cause cancer
 - requires manufacturers, distributors, and retailers to provide warning labels on products containing concentrations that would result in exposure $>30 \mu\text{g/day}$
 - California Cleaning Products Right to Know Act
 - requires that manufacturers disclose as an ingredient in cleaning products if present at or above 0.001% or 10,000 $\mu\text{g/L}$



Personal Care Products - continued

- New York Cleaning and Personal Care Products
- Prohibits the sale of personal care and cleaning products with concentrations:
 - > 2 ppm - after December 31, 2022
 - > 1 ppm - after December 31, 2023
- Oregon Toxic-Free Kids Act
- Vermont State's List of Chemicals of High Concern to Children
- Washington State's Children's Safe Products Law
 - Requires manufacturers to report if >1 ppm in a product



Thresholds will be
re-evaluated every
5-years.

See Section 2.2.2 ITRC Guidance Document for more detailed information

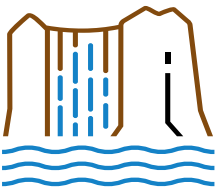
Surface Water

U.S. EPA Office of Water – Clean Water Act:

- No surface water quality criteria
 - EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online Database ("ECHO") lists numerous National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits with monitoring requirements for 1,4-dioxane

States:

- Surface water quality standards (e.g., Colorado and Michigan)
- Wastewater discharge requirements

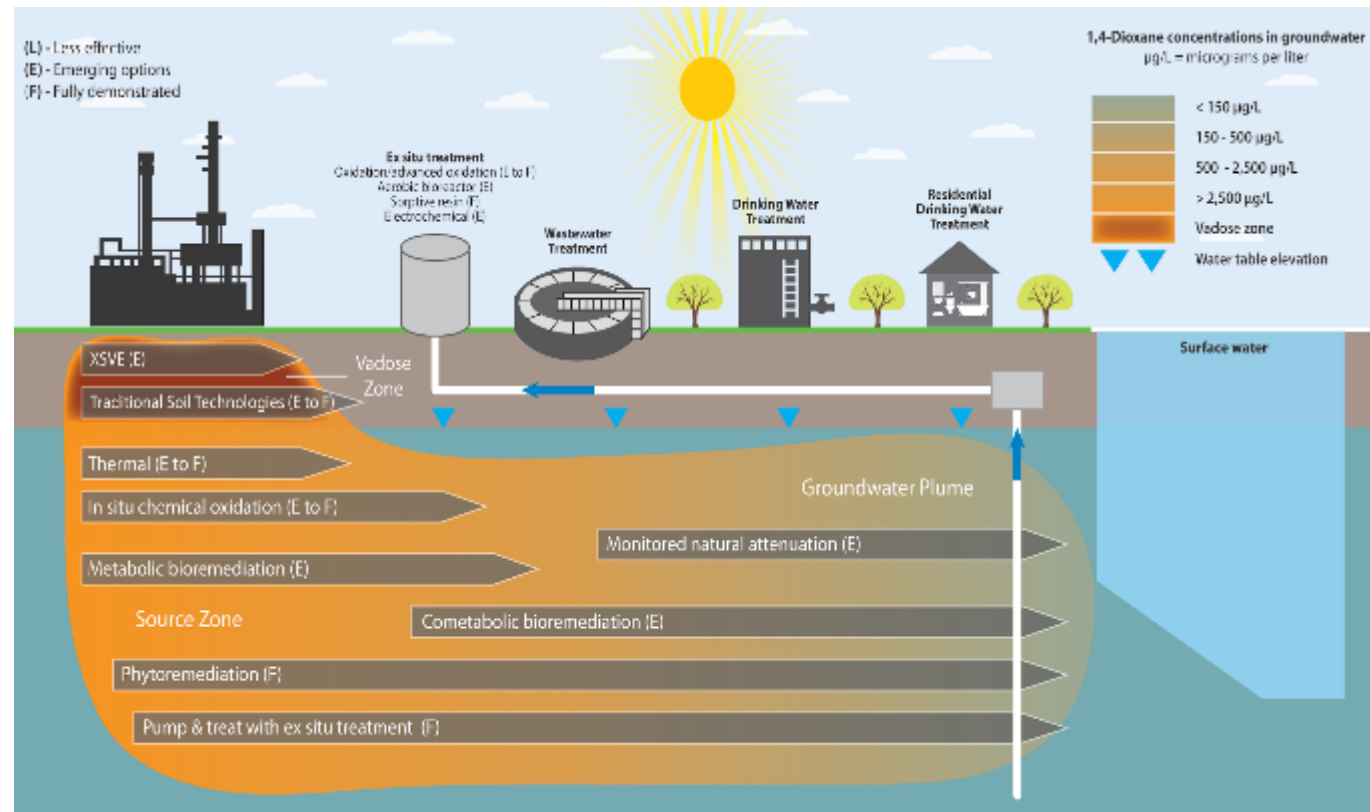


Environmental Cleanup Programs: Federal

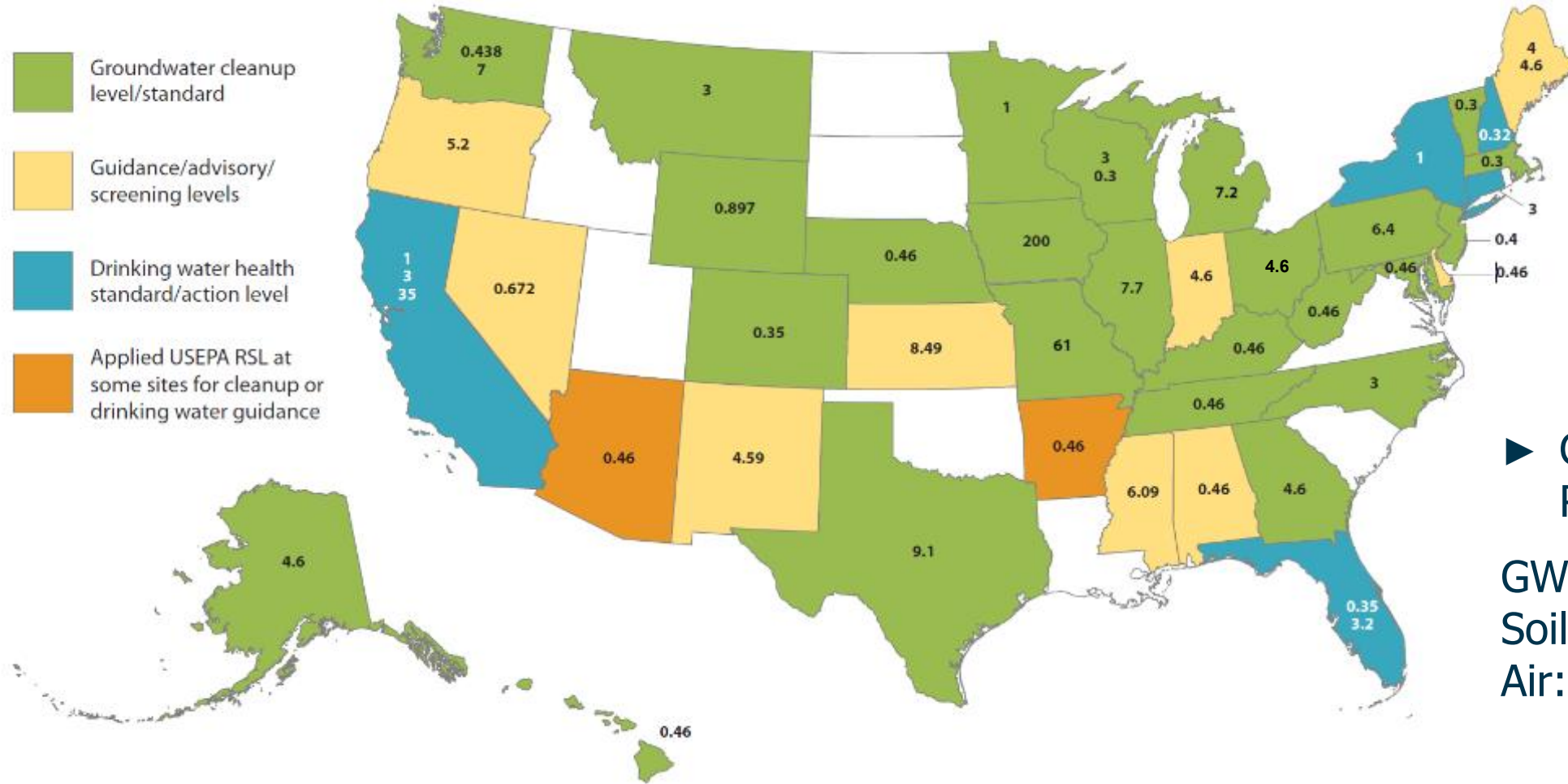
- Hazardous Substance under CERCLA/RCRA
- CERCLA
 - screening levels* used for screening and informing cleanup goals
 - RSL** = 0.46 µg/L groundwater
= 5.3 mg/kg soil
= 0.56 µg/m³ (0.16 ppm) air

*screening levels – not cleanup standards

** Regional Screening Levels (RSL) shown at 10⁻⁶ cancer risk level for residential exposure



Environmental Cleanup Programs



► GW values range 0.3 to 200 $\mu\text{g/L}$

► Most recent: ~ 4 to 9 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Reflecting 10^{-5} cancer risk level

► CERCLA Residential RSLs:

GW: 0.46 – 46 $\mu\text{g/L}$
Soil: 5.3 mg/kg
Air: 0.56 $\mu\text{g/m}^3$ (0.16 ppm)

Note: Some states may not be represented. Map based on best available information as of Feb 2021. States without an entry may apply the EPA RSL and/or HA

Drinking Water - Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

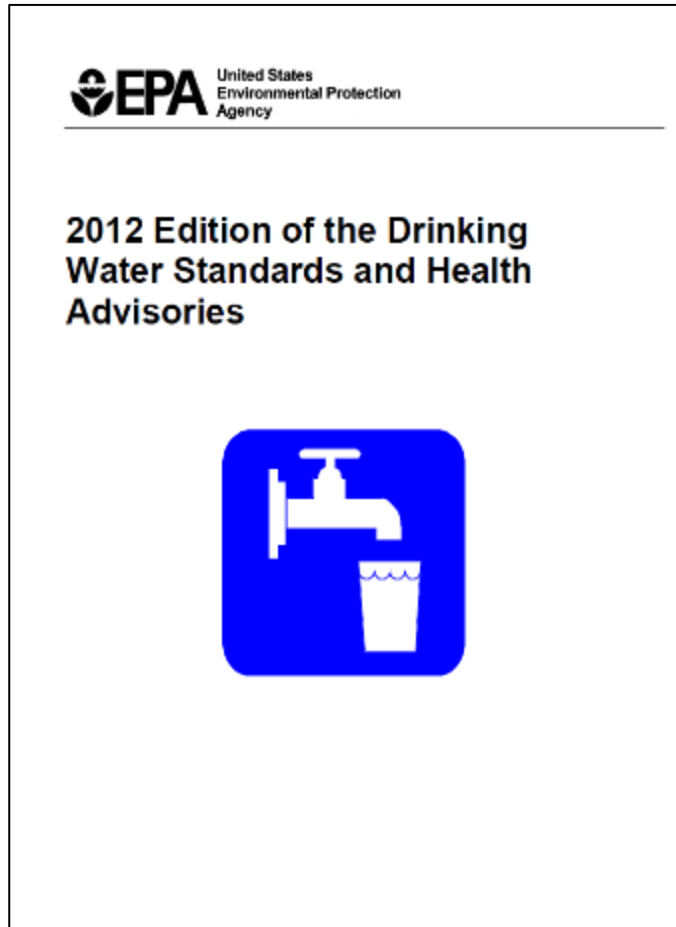
U.S. EPA Office of Water – Safe Drinking Water Act:



- Standards for drinking water quality and monitoring requirements for public water systems
 - No maximum contaminant level (MCL)
- Identified as a chemical known to occur in public drinking water systems and may require regulation
 - Candidate Contaminant List (CCL) since 2008
- March 2021, EPA "has not determined whether there is a meaningful opportunity for public health risk reduction" (FRN, 86.40)
 - Continuing to evaluate for MCL



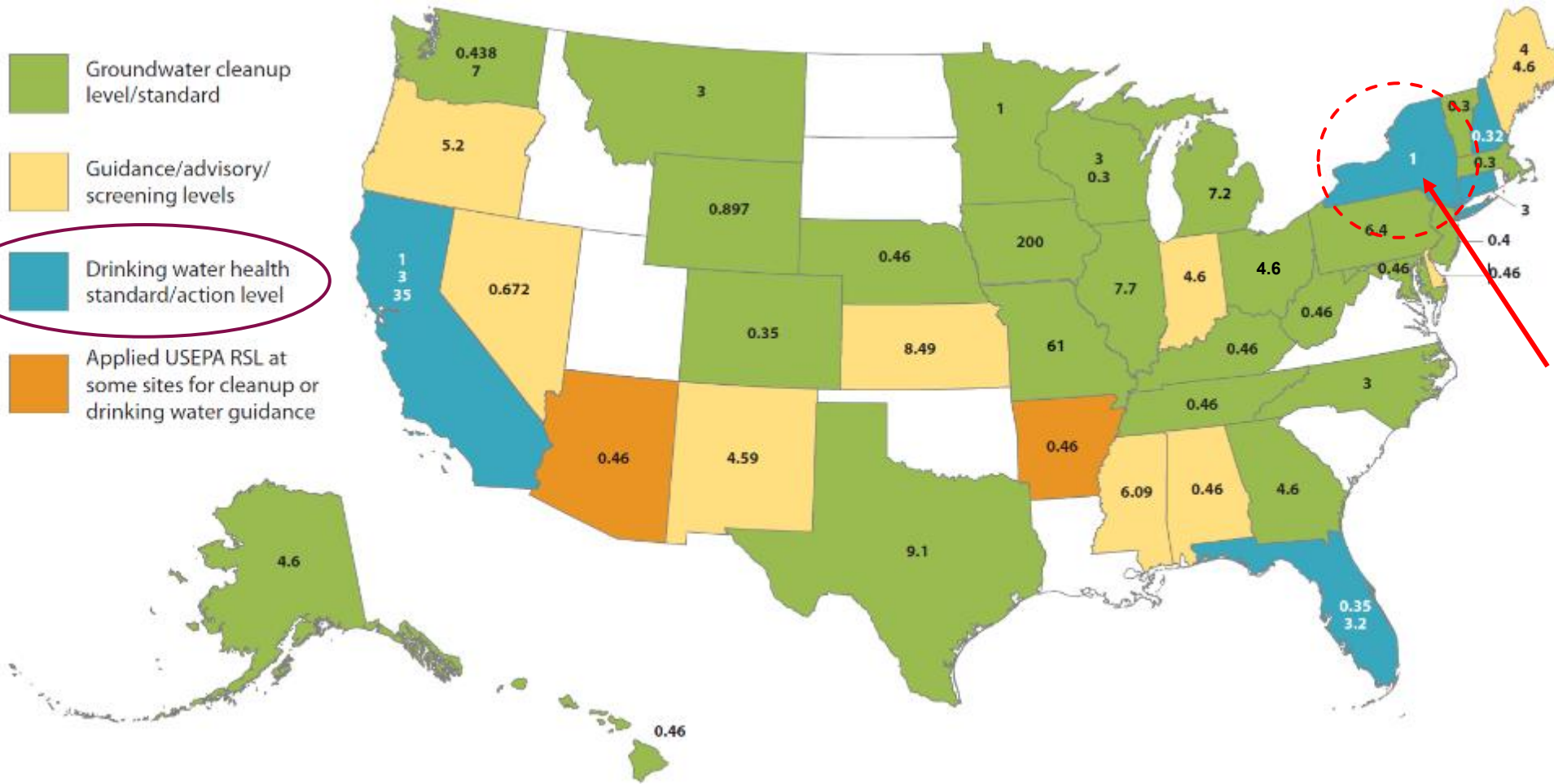
Drinking Water - Health Advisory - Guidance



- Provide information for drinking water contaminants that can / are known to / anticipated to cause human health effects
- Issued when an enforceable drinking water standard has not been established
- Lifetime cancer risk level of **35 µg/L** (10⁻⁴ cancer risk)



Drinking Water – HA & State Regulation



Lifetime cancer risk level of **$35 \mu\text{g/L}$** (10^{-4} cancer risk)

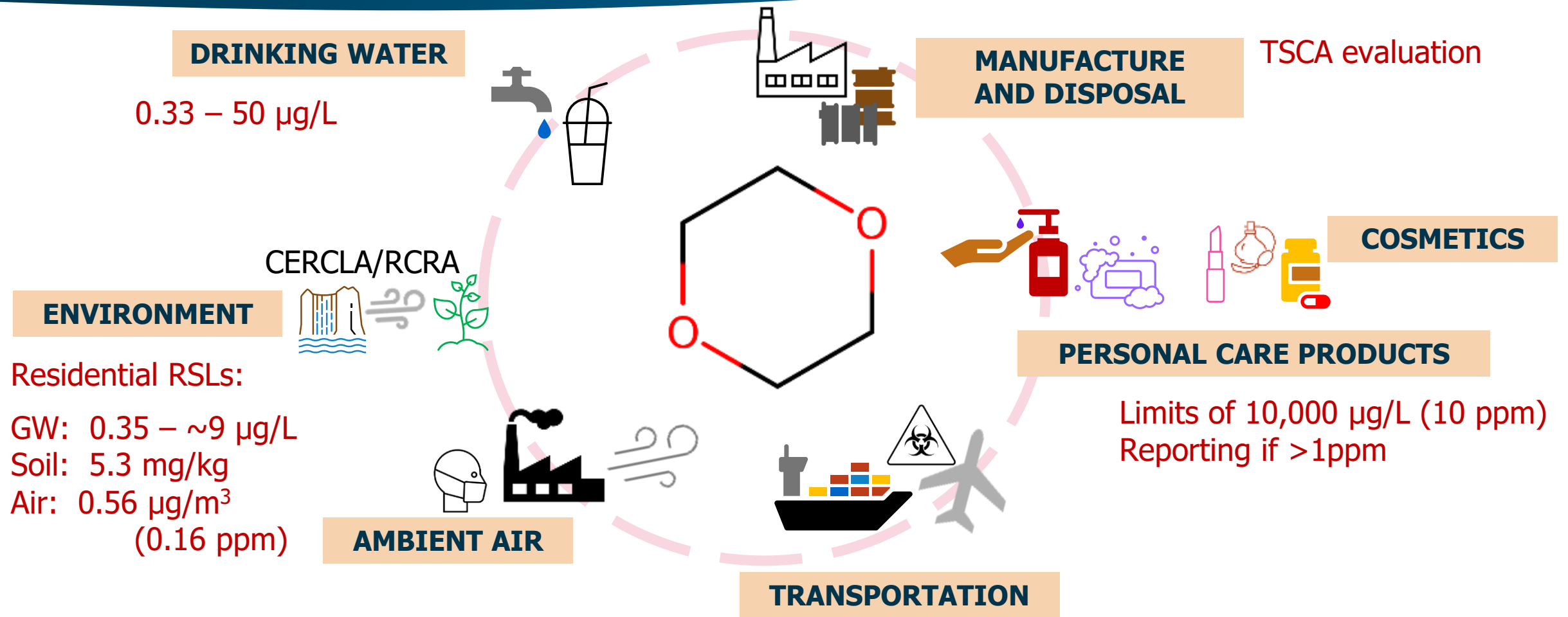
New York 2020 MCL of **$1 \mu\text{g/L}$** is first in the US

New Jersey proposed MCL of **$0.33 \mu\text{g/L}$**

Health Canada MAC of **$50 \mu\text{g/L}$**

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Regulatory Framework & Landscape - Conclusion



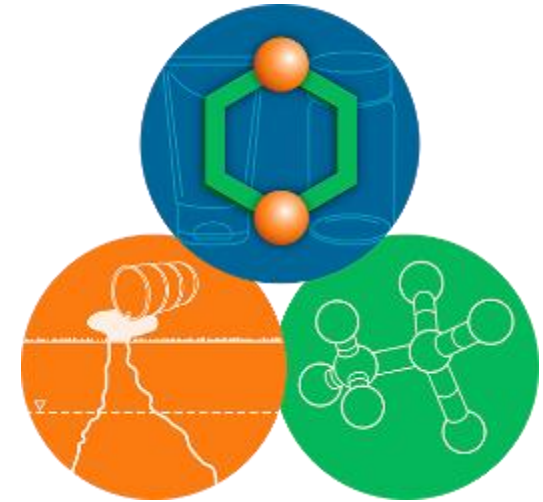
Module 3: Environmental Fate, Transport and Investigation Strategies



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Understand key physical/chemical properties

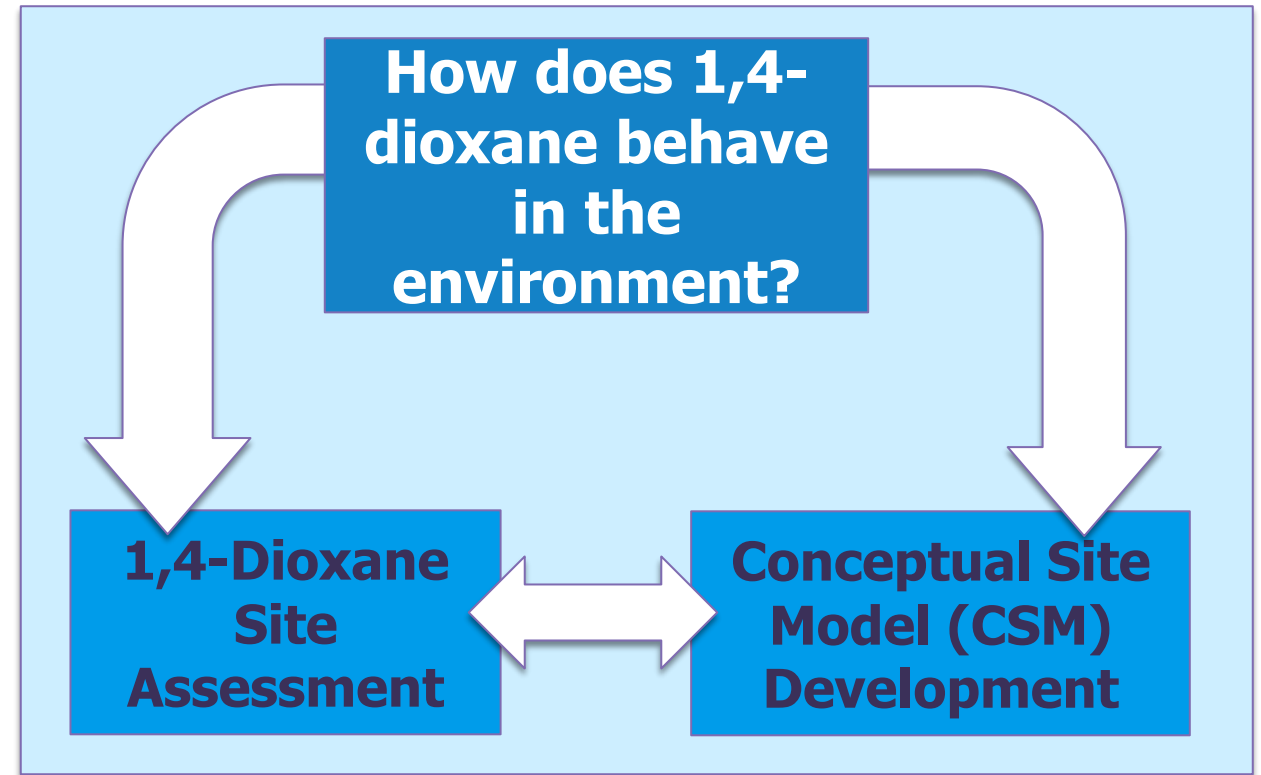
Identify fate and transport processes that are relevant for 1,4-D

Develop a general conceptual site model for 1,4-D

Establish an informed site assessment strategy

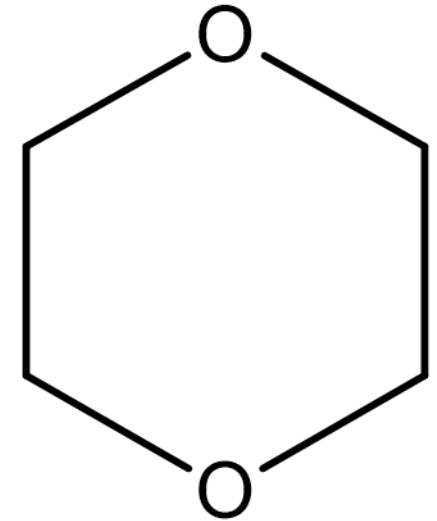
Fate and Transport of 1,4-Dioxane – Why is this Important?

- Behavior in the environment helps us answer key questions about where to look for 1,4-dioxane, potential for risk, and how it might be treated
- Function of 1,4-dioxane's physical-chemical properties and site characteristics
- Still evolving!



Fate and Transport of 1,4-Dioxane – Critical Characteristics

- Low organic carbon partitioning coefficient, so it does not bind strongly to soils and readily leaches to groundwater
- Miscible in water
- Common co-contaminant with chlorinated solvents
- Low Henry's constant relative to common co-contaminants
- Known degradation pathways involve oxidation



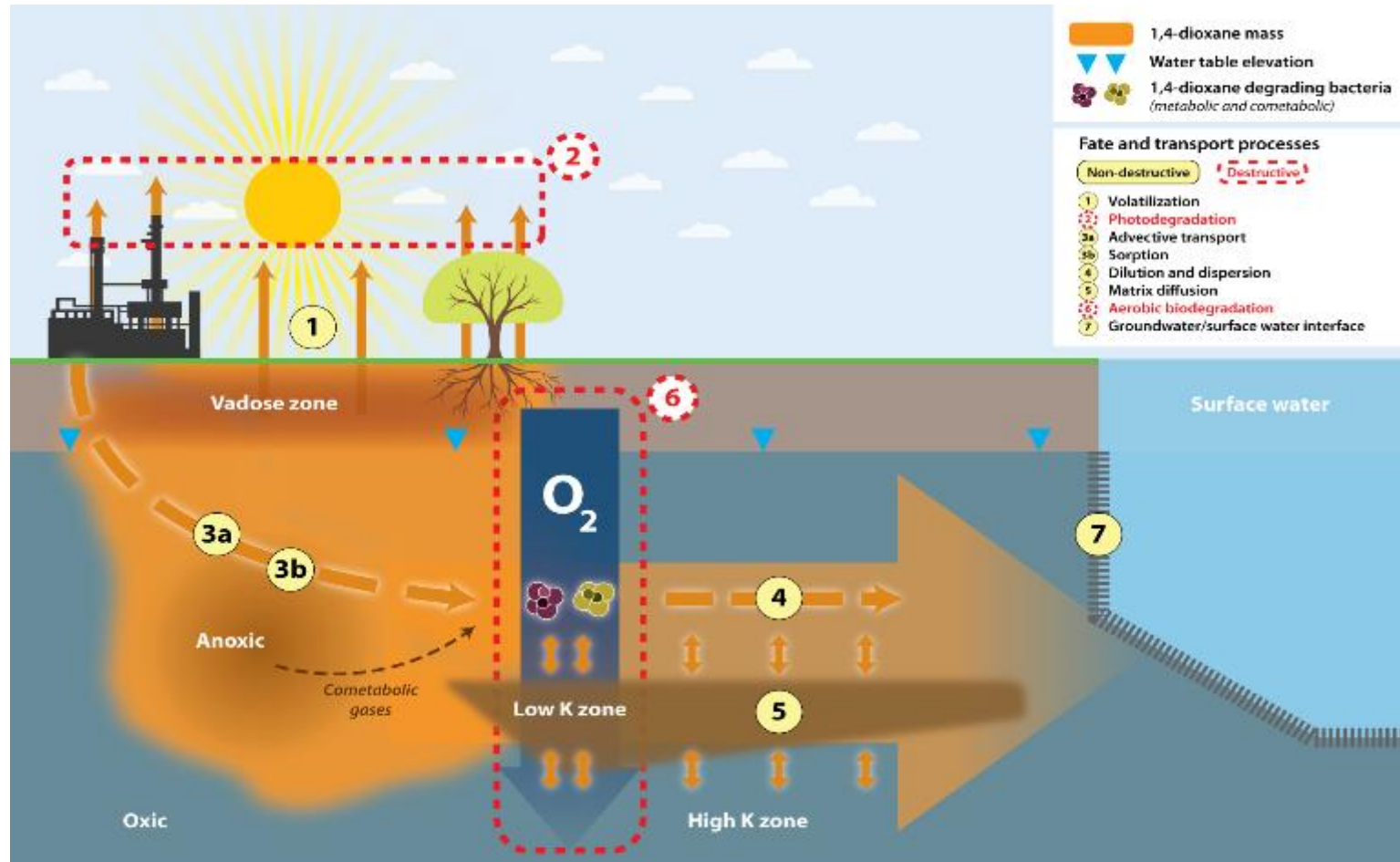
1,4-Dioxane

Fate and Transport of 1,4-Dioxane – Critical Characteristics

Property	Units	1,4-D	Benzene	TCE	1,1,1-TCA	1,1-DCA	1,1-DCE
Water solubility	g/L	1000	1.8	1.1	0.91	5.04	5.06
Vapor pressure	mm Hg (at 25°C)	23.8	95.2	72.6	124	227	234
Henry's Law constant	atm-m ³ /mol (at 25°C)	4.8 x 10 ⁻⁶	5.48 x 10 ⁻³	9.1 x 10 ⁻³	1.6 x 10 ⁻²	5.62 x 10 ⁻³	5.8 x 10 ⁻³
Log K _{oc}	Dimension-less	0.54	1.92	1.81	2.18	1.55	1.48
Boiling point	°C	101	80	87	74	57.4	32

See Table 3.1 in ITRC Guidance Document for complete table with additional parameters

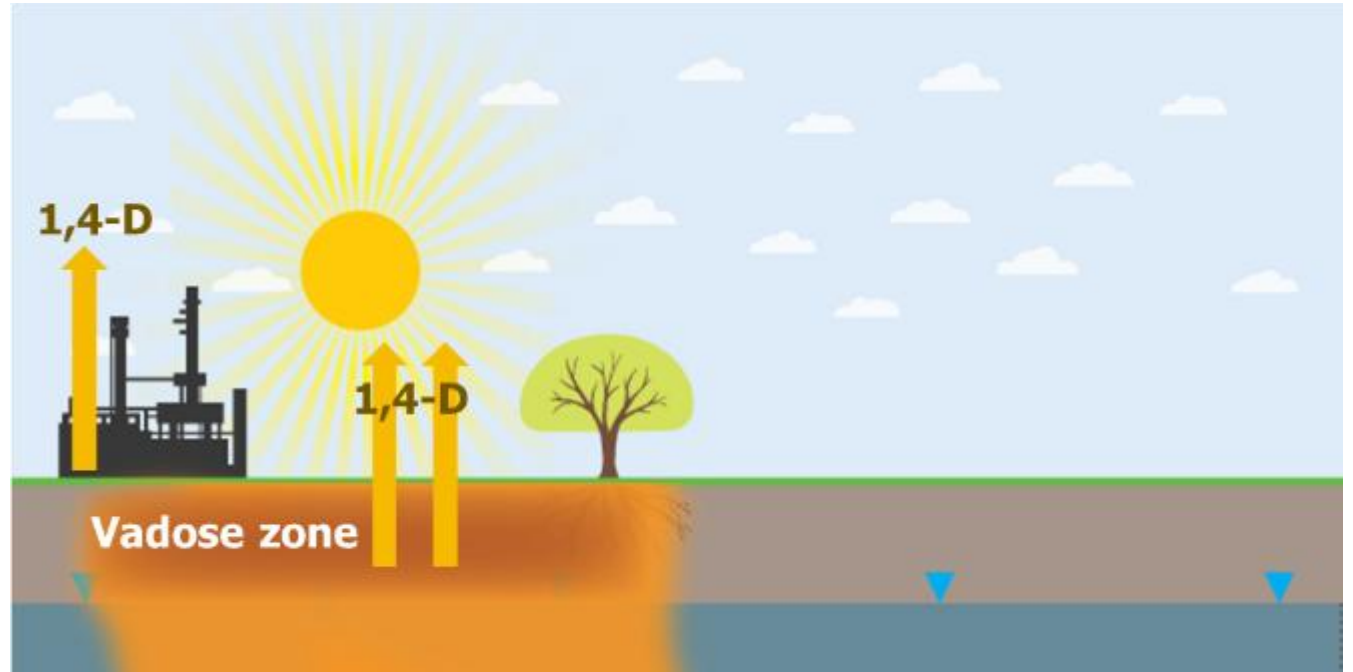
Conceptual Site Model for 1,4-Dioxane



Let's go through these processes individually

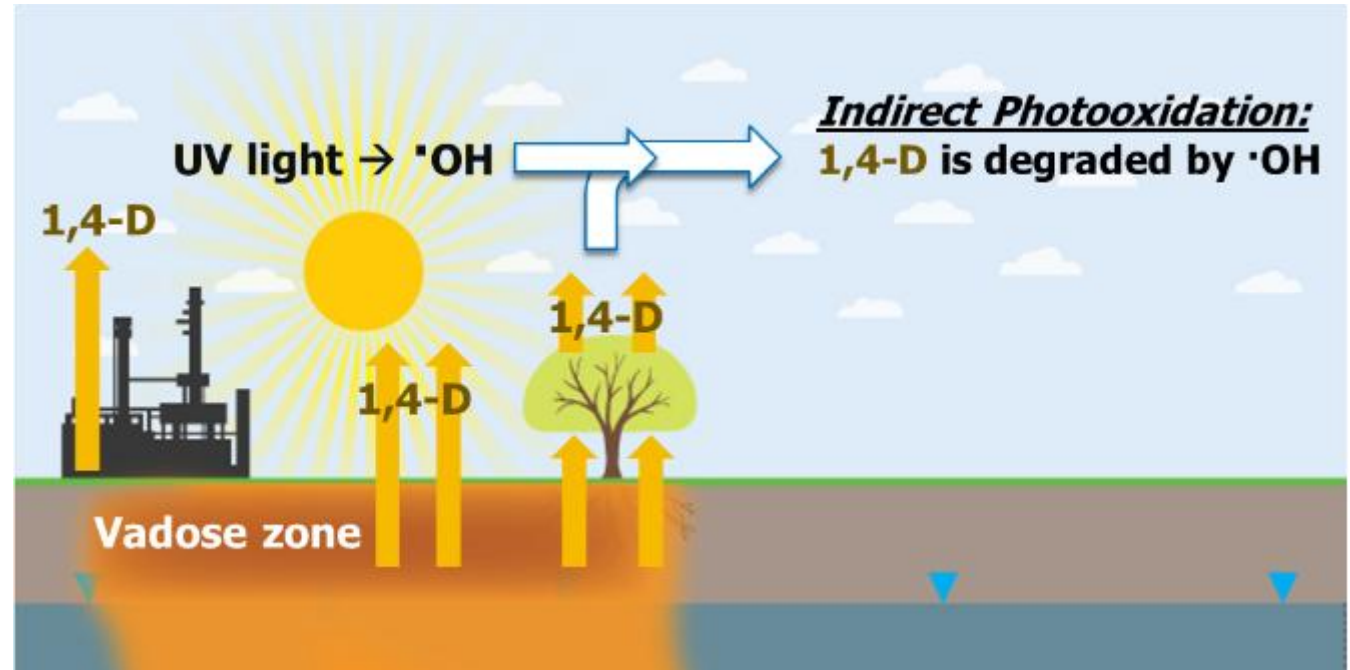
Volatilization

- Transfer from liquid phase to gas phase is primarily a concern for releases from dry surfaces or releases of pure phase (i.e., absence of water)
- Volatilization of 1,4-dioxane once dissolved in groundwater is limited due to low Henry's Law constant (several orders of magnitude lower than values for TCE and 1,1,1-TCA)
- Non-destructive process



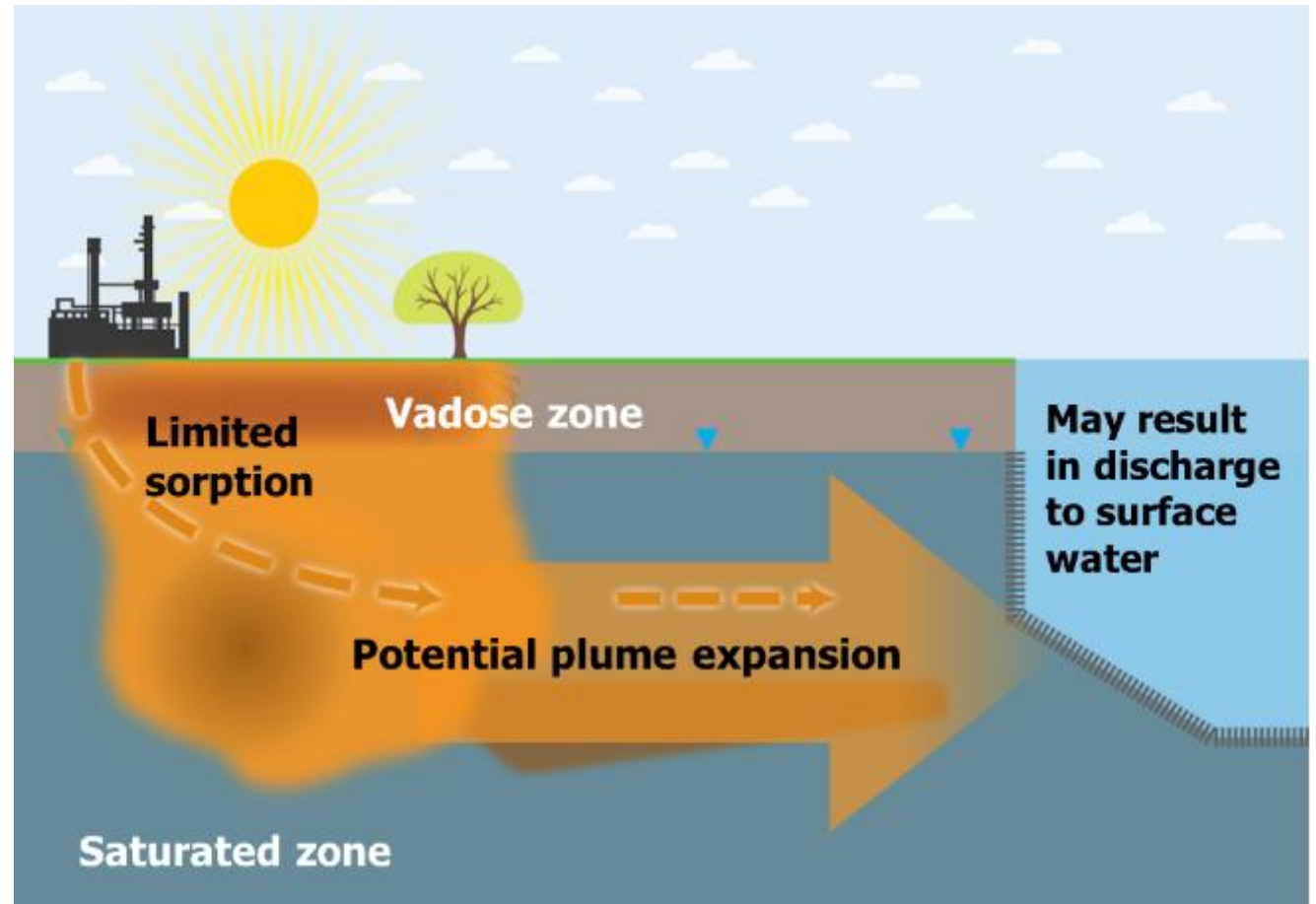
Photodegradation

- 1,4-dioxane is photodegradable once it is in the atmosphere – indirect photolysis via hydroxyl radicals
 - Destructive process
 - Half-life of a few hours to days
- Plant uptake has also been demonstrated
 - Leads to transfer from subsurface to atmosphere (where it is subject to photodegradation)



Advection-Dispersion-Dilution

- Advection is a major concern due to limited capacity to sorb to aquifer solids
 - Non-destructive process
- Potential for migration at similar velocity as groundwater
- High solubility (essentially miscible), though dilution and dispersion may affect concentrations during groundwater transport



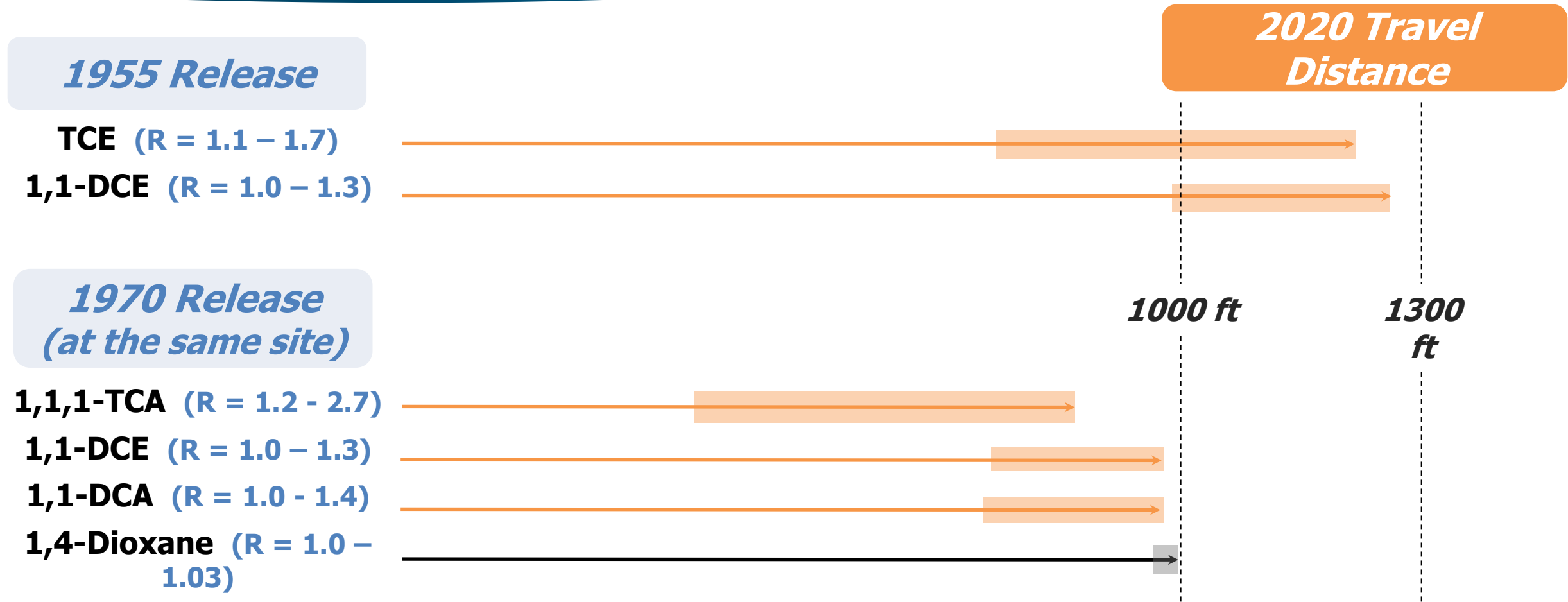
Advection Example: Hypothetical Release of Chlorinated Solvents and 1,4-Dioxane

Question: How would 1,4-dioxane be expected to migrate in groundwater relative to other contaminants (e.g., chlorinated solvents) that may have been released?

Key Considerations:

- (1) Physical-chemical characteristics of co-occurring contaminants
- (2) Hydrogeologic characteristics of aquifer
- (3) Timing of release(s)

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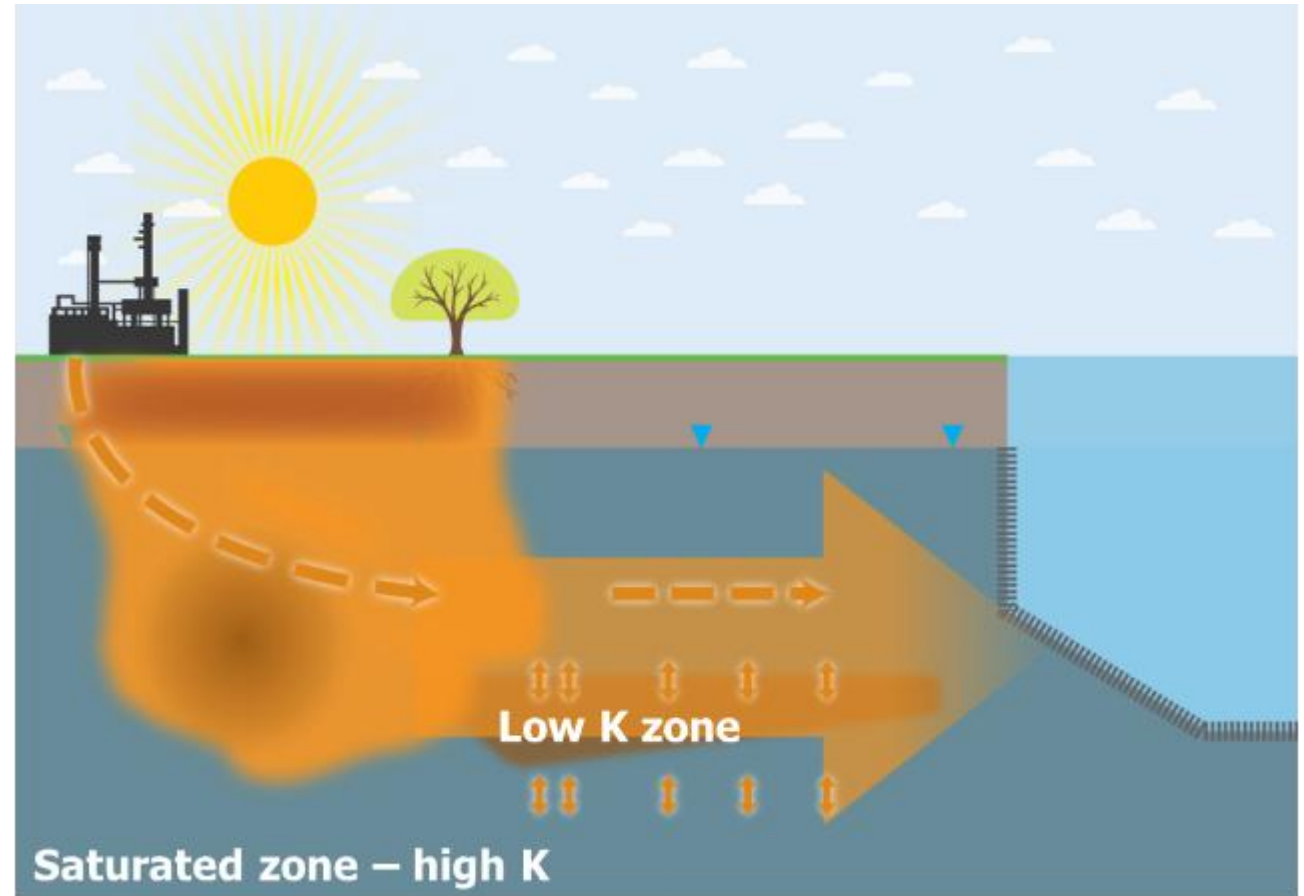


R = Retardation Factor with range based on $f_{oc} = 0.001 - 0.0001$
GW seepage velocity = 20 ft/yr

Figure 3-1. ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Team, 2020

Matrix Diffusion

- Diffusion of dissolved 1,4-dioxane mass into low-permeability (low K) zones (e.g., clays, silts, rock) within or adjacent to aquifer
 - Non-destructive process
- Storage of mass w/in low K zones could contribute to persistence
- Poses additional challenges for remediation



Matrix Diffusion: Influences Over Time

EARLY STAGES (After Release)

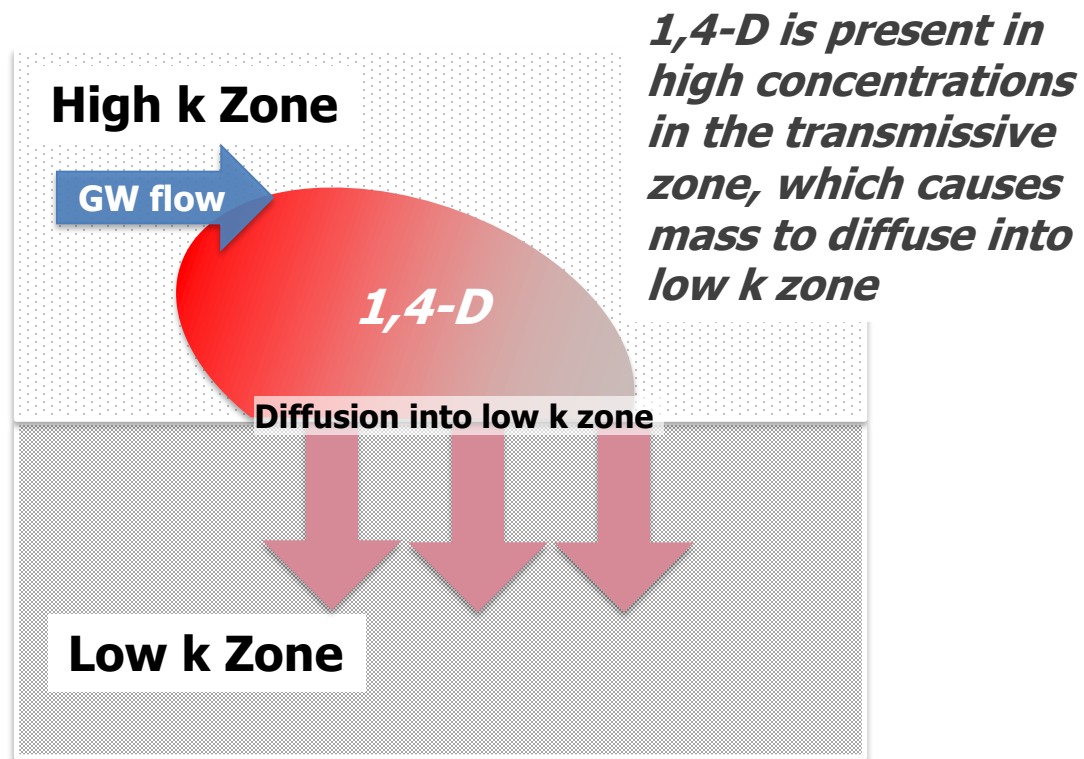
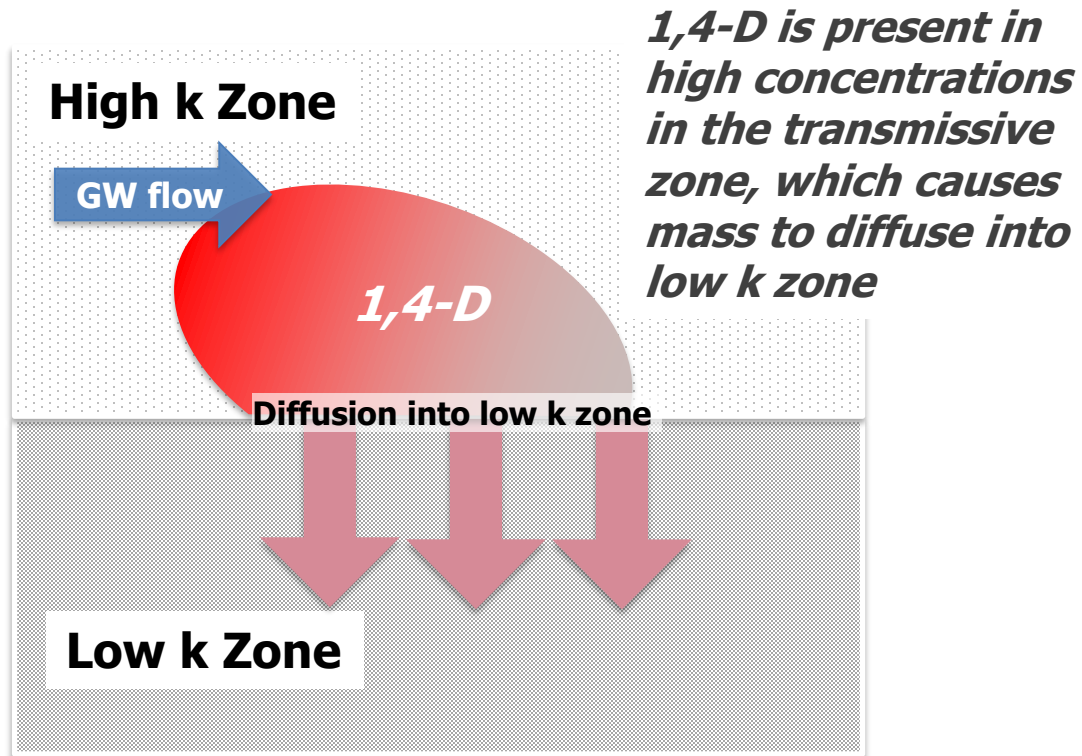


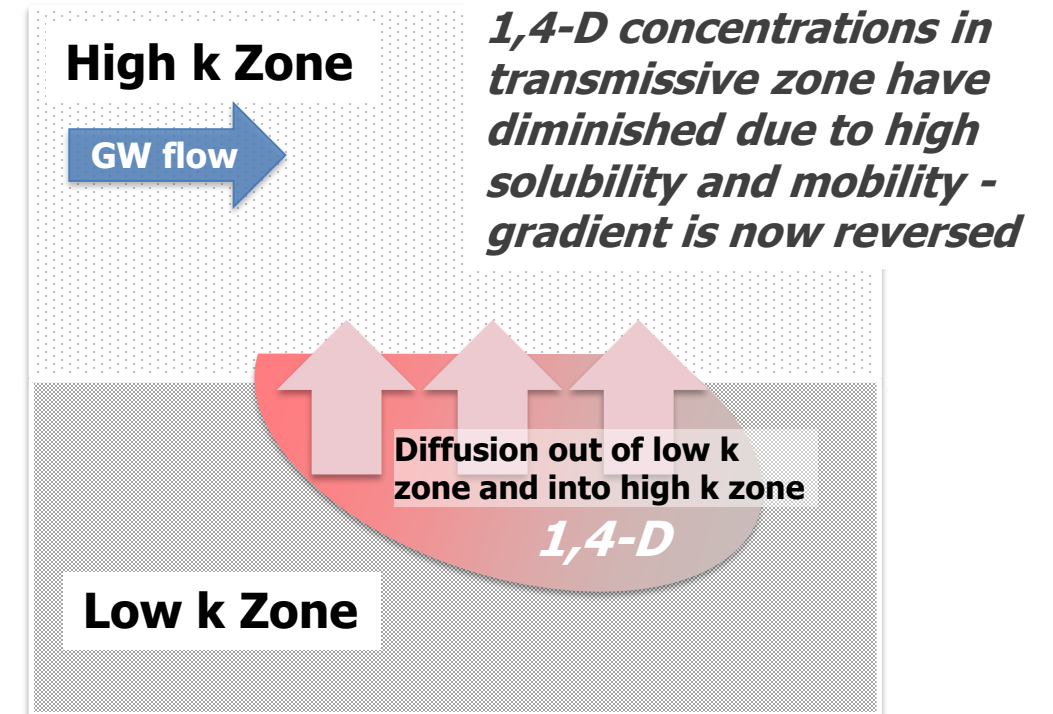
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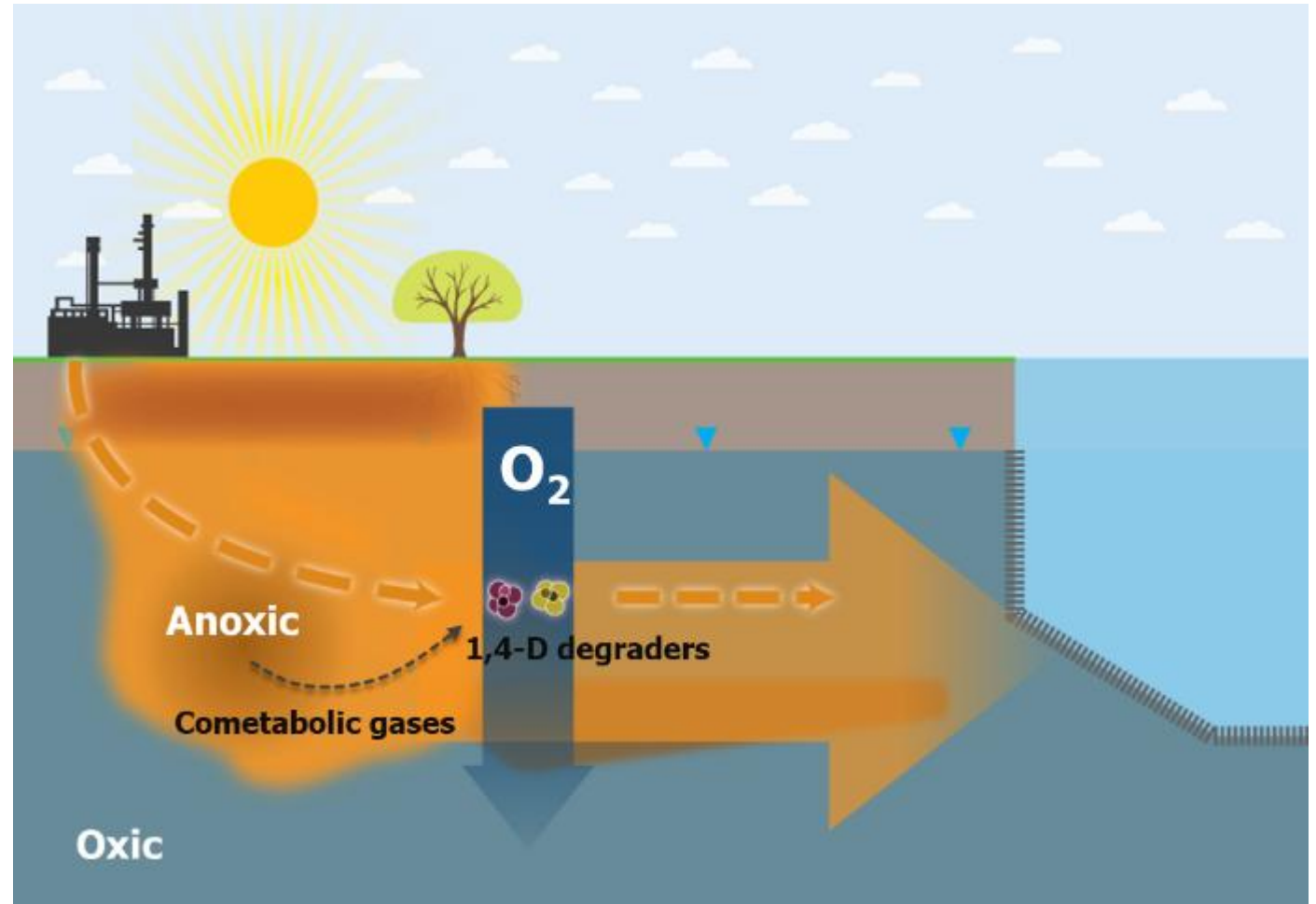
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Biodegradation

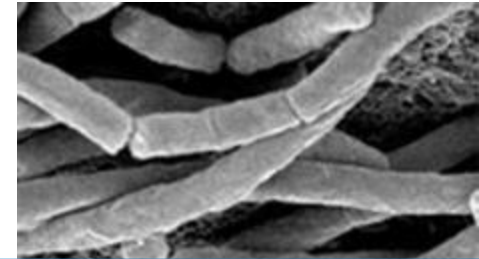
- 1,4-dioxane previously not considered to be biodegradable
- Now understood that 1,4-dioxane can be biologically oxidized
 - Destructive process
- Several different microorganisms have been identified (and more are likely)
- Relies on availability of dissolved O_2 in groundwater
 - Very limited evidence for anaerobic pathway for 1,4-dioxane



Biodegradation

Metabolic and **cometabolic** biodegradation pathways have been identified

- **Metabolic:** 1,4-dioxane used by microbes as source of carbon and energy
- **Cometabolic:** 1,4-dioxane is degraded by enzymes that lack specificity. This is side effect of degradation of primary substrates



CB1190 - most widely studied degrader of 1,4-D via metabolic pathway

Primary
substrates

THF
isobutane
propane ethane
toluene isopentane
n-pentane n-butane

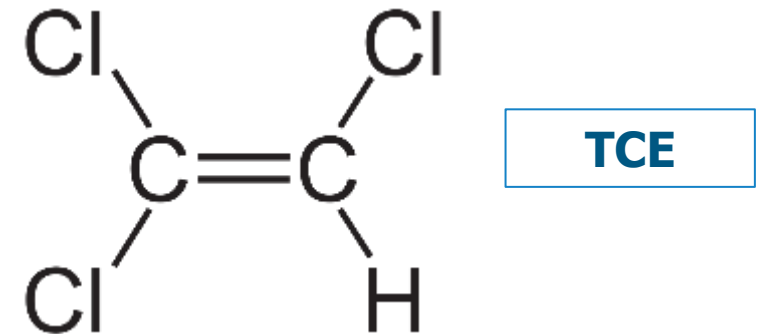
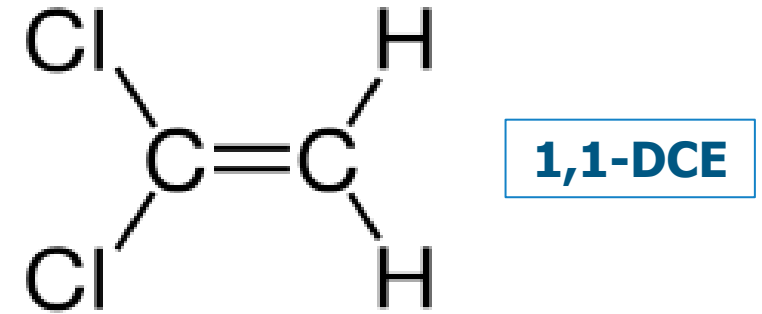
Cometabolic
target

1,4-D

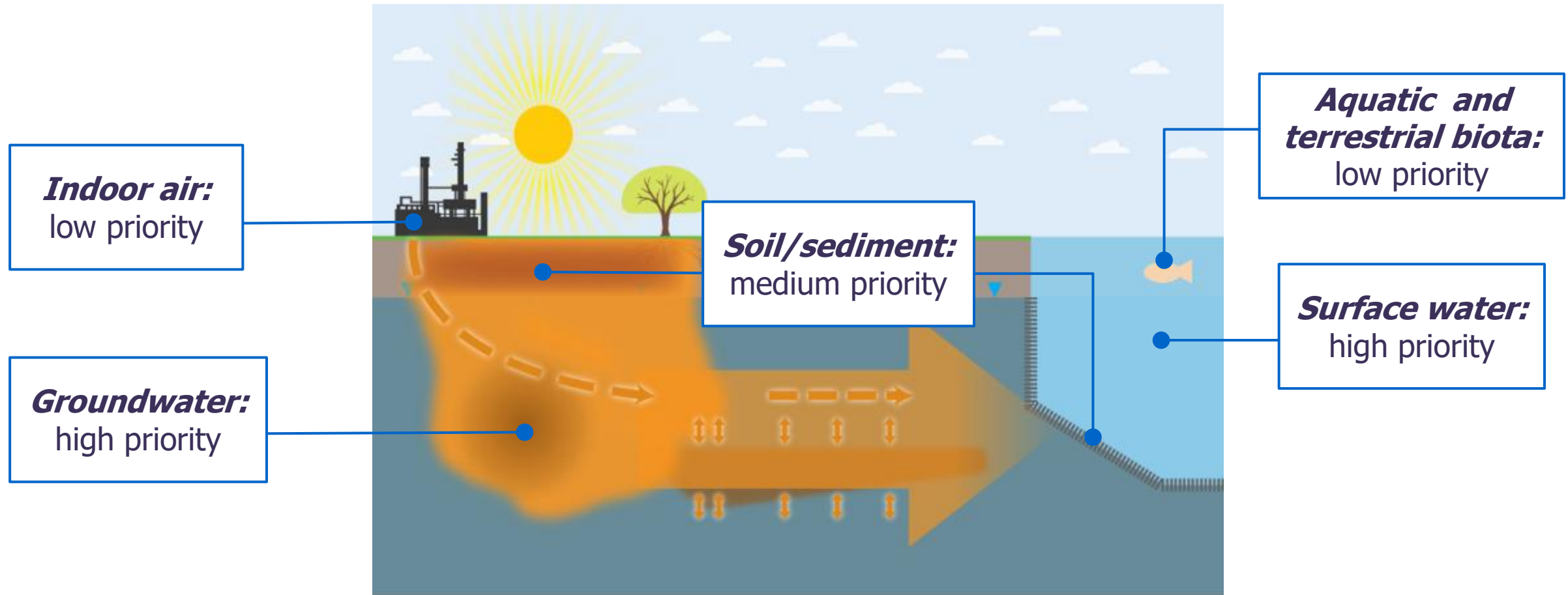
Biodegradation

Inhibition is a potential concern for both types of 1,4-dioxane biodegradation processes

- co-occurring chlorinated solvents (e.g., 1,1-DCE, TCE)
- some metals (e.g., Cu^{+2})

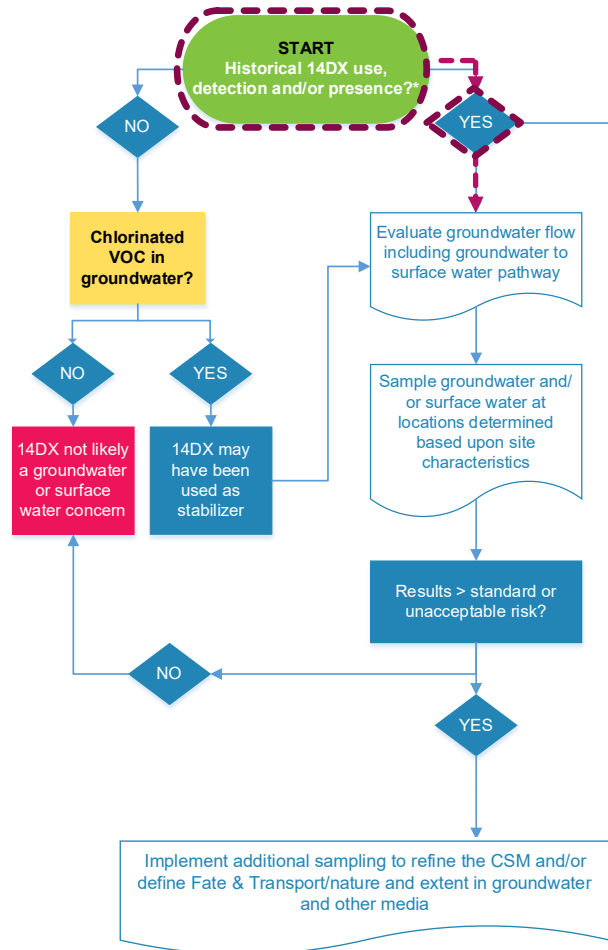


What Media Are Likely To Be Important?



See [Table 3.4](#) in ITRC Guidance Document for tabulated summary of media considerations

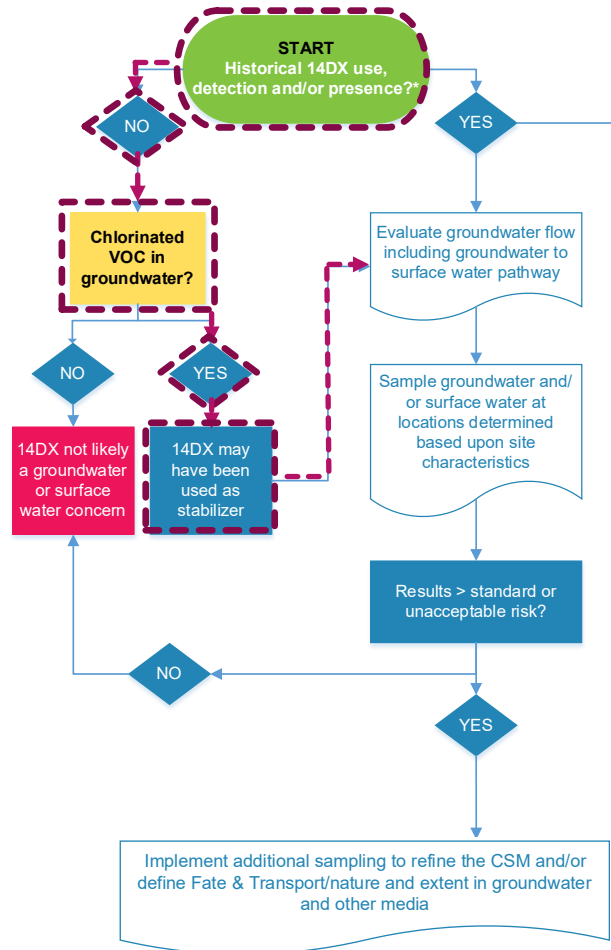
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PRIORITIES:

- Sites where historical 1,4-dioxane use has been established and/or 1,4-dioxane has been detected

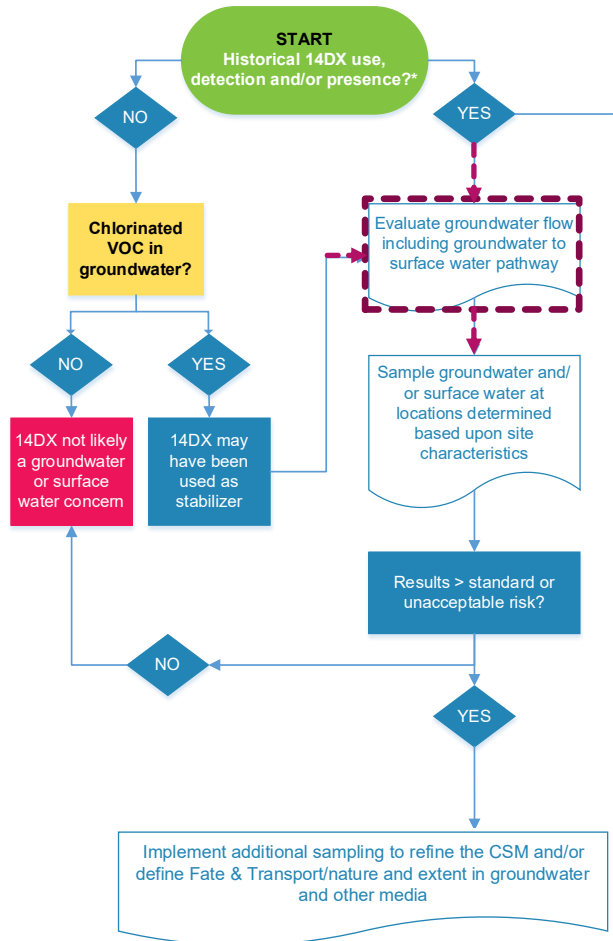
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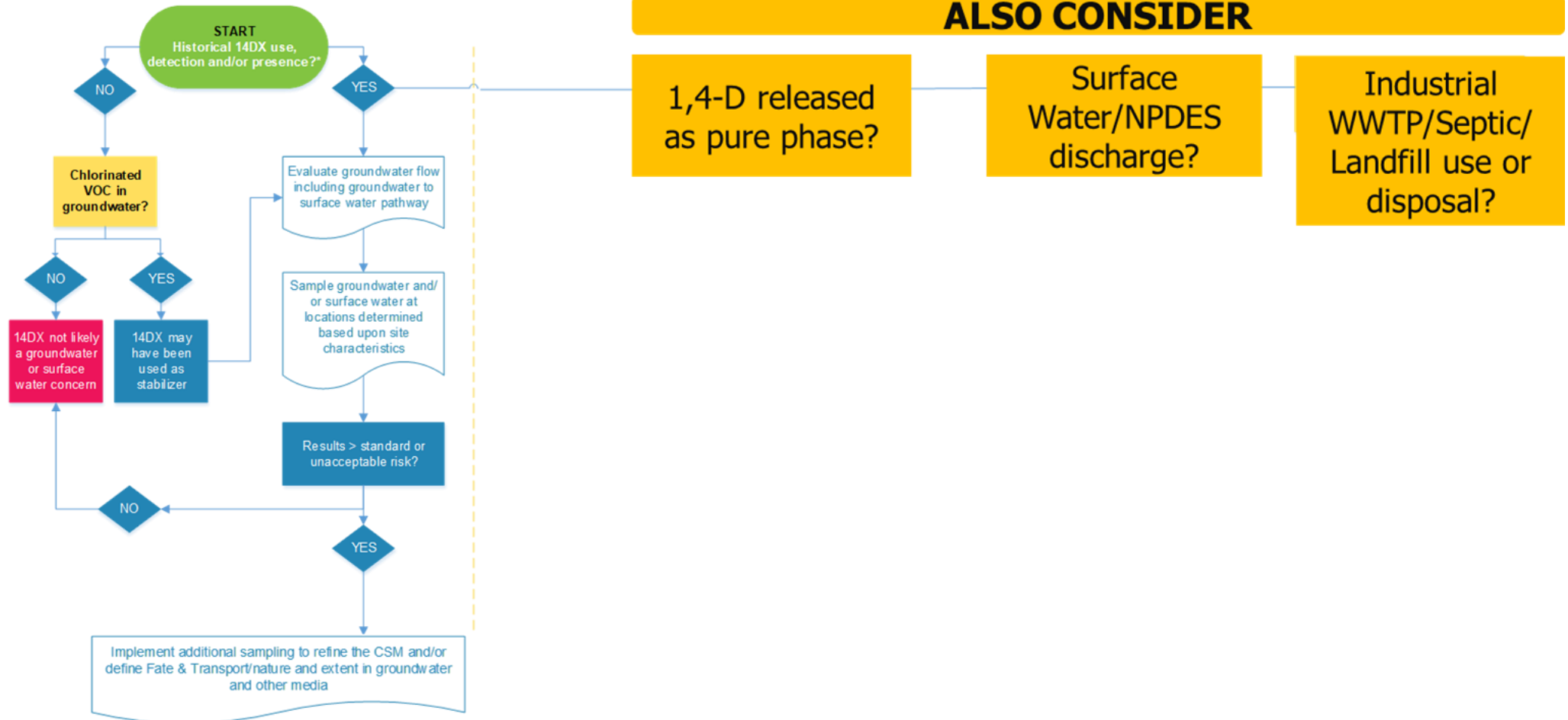
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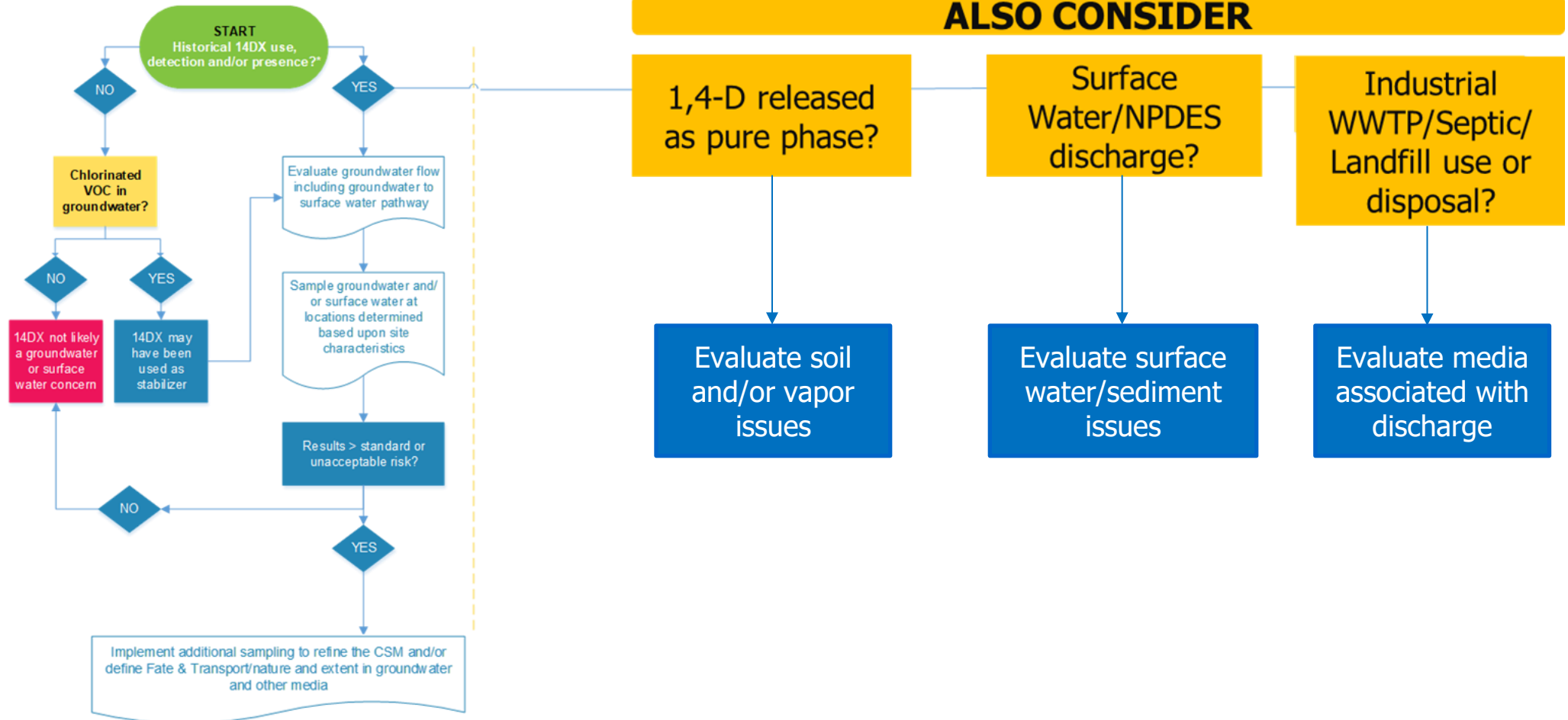
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- Site with chlorinated solvents
- Groundwater first, but evaluate possible discharge to surface water (if applicable)

Guidance for 1,4-Dioxane Site Assessment



See [Figure 3-4](#) in ITRC Guidance Document for complete flowchart

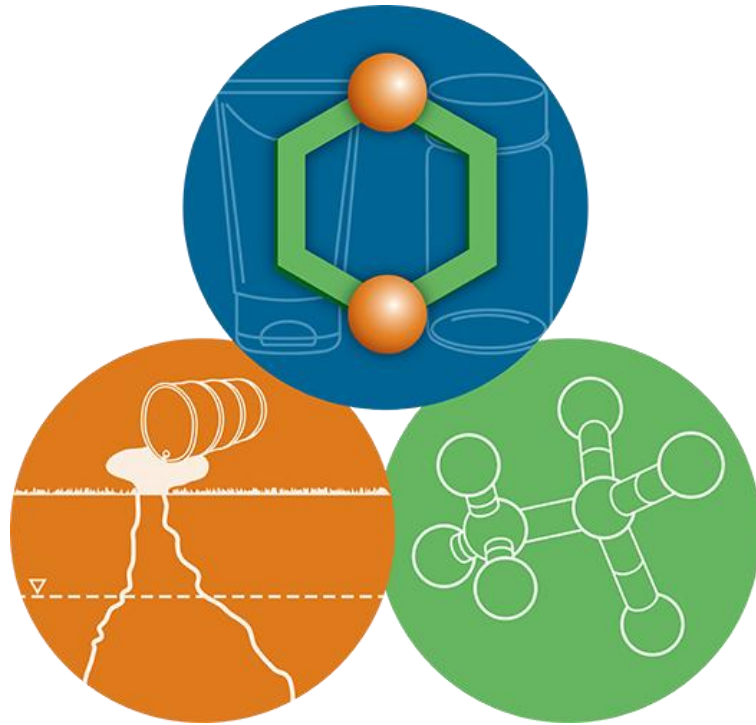
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Take Home Messages

- Understand key physical/chemical properties
 - Low organic carbon partitioning coefficient and Henry's constant; high solubility
- Identify fate and transport processes that are relevant for 1,4-dioxane
 - Advection with limited sorption in subsurface
 - Photodegradation in atmosphere; biodegradation in water is possible but requires oxygen
- Develop a general conceptual site model for 1,4-dioxane
 - Must reflect site-specific conditions (e.g., low permeability zones in aquifer may promote matrix diffusion)
- Establish an informed site assessment strategy
 - Existing characterization data for chlorinated solvents can help guide, but recognize potential differences for 1,4-dioxane
 - Decisions about sampling other media if dictated by site-specific considerations, including potential sources, release histories, and hydrogeologic setting



Question Break

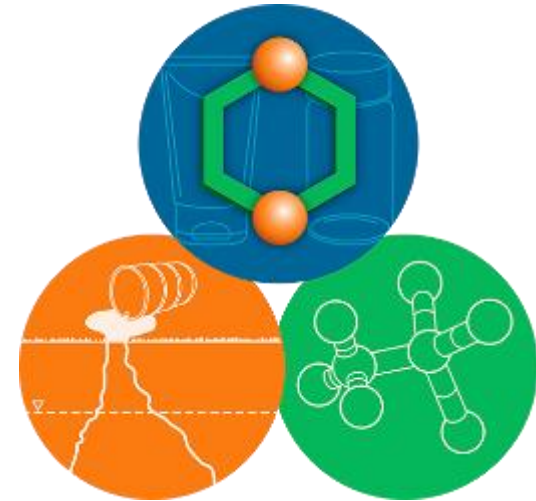
Module 4: Sampling & Analysis



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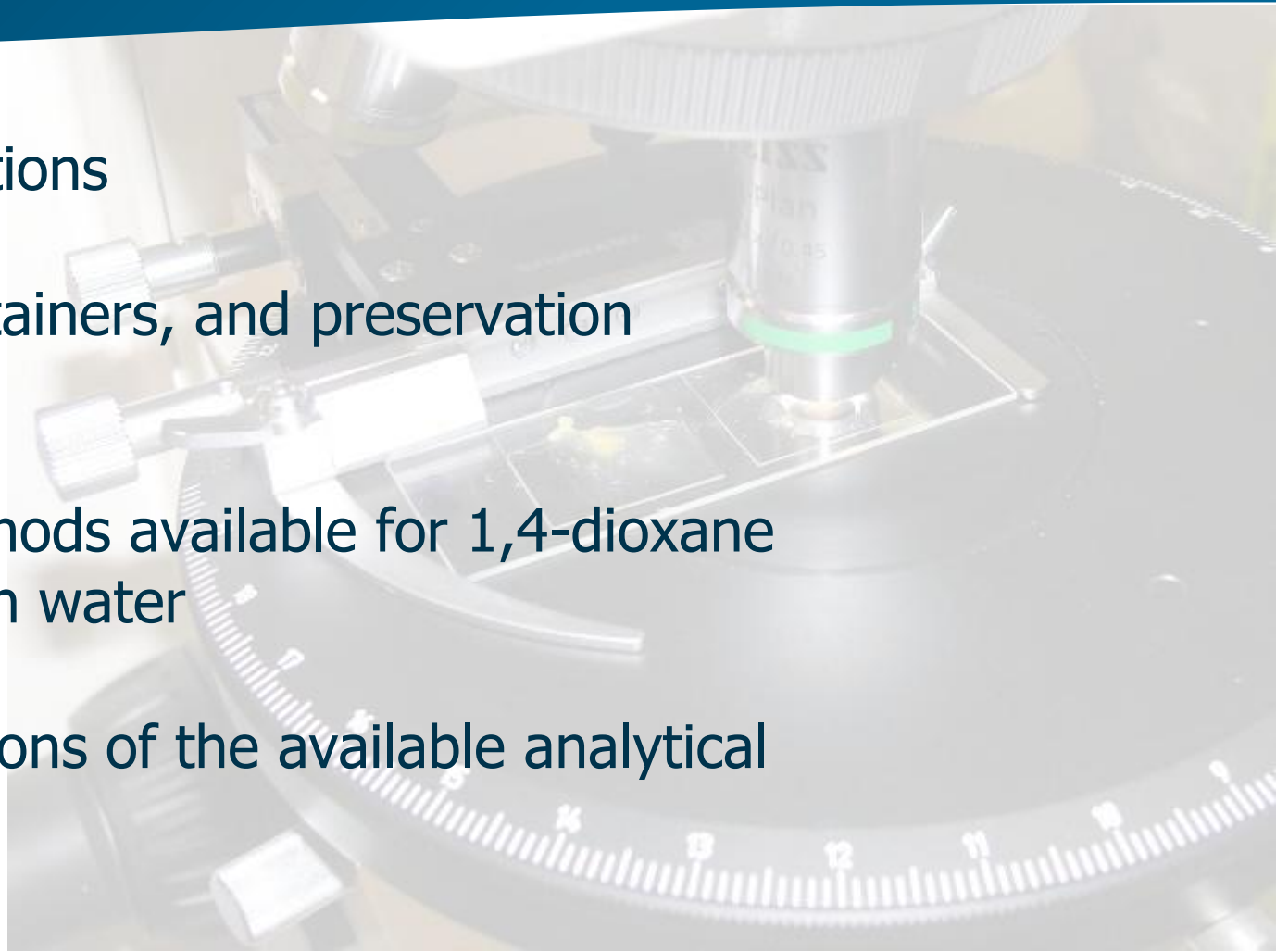
Learning Objectives

Highlight potential sampling precautions

Explain different holding times, containers, and preservation techniques

Identify the common analytical methods available for 1,4-dioxane in different matrices, with a focus on water

Understand the benefits and limitations of the available analytical methods



Sampling Precautions

- Groundwater Precautions
- Soil Precautions
- Decontamination



Picture courtesy of TRC

Sampling Precautions - Groundwater

- Conventional Sampling acceptable; however, if passive diffusion sampling performed ...
 - Low density polyethylene membrane in standard PDB: NOT suitable for 1,4-Dioxane
 - Need to use different membrane materials or pore sizes that facilitate diffusion of 1,4-Dioxane into the sampler.

Hydrasleeve
ITRC
Technology
Overview of
Passive Sampler
Technologies,
March 2006



- Rigid Porous Polyethylene (RPP) sampler
- Dual Membrane PDB (DMPDB) sampler
- Snap Sampler®
- HydraSleeve™

- Low yield wells



Left: RPP Sampler; Right: Snap Sampler
ITRC Technology Overview of Passive Sampler Technologies,
March 2006

Sampling Precautions - Soil

Conventional sampling acceptable;
however, if samples have very low moisture
content

- Very dry (desert) climate
- Local dry microclimate (e.g., under building)



The Terra Core® Sampler

Source: www.ennovativetech.com

Expect more volatilization: use VOC soil collection method

Sampling Precautions – Equipment Decontamination

- 1,4-Dioxane common impurity in detergents
- Need to prevent detergents from remaining on equipment
- Use of disposable equipment or passive samplers eliminates need for decontamination



Industry » Detergents »

Categorized | Alconox, Environmental, Laboratory, Liquinox

Does Alconox or Liquinox contain 1,4-Dioxane?

Posted on 07 March 2014. Tags: [1-4 Dioxane](#)

Q. Does Alconox or Liquinox contain 1,4-Dioxane?

A. Nonionic Liquinox likely contains extremely trace levels 1,4-Dioxane, but anionic Alconox is very unlikely to contain 1-4 dioxane. Sometimes people inadvertently refer to Liquinox as Alconox because it is made by Alconox, inc.

Liquinox is a nonionic detergent and does contain extreme trace levels of 1,4-Dioxane. In general most detergents with nonionic surfactant ingredients will have trace 1,4 Dioxane as a trace impurity from the ethylene oxide condensed polymers that are part of most nonionic surfactants.

The trace contaminant 1,4-Dioxane is found in nonionic detergents. Most nonionic surfactants are derived from alkyl groups with condensed polymers of ethylene oxide attached. The ethylene oxide polymerization process during the manufacture of the nonionic surfactant results in traces of 1,4-Dioxane being formed.

The trace contaminant 1-4 dioxane is volatile. The concentration will diminish with time. In Liquinox the concentration would be well below tens or hundreds of ug/L. The residue potential in a detergent used at a 1% dilution that is thoroughly rinsed would be well below single digit nanograms/L. In sampling equipment, very thorough rinsing can reduce that to tenths or hundredths of nanograms/L. Labs should do equipment blanks to assure that thorough rinsing has been done whenever any nonionic detergent such as Liquinox is used.

To ask another Technical Cleaning question from our experts please visit [Ask Alconox](#) at [www.alconox.com](#). You can also find Liquinox and Alconox detergent **technical bulletins** and **MSDSs**.



Holding Times, Containers, & Preservation

Dependent
on analytical
method and
matrix

Matrix	Method	Container	Preservation	Holding Time
Aqueous	SW-846 8260	3 40-mL VOA vials	HCl to pH <2; Cool 0- 6°C	14 days to analysis
	SW-846 8270	2 1-L amber glass	Cool 0-6°C	7 days to extraction; 40 days from extraction to analysis
Solid	SW-846 8260	3 40-mL VOA vials or 3 EnCore™ samplers	Vials: low-level (water) and high-level (MeOH) Cool 0-6°C	Low-level: 48 hours to freezer; 14 days to analysis High-level: 14 days to analysis EnCore™ samplers: 48 hours to preservation; 14 days to analysis
	SW-846 8270	1 4-oz glass jar	Cool 0-6°C	14 days to extraction; 40 days from extraction to analysis
Air	EPA TO-15	1 canister	None	30 days to analysis
	EPA TO-17	2 sorbent tubes	Cool <4°C	30 days to analysis

HCl: Hydrochloric acid
MeOH: Methanol
VOA: Volatile organic analyte

VOC or SVOC: Why Does it Matter?

- VOC or SVOC Methods
- Modifications needed to typical VOC or SVOC methods
- Dependent upon required sensitivity
- Dependent upon other contaminants of concern in sample
- Regulatory agency requirements/certification

Analytical Methods

Method	Technique	RLs	Comments
8260 (VOC): Aqueous	Ambient P&T with full scan GC/MS	200-500 µg/L	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS
	Heated P&T with SIM GC/MS	2-5 µg/L	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS Prone to interferences
8270 (SVOC): Aqueous	Full scan GC/MS	5-10 µg/L	Poor extraction efficiency
	Isotope dilution with SIM GC/MS	0.15-0.4 µg/L	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS Improved precision & accuracy
8260 (VOC): Solid	Ambient P&T with full scan GC/MS	0.2-0.5 mg/kg	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS
	Heated P&T with SIM GC/MS	0.002-0.005 mg/kg	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS Not routinely needed
8270 (SVOC): Solid	Full scan GC/MS	0.05-0.2 mg/kg	Poor extraction efficiency
	Isotope dilution with SIM GC/MS	0.00067 mg/kg	1,4-dioxane-d8 IS Improved precision & accuracy
522: Drinking Water	SIM GC/MS	0.05-0.1 µg/L	Solid phase extraction
TO-15 (Air)	Full scan GC/MS	0.7-1.0 µg/m ³	
TO-17 (Air)	Full scan GC/MS	1.1-11 ng/tube	

What to Know About Methods

- Use of 1,4-dioxane-d8 as internal standard: why critical?
- Why is 8260 analysis more prone to interferences?
- Why does isotope dilution improve precision & accuracy of results?

Sample spiked with KNOWN amount of isotope (1,4-dioxane-d8)
1,4-dioxane result corrected by proportional amount based on isotope

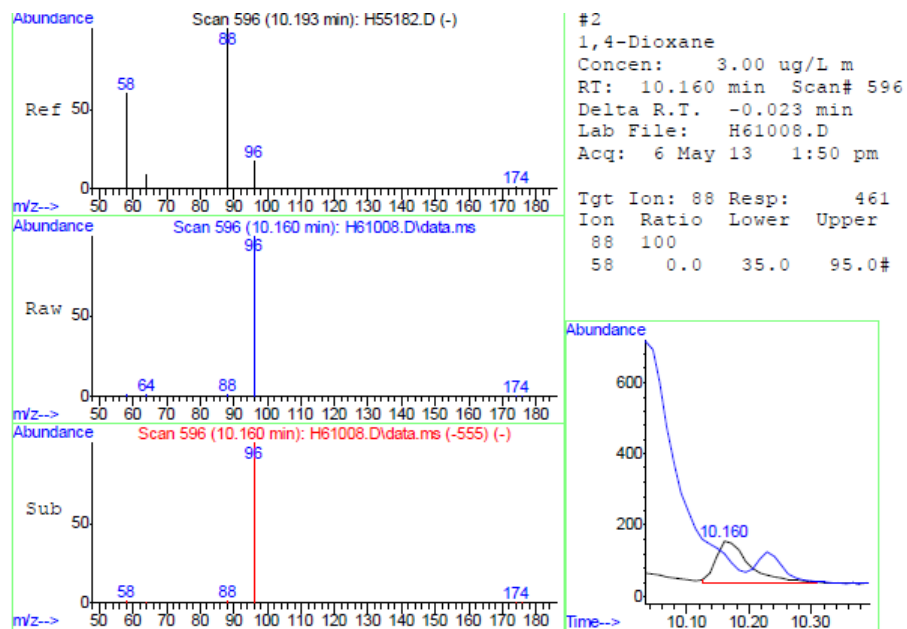
BENEFITS:

- Corrects for analytical error associated with matrix
- Corrects for matrix interferences

$$\text{Concentration 1,4D} = \frac{\text{1,4D Area} * \text{True Concentration 1,4-dioxane-d8}}{\text{Area 1,4-dioxane-d8} * \text{Response Factor}}$$

1,4-Dioxane 8260/SIM: Surrogate Recovery

Compound	R.T.	QIon	Response	Conc	Units	Dev (Min)
Internal Standards						
1) 4-bromofluorobenzene	14.121	174	1760	1.00	ug/L	-0.01
System Monitoring Compounds						
3) 1,4-DIOXANE-D8	10.033	96	959711	8777.13	ug/L	-0.1
Spiked Amount	10.000	Range	60	Recovery	= 87771.30%#	
Target Compounds						
2) 1,4-Dioxane	10.160	88	461m	3.00	ug/L	Qvalue



	Concentration in sample	Primary Qions
Cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	665 µg/L	61, 96
Trichloroethene	8,290 µg/L	95, 96
1,4-Dioxane-d8	10 µg/L	96

8260/SIM not as reliable when elevated levels of chlorinated VOCs present.

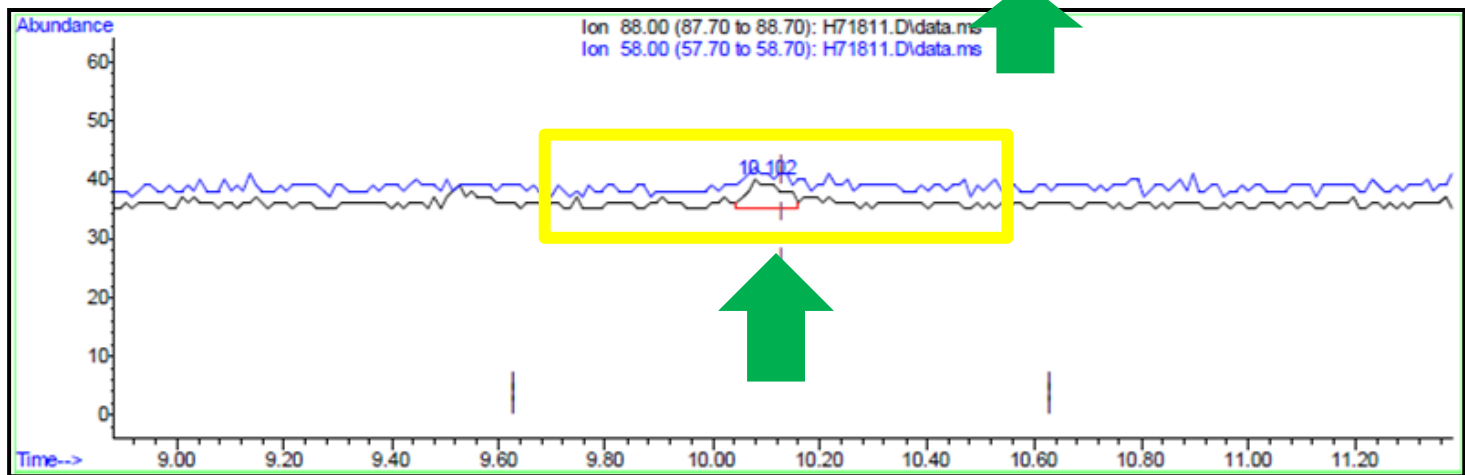
*SIM = Selective ion monitoring
VOC = Volatile organic compound*

1,4-Dioxane 8260/SIM: 0.2 ug/L standard

Compound	R.T.	QIon	Response	Conc	Units	Dev(Min)
Internal Standards						
1) 4-bromofluorobenzene	14.085	174	1202	1.00	ug/L	0.00
System Monitoring Compounds						
3) 1,4-DIOXANE-D8	10.090	96	475	8.45	ug/L	0.03
Spiked Amount	10.000	Range	60 - 140	Recovery	=	84.50%
Target Compounds						
2) 1,4-Dioxane	10.102	88	22m	0.31	ug/L	Qvalue

Primary quantitation ion:
m/z 88

Secondary ion:
m/z 58 (~60% of m/z 88)



8260/SIM not as reliable at RLs below 5 µg/L due to extremely poor response (area counts) at lower concentrations

m/z = Mass to charge ratio
RL = Reporting limit
SIM = Selective ion monitoring

Depends on other contaminants present at your site and project objectives

If elevated concentrations of VOCs ($> 200 \mu\text{g/L}$), use one of the 8270 methods because 8260 won't work well

- If VOCs $> 200 \mu\text{g/L}$, lab will need to perform dilution on 8260 SIM analysis to prevent contamination/saturation of trap during analysis
- If CVOCs $> 200 \mu\text{g/L}$, same issue plus significant interference with 1,4-dioxane surrogate (1,4-dioxane-d8) with cis-1,2-dichloroethene (same quantitation ion)

Which Analytical Method Should I Use?

Depends on how low your reporting limits need to be

- 8270 with SIM more sensitive than 8260 with SIM

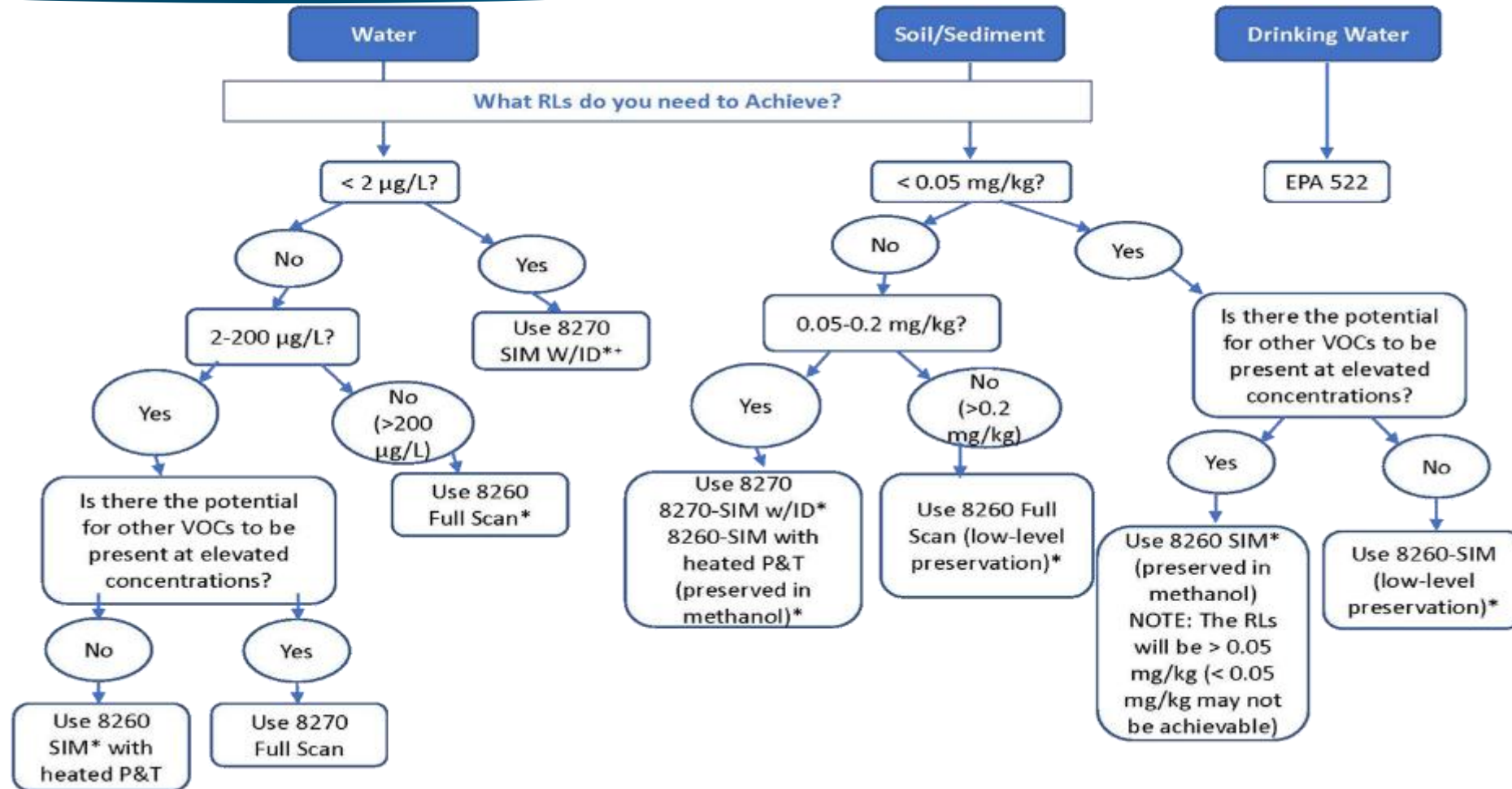
Safe to use 8270 with SIM and isotope dilution

- Does require larger sampling volume

Check with the regulatory agency

- NYSDEC preferred method: 8270 with SIM

Figure 4-2 in Tech Reg: Flow Chart for Selecting Method for 1,4-Dioxane

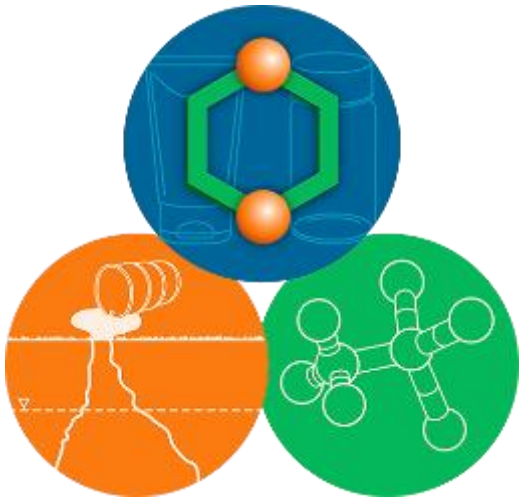


Knowledge Check

You are sampling groundwater for 1,4-dioxane and need to meet the regulatory screening criteria of 0.3 ug/L. Prior rounds of sampling detected elevated concentrations of some chlorinated VOCs (e.g., cis-1,2-dichloroethene). Which analytical method will you likely need to use, in the absence of any regulatory requirement?

- A. SW-846 8260 (VOC) with SIM
- B. SW-846 8260 (VOC) without SIM
- C. SW-846 8270 (SVOC) with SIM/isotope dilution

Module 5: Toxicity and Risk Assessment



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Learning Objectives

Understand the risk drivers for human health and how ecological risk compares

Become aware of the evolving science on how 1,4-dioxane causes cancer and how that impacts risk assessment decisions

Risk Communication toolkit application to 1,4-dioxane

1,4-Dioxane - Toxicity and Risk Assessment

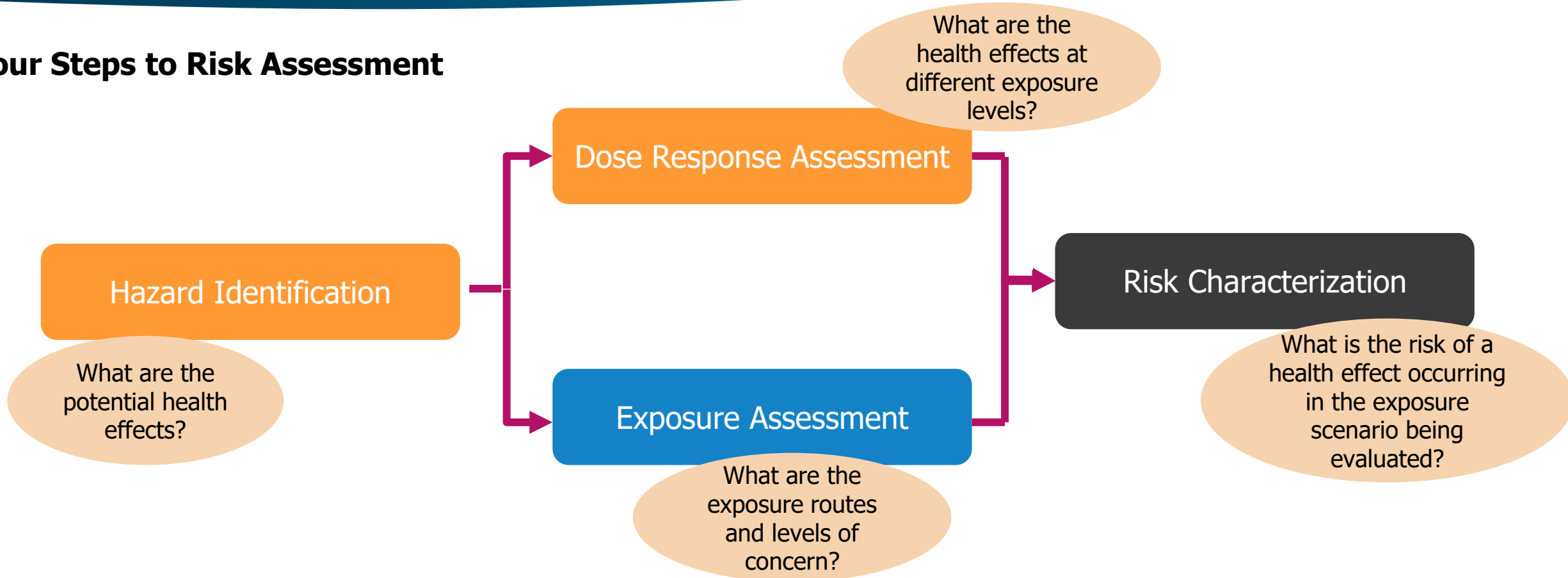
Human Health



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Four Steps to Risk Assessment



Adapted from the National Research Council's Risk Assessment in the Federal Government: Managing the Process, 1983

Human Health – Hazard ID and Dose Response





What are the
potential
health effects?

Hazard Identification



► Non cancer effects

- Oral: Liver and kidney
- Inhalation: Eye and respiratory

► Cancer

- “possibly carcinogenic” (IARC)
- “likely to be carcinogenic” (EPA)

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IARC = International Agency for Research on Cancer

Cancer Risk/Toxicity Values Depend on MOA



- Rodent tumors
 - Liver, kidney, nasal, peritoneum, mammary gland...
- Generally, will be risk driver for human health
- HOWEVER, experts have different interpretations on cancer risk
 - Cancer Mode of Action (MOA)
 - USEPA
 - Health Canada (and others)

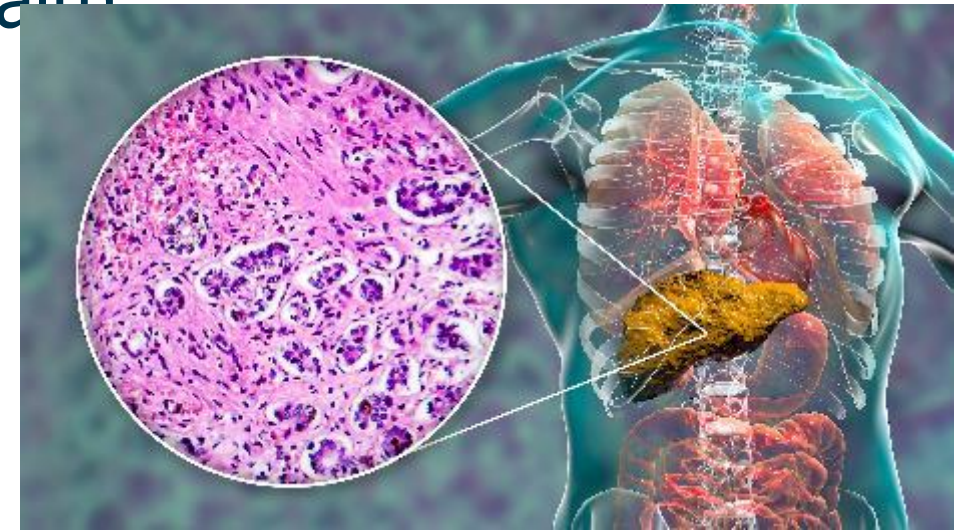


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USEPA = MOA is Unknown

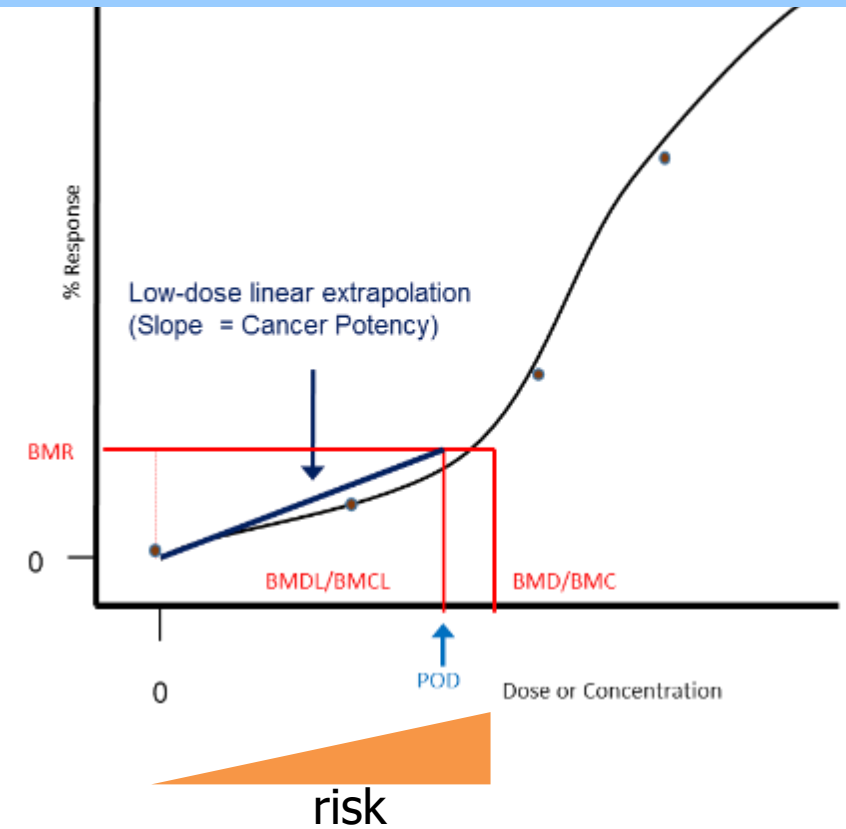


- 2 USEPA Assessments
 - 2013 Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
 - 2020 Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)
- Mode of Action conclusions

“The available evidence is inadequate to establish a mode of action (MOA) by which 1,4-dioxane induces liver tumors in rats and mice.”
(USEPA 2013)

Default dose response model = any increase in exposure, increases risk

= DW threshold of 0.35 – 35 µg/L
for 10^{-6} to 10^{-4} cancer risk



Health Canada = MOA is Non-Genotoxic and Threshold



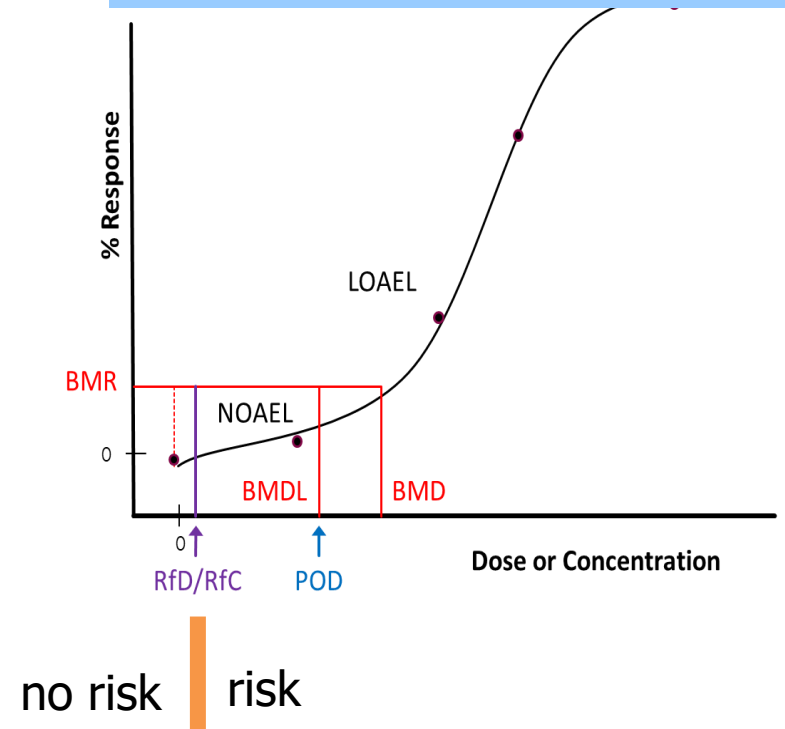
Health Canada 2018 Mode of Action conclusions

“Using a MOA analysis, the weight of evidence supports a non-genotoxic MOA, with 1,4-dioxane inducing liver tumours through a regenerative proliferation-induced MOA.”

- and is reasonable for other human-relevant tumor types
- also adopted by WHO and other international agencies
- and supported by recent publications

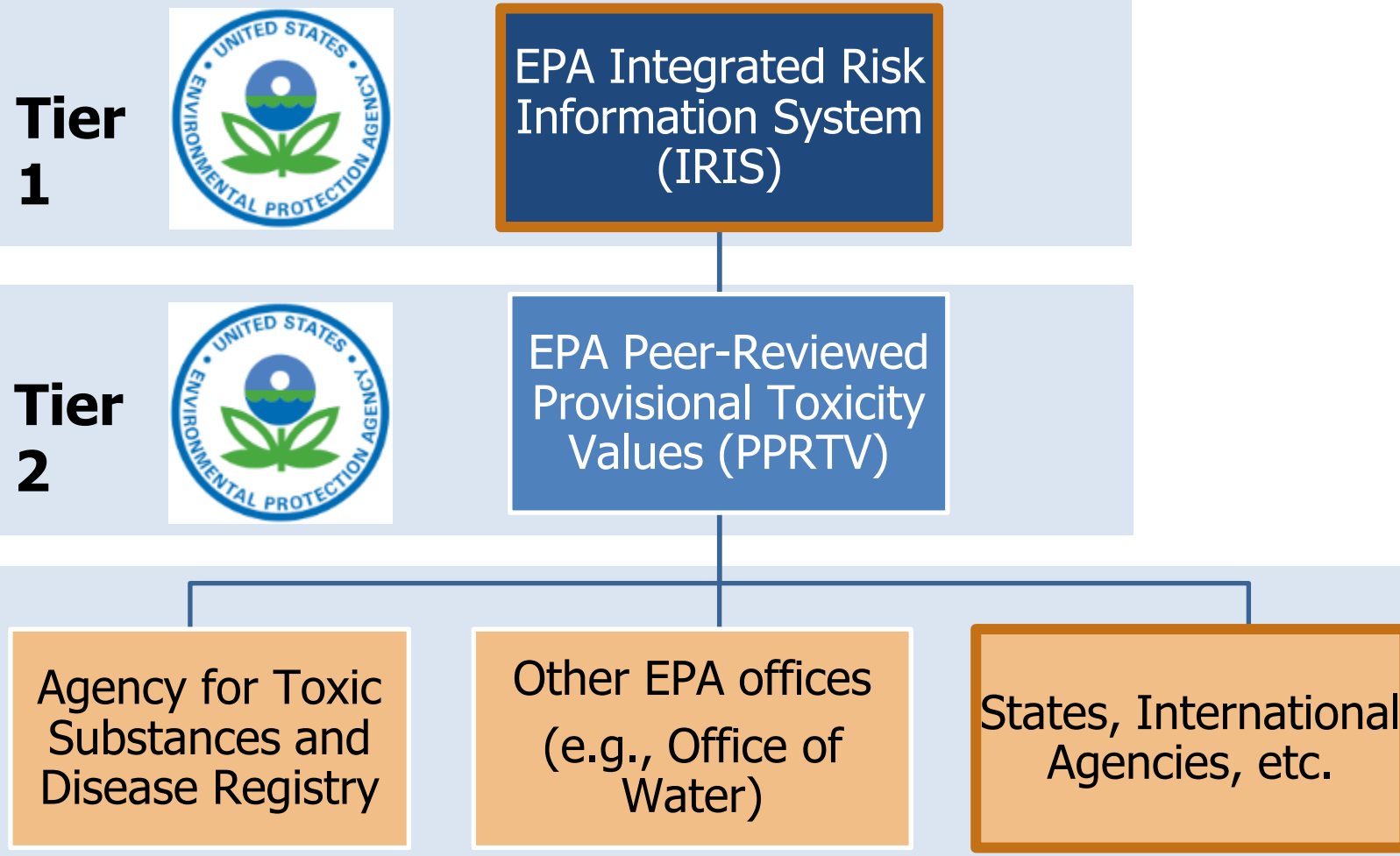
Threshold MOA = there is only risk above a certain threshold level of exposure

**= DW threshold of $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{L}$
no concern if exposure is
below threshold**



no risk | risk

Use of Best Professional Judgement Hierarchy of Toxicity Values



CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ State-of-science methods, consistent with EPA
- ✓ Transparent
- ✓ **Best available information**
- ✓ Peer-reviewed

Human Health – Cancer Risk/Toxicity Values Summary



- Choice of cancer toxicity value has a significant impact of drinking water/ groundwater screening level
 - ~ 0.33 to $50 \mu\text{g/L}$ (part per billion)
- Risk assessors should pay attention to the latest science and regulatory determinations
 - On-going research from academia, industry, etc. – watch for new science!
- Professional judgement on best toxicity value for human health risk assessment

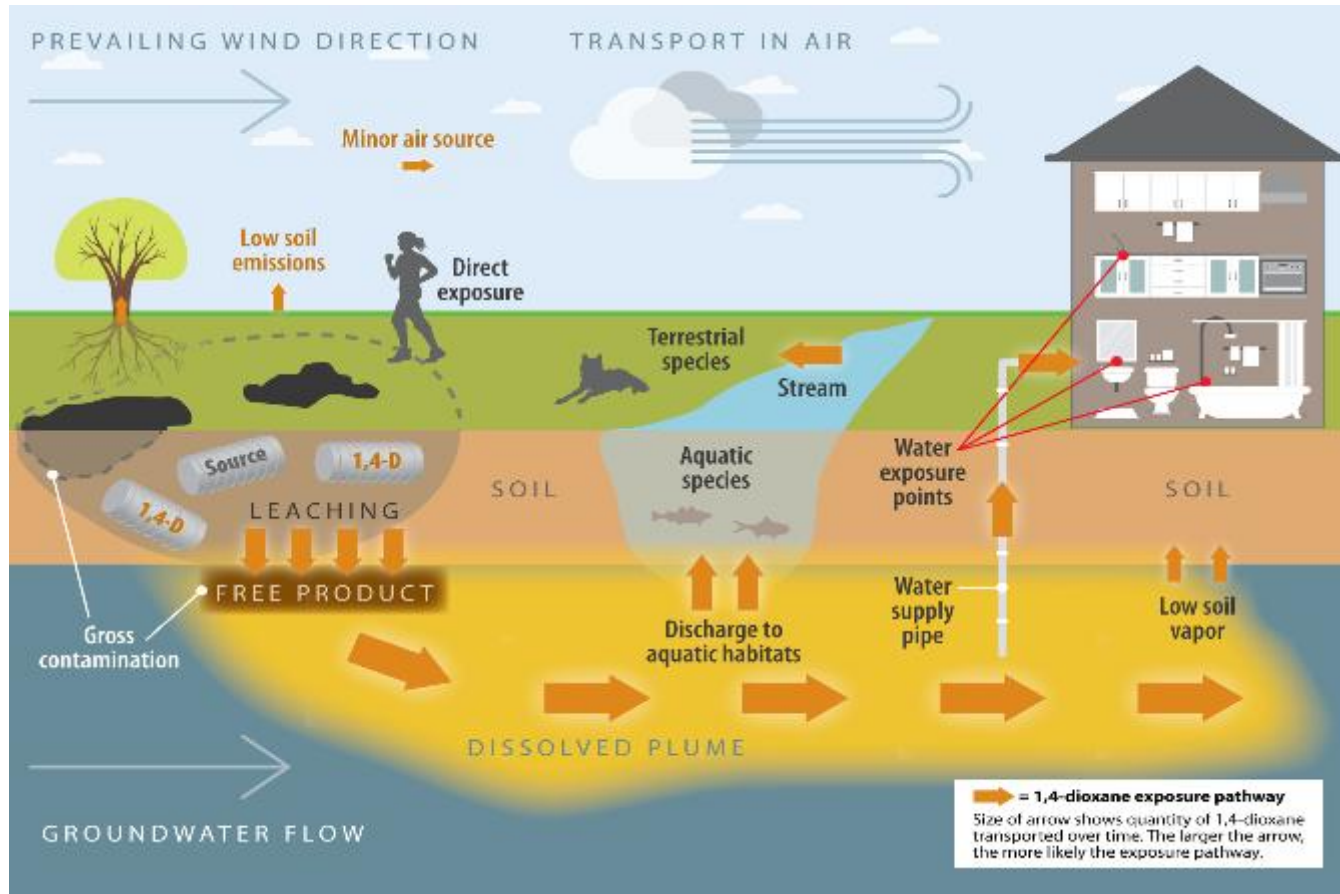


Exposure Assessment

What are the exposure routes and levels of concern?

- Why estimate exposure?
 - Estimate the intake (dose) of the chemical for each exposure route
- Involves characterizing the:
 - Exposure setting,
 - Relevant exposure pathways, and
 - Magnitude, frequency, and duration of potential exposure
- Will be site specific

Human Health – Exposure Routes



- Drinking water ingestion primary concern
- Not likely to remain in surface soil
- Low dermal absorption
- Unlikely to volatilize out of water

Consider Site Assessment guidance from Fate and Transport Section

ITRC Guidance Document Figure 5.1

Risk Characterization and Sources of Uncertainty-Variability



- Describe the areas of uncertainty and variability within:
 - Toxicity evaluation
 - Derivation of toxicity value(s)
 - Exposure assumptions
- Important uncertainty = the cancer mode of action and quantitative impact it has on the risk assessment

Ecological



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Ecological – Hazard Identification



Hazard Identification

What are the potential health effects?

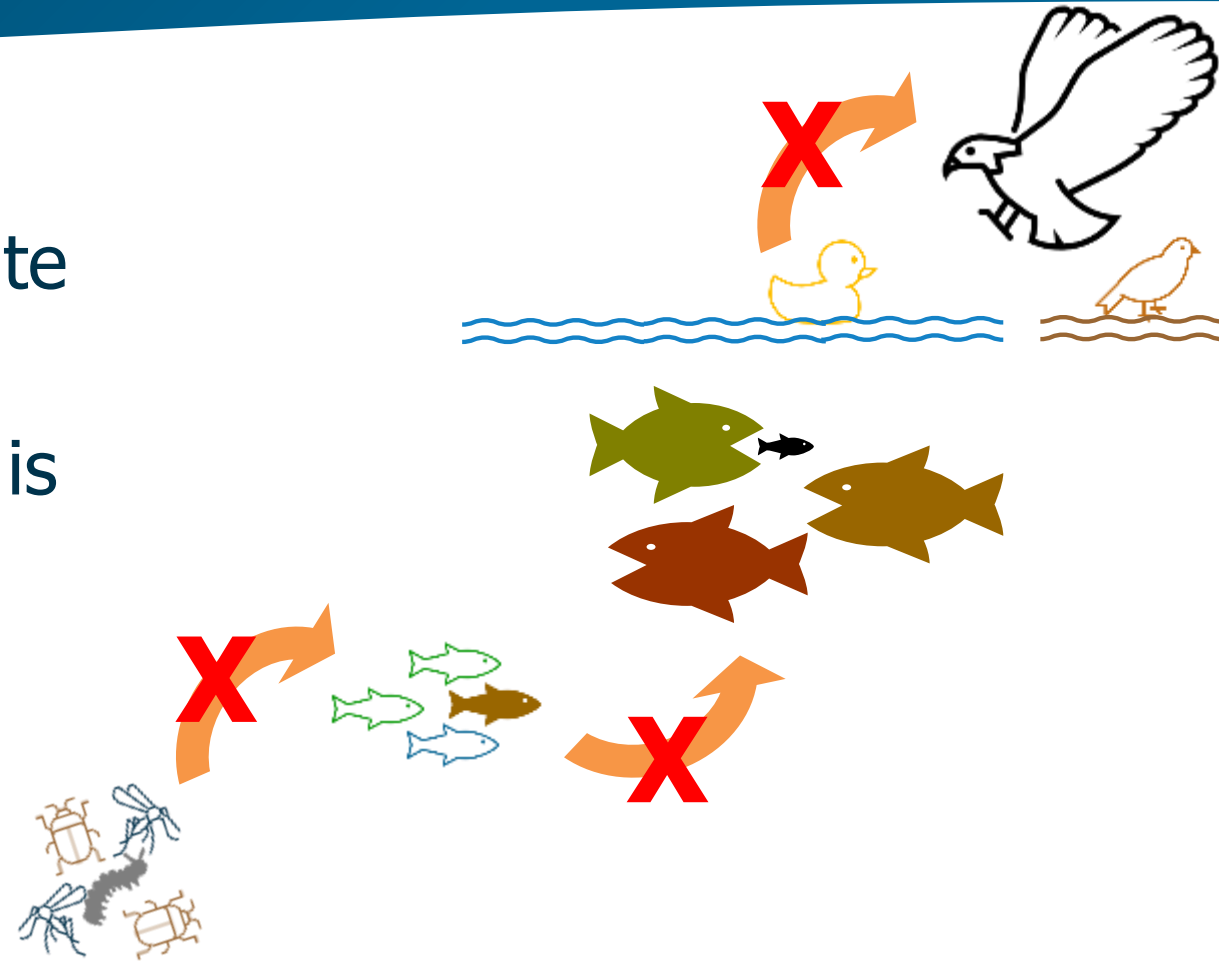
- Generally, not very toxic to ecological receptors
- Fish are the most sensitive aquatic receptors
- In mammals, effects likely only at high levels (in the 100s to 1000s mg/L)
- Generally, not toxic to plants; can be taken up from roots, but then volatilizes from foliage



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1,4-Dioxane Does Not Bioconcentrate

- 1,4-Dioxane does not bioaccumulate or bioconcentrate
- Trophic-level secondary poisoning is not expected



Ecological Screening Levels



Medium	Concentration	Type/Media	Reference
Surface Water (freshwater)	15 mg/L	Chronic COC	EPA 2018
	57.5 mg/L	PNEC-water	ECB 2002
	10 mg/L	PNEC-water	ECHA 2014
	201 mg/L	ChV-algae	EPA 2019
Sediment	43.3 mg/kg (ww)	PNEC-sed	ECB 2002
	37 mg/kg (dw)	PNEC-sed	ECHA 2014
Soil	14 mg/kg	PNEC-soil	ECB 2002

See [Table 5.6 Ecological Screening Levels ITRC Guidance Document](#) for more information

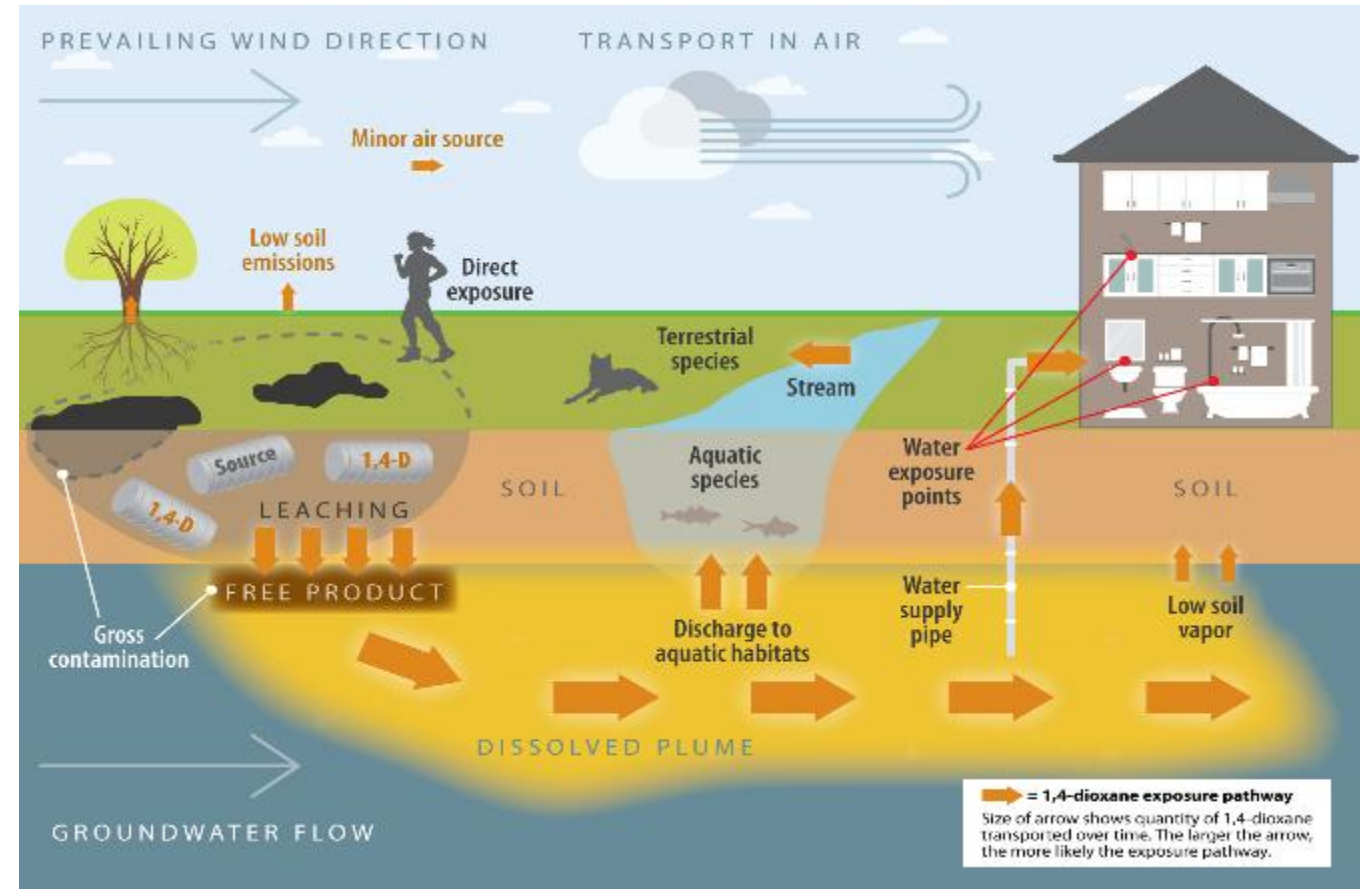
Ecological Exposure Assessment



Exposure Assessment

What are the exposure routes and levels of concern?

- ▶ Primarily through ingestion and direct contact pathways
- ▶ Most likely through aquatic routes



ITRC Guidance Document Figure 5.1

See [Section 5.3 ITRC Guidance Document](#) for more information

Ecological Risk Characterization



Risk Characterization

What is the risk of a health effect occurring in the exposure scenario being evaluated?



Generally, will only require screening level risk assessment to determine if ecological risk is likely

1,4-Dioxane - Risk Communication

- Purpose:
 - Assist in understanding risk assessment
 - Assist in forming perceptions of the potential hazards
 - Assist in making decisions about risk management
- Can be difficult for emerging contaminants, like 1,4-dioxane, with evolving scientific data



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1 Introduction
▼ 2 Risk Communication Fundamentals
▼ 3 Risk Communication Toolkit
▼ 4 Communication Plan Description
5 Case Studies
▼ 6 Additional Information

1,4-Dioxane - Toxicity and Risk Assessment

Conclusions



- The ecotoxicity of 1,4-dioxane is low and not likely a risk driver compared to human health toxicity

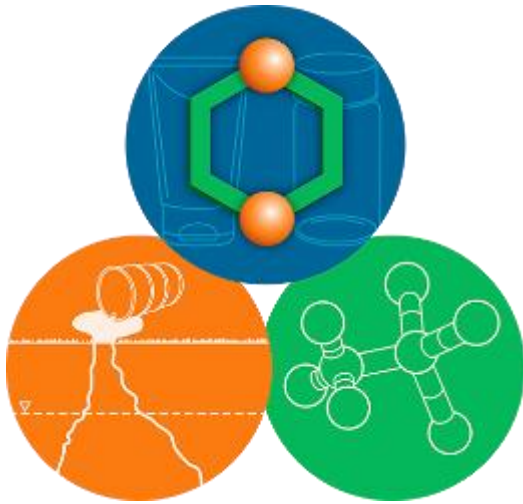
MOA

- Cancer risk is the primary concern for human health and long-term exposures



- Science is still evolving regarding how 1,4-dioxane causes cancer
- Selected toxicity value(s) should be consistent with established guidance and policies, well justified
- Uncertainties and limitations fully communicated

Module 6: Remediation & Treatment Technologies



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Learning Objectives

Understand how/when/why different treatment technologies are appropriate

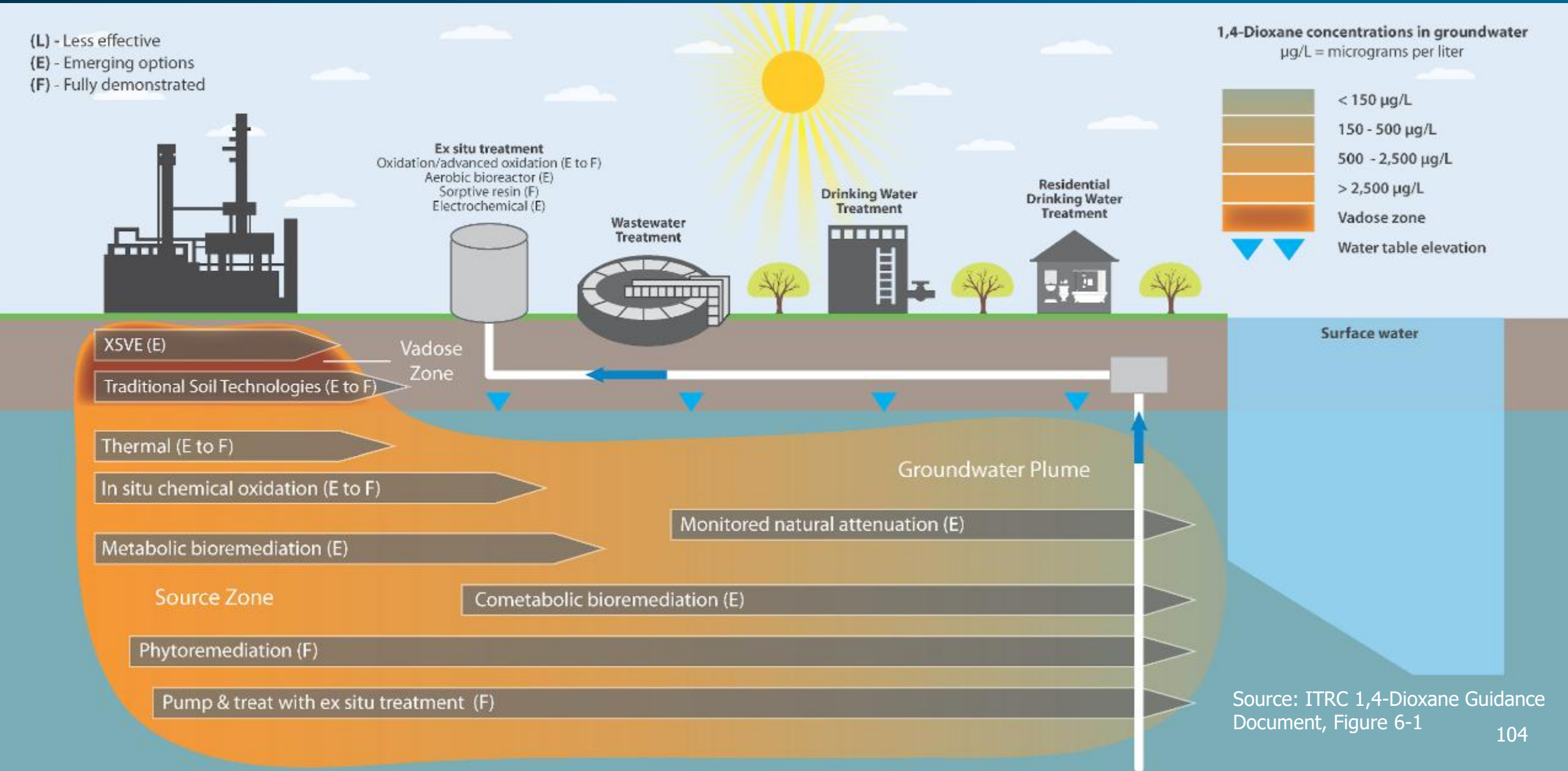
Recall various soil, groundwater, drinking water, and wastewater treatment technologies for 1,4-dioxane

Appreciate the design considerations for well-established treatment technologies

Identify when certain technologies aren't appropriate for 1,4-dioxane treatment

Remediation and Treatment Technologies

(L) - Less effective
(E) - Emerging options
(F) - Fully demonstrated

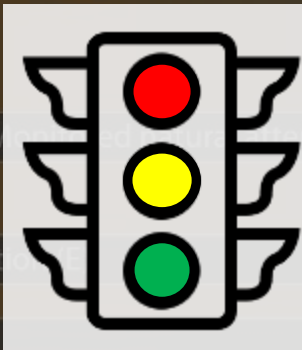


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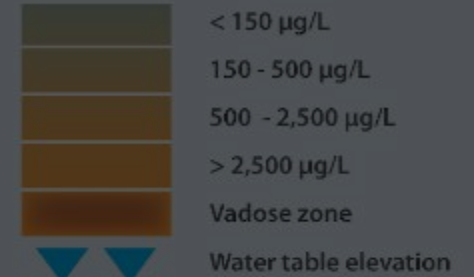
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1,4-Dioxane concentrations in groundwater
 $\mu\text{g/L}$ = micrograms per liter



XSVE (E)

Traditional Soil Technologies (E to F)

Thermal (E to F)

In situ chemical oxidation (E to F)

Metabolic bioremediation (E)

Source Zone

Cometabolic bioremediation

Phytoremediation (F)

Pump & treat with ex situ treatment (F)

Groundwater Plume

Groundwater Plume

Surface water

Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document, Figure 6-1

Remediation and Treatment Technologies

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Vadose Zone

Source Zone

Groundwater
Plume

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In situ chemical oxidation (E to F)

Metabolic bioremediation (E)

Monitored natural attenuation (E)

Cometabolic bioremediation (E)

Phytoremediation (F)

Pump & treat with ex situ treatment (F)

1,4-Dioxane concentration
 $\mu\text{g/L}$ = micrograms per liter

< 150 $\mu\text{g/L}$

water table elevation

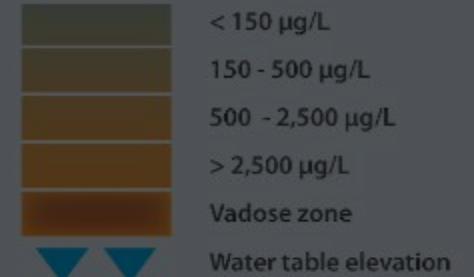
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Document, Figure 6-1

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Vadose Zone

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Metabolic bioremediation (E)

Cometabolic bioremediation (E)

Phytoremediation (F)

Pump & treat with ex situ treatment (F)

Monitored natural attenuation (E)

Ex situ treatment
Oxidation/advanced oxidation (E to F)
Aerobic bioreactor (E)
Sorbptive resin (F)
Electrochemical (E)

Wastewater Treatment

Drinking Water Treatment

Residential Drinking Water Treatment

Surface water

Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document, Figure 6-1

Vadose Zone Treatment



Fully Demonstrated

- Excavation
- Thermal Desorption
- Solidification/Stabilization

Emerging Options

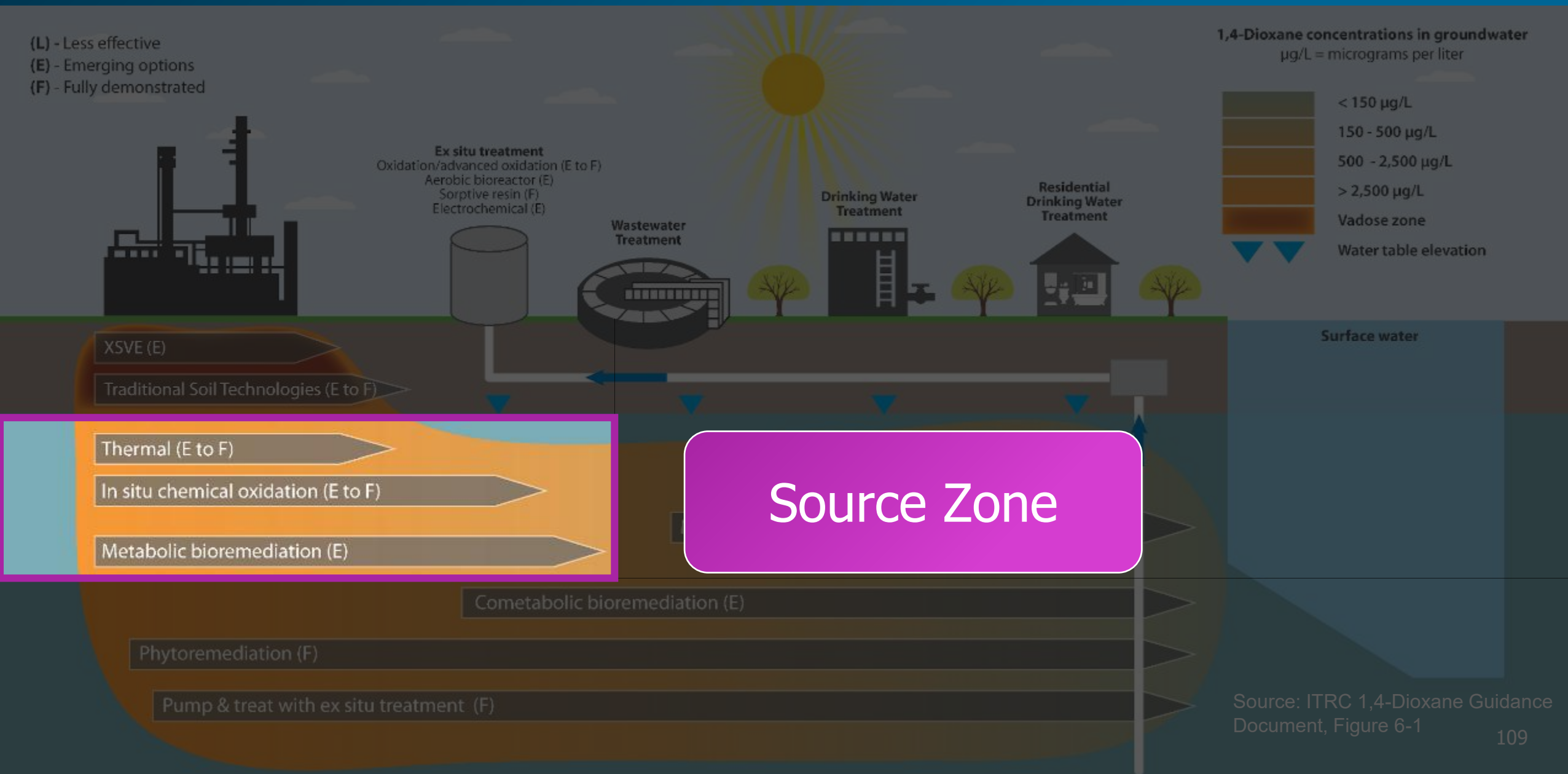
- Oxidant Soil Blending
- Extreme Soil Vapor Extraction

Less Effective

- Conventional Soil Vapor Extraction
- Bioventing
- Bio-piles

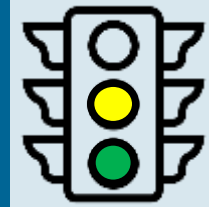
Source/Saturated Zone Remediation

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(F) - Fully demonstrated



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In Situ Thermal Treatment



- Boiling point is 101.5°C, but is less when mixed with water
- Volatility can increase with heating
- Treatment zone heated and vapors captured
- Three types: ERH; TCH; and SEE
- Benefits: High mass removal
- Challenges: High cost, vapor removal affected by heterogeneity

	ERH	TCH	SEE
Heating Mechanism	Electrodes	Heaters	Steam Injection
Maximum temperature	~100°C	~300°C	~100°C
Heating affected by heterogeneity	No	No	Yes

Electrical Resistive Heating (ERH); Thermal Conductive Heating (TCH); Steam Enhanced Extraction (SEE)

In Situ Chemical Oxidation Reagents



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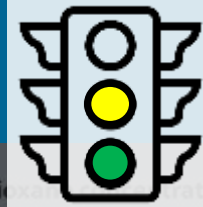
REAGENT	PHYSICAL STATE	ACTIVATOR	LONGEVITY	DELIVERY APPROACH				
				Direct Push	Fixed Well	Gas Injection	Slurry	Cylinder
Persulfate 	liquid solution (sodium persulfate); solid (potassium persulfate)	Heat	weeks to months	✓	✓	-	-	-
		Hydrogen Peroxide	weeks to months	✓	✓	-	-	-
		Alkaline	liquid: weeks to months solid: months	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
		Chelated Iron	weeks to months	✓	✓	-	-	-
		ZVI	months	-	-	-	✓	✓
		Natural Mineral Activation	months	✓	✓	-	✓	-
Ozone	gas	-	30 minutes in water	-	-	✓	-	-
Peroxone 	liquid solution (hydrogen peroxide); gas phase ozone	-	ozone as above; hydrogen peroxide: weeks	✓	✓	✓	-	-
Modified Fenton's Reagent 	liquid solution (hydrogen peroxide)	Ferrous Iron	weeks	✓	✓	-	-	-
Permanganate 	liquid solution (sodium permanganate); solid/dilute solution (potassium permanganate)	-	liquid: months solid: months to years	✓	✓	-	✓	✓

Chemical Species	Standard Oxidation Potential
Hydroxyl radical (OH-•)	2.8
Sulfate radical (SO4-•)	2.5
Ozone	2.1
Sodium persulfate	2.0
Hydrogen peroxide	1.8
Permanganate	1.7
Chlorine	1.4
Oxygen	1.2
Superoxide ion (O-•)	-2.4

Source: Siegrist et al. 2001



ISCO and 1,4-Dioxane



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Reagents yielding free radicals with higher oxidation/ reduction potential will degrade 1,4-dioxane more rapidly

- Hydroxyl radical
- Sulfate radical

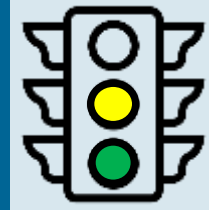
Co-contaminants sometimes also treated

- Chlorinated ethenes – yes
- Chlorinated ethanes (1,1,1-TCA; 1,1-DCA; 1,2-DCA) not always treated

Source area versus plume remediation

- Injections versus permeable reactive barrier

ISCO – Other Considerations



Case
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Design Considerations

- Optimizing contact (longevity, permeability, etc.)
- Matrix diffusion

Water Quality Issues

- Reagent scavengers/matrix demand
- Temporary metals mobilization
- Bench testing recommended

Byproducts

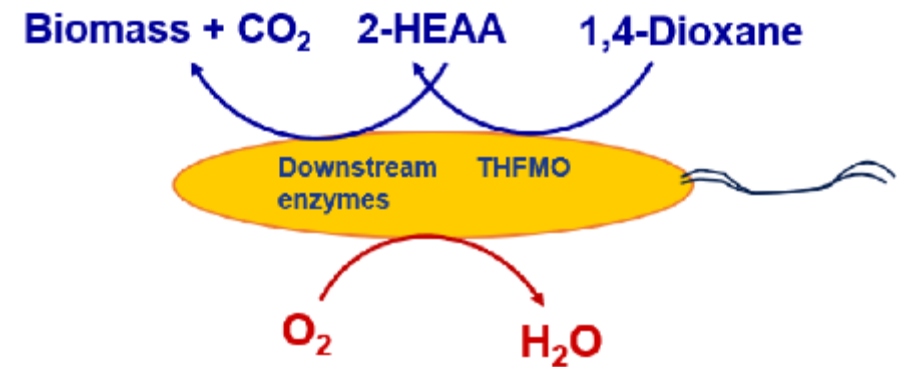
- Bromate formation (ozone/H₂O₂)
- Sulfate
- Gases: CO₂, O₂
- Ions (K⁺, Na⁺)
- pH change

In Situ Metabolic Bioremediation



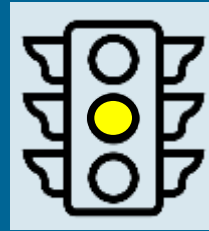
- 1,4-Dioxane used as carbon and energy source by bacteria
- End products are biomass and carbon dioxide (CO_2)
 - Lower biomass yield and rates than other metabolic processes (TCE/hydrocarbons)
 - Suitable for higher 1,4-dioxane concentrations
 - Requires oxygen to be present

Check out the Fate & Transport Training, too



Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document, Figure 6-4

In Situ Metabolic Bioremediation

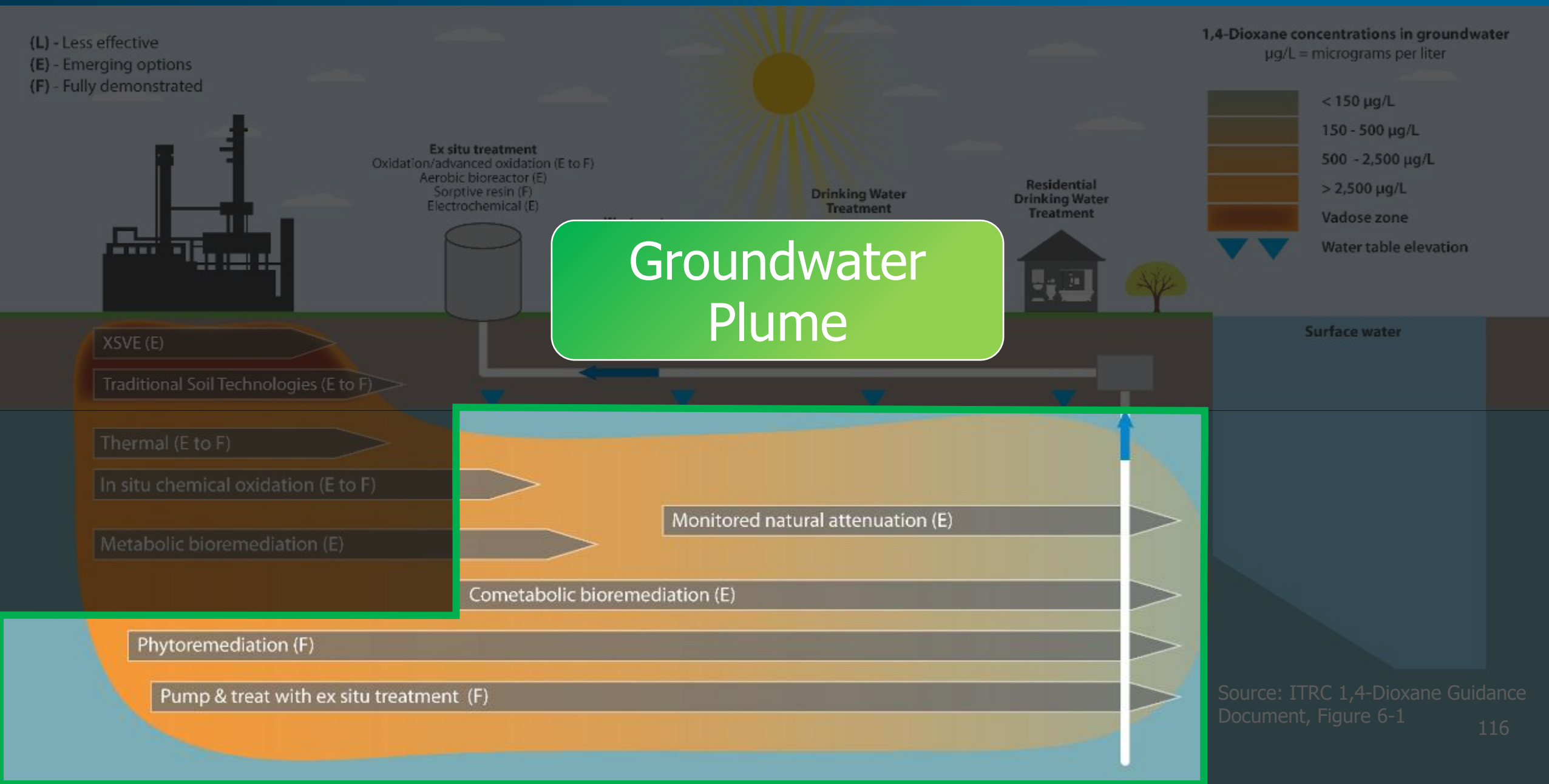


Key Design Parameters	Effectiveness	Advantages	Disadvantages
Initial 1,4-dioxane concentration Oxygen delivery Initial bacteria culture mass present or injected	Degrades 1,4-dioxane at high starting concentrations Low concentrations may not stimulate growth.	Effective for source areas Does not require injection of a primary substrate	Bioaugmentation may be required, and limited microbial transport may be a concern Technology requires maintenance of aerobic conditions, and chlorinated compounds/metals may inhibit biodegradation

Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Fact Sheet, Table 2

Groundwater Plume Remediation

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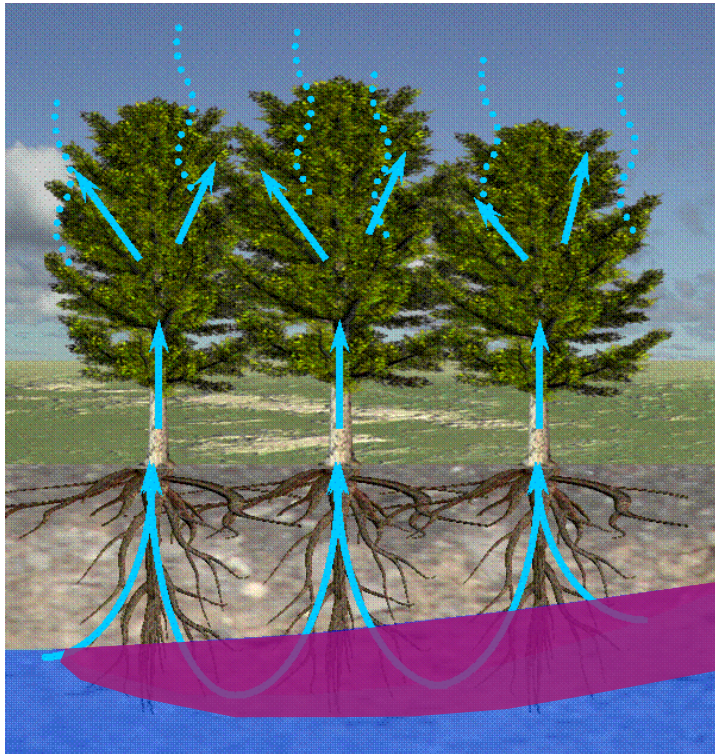


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Phytoremediation

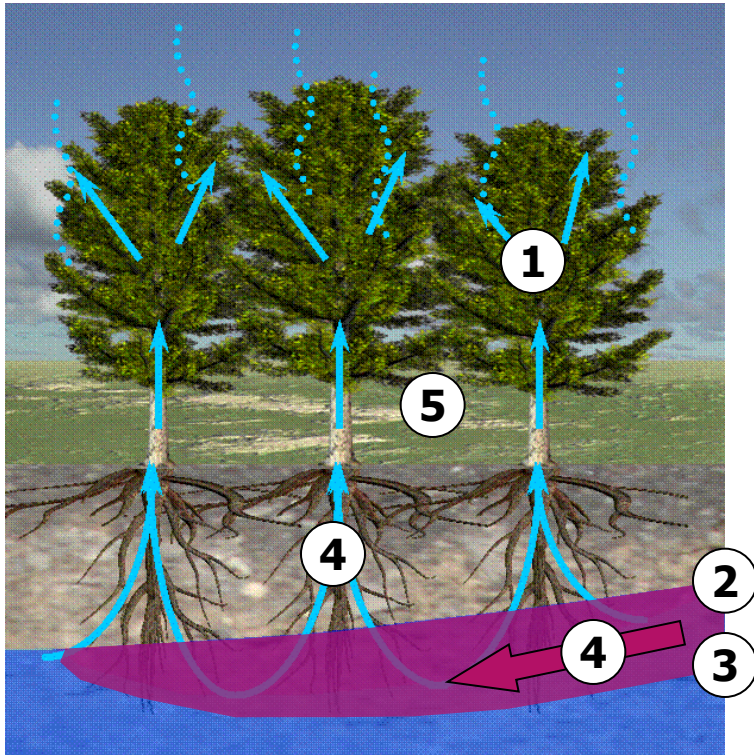


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Source: Graphic modified from ITRC Phyto-2 2009

- Mechanism for treatment is “phyto-extraction”
 - Pull 1,4-dioxane in through roots, up xylem, out to atmosphere
- Benefits
 - Semi-passive
 - Leverages properties of 1,4-dioxane
- Challenges
 - Longer timeframe
 - Deep groundwater requires certain design

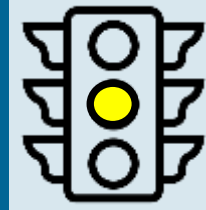


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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

1. Use correct plant(s) for region
2. Depth of groundwater: 10-15 ft bgs optimal, 25 ft bgs maximum
3. Depth of 1,4-dioxane impacts: Within top 5 ft of groundwater is optimal
4. Water budget: Compare groundwater flux in versus estimated tree transpiration
5. Number of trees and spacing

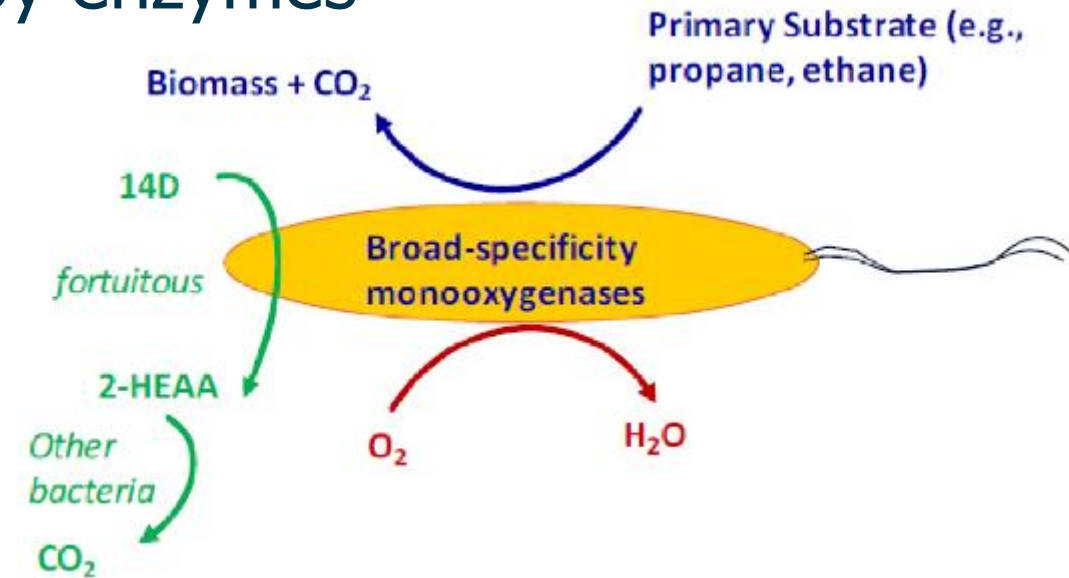
In Situ Cometabolic Bioremediation



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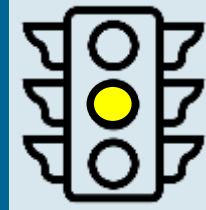
- Bacteria uses a primary growth substrate to sustain activity
- 1,4-Dioxane biodegraded fortuitously by enzymes generated from bacteria activity
 - Can also degrade other constituents of concern
 - Suitable for high or low 1,4-dioxane concentrations
 - Requires oxygen to be present

Check out the Fate & Transport Training, too



Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document, Figure 6-2

In Situ Cometabolic Bioremediation

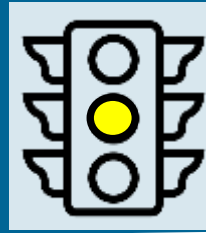


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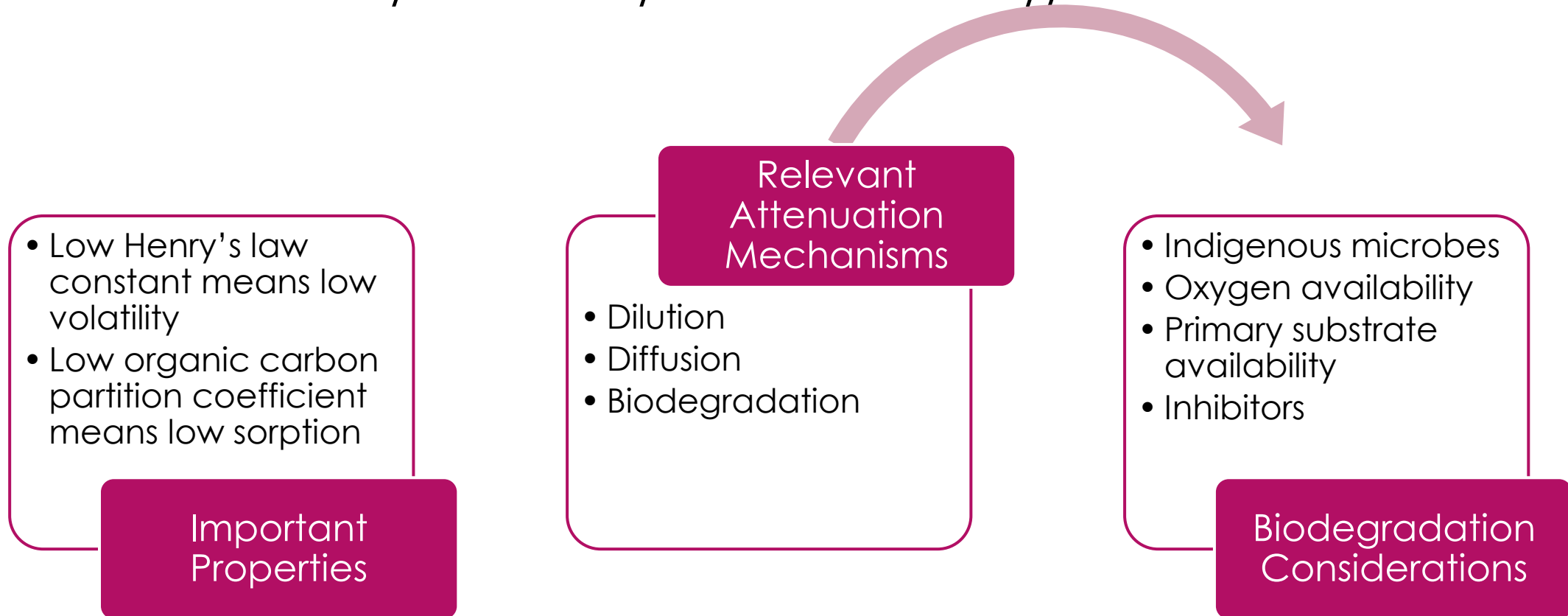
Key Design Parameters	Effectiveness	Advantages	Disadvantages
Oxygen delivery Initial bacteria culture mass present or injected Primary substrate delivery and nutrients	Degrades 1,4-dioxane to <1 µg/L A treatment option for low starting concentrations	Can degrade both chlorinated compounds and 1,4-dioxane Several viable primary substrates Applicable to dilute plumes Independent of 1,4-dioxane concentration	Bioaugmentation may be required Flammable gases are typically applied as primary substrate Technology requires maintenance of aerobic conditions, and chlorinated compounds/metals may inhibit biodegradation

Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Fact Sheet, Table 2

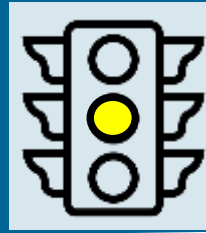
In Situ Monitored Natural Attenuation



MNA programs generally include assessing the favorability of attenuation under site-specific conditions as part of a multiple lines of evidence approach.



In Situ Monitored Natural Attenuation



Analytical methods – need to take into account project-specific reporting limits



- **Geochemical parameters – associated with aerobic/cometabolic conditions**



- **Microbiological analyses – direct and indirect biomarkers (DXMO, ALDH vs other monooxygenases)**



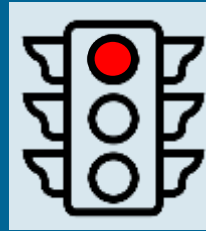
- **CSIA – isotopic enrichment provides evidence of degradation, limited by analytical detection limits**

Note that these are evolving analytical techniques and the industry is still learning how to best apply them.

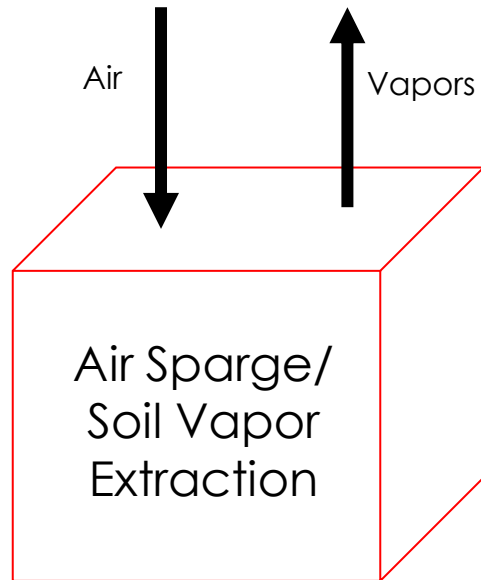
1,4-Dioxane Critical Characteristics

Property	Units	1,4-Dioxane	Benzene	TCE	1,1,1-TCA	1,1-DCA	1,1-DCE
Water solubility	g/L	1,000	1.8	1.1	0.91	5.04	5.06
Vapor pressure	mm Hg (at 25°C)	23.8	95.2	72.6	124	227	234
Henry's Law constant	atm- m ³ /mol (at 25°C)	4.8×10^{-6}	5.48×10^{-3}	9.1×10^{-3}	1.6×10^{-2}	5.62×10^{-3}	5.8×10^{-3}
Log K _{oc}	Dimension- less	0.54	1.92	1.81	2.18	1.55	1.48
Boiling point	°C	101	80	87	74	57.4	32

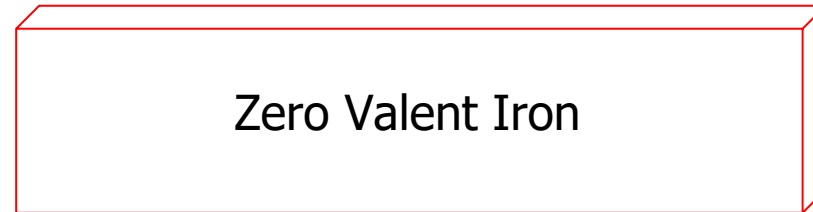
Less Effective In Situ Technologies



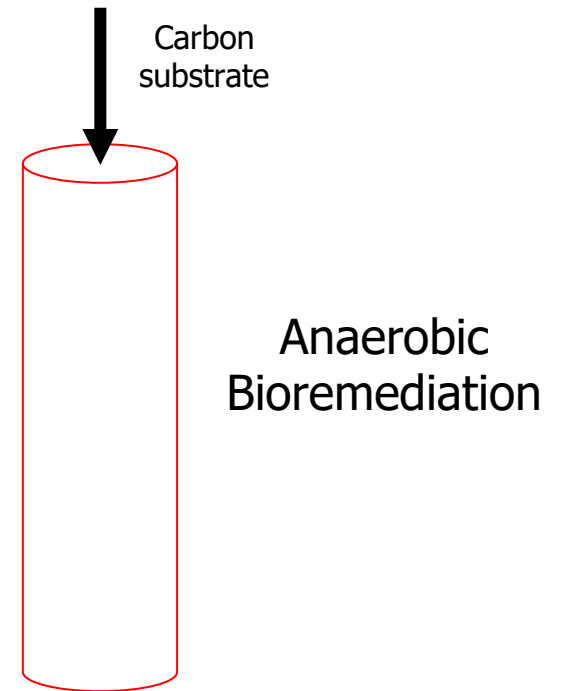
Note that less effective technologies may still impart *some* benefit, but may not reach targets



Low Henry's law coefficient makes this less efficient



Slow reaction times make this less appealing



Oxygen needed for biodegradation

Ex Situ AOPs and 1,4-Dioxane



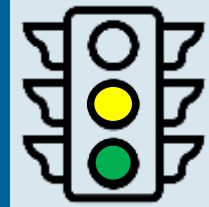
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METHOD TO CREATE HYDROXYL RADICALS	EFFECTIVENESS		GROUNDWATER TREATMENT APPROACHES		
	1,4-DIOXANE	CO-CONTAMINANTS		PUMP AND TREAT	DYNAMIC GROUNDWATER RECIRCULATION
		CHLORINATED ETHENES	CHLORINATED ETHANES		
UV/hydrogen peroxide	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Ozone/hydrogen peroxide	✓	✓	TCA yes; DCA reluctant	✓	✓
UV/titanium dioxide catalyst/oxidant	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
UV/hypochlorite	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
UV/ozone/hydrogen peroxide	✓	✓	✓ (multiple oxidants)	✓	✓

Chemical Species	Standard Oxidation Potential
*excited electron + electron gap	3.18 - 4.8
Hydroxyl radical (OH-•)	2.8
Sulfate radical (SO4-•)	2.5
Ozone	2.1
Sodium persulfate	2.0
Hydrogen peroxide	1.8
Permanganate	1.7
Chlorine	1.4
Oxygen	1.2
Superoxide ion (O-•)	-2.4

Source: Siegrist et al. 2001

Ex Situ AOP – Other Considerations



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Design Considerations

- Electrical/chemical usage
- Matrix diffusion

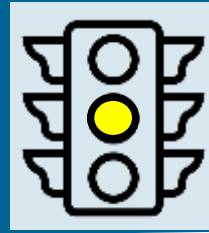
Water Quality Issues

- Influent water quality (e.g., iron)
- Effectiveness in low pH water (UV/hypochlorite)
- Reagent scavengers
- Bench testing recommended

Byproducts

- Bromate formation (ozone/H₂O₂)
- Gases: CO₂, O₂
- Free radicals (ozone/H₂O₂)
- pH change

Ex Situ Bioreactors

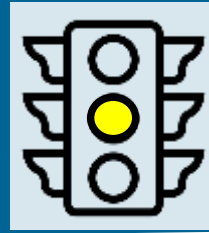


- Metabolic Bioreactors
 - Laboratory fluidized bed reactor for high concentrations
 - Multi-stage aerobic system
 - Bio-GAC
 - No full-scale applications
- Cometabolic Bioreactors
 - Early studies showed that cometabolic bioreactors can be effective for treating wastewater with both 1,4-dioxane and tetrahydrofuran (cometabolic substrate)
 - Lab-scale trickling filter
 - Lab-scale reactors fed propane or ethane (fluidized bed reactor, membrane biofilm reactor)
 - Full-scale moving bed bioreactor (MBBR; Lowry Landfill)

MBBR at Lowry Landfill



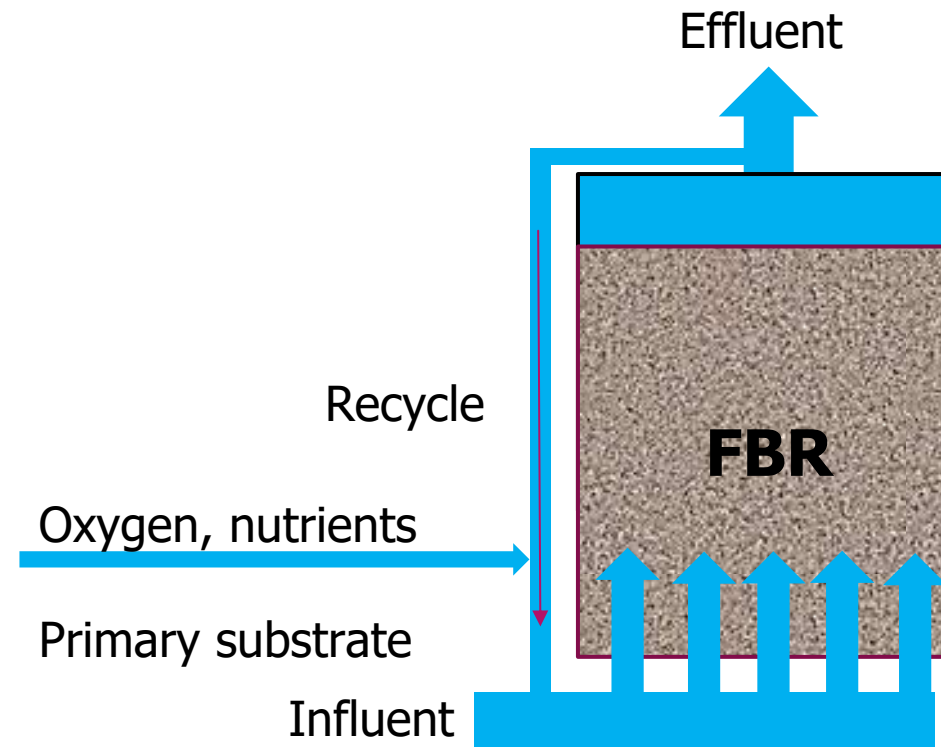
Ex Situ Bioreactors



Design Considerations

- Concentration of 1,4-dioxane
- Effluent requirements
- Co-contaminants
- Metabolic vs cometabolic
- Flow rate
- Hydraulic retention time
- Oxygen and inorganic nutrients
- Primary substrate (cometabolic)
- Microbial culture(s)

Fluidized Bed Bioreactor (FBR)



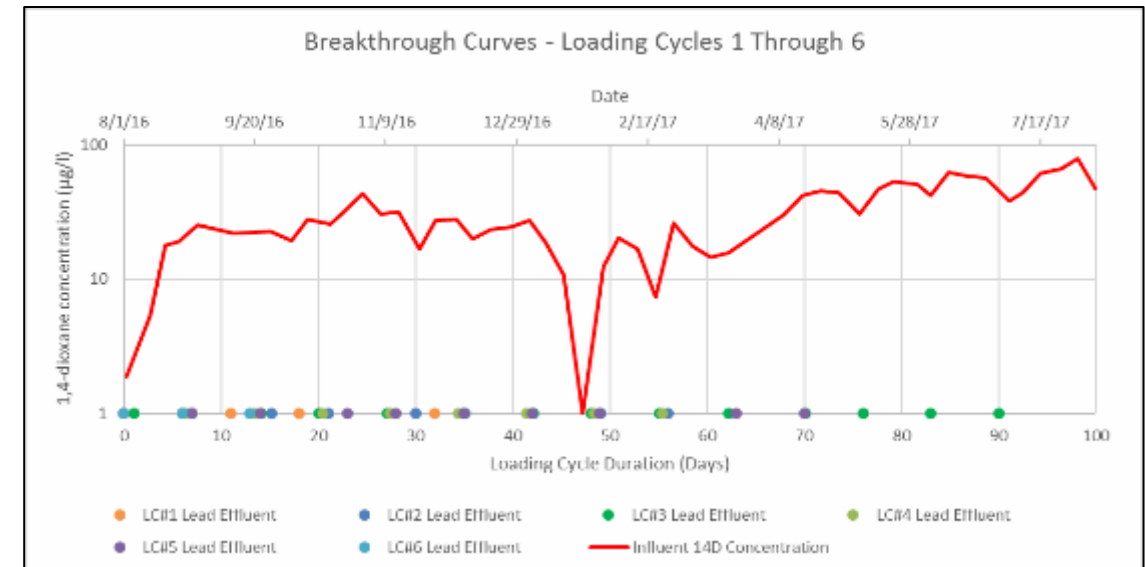
Ex Situ Sorptive Resin



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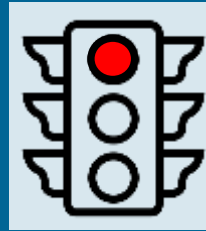
- Many sorbents are ineffective for treating 1,4-dioxane (e.g., GAC, IX)
- Synthetic AMBERSORB™ 560 resin has been applied at full-scale
 - Typically a lead-lag configuration
 - Steam regeneration
 - 1,4-Dioxane treatment of regenerant necessary

AMBERSORB™ treatment of 1,4-dioxane



Source: ITRC 1,4-Dioxane Guidance Document, Case Study

Less Effective Ex Situ Technologies

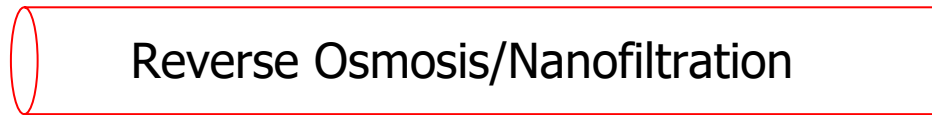


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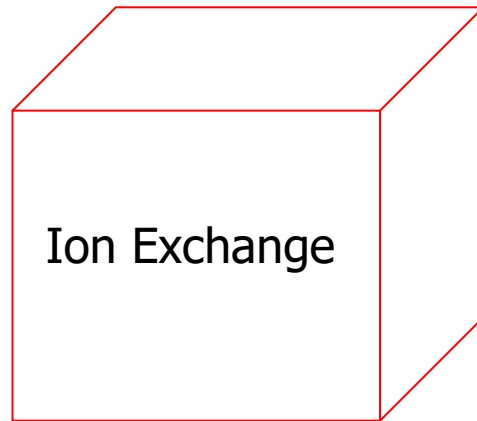
Air Stripper

Low Henry's law coefficient makes this less efficient



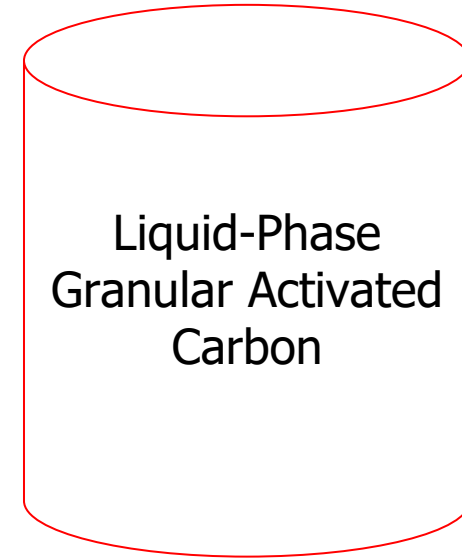
Reverse Osmosis/Nanofiltration

Small molecular weight makes these less efficient



Ion Exchange

Non-ionic nature cannot be exchanged

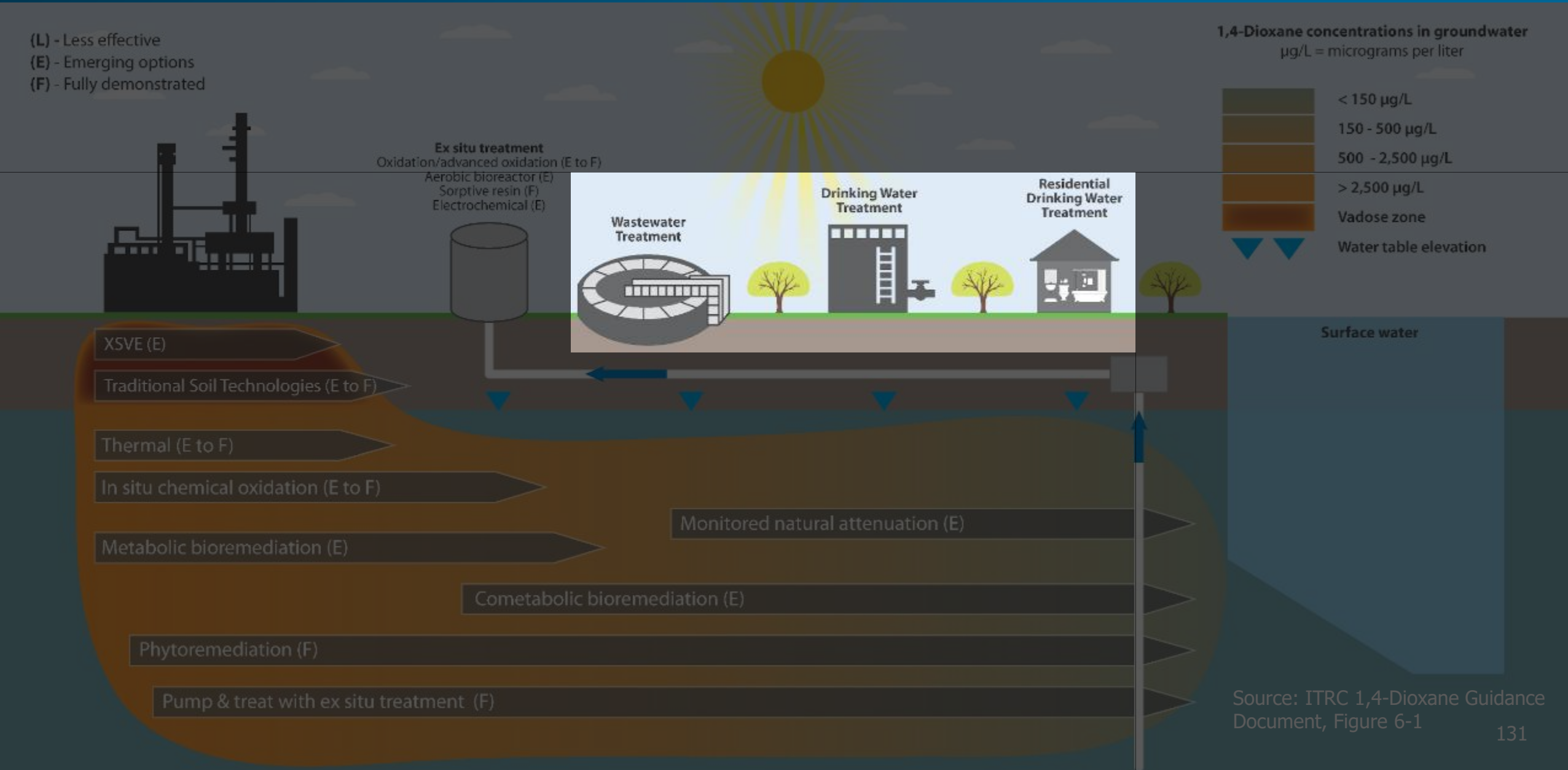


Liquid-Phase Granular Activated Carbon

Low sorption coefficient makes LGAC inefficient. May not be feasible/economical for drinking water, wastewater, and high-flow groundwater systems. May be applied to low-flow groundwater or residential treatment.

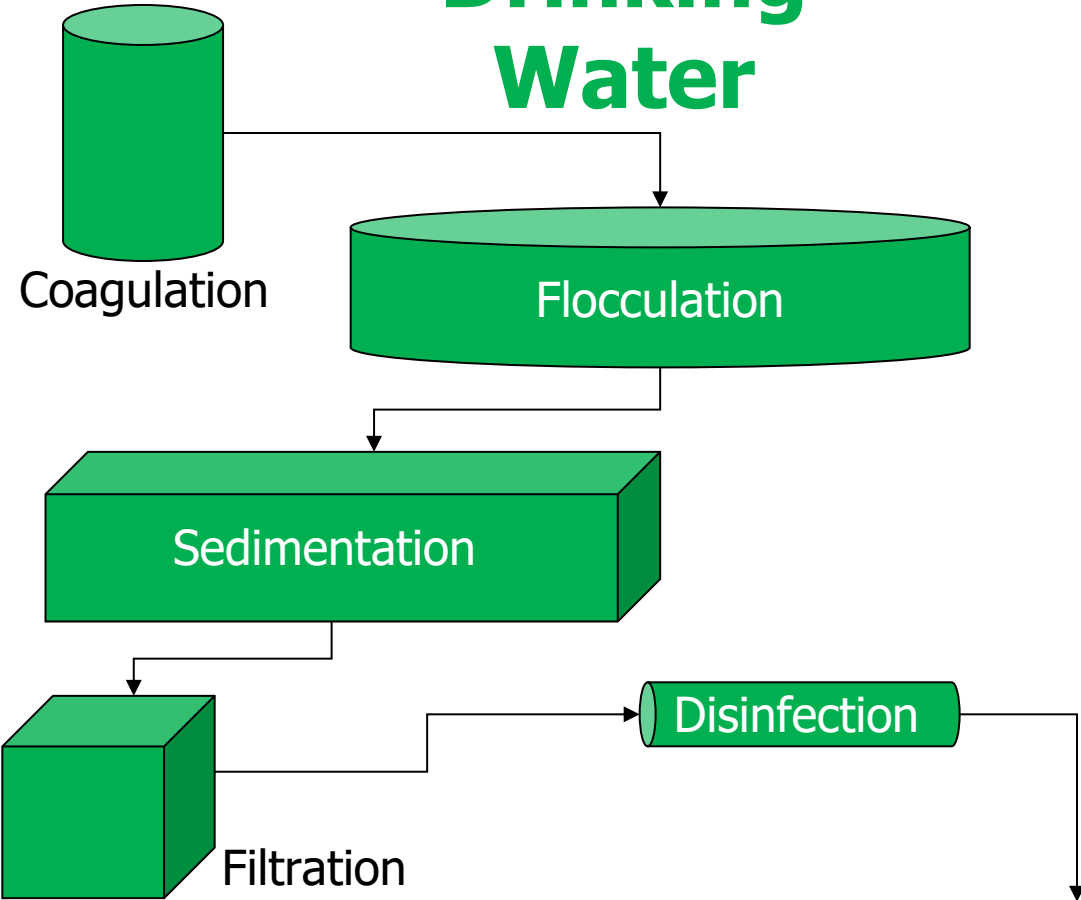
Drinking Water and Wastewater Treatment

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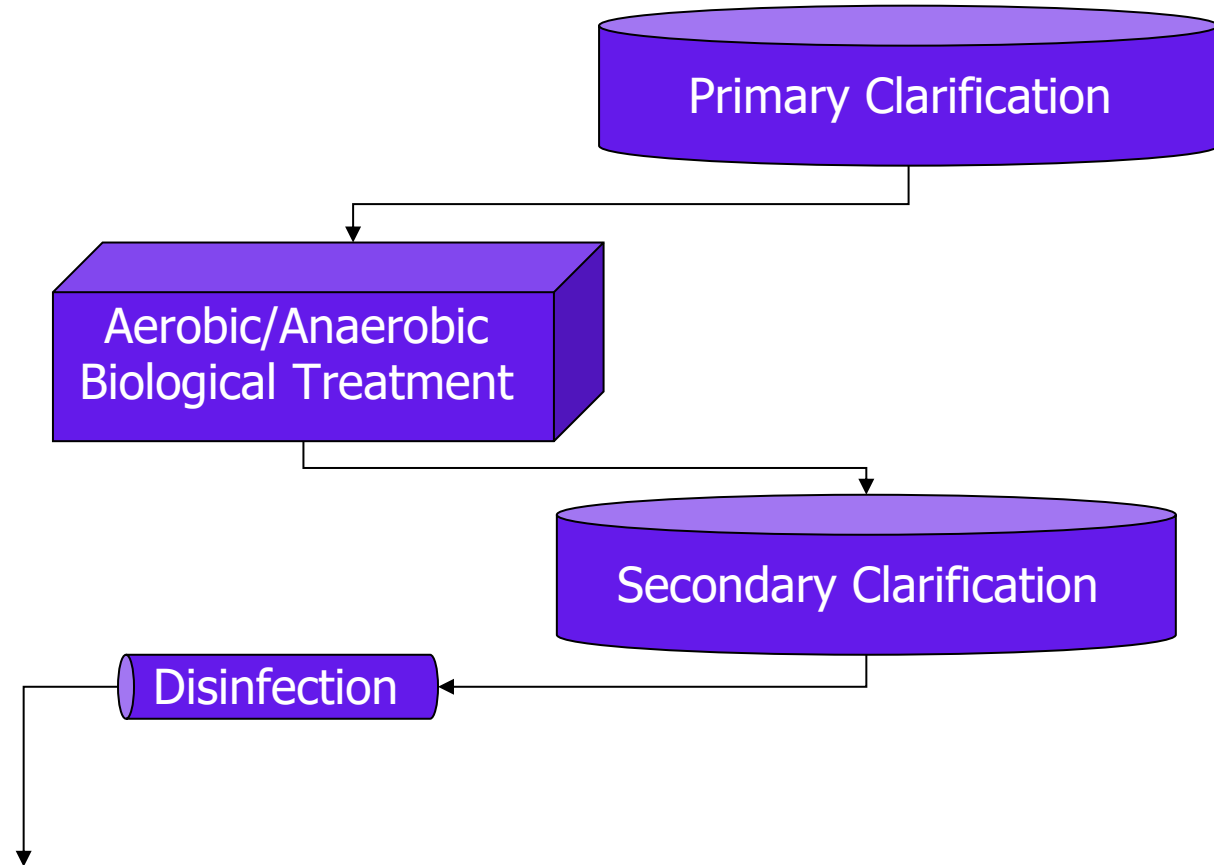


Conventional DW/WW Treatment

Drinking Water

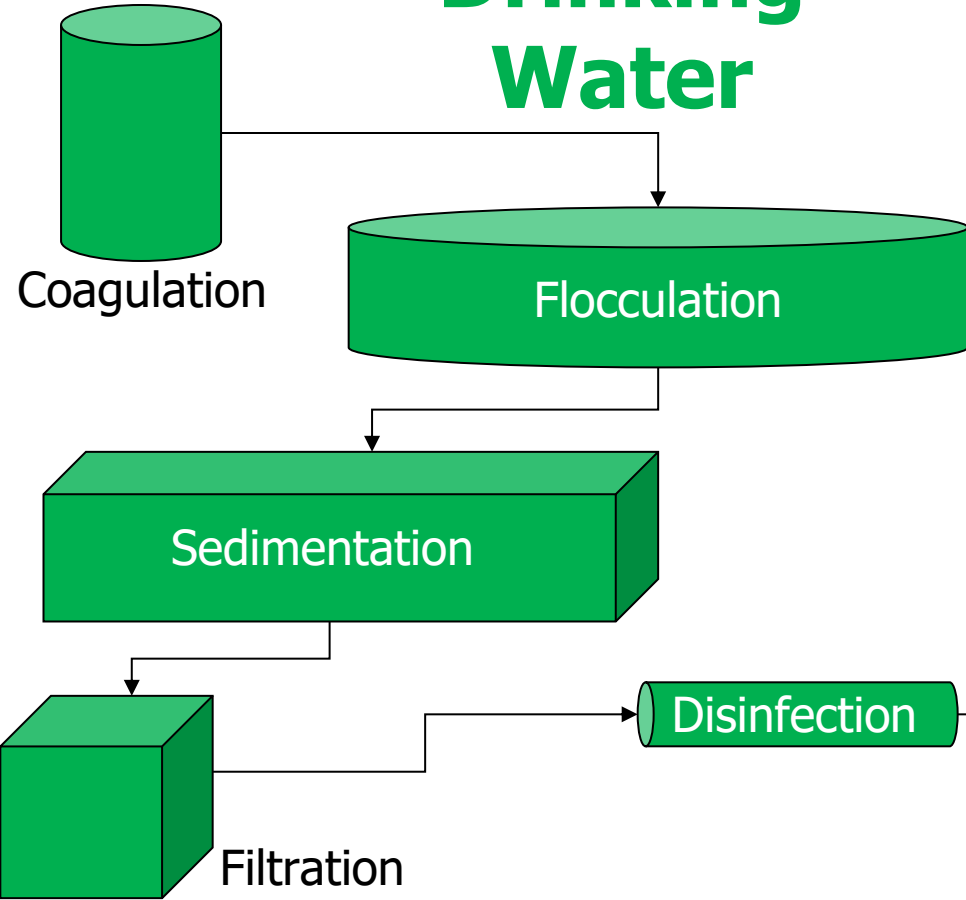


Wastewater



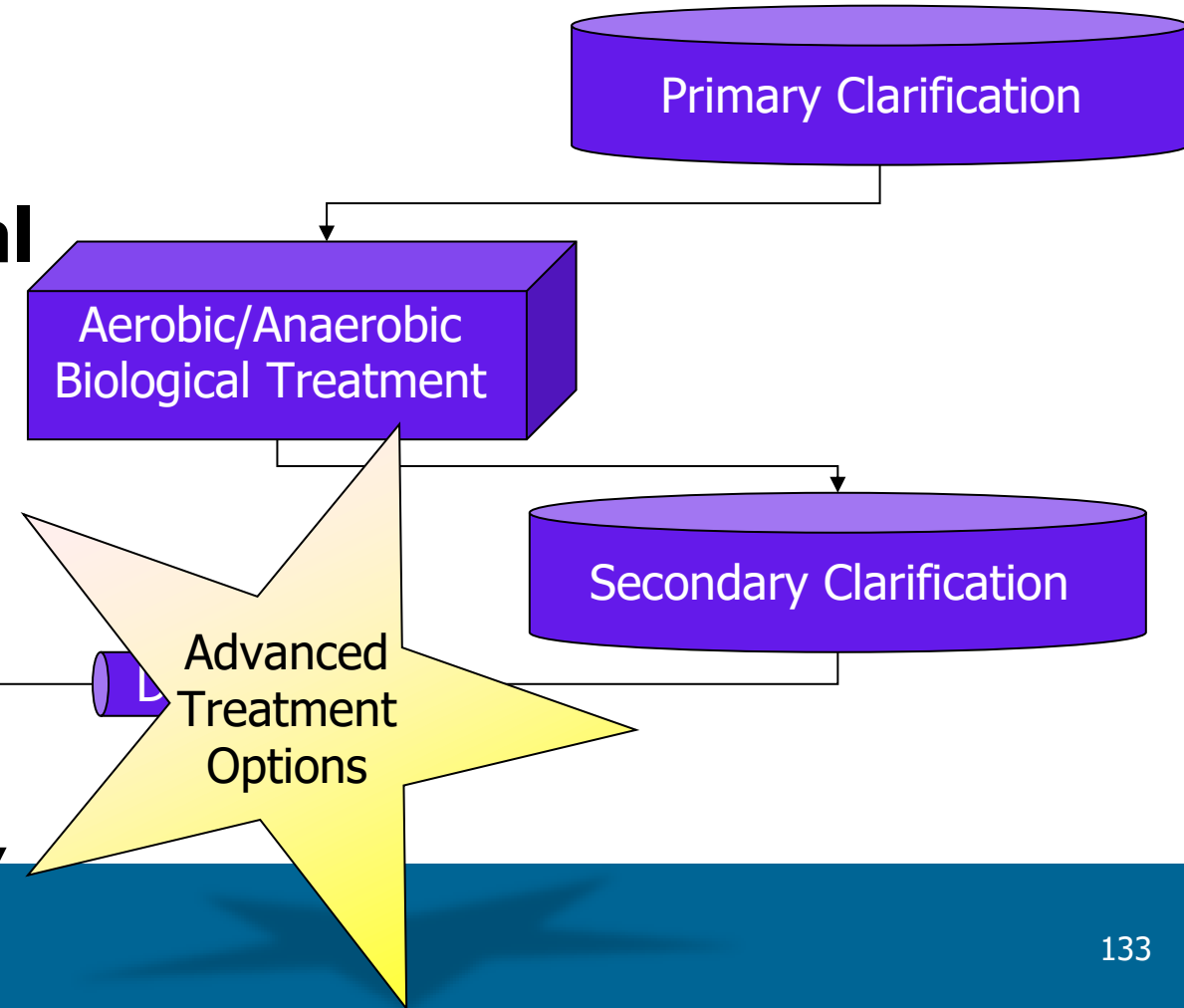
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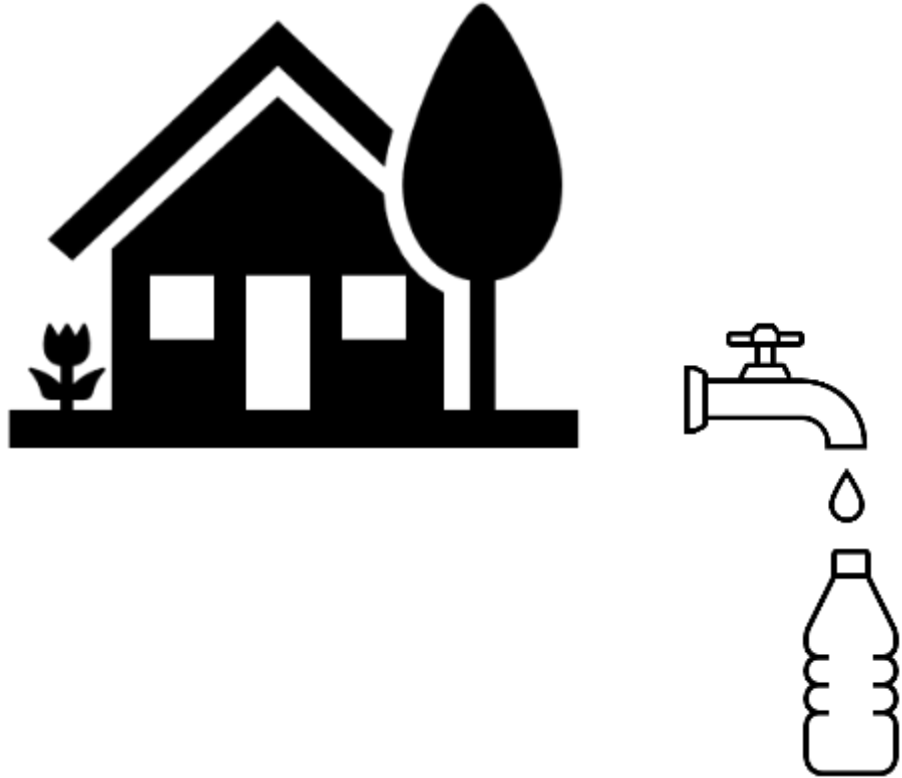
**Less
than
70%
Removal**

Wastewater



Residential DW Treatment

Case
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Common Residential Water Treatment

- Less effective
 - Particulate filters
 - Water softening
 - UV disinfection
 - Pitcher/faucet filters



- Activated carbon (i.e., LGAC) can be used if designed properly

Remediation and Treatment Technologies

(L) - Less effective
(E) - Emerging options
(F) - Fully demonstrated

- Many options for 1,4-dioxane treatment

- Best option will vary from site to site

- Be mindful of existing remediation approaches that might not be the best for 1,4-dioxane

1,4-Dioxane concentrations in groundwater
µg/L = micrograms per liter

< 150 µg/L

Thank you for attending! Questions & Answers?

1,4-Dioxane Modules will be hosted for separate viewing On Demand

Questions? itrc@itrcweb.org

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1,4-Dioxane Modules

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