Welcome to ITRC's Internet-based Training – Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing Of DNAPL Source Zones

Thank you for joining us. Today's training focuses on the ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance Document entitled:

"Technical and Regulatory Guidance for Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing Of DNAPL Source Zones"

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Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing of DNAPL Source Zones

Surfactant/cosolvent flushing involves the injection and subsequent extraction of chemicals to solubilize and/or mobilize dense, nonaqueous-phase liquids (DNAPLs). The chemical flood and the solubilized or mobilized DNAPL are removed through extraction wells, and the liquids are either disposed or treated on site. This is a mature technology in the petroleum-engineering field, supported by decades of research and field tests.

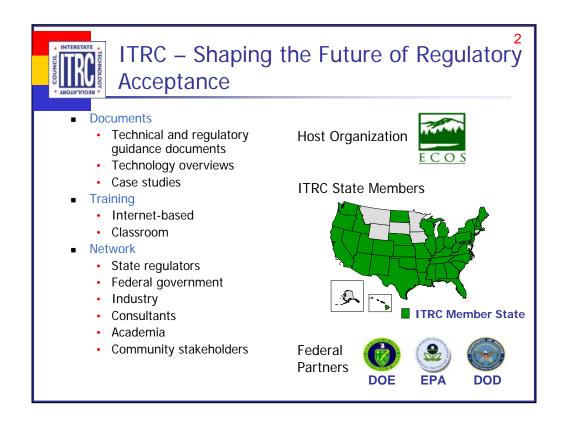
Environmental applications have become more common in recent years. The technology has been shown effective for several DNAPL types, including spent degreasing solvents (TCE and TCA), dry cleaning solvents (PCE), heavy fuel oils, and coal tar/creosote. Lab work has demonstrated applicability to PCB-containing mineral oils. The primary appeal of the technology is its potential to quickly remove a large fraction of the total DNAPL mass. Technical challenges include locating and delineating the DNAPL source zone, estimating the initial DNAPL mass and spatial distribution, characterizing the hydraulic properties of the aquifer, delivering and distributing the injected chemicals to the targeted zone, and designing the optimum chemical formulation for a given DNAPL composition and soil type. Typical concerns include the cost of disposal of the effluent, regulatory permitting for underground injection of tracers or flushing agents, the overall impact of unremoved DNAPL, and the expertise of the personnel involved in site remediation.

This training familiarizes participants with ITRC's <u>Technical and Regulatory Guidance for Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing of DNAPL Source Zones</u> (DNAPL-3, 2003), which provides technical and regulatory information to help people understand, evaluate and make informed decisions regarding potential surfactant/cosolvent flushing projects. Included are a description of the technology, system operation, performance assessment, regulatory considerations, stakeholder concerns, case studies, and technical references.

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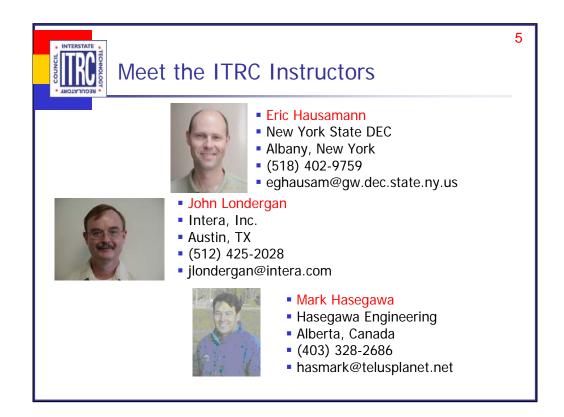
Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing Of DNAPL Source Zones

Presentation Overview

- Introduction
- Description and Overview
- Geological & Chemical Issues
- Questions and answers
- Process Design & Implementation
- Regulatory, Health & Safety, Stakeholder
- Questions and answers
- Links to additional resources
- Your feedback

Logistical Reminders

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 - * 7 to un-mute
 - Do NOT put call on hold
- Simulcast Audience
 - Use Tat top of each slide to submit questions
- Course Time = 2.25 hours
- 2 Question & Answer Periods
- Links to Additional Resources
- Your Feedback



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The DNAPL Problem

- Cleaning up contaminated sites with dense-non aqueousphase liquids (DNAPLs) present one of the biggest challenges in the environmental remediation field.
- There's a presumption, in some situations, that aquifer restoration is not feasible when DNAPLs are present.
- The issue of feasibility and arguments for and against remediating DNAPL source areas are the focus of a recent document entitled *DNAPL Source Reduction: Facing the Challenge* (ITRC, 2002).

Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing is one of the technologies that treats DNAPL source zones.

No Associated Notes



What will you learn from this course?



- Basics of surfactant/cosolvent flushing technology
- Applications and limitations of the technology
- Steps that must be taken to delineate DNAPL source zone characterization prior to design, installation, and operation
- Design and operational issues
- Regulatory requirements, health and safety issues, stakeholder issues



Course Content



- Technology Description and Overview
- Geological Design Considerations and Issues
 - Geosystem Model
 - DNAPL Source Zone Delineation and Characterization
 - Aquifer Properties Characterization
 - Laboratory Studies/Chemical Selection
- Process Design and Implementation
 - Mixing/Injection Issues
 - Extraction System Issues
 - Monitoring and Sampling
- Regulatory Requirements, Health and Safety Issues, Stakeholder Issues



Key Concepts/Definitions

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- <u>DNAPL</u> dense, non-aqueous phase liquid; DNAPL entry location is where the liquid entered the subsurface
- <u>DNAPL zone</u> is the volume of pore space in the subsurface contaminated with DNAPL (also called "source" or "source zone")
- <u>saturation</u> fraction of the soil pore volume that is filled with DNAPL
- <u>capillary barrier</u> geologic unit that impedes migration of DNAPLs due to the small size of its pore spaces; it should be of substantial thickness and k=<10⁻⁶ cm/sec

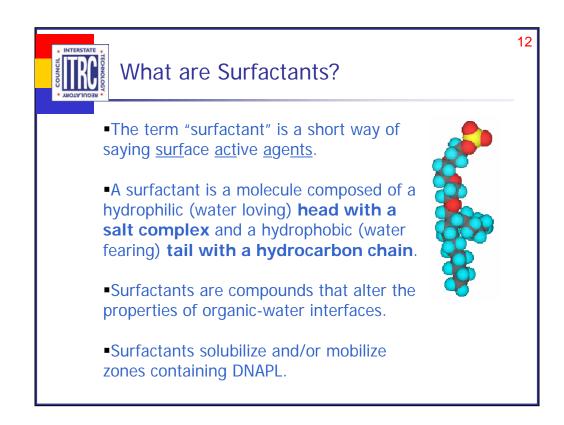


Key Concepts/Definitions (Cont'd)

- mobility control the ability to direct fluid flow into less permeable/accessible zones in the subsurface via the use of water-soluble polymers, gels or surfactant-based foams
- wettability affinity of one immiscible fluid for a solid surface in the presence of a second or third immiscible fluid
- micelle aggregations of surfactant monomers

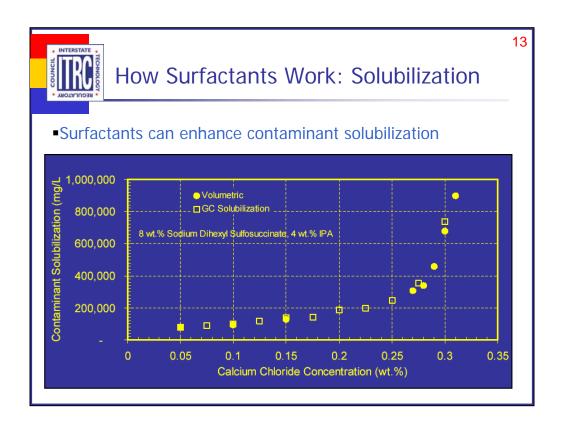


- microemulsion thermodynamically stable swollen micellar solution, i.e., contaminant and water molecules partitioned into the center of a micelle.
- <u>SEAR</u> surfactant-enhanced aquifer remediation.



Soap is a common example of a surfactant

Like soaps, surfactants used to mobilize DNAPLs can cause foaming when exposed to surface air





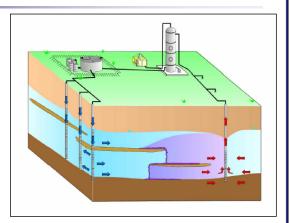
What are Cosolvents?

- •Cosolvents are similar to surfactants in that they also alter the properties of solution interfaces.
- •Cosolvents are commonly alcohols such as ethanol, methanol, and isopropanol.
- •Cosolvents are often combined with surfactants to improve flood performance.

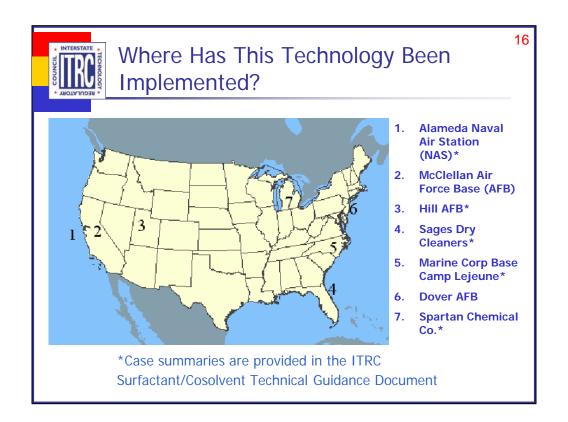


What is Surfactant/Cosolvent Flushing?

- It is a DNAPL-removal technology that involves the injection and subsequent extraction of chemicals to solubilize and/or mobilize DNAPLs.
- The produced liquids are then either disposed off-site for treatment, or treated on site to remove contaminants and then reinjected to remove additional mass.



The appeal of surfactant/cosolvent flushing is its potential to quickly remove a large fraction of the total DNAPL mass.



Applicability		17
Relative Applicability as	it Relates	<u>to</u>
<u>Different Geologic Enviro</u>	<u>onments</u>	- Channella la cofficiella com
Less Heterogeneous		Shown to be effective for several DNAPL types,
High Permeability (sand and gravel, >10 ⁻³ cm/sec)	1	including spent degreasing solvents (TCE and TCA), dry cleaning solvents (PCE), heavy fuel oils and coal tar/creosote.
Moderate Permeability (silts, silty sands and clayey sands, 10 ⁻³ to 10 ⁻⁴ cm/sec)	2	
Low Permeability (silty clays and clay, <10 ⁻⁵ cm/sec)	4	
<u>Heterogeneous</u>		Surfactant/cosolvent flushing is primarily used to target the
Moderate Contrasts	1	removal of DNAPLs and is not
Large Contrasts	3	well suited for the remediation of dissolved, sorbed, or
Fractured Rock	4	volatilized plumes. Note: 1 is the most favorable



Limitations



- It is a complex technology
- It is limited by aquifer heterogeneities (not yet been proven to be effective in clays or fractured rock)
- A considerable amount of laboratory and modeling work is required prior to implementation
- There is a risk that DNAPL could be mobilized and not recovered with the extraction system
- Uncontrolled mobilization can result in migration of contaminants into previously uncontaminated aquifer regions
- Extracted groundwater with surfactant/cosolvent and DNAPL requires a significant degree of handling



Key Issues and Concerns



- Determining extent of DNAPL zone
- Estimating the initial volume of DNAPL mass
- Properly characterizing hydraulic properties of aquifer
- Finding optimum chemical formulation for a given DNAPL composition and soil type
- Successfully delivering and distributing injected chemicals to targeted zone
- Making sure that uncontrolled vertical and horizontal migration is avoided
- Proper handling and treatment of fluids recovered and wastes generated

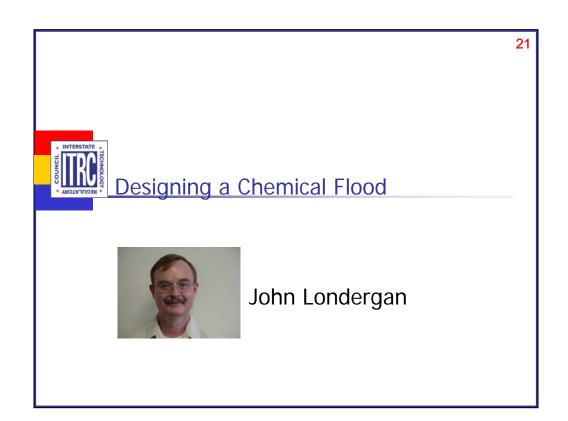


Setting Goals for DNAPL Source Remediation



- DNAPL sites pose special cleanup challenges. Due to their complex nature, a phased approach to characterization is important.
- Remedial goals should be different for DNAPL zone compared to dissolved plume (plume containment and/or aquifer restoration vs. mass reduction to an established level)
- Removing DNAPL mass while managing dissolved-phase plume downgradient of source can significantly shorten the duration of cleanup





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Design Components

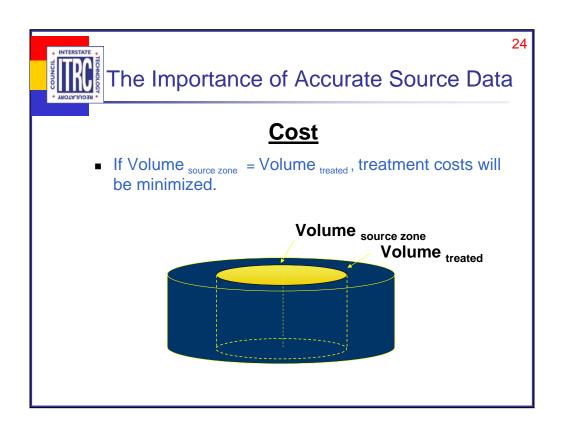
- Surface Facilities and Pipeline Completions
- Waste Treatment and Recycling
- Subsurface Design
 - Well Array configuration, locations, screened intervals
 - · Chemical ingredients and amounts
 - Flow Rates and Concentrations (influent and effluent)
 - Durations
 - Monitoring locations/frequencies
- Systematic Treatment Concept (integration with other remedial processes)

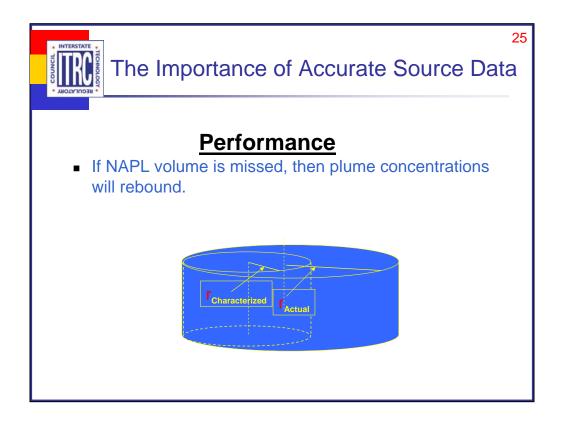
Discussion of advective processes



Subsurface Remediation Design Basis

- Source Zone (Geosystem) Characterization
 - Design Basis
 - Baseline for Performance Assessment
- Laboratory Studies
 - surfactant selection
 - phase behavior
 - bench-scale testing
- Numerical design modeling
- These tasks have to be integrated with the process design





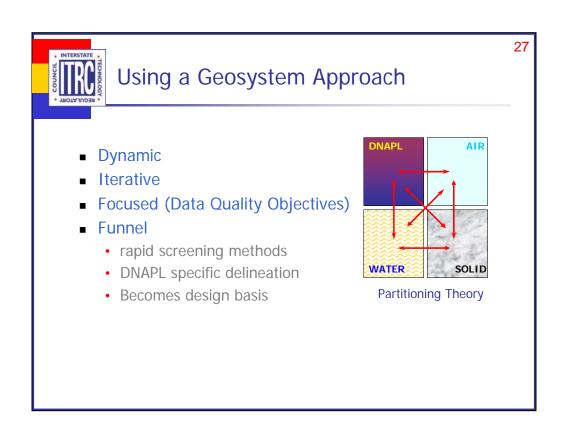


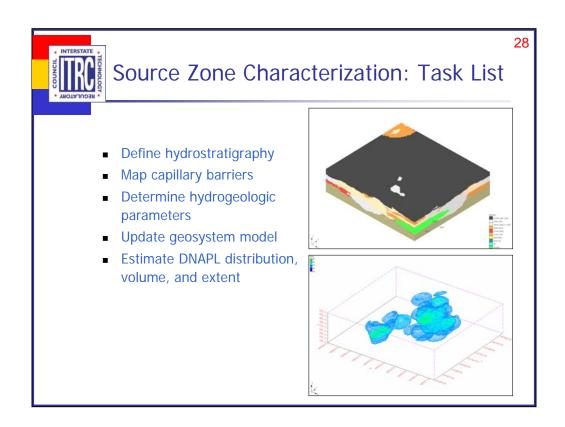
What is a "Geosystem Model"?

• Comprehensive description of the source zone:

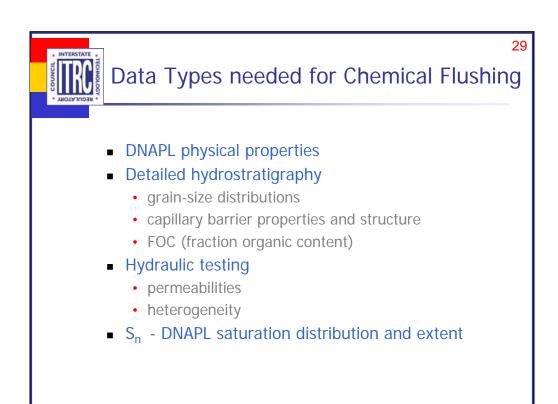
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- Hydrostratigraphy
- Hydrogeology
- Geochemistry
- Physical properties of the DNAPL
- Multi-phase fluid flow parameters
- Progresses from conceptual to quantitative
- Guides characterization and becomes the remediation design basis

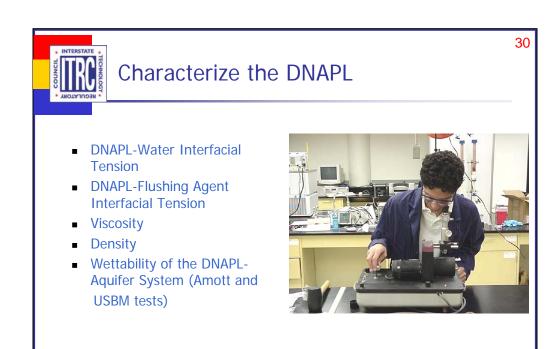




Discussion of depositional environment and other factors that influence the DNAPL locations



FOC = Fraction Organic Content

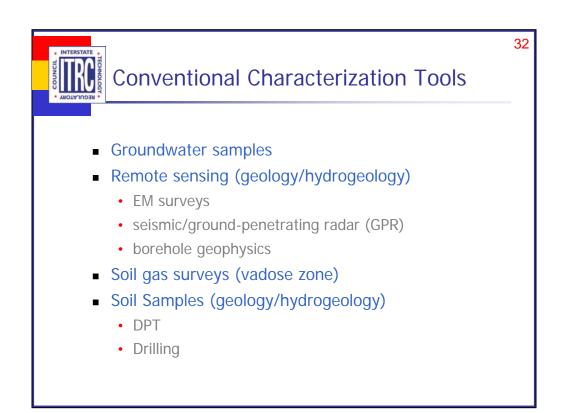




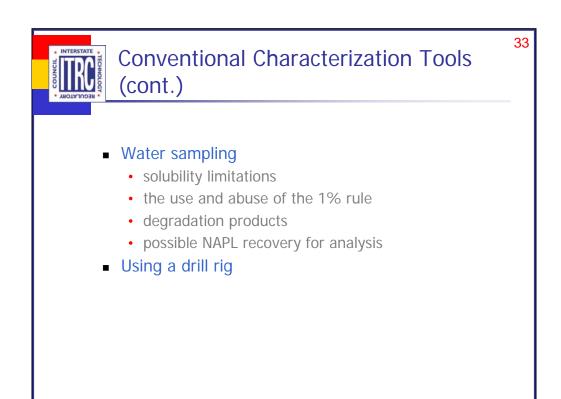
Source-Focused Desk Top Review

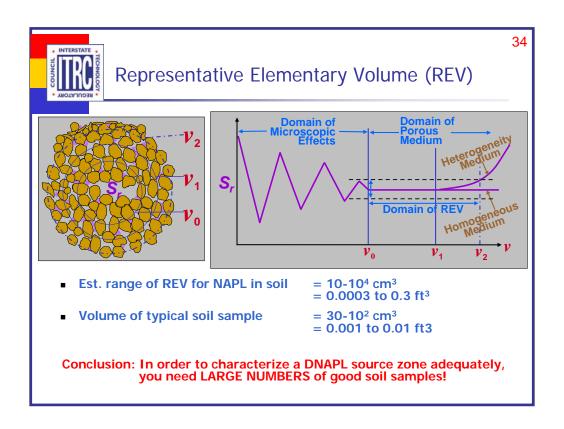
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- Look for:
 - release point
 - release history and volume (ha!)
 - NAPL properties
 - hydrostratigraphy (where is the NAPL going?)
 - plume attributes
- Assimilate data into Geosystem (scoping calculations)
- Identify data gaps and evaluate data needs
- Plan objectives for investigation

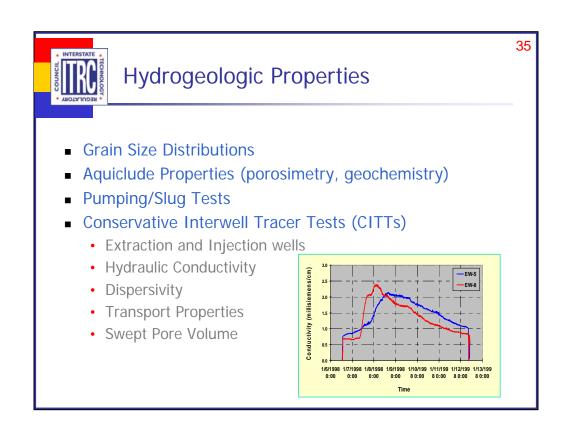


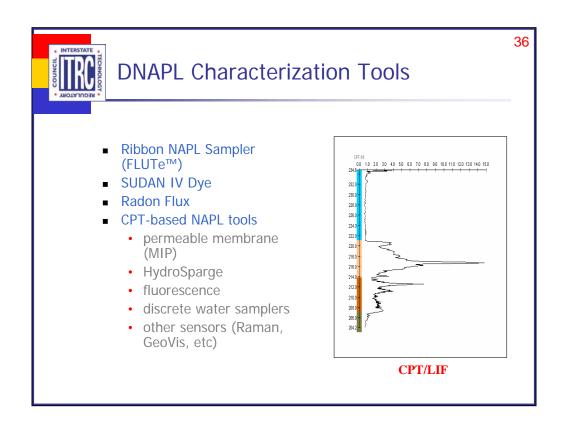
"DPT" refers to "Direct Push Technologies"





A key concept of the EPA TRIAD approach is that you must obtain "Decision-Quality Data." For a DNAPL source zone, this can mean that a lot of samples may be required to allow you to make the proper remedial design decisions.





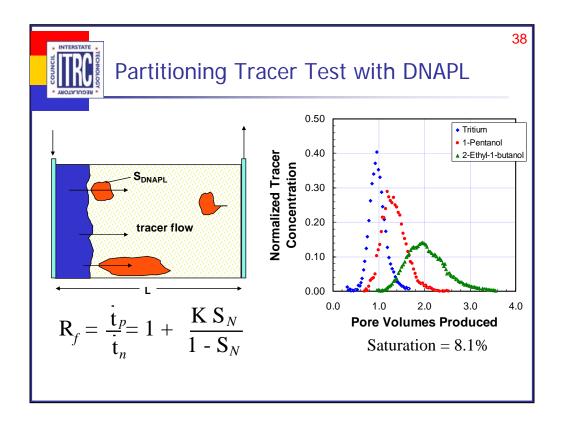
CPT = cone penetrometer LIF = laser induced flourescence

CPT is applicable only in environments that allow for the operation of push tools. Gravels, cobbles, caliche, and rock are examples of geologic environments that are not favorable to CPT.



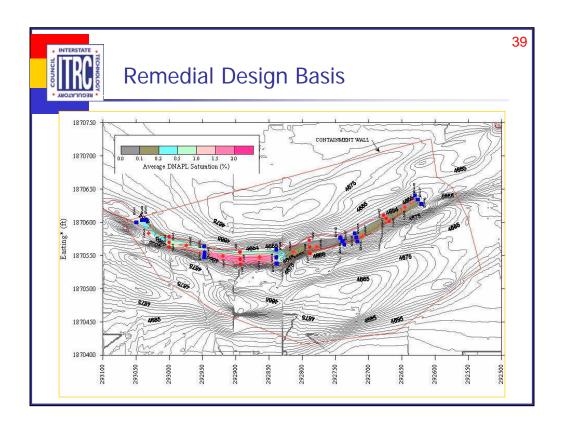
Partitioning Interwell Tracer Tests (PITTs)

- Developed for NAPL site characterization by DE&S and Dr. Gary Pope at UT Austin
- Adopted by EPA & the USAF for technology performance assessment at Hill, AFB, Utah
- Over 40 conducted since 1994
- U.S. Patent No. 5,905,036

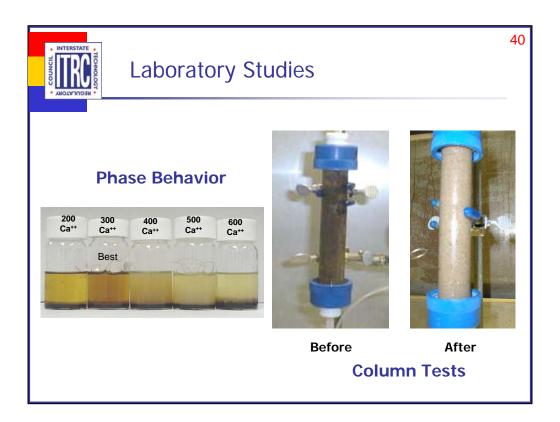


Notes;

This test was performed at Hill AFB near Salt Lake City, Utah



A paleochannel at Hill AFB forms a hydrogeologic trap for DNAPL



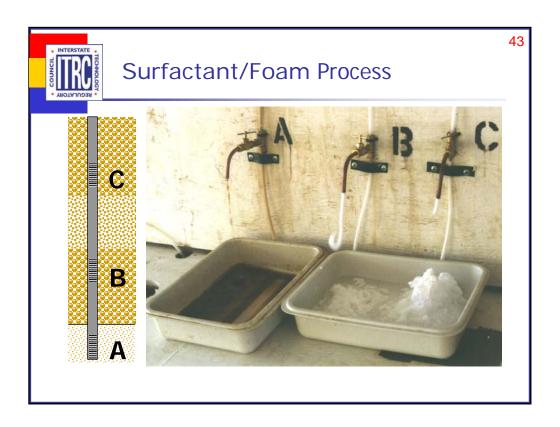


Surfactant Selection

- Compatibility with site soil and NAPL, may require tailoring NAPL-specific surfactants
 - · incompatibility can cause pore plugging
- High NAPL solubilization, IFT reduction
- Biodegradability
- Above-Ground Treatability
- Commercial availability & economics



Mobility control concepts were developed in the petroleum industry



Soap is the most common example of a surfactant. When exposed to air, surfactants may foam as does soap.

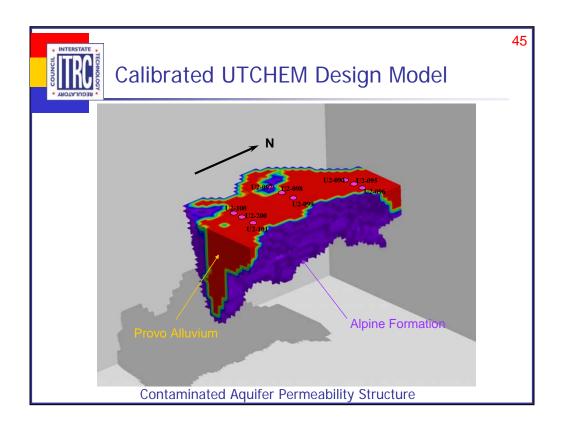
The foam in units B & C causes the fluid flow to be re-directed to the less permeable zone Unit A.



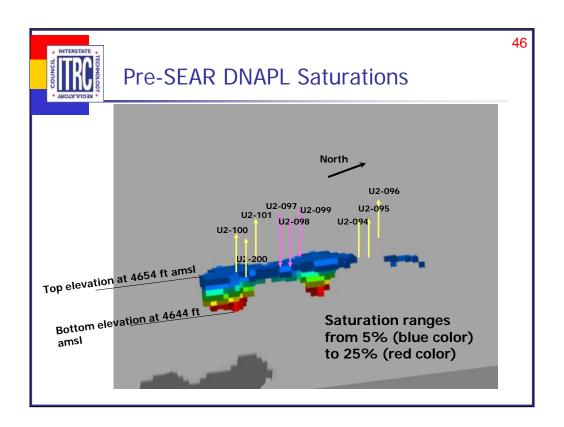
Numerical DesignModeling

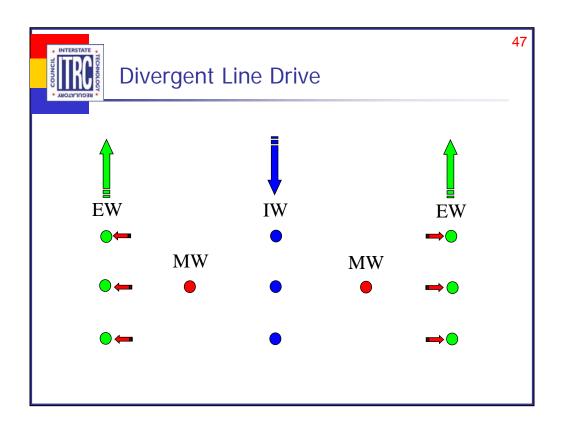
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- Chemical flood simulator from the University of Texas
- Multi-phase, multi-dimensional chemical compositional simulator
- Biodegradation, vadose zone capability
- U.S. EPA (1999) approved numerical simulator

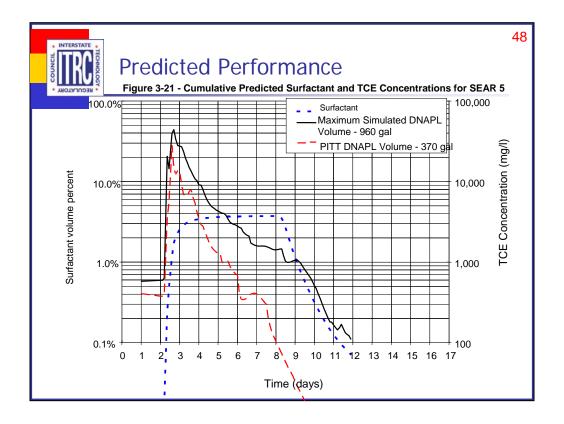


Computer model used to optimize the surfactant flood design

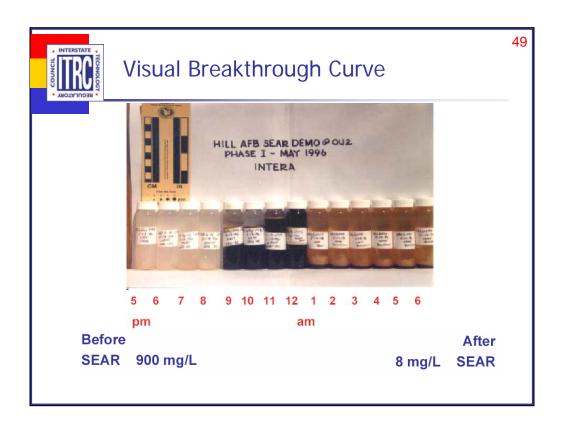




IW = Injection Well, and EW = Extraction Well

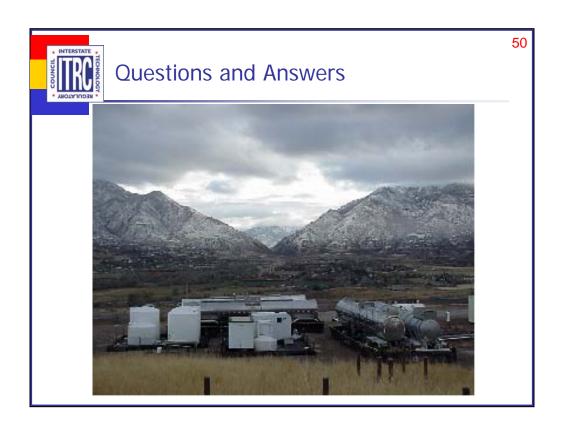


Predicted effluent characteristics during the flood



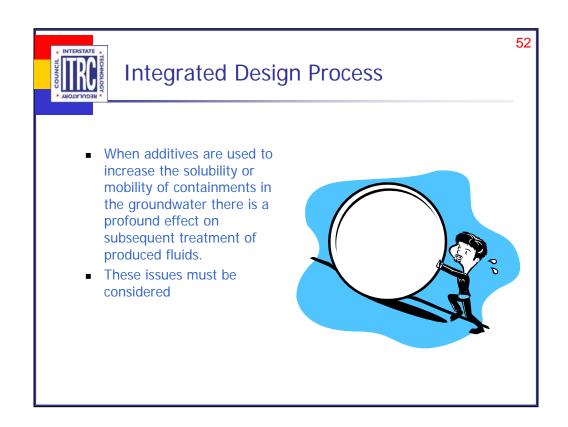
"SEAR" is an acronym for "Surfactant Enhanced Aquifer Remediation"

Note that the recovery wells are recovering only clear water prior to introduction of the surfactant, and then begin to recover the mobilized DNAPL.

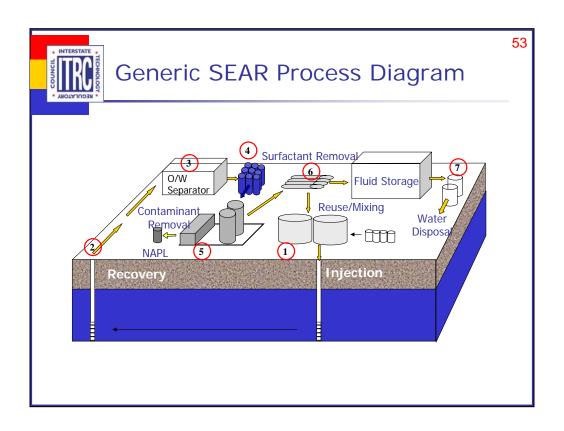




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Processes that help remove the contaminants in the subsurface make it harder to treat the effluent



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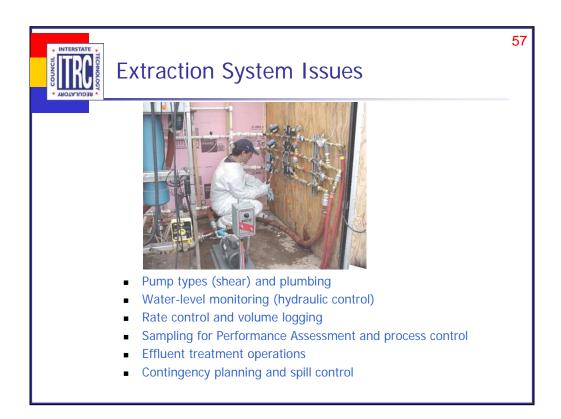
Cost is the primary issue that influences the treatment design

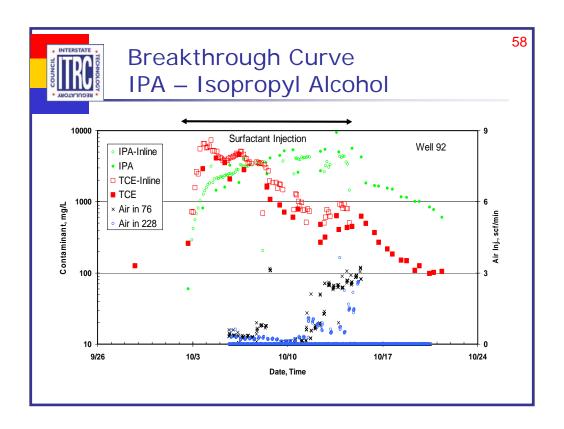


Surfactants can be very sensitive to hard water



The physical process systems have improved markedly since the technology was first used





Actual curve from a flushing project. The process equipment must be designed to handle the variations in the extracted fluids.



Once the contaminated water has been extracted from the ground, the contaminants must be removed prior to re-injection



MEUF is an acronym for "Micellar-Enhanced UltraFiltration" LEUF is an acronym for "L -Enhanced UltraFiltration"



Monitoring and Sampling Issues

- Performance monitoring (Is the process working?")
- Data Objectives
- Sampling/Monitoring Parameters
- Data Quality Objectives
- Sampling/Monitoring Locations
- Purge/Waste Water Handling and Treatment
- Sampling/Monitoring Schedule
- Sample Logging, Control, and Handling
- Sample Analyses



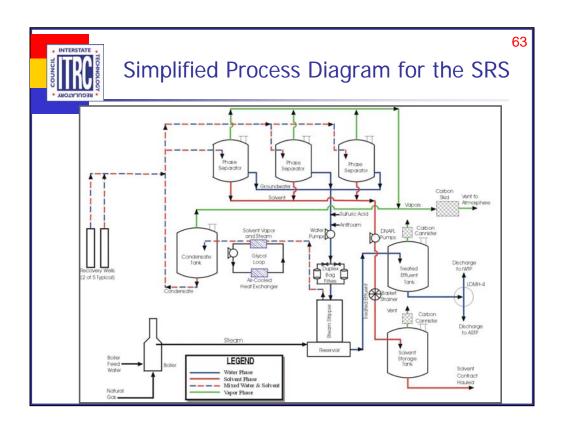
An onsite lab is very beneficial



Process Control Issues

- Control Parameters and Specifications
- Ranges and Tolerances
- Alarms and Alerts
- Trending and Logging/Reporting Needs
- System Reliability
- System Flexibility





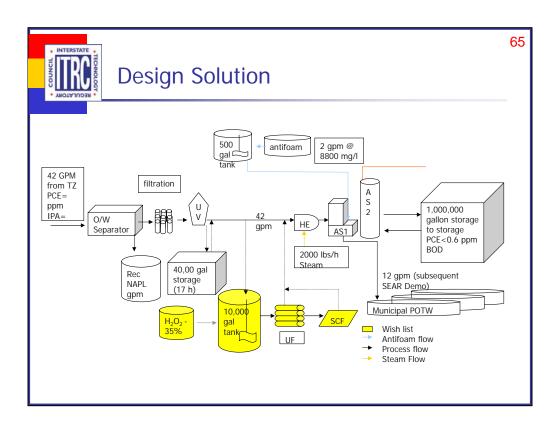
SRS is "Surfactant Removal System"

Printing this slide may help you read the details

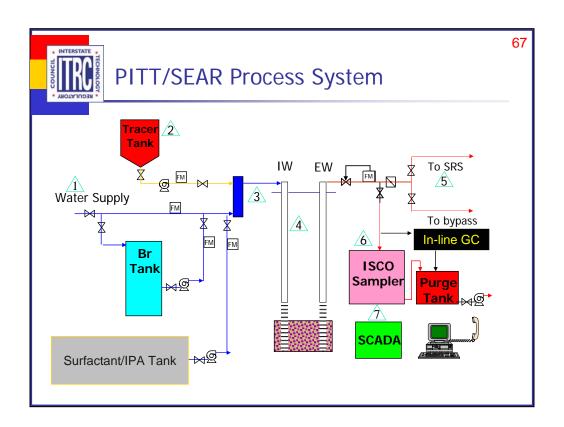
Design Example

Surfactant flood which included 8 % IPA
Influent characteristics
PCE concentration from 0 – 6000 ppm
IPA 40,000 PPM
Flow rate = 50 gpm
Treatment requirements
Discharge to POTW (publicly owned treatment works)
2500 lb/d BOD (biological oxygen demand) limit
5 ppb restriction on PCE
Other considerations
Air emission restrictions for PCE, IPA
Ample storage onsite including 700,000 gallon tank
Onsite boilers
Maximum cost of \$400,000

This data is from an actual surfactant flood project POTW is an acronym for "Privately Owned treatment Works" BOD is an acronym for "Biological Oxygen Demand"







ISCO = in-situ chemical oxidation

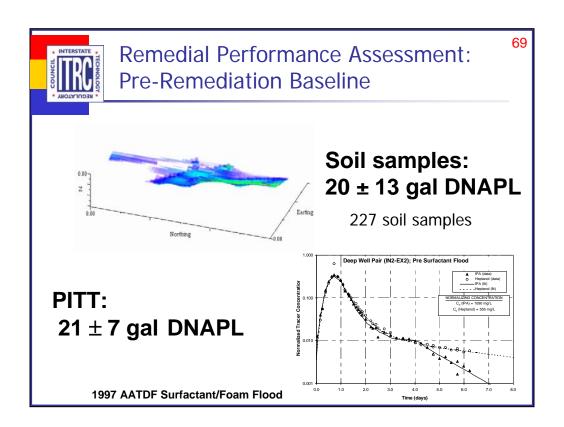


Performance Assessment

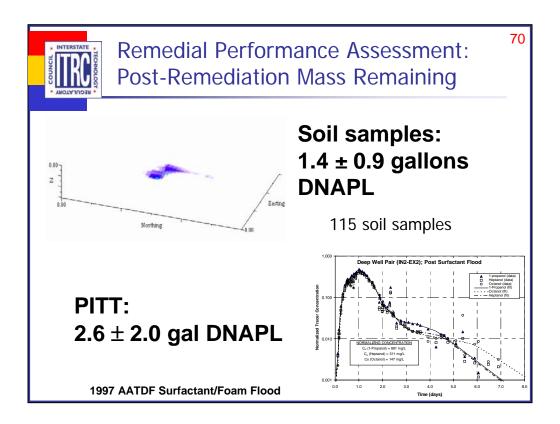
- Key Aspect of any Remediation Technology
- Easy to say, hard to do
- Performance criteria needs to be defined prior to starting the project

Methods Include;

- Soil Sampling before and after
- Mass recovery
- Groundwater Concentrations before and after
- Mass Flux in Groundwater before and after
- Partitioning Tracer Tests
- Other Non-intrusive Methods

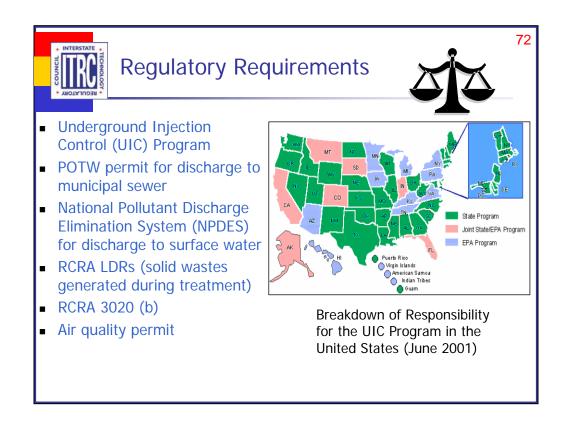


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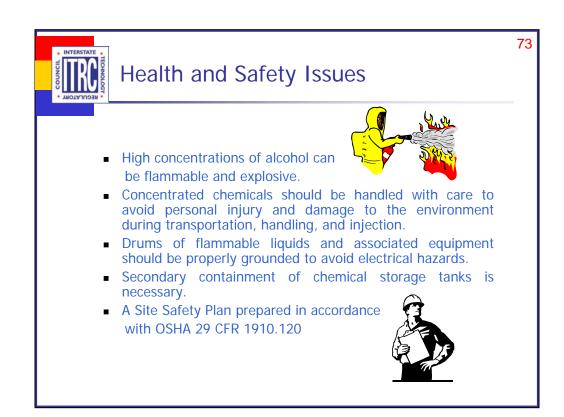




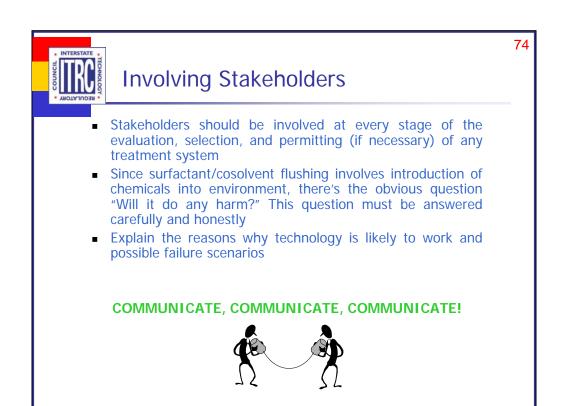
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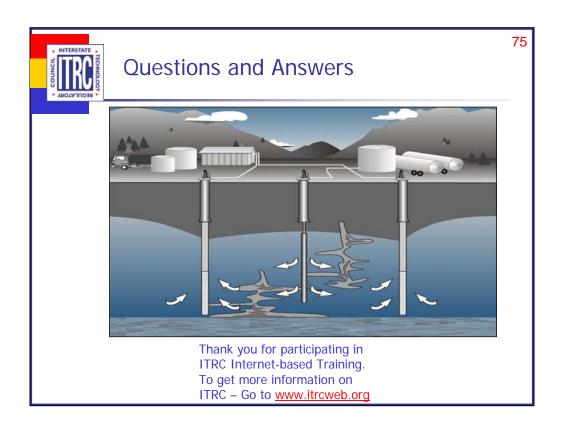
Flushing technologies involve the introduction of chemicals into the ground. An NPDES or POTW permit may be required, depending on the method of discharge. An air quality permit may be required depending on the amount discharged to the air.

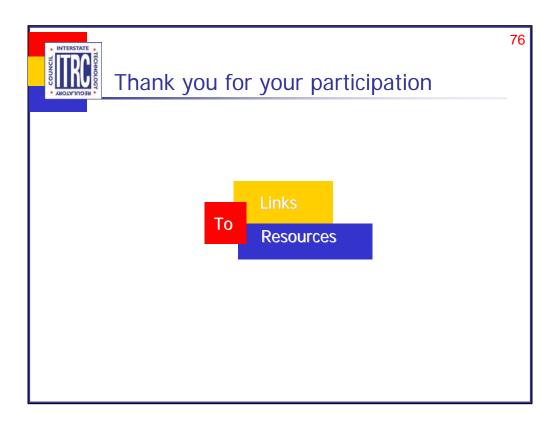


Surfactant flushing requires that workers handle chemicals that may be flammable or explosive. Secondary containment of chemicals must be considered.



Stakeholders should be involved in the process at an early stage, and must be educated so that they understand the technology.





Links to additional resources: http://www.clu-in.org/conf/itrc/flushing/resource.cfm

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