# OVERVIEW OF IN-SITU BIOREMEDIATION OF ORGANICS: CHALLENGES AND TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENTS

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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- More Recent Advances
  - Alternative/Hybrid Amendments
  - Bioaugmentation
- Common Challenges
  - "DCE/VC Stall"
  - Amendment Delivery (e.g., lower permeability) heterogeneous lithology)

## **CURRENT STATE OF BIOREMEDIATION**



- Most common treatment technology for organics (especially chlorinated VOCs)
- Often selected as default "cookie cutter" technology for petroleum and chlorinated VOCs
- Design often based on default rules-of-thumb as low cost approach

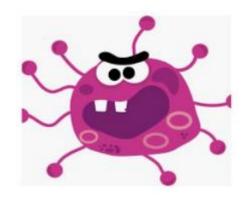
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## **ALTERNATIVE/HYBRID AMENDMENTS**



- Fast and Slow Release Carbon Mixtures
- Abiotic/Biotic Hybrid Amendments
  - Carbon/ZVI
  - Titanium Citrate/Vitamin B12/Carbon
  - Iron Sulfide Generators (Chemical Reduction)
  - Sodium Dithionate
- > Other
  - Bioaugmentation
  - Methane Inhibitors









## DCE/VC STALL



- Slow degradation rate more accurate description
- > Indicator parameters: total ethene molarity; total organic chlorine molarity and chlorine number roughly constant
- Possible optimization actions:
- Improve amendment delivery volume/distribution
- Closer injection spacings & increase injection volume
- Alternating injection locations to minimize stagnation zones
- pH adjustment (between 6.5 & 8)
- Bioaugmentation (including vitamin B12 & nutrients [ammonia])

Reference: Microbial Insights, Inc. webinar titled "DCE Stall: Causes and Cures" by Robert Borden, PE, PhD, EOS Remediation, LLC



## AMENDMENT DELIVERY ENHANCEMENTS



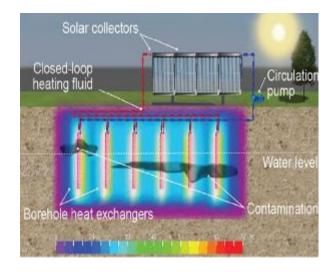
- Groundwater recirculation
- Targeted injection depth(s)
- Fracturing/high pressure jetting
- Large diameter augers
- "Grout Bomber" (ESTCP Project ER201627)
- Heat enhancements (ESTCP) Projects ER200719 & 205028 [awarded June 2020])

Reference: ITRC Tech Reg titled "Optimizing Injection Strategies and In Situ Remediation Performance" available electronically at itrcweb.org





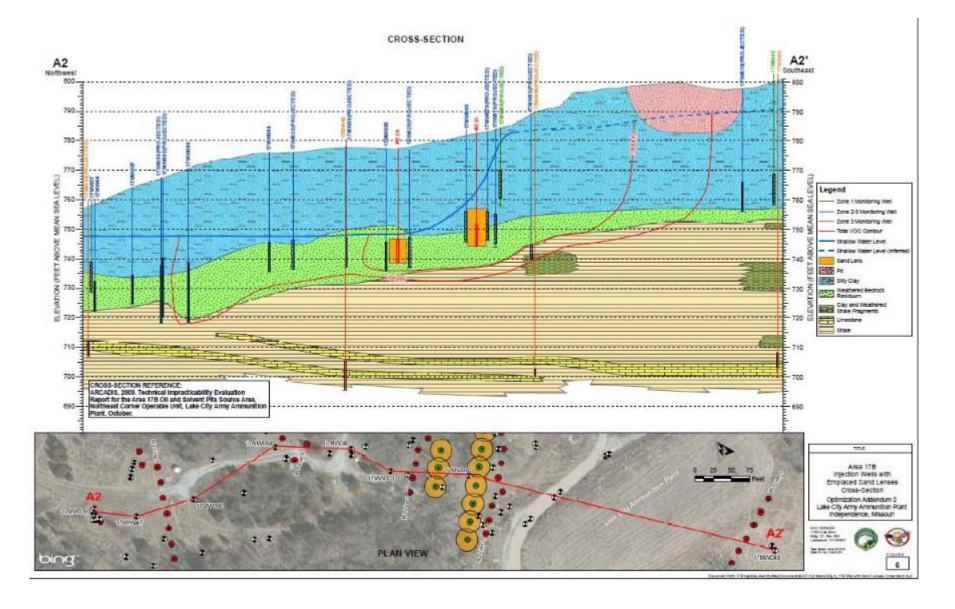






## LAKE CITY AAP HYDROFRACTURING CASE STUDY





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#### LAKE CITY AAP HYDROFRACTURING CASE STUDY



- ➤ ESTCP Project ER201430
- ➤ 2015 hydraulic fracturing: enhance delivery of ERD amendments
- ➤ 13 points with multiple stacked fractures
- Roughly 30-foot spacing
- Substantial increase in volumes delivered:

Line 2 (2015): Avg. 303 gal/point Frac lines: Avg. 600 gal/point

- Some breakout at surface, but good success in creating stacked fractures
- > NAPL in some blowback fluids



- (A) Customized sand lens injection equipment.
- (B) Guar-sand injection solution with rhodamine dye.
- (C) DPT installation of sand lens.



## LAKE CITY AAP BASELINE CONDITIONS



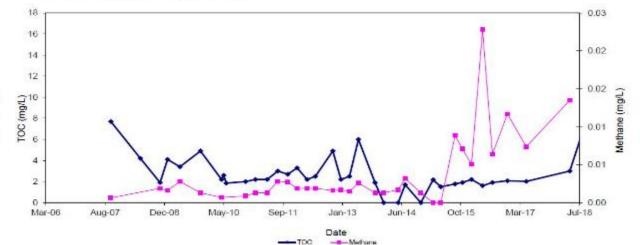
#### MW79 20 ft downgradient of injection well

Date	PCE		TCE		cis-1,	cis-1,2 DCE		/C	TCE:DCE mo
	(ug/L)	(umol/L)	(ug/L)	(umol/L)	(up/L)	(umol/L)	(ug/L)	(umol/L)	ratio
51/15/07	3200	1913	4600	35.0	7100	73.2	0	- D	0.478
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4/24/08							11		
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11/12/08	2200	13.3	96000	731	3700	36.2	110	0.176	150 T
1/14/09	1100	6.63	120000	913	7800	80.5	0	0	11.3
4/28/09	6200	37.4	180000	1370	18000	186	0	0	7.37
10/19/09	1100	6.63	110000	837	11000	113	0	0	7.41
4/15/10	1400	0.82	205000	1560	23700	244	. 0	D.	6.39
9/1/10									
10/14/10									
11/3/10	1050	6.33	84600	644	55700	5/5	0	- O	1.12
1/25/11	1820	11.0	120000	913	56600	607	0	0	1.50
5/4/11	6//	4.08	42500	323	48/00	502	. 0	D	0.643
8/1/11	880	5.31	82100	625	59400	813	- 0	0	1.002
10/24/11	797	4.61	60100	457	78600	011	0	D	0.564
1/11/12	108	0.963	8670	66.2	10900	112	0	0	0.582
4/4/12	1070	6.45	78600	598	66400	675	0	0	0.886
6/13/12	2520	15.2	176000	1340	52500	542	.0	n	2.47
11/7/12	1700	10.3	140000	1070	62000	640		0	1.65
1/15/13	2010	12.1	192000	1460	56300	601	0	0	2.43
3/2//13	2810	16.9	203000	1550	51500	531	0	U	2.92
6/18/13	1670	10.1	140000	10/0	58100	5680	. 0	- 0	1:79
10/25/13	2000	12.2	146000	1110	75000	780	- 0	0	1.42
1/14/14	2180	13.1	153000	1:160	84700	874	0	0	1.33
6/12/14	3170	19.1	196000	1490	67200	693	0	0	2.16
7/9/14	2000	12.1	97600	743.0	102000	1050.0	0	U	0.708
11/1/0/14	168	1.0	90600	680.0	113000	1170 0	219	4	0.580
3/2/15	2310	13.9	114000	868.0	116000	1200.0	814	- 6	0.723
5/8/15	1340	8.1	79700	607.0	119000	1230.0	465	1	0.493
9/8/15	3100	10.7	154000	1170.G	89600	924.0	. 0	.0	1.266
11/6/15	1320	0.0	85100	648.0	80700	832.0	358	6	0.779
1/20/16	1710	10.3	120000	913.0	81600	842.0	239	4	1.084
4/21/16	1730	10.4	20100	686.0	107000	1100 0	0	- 0	0.624
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11/17/16	1690	10.2	136000	1040.0	99800	1030.0	0	0	1.010
4/13/17	1660	10.0	124000	944.0	89900	927.0	0	0	1.018
5/3/18	4180	26.2	173000	1320.0	98200	961.0	0	U	1.374

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#### MW81 20 ft downgradient of injection well

	PCE		TCE		CIS-1,2 DCE		Va		TCE:DCE mo	
Date	(Hg/L)	(umot/L)	(ug/L)	(umobil.)	(ug/L)	(umoniri.)	(HgH.)	(Jumet/L)	ratio	
9/24/07	5000	32.0	160000	1220	28000	402	0	0	3.03	
5/30/08										
11/12/08	29000	18.1	2490000	15865	150000	1586	- 0	- 0	1.01	
1/14/09	990	5.97	56000	426	20000	209	0	0	1.47	
4/2H/(B)	2100	12.7	82000	604	27000	279	- 11	()	2.24	
10/19/09	1300	7.04	20000	152	5500	56.7	-0	0	2.60	
4/15/10	1180	/ 12	2350	17.9	1430	14.8	- 0	()	121	
5/3/10	42XVV	2000.076	50.57077	S 34620A S	10000000	8	- 20	100	25 EVOCES IN	
5/24/10		9				100000000				
11/3/10	667	3.36	25200	192	20200	208	0	0	0.923	
1/25/11	1140	6.87	27400	209	20200	208	0	0	1.00	
5/4/11	571	3.44	13100	99.7	16500	170	Ö	o	0.586	
8/1/11	£023	4.64	160500	124	22000	227	()	():	0.546	
10/24/11	772	4.66	21500	164	28000	268	0	0	0.612	
1/11/12	1190	7 TH	42100	3520	48400	4505	[]	()	0.645	
4/4/12	1200	7.24	31900	243	60700	626	0	0	0.386	
6/13/12	1460	8.80	509800	400	54200	559	- 0	()	0 / 16	
11/7/12	1640	9.09	47100	350	49100	506	.0	0.	0.700	
1/15/13	1960	11.8	61600	469	70300	725	0	0	0.647	
3/20/13	2640	15.9	78500	597	60200	621	- 0	0	0.961	
6/11/13	2420	14.6	38700	295	30700	317	0	0	0.931	
10/29/13	2440	14.7	54400	414	43400	440	.0	0	0.924	
1/10/14	3210	19.4	77000	686	60000	619	0	0	0.947	
5/12/14	3140	18.9	655600	499	46300	478	U	O	1.04	
7/9/14	2780	16.8	49800	379	36000	371	0	0	1.02	
11/18/14	3240	19.5	72500	552	52300	539	0	0	1.02	
3/2/16	3090	18.6	68700	523	43100	445	0	0	1.18	
5/6/15	2100	13.1	43100	320	20900	290	0	0	1.10	
9/3/16	2240	13.6	39500	301	27200	281	81	1	1.07	
11/4/15	2180	13.1	40800	311	56800	588	U	U	0.53	
1/20/16	1850	11.2	47500	362	42400	437	0	0	0.83	
4/22/16	1750	10.6	2/100	206	18500	191	U	O	1.08	
7/14/16	1760	10.6	32300	246	25100	259	0	0	0.95	
11/18/16	2280	13.7	61200	390	39600	408	0	0	0.96	
4/25/17	2690	16.2	02000	624	56500	503	173	3	1.07	
4/27/18	1780	10.7	34700	264	24600	254	0	0	1.04	
5/22/19	1260	7.65	24300	185	22100	228	- 0	0	0.81	





### LAKE CITY AAP FRACTURING TREND RESULTS

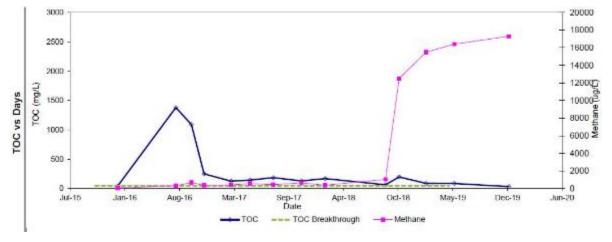


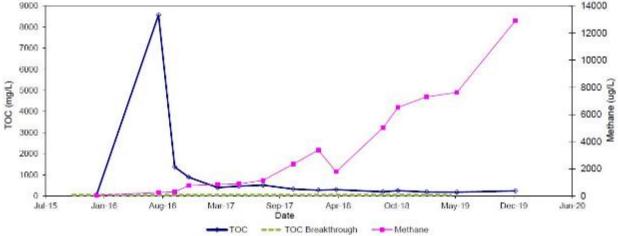
#### 17MW129 20 ft downgradient of injection well

Date	PCE		TCE		cis-1,2 DCE		VC		TCE:DCE mol
	(ug/L)	(umoVL)	(ug/L)	(umol/L)	(ug/L)	(umoVL)	(ug/L)	(umol/L)	ratio
1/4/2016	366	2	20200	154.000	56500.00	583.0000	563	9	0.3
8/4/2016	0	0	931	7.09	82400	850	8590	137	0.008
9/30/2016	0	0	1370	10.40	66600	687	5710	91	0.015
11/15/2016	0	0	0	0.00	298000	3070	13100	210	0.000
2/22/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	278000	2870	12200	195	0.000
5/3/2017	0.00	0.00	12700	96.70	242000	2500	17800	285	0.039
7/27/2017	0.00	0.00	12800.00	97.40	290000	2990	15300	245	0.033
11/7/2017	0.00	0.00	15600.00	119.00	219000	2260	11500	184	0.053
12/8/2017	200000		ROWN-NEWS				0.000		200819
2/1/2018	0.00	0.00	5160.00	39.30	206000	2120	26000	416	0.019
9/10/2018	308	2	23900	182	266000	2740.00	33700	539.00	0.066
10/30/2018	0	0	3100.0	23.600	60400	623.00	35100.0	562.000	0.038
2/6/2019	0.00	0.00	1810.00	13.80	5760.00	59.40	5880.00	94.10	0.232
5/20/2019	0	0	2260	17.20	4320.0	44.600	1640	26	0.386
12/6/2019	0	0	9.3	0.071	348	3.59	386.00	6.1800	0.020

#### 17MW131 mid-point between injection wells

	PCE		TCE		cis-1,2 DCE		vc		TCE:DCE mol
Date	(ug/l.)	(umol/L)	(ug/L)	(umolit.)	(ug/L)	(umolt)	(ug/L)	(umol'L)	ratio
1/5/2016	394	2	21200	161.00	89400.0	922.000	446.000	7.1400	0.17
8/4/2016	0	0	363	2.760	40700	420.00	3000.00	48.0000	0.007
9/28/2016	0	0	1180	8.98	54100.0	558.000	2350	38	0
1/15/2016	0	0	332.0	2.530	120000	1240.00	3210.0	51.400	0.002
2/22/2017	0	0	0.0	0.000	141000	1450.00	8840	141.00	0.000
5/5/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	177000.00	1830.00	11600.00	186.00	.0
7/27/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	202000.00	2080.00	14000.00	224.00	0
11/7/2017	0	0	0.0	0.0000	164000.0	1690.000	13400.0	214.00	0.000
12/8/2017	510		000000	Lance of C	di mara come			Lanca Santa	62100000000
2/1/2018	0	0	0.00	0.0000	140000.0	1440.000	51800.0	829.000	0.0000
4/3/2018	0	0	0	0	115000	1190.00	42000	672.00	0
9/10/2018	0	0	96.00	0.6550	127000.0	1310,000	65000.0	1040.000	0.0005
10/31/2018	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	93100.00	960.00	46900.00	750.00	0
2/6/2019	0	0	0	0.00	118000.0	1220.000	71700	1150	0
5/20/2019	0	0	233.00	1.7700	115000.0	1190.000	44500.0	712.00	0.0015
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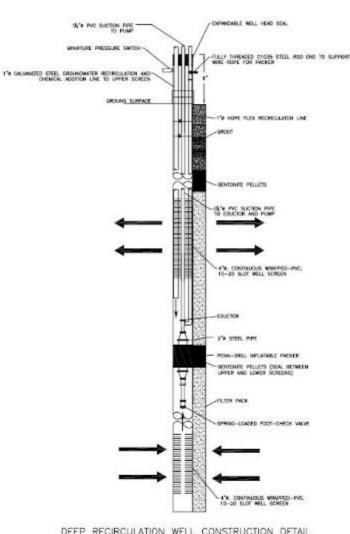


## ABERDEEN PG ALTERNATIVE AMENDMENT CASE STUDY



#### **SUMMARY**

- TeCA primary groundwater chemical of concern.
- Vitamin B12/titanium citrate/carbon source amendment used for abiotic/biotic degradation.
- Delivery by groundwater recirculation wells.
- TeCA & daughter products effectively degraded by both mechanisms.
- Dissolved phase degradation occurred quickly.
- Rebound in areas from silty-clay units addressed by cyclic operation until plateau levels reached.
- Microbial assay testing after shutdown showed marginal levels of DHCs, DHBs, and VCR – demonstrated biodegradation, but not sustained.

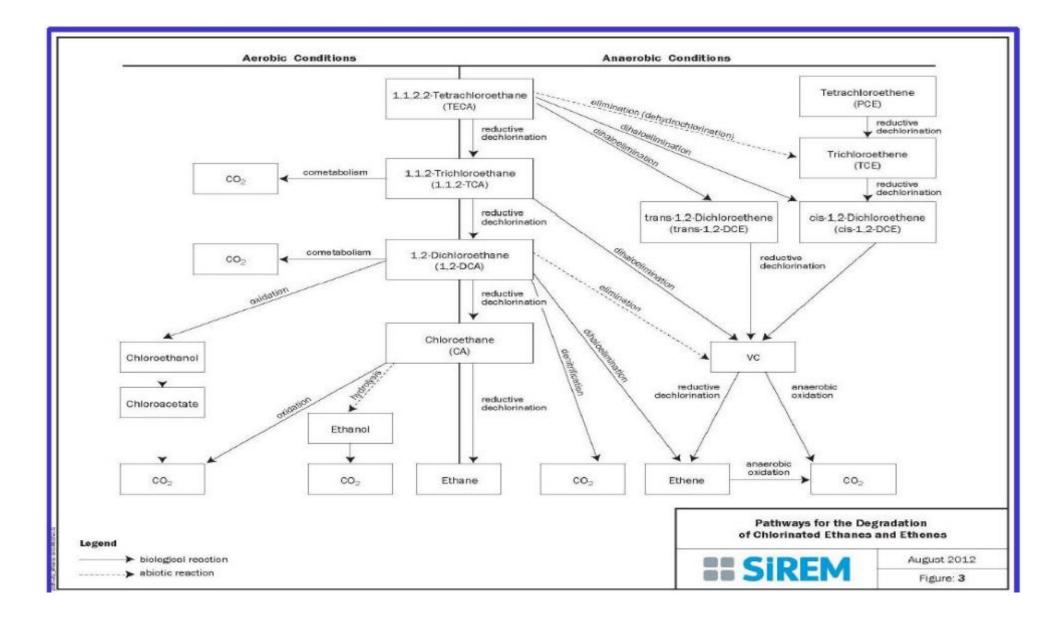


DEEP RECIRCULATION WELL CONSTRUCTION DETA N.T.S.



## ABERDEEN PG TECA DEGRADATION PATHWAYS

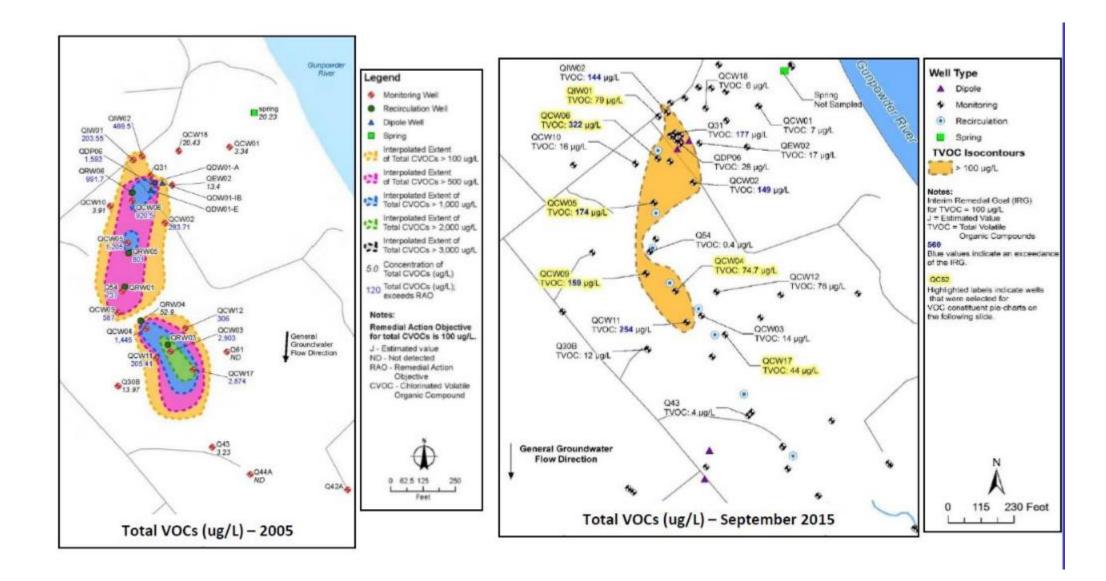






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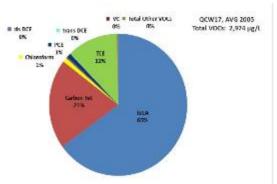


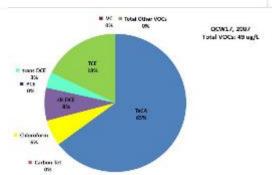


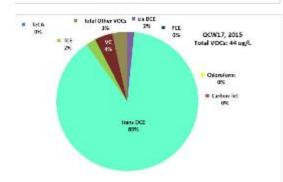
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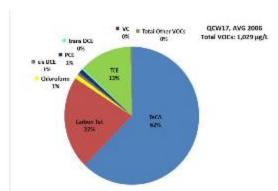


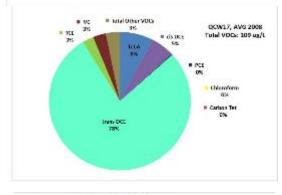
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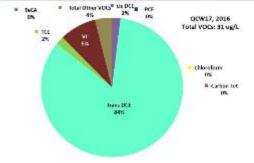




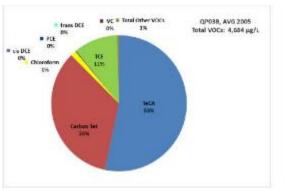


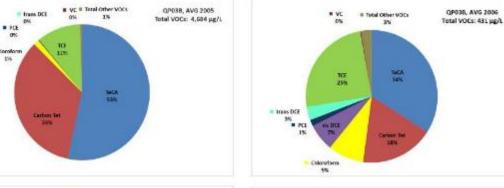


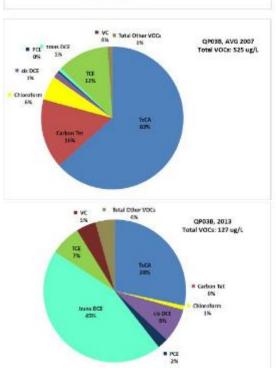


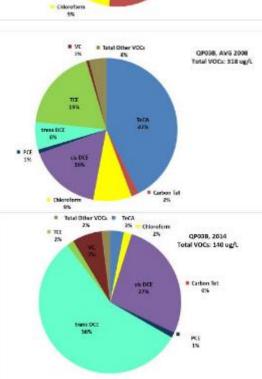


#### Monitoring Well QP03B – Middle of Plume













## **QUESTIONS?**