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#### Soil Metal(loid) Bioavailability in Risk Assessment and Remediation of Contaminated Upland Soils

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## School of Environment and Natural Resources Soil Environmental Chemistry Program



#### **Research program**

- Soil/Environmental contaminant chemistry; ecotoxicology
- Development and evaluation of remediation technologies of contaminated land
- Beneficial use of byproducts via land application
- Biogeochemical cycling of trace elements in soils

#### Teaching

ENR 675 Environmental Fate and Impact of Pollutants in Soil and Water ENR 660 Soil Chemical process and environmental quality ENR 740 Field Soil Investigation of Soil Chemistry, Eartility, and Pielogy

ENR 740 Field Soil Investigation of Soil Chemistry, Fertility, and Biology

#### National Risk Management Research Laboratory USEPA

**Research focus** 

Metal speciation in soils, sediments, water, and biological systems via advanced, molecular-level spectroscopic techniques

 Macroscopic kinetic and thermodynamic laboratory studies and field research to elucidate reaction mechanisms
 Evaluate fate, transport, reactivity, mobility, bioavailability, and toxicity of metals in the natural environment leading to effective and economic remediation/use strategies

**Collaborative research programs** 

- Remediation of metal impacted soils and sediments
- Soil-metal bioavailability: Human impact and plant uptake

- Nanotechnology in the environment
- Waste management and beneficial re-use strategies
- Mineralogy and sorption mechanisms

# **Today's Presentation**

> Important Soil Chemical Processes and Contaminant Bioavailability

- > Using Soil Amendments to Manipulate Contaminant Chemistry
- > Evaluation of Soil Amended Soils: Technology Performance Methods

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>Limitations of Soil Amendment Technology

## **Contamination of Upland Soils**

Many contaminated upland soils at a variety of locations Inorganic and organic chemical contaminants

Today focus on select metal(loid) contaminants with high frequency of contamination (Pb, As, Zn, Cd)

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Great deal of research conducted on contaminated upland soils for Pb, Zn, Cd and As.

Historic smelter, mining wastes, Pb paint and automotive, pesticides, treated wood, etc.













# Risk-Based Remediation In-situ Approaches

- Soil Washing
- Bioremediation
- Phytoremediation
- Contaminant Immobilization
  via Soil Amendment

Reduce the form of contaminant causing risk reduce contaminant exposure



#### Soil Remediation and Ecological Restoration cluin.org/ecotools



Soil Amendments •biosolids •manures •compost •pulp sludges •yard /wood waste •lime •wood ash •coal combustion products •sugar beet lime •foundry sand •steel slag •FGD •water treatment residuals •etc



In order to reduce the transfer of metals from the soil matrix, in-situ chemical immobilization processes may be used.

Chemical reactions such as sorption, precipitation, and complexation can be used to immobilize these metals with-in the soil matrix rendering them unavailable.

An example of this would be the addition of municipal biosolids (sewer sludge) to complex available lead rendering it unavailable

Another example is the precipitation of lead with the increase of the soil's pH.

















### Using Bioavailability to Assess Human Health Risk of the Soil Ingestion Pathway How do we assess this risk?



<u>cancer risk</u> = CDI x SF where CDI = chronic daily intake SF = cancer slope factor <u>non cancer risk</u> Hazard Quotient = CDI ÷ RfD where RfD = reference dose

Adjustments for Contaminant Relative Bioavailability (RBA), 0.0 to 1.0

 $RfD_{adjusted} = RfD_{IRIS} x RBA$  $SF_{adjusted} = SF_{IRIS} x RBA$ 

Adjustment for small RBA will reduce exposure / risk associated with soil ingestion

# Measuring Bioavailability Using In Vivo Models



acceptable model for Pb, As, other

\$25+K /soil



acceptable model

expensive ethical issues



inexpensive (\$5K/soil) recent developments USEPA ORD RTP

Studies have reported RBA range widely for Pb and As (0.02 to 1.0)



## U.S. EPA

# Guidance for Evaluating the Oral Bioavailability of Metals in Soils for Use in Human Health Risk Assessment

OSWER 9285.7-80, May 2007

#### Recommended Criteria for Validation of Test Methods adapted from ICCVAM

"Data generated adequately measure or predict the toxic endpoint of interest and demonstrate a linkage between either the new test and effects in the target species."

#### In vitro gastrointestinal (IVG) method must be correlated with an acceptable *in vivo* model IVG must be *predictive*





## In Vitro Gastro(intestinal) Methods Correlated with In vivo Pb, As, Cd Bioavailability

Bioaccessibility Method	Metal contaminants
RBALP	Pb
OSU IVG	As, Pb, Cd
UBM	As, Pb, Cd
SBRC	As, Pb, Cd

## In Vitro Methods for Measuring Metal Bioavailability Method Validation Issues

How many metal(loid) soil contaminant can be evaluated? <u>Only</u> in vitro methods corrected with acceptable animal models!



Advances in Bioaccessibility Methodology to Determine Human and Ecological Bioavailability, Exposure, and Risk from Ingestion of Trace Element Contaminated Soil 11th ICOBTE Symposium 10 Firenze, Italia July 5 2011 http://www.icobte2011.com/

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32 presentations (13 oral, 19 poster)

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# Remediation of Soil Pb at Joplin, Missouri

Remediation Technologies Development Forum (RTDF) http://www.rtdf.org/public/iinert/default.htm



- Reduction in soil Pb, Zn and Cd phytoavailability and phytotoxicity.
- Reduction of soil Pb bioavailability to mammals (rats, pigs, human adults).
- P-treated soil reduced bioavailability to humans from 42% to 13%







	Rat	Swine	In vitro	Human
Control	21.7	34.8	58 pH 2.5 60 pH 2.0 63 pH 1.5	42.2
reated	7.2	21.6	21 pH 2.5 39 pH 2.0 51 pH 1.5	13.1

# <image>Contaminated Soil / Geomedia<br/>Blackwell, OklahomaSileWaste mixed with soilSile30% of children in area had<br/>excessive blood PbContaminated "Soil"<br/>69,000 mg/kg Zn!<br/>5150 mg/kg Pb<br/>1090 mg/kg Cd<br/>152 mg/kg As

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### Summary and Conclusions "The Stinker"



Alkaline biosolids did not reduce gastrointestinal bioaccessibility

Non-alkaline treatments did not decrease soil ecotoxicity

Rock phosphate had little effect on phytoavailability(esp. Cd, Zn)

Soluble phosphates may be useful to reduce Cd, Zn, and Pb solubility and bioavailability <sup>47</sup>











### Limitations of Soil Amendment Treatments Contaminant Concentration in Soil / Solid Waste when will bioavailability adjustments be made?

Highly Contaminated unreasonable adjustment

Moderately Contaminated

reasonable adjustment

Background

High level: 4,000+ mg/kg total Pb Bioavailability has to be very very low unreasonable adjustment

Moderate level: below 4,000 mg/kg Pb? <u>not percent level of Zn or Pb</u> moderate bioavailability so reasonable adjustment



# Decreasing Toxic Metal Bioavailability with Various Soil Amendment Strategies

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# Mel Chin, conceptual artist



**Revival field** 

Dr. Rufus Chaney and Mel Chin



soil treatments and hyperaccumulating plants where "contaminated soil is restored into rich earth, capable of sustaining a diverse ecosystem."

New Orleans Fundred Project: Soil Remediation Using Phosphate-based Amendments

"Phosphate loves lead," said Chin. "It's like this chemical sex that occurs."



## Fundred and Paydirt Projects West Oakland Residential Lead Project

Pb concentrations up to 2700 ppm: average 843 ppm; 80% above 400 ppm

Community buy-in and support

Fish bone (Apatite II) application

High unemployment, toxic environment – one solution

Promote the technology: NYT, Facebook, Jean Michel Cousteau documentary



















# X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy

X-ray Absorption Spectroscopy: Element Specific: Elements with Measure energy-dependence of the x-Z>20 can be examined. ray absorption coefficient  $\mu(E)$  [either  $log(I_0 / I)$  or  $(I_f / I_0)$ ] of a core-level of a Valence Probe: XANES gives chemical state and formal valence Fluorescence Detector of selected element. Monochromator J APS Local Structure Probe: EXAFS ·П • gives atomic species, distance, and Sample number of near-neighbor atoms around a selected element.. 2 Low Concentration: concentrations EXAFS XANES 2 down to 1 ppm for XANES, 10 ppm for EXAFS. Ē Natural Samples: samples can be in solution, liquids, amorphous solids, 0.5 soils, aggregates, plant roots, surfaces, etc. 0 Small Spot Size: XANES and EXAFS 16000 16600 16800 16400 16200 E (eV) measurements can be made on XANES = X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Spectroscop@amples down to ~1 micron in size. EXAFS = Extended X-ray Absorption Fine-Structure



# How Long Will Remediation Treatments Last?



What is the "stability" of chemical immobilization products?

Will the immobilized contaminant remain unavailable?










## Soil Amendment Application Rate and Reaction

Lead Pyromorphite:  $Pb_5(PO_4)_3X$ ; where X = CI, OH, Br, F

5:3 Pb:P molar ratio

theoretically 3 moles of P will immobilize 5 moles of Pb only possibly if both Pb and P are dissolved in a stirred solution in a beaker in a chemistry laboratory

Non- mixed soil system with SOLID Pb and maybe solid P going to take much more P amend and time!

we applied an excess of 78x P to soil and still did not >50% reaction with soil Pb

APPLY EXCESS AMENDMENT IN SOILS The soil system is not "optimized" for Pb reaction with P

## Restoration / Remediation / Restoration of Degraded Soils by using Soil Amendments

Objective is to restore / optimize soil function(s) by adding soil amendments

- > improve soil physical properties (aeration / infiltration)
- reduce soil bulk density
- > improve plant nutrient availability / cycling
- > adjust soil pH
- reduce contaminant content / bioavailability
- > improve soil community structure/function (microbes, etc)
- store carbon









## Restoration of Blue Mountain in Palmerton Using Soil-Biosolids Blends



Organic Amendments are excellent choices for soil restoration

Palmerton, PA. Looking down revegetated Blue Mountain

## Take Home Message

- In situ remediation is based on biogeochemical processes.
  Successful soil amendment(s) depends on
  (1) contaminant of concern and (2) reactivity of soil amendment, and (3) risk-based exposure pathways of concern
- Apply excess soil amendment to ensure reaction. System may have to be "optimized" to achieve contaminant immobilization
- Exposure pathway based Technology Performance Measures must be used to evaluate soil treatment. Don't forget soil quality measures and organic amendments. Spectroscopic studies are essential to ensure stability (i.e. permanence) or stabilization
- > Phosphorus loves Pb; Iron loves arsenic



