



PILOT TEST OF A DEEP HORIZONTAL INJECTION WELL TO TREAT HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

THE PUCHACK WELL FIELD SUPERFUND SITE, PENNSAUKEN, NJ

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SITE LOCATION



Puchack Conceptual Site Model

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EPA DECISION

 GOAL: REDUCE THE LEVEL OF CHROMIUM IN THE GROUNDWATER TO MEET NEW JERSEY'S GROUNDWATER STANDARD FOR TOTAL CHROMIUM (70 UG/L)

• METHOD: REDUCE THE CR⁶⁺ TO TRIVALENT CHROMIUM (CR³⁺) THROUGH INJECTION OF AN UNSPECIFIED REDUCING AGENT INTO THE AREAS OF GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION

GENERAL DESIGN APPROACH



FULL SCALE DESIGN/IMPLEMENTATION

DIVIDED GROUNDWATER CLEANUP INTO TWO PHASES.

- PHASE 1, UPGRADIENT PORTION WITH HIGHER CR CONCENTRATION
 - UNDERLIES COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.
- PHASE 2, REMAINING PORTION
 - UNDERLIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Phase I and Phase II Areas



PHASE I IMPLEMENTATION

- USED SODIUM LACTATE
- DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED FOUR MOBILE TRAILERS TO MIX LACTATE/WATER. MIXTURE INJECTED INTO VERTICAL INJECTION WELLS.
- TOTAL 90 INJECTION WELLS, 20 EXTRACTION WELLS.
- INJECTIONS TAKE ~ TWENTY DAYS FOR DEEPER WELLS, ~ TEN DAYS FOR "MIDDLE AQUIFER" WELLS.

VERTICAL INJECTION WELL









Total Chromium Summary:

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	Avg Mass (kgs)				
	Middle Aquifer	Intermediate Sand	Lower Aquifer	Total Phase I Treatment Area	
Pre Remedial Action (Baseline)	133	147	1,066	1,346	
Post Remedial Action (Up to PR6)	1	12	92	105	
Mass Reduction (%)	99%	92%	91%	92%	



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PHASE 2 PILOT STUDY

CAN HORIZONTAL WELL SCREENS RESOLVE OUR LOGISTICAL ISSUES?

- CAN WE INSTALL THE HORIZONTAL WELL (SCREEN) IN THE PROPER LOCATION?
- WILL LACTATE BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY ACROSS THE 450 FT SCREEN?



CONTINUOUS COMPLETION

- TWO ACCESS POINTS (ENTRY/EXIT)
- WELL DEPTHS >200 FT
- WELL LENGTHS > 2,850 FT

- SCREEN AND CASING PULLED
 INTO BOREHOLE
- REQUIRES ACCESS TO EXIT POINT



BLIND COMPLETION

- ONE ACCESS POINT
 - WELL DEPTHS >200 FT
 - WELL LENGTHS > 1500 FT

SCREEN AND CASING PUSHED
 INTO OPEN BOREHOLE



QUESTION 1:

CAN WE INSTALL THE HORIZONTAL WELL IN THE PROPER LOCATION?



LOCATING TECHNOLOGIES

- SEVERAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE:
- WALKOVER
- INDUCED MAGNETIC FIELD
- EARTH'S MAGNETIC FIELD AND GRAVITATIONAL FORCE
- GYROSCOPIC STEERING TOOL
- SELECTION BASED ON BORE PATH, INTERFERENCE RISK, FORMATION, DEPTH, AND COST

GYROSCOPIC STEERING TOOL

- NO DEPTH RESTRICTION
- MOST ACCURATE & EXPENSIVE
- REQUIRES PLANNED BORE PATH;
 CAD DRAWING WITH
 COORDINATES
- PROVIDES X, Y, Z COORDINATES IN SUBSURFACE
- SENDS INFORMATION TO
 SURFACE VIA A WIRELINE THAT
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WELL INSTALLATION "THE PLAN"

- DRILL 850 FOOT PILOT HOLE USING A GYROSCOPIC STEERING TOOL.
- GST IN DRILL PIPE BEHIND TOOTHED BIT NAVIGATED ALONG PRE-DETERMINED PATH
- CHASE PILOT HOLE USING AN ASSYMETRIC "KNOCK-OFF" DRILL BIT AND A LARGE DIAMETER DRILL ROD – GUIDANCE THROUGH MAGNETIC TRANSMITTER
- WELL MATERIAL INSERTED INSIDE DRILL ROD, BIT SACRIFICED AND DRILL ROD REMOVED.



WELL INSTALLATION "THE REALITY."

- THE GYROSCOPIC STEERING TOOL (GST) WAS AMAZINGLY
 ACCURATE
- CHANGES IN FORMATION MATERIAL INCREASED THE RISK OF LOSING THE GST; PULLED WIRE AND GST OUT AND SWITCHED TO THE KNOCK-OFF BIT/WALKOVER BEFORE COMPLETING THE PILOT HOLE
- THE TRANSMITTER WAS AT THE MAXIMUM RANGE OF FUNCTIONALITY
 FINAL SCREEN OFF TARGET AREA BY ABOUT 50'

PLANNED VS ACTUAL WELL LOCATION





PHASE II PILOT STUDY – AS-BUILT



QUESTION 2:

CAN LACTATE BE DISTRIBUTED EVENLY ACROSS THE 450 FOOT HORIZONTAL SCREEN?



VARIABLE SLOTTED SCREEN





Figure 2: Calculated slot area (per foot) along the screen to achieve the incremental design flow rate of 0.333 gpm/ft.



PHASE 2 PILOT STUDY - TOTAL INJECTION QUANTITIES

Period of Injection	Total 60% Sodium Lactate Injected (gallons)	Total 60% Sodium Lactate Injected (pounds)
July 15, 2015 – August 5, 2015	22,132	246,329

Note: Density of 60% sodium lactate is 11.13 pounds per gallon.

CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (LACTATE) CONCENTRATIONS







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Blue box: Drill rig 70 ft long)

- Small white box: drill cab.
- Green box: rod trailer 48 ft long.
- Black box: entry pit.
- Brown box: mud system
- Red boxes: water tight waste roll-off boxes.
- Yellow: excavator
- Large white box: tool trailer







REMAINING PLUME AREAS – MIDDLE AND LOWER UNITS

(INTERMEDIATE SAND NOT SHOWN)



Legend

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Middle Aquifer, Hexavalent Chromium Plume (Unfiltered) > 70 µg/L Lower Aquifer (Unit A-3a), Hexavalent Chromium Plume (Unfiltered) > 70 µg/L

Lower Aquifer (Unit A-3b/c), Hexavalent Chromium Plume (Unfiltered) > 70 µg/L



Figure 1-2 Phase I Actual and Phase II Proposed Remediation Areas Puchack Well Field Superfund Site - OU1 Pennsauken Townshin. New Jersey

HORIZONTAL WELLS PHASE 2



LOOK OUT FOR UTILITIES





...AND PUBLIC SPACES



BAD PLACE TO PARK





Regulatory Agencies:

- US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
- NJ Department of Environmental Protection

Design and Implementation:

- U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District Environmental Programs Branch
- CDM Smith New York, NY http://cdmsmith.com/

Implementation:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District Environmental Programs Branch
- EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc., PBC Abingdon, MD

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www.eaest.com

Horizontal Drilling:

Directed Technologies Drilling Bellefonte, PA http://www.horizontaldrill.com/

Questions?



