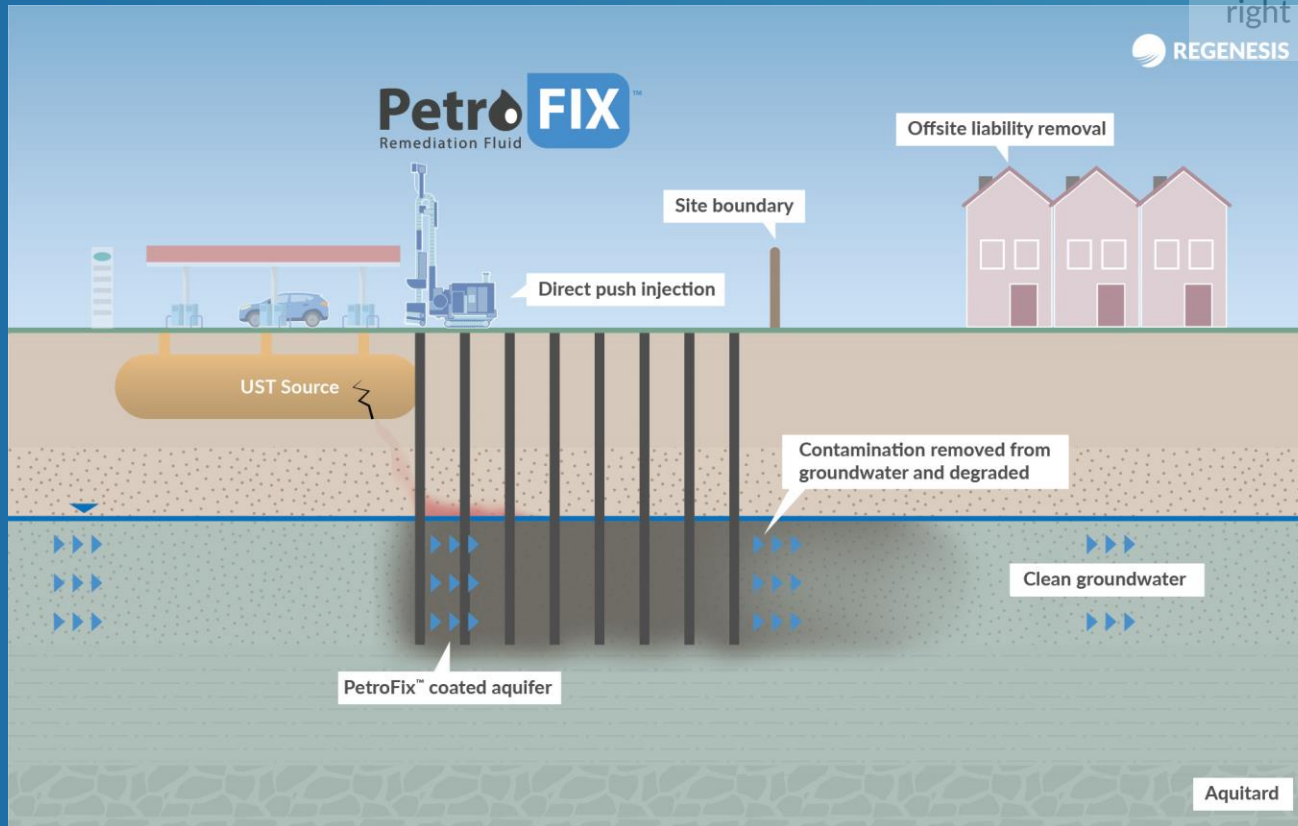


# Recent Trends in In-Situ Hydrocarbon Remediation – Treatment With Activated Carbon Remedial Fluid

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# WHAT WE DO



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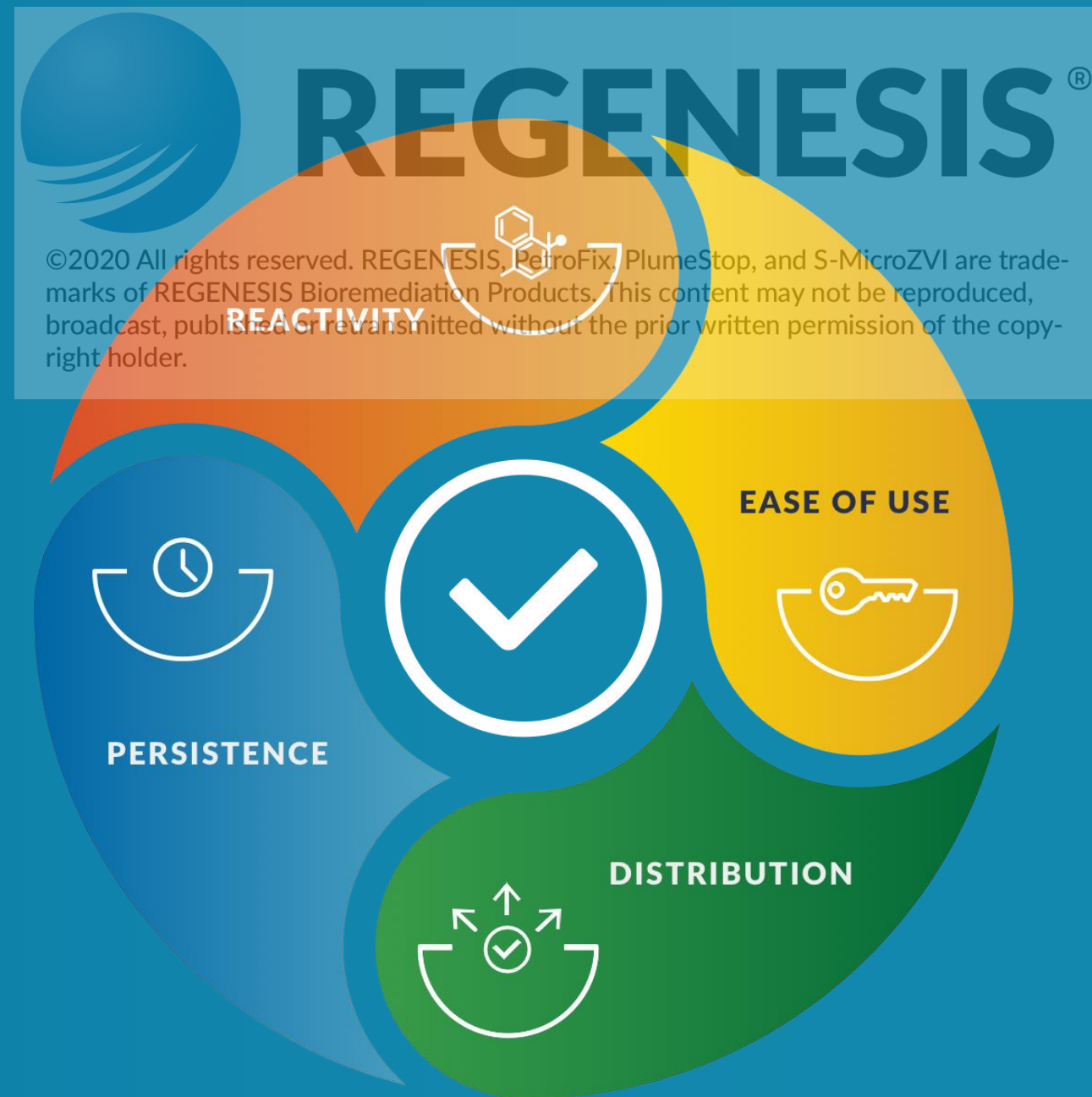
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## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES:

- Enhanced Aerobic Biodegradation

- Enhanced Anaerobic Biodegradation
- *In Situ* Chemical Oxidation (ISCO)
- *In Situ* Chemical Reduction (ISCR)
- Bioaugmentation
- Metals Immobilization
- *In Situ* Sorption and Biodegradation

# REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCCESSFUL *IN SITU* REMEDIATION



## MICRON-SCALE REAGENTS



### Colloidal Solid Sorbent Suspended in Aqueous Liquid

#### *In Situ Sorption*

#### *In Situ Enhanced Bioremediation*

- Secures rapid GW concentration reduction coupled with accelerated bio
- Composed of micron-scale activated carbon (1-2  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Organic polymer dispersion chemistry
- Designed & applied by REGENESIS

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#### *In Situ Sorption*

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- Secures rapid GW concentration reduction coupled with accelerated bio
- Composed of micron-scale activated carbon (1-2  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- No organic polymer dispersion chemistry
- Self-applied and designed by user
- Designed specifically for petroleum hydrocarbon sites

### Engineered Glycerol-Based ZVI Amendment

#### *In Situ Chemical Reduction*

#### *In Situ Enhanced Anaerobic Bioremediation*

- Contains 40% sulfidated ZVI (2-3  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Can be co-applied with organic amendments, dechlorinating microbes, and PlumeStop

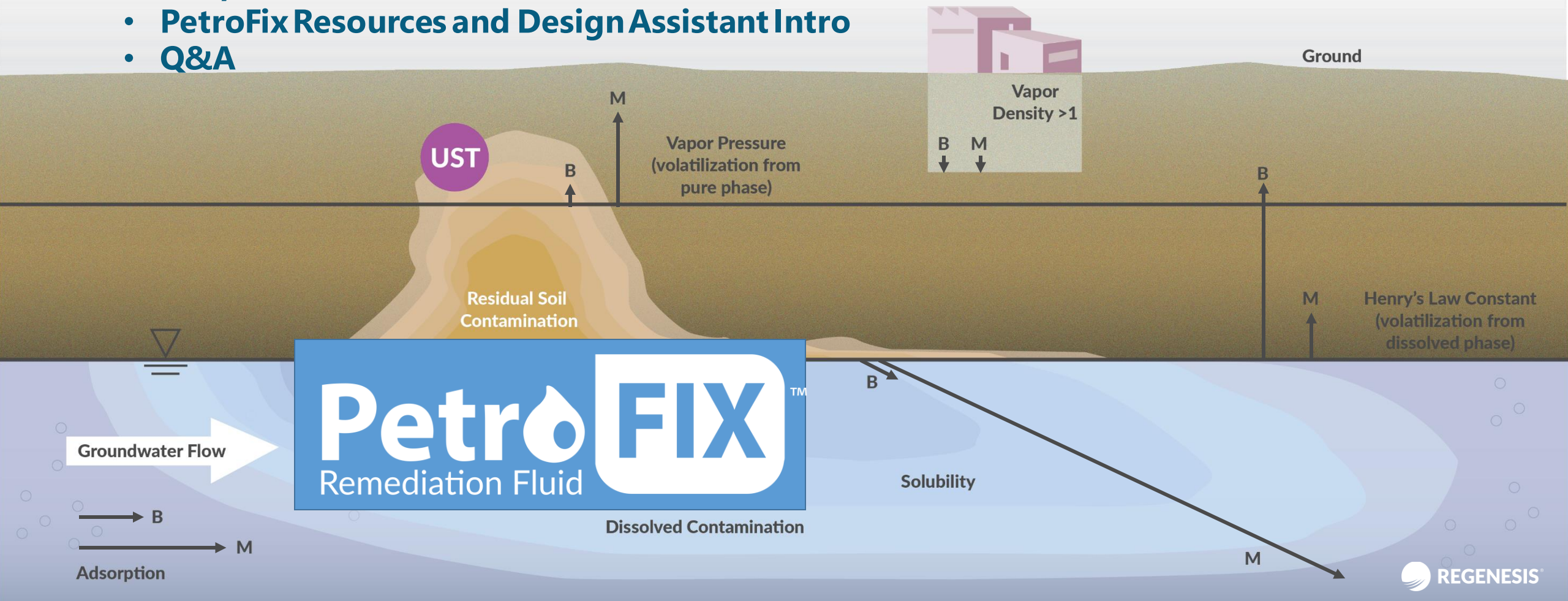
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# PetroFix Resulted From PlumeStop Research

## PLUMESTOP® LIQUID ACTIVATED CARBON™ LAUNCHED IN 2013

- Applied on 500+ sites
- Industry leading product for solvents, PFAS, hydrocarbons

## IDENTIFIED AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVOLVE THE FORMULATION FOR PETROLEUM SITES - PETROFIX™

- Fast results for petroleum sites
- Persistent treatment
- Higher treatment range
- Promotes biodegradation after sorption
- Easy and safe to apply
- Do it yourself process (versus turn-key)

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# PetroFix Features

- Patented use of **micro-scale activated carbon (1-2  $\mu\text{m}$  – size of red blood cell)**
- Contains **Nitrate and Sulfate** electron acceptors
- Treats BTEX, TPH-G, TPH-D, MTBE, naphthalene, etc.
- Easily injected with direct push using low pressure for uniform distribution
- Not recommended for free-phase LNAPL



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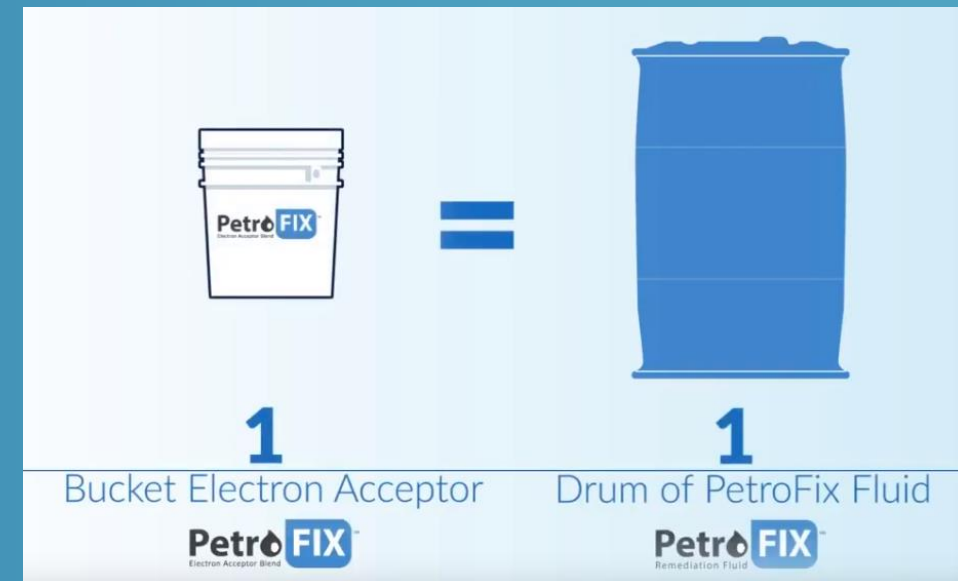


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## PetroFix Formulation

- +30% 1-2  $\mu\text{m}$  carbon as shipped in 55 gallon poly drums
- Sulfate pre-blended in drum with carbon in form of calcium sulfate dihydrate = <10%
- Each drum of PetroFix also given:
  - **20 lb EA Blend, sulfate + nitrate (preferred)**
    - 40 to 60% Ammonium Sulfate
    - 40 to 60% Sodium Nitrate
  - **Or, 20 lb EA Blend NF, sulfate (nitrate free)**
    - 40 to 60% Ammonium Sulfate
    - 40 to 60% Potassium Sulfate



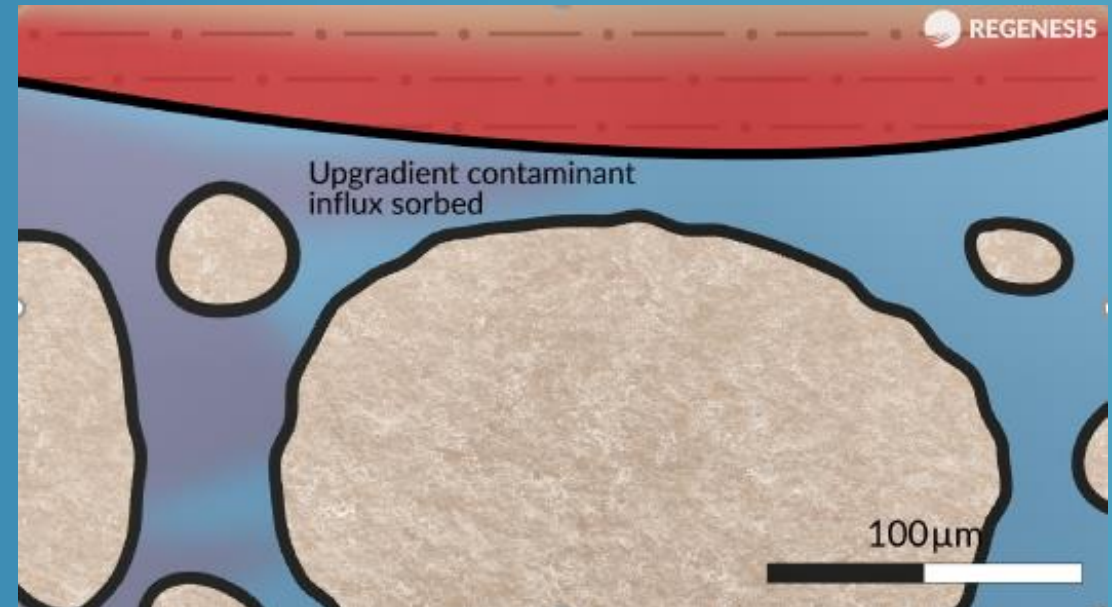
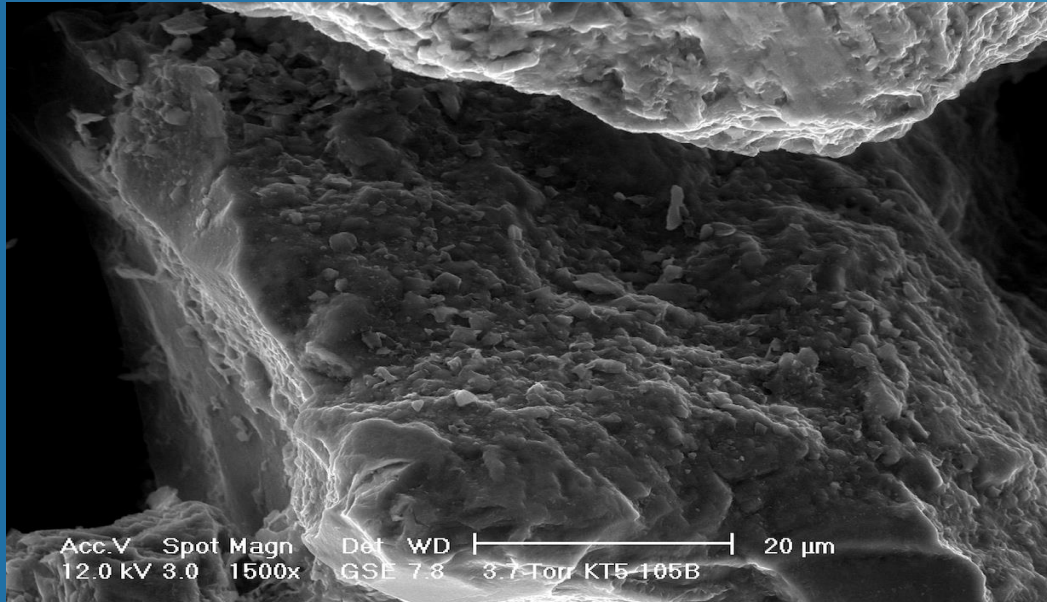
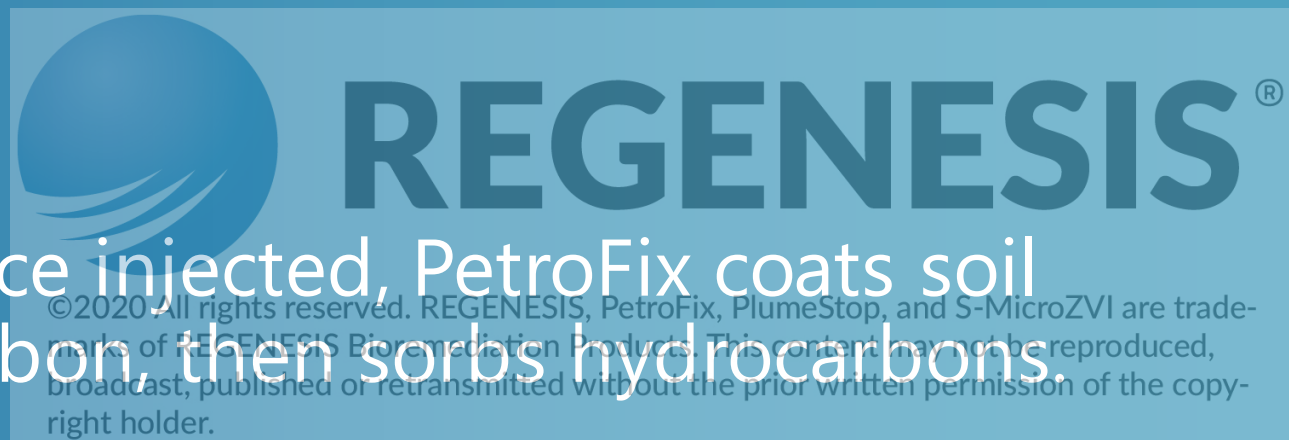
# PETROFIX ADOPTION TO DATE:

- Released September 2018
- +129 sites world wide
- +6 projects in Canada
- Simple UIC process



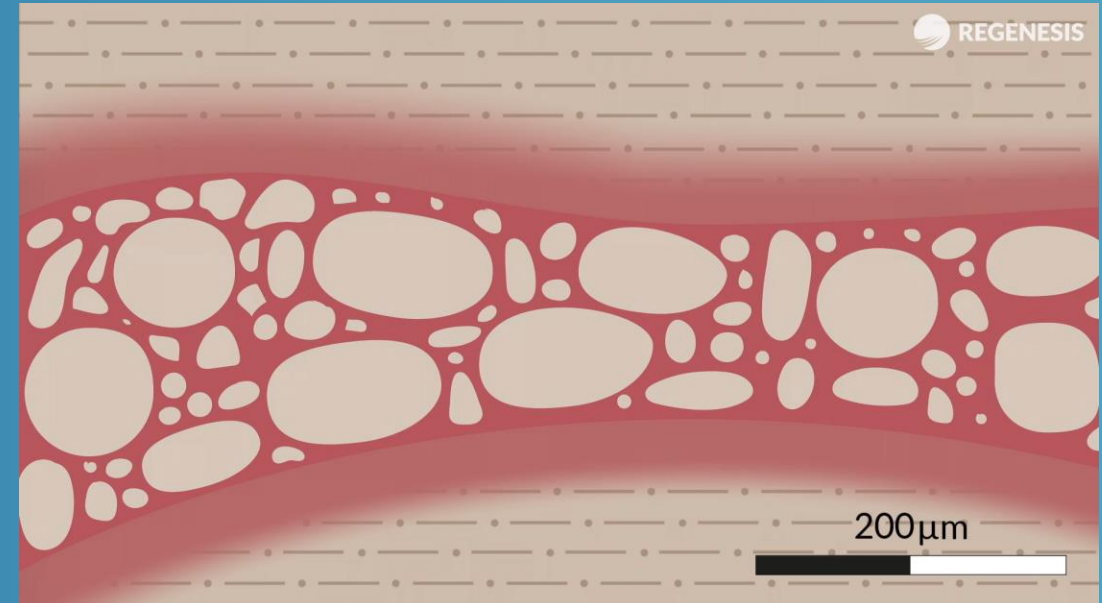
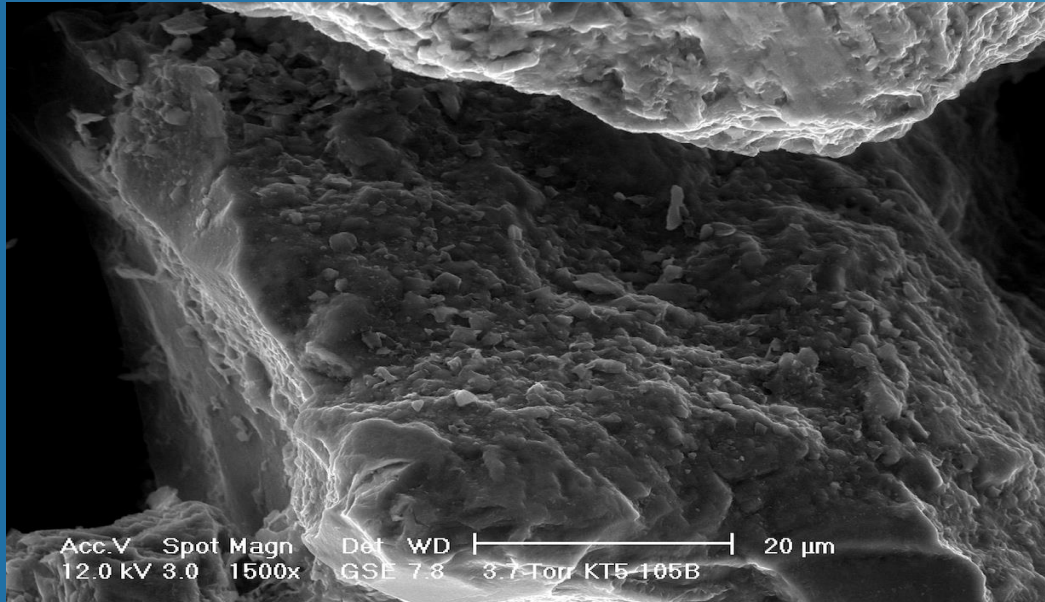
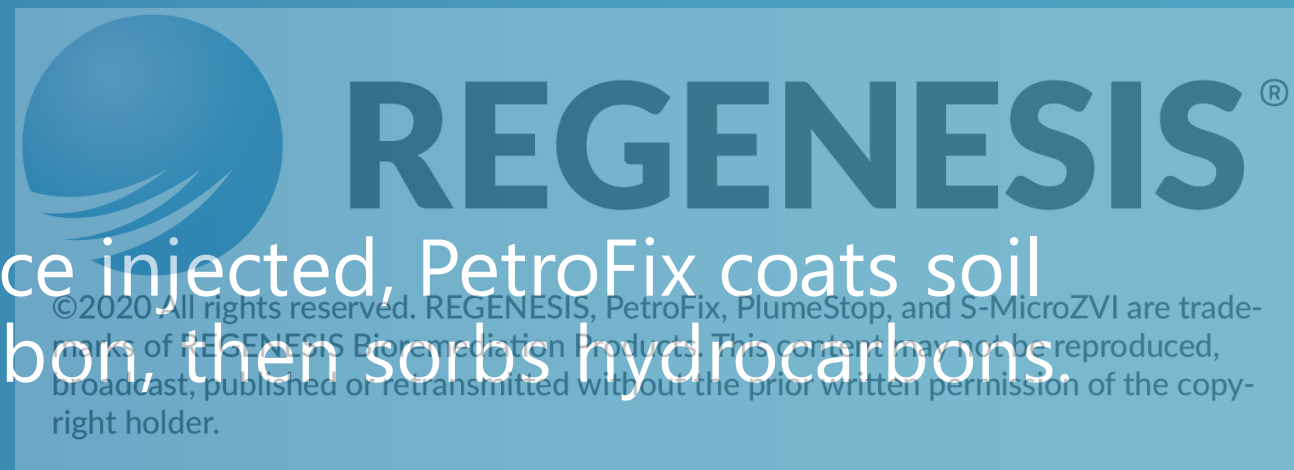
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- 1. Hydrocarbon Sorption:** Once injected, PetroFix coats soil surface with thin layer of carbon, then sorbs hydrocarbons.



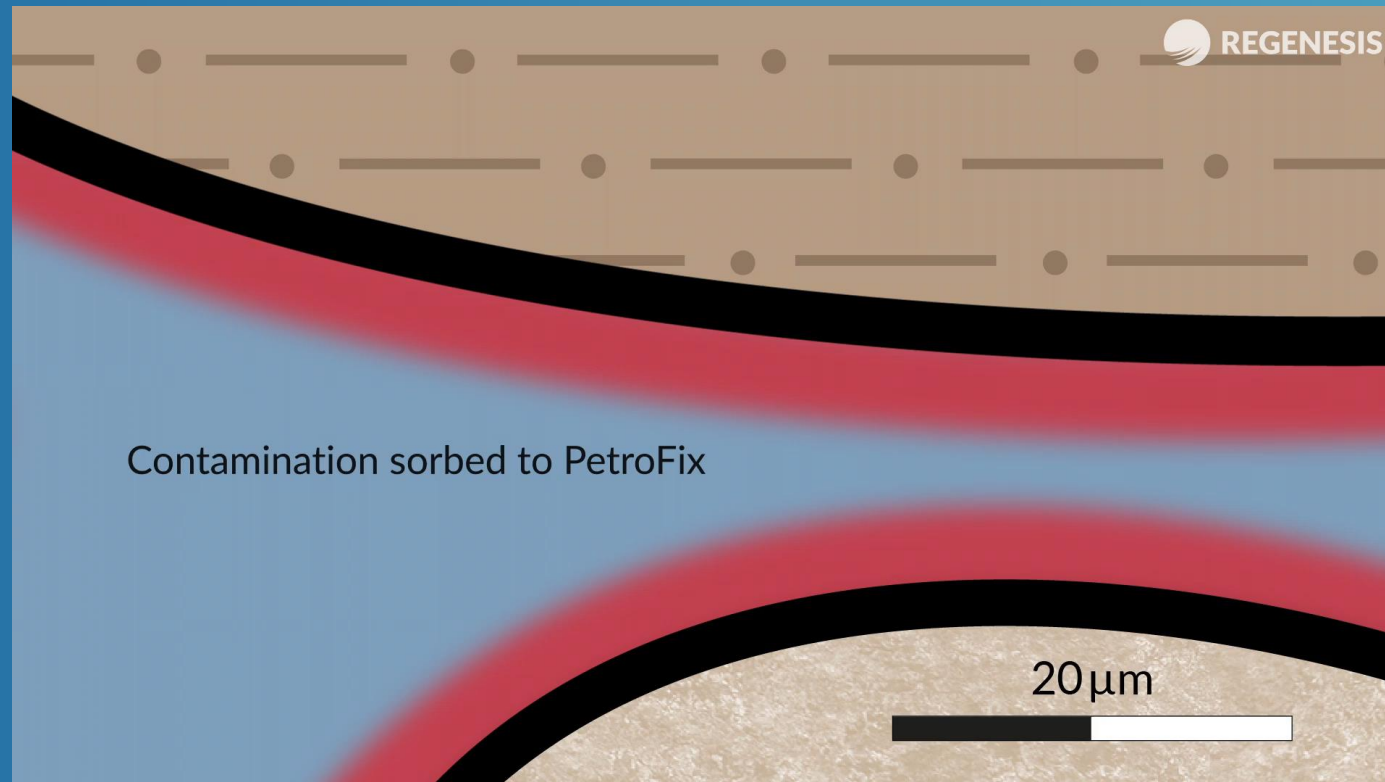
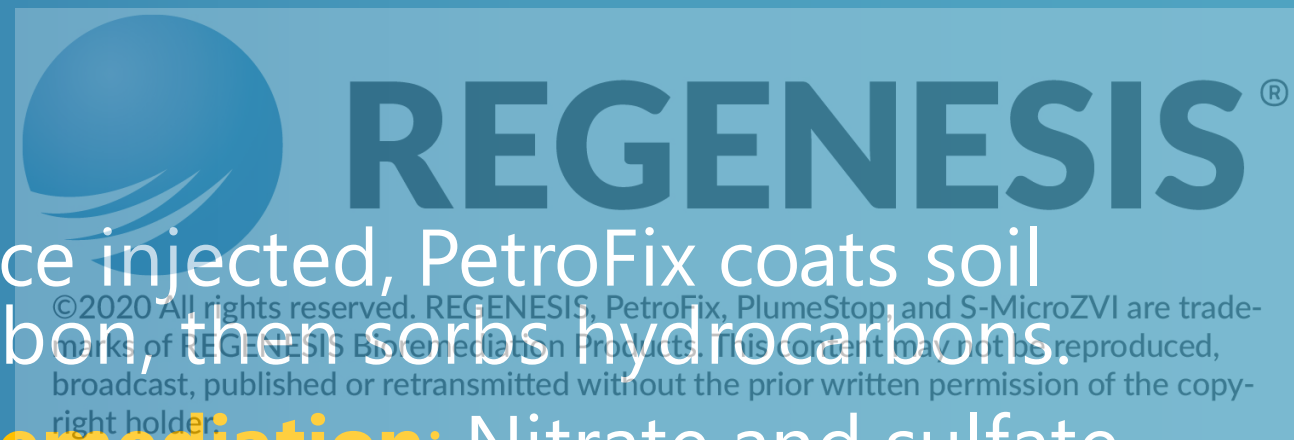
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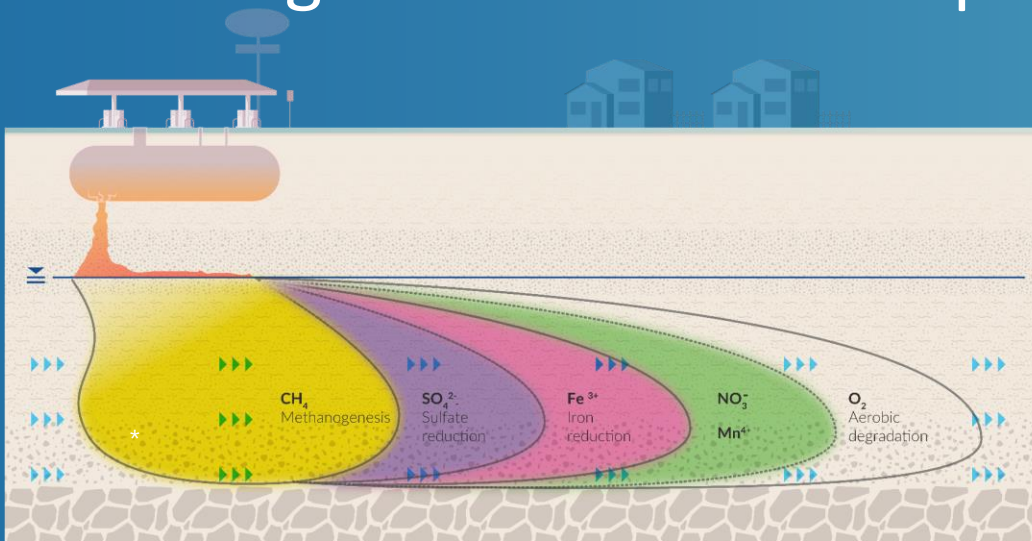
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- 2. Stimulated Anaerobic Bioremediation:** Nitrate and sulfate kickstart bioremediation and enhance syntrophic remediation



# NO<sub>3</sub> + SO<sub>4</sub> Promote Syntrophic Bioremediation

- Water soluble forms of NO<sub>3</sub> + SO<sub>4</sub> to go with PetroFix
- Improved outcomes when NO<sub>3</sub> + SO<sub>4</sub> used to enhance bioremediation (see Cunningham et al.). Nitrate better for bioremediation of hydrocarbons than sulfate. Nitrate is more versatile, co-exist with methanogens
- Fermentation of hydrocarbons, plus methanogenesis
- Improved long-term even after depletion of oxygen



# 1 to 2 Micrometer Carbon Diameter Provides Advantage for Aquifer Injection

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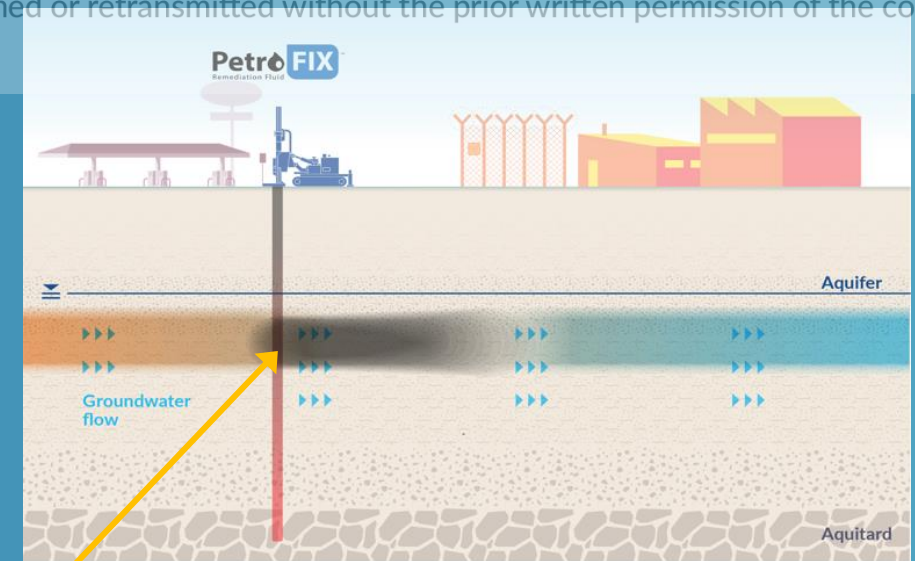
Picture of Granular Activated Carbon (GAC)  
Particle size: 400 to 1,000 microns  
High Pressure Needed (>60 psi)  
Results in Aquifer Fracturing? YES



Picture of Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC)  
Particle size: 50 to 250 microns  
High Pressure Needed (>60 psi)  
Results in Aquifer Fracturing? YES



Picture of Liquid Carbon Suspension (PetroFix)  
Particle size: 1 to 2 microns  
Low Pressure Needed (<60 psi)  
Results in Aquifer Fracturing? NO



Grain Size	Pore Throat Diameter (micrometers)*
Medium Sand	8-50
Fine Sand	5-20
Silt	3-8

\*Note: Only 1-2 micron carbon has a diameter below the typical pore throat diameter for silty soils.

# Aquifer Seam Fractures vs Aquifer Flooding



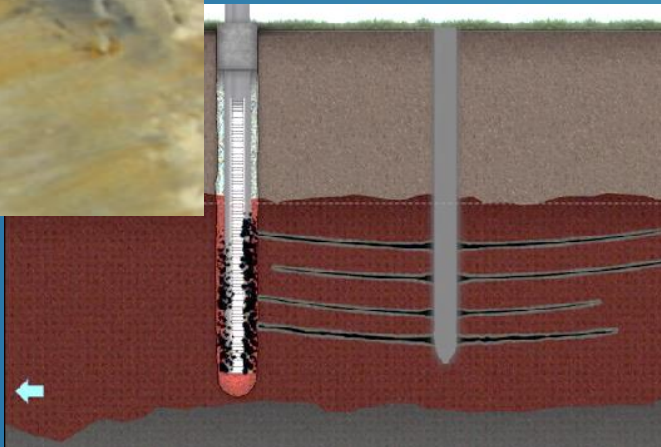
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## FRACTURE PLACEMENT OF CARBON

- Random Fractures
- Only partial treatment of conductive zones
- Can compromise monitoring wells

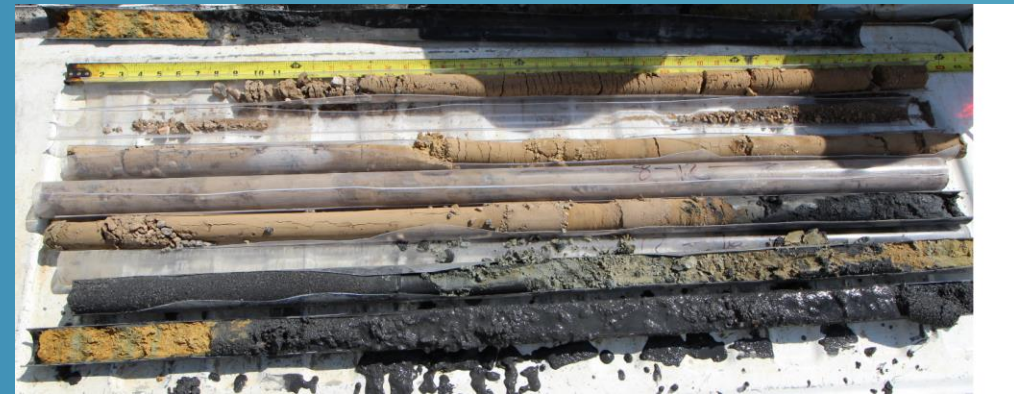


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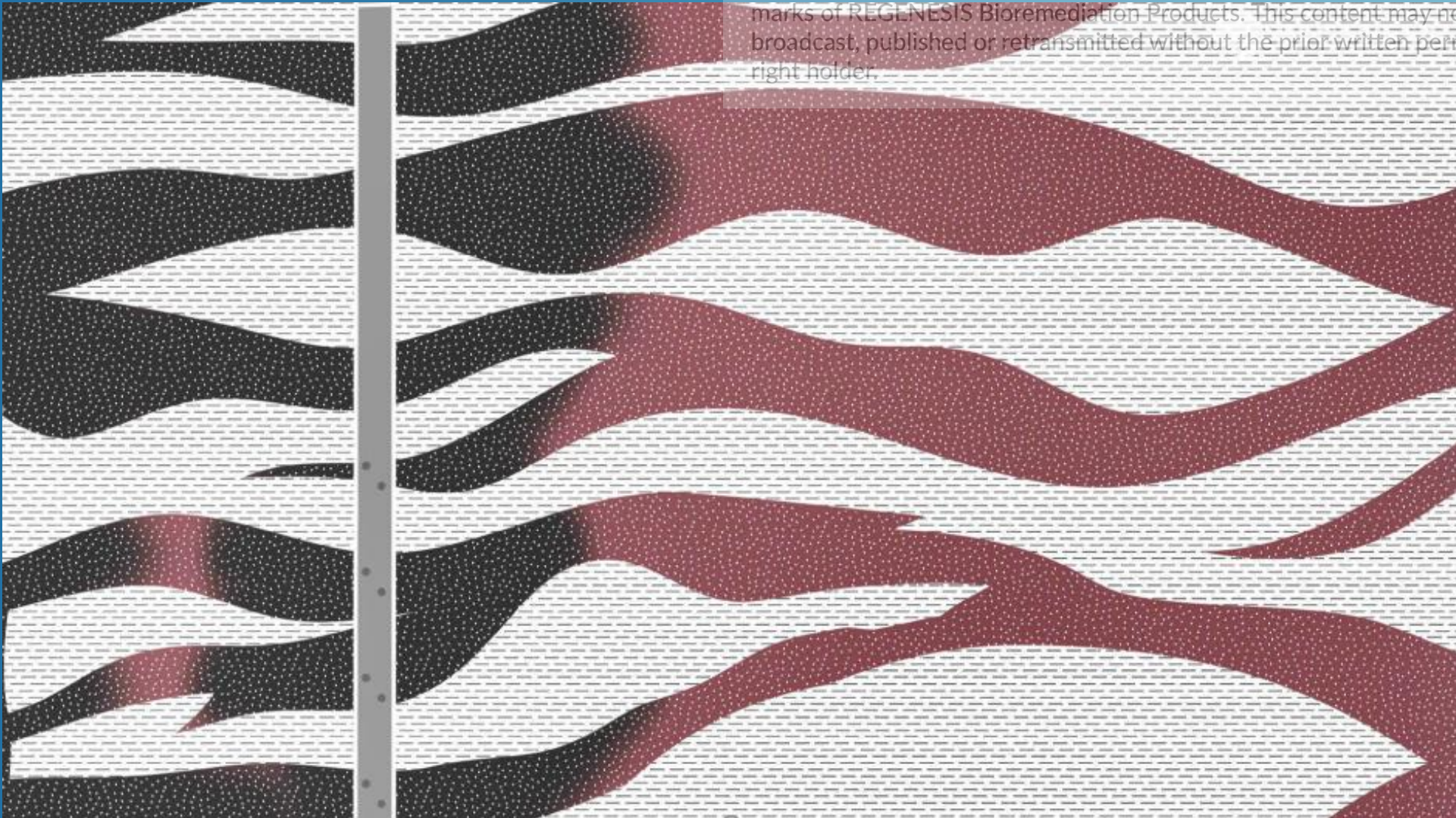
## LOW-PRESSURE PLACEMENT OF CARBON

- Flood coverage of entire conductive zone
- Clean water flush out wells



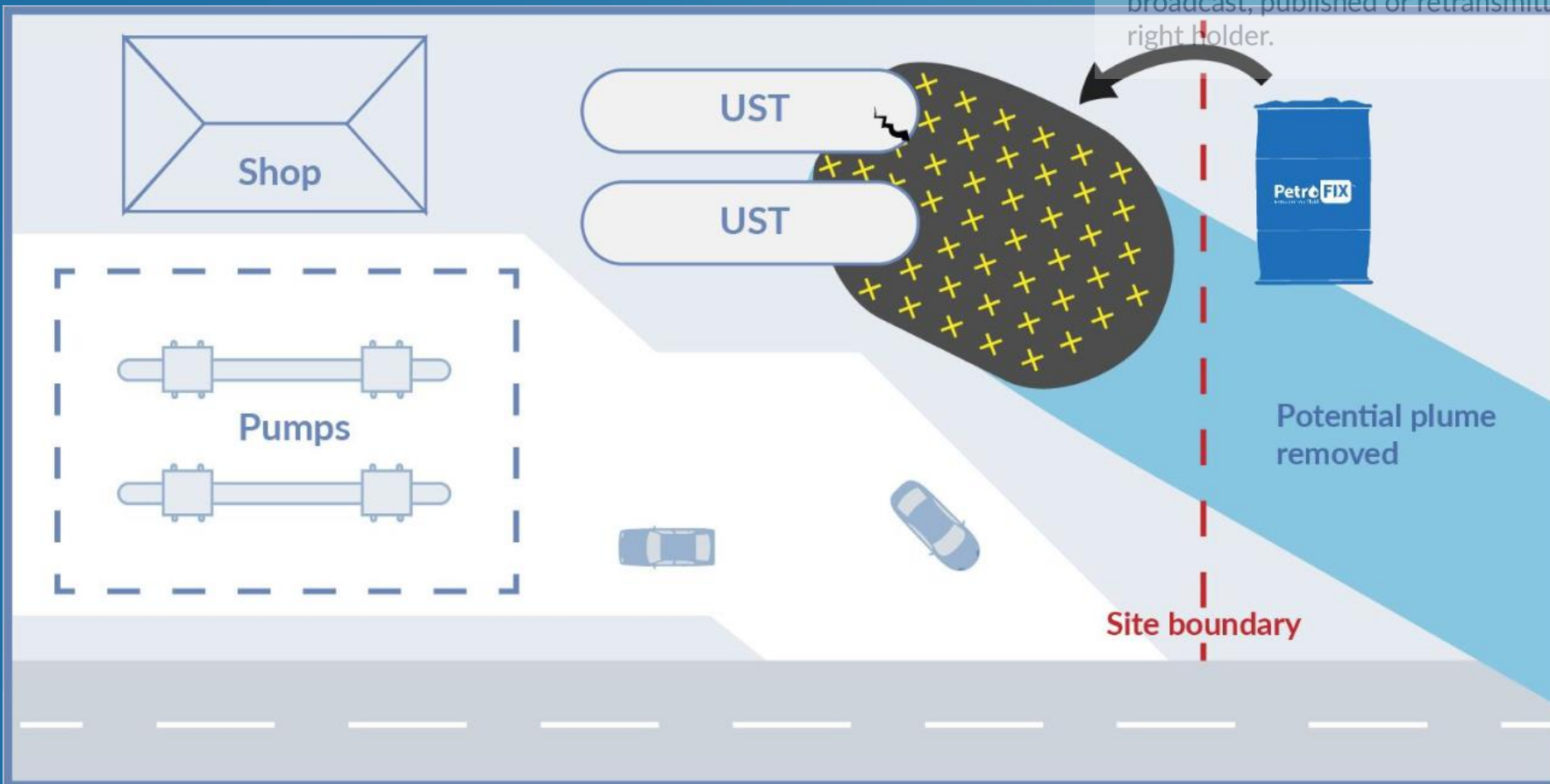
# TIP: Use Long, Multiport Tips To “Straddle” Conductive Zones And Low-Pressure To Flood Into Them

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# Most Common Applications

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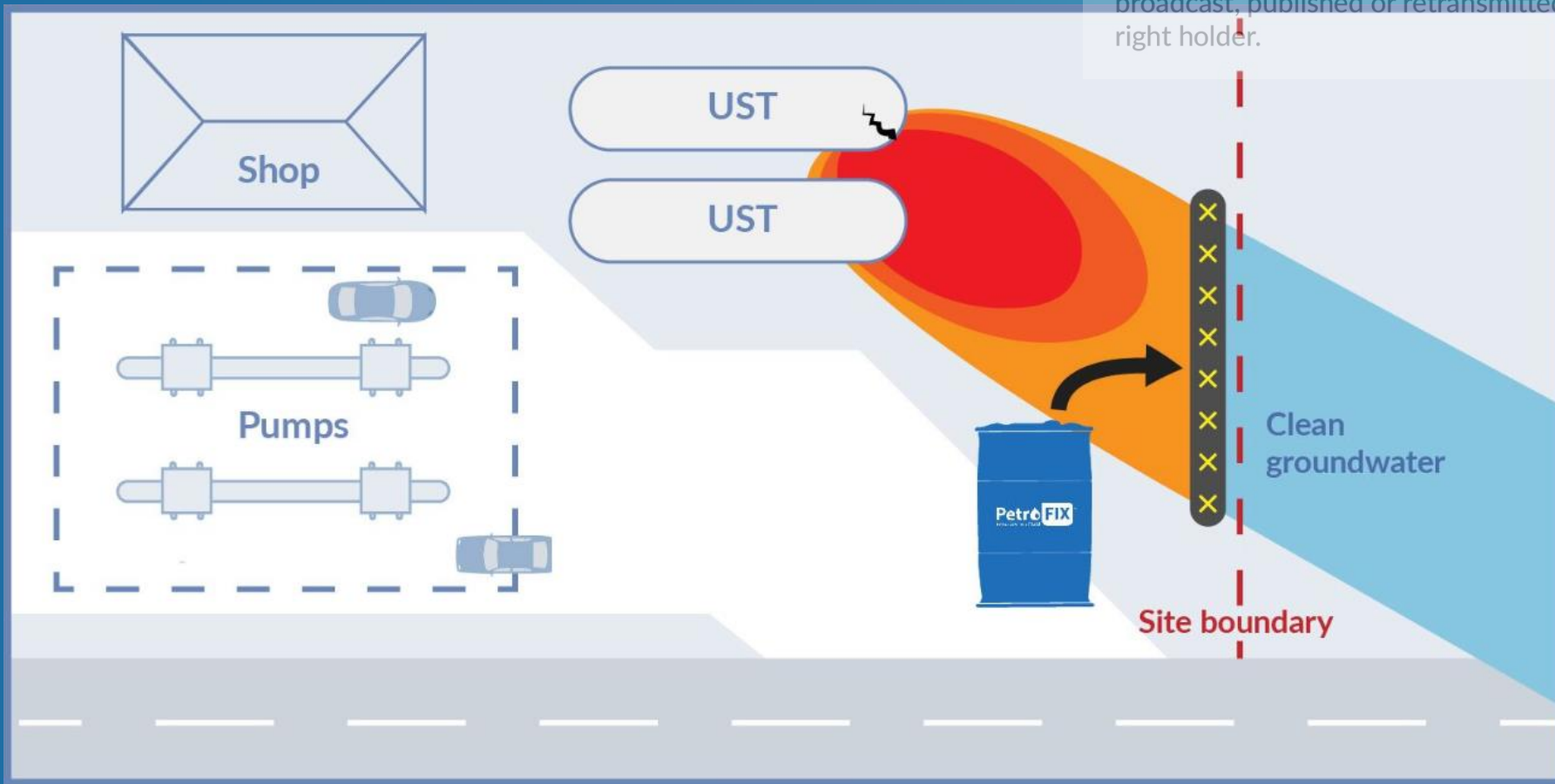


## SOURCE AREA TREATMENT

- Grid Approach
- Smear Zone

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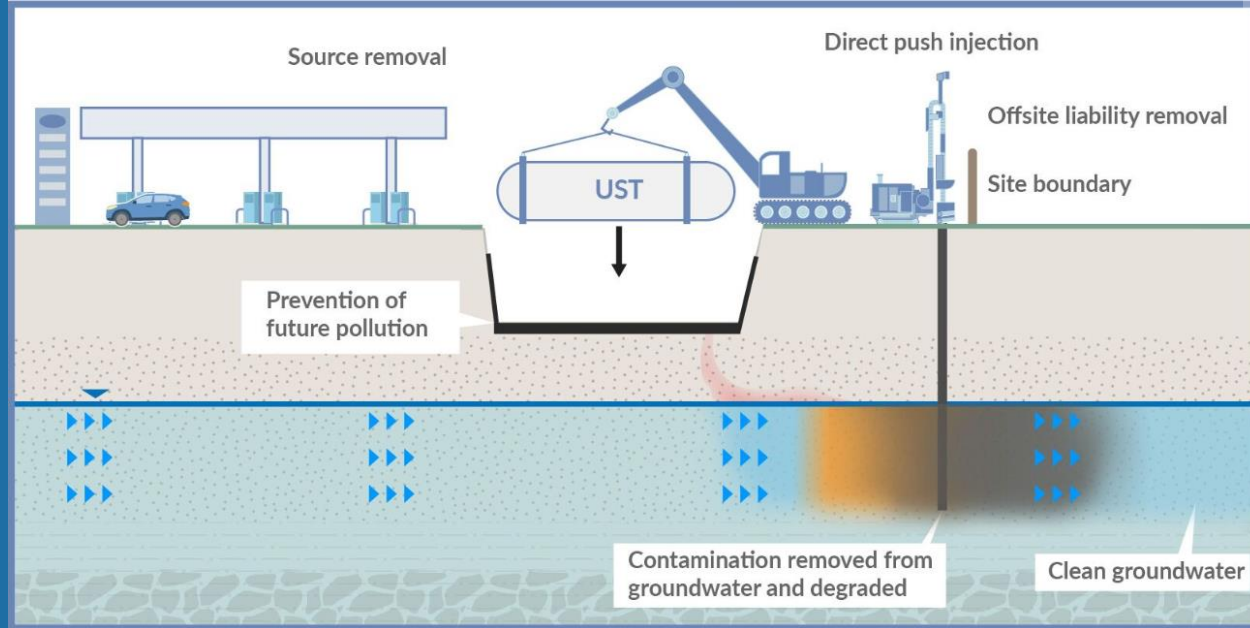
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## BARRIERS

Eliminate Off-Site  
Migration and  
Reduce Liability

# Most Common Applications



## EXCAVATIONS

Insurance against residual mass

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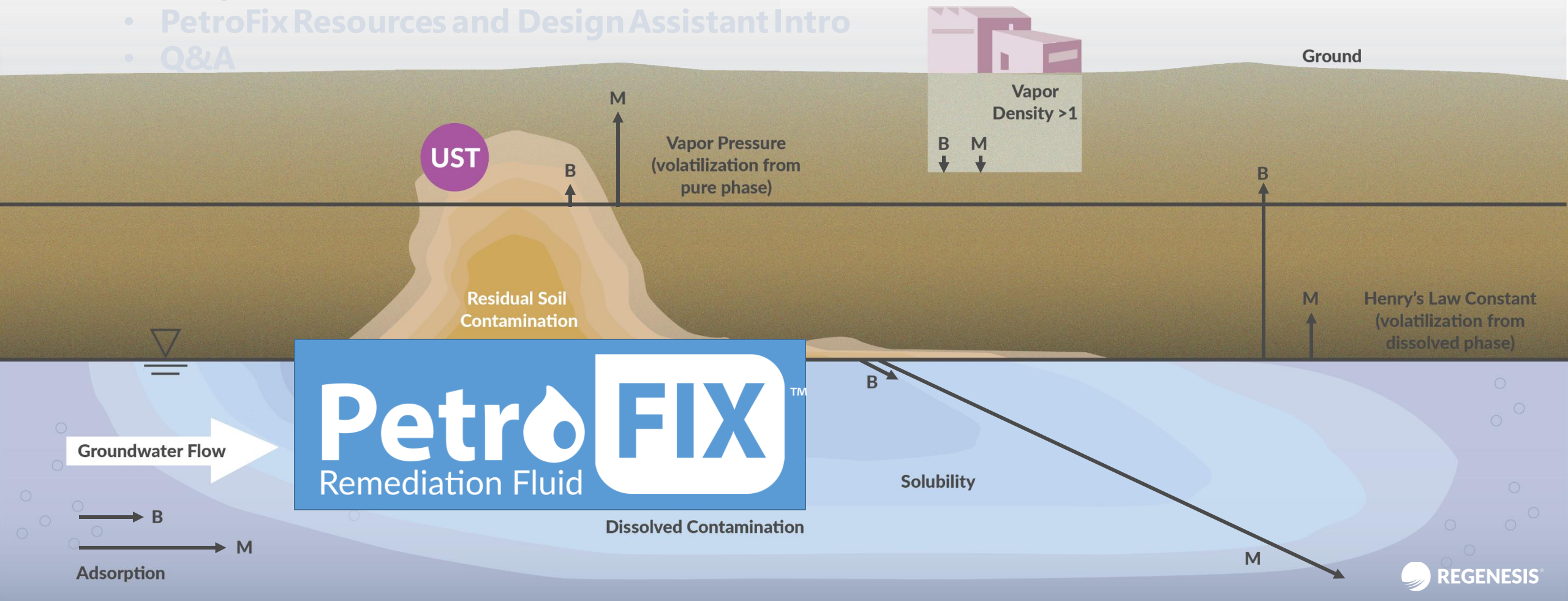
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# PETROFIX APPLICATION – KEY POINTS

## Multi-Port Tooling DOES work at most sites

- Lower pressures (20 to 60 psi typical)
- 2 to 8 gpm per point
- Less surfacing/fracturing

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## Recommend you VERIFY distribution

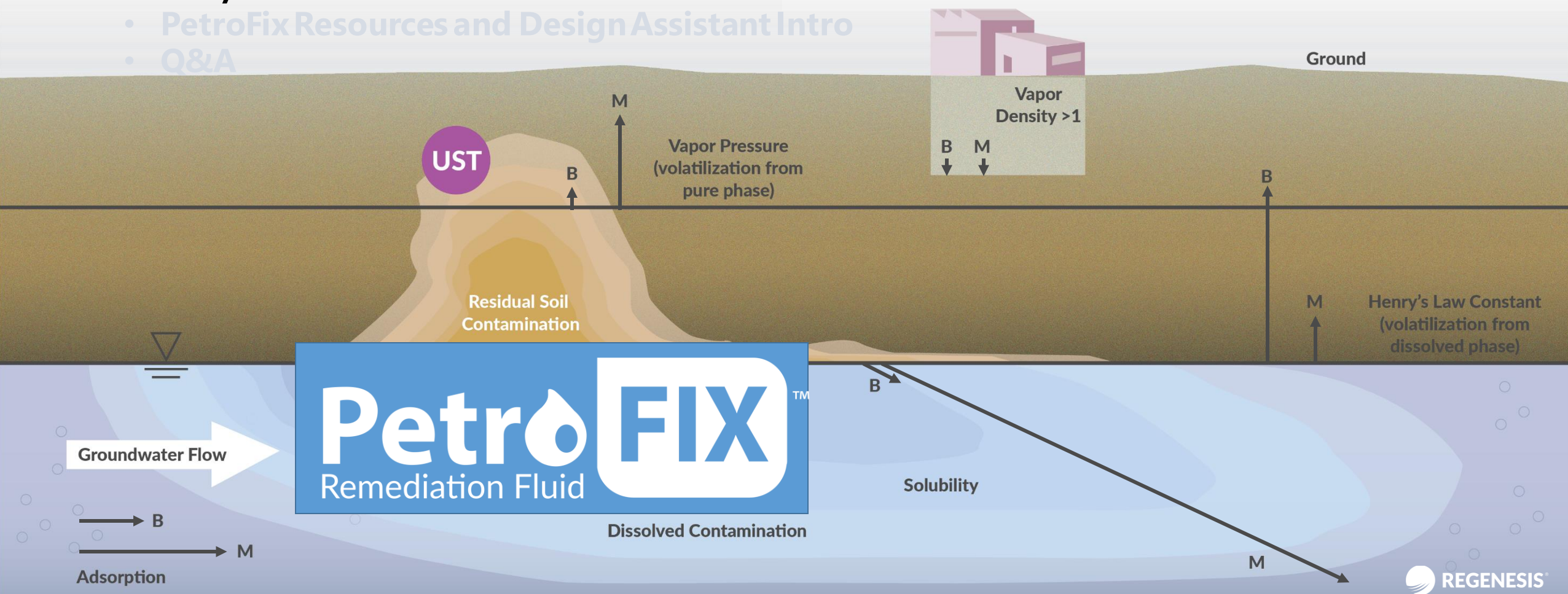
- PetroFix is its own tracer
- Inject...take a core(s)...evaluate ROI
- Make volume, pressure, tip adjustments for ROI increase as needed



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**PERFORMANCE-BASED  
OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED AT  
SCOTT AFB**

**CASE STUDY:  
PetroFix Reduces Benzene  
Levels to Non-Detect**



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# OVERVIEW

- A large airforce base in southwestern Illinois had soil impacted by a plume of petroleum hydrocarbons and BTEX
- Contamination occurred as a result of leaking underground storage tanks located on site
- Combined remedy utilized RegenOx, ORC-Advanced and PetroFix to achieve groundwater remediation objectives



# TREATMENT

- Initial injections of RegenOx and ORC-Advanced occurred from February-March 2018
- PetroFix was applied at a second injection event which occurred in March 2019



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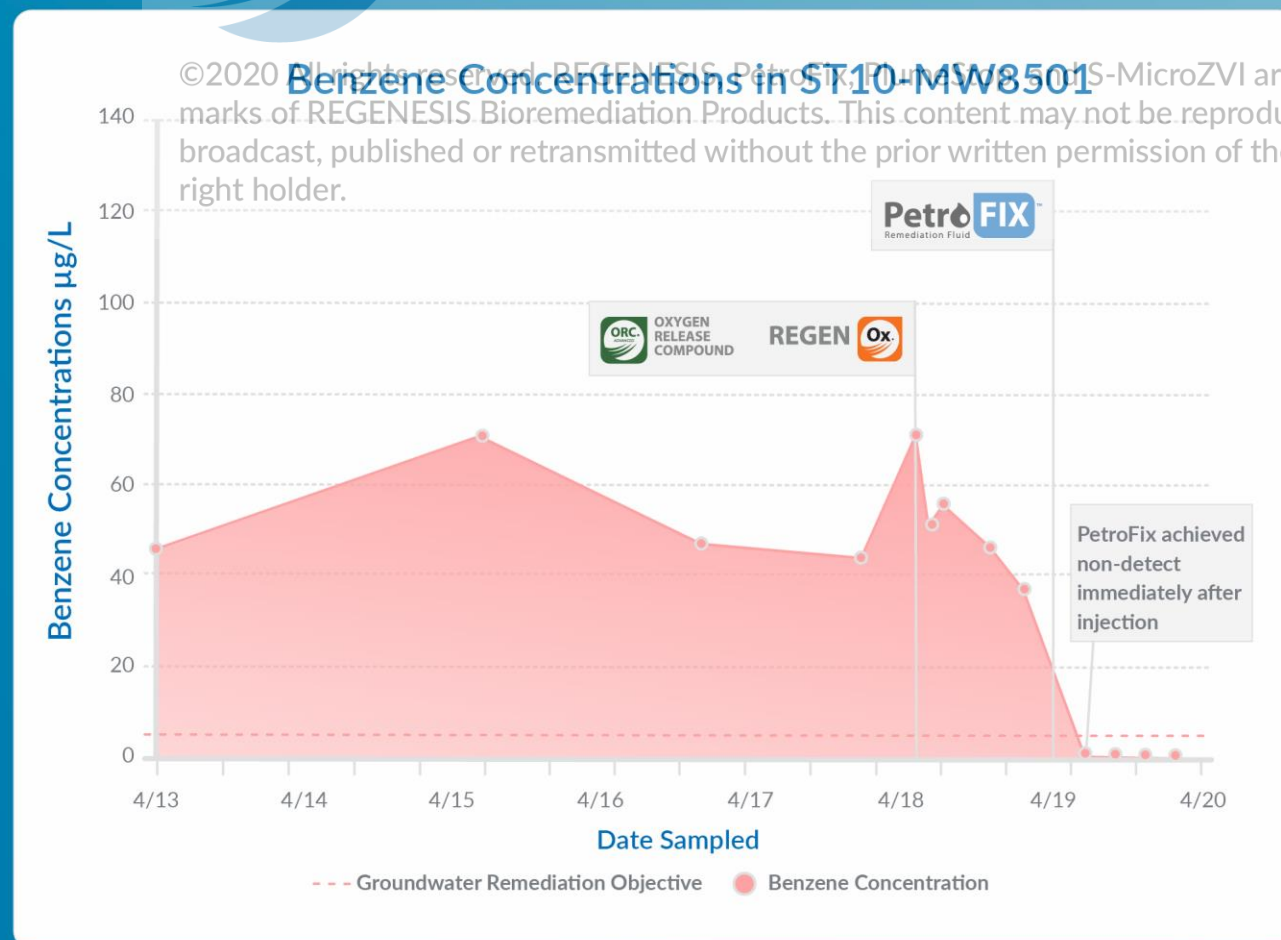
# HIGHLIGHTS

- Impacted soil was caused by leaking underground piping and removal of two large UST's
- Second round of direct push injection included PetroFix to treat lingering BTEX
- One month following application of PetroFix, BTEX levels were at non-detect and have continued to remain at that level for 5 sampling events



# RESULTS

- The remedial approach successfully treated the lingering contamination.
- The initial combination of RegenOx and ORC Advanced, coupled with the secondary measure of PetroFix has provided the contaminant mass reduction needed.
- The site is currently in place to receive a 'No Further Action' status following 5 sampling events at non-detect.

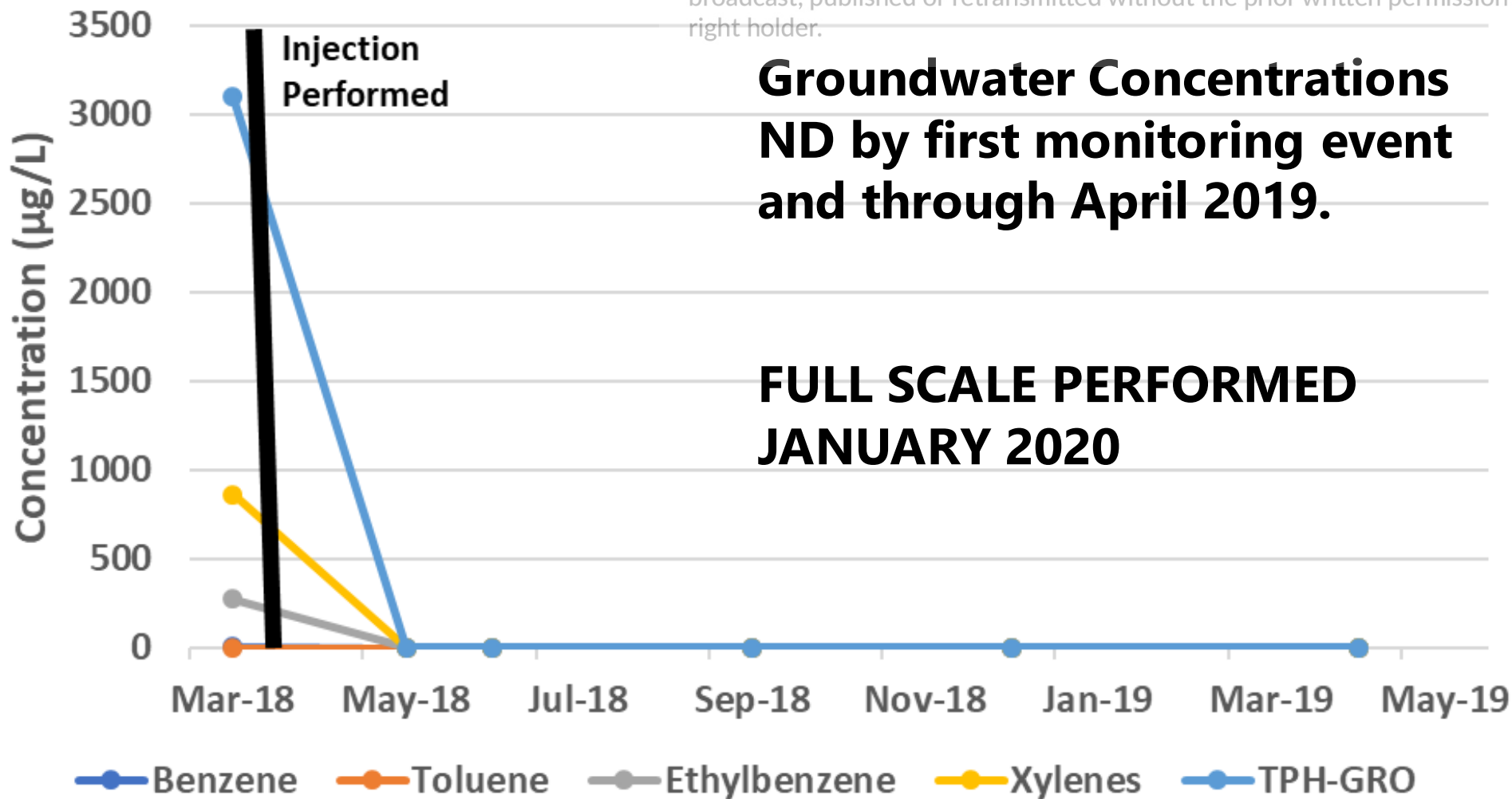




# Panama City Beach, FL - RESULTS

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## UST Beta Site, PetroFix injected March 2018





## Northern IN- BACKGROUND

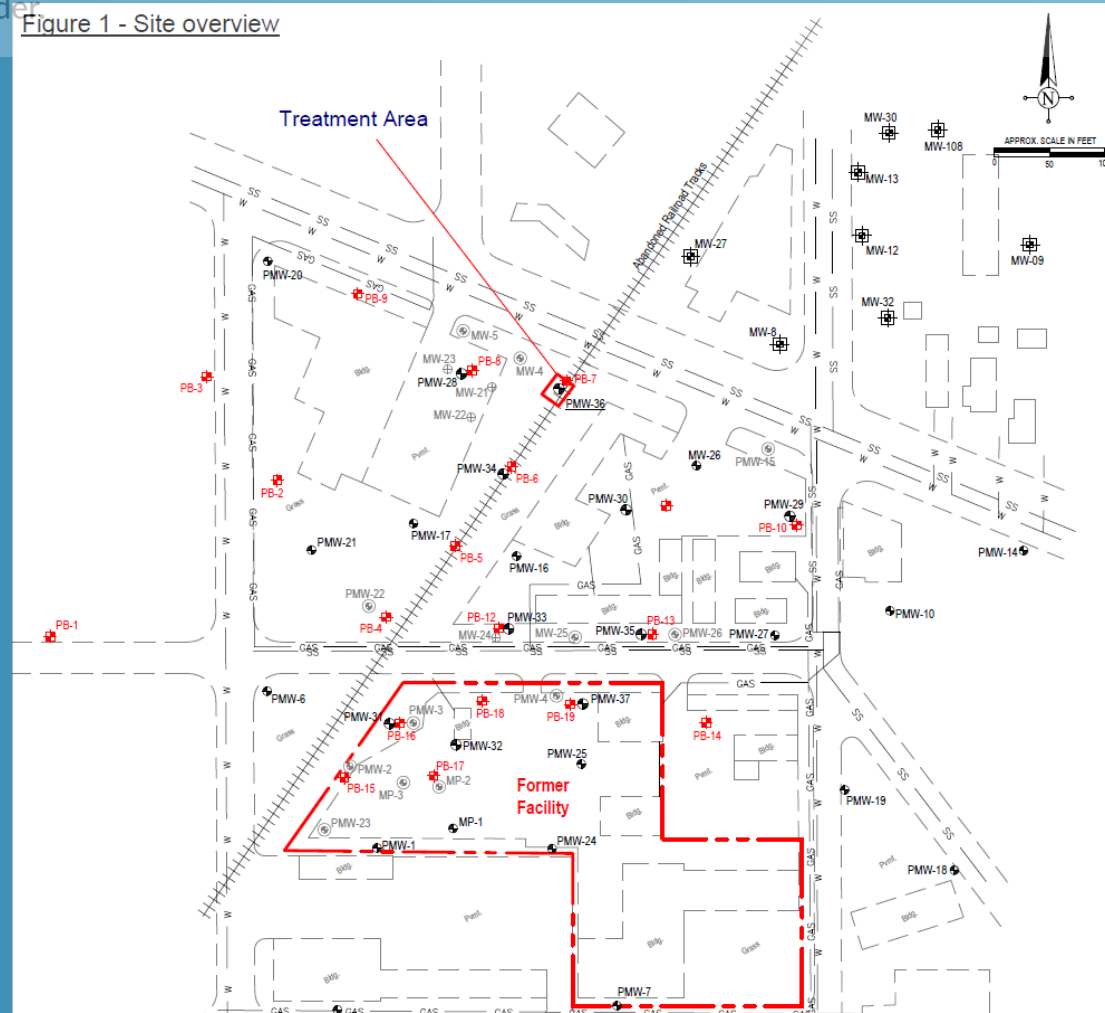
- Historical Bulk Petroleum Storage Facility
- LNAPL Recovery – 2006,
- AS/SVE – 2007-2009
- **BTEX – 3,500  $\mu\text{g/l}$**
- **TPH-G –38,800  $\mu\text{g/l}$**
- **TPH-D –17,800  $\mu\text{g/l}$**



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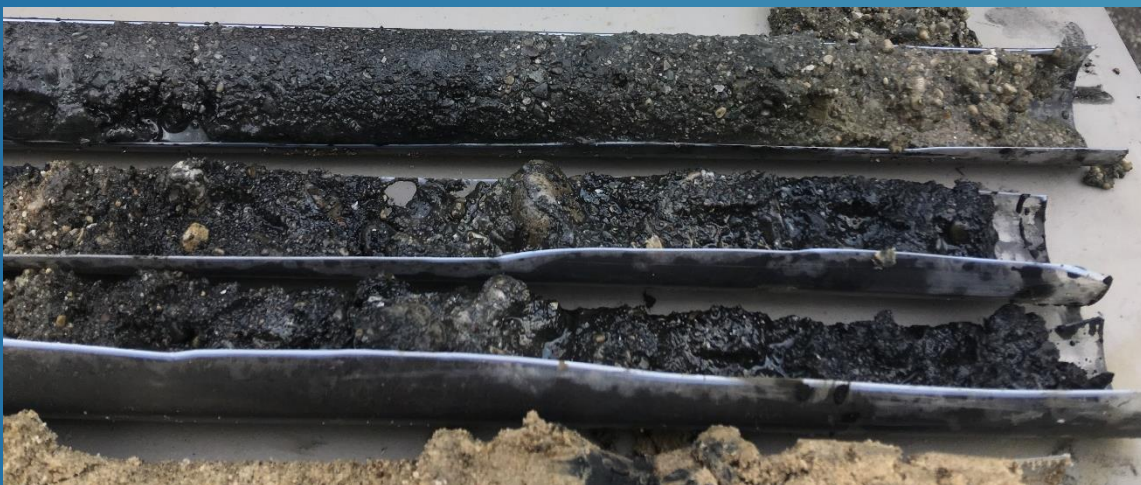
Figure 1 - Site overview





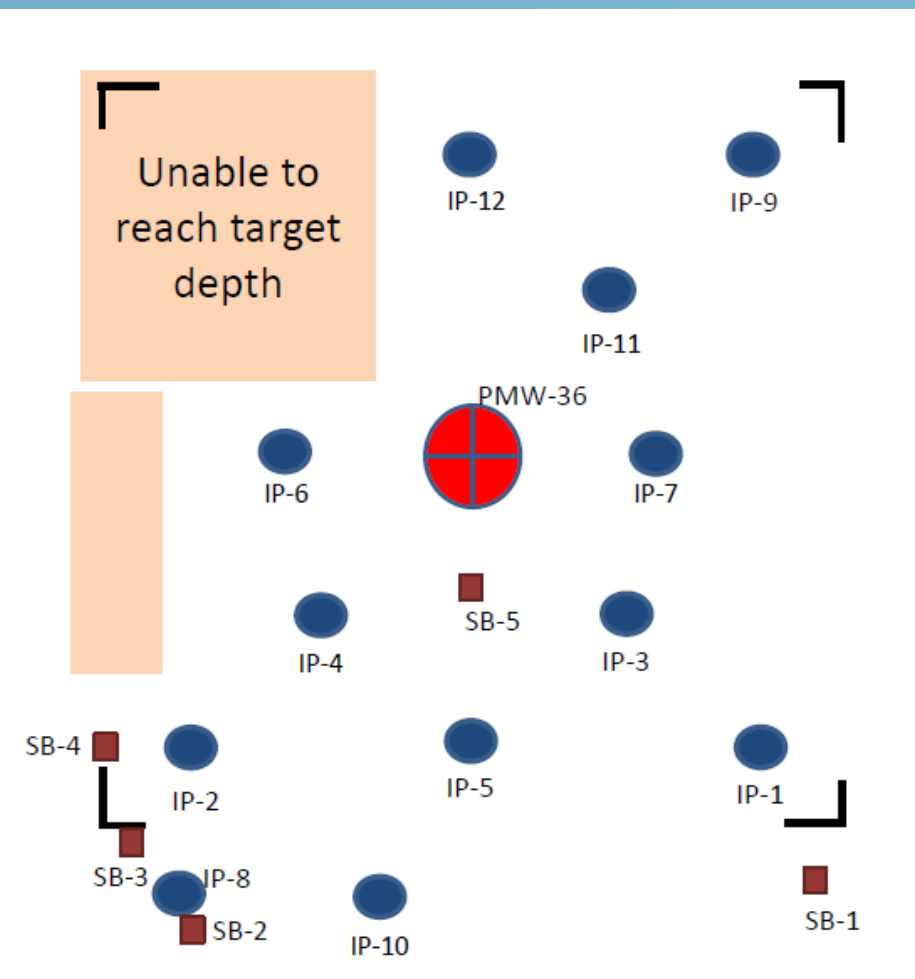
## Northern IN- PILOT

- 2,000 lb of PetroFix injected w/ sulfate + nitrate EA Blend
- 12 direct push points
- Target treatment zone: 15-22' bgs
- Heterogeneous soils
- 5-7' spacing optimal



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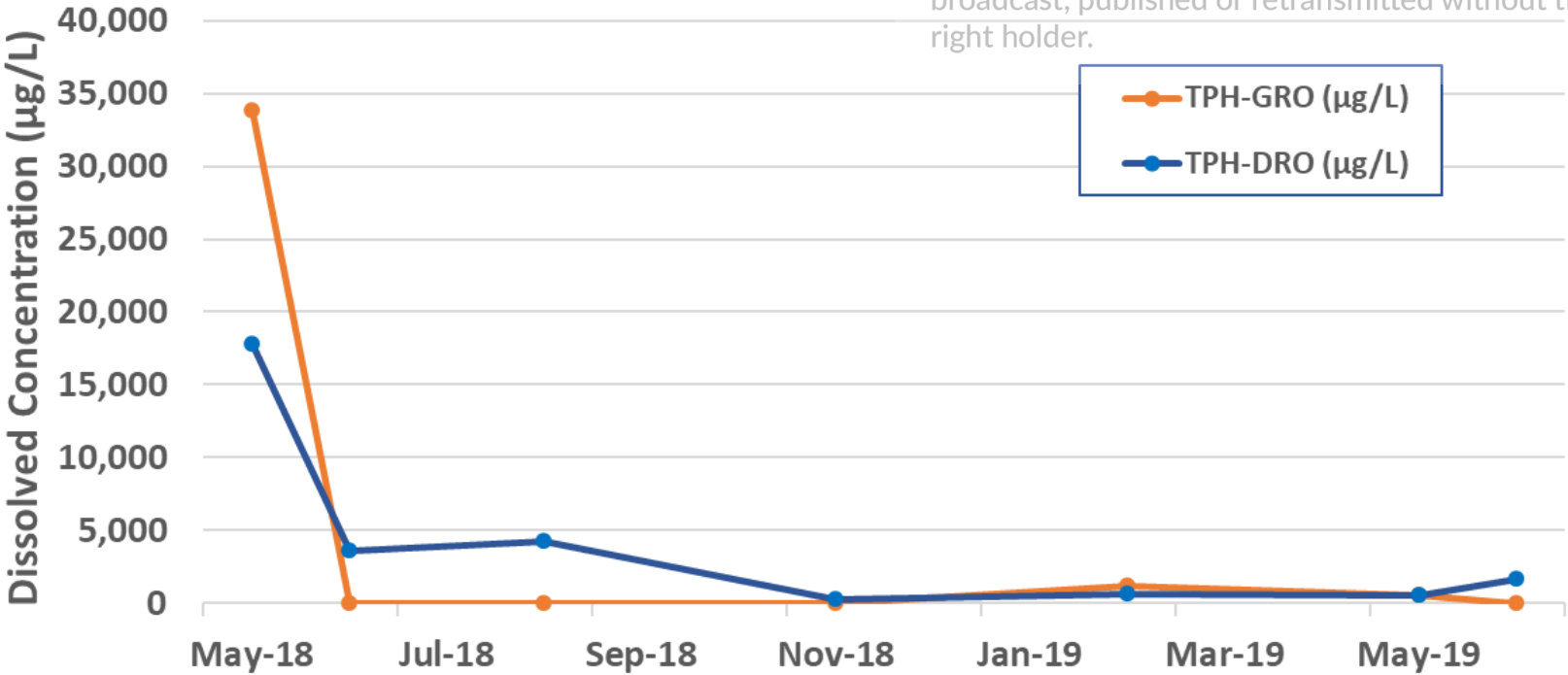
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# Northern IN – Results for Gas and Diesel

Results For Gasoline and Diesel Range Organics

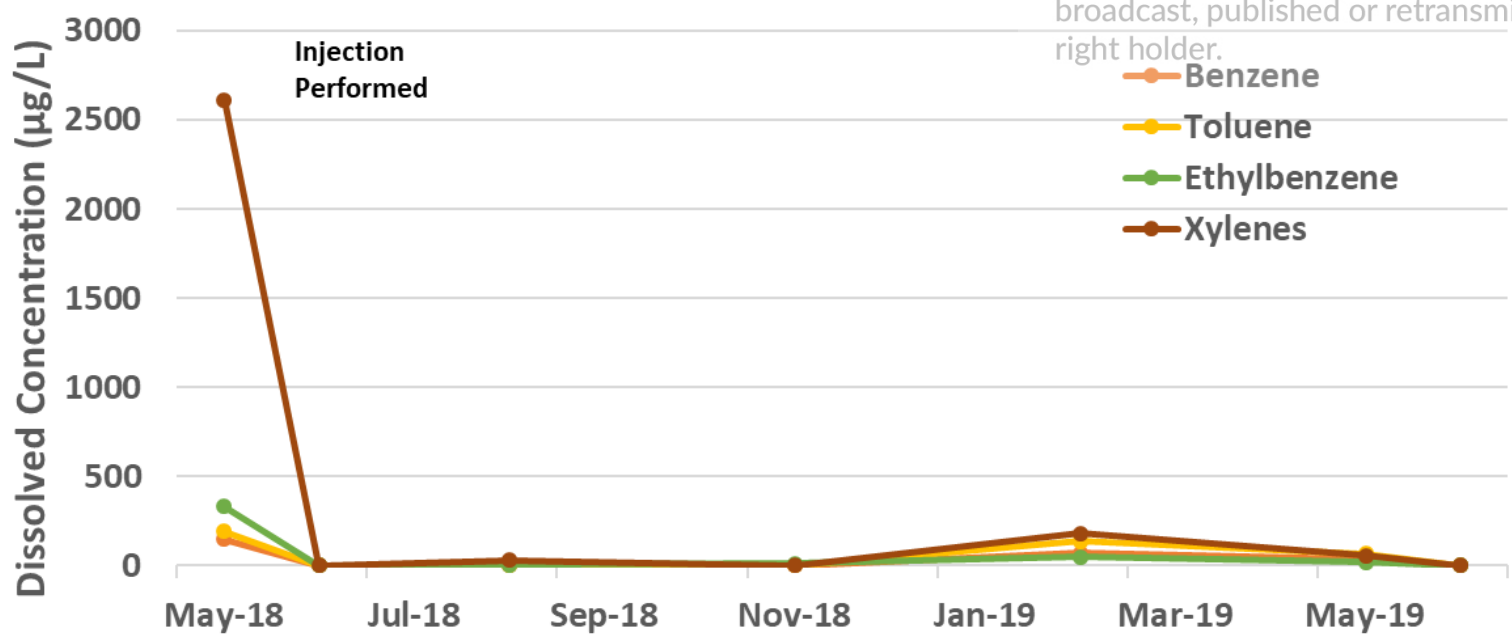


Analyte	May-18	Jun-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Jun-19
TPH-GRO (µg/L)	33,800	0	0	0	1,170	506	0
TPH-DRO (µg/L)	17,800	3,600	4,200	250	596	538	1680



# Northern IN – Results for BTEX

Results for BTEX



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- Client suspected some rebound. Beta in center of plume and being recharged with upgradient contamination
- 94.5% reduction to date
- Full-Scale initiated upgradient in March-April 2019

Analyte	May-18	Jun-18	Aug-18	Nov-18	Feb-19	May-19	Jun-19
Benzene	149	0	0	0	69.9	36.8	3.04
Toluene	191	0	5.7	0	139	68.2	2.05
Ethylbenzene	330	0	5.6	14	49.1	19.2	0
Xylenes	2,610	0	30	0	181	56.6	0



# Northern IN – BIO RESULTS

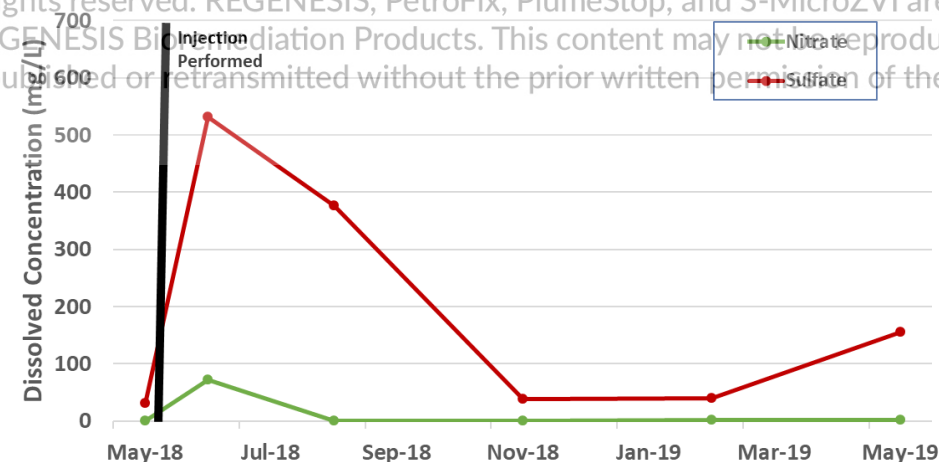
## Lines of Evidence for biodegradation

1. Electron Acceptors Deplete over time
  - Nitrate consumption > sulfate
2. Products of reaction
  - Sustained methane production (from hydrocarbon biodegradation) lasting after nitrate, sulfate consumed
  - Contaminants bioavailable
  - Attributed to syntrophic biodegradation

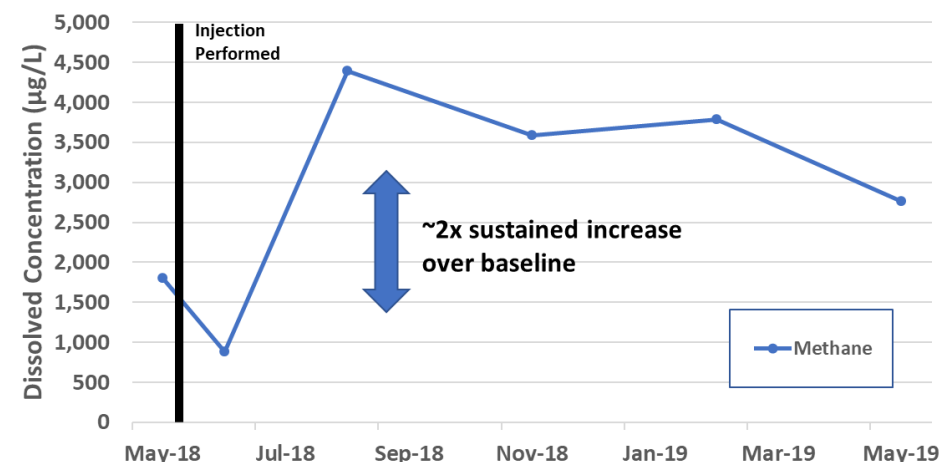
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### Results For Nitrate and Sulfate



### Results For Methane





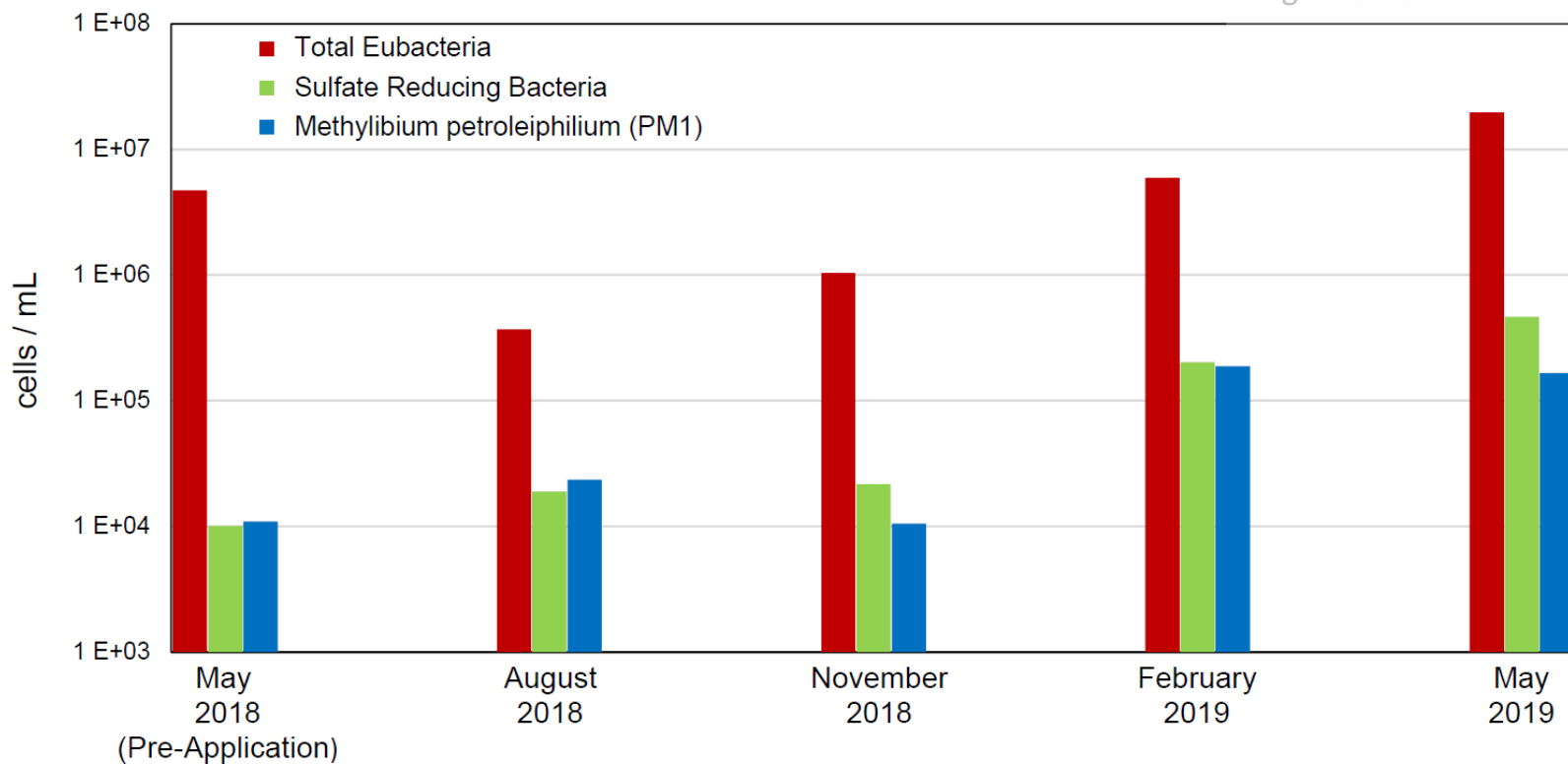
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Site Microbial Activity



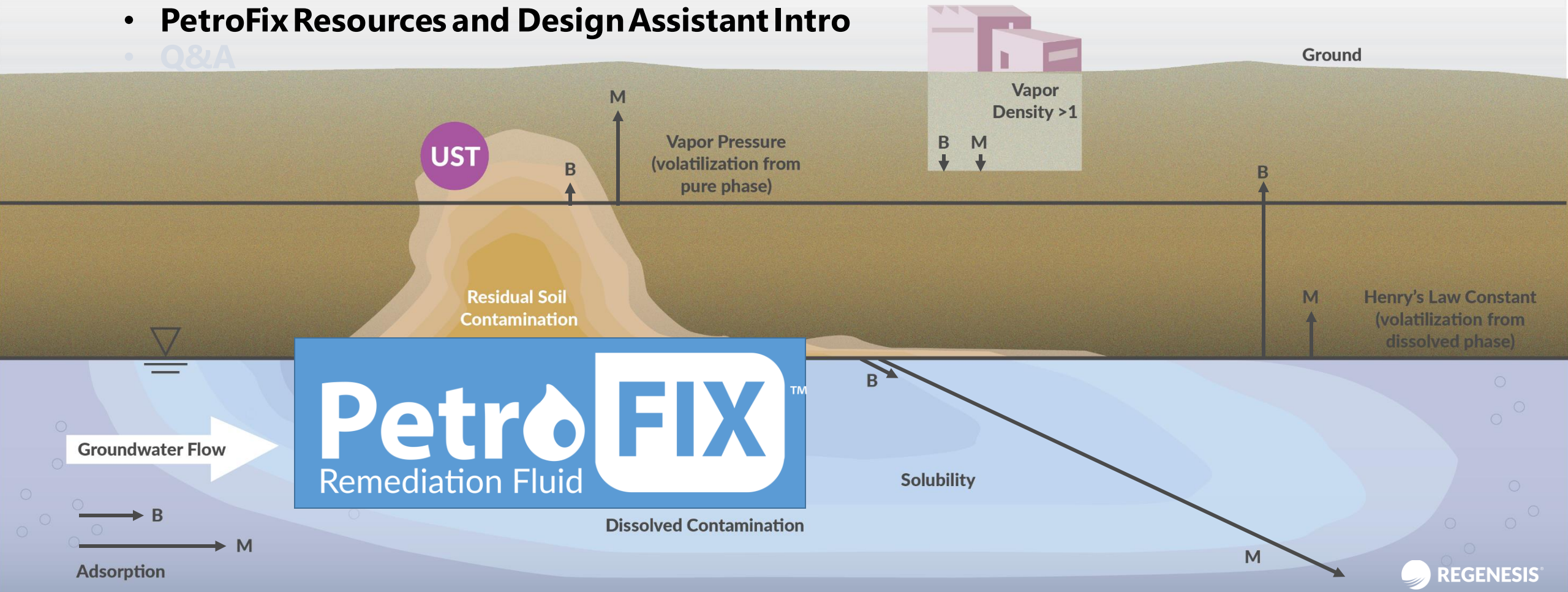
- QuantArray® Petro data: Key petroleum degraders are still abundant
  - Diverse, healthy populations present
  - Supports on-going biodegradation even with adsorption to activated carbon
- mRNA data (Microbial Insights) indicates key populations are active and thriving

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Vapor Density > 1.0

B ↓ M ↓



# PETROFIX DESIGN ASSISTANT



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- ✓ YouTube Training Video Available (9m 19s)
- ✓ Rapid designs provides dosage, volume and spacing and other variables
- ✓ Send output to local driller for bid
- ✓ [www.petrofix.com/design](http://www.petrofix.com/design)

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### Pilot Test

**SOURCE AREA**  
**Application Summary**

<b>PetroFix Amount</b>	<b>1,200 lbs</b>	<b>Total Volume</b>	<b>1,842 gal</b>
Treatment Surface Area	400.0 ft <sup>2</sup>	Product Volume	123 gal
Delivery Points	16	Water Volume	1,720 gal
Point Spacing	5.0 ft	Injection Volume/Point	115 gal
Top of Treatment Interval	17.0 ft bgs	Inject Volume/Vertical ft	14 gal
Bottom of Treatment Interval	25.0 ft bgs	Product/Point	7.7 gal
Vertical Treatment Interval Thickness	8.0 ft	Water/Point	107.5 gal
Treatment Volume	119 yd <sup>3</sup>	Soil Type	Mix of coarse and fine
PetroFix Dose	10.12 lb/yd <sup>3</sup>	Effective Pore Volume Fill %	38%

<b>Mix Tank Volume</b>	<b>250 gal</b>	<b>AREA NOTES</b>
Dilution Factor	15.0	
PetroFix per Mix Tank	17 gal	
Water per Mix Tank	233 gal	
Number of Batches Required	7.37	

<b>REPORTED</b>		<b>NAPL Present?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Ground Water Concentrations (µg/L)</b>		Isopropylbenzene	0
Benzene	460	Naphthalenes	0
Toluene	5,500	MTBE	0
Ethylbenzene	740	TPH-GRO	0
Xylenes	3,600	TPH-DRO	0
Trimethylbenzenes	0		
Butylbenzene	0	<b>Total Contaminant Mass:</b>	<b>10,300</b>

# PETROFIX INJECTION INSTRUCTIONS

**PetroFix Application Instructional  
YouTube Training Video Available  
(4m 23s)**

- ✓ Find under “You Apply”
- ✓ Installation equipment required
- ✓ Tools and supplies required
- ✓ Mixing and injection instructions
- ✓ Documenting distribution

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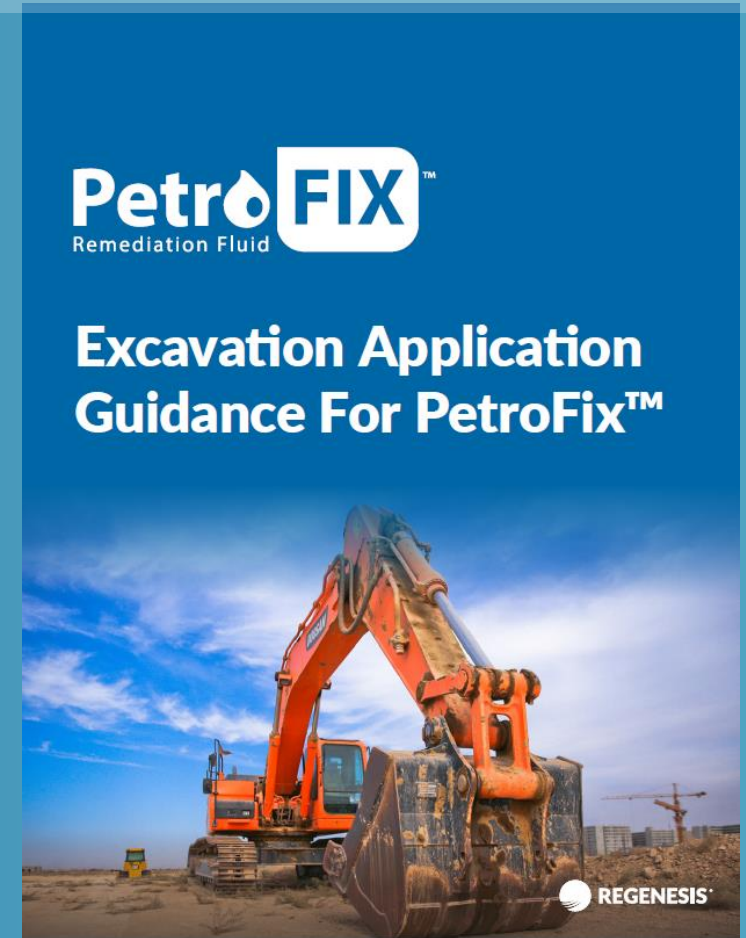
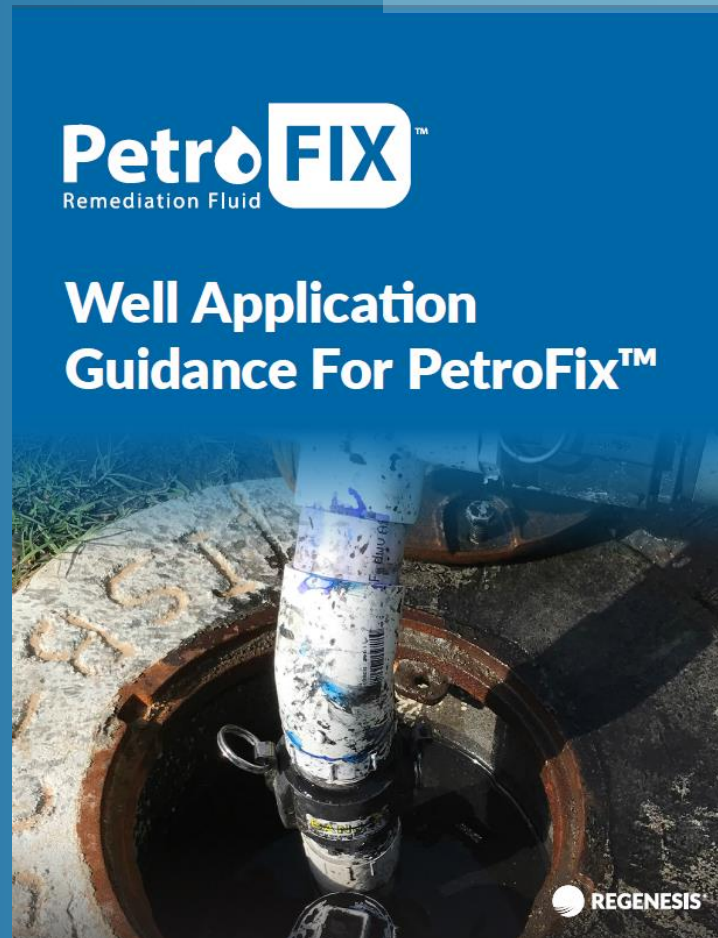
## Current Written Instructions for PetroFix

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Direct Push

Well Injection

Excavation





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**Questions?**

**Thank you!**



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# Summary of Benefits

**BROADLY APPLICABLE** – Source areas, excavations, barriers

**SAFE TO APPLY** – Safe around infrastructure, no carbon dust

**LOW PRESSURE AND HIGH VOLUME** – Excellent distribution with much less surfacing or entry into wells and utilities.

**SIMPLE TO INJECT** – Needs common application equipment

**EASY TO VERIFY DISTRIBUTION** – PetroFix is own tracer, can make field adjustments

**EASY-TO-USE ONLINE TOOLS** - Use the online PetroFix design assistant to create your own designs, generate output, and perform your own application.

**EXTENSIVE SUPPORT** - Design and application videos, written application guidance, technical bulletins, and phone support available.

**MINIMIZE VAPOR EMISSIONS** - Rapidly capturing and treating hydrocarbons from the dissolved phase will mitigate vapor plume formation.



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