ACCELERATING BIOREMEDIATION USING A PARTICULAR SURFACTANT

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DISPOSITION OF NAPL'S IN THE SOIL MATRIX







USING A SURFACTANT

BECKER ENVIRONMENTAL 7 Inc. Swirling Flask Dispersant Effectiveness Test using (1-10) South Louisiana Crude



BioSolve (1-5) does not sink oils like dispersants (1-10) are designed to do. Even at twice the concentration. BioSolve is designed to allow the hydrocarbons to remain buoyant for recovery or biodegradation.

CO₂ CONVERSION WITH & WITHOUT SURFACTANT

%Conversion to CO2



Time (Hours)

- Bacteria Only
- .5%BioSolve

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SURFACTANT EFFECT on ALKANE DEGRADATION





PROTOCOL for CO2 PRODUCTION TESTS USING SURFACTANT

• MIX SOIL & DIVIDED INTO TWO = PARTS

•ADD = PARTS RADIOACTIVE CARBON MARKED CONTAMINANT

•ADD = PARTS WATER, ONE PART WATER ONLY AND PART WATER + SURFACTANT

•ENCLOSE AND MEASURE CO2 CONVERSION

•5 TESTS W/ DIFFERENT CONTAMINATES AND/OR DIFFERENT LEVELS OF CONTAMINATION

BECKER ENVIRONMENTAL 7 Inc. TEST #1. LIGHT REFINED HYDROCARBON

NAPTHALENE DEGRADIATION



TEST #2 CRUDE OIL CONTAMINATION

C16 HC DEGRADIATION



TEST #3 HEAVY CRUDE OIL ON WET SOIL

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DISSOLVED C18 HC (10,000ppm) % LABEL CONVERSION TO CO2 surfactant control control max **TIME IN HOURS**

TEST #4 HEAVY CRUDE OIL ON DRY SOIL

NONDISSOLVED C18 HC (10,000ppm)



TEST #5 HEAVY CRUDE OIL ON BEACH SAND

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C16 HC SOIL PRECONDITIONED with MARINE ORGANISMS



COMPARISON of % DEGRAGIATION of TWO SURFACTANTS & CONCENTRATION

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1 contaminated soil

#2 microorganisms, nutrients & aeration;

#3 microorganisms, nutrients , aeration and 0.5% BioSolve

#4 microorganisms, nutrients and aeration and 5.0% BioSolve.

#5 microorganisms, nutrients, aeration and another surfactant

CASE STUDY OF IN-SITU BIOREMEDIATION with a SURFACTANT

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EVENT	DESCRIPTION	VOC	in	ppm
DATE	of ACTIVITY	LOW	ĀVĒ	HIGH
8/6/93	Wells installed and intial reading	210	4100	9600
8/7/93	Initial nutrient and water addition on new wells	200	3835	8750
8/9/93	Second nutrient treatment. Vapor recovery installed	200	2925	8500
8/17/93	2% BioSolvetm to all but one well OVA/PID VOC readings	9	1230	10000
8/18/93	Inoculation of microorganisms, nutrients and BioSolve			
8/20/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	10	119	1000
9/10/93	Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve			
9/22/93	Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve OVA/PID readings	18	177	1500
10/1/93	Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve			
10/6/93	Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve OVA/PID readings	10	45	350
10/13/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	15	54	104
10/21/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	14	49	200
10/28/93	OVA/PID readings Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve	12	31	110
11/15/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	10	36	120
11/30/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	10	31	86
12/07/93	OVA/PID readings Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve	10	38	100
12/22/93	OVA/PID readings for VOC's and soil sample	10	26	105
1/10/94	Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve			
1/20/94	OVA/PID readings Inoculation of nutrients and BioSolve	5	22	80
2/10/94	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	8	16	50
2/25/94	OVA/PID readings for VOC's	5	12	28
3/01/94	SOIL TESTS WERE BELOW DETECTABLE LIMIT	.005	.005	.005
5/15/94	SITE CLOSED			

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SERVICE STATION CASE STUDY

5/29/93-4/16/97- LNAPL under former pump island

Manually bailed no change

No receptors, urban area and no cost effective permanent remedial system

3 monitoring wells & soil borings 11SFx0.03F = 170gals.

7/23/97 Inject 250 gals. of 2% BioSolve® and and surge blocked

- 7/24/97 2 wells manifolded to vacuum truck
- 35.74# of HC vapor +255 gals of emulsion recovered
- 8/11/97 No LPH detected
- 9/2/97 No LPH detected

SOIL FLUSHING UNDER RAILROAD TRACKS





The End



DISPOSITION OF NAPL'S IN THE SOIL MATRIX

 \rightarrow Evaporate and stay in the vapor phase,

 \rightarrow Dissolved into the soil moisture

 \rightarrow Adsorb onto solid surfaces



2 SURFACTANTS AQUEOUS DISPERSION of OCTADACANE



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TESTS #1 STERILE SOIL + H2

#2 STERILE SOIL + H2O + BIOSOLVE

#3 STERILE SOIL + H2O + OIL

#4 STERILE SOIL + H2O +0IL + BIOSOLVE

How BioSolve [®] Works

Hard surface degreasers can form a variety of micelles types.

Foams "line up like soldiers" to create a film on top of the fuel



SOLID-LIQUID



surfactants form spherical micelles which surround the hydrocarbon molecules forming microemulsions

BioSolve's ®

Patented Technology



BioSolve's ® patented blend of surfactants creates an emulsification and an encapsulation One surfactant solublizes oil, but is non-water soluble The other surfactant solublizes the emulsion into the water

The BioSolve [®] **Difference**

*Dispersants create droplets
*Droplets are large particles
*BioSolve [®] creates microemulsions
*University testing measuring solublized oil concluded that BioSolve's [®] microemulsion size particles were similar to a naturally occurring bacterium's biosurfactant microemulsions

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