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#### Ex-Situ Chemical Oxidation a Proven Sustainable Remediation Alternative





#### **Agenda**

Cost Excavation and Disposal Volumes **Analysis**  Safety and Contractor Management Northern Alberta **Case Study**  Central Alberta GHG Emissions **Opportunity Conclusion** 



### Cost Analysis Excavation & Disposal Volumes

- Currently the majority (> 90%) of contaminated soil from downstream/midstream and upstream operations in AB & BC is disposed at landfills
- Several reasons for landfill disposal option:
  - Nature of contaminant(s)
  - Remoteness
  - Spacing requirements
  - Regulatory
- AB / BC landfills reported 925,000 tonnes / 5 year average
- Approximately 30% would be suitable for on-site treatment



### Cost Analysis Safety and Contractor Management

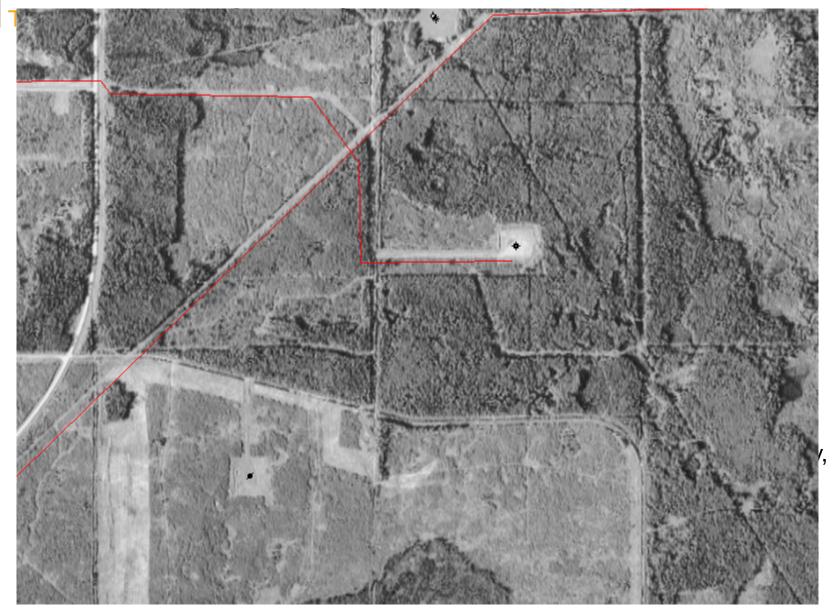
- Transportation Safety Costs
  - 1,400 people injured every year as a result of heavy commercial traffic
  - Since 1998 average of 80 fatalities / year
- General Safety Costs
  - Flagging Crews
  - On-Site Safety Staff
  - Training and Orientation
- Contractor Management Costs
  - Training / Orientations / Contractor Competency Assessments
  - Fit for Work
  - Stakeholder Relations / General Public



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## Cost Comparison and Emissions Case Study Central Alberta

- Contaminant Distribution BETX, F1 and F2
- In-situ System / Passive Remediation
- Risk Mitigation Strategy
  - Two Plant Sites:
    - 7,200 m³ impacted soil/groundwater
    - Oxidant demand = 655,000 kg to Tier 1
  - Costs First Year: \$ 280 K
  - Costs Year 2 to 5: \$ 80 K
  - Total Costs: \$ 600 K or ~ \$ 83.00 / m<sup>3</sup>



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# **Cost Comparison and Emissions Case Study**

- 170 km distance
  - Trucking 350 loads = 59,500 km
  - Fuel Use: 7 mpg or 33.60 L / 100 km
  - Fuel Used: ~ 20,000 L
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from 1 L Diesel: 2.7 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e
  - Total Emissions: 54 tCO₂e
- Increasingly important:
  - Full Cost Analysis
  - Social License to Operate
  - Sustainable Operations managing Environmental Liabilities
  - Perception Oil and Gas Industry



## **Emissions AB / BC Regional GHG Impact**

- Disposal volumes AB / BC 925,000 tonnes / year
- Assumption that 30% or 277,000 tonnes can be treated
- Assume transportation distance to landfill is 150 km
- Fuel Use Transportation: 124,000 L diesel
- CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from 1 L Diesel: 2.7 kg CO<sub>2</sub>e
- Total Emission Reduction 334.8 tCO<sub>2</sub>e / year



#### **Opportunities?**

- Was is the price of carbon?
  - In 2009, 8.2 billion metric tCO<sub>2</sub>e was traded, > 68% from 2008
  - Value: \$ 144 billion US
  - EU: € 11.40 or ~ \$ 15.75 tCO₂e (credit)
  - US:  $3 5 \text{ tCO}_2\text{e}$  (credit)
  - UK: £ 4 or ~ \$ 6.65 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (penalty)
  - BC: \$ 14 − 18 tCO₂e (credit)
  - AB: \$ 15 tCO<sub>2</sub>e non-compliance cost to climate fund / offset credit
- Carbon Trading Transportation Industry ?
- What if 75% can be reused, treated, immobilized?
  - $\sim 700,000 \text{ tonnes}$
  - 312,500 L diesel
  - 844 tCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - Every L diesel is ~ \$ 0.04 CO<sub>2</sub>e



#### **Conclusions**

- Opportunities to reduce remediation cost <u>and</u> associated emissions.
- Opportunity for carbon trading?
- Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Perception oil and gas industry.
- Social License to Operate.
- Incentive to Suppliers / Contractors ?