Routes to Successful Phytoremediation: Site Selection and Case Studies

The Practitioners Guide

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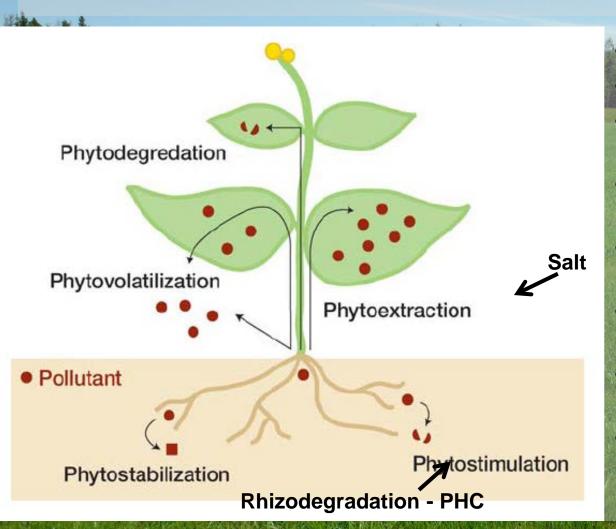




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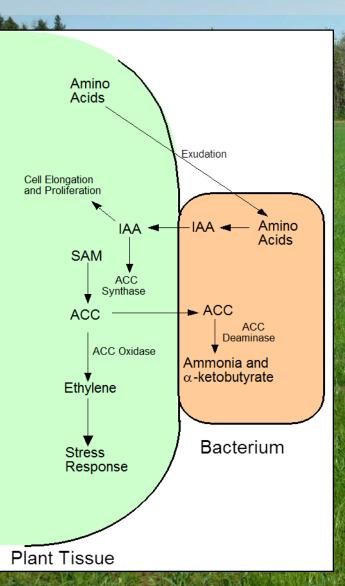
- Phytoremediation
- Case Studies
 - Red Earth Creek (Boreal Mixedwood)
 - Gregg River (Upper Foothills)
- Commonly Asked Questions

How It Works



- **Volatilization**
- Phytodegradation
- Chelation/compart ment in leaves
- Translocation: root symplast → xylem
- Chelation/compart ment in roots
- Plant uptake soil→root
- Rhizosphere Processes
- Bioavailability particle→water

How It Works



 Plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR)

 Natural, non-pathogenic strains of PGPR (usually *Pseudomonads*)

 PGPRs isolated from ON, AB, SK and the NWT

• PGPR are applied to seeds prior to planting

Advantages

- Cost effective alternative (\$80-110 / m³)
- Easily treat remote sites, winter, ATV, Heli access
- Soil remediation in 2-3 years (below criteria)
- Increased safety (no trucking)
- Green technology (no transfer of liability)
- Treatment within various climatic conditions (NWT to the US and harsh growing conditions)
- Minimal treatment area required
- Proven successful alternative

Limitations

- PHC (BTEX, F1-F4's), PAH & Salt impacted soils
- Does not treat immobile metals
- Excavation of soils often required to fully remediate
- Spring and Fall sampling required

Preconstruction

Other engineered systems...

Construction

Topsoil & CWD salvage for Reclamation

Construction

Treatment areas confined to lease

Construction

Able to work on operating leases

Impacted Soil Placement

No trucking off-site

Seeding & Fertilizing



Year One Growth

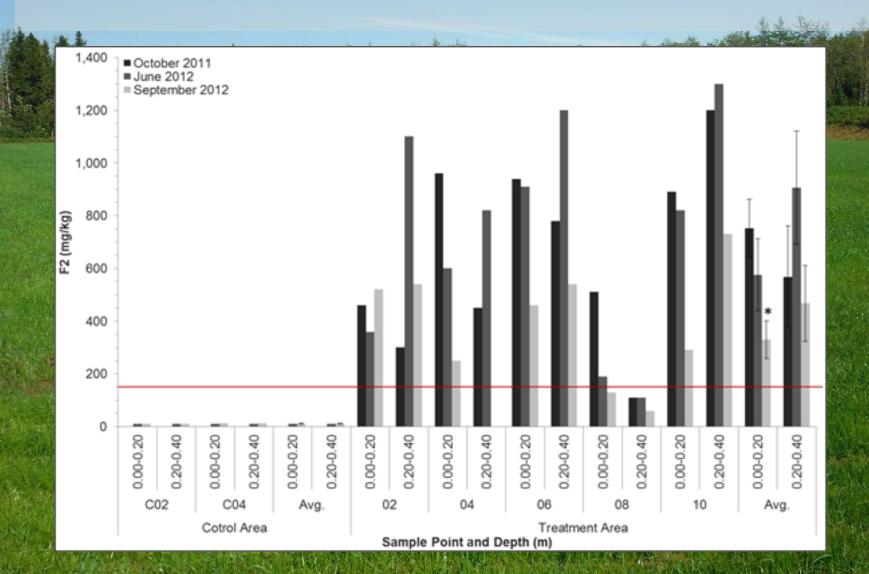
Treatment of PHC (BTEX, F1-F4's), PAH & Salt impacted soils

Harvesting

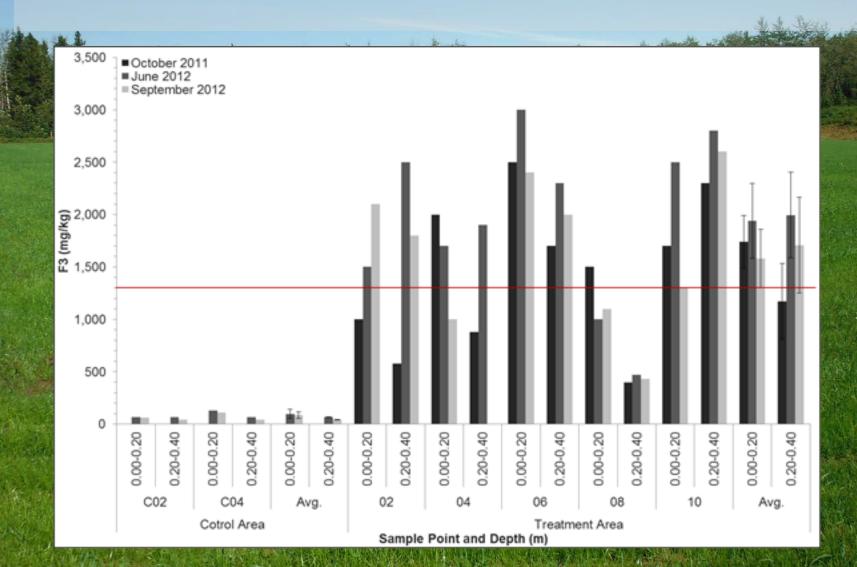
Treatment Area

Treatment in remote areas

Results Year One



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Background

Excavation



No transfer of liability

Pad Construction

Treat coarse and fine grained soils

Treatment Area



Proven, economical treatment

Seeding & Fertilizing



Work with a broad diversity of clients

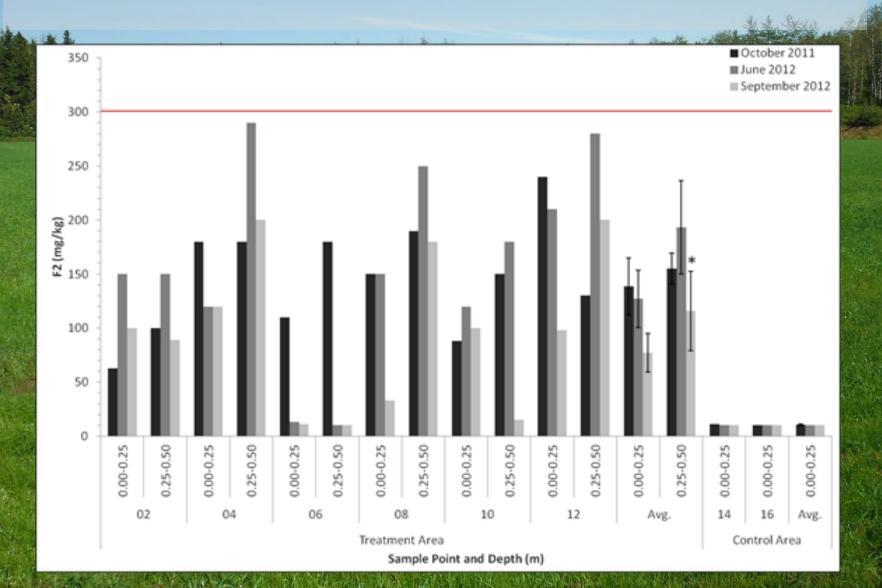
Year One Two Growth



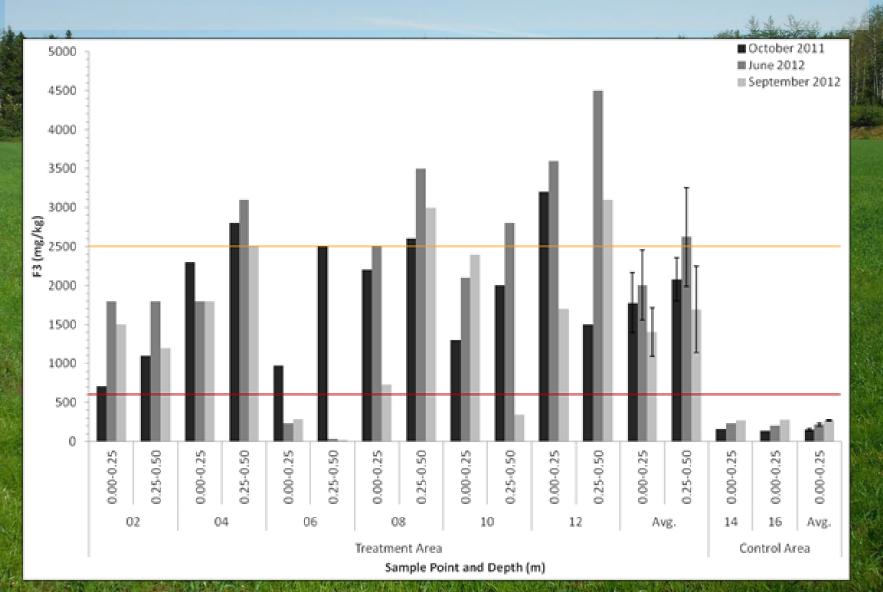
Year Two Growth



Results



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Questions?





