

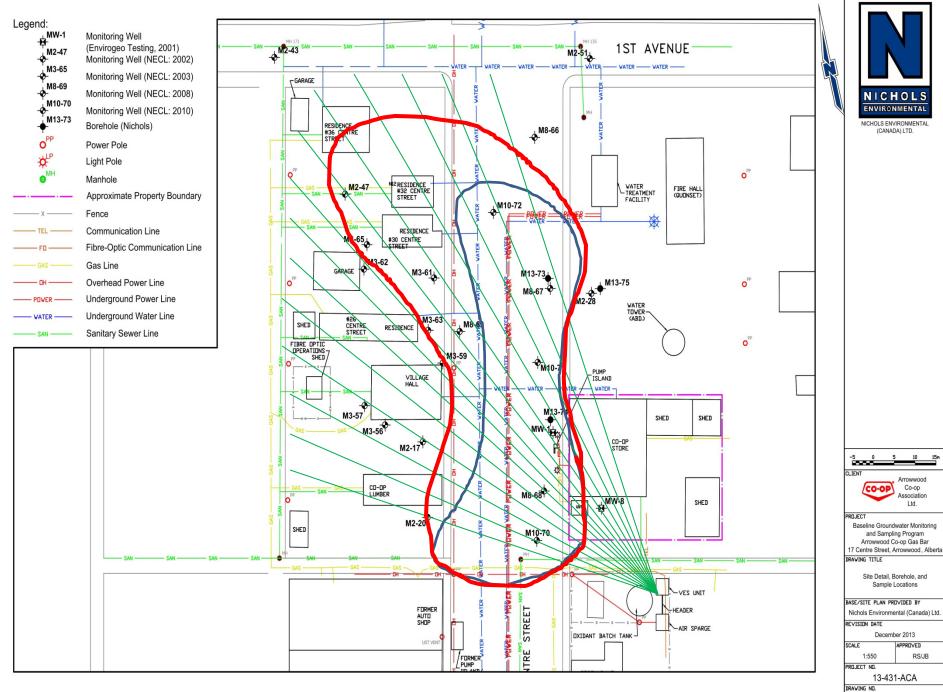


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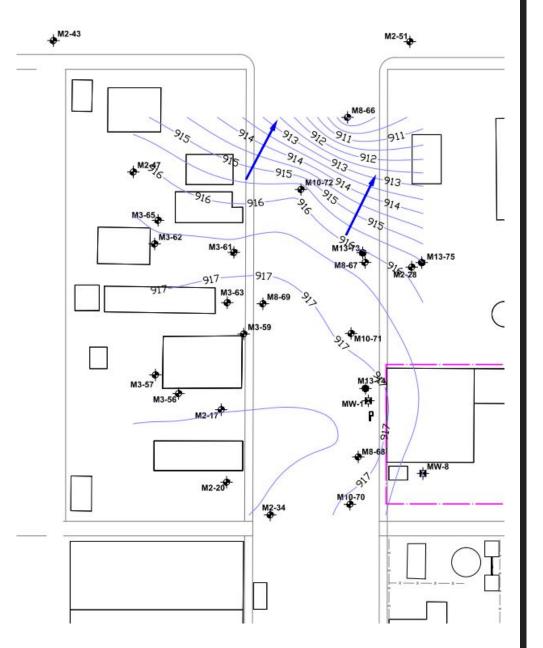
Comparing Effectiveness of Activated vs. **Un-activated** NA<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>8</sub> During **In-Situ Remediation** of PHCs







15m



Soil lithology is fine-grained (silty clay and clay till)

Near surface groundwater gradient measured at less than 0.02 m/m

Groundwater flow toward the north (preferential flow in utility corridor)

PHC contaminants beneath residential properties

Alberta Tier II Guidelines

# Approach

In-situ ChemOx using FMC Klozur Persulfate

Persulfate is widely used and well documented (generation of sulfate radical)



## Question

Do we use Activated or Unactivated Persulfate





### Activated Persulfate

Higher production of sulfate radicals

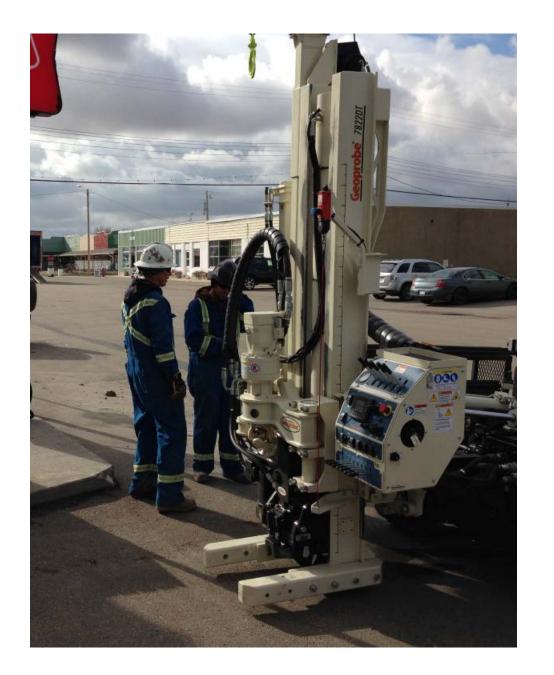
Results in rapid oxidation of PHCs

### Un-Activated Persulfate

Lower production of sulfate radicals Degrade into sulfuric acid over time

Promote release of soil-bound phosphate

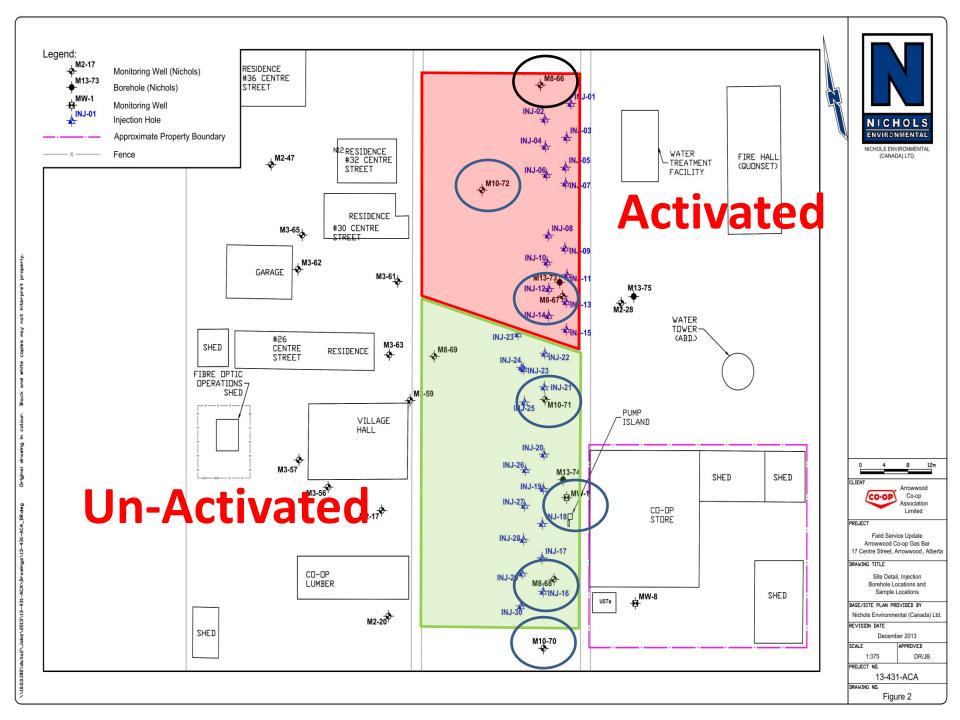
Provide sustained secondary anaerobic biological degradation

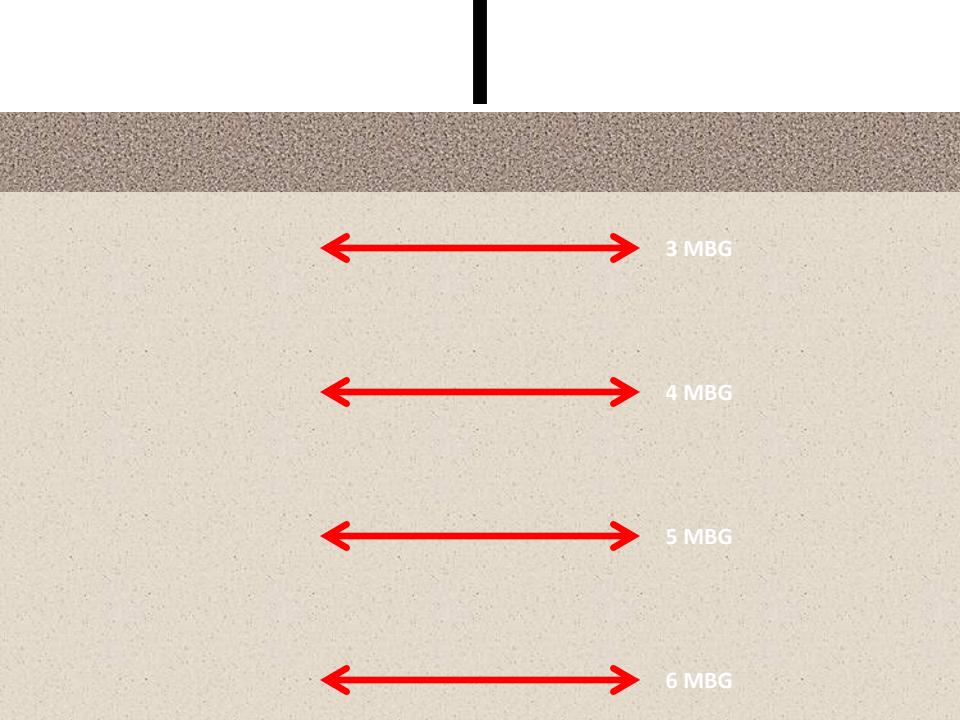


Injected north half of site with alkaline activated persulfate

Injected south half of site with un-activated persulfate







### Results

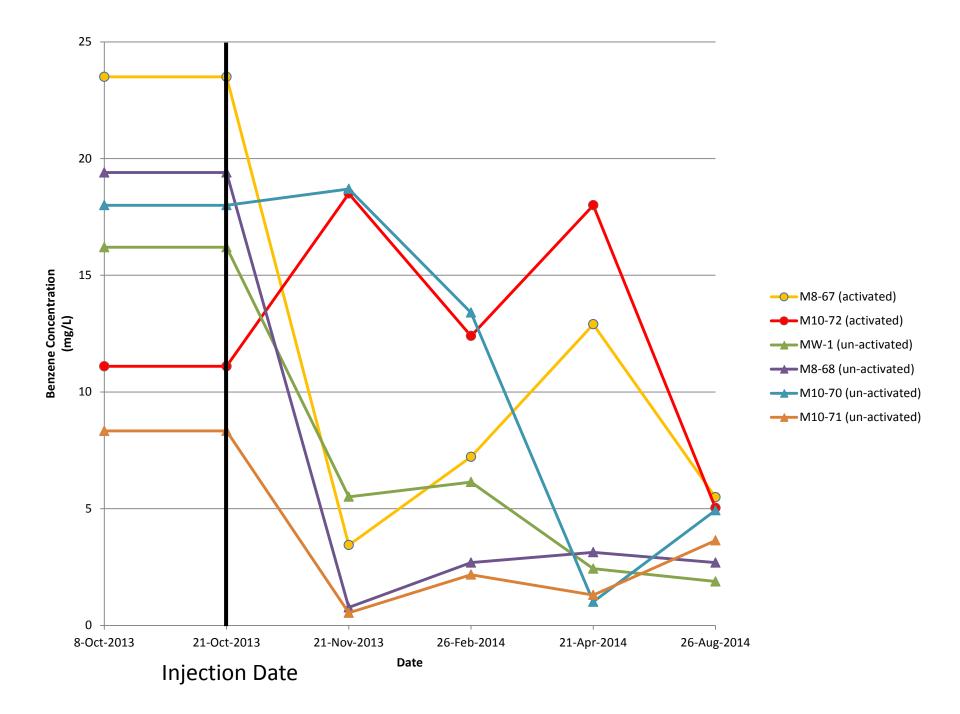
Success?

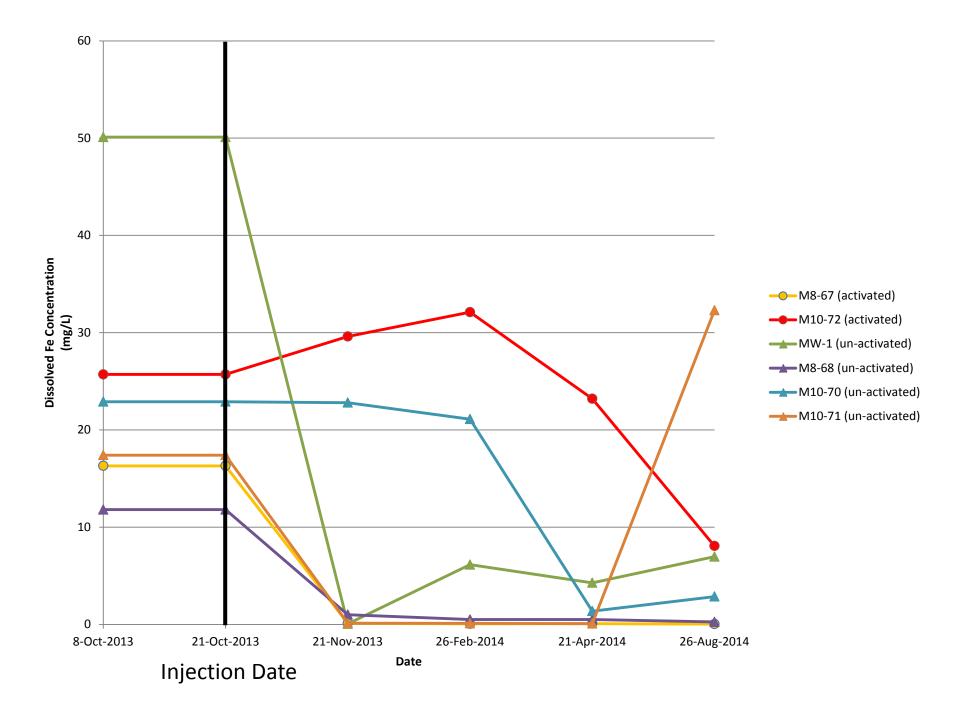
#### I think so!

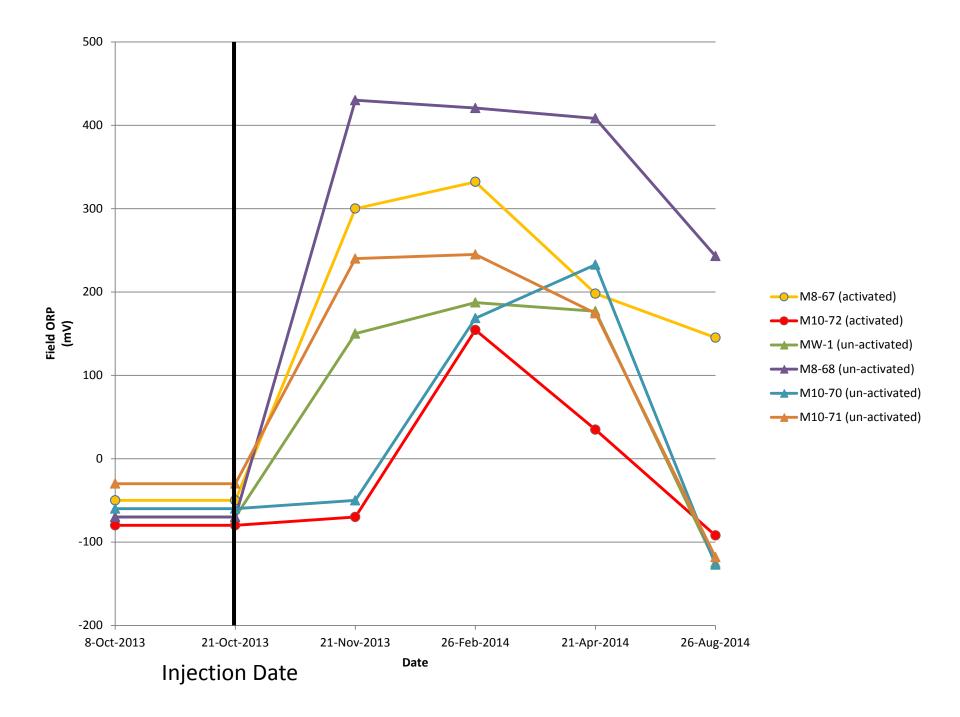
## But what about activated v unactivated?

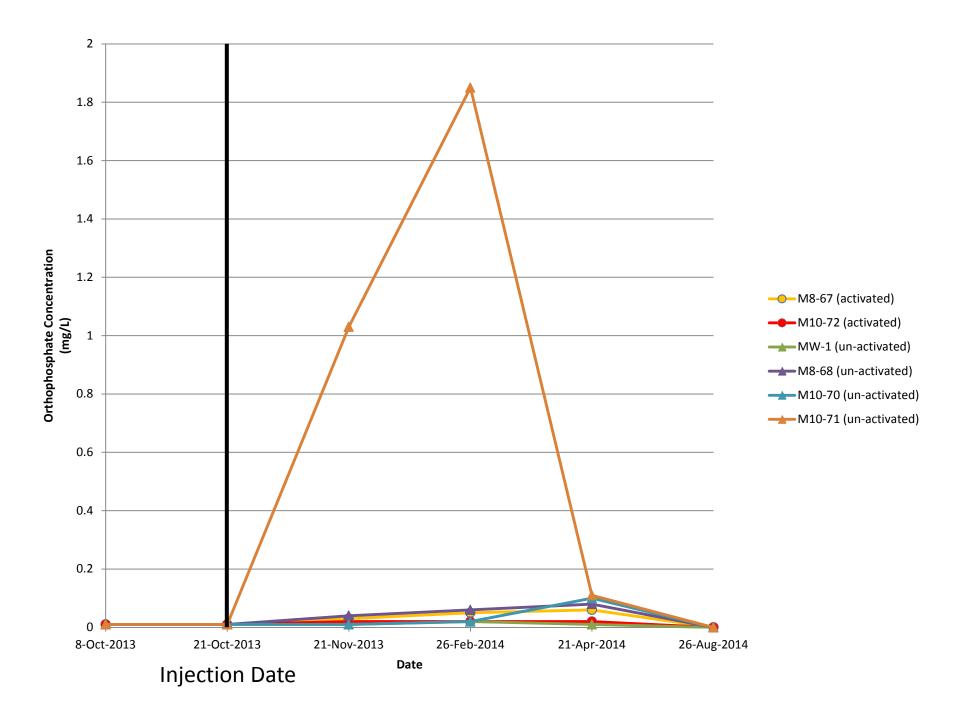


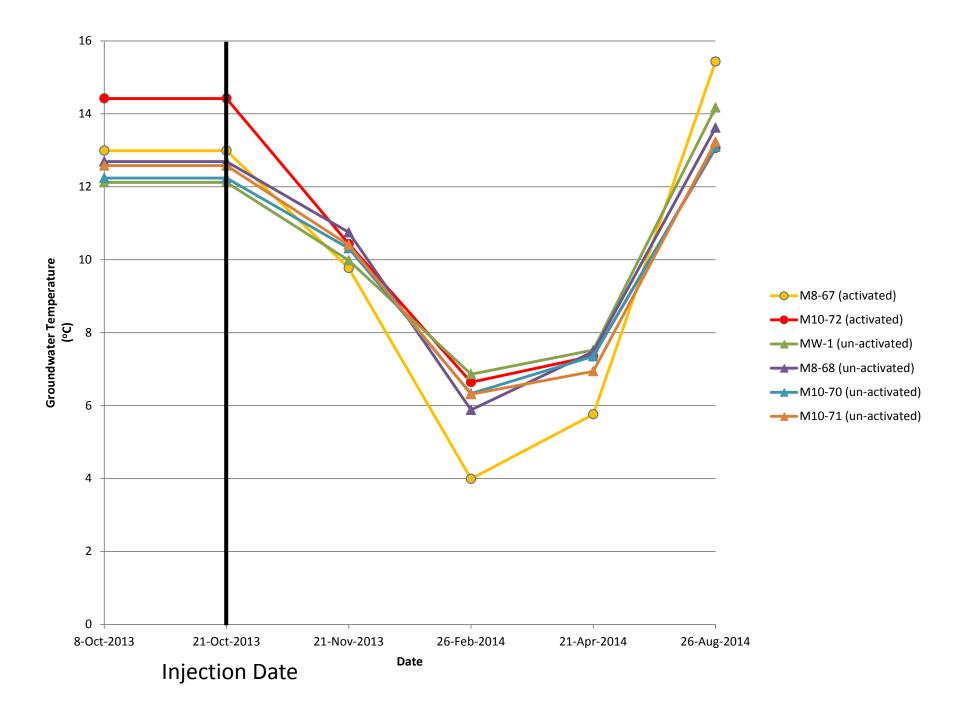


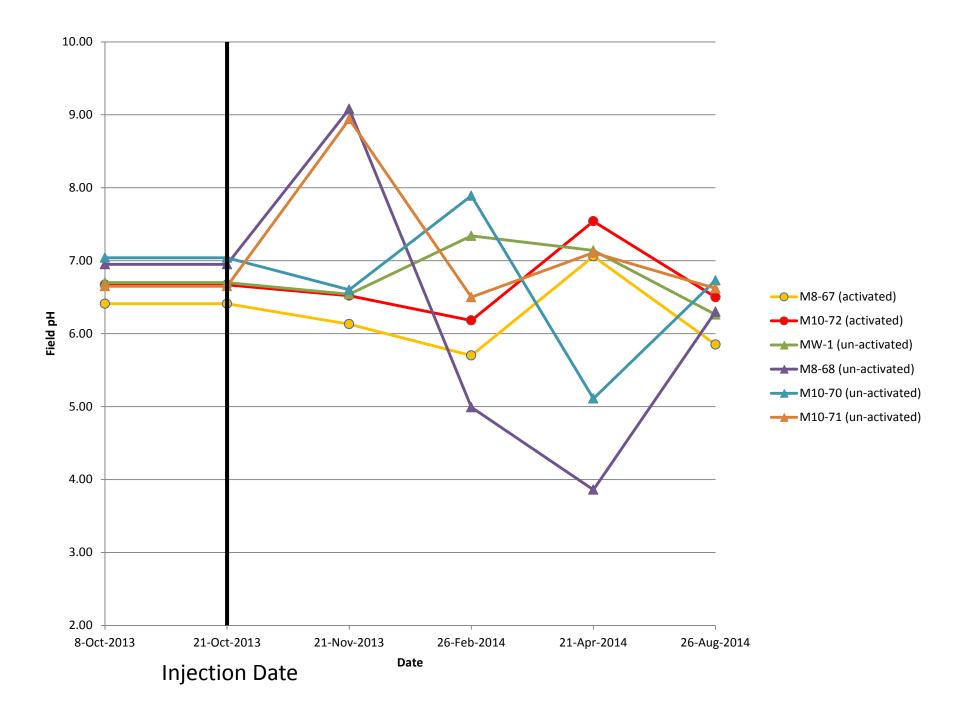


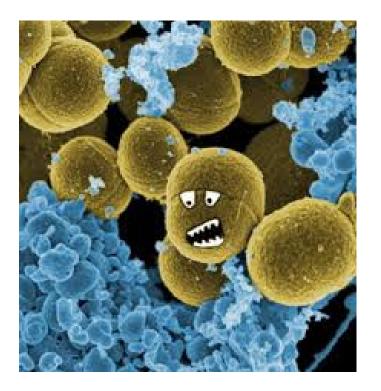


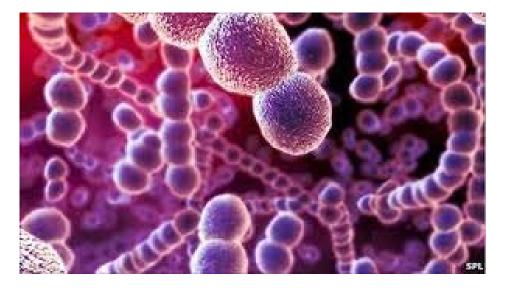












## Bacteria

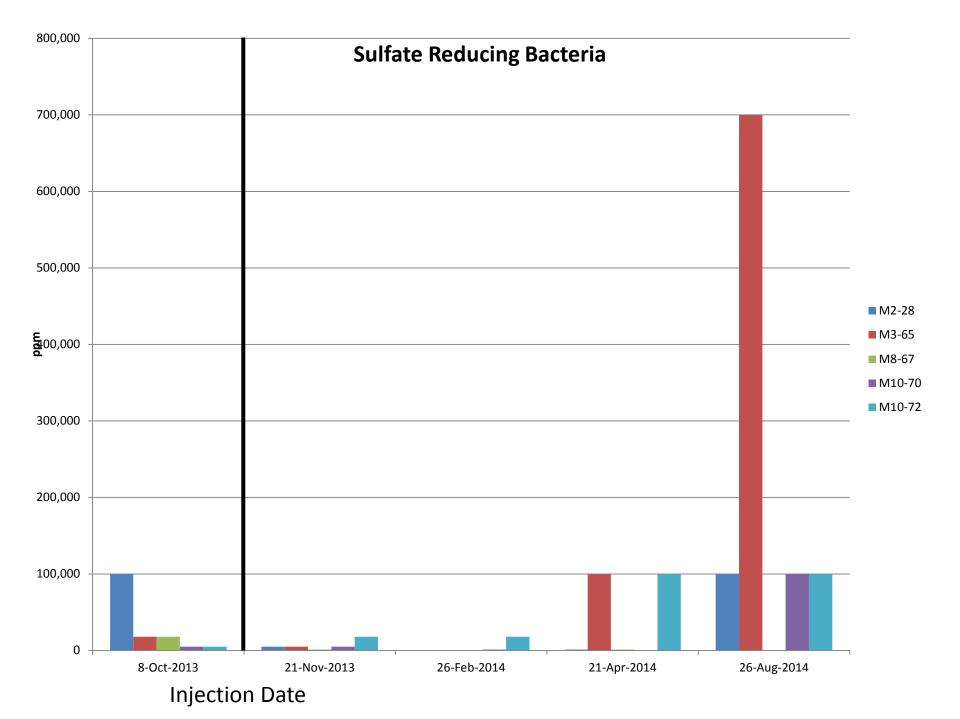
Groundwater samples collected from both treatment zones and submitted for laboratory analyses of:

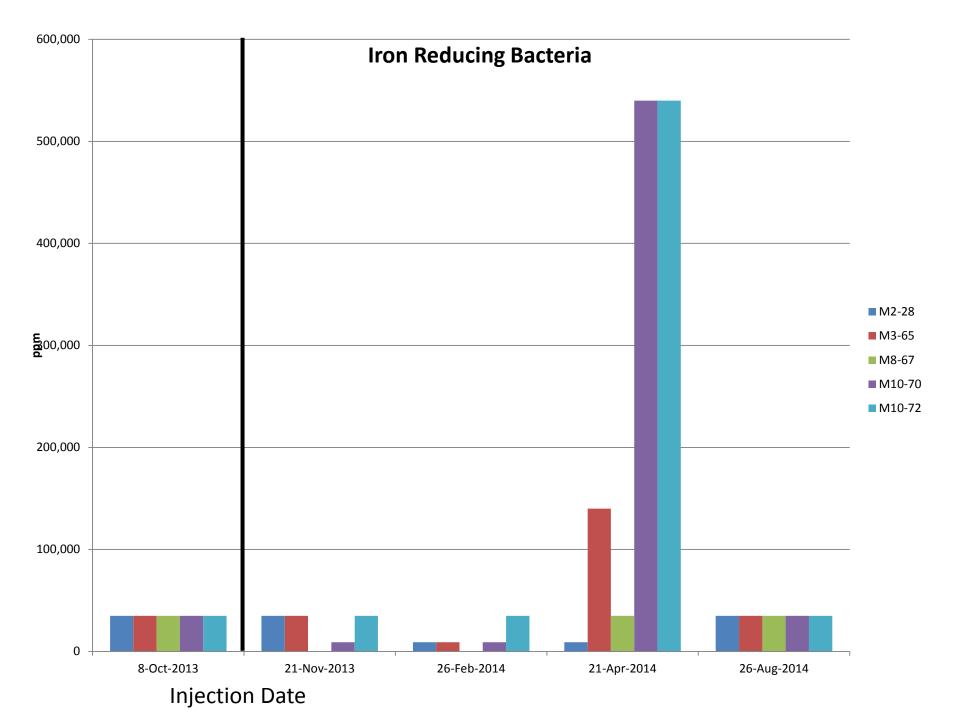
Sulfate Reducing Bacteria

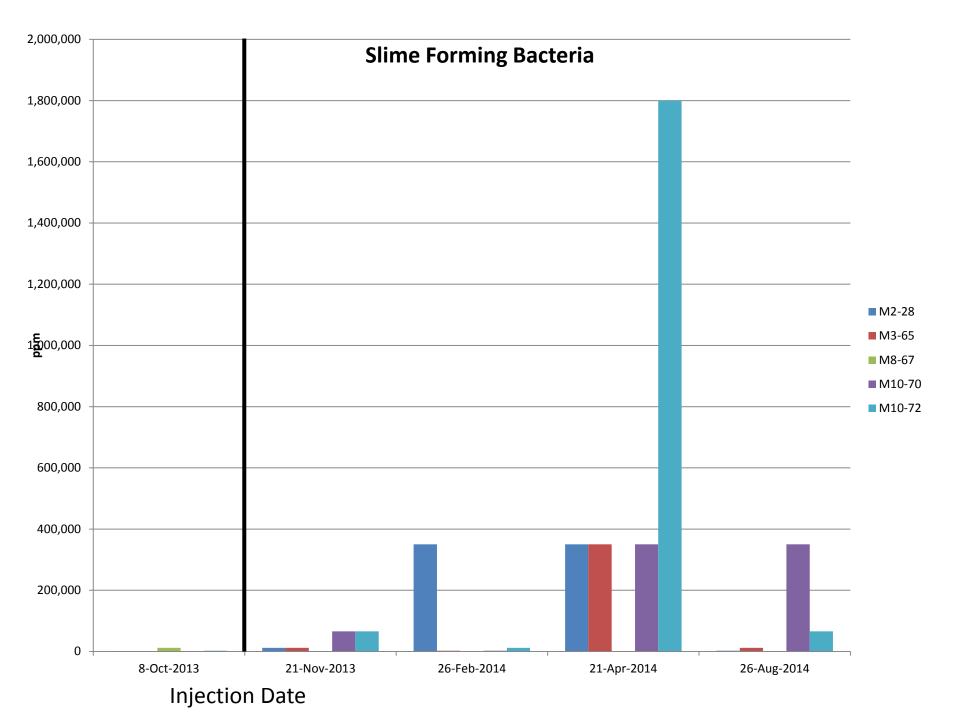
Heterotrophic Aerobic Bacteria

Iron Reducing Bacteria

Slime Forming Bacteria







## CONCLUSIONS

- Hydraulic fracturing  $\rightarrow$  introduced preferential pathways for persulfate delivery
  - May explain variance in results throughout treatment areas
  - Valuable mechanism for persulfate delivery into fine-grained soils
- The recalcitrant benzene concentrations were greatly reduced in multiple wells
  - Some rebound (expected)
  - Less rebound in un-activated versus activated treatment zones
- No difference in efficacy of benzene degradation
  - using either NaOH activated versus un-activated persulfate
  - Natural activation may have occurred (elevated Fe)
- Large increase in bacterial population
  - Indicates orthophosphate was available
  - Being consumed immediately after release from the lithology

### **QUESTIONS?**

