

Performance of a New Activated Carbon Amendment for Bioremediating Petroleum-Impacted Sites



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YOUR EXPERT SOURCE FOR COMPLETE SOIL AND GROUNDWATER REMEDIATION

Outline

- Our Company
- Technology Overview
- UST/Service Station Case Studies
- PetroFix Resources
- Design Assistant Walkthrough (time and interest permitting)







WHAT WE DO We develop cutting-edge technologies to clean up soil and groundwater *in-situ*.



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

25 Years in Business





Technology Overview





PetroFix Resulted From PlumeStop Research

PlumeStop[®] Liquid Activated Carbon[™] launched in 2013

- Applied on 300+ sites
- Industry leading product for solvents, PFAS, hydrocarbons

Identified an opportunity to evolve the formulation for petroleum sites - PetroFixTM

- Fast results for petroleum sites
- Persistent treatment
- Higher treatment range
- Promotes biodegradation after sorption
- Easy and safe to apply

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Do it yourself process (versus turn-key)





Features

- Patented use of micro-scale activated carbon (1-2 μm – 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







Formulation

- +30% 1-2 μm 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





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





NO₃ + SO₄ Promote Syntrophic Bioremediation

- Improved outcomes when NO₃ + SO₄ used together microbes "feed" together and have ecological partnership.
- Nitrate better for benzene. Sulfate reducers are versatile, co-exist with methanogens
- Fermentation of hydrocarbons, plus methanogenesis improved



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Once Kickstarted, Methanogens can Finish the Job



Colloidal Suspension Is "Flooded" vs "Fractured" = Total Coverage of Migration Pathways and Excellent for Back Diffusion





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PetroFix Compared To Injectable Carbon



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



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

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Groundwater flow	***	· · · · · ·	**	***		
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Grain Size			Pore Ti (mi	hroat Diar crometers	neter 5)*	
Medium Sand			8-50			
Fine Sand			5-20			
Silt			3-8			

*Note: Only LAC has a diameter below the typical pore throat diameter for silty soils.

Optimal Tooling To Inject PetroFix

- Top Down or Bottom Up Tooling Usually Recommended
- 2' to 3' vertical multi-port tooling work great in most aquifers and straddle inject product easily
- Helps keep pressures down and injection volumes up





Ease of Mixing PetroFix



Unlike bulk phase solids, suspensions like PetroFix can be pumped or poured into mix tank



Water-like suspension like PetroFix requires only gentle agitation



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VERIFICATION OF PRODUCT PLACEMENT (observance in wells or soil cores)



PetroFix in wells can be flushed out using a cleanwater flush. Instructions at www.petrofix.com

Before PetroFix Injection



After PetroFix Injection









Tank Removal/Upgrade Excavation application addressing residual mass

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Contaminated Source Areas

- Grid Approach
- Smear Zone

Dilute Plume

- Use of Barriers
- Eliminate off-site migration & reduce liability

Site 1: Panama City Beach, FL - BACKGROUND

- Former gasoline service station
- 1,000 Gal gasoline release 2007
- Excavation completed 2007 (~300 tons)
- Several remedial technologies have been implemented with limited success
- BTEX + Napth 1,300 to 14,300 ug/l,
- TPHg 4,300-15,000 ug/l

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Site 1: Panama City Beach, FL

- 1,700 lbs of PetroFix injected w/ sulfate + nitrate EA Blend
- 10 direct push points, 20'x20' test area
- Target zone: 5-15' bgs
- Homogenous beach sand
- Excellent distribution across target treatment zone
- Confirmed 5-6 ft spacing was optimal



Site 1: Panama City Beach, FL - RESULTS

UST Beta Site, PetroFix injected March 2018





Site 2: Northern IN- BACKGROUND

- Historical Bulk Petroleum Storage Facility
- LNAPL Recovery 2006,
- AS/SVE 2007-2009
- BTEX 3,500 ug/l
- TPH-G -38,800 ug/l
- TPH-D –17,800 ug/l





Site 2: Northern IN

- 2,000 lbs 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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Site 2: Northern IN – Results for Gas and Diesel



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

Site 2: Northern IN – Results for BTEX



 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

Site 2: Northern IN – BIO RESULTS

Lines of Evidence for biodegradation

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



Methane

May-19

Mar-19

Dissolved 1,500 1,000 500

0

Mav-18

Jul-18

Sep-18

Nov-18

Jan-19

Results For Nitrate and Sulfate





PetroFix Resources



TRADITIONAL REMEDIATION DESIGN APPROACH – WE PROVIDE DESIGN

1. Regenesis evaluates your data and co-develops remedial conceptual model based on goals

2. Regenesis selects a technology

3. Regenesis provides a remedial design (1 to 2 weeks)

4. Optional – Regenesis Remediation Services bids and injects for you

NEW PETROFIX DESIGN – ONLINE DESIGN ASSISTANT PROVIDES DESIGN, WE SUPPORT

1. You evaluate your data and enter values based on your remedial conceptual model and goals

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2. Use PetroFix Design Assistant and obtain design and useful output (<20 minutes)

3. PetroFix Design Assistant flags if you need something more aggressive – engage with Regenesis as needed

4. You bid and hire injection contractor using output from PetroFix Design Assistant and website resources

PETROFIX DESIGN ASSISTANT

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

Pilot Test

SOURCE AREA Application Summary

PetroFix Amount	1,200 lbs	Total Volume	
Treatment Surface Area	400.0 ft ²	Product Volume	
Delivery Points	16	Water Volume	
Point Spacing	5.0 ft	Injection Volume/Point	
Top of Treatment Interval	17.0 ft bgs	Inject Volume/Vertical ft	
Bottom of Treatment Interval	25.0 ft bgs	Product/Point	
Vertical Treatment Interval Thickness	8.0 ft	Water/Point	
Treatment Volume	119 yd ³	Soil Type	Mixof
PetroFix Dose	10.12 lb/yd3	Effective Pore Volume Fill %	

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1,842 gal

123 gal

1,720 gal 115 gal

14 gal 7.7 gal 107.5 gal

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Mix Tank Volume	250 gal
Dilution Factor	15.0
PetroFix per Mix Tank	17 gal
Water per Mix Tank	233 gal
Number of Batches Required	7.37

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

AREA NOTES



Self-Design and Application - Calculations

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REVIEW OR ADJUST Application Details	PILOT TEST Application Su	Application Summary			
Injection volume and point spacings are critical to achieving good product coverase. We have provided recommended starting values.	DELIVERY POINTS	1			
but you may edit the fields as needed. Warnings are displayed for concerns with edited values.	Product Volume	123 0			
	Water Volume	1,720 0			
MIX TANK VOLUME	TOTAL VOLUME	1,842 Ga			
250 gal	Iniect Volume/Point	115 (
	Volume Per Vertical ft.	14 (
INJECTION POINT SPACING	Soil Type	Mix of coarse and fi			
5 ft	EFFECTIVE PORE VOL.	FILLED 389			
DILUTION FACTOR	Mix Tank Fill Volume	250 (
15.0	Product to Add	17 (
13.0	Water to Add	233 (
	Number of Batches Require	ed 7.			
Saved					
REVERT TO RECOMMENDED VALUES					

- Calculate treatment volume and effective porosity based on soil type Use PetroFix isotherms to calculate loading rate for dissolved mass.
 - Estimated sorbed mass with text book values of Koc and Foc for contaminants and soil type
- Estimate dilution factors
- Estimate spacing based on soil type
- Round to nearest drum



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







Petro FIX Remediation Fluid

Thank you!





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