Surfactant Enhanced Extraction (SEE) at LNAPL and DNAPL Impacted Sites. Pilot To Full Scale Applications.



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NAPL LNAPL DNAPL PSH Free Product

Non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPL) are liquid solution contaminants that do not dissolve in or easily mix with water (hydrophobic), like oil, gasoline and petroleum products, chlorinated solvents. NAPL contaminates soil, groundwater, and can generate vapor intrusion.

Light NAPL [LNAPL] have a lower density than water so they will tend to float on the groundwater table.

Dense NAPL [DNAPL] are denser than water so will tend to sink below groundwater table.

NAPLs are immiscible in, or do not dissolve in groundwater. They can become trapped in pore spaces (*interfacial tension* \rightarrow *pathway interference*) and sorb to soil surfaces - limiting availability for physical, biological and chemical remediation.





dissolved liquid (in water) and as vapour



Mobile NAPL

NAPL body is continuous and its capillary pressure is high enough to exceed groundwater pore entry pressure, displace groundwater, and migrate through the subsurface.

Potentially Mobile NAPL

NAPL body is continuous, but its capillary pressure is not high enough to exceed groundwater pore entry pressure; under current conditions, it will not displace groundwater and migrate. If conditions change (for example, drilling through a potentially mobile DNAPL body, soil fracturing), potentially mobile DNAPL may mobilize and begin migrating.



Immobile Residual Phase NAPL "Droplets" of NAPL called ganglia are present in the pore spaces but are not connected to other NAPL ganglia. They are immobile because they cannot exceed the capillary pressure and displace groundwater in the formation.

Interfacial Tension (dynes/cm) is the force that holds the surface of a particular phase together, and exists when two phases: gas/oil, oil/water, or gas/water come in contact. Interfacial tension can immobilize (trap) LNAPL and DNAPL within pore spaces \rightarrow source of mass-flux = Rebound!



Interfacial Tension



Water Has Interfacial Tension of 73 Dynes

LNAPL and DNAPL Have (On Average) Interfacial Tension of 21-23 Dynes



NAPL Density Affects Its Behavior In Soil, Groundwater, and Vapor Phase Intrusion



Knowing how contaminants, like NAPL, tend to behave allows us an opportunity to improve how we investigate and remediate impacted sites.

Allowing us to take a more forensic approach...

SORPTION

Hydrophobic organic chemicals exhibit limited solubility in groundwater. As a result the contaminants (Vapors, Dissolved, Sorbed, or NAPL) *Phase Partition* and sorb (i.e., absorb and adsorb) onto the soil surfaces or form NAPL (Globules or Layers). Contaminant Sorption & NAPL negatively effects Availability for



Sorption Literature Reference



The growing concern regarding contaminant sorption, and its reduced availability for remediation, has been well cited in literature as demonstrated by the following quotation:

"During the past decade, much discussion has centered on the unavailability of absorbed compounds to soil microorganisms; it is generally now assumed that desorption and diffusion of bound contaminants to the aqueous phase is required for microbial degradation."

(W.P. Inskeep, J.M. Wraith, C.G. Johnston, Hazardous Substance Research Center, 2005).

FACT

Sorption Limits Contaminant Availability For Remediation

Sorption or NAPL Formation Limits Contamination Availability For All Forms of Remediation Ivey-sol Overcomes This Limitation To Improve Their Remediation!



Sorption / NAPL limits the '*Availability*' of Contaminants for in-situ and ex-situ remediation by *limiting their mobility*. As a result, they are:

Less 'Physically Available' for

- Multi-Phase Extraction (MPE), Pump & Treatment, and Soil Washing;
- Less 'Biologically Available' for
- **Bioremediation (Aerobic or Anaerobic), and**

- Less 'Chemically Available' for
- **Chemical Oxidation or Reduction**







How >99% of all other surfactants work by encapsulating the contaminants hindering their 'Availability' for remediation.

Ivey-sol® mechanism is selective and works below the CMC Increasing Physical, Biological and Chemical Availability For Enhanced Remediation Biodegradable, pH Neutral, Non-toxic, Effective For Treating Broad Ranges of Contamination *(Peer Reviewed Journal Paper Available On Request Available)*



Selective Below CMC on Sorbed, NAPL, Dissolved and Vapor Phases

- Ivey-sol[®] 103
 BTEX, Jet Fuel, Gasoline
- Ivey-sol[®] 106 Diesel (Light-Medium-Heavy), PAH's, Heating Oils
- Ivey-sol[®] 106 (CI) Chlorinated Solvents
- Ivey-sol[®] 108 Motor Oil, Lubricants, Bunker-C
- DECON-IT[®] Equipment Decontamination Product

Dilute 1:50+ With Water -> So A Little Will Goes A Long Way -> Increasing Availability

Water Beading On Fine Sand Ivey-sol[®] Also Overcomes Surface Tension of Water

Why Is This Droplet Not Entering The Sand Soil?

What you see at the Macroscopic level is indicative of what is occurring at the Microscopic, and also what is occurring at the Molecular level... simply put Water is not H₂O.

Hydrogen Bonding



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FACT: Oxygen (O) is more electronegative than Hydrogen (H) Yielding its Polarity Analogous to behaving like magnets.



Water Is A 3-Dimensional '*Cluster' -* With Surface Tension of 73 Dynes Water Cluster Size Limits (K) It's Ability To Move In Finer Texture Geology

Ivey-sol[®] Makes Water Clusters Smaller So Enter And Move More Easily Through Finer Grain Soils (Lower Surface Tension < 30 Dynes)



Ivey-sol Reduces The Size of Water Clusters (Lower Surface Tension from 73 Dynes to < 30 dynes) Allowing Access & Regress within Finer Grain Soil Textures Temporarily Improving K





Over Coming Low K and Retardation Within Finer Grain Geology Containing NAPL



It's a well accepted understanding that water and contaminants flow much slower in finer grain soils than coarse grain soil.

This limitation makes contaminant remediation in fine grain soil more difficult.

If we could overcome this limitation in fine texture soil, improve the 'apparent K' and improve the controlled movement (transmissivity) of contaminants across pore spaces (lower retardation), we could improve all forms of Remediation!

Ivey-sol Overcomes Low K and Retardation In Finer Grain Soil Improving Access, Regress, and Remediation



Interfacial Tension



Physical-Biological-Chemical Remediation



Interfacial Tension





Overcoming Interfacial Tension & Increasing NAPL / Contaminant 'Availability' With Ivey-sol For Remediation



3 Dimensional Animations

In-situ 'Push-Pull' Ivey-sol® Application Options

Link For PDF Version To See Ivey-sol Animations:

http://www.iveyinternational.com/videopresentation

Ivey-sol[®] Injection and Diffusion Radius

Recovery Well Injection Injection Well #3 Well #1 Injection Injection Well #4 Well #2 Ivey-sol® Injection and Recovery Well

> Groundwater Table



CASE STUDY #1 ANTRAK Version. Contact IVEY for full version if interested.

Surfactant Enhanced Recovery of Separate-Phase Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York

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Site History

- Located in Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York
- Over 100 years of service
- State Superfund Site
- Six Operable Units (OUs)
- 130 acre Site
- OU-3 LNAPL and PCB Plume







OU-3 Record of Decision

- **Cleanup Standards**
 - PCBs < 25ppm (Selectivity of Ivey-sol[®] would not mobilize soil PCB's)
 - Lead < 3,900 ppm
 - cPAHs < 25 ppm (total of 7 compounds)
 - SVOCs < 500 ppm
 - LNAPL thickness < 0.1 foot





Dual Phase Vacuum Extraction (DPVE) System





Dual Phase Vacuum Extraction (DPVE) System







DPVE System Performance







Ivey-sol® Surfactant Technology

- Composition
 - Several patented non-ionic surfactant formulations
- Applications
 - Desorb and liberate free-phase LNAPL and/or sorbed petroleum hydrocarbons
- Mechanism
 - Makes the contaminants more miscible in the aqueous phase, increasing the "physical availability"
- Additional Uses
 - Enhances bioremediation



Figure 2-2: Ivey-sol[®] desorbing contamination off the soil surfaces, or NAPL layer making it more 'Available' for in-situ or ex-situ remediation.



Photograph 2-2: Pre-post Ivey-sol Free NAPL Product Remediation







Injection Areas (8 LNAPL Wells)







Pilot Study Methods

1.Injection (gravity fed/geoprobe)

- Experimented with surfactant to water ratios
- Experimented with volumes of total mixture
- 2. Extraction (DPVE system)
 - Removed at least 3x the injection volume
 - Continued extraction until no surfactant was present
- 3. Extract from injection point or nearby extraction well









Water mixed with Surfactant

Irregular edges Loses its beading and Absorbed by the paper

Water free of Surfactant

Forms near-perfect circles Retains its beading Does Not absorb into the paper





Pilot Study Results

(IVEY On-site For 1 Week Application)

Product (LNAPL) Thickness, Before and After Ivey-sol[®] 3 Application 1-week Pilot



Free Product (NAPL) Percent Removal 3 Applications in 1 week

Conclusions

- NAPL recovery was enhanced by the increase of NAPL miscibility
- Free product was not observed in the extracted groundwater
- Reduction of NAPL thickness was usually observed within 24 hours of Iveysol surfactant injection and persisted for several weeks or longer.
- Low concentration ratios of surfactant (1:50) are effective and higher concentrations (1:20) do not increase observed effectiveness
- Low injection volumes or injection rates were generally needed in OU-3 due to the low permeability soil conditions and high groundwater table.
- Pilot lead to full scale application with clean-up achieved in < 6 months.
 ROUX

TIME CHECK

CASE STUDY #3

Abbreviated Presentation Version. Contact IVEY for full version if interested.

Sustainable outcomes with Ivey-sol® surfactant enhanced aquifer remediation (SEAR) of coal tar NAPL

Australasian Groundwater Conference 2019, Updated 15 January 2020

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Background

Rural gasworks from 1889-1973 Coke, tar and ammonia by-products generated Soil and groundwater impacted.

Background

Two source zones: former tar/liquor disposal wells. Plan shows dissolved naphthalene as an indicator of NAPL.

Legend DTF Parcel Boundaries Site - 28 Pilmer Street (Former Bacchus Marsh Gasworks) 26 Pilmer Street (Former Provenzano Property (DTF)) DTF McGrath Street Newly Installed Well Shallow Aquifer Well Deep Aquifer Well Private Well ٠ Naphthalene Concentration $(\mu g/L)$ 10 100 1000

Objective

Issues:

- Non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) presence
- Dissolved chemicals of concern: naphthalene, benzene, ammonia, cyanide (free), sulfate

Site objective:

- Remove/reduce contamination liability
- Limit impacts to adjoining sensitive receptors including residences
- Divestment of surplus land

Remediation Objective:

Reduce source zone contaminant mass, so far as reasonably practicable.

NAPL Conceptual Model:

- Over 100 wells installed, half in the source zones.
- Alluvial aquifer 16 28 feet BGL (5 8.5 mBGL);
- Clayey lignite lower confining unit (Werribee Fm);
- Distributed NAPL beneath tar wells, minor LNAPL

Methodology

Process: ROA \rightarrow Trials \rightarrow RAP \rightarrow Approvals

Surfactant Enhanced Aquifer Remediation (SEAR)

- We used a non-ionic, selective surfactant (Ivey-sol) engineered for use with long-chain hydrocarbons to lower the surface tension (not to emulsify).
- Sub-critical micelle application
- Applied through injection and recirculation NAPL continuously removed from recirculated water Last stage is to extract surfactant and treat
- 1) re-injection (limited by cyanide concentrations)
- 2) trade waste (primary method of disposal)
- 3) Off-site transport

Ivey-sol only needs to form a partial micelle. So lower dosage and greater SEAR economics.

Ivey-sol does not need to emulsify contaminants. As selective below the CMC = greater precision and accuracy for in-situ SEAR applications.

Methodology

SEAR (Ivey-sol) - MPE system

Results

What we observed:

Very rapid NAPL coalescence (~15min); and NAPL mobilisation for enhanced recovery (both LNAPL & DNAPL)

Both visual and quantitative NAPL recovery over Ivey-sol SEAR four (4) month application. Realizing Effective NAPL mass removal.

Results

General Contraction of the Contract

Conclusions

- **SEAR (Ivey-sol)** with groundwater extraction can be a viable remediation method for tar NAPL in aquifers that have:
 - Limited human and environmental receptors
 - Unconsolidated sediments
 - Sufficient effective permeability for NAPL entry,
 - And sufficient, interconnected permeability for NAPL extraction.

• Sustainability

- Economic: <cost than other possible methods (e.g. co-solvent, thermal, stabilisation)
- Social: low noise, no odour, reduced street traffic
- Environmental: Biodegradable Ivey-sol surfactant, reduced wastewater generation, reduced filter media requirements
- Audit CUTEP completion by late 2020.
 - With land returned to normal use.
- Remediation system was turned off in late January 2020.

Steps To Using Ivey-sol At Petroleum, Chlorinated, and PFAS Remediation Sites

Step #1 (Evaluation)

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Step #2 (In-situ/Ex-situ Application Model Development)

Step #3 (Ivey-sol Selection)

Contaminant of Concern (COC)	Ivey-sol [®] Formulation Required
BTEX, Gasoline, Jet Fuel	103
Diesel (Light-Medium Heavy), PAH	106
Chlorinated Solvents (DNAPL, API <10)	106 (CL)
Motor Oil, Lubricants, Bunker-C	108

Step #4 (Dosage Determination)

If Contamination is sorbed or dissolved Phase Apply ≤ 2% lvey-sol If LNAPL or DNAPL Phase Apply ≤ 4% lvey-sol.

Step 5 (Proposal)

Note: For contaminants of concern (COC) not listed above contact IVEY directly.

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