



ERDenhanced Comparative Study Determining Efficacy of Biostimulation vs Abiotic Metal

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Biostimulation

At TerraStryke, we wholeheartedly believe that the **TREATMENT ZONE** needs to be viewed as an ecosystem that, **WHEN CONTAMINATED, IS UNDER DURESS** and can not support healthy microbes or QSS.

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- ✓ Enhance nutritive capacity of treatment zone.
- ✓ Support indigenous populations
- ✓ Restores nutritive capacity of ecosystem.
- ✓ Allows microbes to collectively establish biofilms.
- ✓ Superior levels of sustainability, contaminant destruction with less impacts at lower costs.



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Purpose

compare rates of degradation of chlorinated alkenes

-  Biostimulation using ERDenhanced as sole electron donor.
-  Abiotic oxidation using Zero Valent Iron (ZVi).
-  Combined formulation ERDenhanced with ZVi .
-  Perchloroethylene (PCE) contaminant electron source



1^o & 2^o Metrics

Evaluation metrics



EPA Method 5021A (PCE/cVOCs)



Heterotrophic Plate Counts (HPC)



Dehalococcoides spp. (DHc) bulk water densities.



Quorum Sensing & Signaling (QSS).



Autoinducer Signaling Molecule (AI2)



Proteins, Polysaccharides, Peptides (Biofilm)



Evaluation Amendments

ERDenhanced™

Supports reducing
conditions for decades after
single injection program

APPLICATIONS:

Dry cleaner, manufacturing, tool-dye

ERDenhanced™

SUSTAINABLE

cVOC remediation with complete
destruction, without rebound,

- with **NO** multiple deployments
- with **NO** secondary contaminants
- with **NO** adverse affects

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Evaluation Amendments

ZVi – SR-5

Oxidizer that also generates electrons and Hydrogen (H⁺)

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Microcosm Study

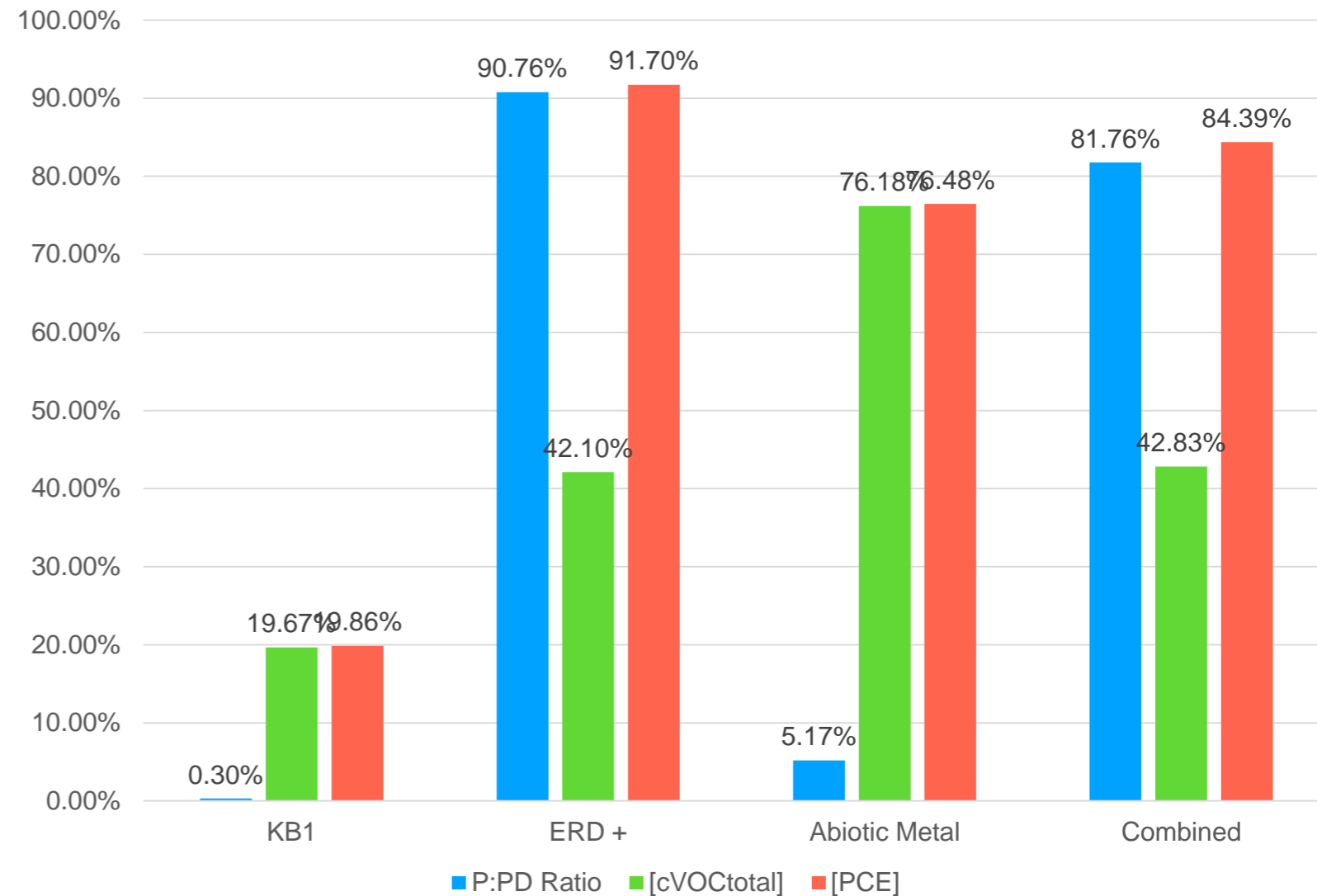
Independent Comparative Evaluation

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28-day microcosm study

- Compared biostimulation vs. inorganic oxidation process.
- Baseline [PCE] 50,000 ug/L
- Established groundwater conditions to ongoing Ohio remediation project

Percent Decreases Day 28



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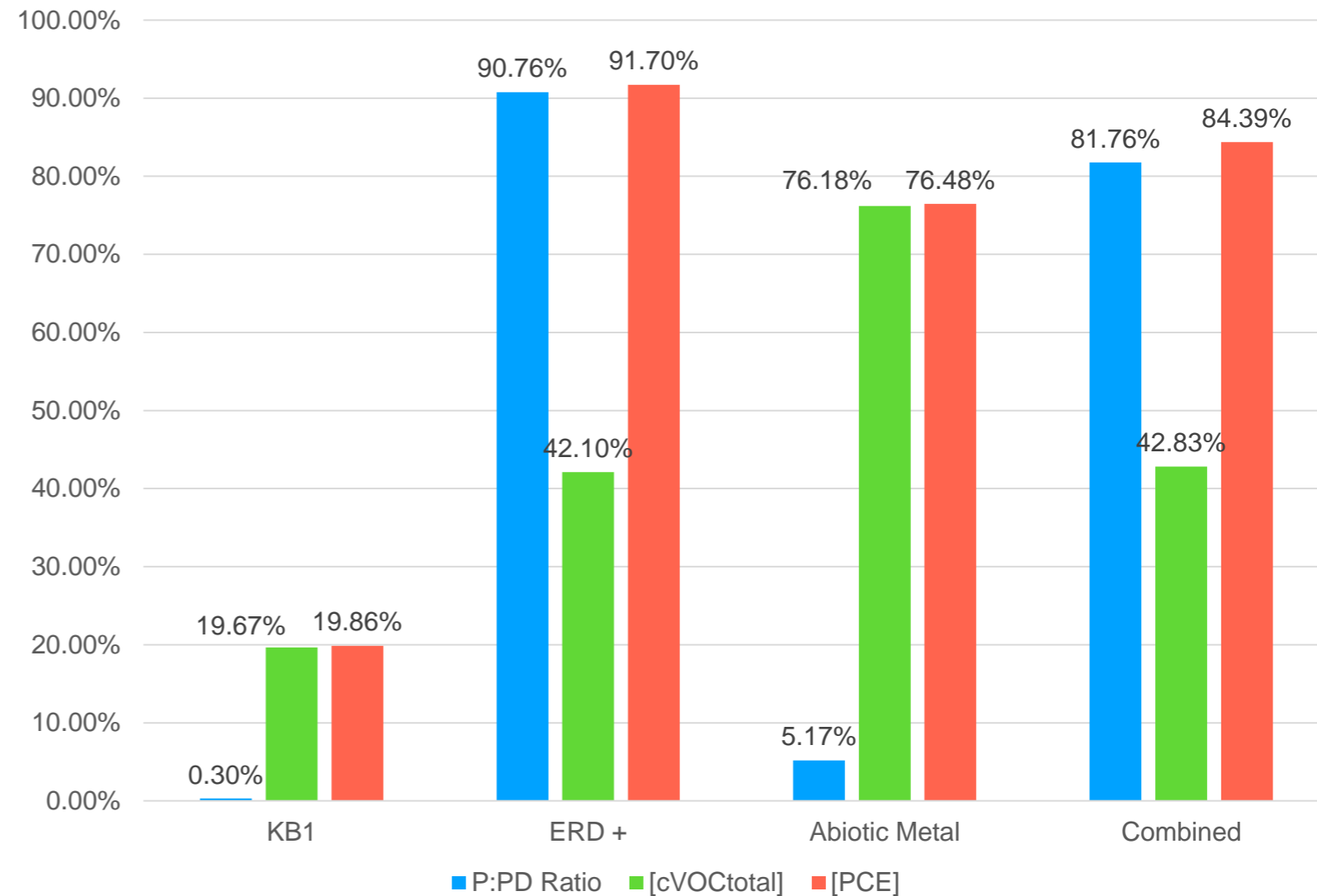
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Demonstrated

- Oxidation realized greater diss.phased reductions in [cVOC]
- Biostimulation greater diss.phased reduction in parent [PCE]
- Greater % change in P:PD ratio = mass destruction
- Destroying parent cVOC contaminant faster achieving real mass elimination
- Battelle 'ERDenhanced outperformed Zvi across the board'.

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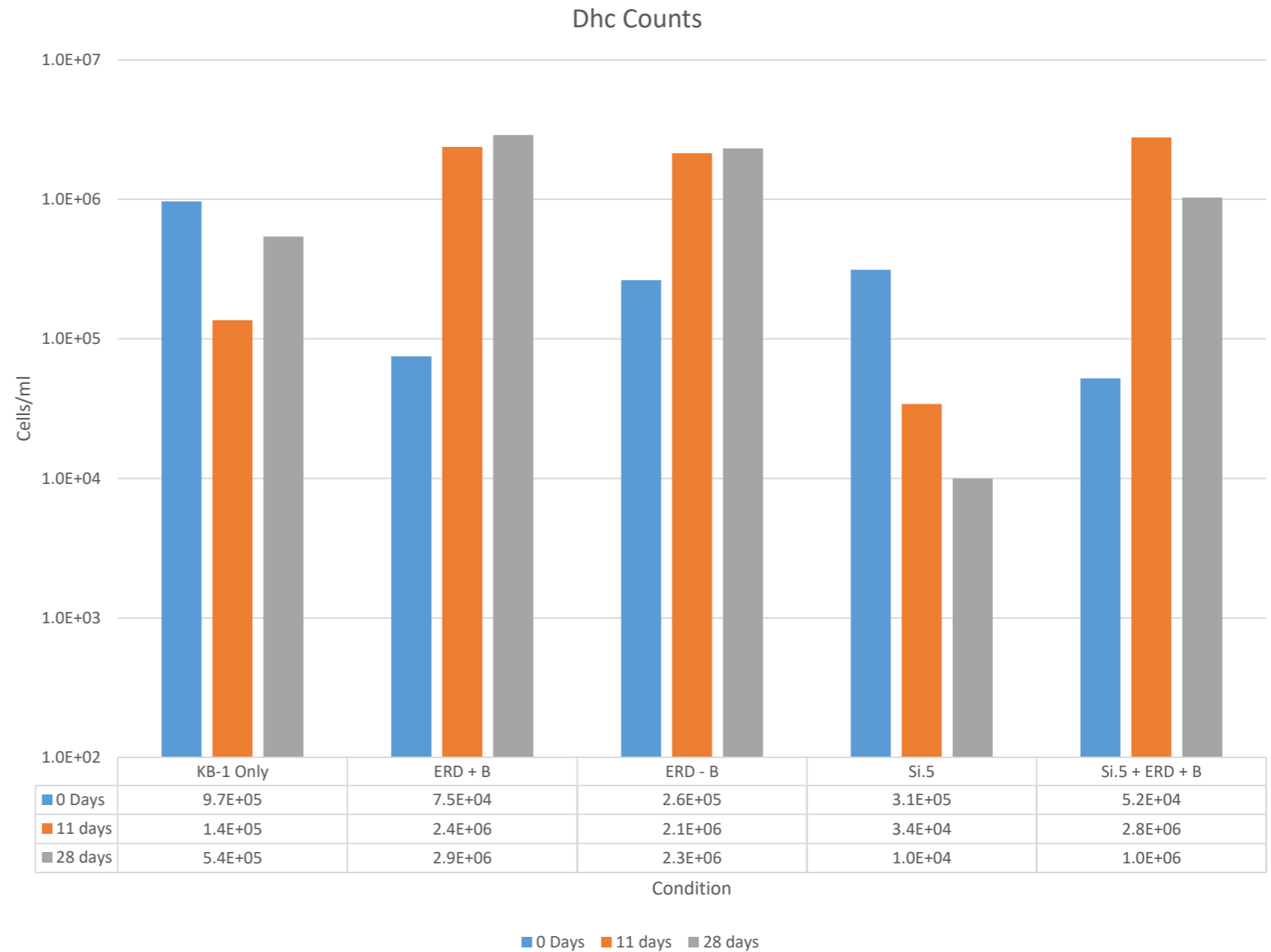
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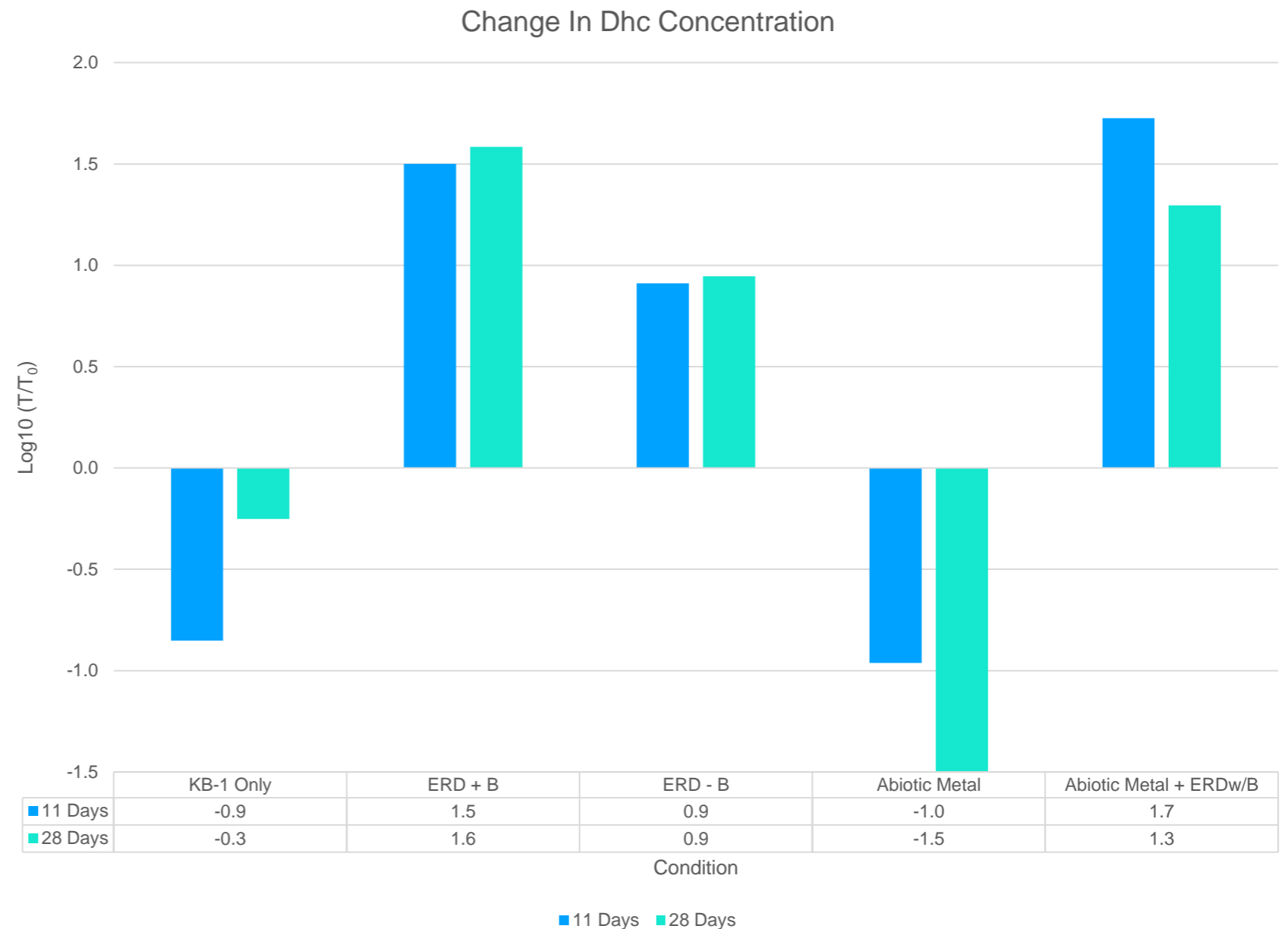
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- Effects on signaling?
- ERD+ vs. ERD-



Case Study

Independent Comparative Evaluation

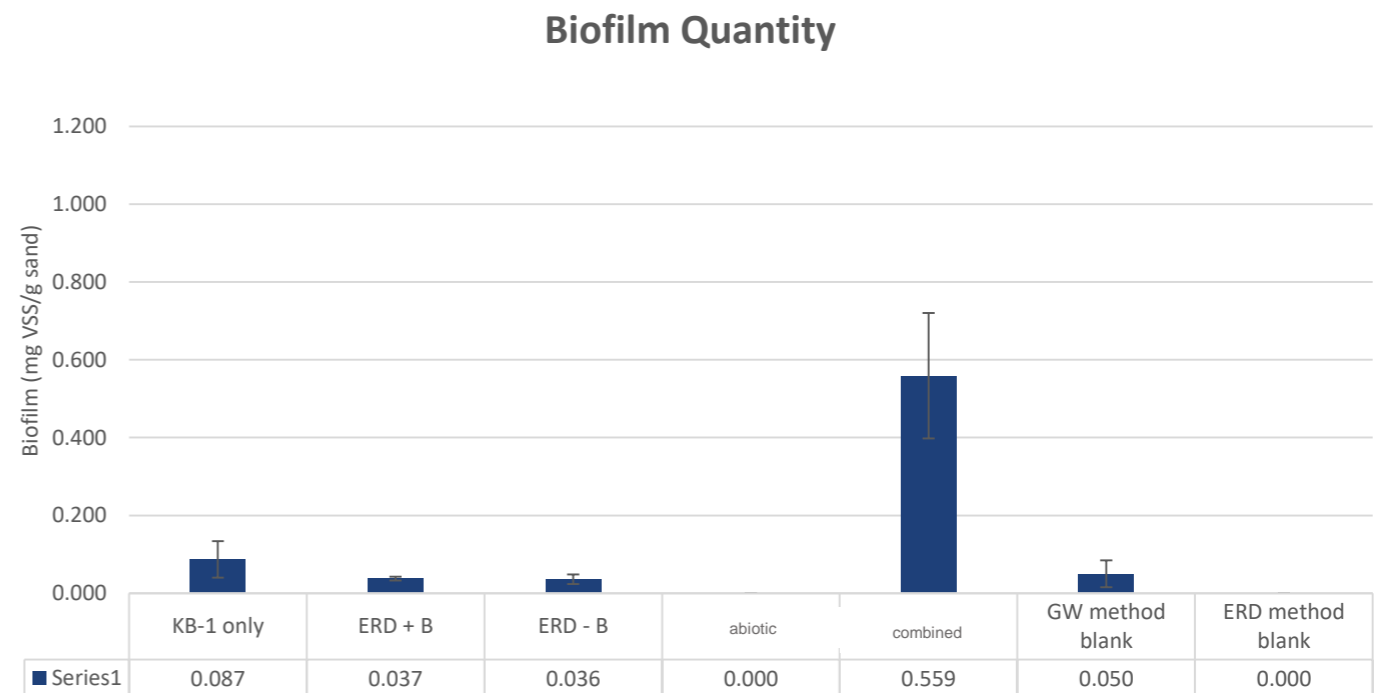
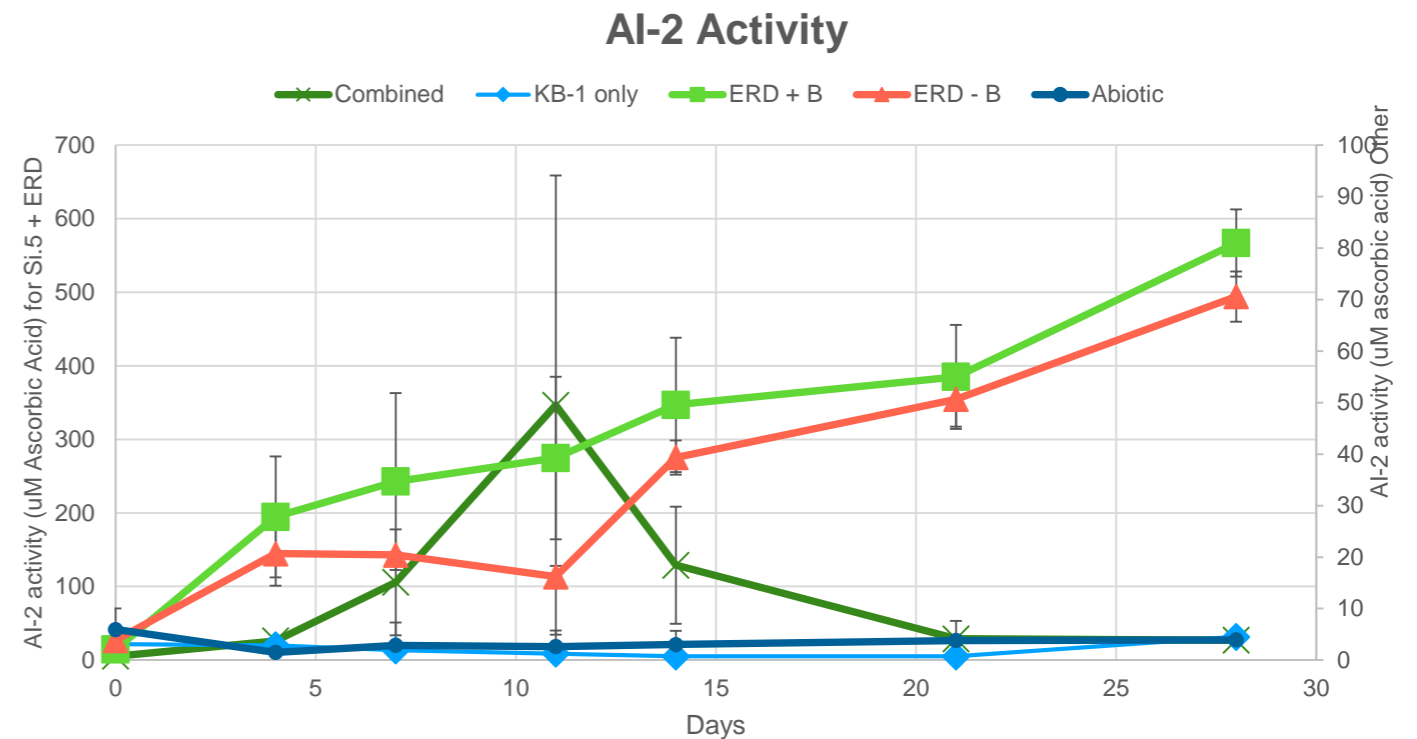
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See greatest biofilm growth in combined formulation

- Reached quorum densities
- Established a biofilm
- Bulk water concentrations AI-2 decrease as a result



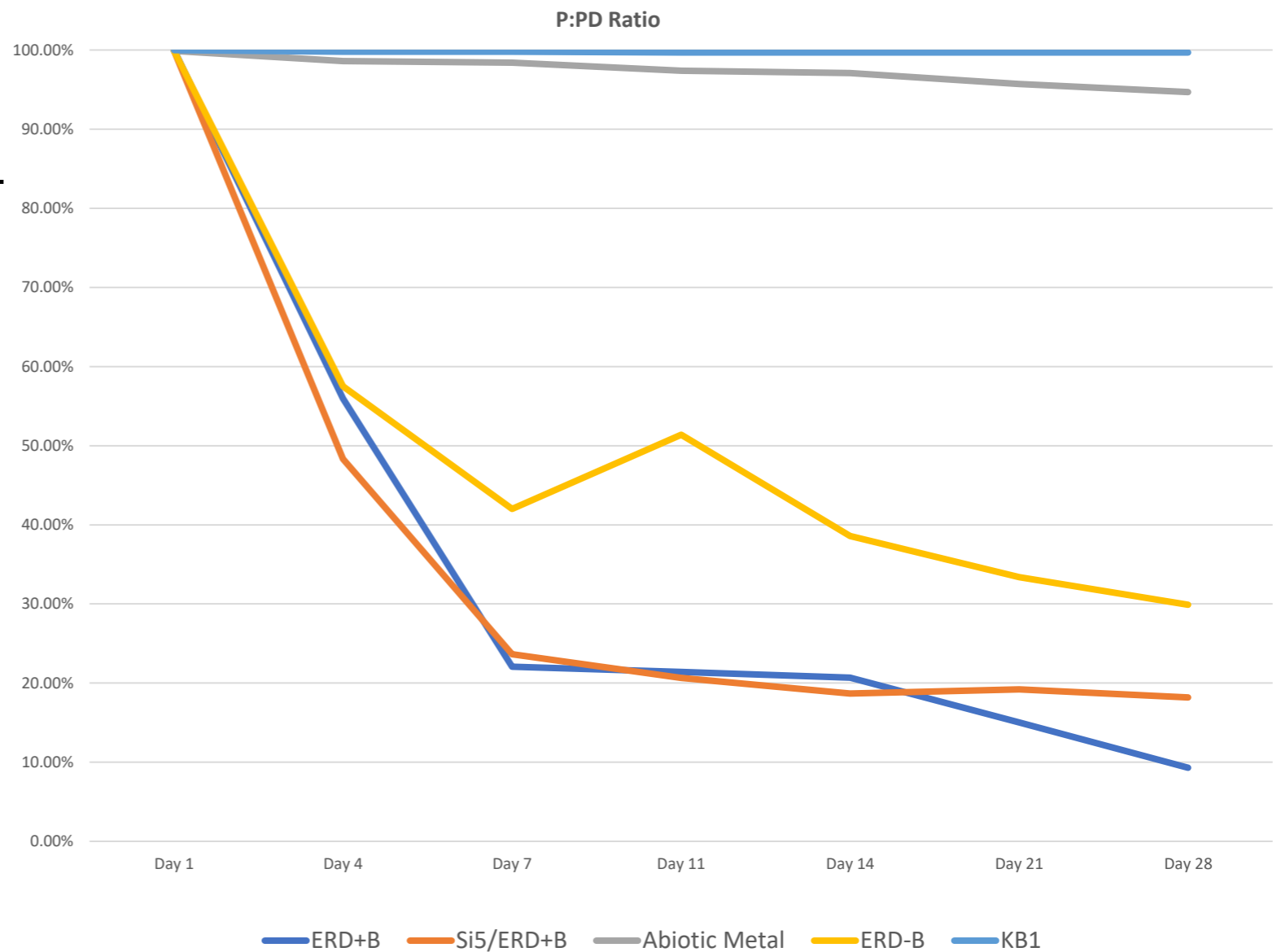
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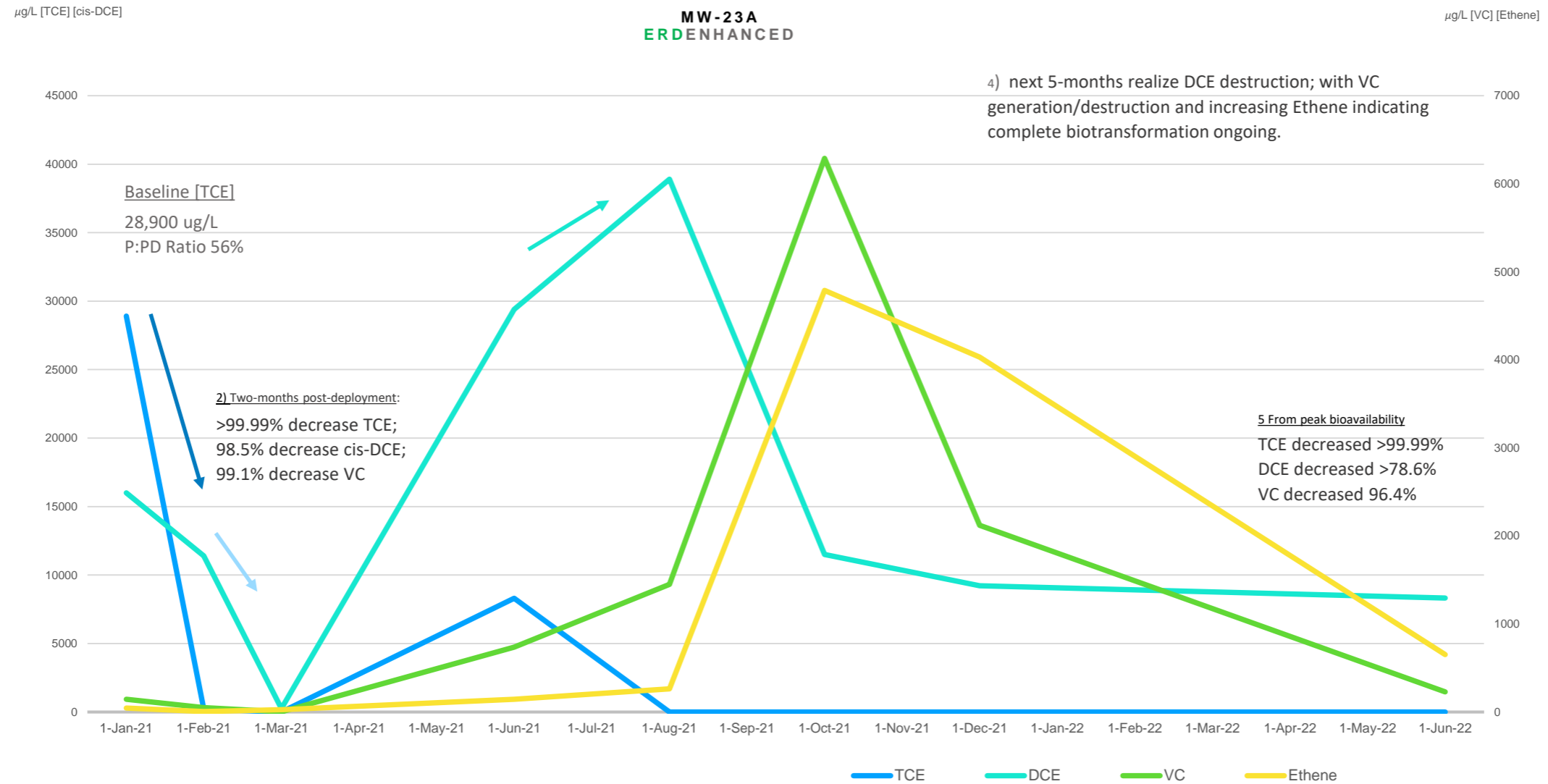
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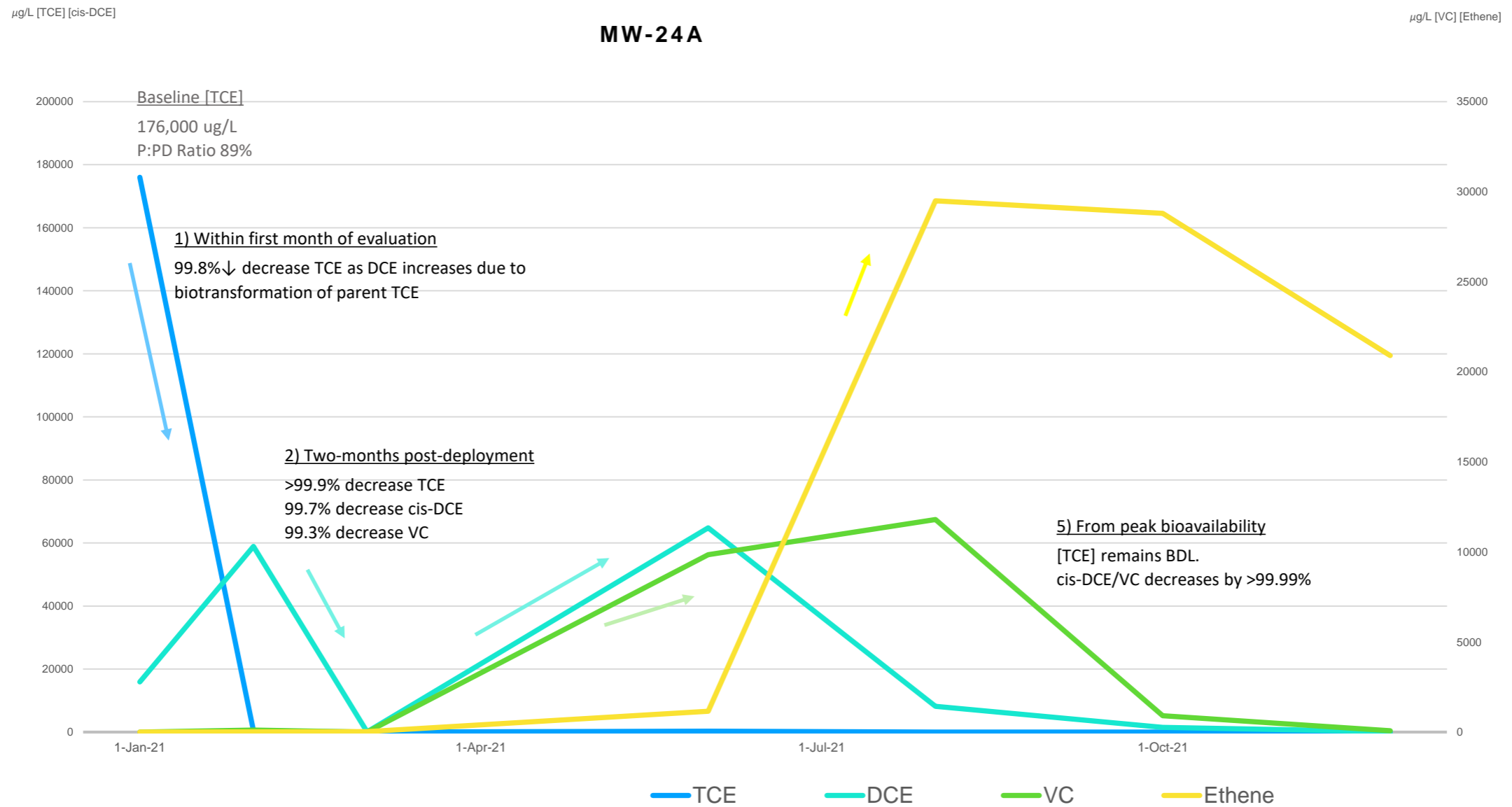
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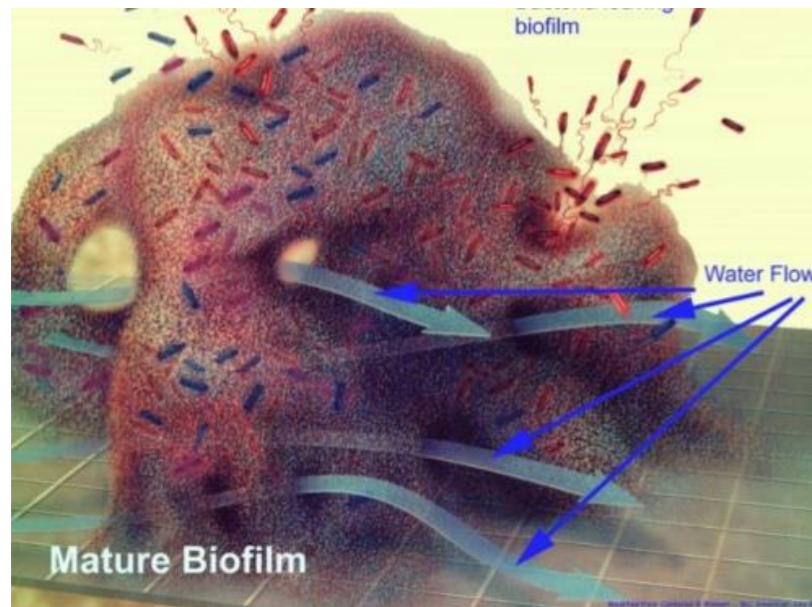
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The Power of the Unicellular

Historically believed

- ✓ Prokaryotes, single cell
- ✓ Solitary, capable of little.
- ✓ Planktonics rule.








We now have a completely different perspective

- ✓ < 1% of bacteria exist in planktonic form
- ✓ >99% of microbial populations live in biofilm
- ✓ Communicate ('talk'), share information, and recruit.
- ✓ Determine what benefits the population.
- ✓ Abandon individual roles for specific roles.
- ✓ Establish structures, act as eukaryote.



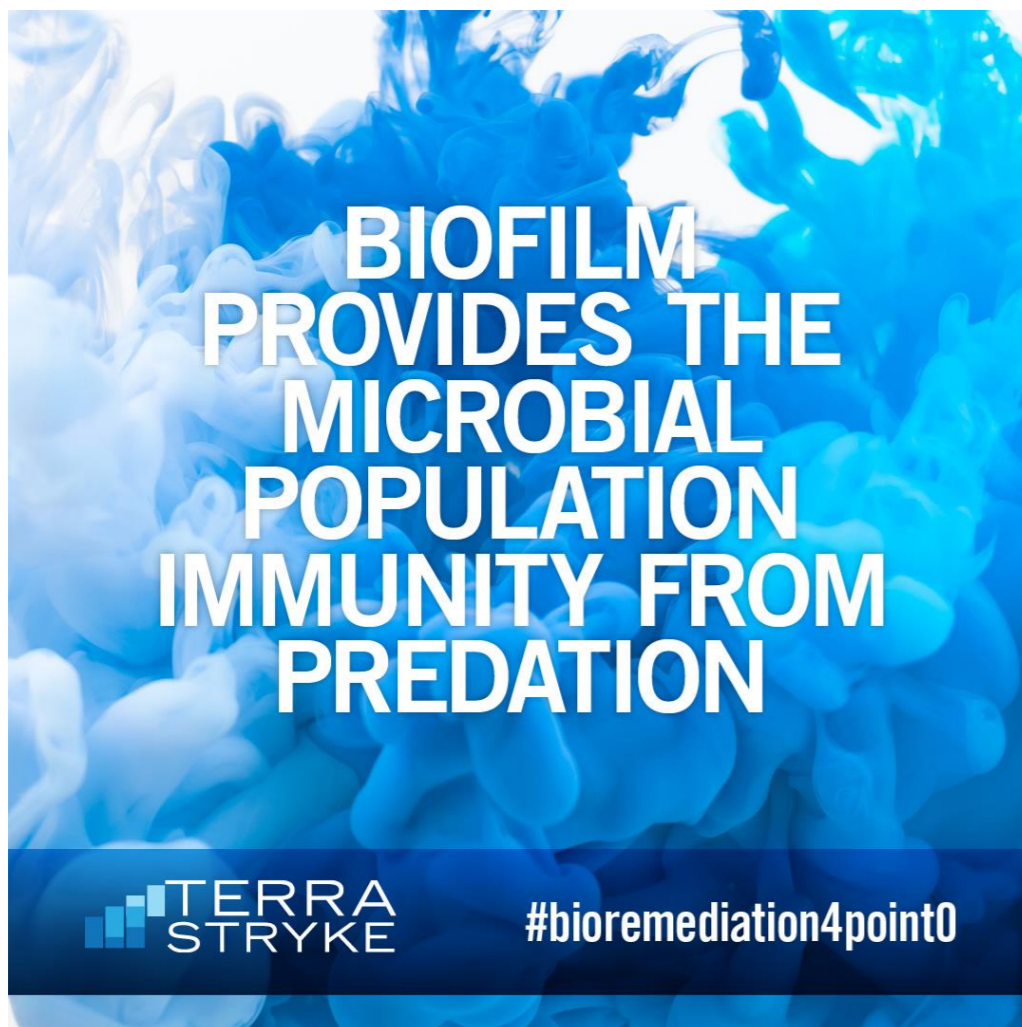
Quorum Sensing & Signaling (QSS)

-  Initiated with adequate nutritive capacity of microbial ecosystem
-  Requires bulk water planktonic densities to achieve 'quorum levels'
-  Allows signaling molecule (AI-2) to reach 'quorum' concentrations.
-  'Instructs' community of planktonic bacteria to phenotypically change.
-  Collectively become sessile and begin to establish a multi-specie biofilm.



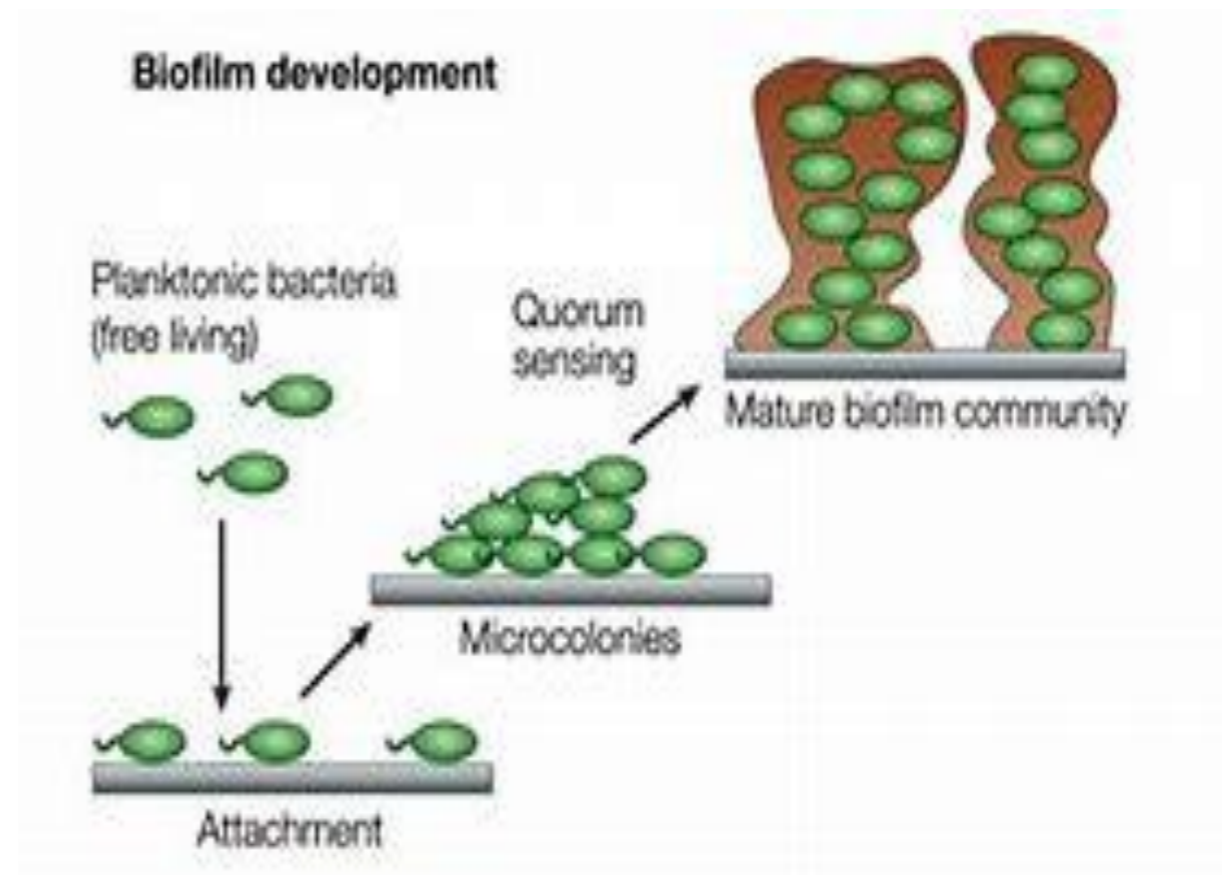
Biofilm

Biofilm development



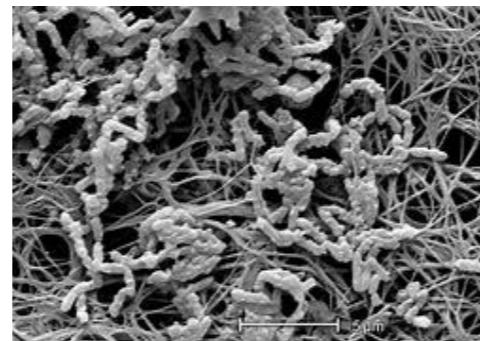
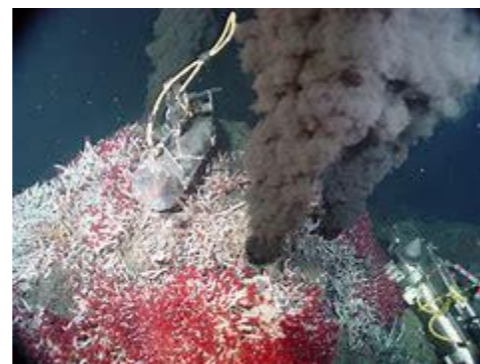
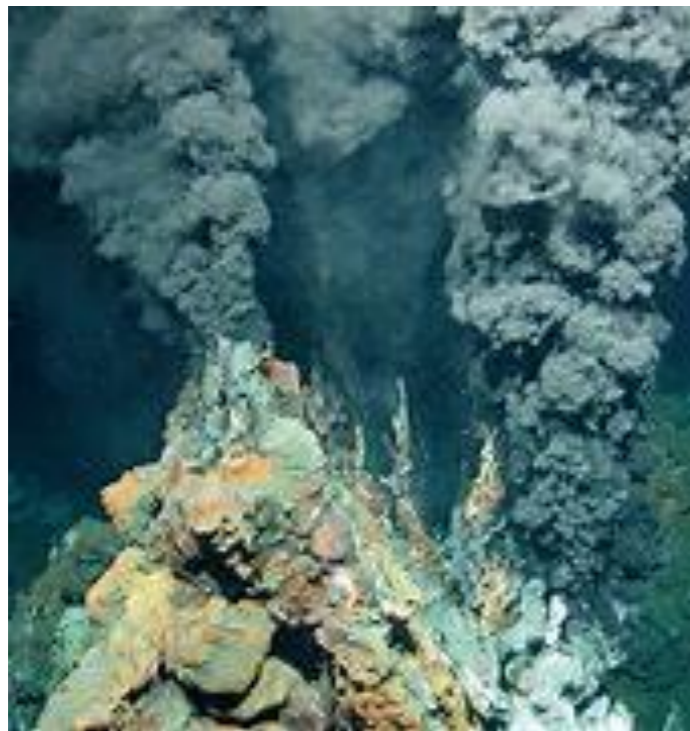
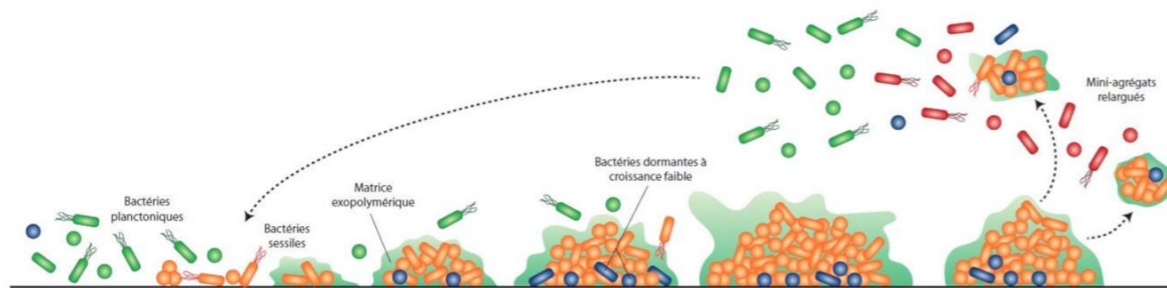
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Biofilm

Biofilm development



enhanced cell-to-cell communication.



nutrients, energy and metabolic substance sinks.



Provides protection from predation and bulk water conditions



Heterogeneous multi specie cultures.



Most prevalent form of biology.



Case Study

Burlington, Ontario Site Former Dry Cleaner



Former Dry Cleaner

- [PCE] in saturated soil/groundwater above MOECC Table 3 SCS
- Residual source mass in saturated soils



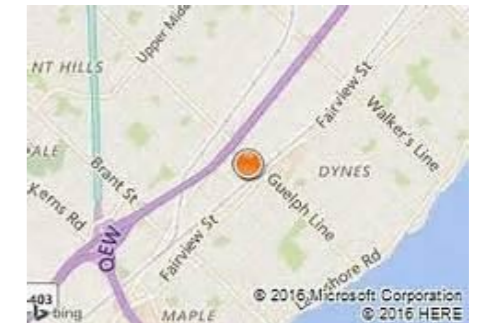
Site Conditions

- Generally Coarse Textured Soils
- Highly weathered Shale with Silty-Sand
- Silt Generally moist
- 0.5m – 5m bgs elevated PID readings



Property Value

- Property attained by Owner thru bankruptcy
- 2011 Appraised Value \$680,000





Excavation – Source Removal

- Removed 250m³ contaminated soils
- Infiltration gallery installed w/in footprint
- Clear stone, 6-inch slotted PVC, 2-3m bgs



Additive Deployment

- Gravity fed 9% additive slurry
- 1,056 lbs to 1,100 gallons chase water
March and again June 2014



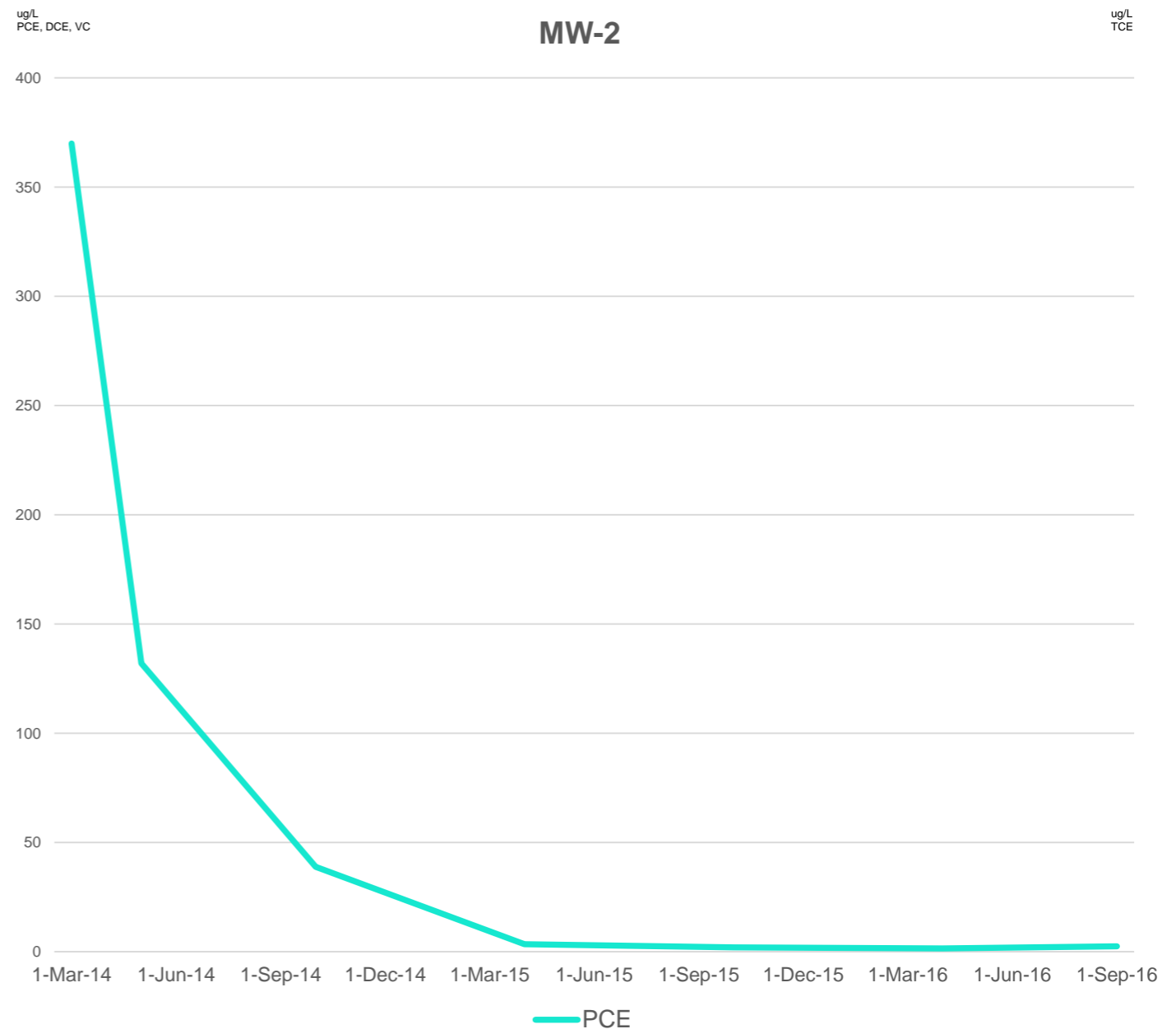
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Results T=2 Years

MW-2 50-60ft downgradient

- 99.4% reduction [PCE]



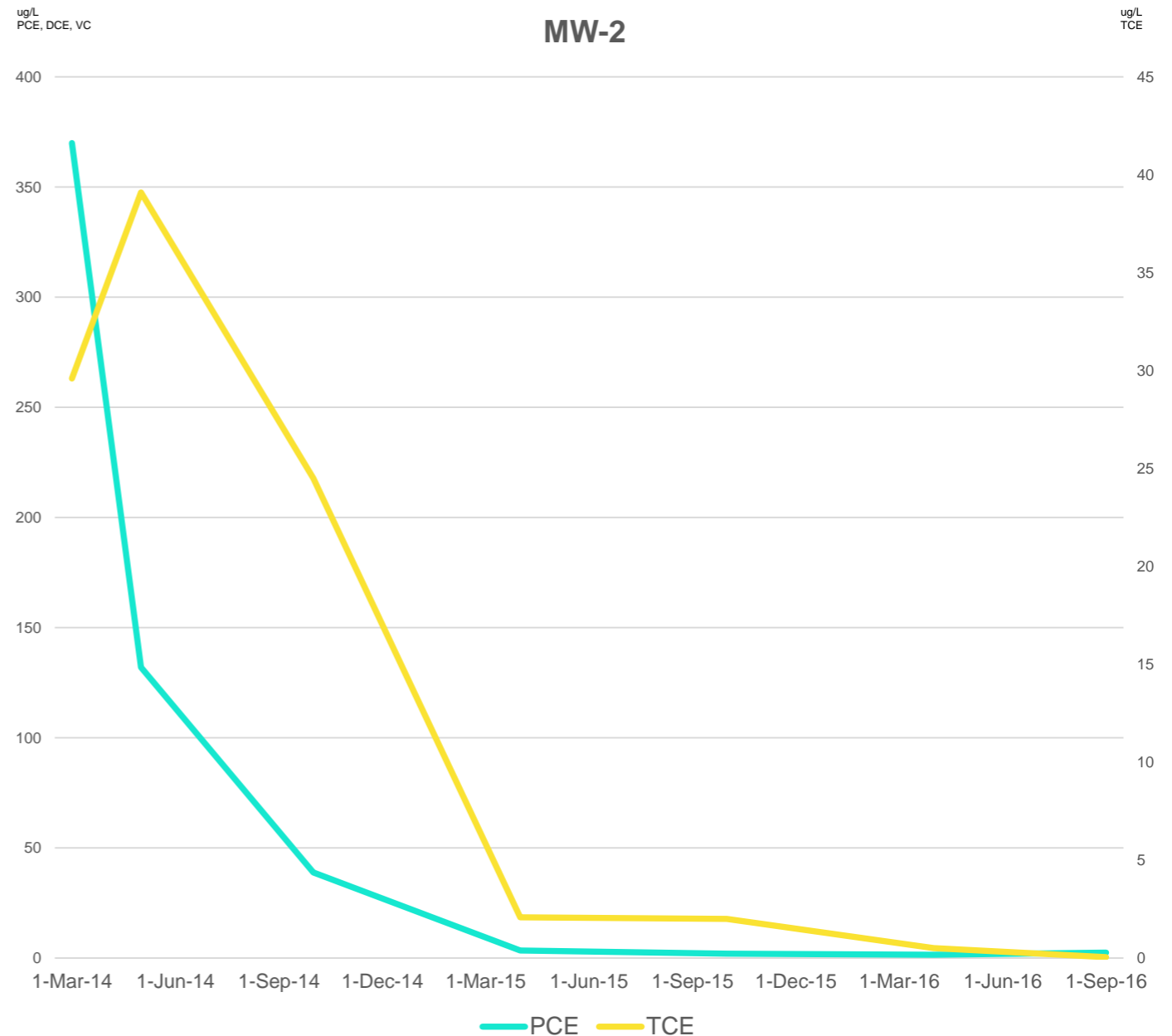
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- After initial 32.1% increase
- 99.9% reduction [TCE] from peak.



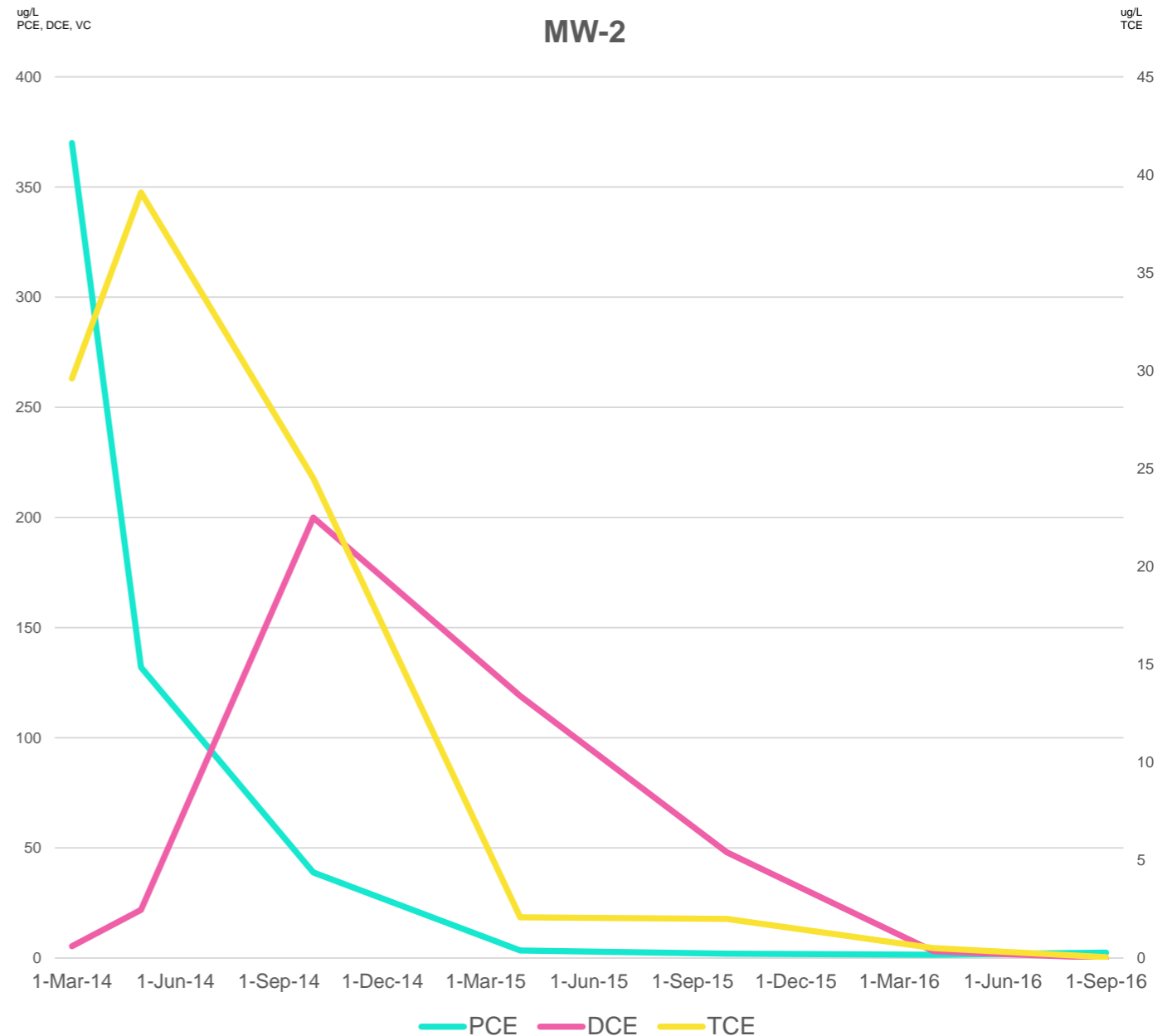
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Results T=2 Years

MW-2 50ft downgradient

- 99.4% reduction [PCE]
- 99.9% reduction [TCE]
- After 3,600% increase
- >99.99% reduction [cis-DCE] from peak



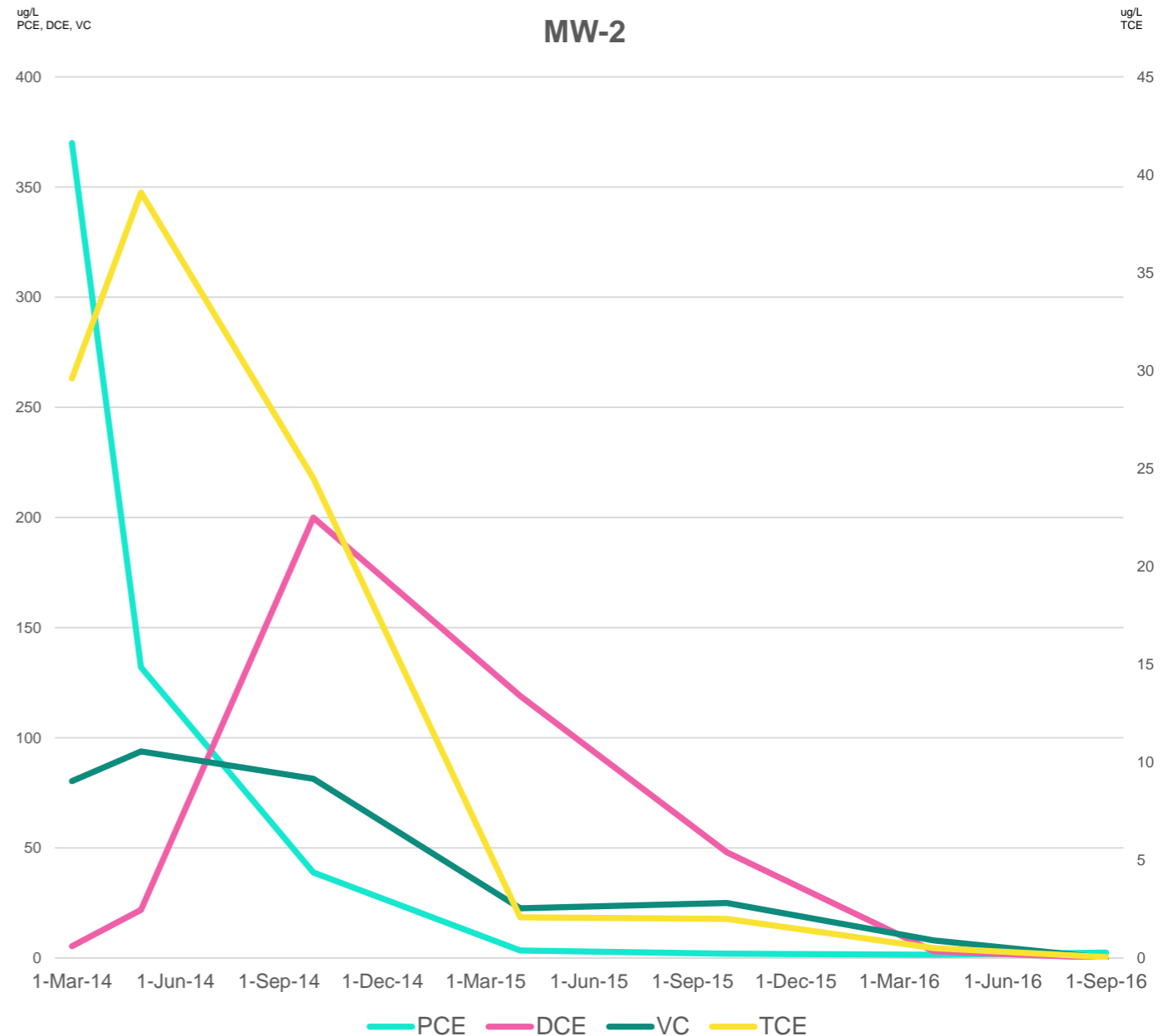
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Results T=2 Years

MW-2 50ft downgradient

- 99.4% reduction [PCE]
- 99.9% reduction [TCE]
- ≈100% reduction [cis-DCE]
- 99.9% reduction [VC] after 16.8%↑
- 99.5% reduction in [cVOCtotal]
- [Ethene] generated throughout program = complete biotransformation



Case Study

Burlington, Ontario Site
Former Dry Cleaner

**2018 Property
Value Assessed
at MORE THAN
\$2.5
million**



Contaminated, property value \$680,000
P&T Estimated \$750,000 over 12-15 years
Effective Property Value for 15-years \$0.00



Biostimulation Strategy

Total project Costs

Soil removal/gallery install	\$38,000
Pilot and Full-Scale Additive	\$35,000
Consulting and Analytical	\$150,000
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	\$223,000



During 4th year of remediation Site redeveloped



Property Manager attributes \$1 million of property value increase to remediation strategy



Conclusions

TerraStryke biostimulation additives support the subsurface ecosystem and microbes to expedite:

- ✓ LNAPL/DNAPL solubilization.
- ✓ Dissolved-phase contaminant utilization/destruction.
- ✓ The use of organic contaminants as electron donors/acceptors.
- ✓ Achieve sustainable remediation without above ground equipment costs/permitting.
- ✓ Sequester Greenhouse Gasses.
- ✓ Realize Site Compliance with less impacts, less costs simply by letting Nature have it.



**WORKING TOGETHER,
WE SUCCEED**

Did you know that prokaryotic bacteria under suitable anaerobic conditions **CHANGE PHENOTYPICALLY, COMMUNICATE/SIGNAL, BUILD, SHARE, AND WORK COLLECTIVELY?**

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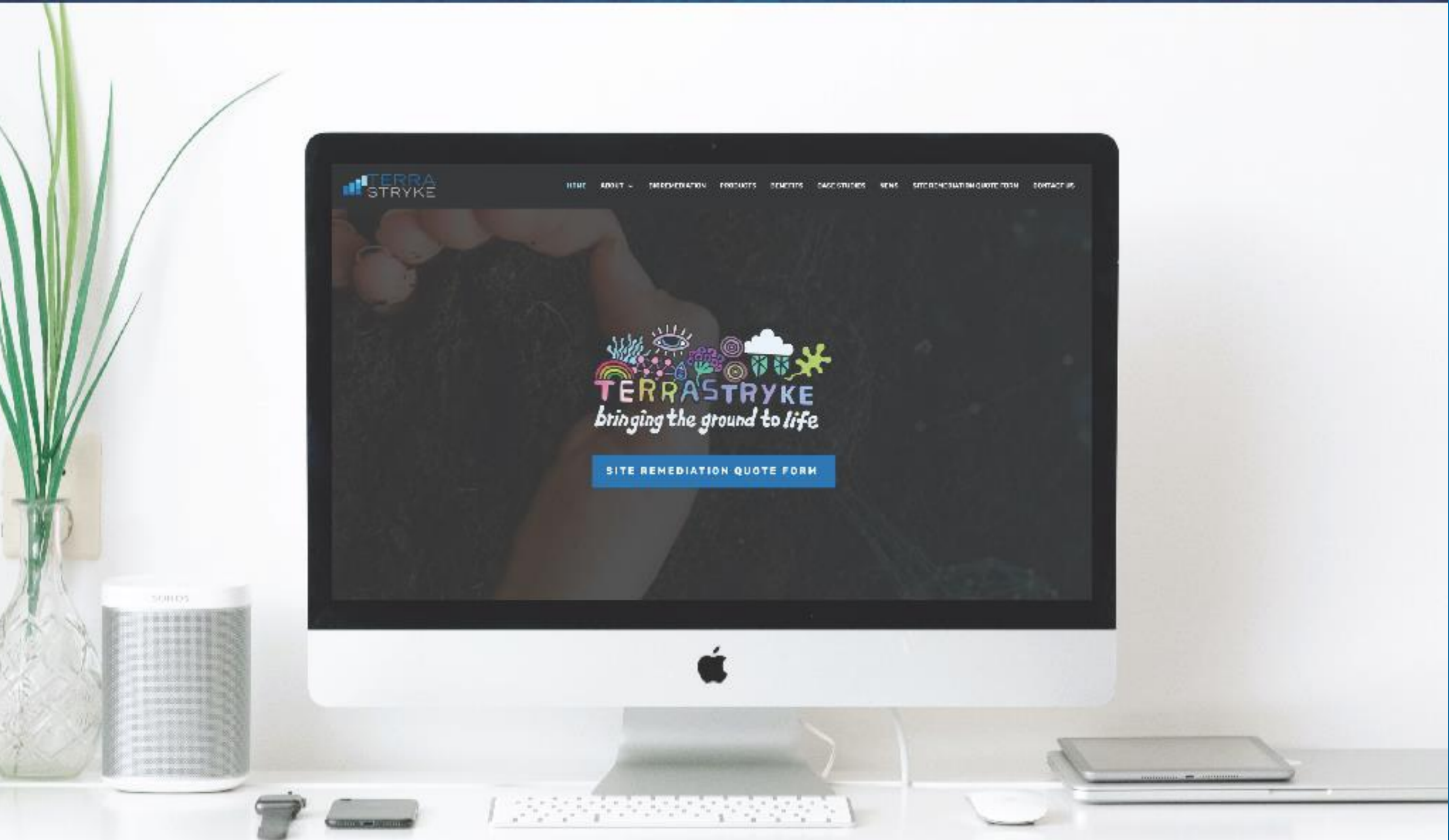


Conclusions

There are lots of options out there



Site Remediation Quote Form



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