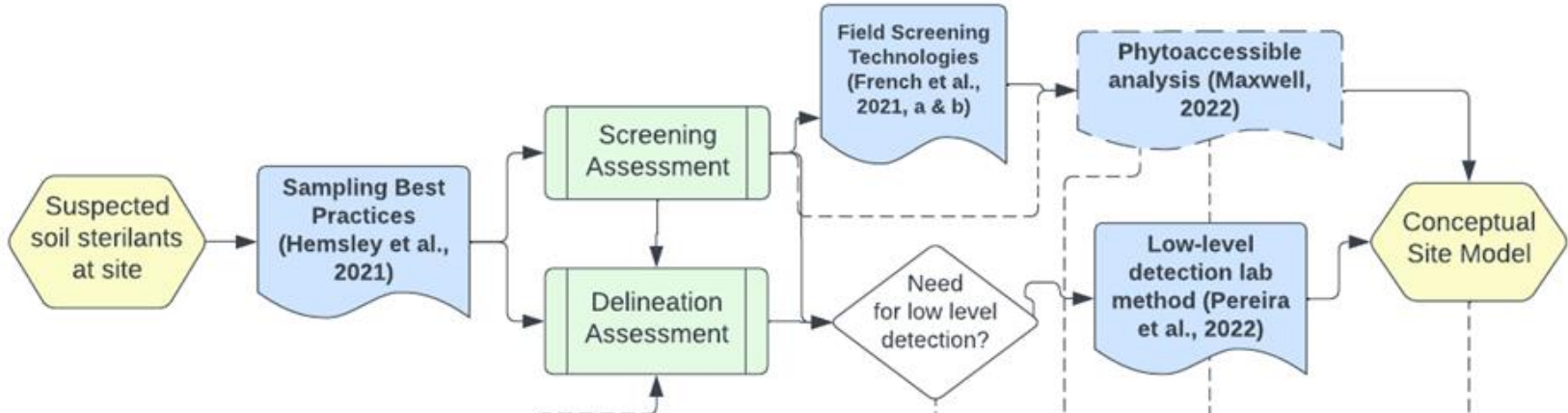


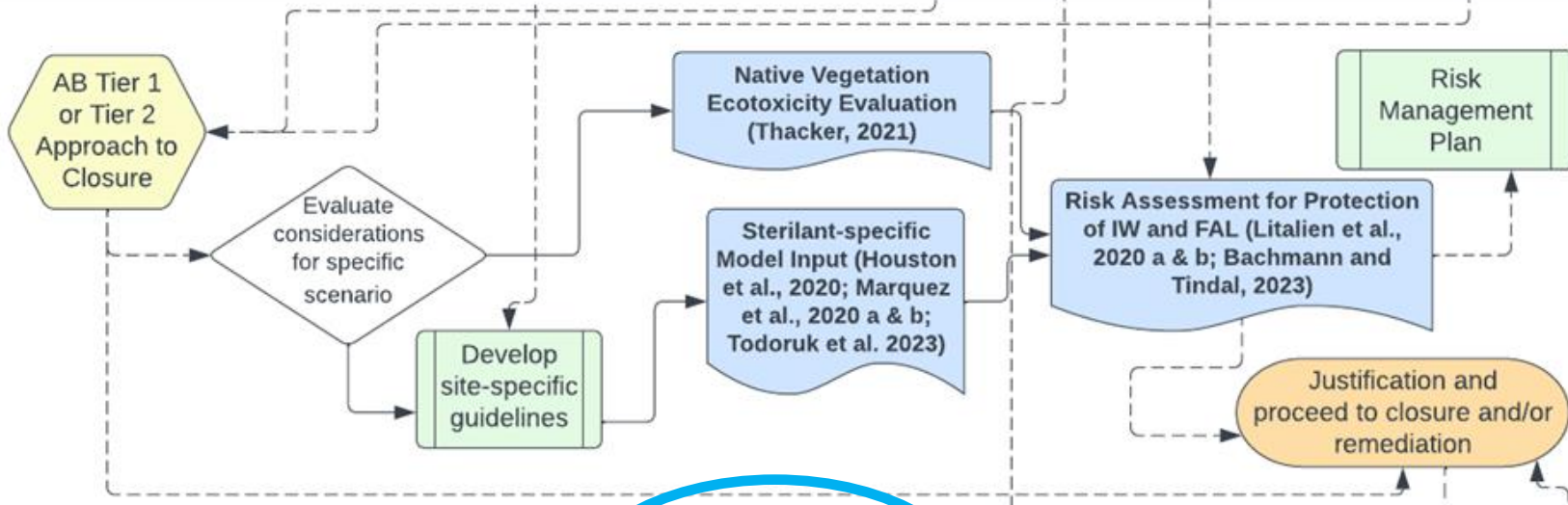
# BENCH-SCALE TREATABILITY TESTING FOR BROMACIL AND TEBUTHIURON REMEDIATION

SOIL STERILANTS  
PROGRAM (SSP)

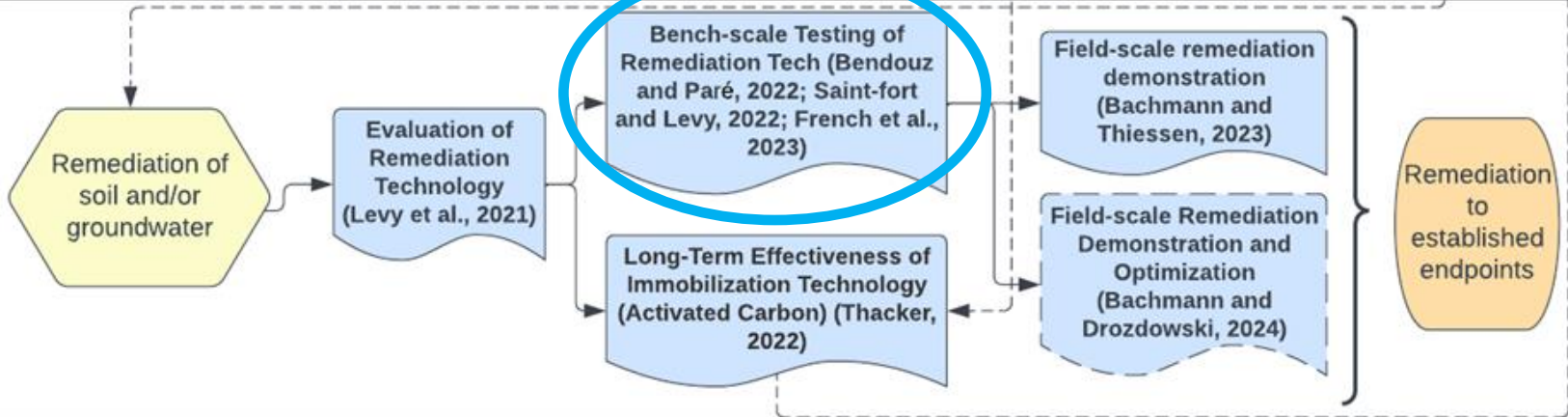
Identification and Delineation



Risk Assessment and Management



Remediation



- Objective was to establish **proven, technical and cost-effective** strategies and best practices for management of sites impacted by residual soil sterilants, with the goal of supporting regulatory site closure.
- 5 year program
  - Initiated in 2019
- Scope
  - Address challenges specific to AB
  - Applied research
  - Focus on Bromacil and Tebuthiuron
- Executed through a series of projects in:
  - Identification and Delineation
  - Risk Assessment and Management
  - Remediation

# SCREENING AND BENCH-SCALE TESTING OF REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGIES






## Key Challenges

- 1) Sterilant **destruction** in soil where immobilization is not considered an acceptable option (*in situ* or *ex situ*)
- 2) Treatment of sterilants at **depths greater than 50 cm bgs** in unsaturated soil, thus inaccessible to treatment at surface (ideally treated *in situ*)
- 3) *In situ* treatment of **saturated fine-grained till soils and groundwater**
- 4) **Cost-effective** *ex situ* water remediation

# SCREENING AND BENCH-SCALE TESTING OF REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGIES



Key Challenge	Bench-Scale Testing
1) Destruction of sterilants (ideally to guideline levels) 2) Treatment of sterilants at depths greater than 50 cm bgs in unsaturated soil, thus inaccessible to treatment at surface (ideally treated <i>in situ</i> )	Chemical oxidation and reduction approaches, with and without surfactants  
3) Destruction of sterilants (ideally to guideline levels) 4) <i>In situ</i> treatment of saturated fine-grained till soils and groundwater at depths greater than 50 cm bgs	In-situ chemical reduction and biostimulation, with and without surfactants  
5) Cost-effective <i>ex situ</i> water remediation (not presented herein)	In-situ biostimulation, with and without surfactants AND Electrocoagulation ( <i>ex situ</i> ) trial  

# STERILANT CHARACTERISTICS



Parameter	Sterilant	
	Bromacil	Tebuthiuron
<b>Water Solubility</b>	815 mg/L at 25 °C; increases with higher pH	2,500 mg/L at 25 °C
<b>Soil/organic matter sorption coefficient (<math>K_d/K_{oc}</math>); Octanol-water partition coefficient (<math>\log K_{ow}</math>)</b>	<p><math>K_{oc}</math>: 32 g/mL ;</p> <p><math>K_d/K_{oc}</math>: variable from 2.3 to 289 in soils ranging from sand to peat;</p> <p>Log (<math>K_{oc}</math>): 1.86 (average) for soil; 1.61 (average for sediments)</p> <p>Log <math>K_{ow}</math>: 2.11</p>	<p><math>K_{oc}</math>: 80 mg/;</p> <p><math>K_d</math>: 0.2-10.0;</p> <p>Log <math>K_{ow}</math>: 1.79</p>
<b>Mobility</b>	<p>Highly likely to be mobile in soils low in organic matter;</p> <p>Moves horizontally on surface and vertically with water;</p> <p>Moderate mobility in soils high in OM and clay content</p>	Influenced by soil texture and organic matter content (higher mobility in sandy soils and soils low in OM; lower in clay loam soils or highly organic soils)
<b>Leaching Potential</b>	High; important dissipation process; readily leached	<p>Medium;</p> <p>High solubility in water, weak adsorption to soil particles and is highly persistent, therefore has high potential to leach</p>
<b>Adsorption/ Desorption</b>	Lower than other herbicides; sorption to soils increases with clay and OM content; will not partition to suspended particles or sediments in aquatic systems (remains dissolved in water column)	<p>Relatively poor soil sorption;</p> <p>Sorption to soils highest in soils high in OM content followed by clay content;</p> <p>&lt;1% at soil OM of 0.3% and 40% with soil OM of 4.8%</p>
<b>Volatilization</b>	Minor importance	Not volatile
<b>Microbial degradation</b>	Bromacil is slowly debrominated by microflora under anaerobic, methanogenic conditions but is not degraded under denitrifying or sulphate-reducing conditions.	Biodegradation of tebuthiuron in aerobic soil is expected to be slow. It also shows little biodegradation in anaerobic soils. Similarly, tebuthiuron does not degrade appreciably in water.



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# DESTRUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY – IN SITU CHEMICAL OXIDATION



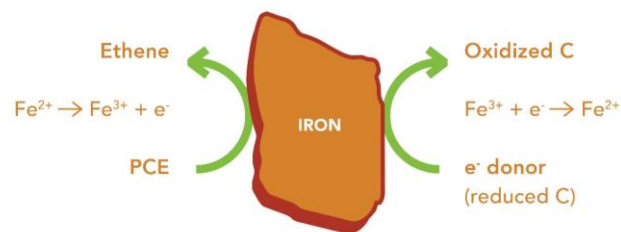
- ✓ **Water is the carrier** for the oxidants used in chemical oxidation (except for ozone)
- ✓ Surfactant enhanced Chemical Oxidation might be considered **Oxidants are non-specific** and will react with the targeted contaminants AND with the soil organic and/or mineral soil matrix content (Soil Oxidant Demand - SOD).
- ✓ If you have enough oxidant present and sufficient time you will push the destruction toward to **FULL mineralization (CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Cl<sup>-</sup>)** of the contaminant of concern
- ✓ Kinetics of the chemical oxidation reaction is thus influenced by the **contaminant of concern solubility** and availability in the groundwater or moisture phase
- ✓ **Surfactants can be combined with the oxidant to increase distribution and contaminant availability** (S-ISCO)
- ✓ **Sorbed phase contamination might be challenging to remediate (less available)**
- ✓ Back diffusion of the contamination (rebound) can persist because of high hydrophobic properties or geological consideration
- ✓ Application/Injection technique must **induce proper contact between the contaminant and the oxidant** for a proper duration for the required reaction to occur (kinetics)



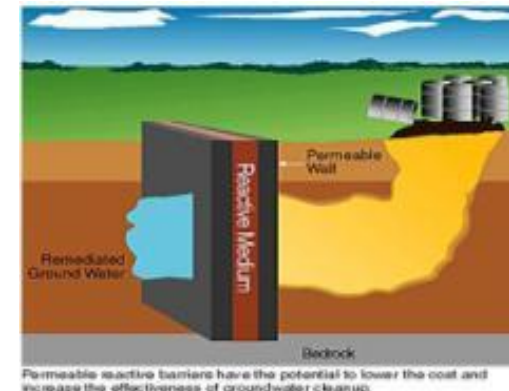
# DESTRUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY – IN SITU CHEMICAL REDUCTION

- ✓ Introduction of a **reducing material** or generating reducing species to **help degrade toxic organic compounds** or immobilize metals in the desired area
- ✓ The most commonly used reductant is zero valent iron (ZVI)
- ✓ Possible introduction of **organic substrates to produce** enhanced conditions to conduct **microbial reduction**
- ✓ Degradation / Immobilization of contaminants by **abiotic or biotic processes**
- ✓ Transfer of electrons from reduced metals (ZVI, ferrous iron) or reduced minerals (magnetite, pyrite) to contaminants including chlorinated organics and heavy metals
- ✓ **Permeable Reactive Barriers (PRB's)** constructed using ZVI = example of simple ISCR
- ✓ **Combined ZVI/fermentable carbon reagents** are an example of **advanced ISCR**

ISCR reactions of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  with chlorinated contaminants and formation of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$



Bacterial extraction of electrons from carbon restore  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is the  $e^-$  acceptor)



Source: EPA

# BENCH-SCALE TESTING APPROACH

1. Surfactant screening – 6 different types (anionic, cationic and non-ionic) to ENHANCE contaminant availability
2. Reductive treatment testing – with and without surfactant (Daramend only tilled)
3. Oxidative treatment testing – without surfactant; two best candidates with surfactant (staged approach)
  - Potassium persulfate activated with calcium-based product (hydrated lime)
  - Sodium persulfate activated with calcium-based product (calcium peroxide FG)
  - Sodium persulfate activated with alkaline base (sodium hydroxide)
  - Hydrogen Peroxide alone or activated using VTX (organic catalyst)



# SURFACTANTS SCREENING RESULTS (BROMACIL)



Essay	Description	Type of surfactant	Dosage (g/kg)	Contaminant Concentration (ppb)	% Increase	comments
BROMACIL - TEMOIN 1 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil without surfactant					
BROMACIL - TEMOIN 2 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil without surfactant			323		
BROMACIL - TEMOIN 3 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil without surfactant			258		
BROMACIL - TEMOIN 4 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil without surfactant			427		
BROMACIL - TWEEN - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 1 g/kg	TWEEN	1	583	74	Best results
BROMACIL - TWEEN - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 5 g/kg	TWEEN	5	483	44	
BROMACIL - TWEEN - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 10 g/kg	TWEEN	10	527	57	
BROMACIL - DECONIT - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 1 g/kg	DECONIT	1	376	12	
BROMACIL - DECONIT - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 5 g/kg	DECONIT	5	264	-21	
BROMACIL - DECONIT - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 10 g/kg	DECONIT	10			
BROMACIL - DL3 - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 1 g/kg	DL3	1	413	23	
BROMACIL - DL3 - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 5 g/kg	DL3	5	465	38	2nd best
BROMACIL - DL3 - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 10 g/kg	DL3	10	395	18	
BROMACIL - DL4 - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 1 g/kg	DL4	1	430	28	3th best
BROMACIL - DL4 - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 5 g/kg	DL4	5			
BROMACIL - DL4 - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 10 g/kg	DL4	10	343	2	
BROMACIL - 106-CL - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 1 g/kg	106 CL	1	280	-17	
BROMACIL - 106-CL - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 5 g/kg	106 CL	5	218	-35	
BROMACIL - 106-CL - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 10 g/kg	106 CL	10	393	17	
BROMACIL - FFT - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant FFT at dosage of 1 g/kg	FFT	1	393	17	
BROMACIL - FFT - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant FFT at dosage of 5 g/kg	FFT	5			
BROMACIL - FFT - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with bromacil+Surfactant FFT at dosage of 10 g/kg	FFT	10	424	26	

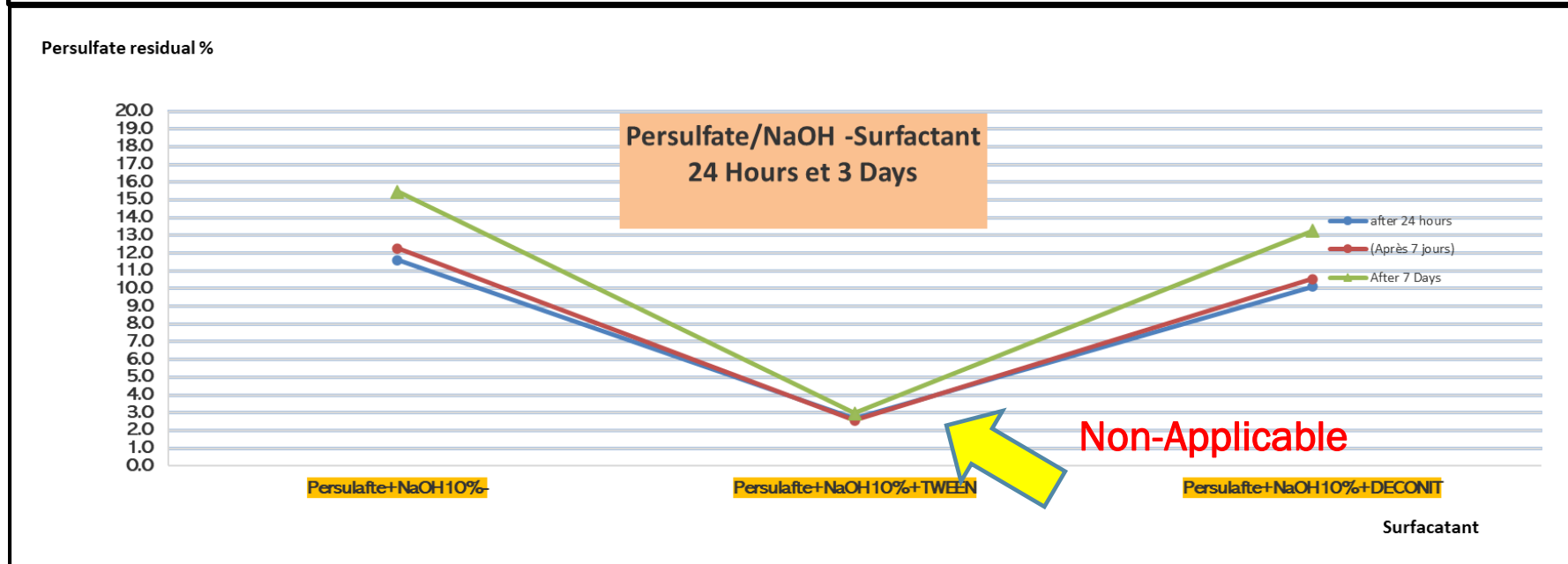
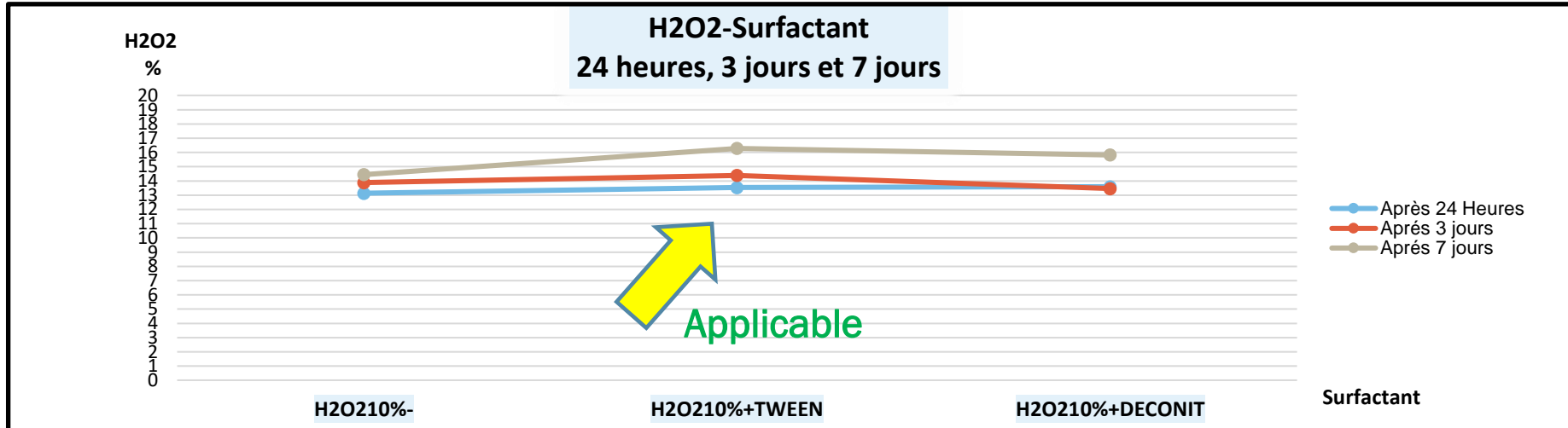


# SURFACTANTS SCREENING RESULTS (TEBUTHIURON)



Essay	Description	Type of surfactant	Dosage (g/kg)	Contaminant Concentration (ppb)	% Increase	comments
TBT - TEMOIN 1 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron without Surfactant			282		
TBT - TEMOIN 2 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron without Surfactant			316		
TBT - TEMOIN 3 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron without Surfactant					
TBT - TEMOIN 4 - BLANK	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron without Surfactant			347		
TBT - TWEEN - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 1 g/kg	TWEEN	1	413	31	3 th best
TBT - TWEEN - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 5 g/kg	TWEEN	5	487	54	Best results
TBT - TWEEN - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant TWEEN at dosage of 10 g/kg	TWEEN	10	363	15	
TBT - DECONIT - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 1 g/kg	DECONIT	1	189	-40	
TBT - DECONIT - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 5 g/kg	DECONIT	5	462	47	2nd best
TBT - DECONIT - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DECONIT at dosage of 10 g/kg	DECONIT	10	333	6	
TBT - DL3 - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 1 g/kg	DL3	1	323	2	
TBT - DL3 - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 5 g/kg	DL3	5	288	-9	
TBT - DL3 - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL3 at dosage of 10 g/kg	DL3	10	285	-10	
TBT - DL4 - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 1 g/kg	DL4	1	267	-15	
TBT - DL4 - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 5 g/kg	DL4	5	304	-3	
TBT - DL4 - 10 g/kg	Leachate Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant DL4 at dosage of 10 g/kg	DL4	10	202	-36	
TBT - 106-Ckg - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 1 g/kg	106 CL	1	158	-50	
TBT - 106-Ckg - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 5 g/kg	106 CL	5	181	-42	
TBT - 106-Ckg - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant 106 CL at dosage of 10 g/kg	106 CL	10	128	-59	
TBT - FFT - 1 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant FFT at dosage of 1 g/kg	FFT	1			
TBT - FFT - 5 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant FFT at dosage of 5 g/kg	FFT	5			
TBT - FFT - 10 g/kg	Leachate of Spiked soil with Tebuthiuron +Surfactant FFT at dosage of 10 g/kg	FFT	10	256	-19	

# SURFACTANT REACTIVITY TESTING VERSUS OXIDANT

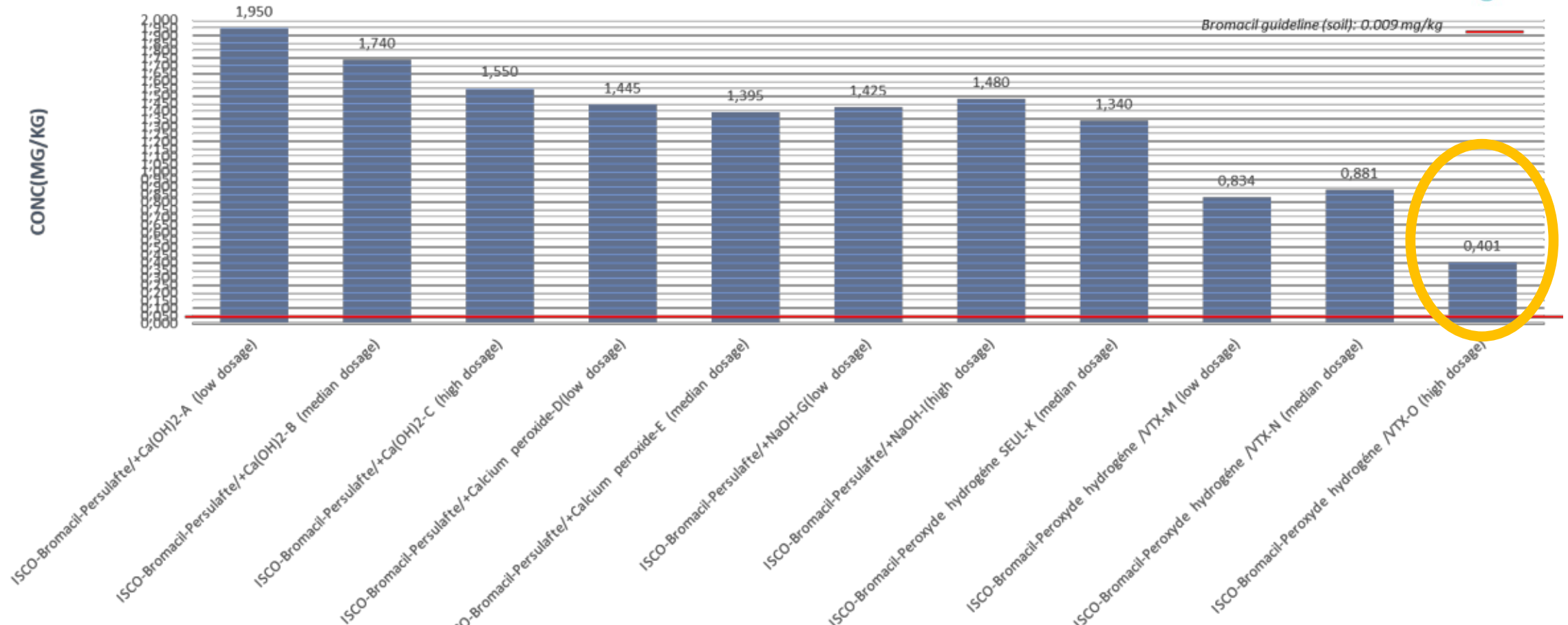


# OXIDATIVE TESTING NO SURFACTANT (BROMACIL)

average concentration blank sample= 1.36 mg/kg (n=3)



Bromacil guideline (soil): 0.009 mg/kg

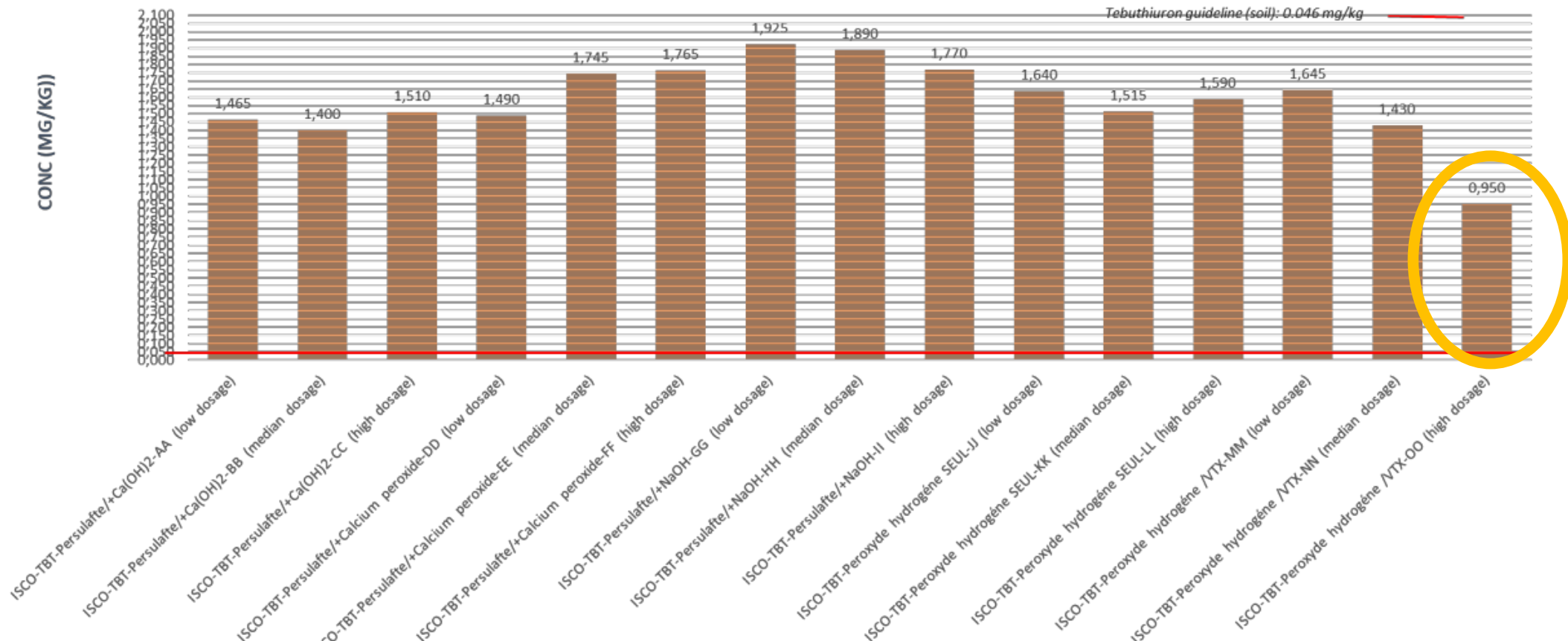


Hydrogen peroxide and VTX (catalyst) gave the best removal rates for bromacil after 30 days of soil contact. (40:1 oxidant to contaminant dosage: 40,2 g of hydrogen peroxide 50% + 4 g/kg VTX per kg of dry soil)

➤ 70% of Bromacil destruction obtained @ final concentration of 0,401 mg/kg after 30 days of reaction

# OXIDATIVE TESTING NO SURFACTANT (TEBUTHIURON)

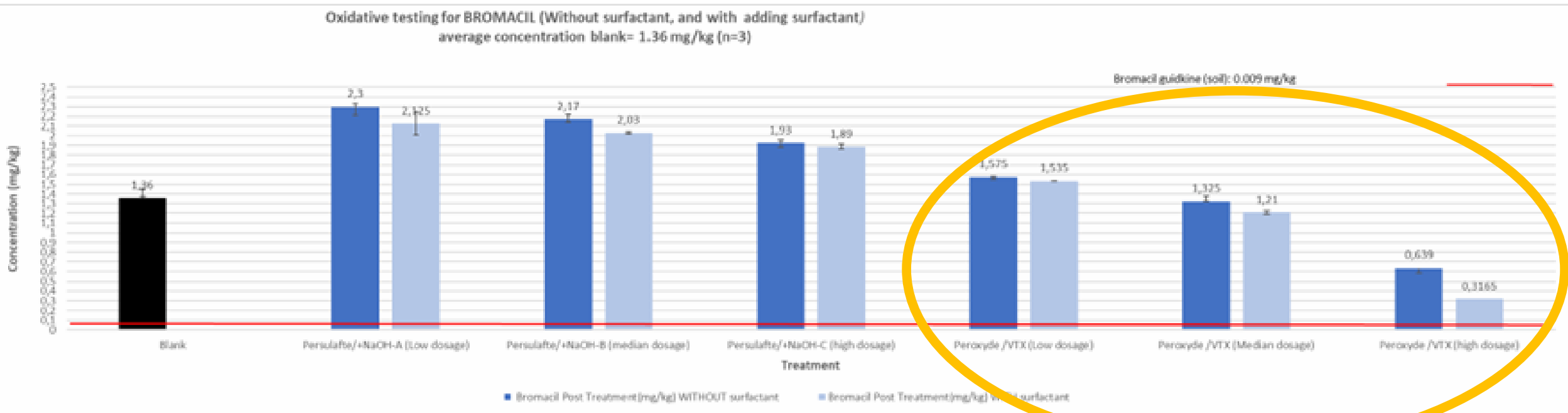
Oxidative testing for Tebuthiuron (no surfactant)  
average concentration blank sample= 2.1 mg/kg (n=3)



**Hydrogen peroxide and VTX (catalyst) gave the best removal rates for tebuthiuron after 30 days of soil contact. (40:1 oxidant to contaminant dosage: 40,2 g of hydrogen peroxide 50% + 4 g/kg VTX per kg of dry soil)**

➤ **55% of Tebuthiuron destruction @ final concentration of 0,95 mg/kg after 30 days of reaction**

# OXIDATIVE TREATMENT ON BROMACIL WITH AND WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF SURFACTANT

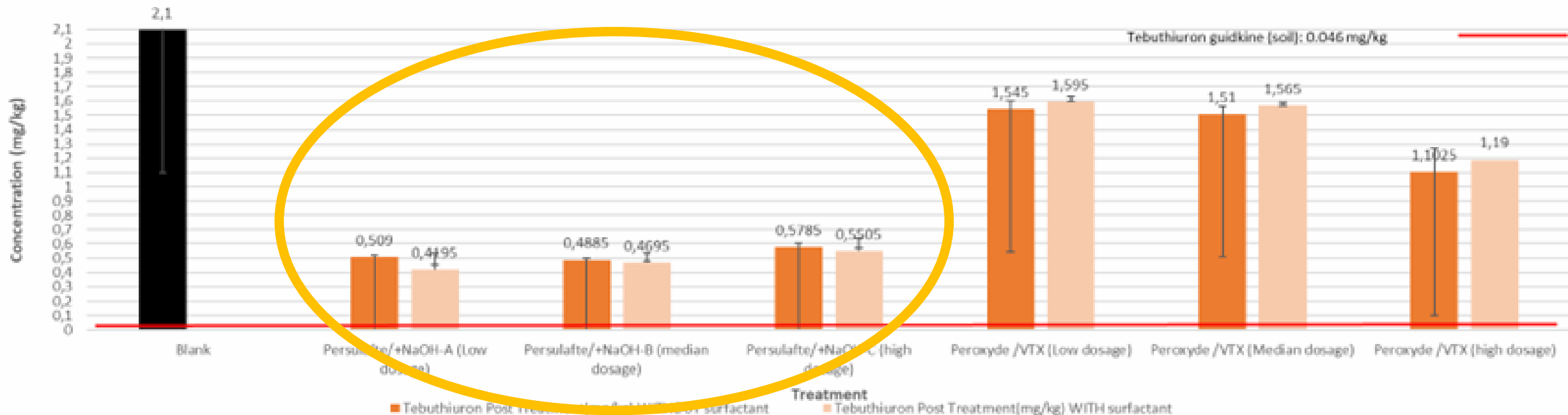


- ✓ Very good contaminant removal with the use of Hydrogen peroxide activated with VTX at high dosage combined with the addition of the surfactant (TWEEN®): **high dosage of Hydrogen peroxide (40: 1 oxidant to contaminant dosage) by using 40,2 g of hydrogen peroxide 50% plus 4 g/kg VTX, + surfactant TWEEN (1 g per kg of soil)**
- ✓ The Bromacil destruction = 76 %.



# OXIDATIVE TREATMENT ON **TEBUTHIURON** WITH AND WITHOUT THE ADDITION OF SURFACTANT

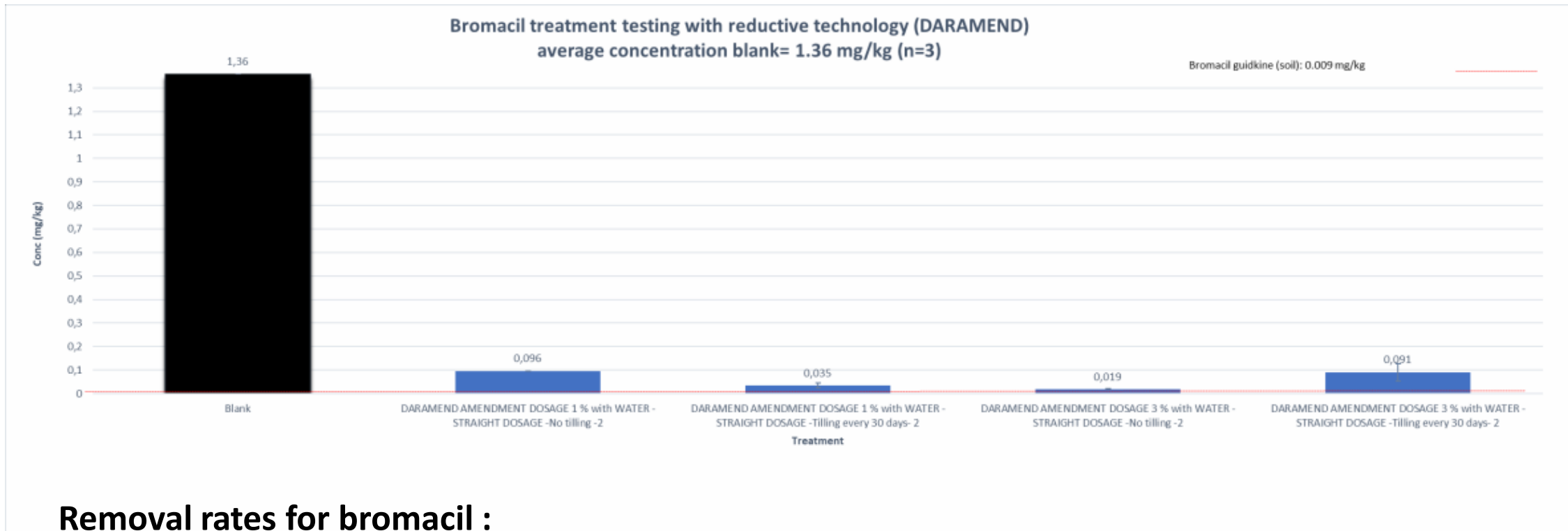
Oxidative testing for TEBUTHIURON (Without surfactant, and with adding surfactant)  
average concentration blank= 2.1 mg/kg (n=3)



- ✓ The use of Alkaline activated Sodium persulfate without surfactant was successful.
- ✓ Tebuthiuron destruction = 76 % (without the surfactant) AND 80 % (with the surfactant)
- the use of a surfactant will not be recommended for this treatment

**The high SOD value obtained (41 g of sodium persulfate per kg of soil) for the submitted soil might have limited contaminant destruction by this oxidant in the submitted soil samples**

# EFFECT OF DARAMEND® TREATMENT CONCENTRATIONS IN SOIL ON BROMACIL



## Removal rates for bromacil :

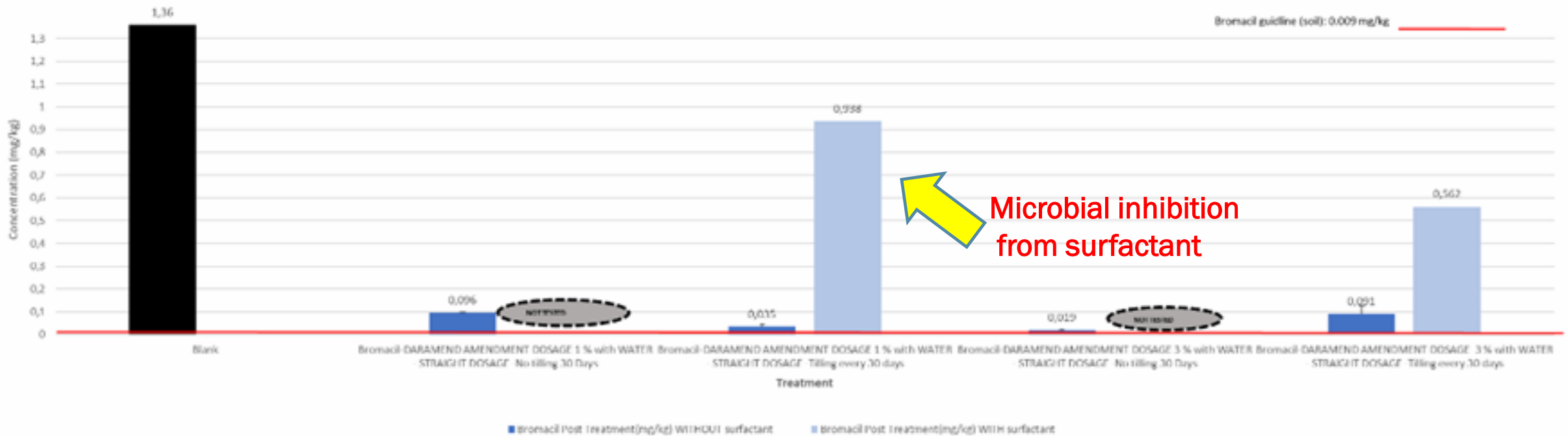
- Daramend®@ 3 % (wt/wt basis) with no tilling : **98 %**
- Daramend®@ 1 % (wt/wt basis) with a tilling every 30 days: **97%**

Note: 1 % (wt/wt basis) = 10 g of Daramend® per kg of dry soil and using water to increase moisture content to 90% WHC

# COMPARING THE EFFECT OF REDUCTIVE TREATMENT ON BROMACIL WITH AND WITHOUT ADDITION OF SURFACTANT

## BROMACIL treatment testing with reductive technology (DARAMEND)

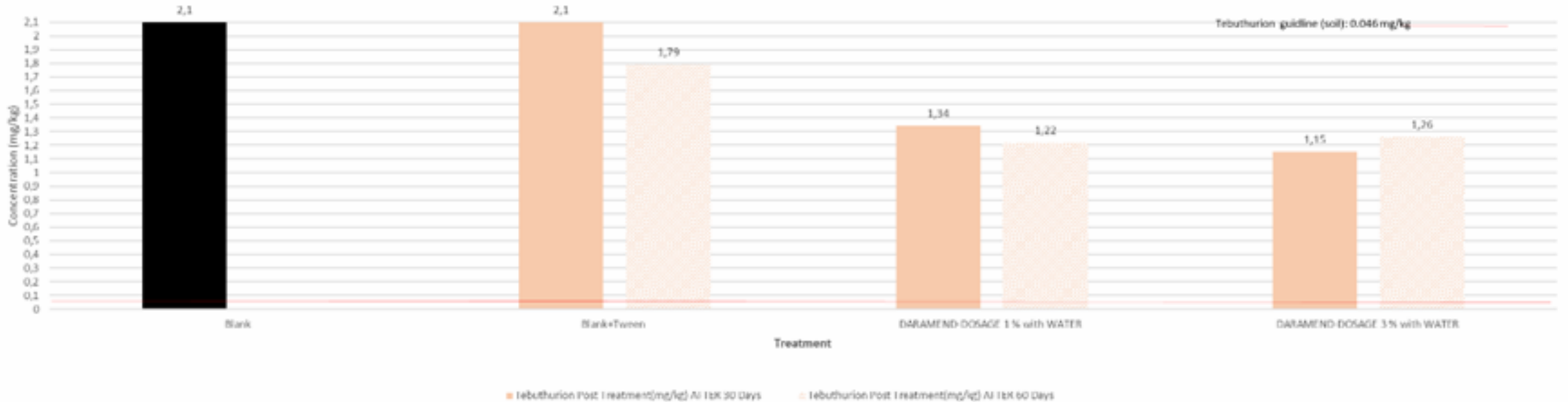
(Without surfactant, and with adding surfactant)  
average concentration blank= 1.36 mg/kg (n=3)



# COMPARING THE EFFECT OF REDUCTIVE TREATMENT ON TEBUTHIURON WITH AND WITHOUT ADDITION OF SURFACTANT

## Tebuthurion treatment testing with reductive technology (DARAMEND)

(with adding TWEEN surfactant after 30 and 60 days)  
average concentration blank= 2.1 mg/kg (n=3)



## ■ Bromacil:

- ✓ Average percentage removal ranged from **31% to 59% after 30 days, although it was reduced by 98% after a treatment cycle of 60 days by tilling 1 % of DARAMEND amendment** with the addition of surfactant TWEEN into the soil and using water to increase soil moisture content to 60% of the soil's water holding capacity (WHC). The tilling process served to aerate and homogenize the soil. **The Bromacil concentrations were reduced from 1,36 mg/kg to 0,016 mg/kg showing a significant reduction of 99%.**

➤ **The surfactant was detrimental to successful treatment with DARAMEND after 30 days, due to microbial cell wall interference.**

## ■ **Tebuthiuron**

- ✓ Average percentage removal was between 36 % and 45% after a treatment cycle of 30 days, and it was reduced by an average of 40 and 42% after a treatment cycle of 60 days using DARAMEND at a dosage of 1 and 3 % (wt/wt basis) respectively.

## SUMMARY & LESSONS LEARNED

### ■ Destructive Technology targeting Bromacil:

- ✓ Daramend approach was highly effective in the treatment of **Bromacil** in the tested soil samples. Overall treatment product cost was approximately \$55 / MT (product only) of soil using a 1 % w/w loading rate.
- ✓ DARAMEND would only work in saturated conditions (or high-water content soil) as the contaminant destruction pathway would not be efficient if the water content is insufficient.
- ✓ The hydrogen peroxide oxidation process using the VTX catalyst and surfactant more costly than the DARAMEND technology at 99 \$/MT (product only) for the destruction of 1.0 mg/kg contaminant concentration. This product combination would be an alternative treatment method for a combined soil and groundwater issue.
- ✓ These approaches enabled a rapid, cost- effective, and long-lasting treatment., very sustainable

# SUMMARY & LESSONS LEARNED



## ■ Destructive Technology Targeting **Tebuthiuron**

- ✓ ISCO approach with **alkaline activated Klozur® persulfate study** has been successful allow **a reduction of 76 % of the Tebuthiuron** without adding the surfactant using a low dosage of Klozur® persulfate.
- ✓ The stability of persulfate, can last weeks to months in the soil, provides a large radius of influence, and maximizes contact time with contaminants
- ✓ Treatment cost of **\$ 5/TM (product only) per 1 mg/kg removal of Tebuthiuron (without surfactant)**
- ✓ This reactivity between the alkaline activated persulfate and the Tebuthiuron could also be an **alternative treatment method in the case of a combined soil and groundwater issue.**

### Notes:

- The use of a surfactant will not be recommended for this treatment.
- No residual sodium persulfate was measured in the sacrificial samples
- The high SOD value obtained for the submitted soil might have limited contaminant destruction by this oxidant in the submitted soil samples.

# NEXT STEPS AND TAKEAWAY



## In Situ / Ex situ Destructive Technologies

- ✓ Soil Oxidant Demand (SOD) validation for any oxidation destructive is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- ✓ Potassium persulfate vs. Sodium Persulfate for additional persistency and face
- ✓ DARAMEND dosage optimization to obtain lower treatment cost need to be evaluated
- ✓ EHC could be applicable In situ as a Permeable reactive barrier setting for the saturated zone
- ✓ Mixing optimization and Water integration and maintenance for better reductive processes ex situ





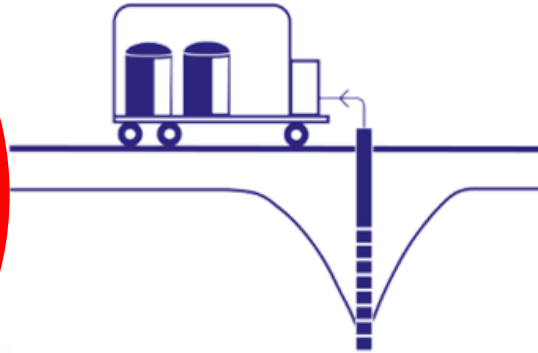
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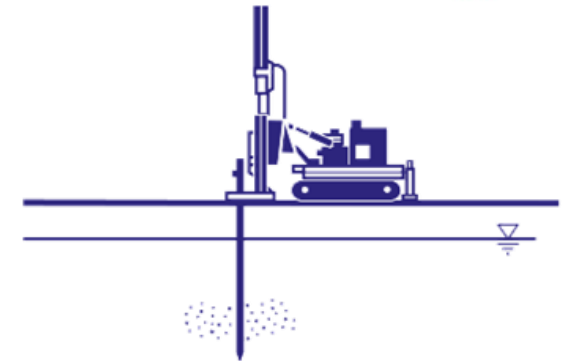
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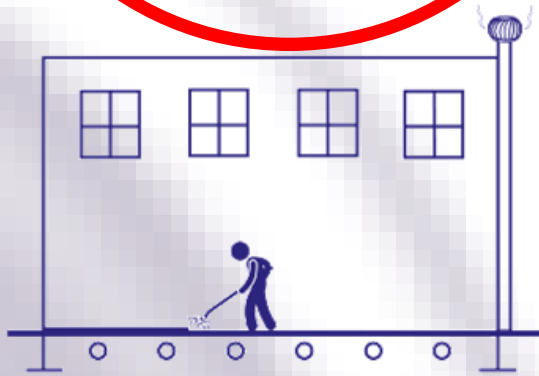
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Ex-Situ Remediation



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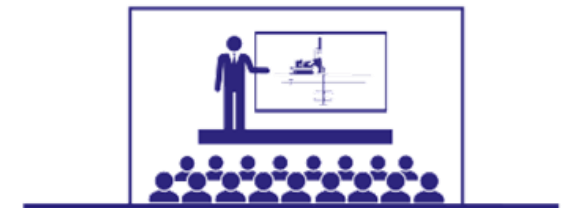
Vapour Intrusion



Bench-Scale Testing



Remedial Design



Outreach



## METHODS & RESULTS – TECHNOLOGIES ASSESSED

- Remedial technologies assessed:
  - Trap & Treat® BOS 200+®
  - Trap & Treat® CAT 100
  - Simulated Trap & Treat® BOS 200+® (i.e., no AC)
  - Simulated Trap & Treat® CAT 100 (i.e., no AC)
  - Zero-valent iron (ZVI)
  - ZVI with aluminum sulphate
  - Trap & Treat® BOS 200+® with surfactant
  - Trap & Treat® CAT 100 with surfactant
  - Simulated Trap & Treat® BOS 200+® with surfactant
  - Simulated Trap & Treat® CAT 100 with surfactant



## METHODS & RESULTS – COMPOUNDS/MEDIA



Hyvar® X-L –  
commercial, 20%  
bromacil, liquid



Spike® 80DF –  
commercial, 80%  
tebuthiuron, solid

- Compounds/media tested:
  - Actual samples of sterilant impacted soils from Alberta provided by InnoTech
  - Samples had detectable concentrations of sterilants above the standards:
    - Bromacil: baseline = 0.210 mg/kg
    - Tebuthiuron: baseline = 0.136 mg/kg
  - Soils were impacted with Hyvar® or Spike®
  - Samples were not previously augmented with AC
  - Required degree of treatment to meet standards from baseline concentrations:
    - Bromacil: 95.7%
    - Tebuthiuron: 93.4%

## METHODS & RESULTS – TESTING PROCEDURE

- Approx. 2.5 kg of impacted soil was mixed with remedial amendments, saturated with distilled water and placed into a 3 L glass jar for each of the reactors and configurations.
- Reactors were equipped with an inlet valve and a water-sealed check valve to allow nitrogen gas to be injected into the headspace of the reactor to maintain anaerobic conditions.
- Reactors were covered with a black cloth to prevent any photochemistry from occurring.
- The soils in each reactor was thoroughly mixed on a daily basis for the first 2 weeks to ensure good contact between the remedial amendments and the sterilants. Following this, the reactors were mixed weekly until the 2-month sampling event, and then left without mixing for the final 2 months of the testing program.



## METHODS & RESULTS – REACTOR CONFIGURATION

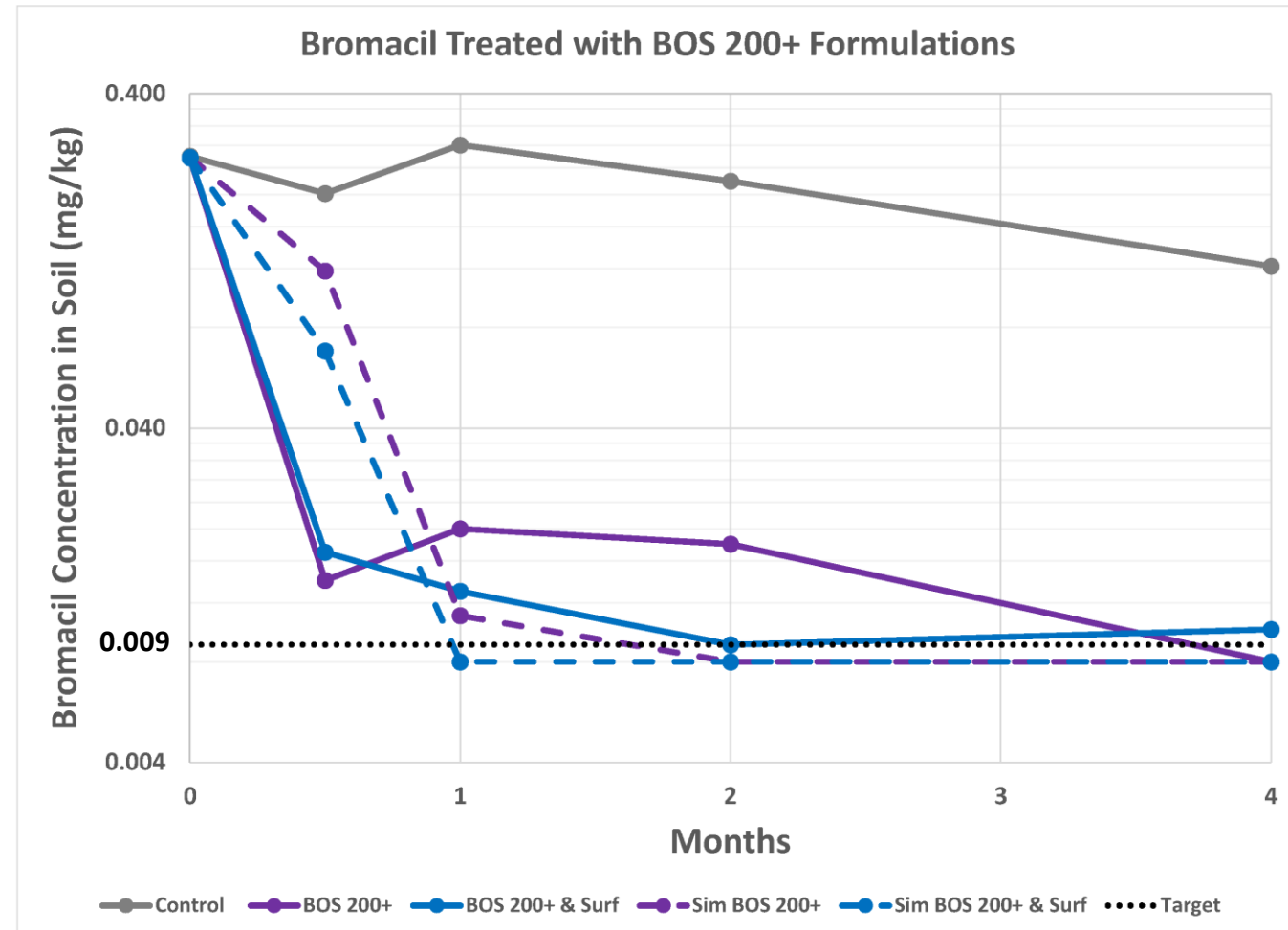
- #1 – Control reactor; only the contaminated soil with no added reagents or amendments
- #2 - 1.2% wt. Trap & Treat® BOS 200+®
- #3 - 0.7% wt. Trap & Treat® CAT 100
- #4 - Same components and weight percentages as #2 but without any AC component
- #5 - Same components and weight percentages as reactor #3 but without any AC component
- #6 - 5% wt. ZVI (ISCR)
- #7 - 5% wt. ZVI with 3.5% wt. aluminum sulphate (ISCR+)
- #8 - Same as reactor #2 with 0.2% wt. Tween 80 surfactant
- #9 - Same as reactor #3 with 0.2% wt. Tween 80 surfactant
- #10 - Same as reactor #4 with 0.2% wt. Tween 80 surfactant
- #11 - Same as reactor #5 with 0.2% wt. Tween 80 surfactant

# METHODS & RESULTS – BROMACIL RESULTS

Reactor ID	Bromacil Concentrations in Soil (mg/kg)							Final Net Percent Reduction vs Control (%)
	Sampling Dates							
	Mixed Soil Baseline 2022-04-27	Starting Baseline 2022-06-08	Adjusted Starting Baseline 2022-06-08	2 Weeks 2022-07-18	1 Month 2022-08-04	2 Months 2022-09-06	4 Months 2022-11-04	
Control	0.210	0.260	0.260	0.202	0.281	0.219	0.122	0.0%
BOS 200+	0.210	0.260	0.257	0.014	0.020	0.018	<0.008	>44.9%
BOS 200+ & Surf	0.210	0.260	0.257	0.017	0.013	0.009	0.010	44.1%
Sim BOS 200+	0.210	0.260	0.258	0.118	0.011	<0.008	<0.008	>44.6%
Sim BOS 200+ & Surf	0.210	0.260	0.258	0.068	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008	>44.6%
CAT 100	0.210	0.260	0.258	0.051	0.081	0.038	0.034	34.3%
CAT 100 & Surf	0.210	0.260	0.258	0.066	0.042	0.024	0.014	42.1%
Sim CAT 100	0.210	0.260	0.257	0.050	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008	>45.0%
Sim CAT 100 & Surf	0.210	0.260	0.257	0.027	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008	>45.0%
ISCR	0.210	0.260	0.248	0.198	0.086	<0.008	<0.008	>48.5%
ISCR +	0.210	0.260	0.239	0.106	0.101	0.073	0.076	21.2%
Target Standard	0.009							

## METHODS & RESULTS – BROMACIL RESULTS

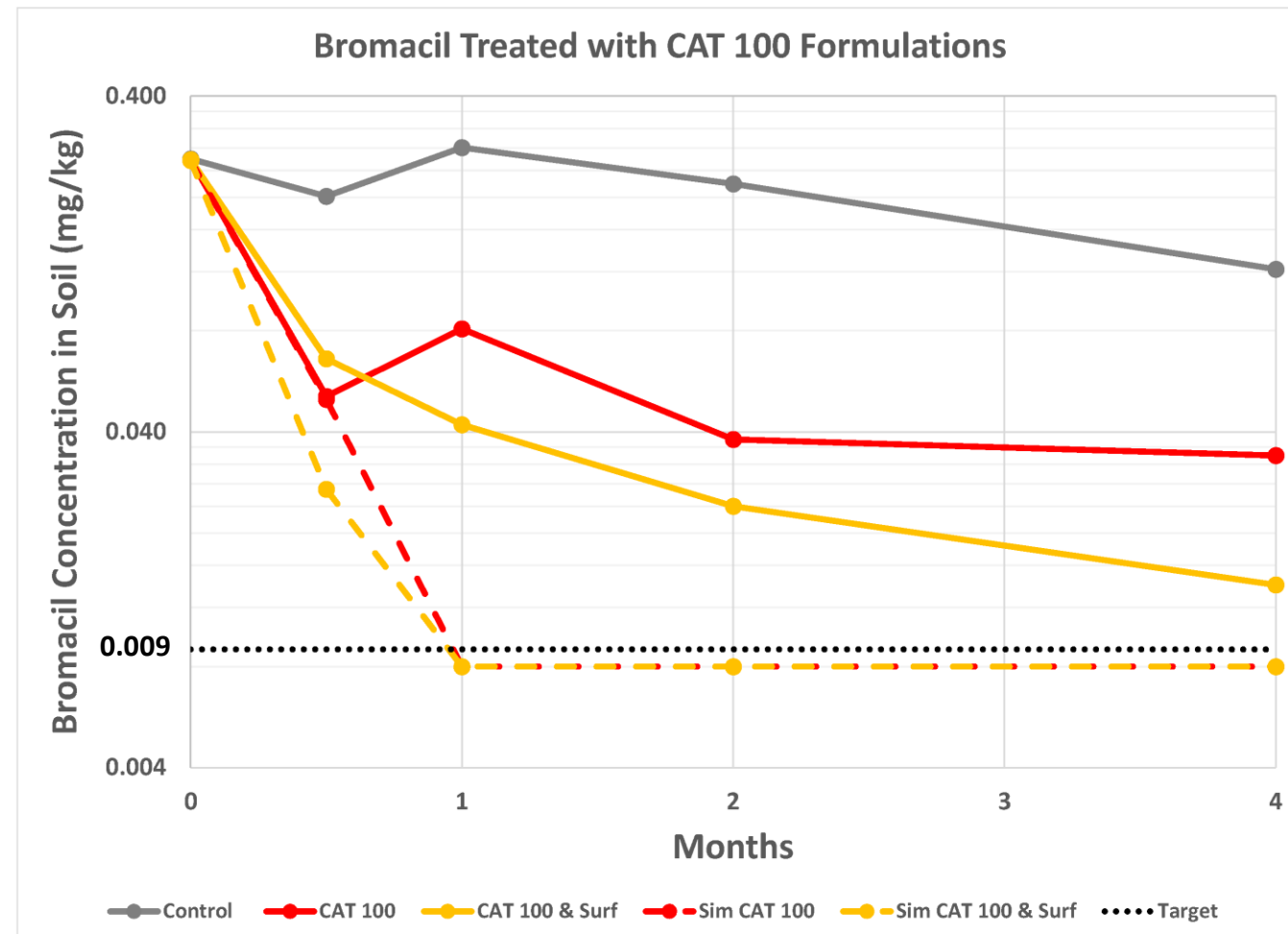
- Technology: Bromacil-impacted soils treated with BOS 200+ formulations:
  - All treatment reactors reduced bromacil concentrations more than in the control
  - **Bromide was detected** in all treatment reactors indicating **bromacil destruction** (not just adsorption)
  - Surfactant slightly improved treatment performance
  - All BOS 200+ formulations can reduce bromacil in soil to below the target concentration within a few months





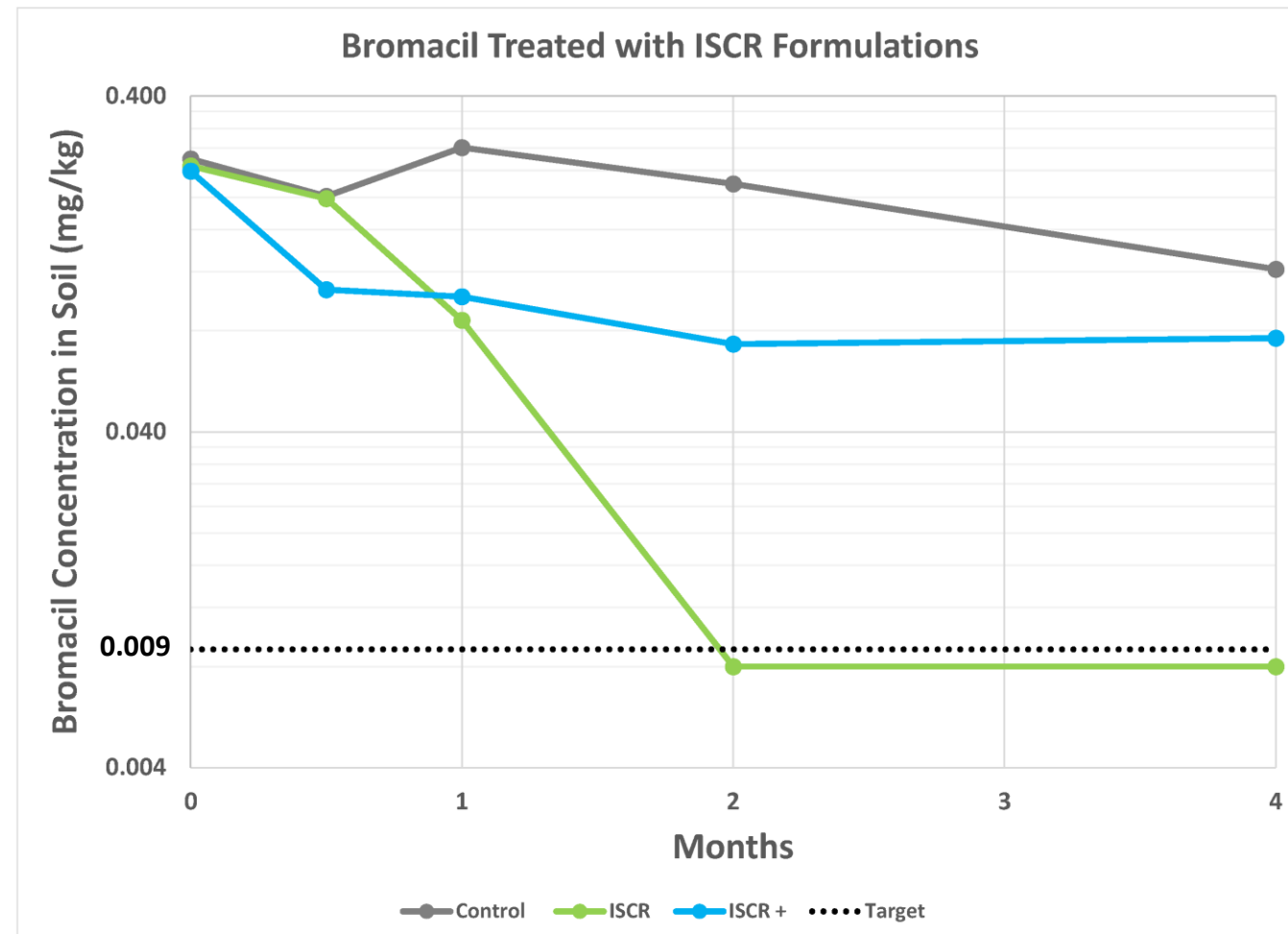
## METHODS & RESULTS – BROMACIL RESULTS

- Technology: Bromacil-impacted soils treated with CAT 100 formulations:
  - All treatment reactors reduced bromacil concentrations more than in the control
  - **Bromide was detected** in all treatment reactors indicating **bromacil destruction** (not just adsorption)
  - AC reduced treatment performance
  - Surfactant slightly improved treatment performance
  - All CAT 100 formulations can reduce bromacil in soil, but only the reactors without AC met the target concentrations within a few months



## METHODS & RESULTS – BROMACIL RESULTS

- Technology: Bromacil-impacted soils treated with ISCR formulations:
  - Both treatment reactors reduced bromacil concentrations more than in the control
  - **Bromide was detected** in both treatment reactors indicating **bromacil destruction**
  - pH adjustment reduced treatment performance
  - ISCR (ZVI) can reduce bromacil in soil to below the target concentration within a few months



## METHODS & RESULTS – BROMACIL RESULTS SUMMARY

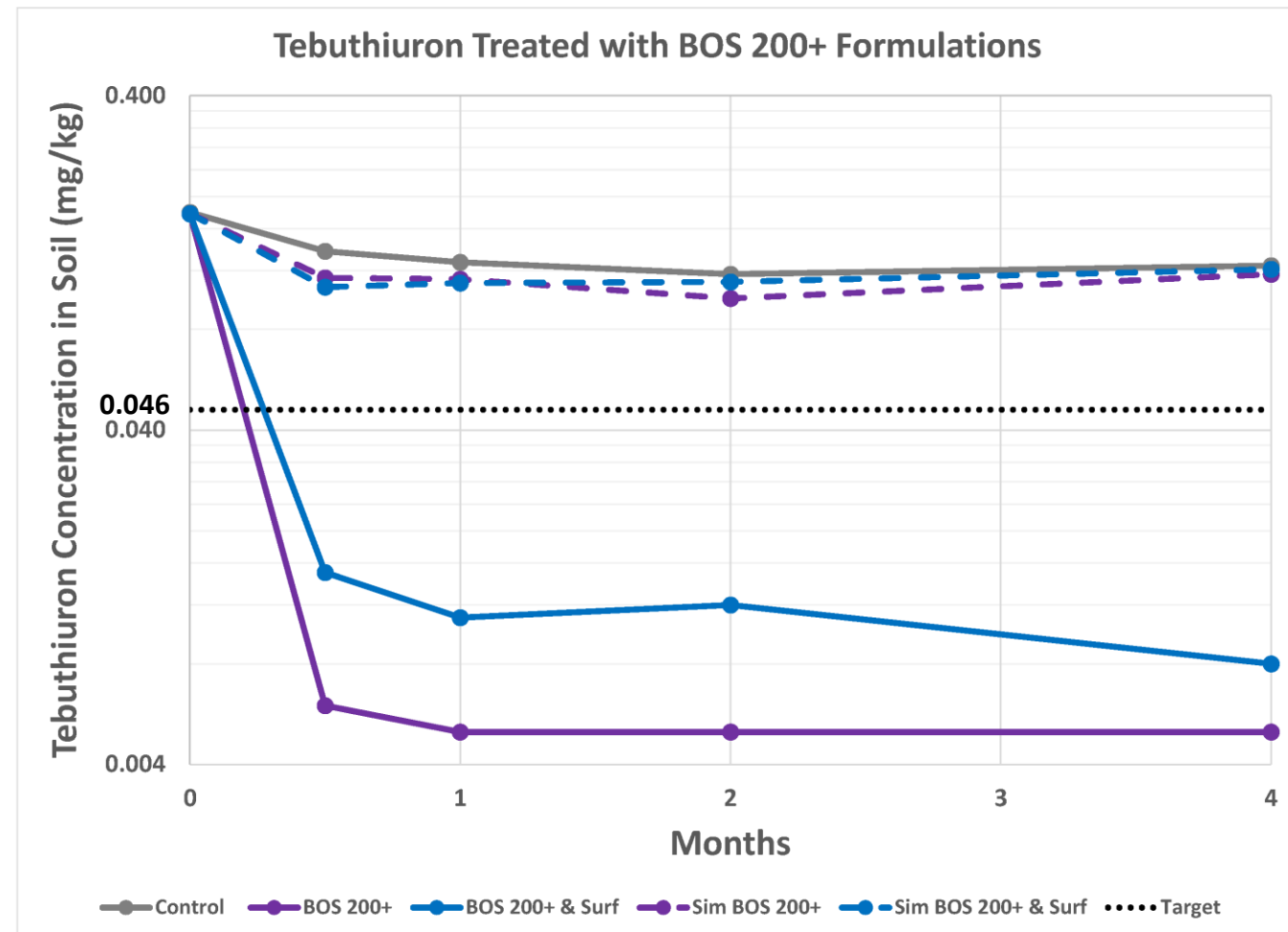
- Technology Summary: Treatment of bromacil-impacted soils
  - All treatment approaches, BOS 200+, CAT 100 and ISCR formulations, reduced bromacil concentrations in soil
  - Bromide generation in reactors containing no AC confirm bromacil destruction, not just adsorption.
  - The presence of surfactant slightly improved performance for CAT 100 and BOS 200+ formulations
  - Simulated BOS 200+ and simulated CAT 100 (both without their AC component), with and without surfactant, were the best performing and would be applicable for general plume treatment
  - ISCR (ZVI) was slightly slower but would also be applicable for general plume treatment
  - For a potential permeable reactive barrier (PRB) application the AC component is desirable for longevity and the absence of surfactant is desirable for adsorptive strength
  - Therefore, for a PRB application to treat migrating plumes of bromacil in groundwater, the preferred amendment is the full formulation of BOS 100 (AC and elemental iron; less expensive than CAT 100)

# METHODS & RESULTS – TEBUTHIURON RESULTS

Reactor ID	Tebuthiuron Concentrations in Soil (mg/kg)							Final Net Percent Reduction vs Control (%)
	Sampling Dates							
	Mixed Soil Baseline 2022-04-27	Starting Baseline 2022-06-08	Adjusted Starting Baseline 2022-06-08	2 Weeks 2022-07-18	1 Month 2022-08-04	2 Months 2022-09-06	4 Months 2022-11-04	
Control	0.136	0.179	0.179	0.137	0.127	0.117	0.124	0.0%
BOS 200+	0.136	0.179	0.177	0.006	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	>67.5%
BOS 200+ & Surf	0.136	0.179	0.177	0.015	0.011	0.012	0.008	65.8%
Sim BOS 200+	0.136	0.179	0.178	0.114	0.113	0.099	0.117	3.7%
Sim BOS 200+ & Surf	0.136	0.179	0.178	0.107	0.110	0.111	0.121	1.4%
CAT 100	0.136	0.179	0.178	0.039	0.020	0.022	0.035	50.1%
CAT 100 & Surf	0.136	0.179	0.178	0.076	0.072	0.065	0.036	49.5%
Sim CAT 100	0.136	0.179	0.177	0.095	0.111	0.118	0.094	16.7%
Sim CAT 100 & Surf	0.136	0.179	0.177	0.106	0.101	0.096	0.112	6.4%
ISCR	0.136	0.179	0.170	0.111	0.121	0.105	0.088	20.1%
ISCR +	0.136	0.179	0.164	0.079	0.080	0.066	0.067	33.8%
Target Standard	0.046							

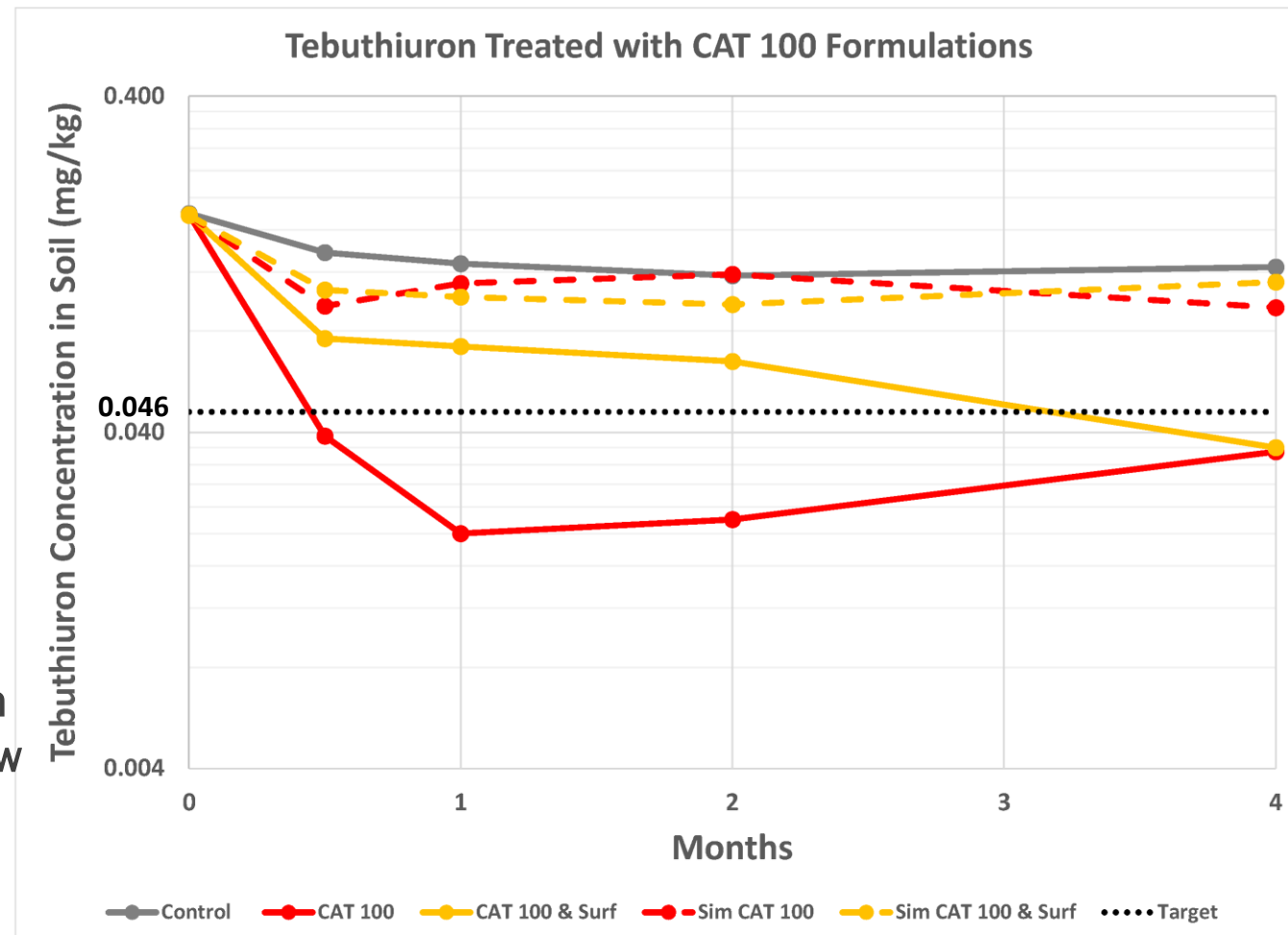
## METHODS & RESULTS – TEBUTHIURON RESULTS

- Technology: Tebuthiuron-impacted soils treated with BOS 200+ formulations:
  - Only the full BOS 200+ treatment reactors reduced tebuthiuron concentrations more than in the control
  - No evidence of tebuthiuron destruction (adsorption only)
  - Surfactant reduced treatment performance
  - Both full formulations BOS 200+ (with AC) can reduce tebuthiuron in soil to below the target concentration within a few weeks



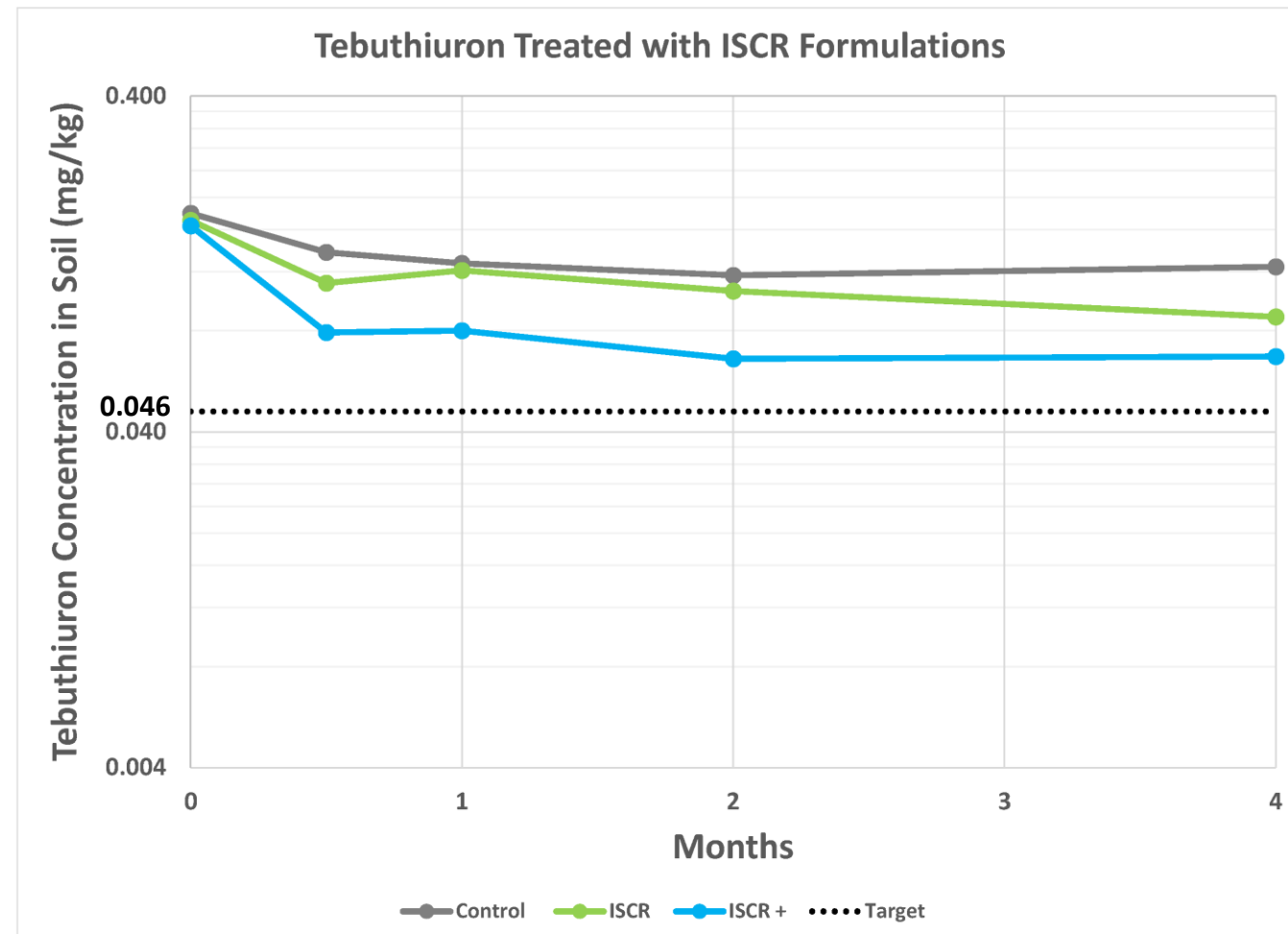
## METHODS & RESULTS – TEBUTHIURON RESULTS

- Technology: Tebuthiuron-impacted soils treated with CAT 100 formulations:
  - All treatment reactors reduced tebuthiuron concentrations more than in the control
  - Simulated versions of CAT 100 (no AC) performed slightly better than the control – possibly indicating some tebuthiuron destruction
  - Surfactant reduced treatment performance
  - All CAT 100 formulations can reduce tebuthiuron in soil, but only the reactors with AC met the target concentrations within a few weeks



## METHODS & RESULTS – TEBUTHIURON RESULTS

- Technology: Tebuthiuron-impacted soils treated with ISCR formulations:
  - Both treatment reactors reduced tebuthiuron concentrations to greater extents than in the control **likely indicating tebuthiuron destruction**
  - pH adjustment increased treatment performance
  - Neither of the ISCR configurations reduced tebuthiuron to below the target concentration
  - **ISCR formulations can degrade tebuthiuron in soil** but did not meet the target concentration within 4 months



## METHODS & RESULTS – TEBUTHIURON RESULTS SUMMARY

- Technology Summary: Treatment of tebuthiuron-impacted soils
  - All treatment approaches, BOS 200+, CAT 100 and ISCR formulations, reduced tebuthiuron concentrations in soil
  - BOS 200+ reduced concentrations more than CAT 100 (both with and without surfactant)
  - However, evidence of destruction (i.e., reductions in the absence of AC) was only observed for the ISCR and possibly the CAT 100 reactors
  - The full formulations of BOS 200+ (with their AC component), with and without surfactant, were the best performing and would be applicable for general plume treatment, but would not provide permanent destruction of the tebuthiuron
  - For a potential PRB application destruction is preferable, the AC component is desirable for longevity and the absence of surfactant is desirable for adsorptive strength
  - Therefore, for permanent plume treatment or a PRB application to treat migrating plumes of tebuthiuron in groundwater, the preferred amendment is the full formulation of CAT 100 (or possibly BOS 100)



## SUMMARY & LESSONS LEARNED

- Permanent destructive technologies were demonstrated for both bromacil and (to a lesser extent) tebuthiuron
- For sites with bromacil impacts:
  - Simulated BOS 200+ and simulated CAT 100 (both without their AC component), with and without surfactant, were the best performing and would be applicable for general plume treatment
  - The full formulation of BOS 100 (AC and elemental iron), without surfactant, is the preferred formulation for a PRB application to treat migrating plumes of bromacil in groundwater
- For sites with tebuthiuron impacts:
  - The full formulations of BOS 200+, with and without surfactant, were the best performing and would be applicable for general plume treatment, but would not provide permanent destruction
  - The full formulation of CAT 100 (or possibly BOS 100), without surfactant, is the preferred formulation for a PRB application to treat migrating plumes of tebuthiuron in groundwater and for permanent plume treatment

## TAKEAWAYS & NEXT STEPS

- **Several remedial amendments** were assessed and **shown to be effective in reducing bromacil and tebuthiuron concentrations** in Alberta soils to below target concentrations
- **Permanent destruction of bromacil was demonstrated** through the generation of bromide in the samples
- **Permanent destruction of tebuthiuron was inferred** based on measured reductions in the absence of AC
- The treatment reactors were dosed with standard remedial amendment loading rates commonly used at other types of impacted sites, confirming financial viability of treatment
- The **preferred remedial amendments can be applied under field conditions** via soil mixing or injection approaches
- The preferred remedial amendments are **all applicable to subsurface applications (at or below the water table)** as they work under anaerobic conditions
- **Approaches for general plume treatment and for permeable reactive barrier (PRB) applications are feasible**
- Further pilot- or field-scale trials are recommended to confirm the suitability for treating bromacil and tebuthiuron in soil and/or groundwater under real-world conditions

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