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## Use of Sustainable Remediation to Achieve Source Area Polishing Michael T. Jordan

#### **1. SITE HISTORY**

- Asphalt manufacturing site
- QA/QC testing per ASTM methods
- Utilized chlorinated solvents in lab
- Solvent used through circa 1984
- TCE groundwater impacts up to 16,000  $\mu$ g/L
- Impacts extend to depths of 160+ feet
- Remediation during active site operation



#### **2. REMEDIAL TECHNOLOGY**

- Groundwater treatment via bioremediation
- Injections to target source area and a downgradient barrier
- Permanent network of 9 injection wells
- Injection wells screened at varying depths up to 115 ft bls
- Monitor groundwater over 35+ events with network of 29 wells
- Option for supplemental polishing events if needed

#### **3. MOLASSES INJECTIONS**

- 15 Injection events over one year (2002-2003)
- Injected 20,000 gallons of a dilute molasses solution
- 10% molasses V/V
- Resulted in 12.5% pore volume displacement
- Buffered with sodium bicarbonate



#### 4. NEED FOR GSR REMEDY

- Successful elimination of contaminant mass with molasses
- TCE mass reduction of 90% (calculated with MAROS)
- Future degradation was carbon limited
- Areas still contained TCE and required additional remediation
- Need low cost alternative to degrade remaining mass



#### **5. SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION**

- Pepsi Bottling Ventures utilizes HFCS in products
- Expired drinks returned and segregated based on sugar content
- Containers are crushed and recycled
- Capture high sugar liquid for re-use and adjust pH
- Injectate is distributed into permanent well network



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High sugar liquid is used for bioremediation injections

#### Minimize receptor risk Environmental Impacts

Economic

- Expedited groundwater clean-up

## **7. BRP PERFORMANCE**

Community/Social Impacts



### 8. SUMMARY

- Molasses injections were successful in reducing TCE mass
- Aquifer conditions were favorable for polishing
- BRP was a lower cost alternative with sustainable benefits
- Total chlorinated ethene reduction of 88%
- Site is on track for expedited closure





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#### **6. SUSTAINABLE BENEFITS**

Decreased remediation costs PBV savings on POTW disposal

Reduce wastewater load for City of Raleigh

Waste minimization of expired beverages

Lacked cost effective carbon substrate to expedite remediation