# Direct Sonic Injection for Enhanced Remediation

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- Founded in 1995.
- Completed over 3000 in situ remediation projects
- Provide Products and Services
- Own 13 Geoprobe Direct Push Rigs
- Two Geoprobe Rotosonic rigs (8140LC and 8150LS)
- Own Two Proprietary Soil Blenders
- Recently purchased Large Diameter Augers

## Sonic Drilling

#### Core Barrel Advancement

No fluids, air, or mud used during coring.

Step 1



#### **Casing** Override

Water possibly used between casings.

Step 2



#### Core Barrel Retrieval

Barrel retrieval for sample extrusion.

Step 3





#### Repeat Core Barrel Advancement

Advancement following sample extrusion.

Step 4





#### **Materials Injected**

Emulsifed Oil (ABC-Olé)

ABC+ (carbon substrate +ZVI)

ZVI with Guar

BioAvailable Absorbent Material (BAM)

Calcium Peroxide

Sulfate Solution (SBC)



# **Geologic Environments**

- Saprolite
- Limestone Mud
- Alluvium
- Partially weather rock
- Dolomitic Limestone
- Atlantic Coast Plain
- Glacial Outwash





### Sonic Techniques

- Core, override casing, backfill with bentonite, direct push injection with Geoprobe
- Core, Override casing and set one or two packers
- Direct Sonic Injection
  - Most situations no core recovery is required which minimizes waste and speeds up the process
  - If core recovery is required, can proceed back down with injection tooling
  - Both bottom-up and top-down can be implemented
  - One drill rig for a wide variety of geologic environments bedrock, fractured bedrock, saprolite, flowing sands, etc



### Generation 1





## Modified Closed Face Bit (Gen 2)



# Don't Try This at Home





## Sonic Injection without Head







# Sonic Injection Through Head

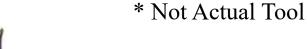
Utilized Top Down without removing head

8140LC has worked inside buildings



### Proprietary Retractable Nozzle (Gen 3)







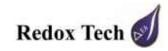
#### **ADVANTAGES**

- One rig for all geologic conditions encountered on site
- Very unlikely to have refusal
- Eliminate cuttings associated with HSA or Air Rotary
- Easily implement top-down or bottom-up
- Injection of slurries or water solutions
- Depths to 200 feet with our available rigs



#### DISADVANTAGES

- Casing is very expensive so we have never injected persulfate
- Have had coring casing locked in, which required overdrilling
- Larger than a geoprobe so limitations on access

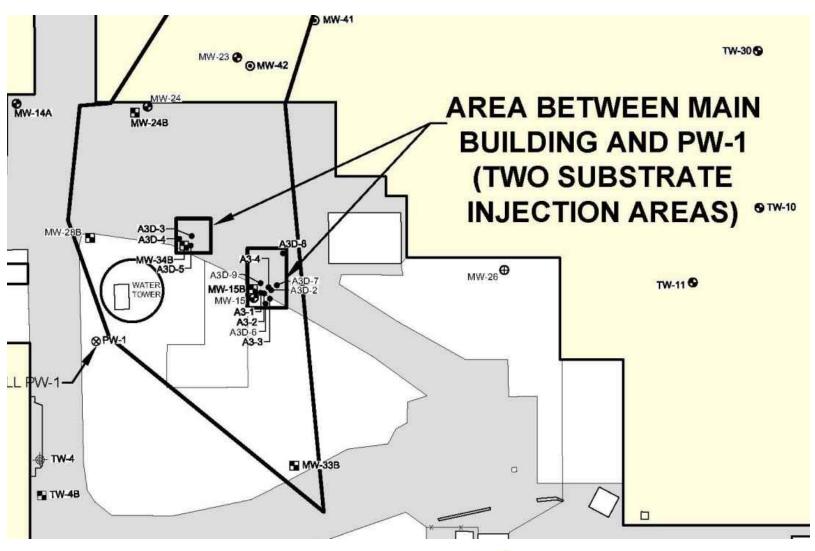


### Case Study

- Active Industrial Site in Upstate South Carolina
- Injection of ABC+ (liquid carbon substrate plus ZVI)
- Piedmont Geology Targeting Saprolite and Partially Weather Rock
- Continuous Top Down Injections with Rotosonic Rig
- Pumps and Mixing Separate from Rotosonic Rig

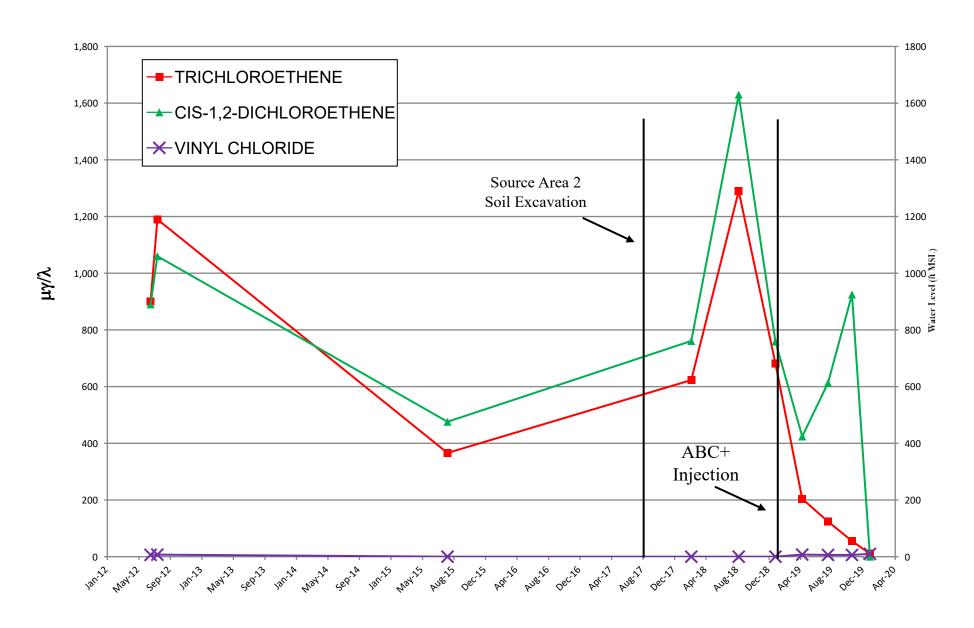


### Site Layout

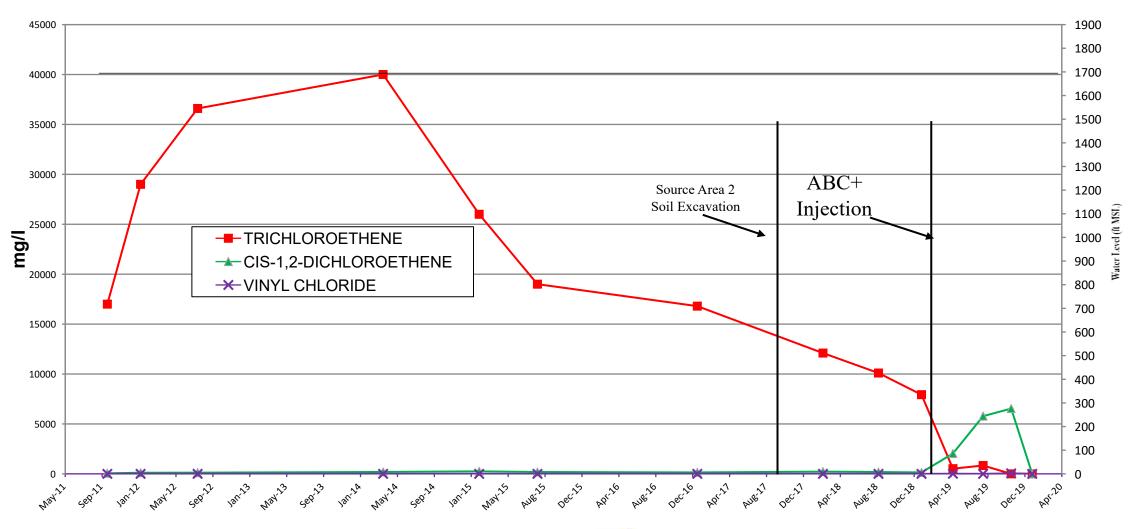




#### **SAPROLITE WELL-MW15**

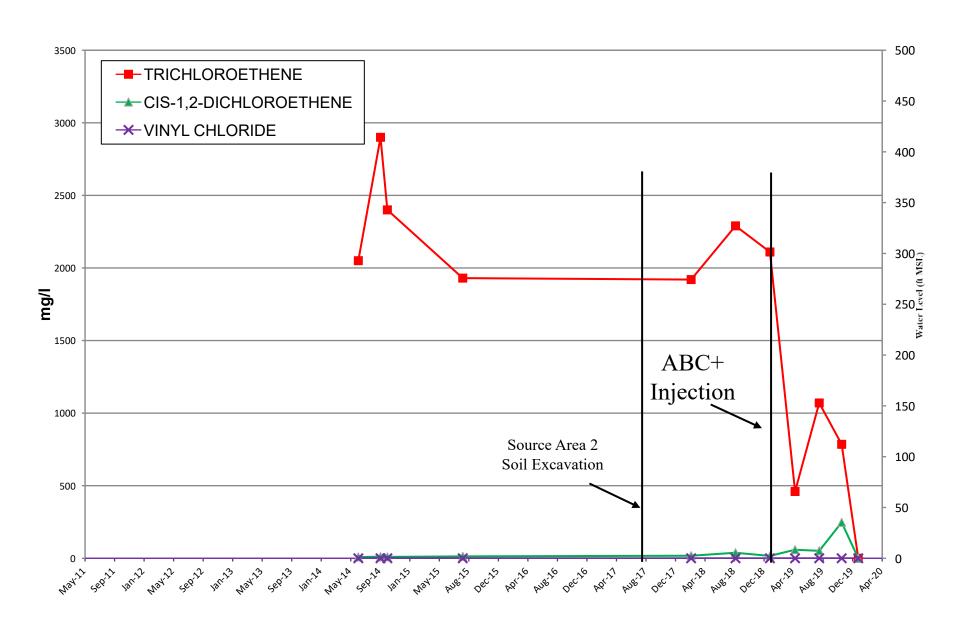


#### **Bedrock Well MW-15B**





#### **Bedrock Well MW-34B**



### **Upcoming Projects**

- Top Down injection of BAM in Central Georgia from 45 feet bls to top of bedrock at 95 feet bls
- Top Down injection of ABC+ from 65 to 125 feet bls in Alluvium in Southern California
- Injection of ABC+ into saprolite and PWR inside of an active industrial facility in NC
- Injection of ABC-Olé into Dolomitic Limestone in Indiana (requires pre-coring)



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