# Electrically Induced Redox Barriers (e-barriers)

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#### e-barrier concept



#### Presentation

- Laboratory Studies
  - Chlorinated Solvents
  - Energetics
- Field Studies
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#### Borden Column and Tank Experiments







# Sequential Electrolytic Degradation of Energetic Compounds in Groundwater



Knowledge to Go Places



Improving Mission Readiness Through Environmental Research

#### Flow through reactors



#### Electrode detail



#### **RDX Results**



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- minor peaks present also in control
- oxidation products transient



# **TNT Results**



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- common intermediate compounds absent
- minor peaks present also in control



## CFB Borden Field Experiment



Knowledge to Go Places



Field Prototype Objectives

- Evaluate Scaling Lab to Field
  - Panel Fabrication/Construction
  - Installation
  - Performance
    - Electrical
    - pH and pe shifts
    - PCE-TCE depletion

#### PVC Panel Frame

1.83 m





## Expanded titanium





#### Borden Field Prototype



Multilevel Sampling Ports -1.83 m

## Amperage vs. Time



#### **Reference Electrodes**



# pH and pe

#### 10 ft Transect 3/18



#### Results - PCE

Background PCE (ug/L) January 14, 2002 -0.0V

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B- Transect PCE (ug/L) August 22, 2002 -7.8\ (Week 30)



B- Transect PCE (ug/L) July 9, 2002 -5.4V (Week 24)

#### Results - TCE



#### Results - c-DCE



# CFB Borden Preliminary Conclusions

- Panel Construction Worked, room for improvement
- Installations Feasible, challenging
- Performance
  - Sustained amperage
  - $-\ Cost \sim \$0.01/day/m^2$
  - pH, pe, Ref Potentials shifted
  - High level of PCE depletion sustained, generation of cis-DCE

Electrically Induced Redox Barrier for Treatment of a Trichloroethylene Plume





### Field Demonstration Site







(Dimensions in m)

#### **Initial Cut with Dozer**

Baseline monitoring wells along barrier alignment

#### Initial Cut With Excavator



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## Finish Assembly at Grade

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