Results of the Kinston Jetted PRB and Source Treatment

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Topics to be Covered

- Problem Definition
- Remedial Objectives
- Remedial Approach
- Jetting of Permeable Reactive Wall
- Field Demonstration of ZVI Source Treatment
- Results

DuPont Kinston Plant (NC) Map of Impacted Area



Geologic Cross Section



Remedial Objectives

- Principal Objective: Plume Containment
 - migration toward creek
 - conditions unfavorable for MNA
- Secondary Objective: Reduce Cost

 existing P&T system costing \$100K per yr (O&M)
 two lbs of TCE removed after five years
- Additional Objective: Prove out source treatment using ZVI



Chlorinated Solvent Plume Problem Definition and Remedial Approach

Treatment Requirements

- TCE from 10 ppb to 150 ppb
- Lack of daughter products
- GW velocity ~ 0.1 ft/day
- Treatment goal: 5 ppb
- ZVI thickness needed:
 - Two inches in fringe
 - Four inches in center

Area of Concern



The Technical Challenge

- Ability to emplace a 2 to 4 inch thick PRB.
- Ability to work around utilities and minimize disruption of plant operations.
- Flexibility of the technology to work within very limited available space.

High Pressure Jetting

- Technology has been around for decades
- Primarily used to mix cement into soil to improve load-bearing capacity
- Proven capable of jetting iron into soil for PRBs

High Pressure Jetting Process

- Iron suspended in slurry-based jetting fluid
- Initiated at high pressure and flow from boreholes on roughly 6 to 10 foot centers
- Slurry is jetted through nozzle at end of drill string
- High velocity fluid stream erodes cavity in the soil
- Jetting creates columnar or panel structures in subsurface depending on drill string orientation

Jetting Process



Columnar Emplacement



Panel Emplacement



Plan View of PRB Alignment



Highlights of Kinston PRB

- First application of jetting to PRB.
- Guar gum mud used as base to make pumpable slurry. Enzymes added to break guar.
- Guar gum biodegrades in situ, to create a permeable wall.
- Jetted wall approximately 2-4 inches thick.
- Peerless ZVI (-50 mesh gradation)

Jetted PRB Conclusions

- Three years of data so far slow GW flow
- Definite TCE drop in downgradient wells



P&T shut down permanently in August 2001



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Source Zone Concentration Map



Source Zone Characteristics

- Source contained in ~30 foot diameter zone in upper sand
- Base of contamination at top of mudstone confining layer (15-18 ft depth).
- TCE concentrations in source soil: 25-50 ppm (ave); 99 ppm (max)
- Plume concentration in source vicinity: 50 to 60 mg/l

Remedial Approach for Treating DNAPL Source Zone



Source Zone Concentration Map



Source Zone Jetting Parameters

Primary Treatment - Jetted Columns

- Treatment slurry: 95% kaolinite clay mixed with 5% Peerless ZVI (-50 mesh)
- Treatment column diameter: 5-6 feet
- Column centerline distance: 4-5 feet
- **Secondary Cofferdam Interlocking Panels**
- Low K reactive thin wall cofferdam jetted around source area (95% clay with 5% ZVI)

Treatment Compasion of Source Zone Analytical Results



Sample ID

GW Monitoring Near Source

Concentrations remain unstable after 3 yrs



Monitoring will continue

Source Treatment Conclusions

- Jetting successful for delivering ZVI and clay into source, though intimate mixing not achieved
- Jetting carries significant fraction of target contaminant to surface with "return" (nonissue in Kinston case)
- Process removed most of source TCE
- Auger mixing should be considered for future projects -- Possible advantages: Better mixing, little or no "return"