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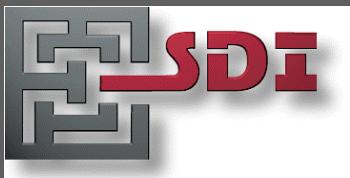


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Objectives:

- **Rapid delineation of site contamination.**
- **Reduce number of samples that require lab analysis, especially when data validation is required.**
- **Utilize EPA SW-846 proven test methods.**
- **Cost reduction vs. all lab analysis or increased data points within same budget.**

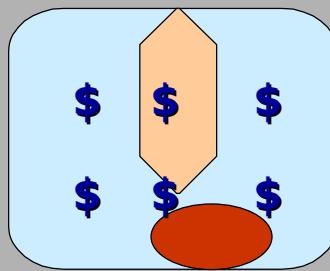
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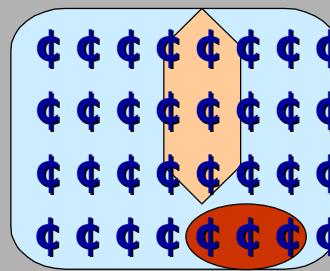
Fixed-base Lab Methods vs. Information Value



**Few laboratory
data points=**

**Lower information value
of the data set**

Less likely



**Many field screening
data points=**

**Higher information
value of the data set**

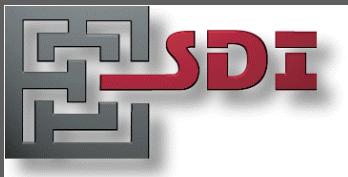
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**Goal: A defensible site decision that
reflects the "true" site condition**

SW-846

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Many regulated organic compounds:

- ◆ PCB's **4020**
- ◆ PAH's **4035**
- ◆ cPAH's **4035**
- ◆ PCP **4010**
- ◆ TPH **4030 & 9074**
- ◆ VOH's **8535**
- ◆ TTHM's **8530**
- ◆ TNT **4050 & 8515**
- ◆ RDX **4020 & 8510**

◆ Over 50 Pesticide/Herbicide Systems:

- ◆ Toxaphene **4040**
- ◆ Chlordane **4041**
- ◆ Atrazine **4670**
- ◆ DDT **4042**
- ◆ 2,4-D **4015**

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- **Dioxin**
- **BTEX**
- **Nitrate**
- **Sulfate Reducing Bacteria**
- **BOD, COD, TOC, TSS, Nitrates & Surfactants in 1 minute by InSpectra®**
- **Toxicity by Microtox®**
- **Lead**

Immunoassay ELISA Principle

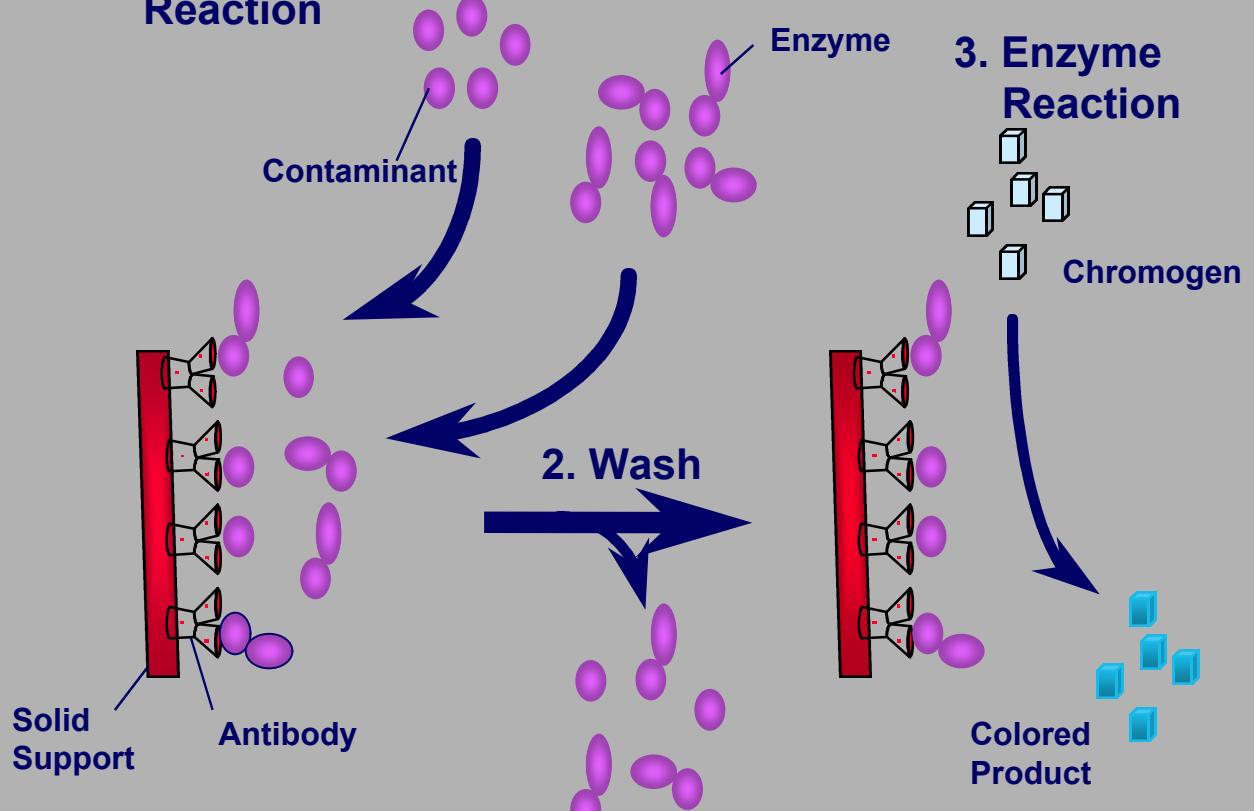
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1. Immunochemical Reaction





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- IA is additive of compounds present to which system has sensitivity - does not provide data point for individual compounds.
- Moisture in a soil/sediment - limited ability to perform moisture content in the field.
- Clay - can provide an extraction limitation for some parameters.
- TPH - the presence of more than 1 petroleum product can cause matrix interference with several systems.



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- **Analytical history or a correlation study is required for determination of field screening method viability.**

- **10% split sampling for applicable lab method analysis recommended as another form of QC for all field screening methods.**



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System	Characteristics	Soil	Water	Wipes	Concrete
D TECH®	Qualitative & Semi-quantitative 1-4 samples/run 20 minutes/run	0.5 ppm	N/A	10 µg/wipe	N/A
EnSys®	Semi-quantitative 1-10 samples/run 30 minutes/run	0.5 ppm	50 ppb	5 µg/wipe	0.5 ppm
EnviroGard®	Semi-quantitative 1-14 samples/run 30 minutes/run	1 ppm	1 ppb	10 µg/wipe	N/A
RaPID Assay®	Quantitative & Semi-quantitative 1-50 samples/run 60 minutes/run	0.5 ppm	0.2 ppb	5 µg/wipe	0.5 ppm



Summary

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Screening test systems provide

- **U.S. EPA SW-846 Test Methods**
- **Recognizable cost benefits**
- **QC proven data**
- **Rapid delineation of contamination**
- **Ability to make key decisions in the field**
- **Systems designed to meet most any project delineation requirements**



Questions

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