

# Source Longevity:

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## Data Mining and Models

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# This Talk.....

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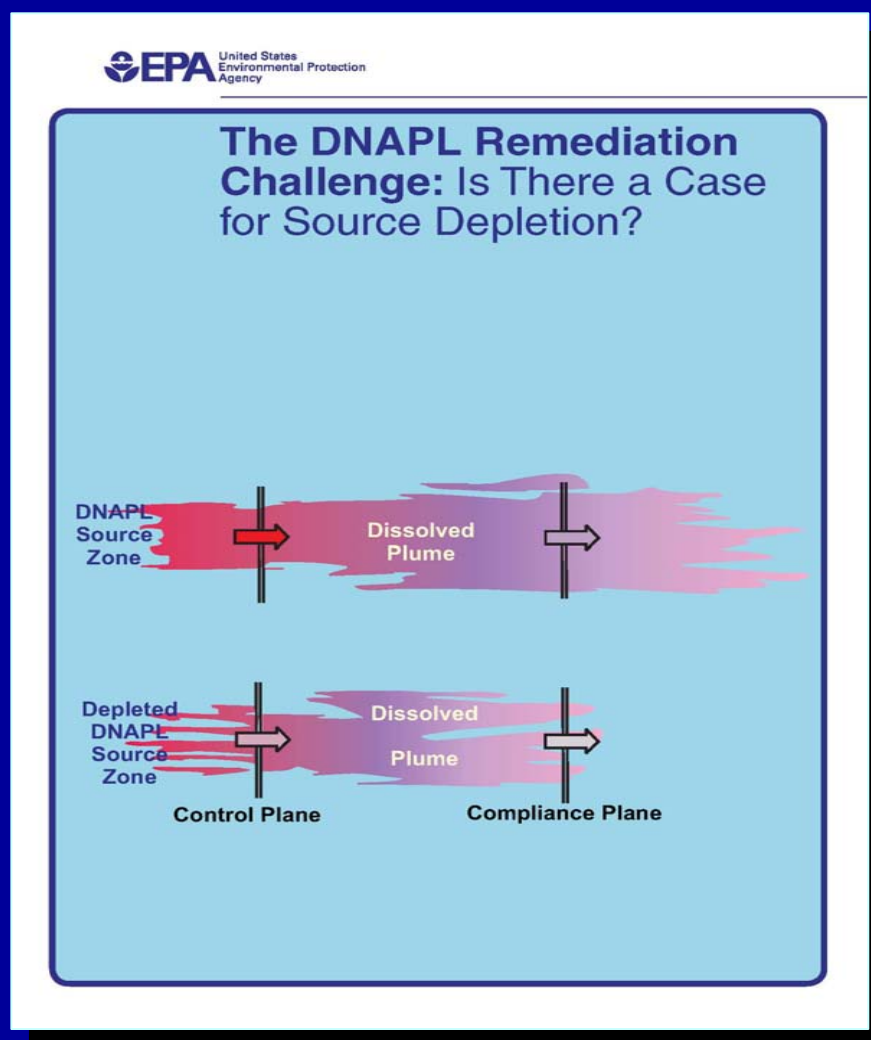
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- *SourceDK*
- *SERDP Equations*

## 3. Qualitative Decision Chart from *“DNAPL Remediation Challenge”*

# Motivation...



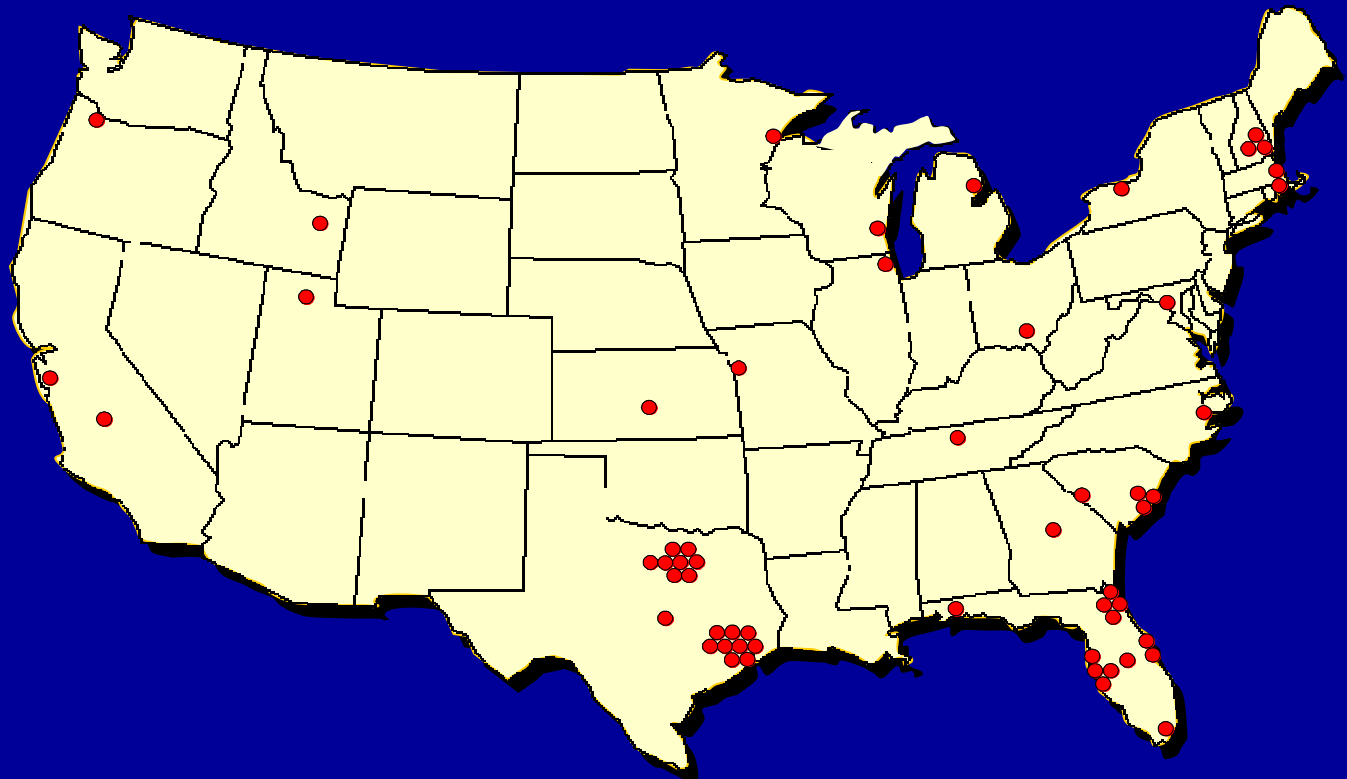
## *Primary Research Need:*

“...a thorough and **independent review** of a selected number of DNAPL sites where **sufficient documentation is available** to assess the performance of source depletion...”

# TEMPORAL CONCENTRATION DATA FROM 59 CHLORINATED SOLVENT SITES

## FOUR SOURCE DEPLETION TECHNOLOGIES:

- *Enhanced Biodeg.*
  - *Chem. Oxidation*
  - *Surfactants/Cosolv.*
  - *Thermal Treatment*
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- *Median Treatment  
Volume = 3,800 yd<sup>3</sup>*
  - *~70% Full-Scale  
Projects*

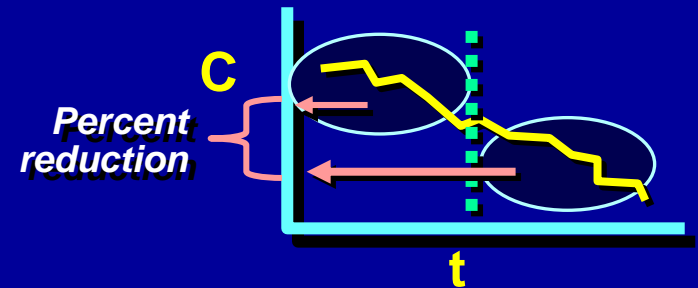
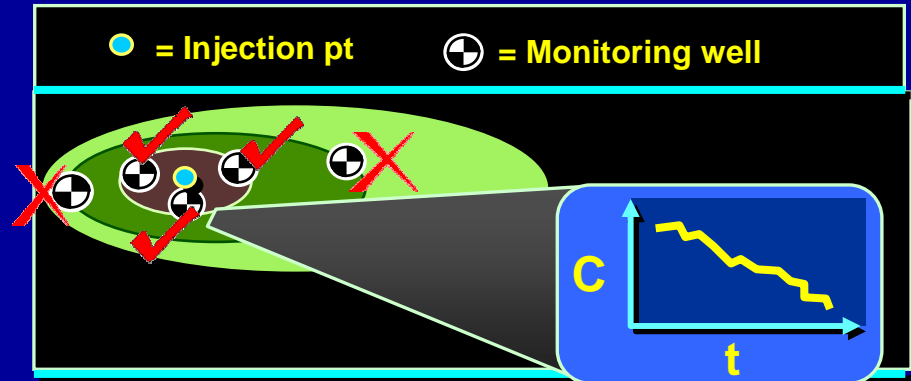


Source: McGuire et al., 2006, *Ground Water Monitoring and Remediation*

# DATA ANALYSIS METHODS

## PERFORMANCE:

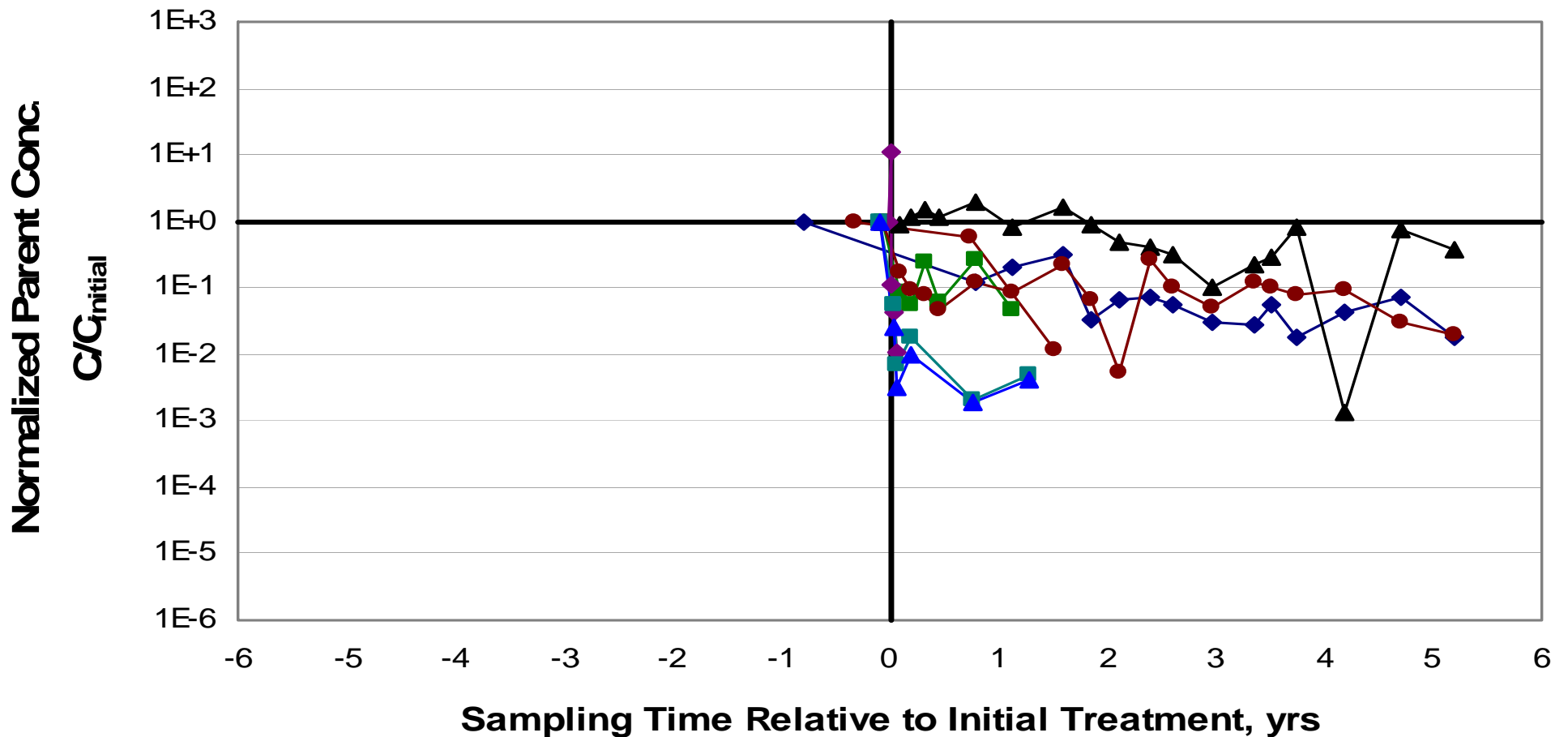
- Compiled conc. vs. time data (before and after treatment) for up to 4 wells within treatment zone
- Calculated geometric mean conc. of before treatment data and after treatment data;
- Then calculated percent reduction for each well
- Median percent reduction of all treatment zone wells as final performance metric



	<u>% Red'n</u>	<u>Site % Red'n</u>
<b>Well # 1</b>	99.9	90.0
<b>Well # 2</b>	91.0	
<b>Well # 3</b>	89.0	
<b>Well # 4</b>	+ 10.0	

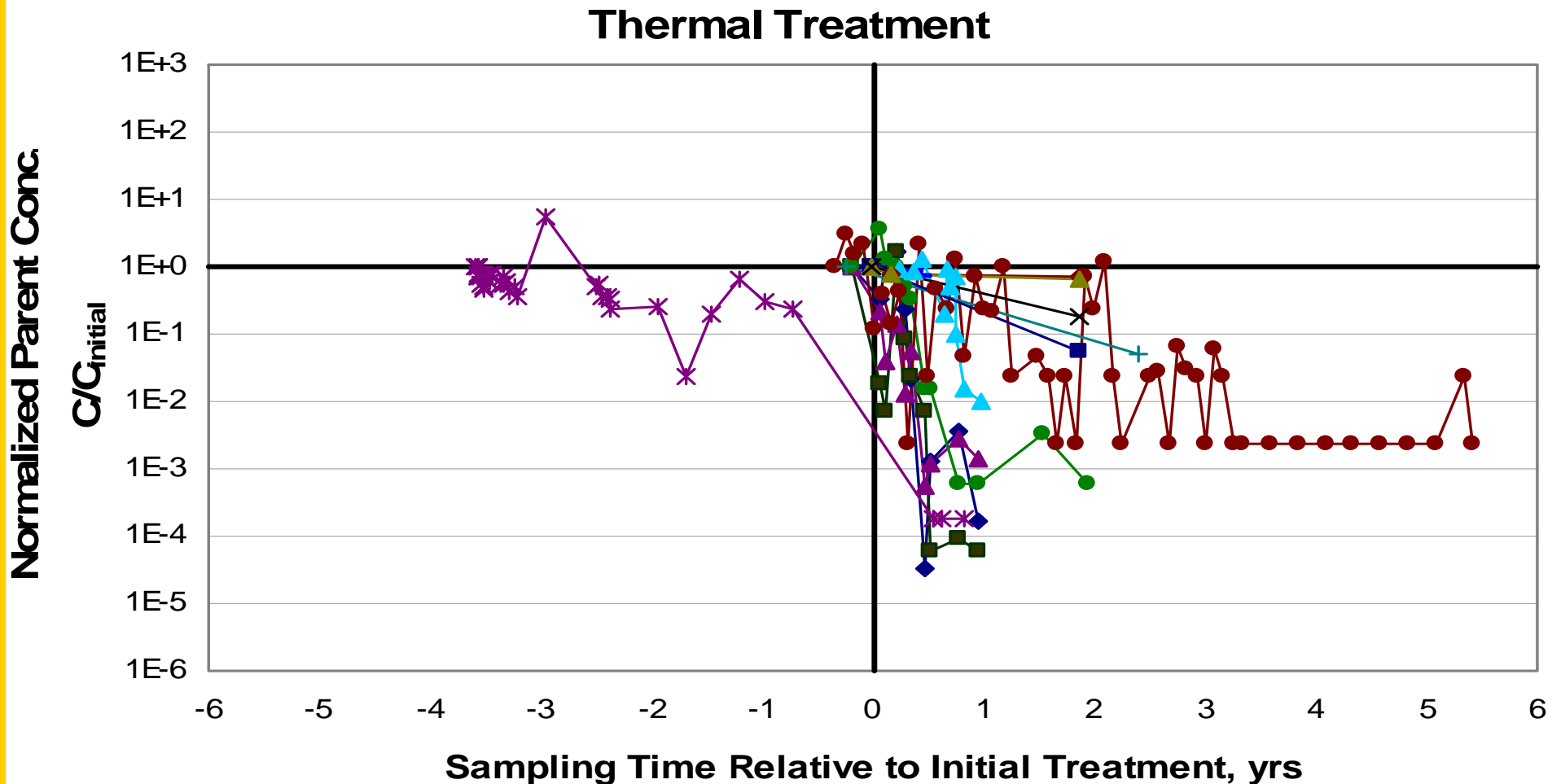
# Temporal Records for Surfactant/Cosolvent Wells (4 Sites, 8 Wells)

Surfactant/Cosolvent Treatment



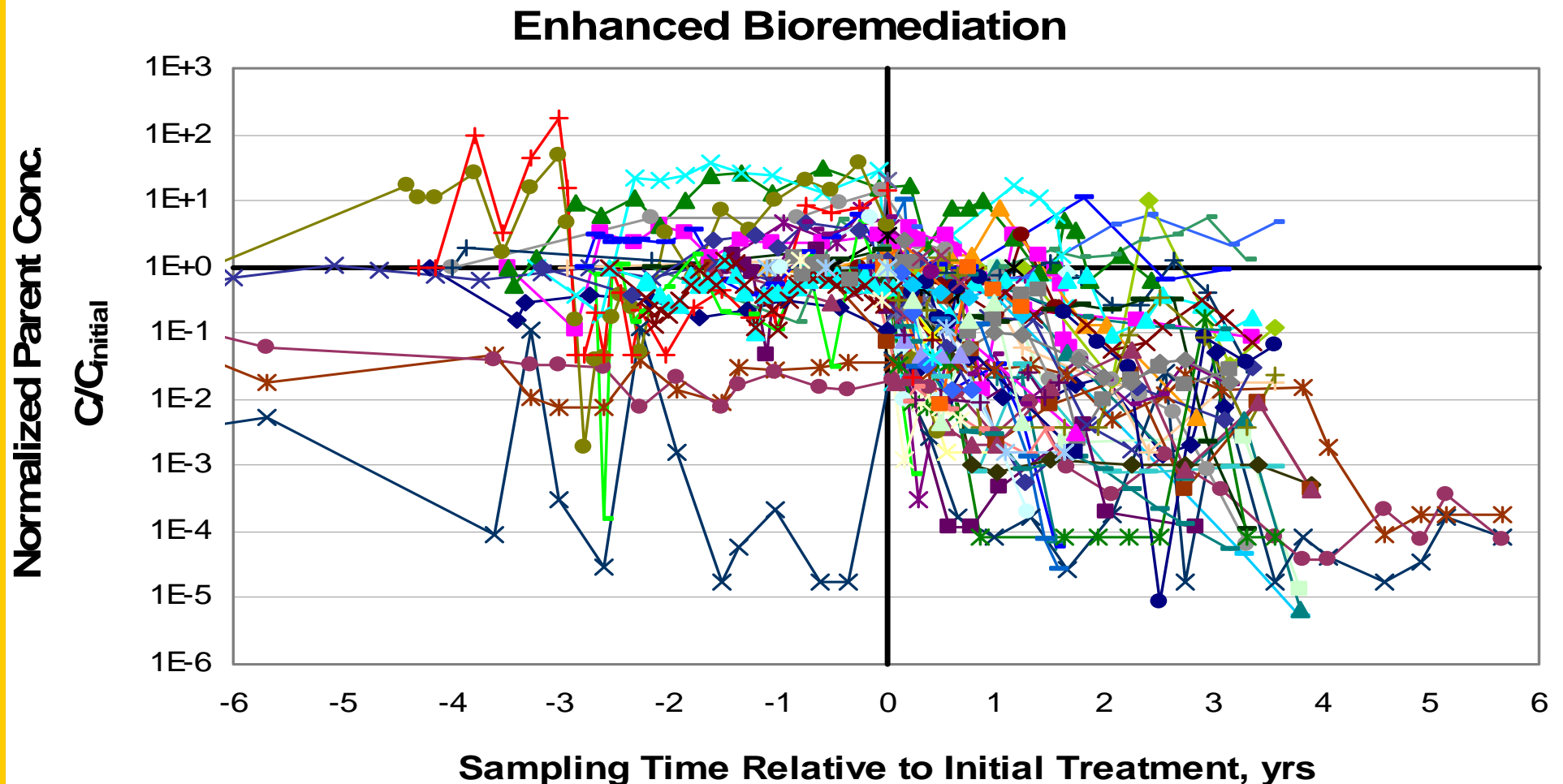
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# Temporal Records for Thermal Treatment Wells (6 Sites, 13 Wells)



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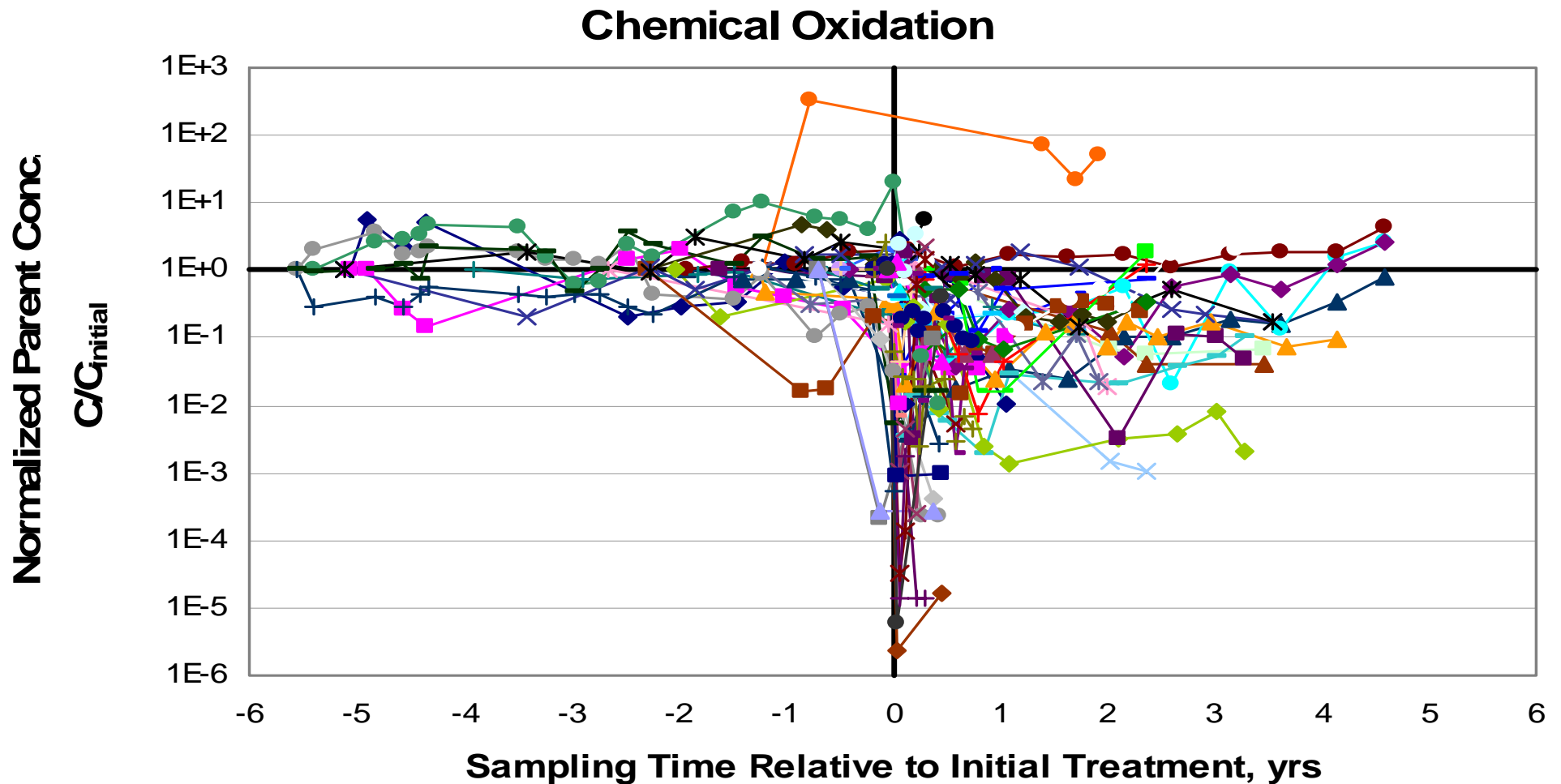
# Temporal Records for Enhanced Biodegradation (26 Sites, 68 Wells)



*Any site achieve MCLs everywhere? No*

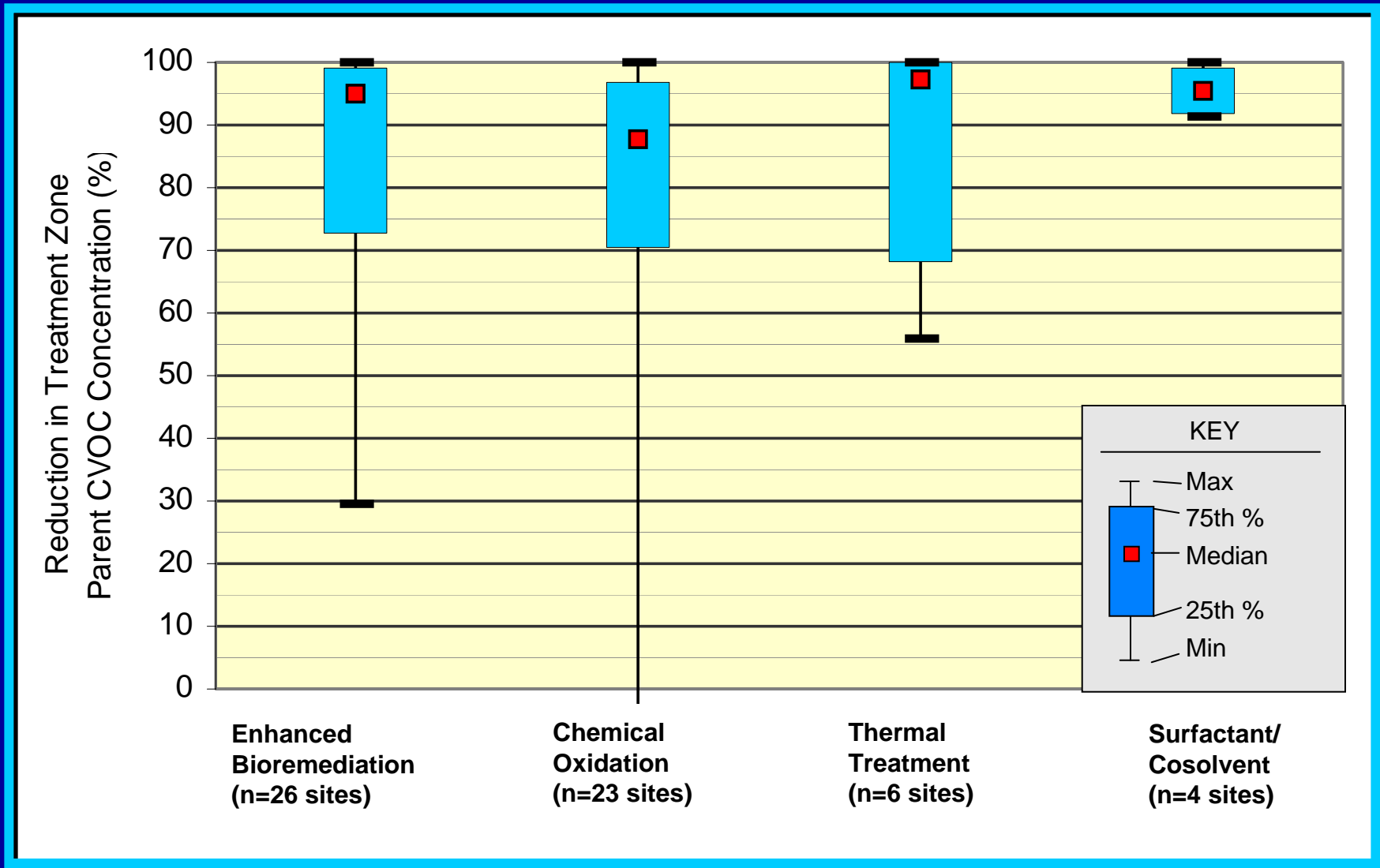


# Temporal Records for Chemical Oxidation (23 Sites, 58 Wells)

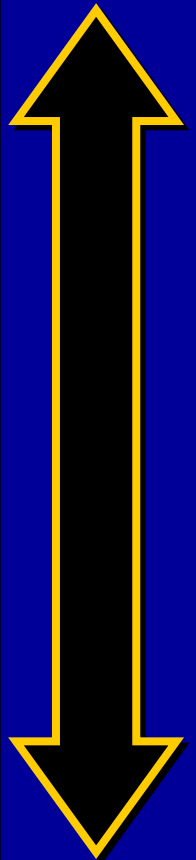


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# % REDUCTION IN PARENT DUE TO SOURCE DEPLETION

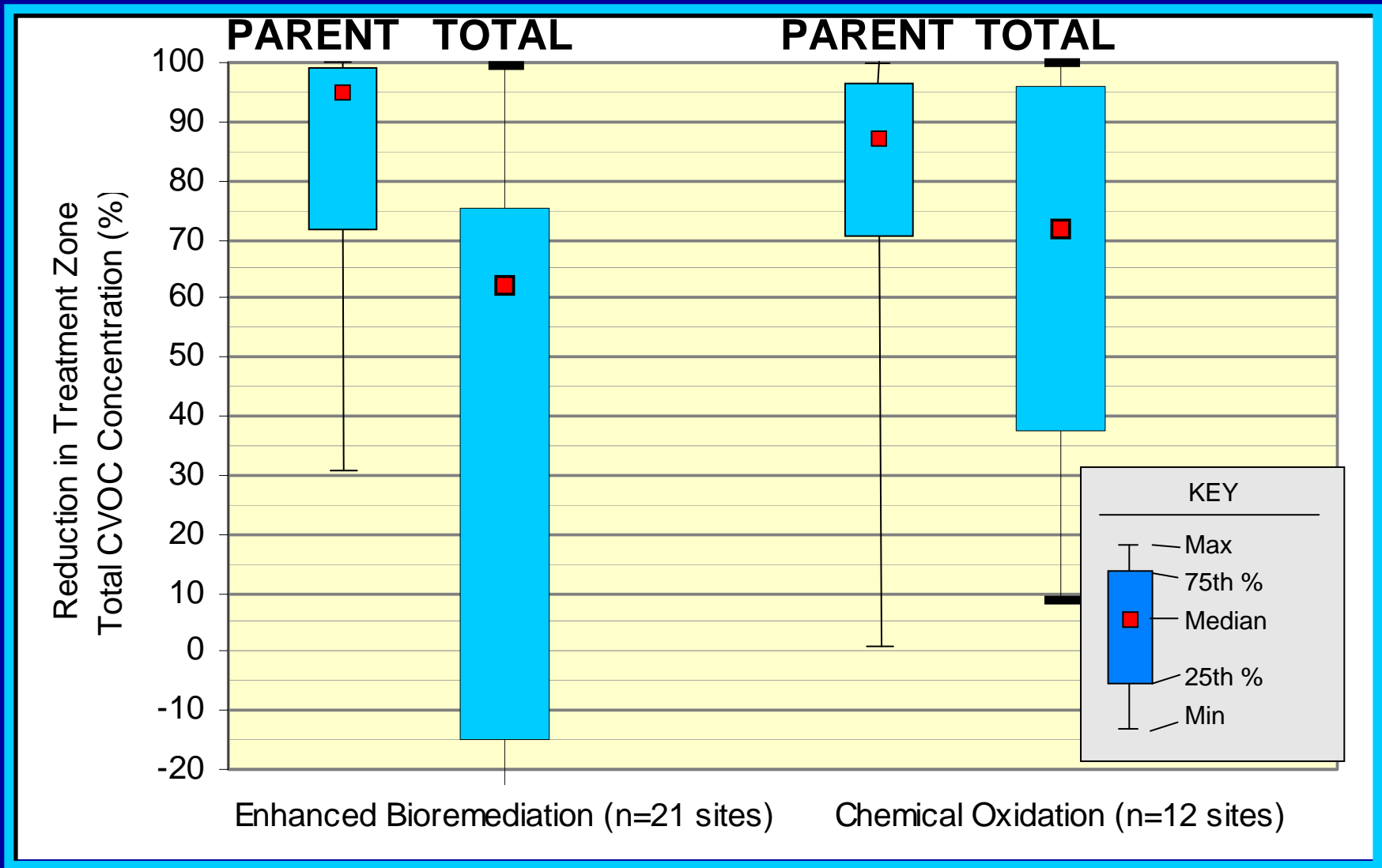


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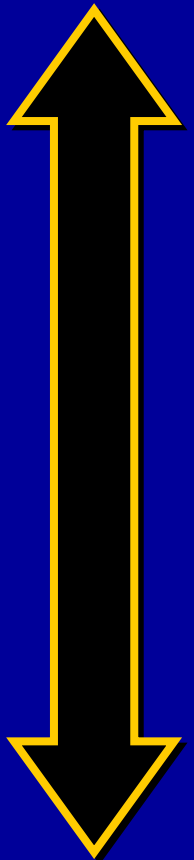


**BAD**

# % REDUCTION IN PARENT vs. TOTAL CVOC CONCENTRATION

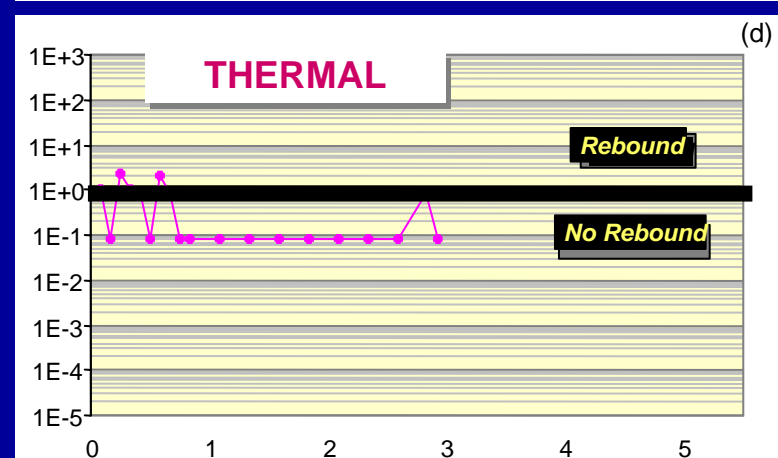
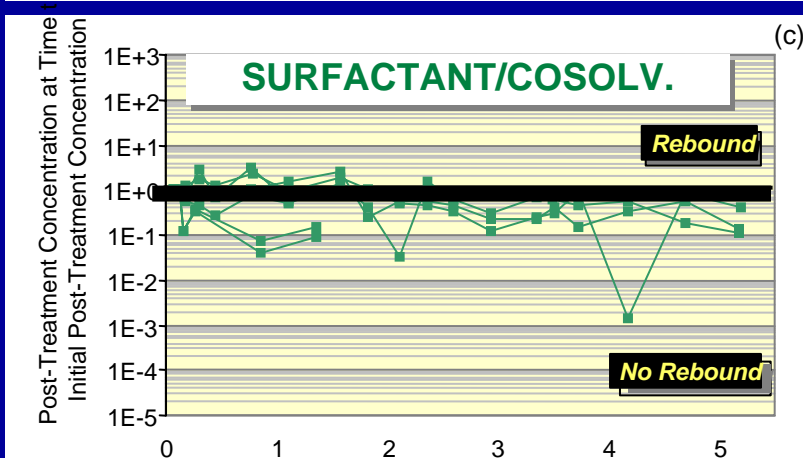
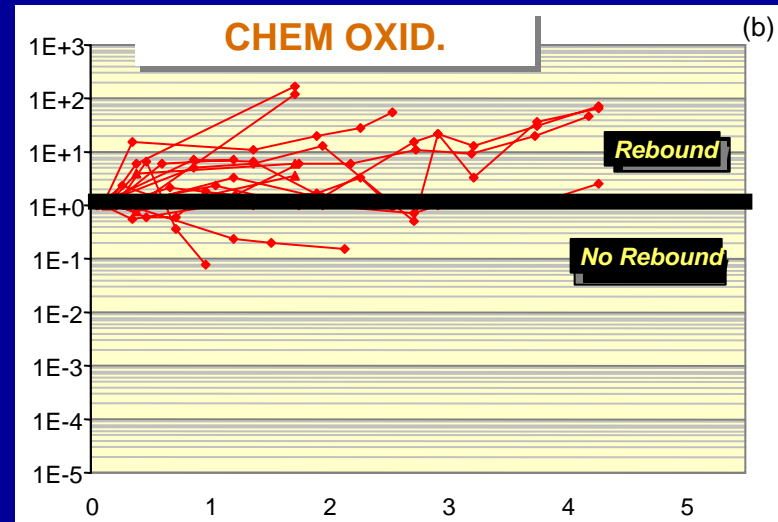
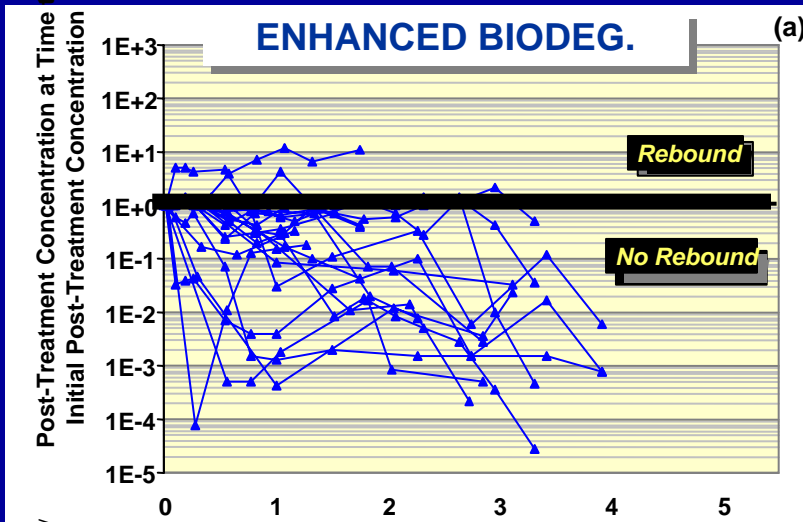


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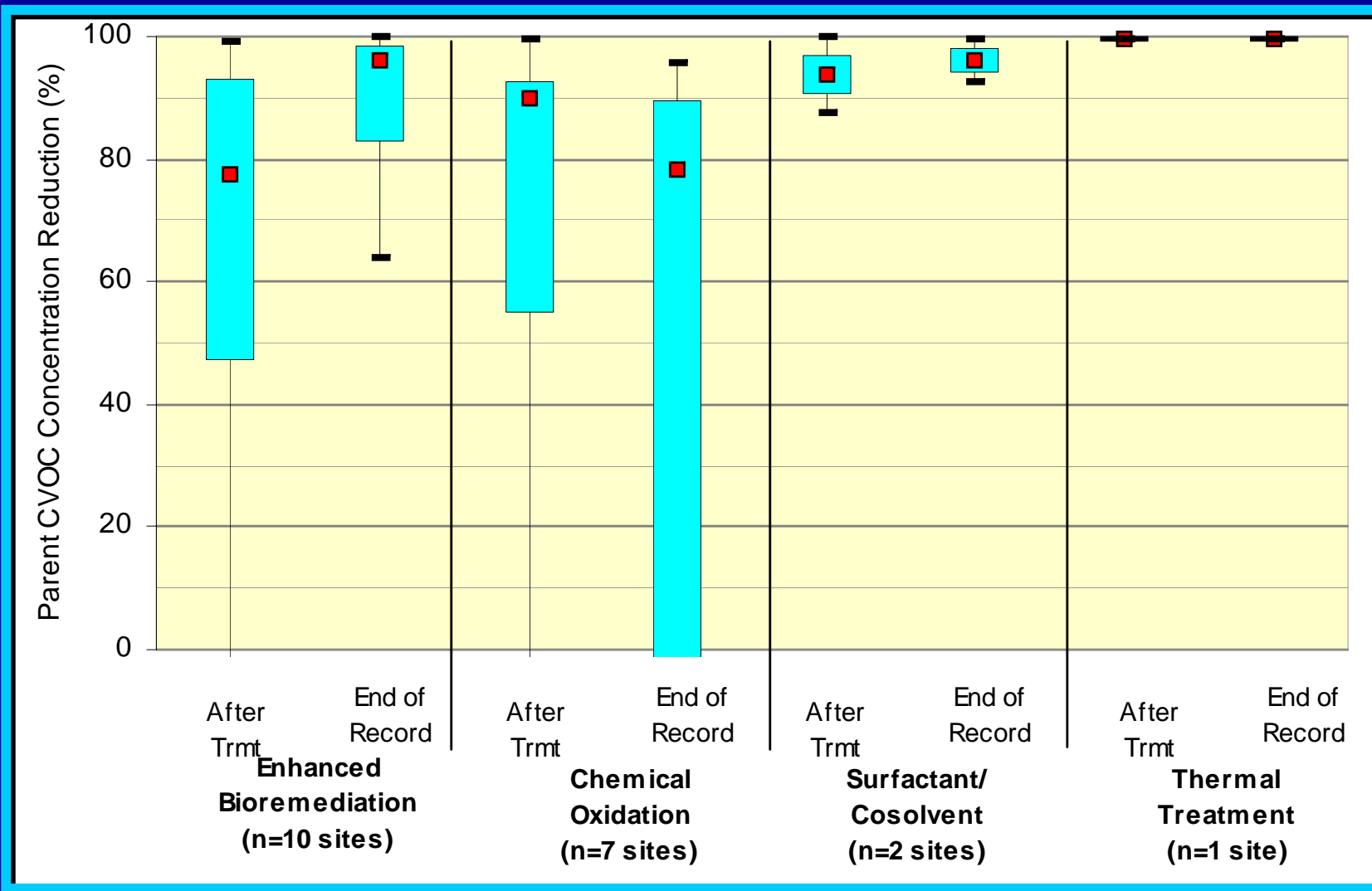
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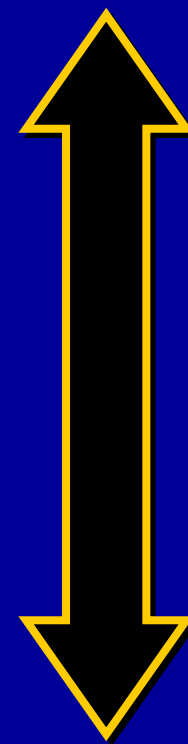
**Post-Treatment Monitoring Time (Years)**

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# WHAT ABOUT *REBOUND*? (PERCENT REDUCTION)



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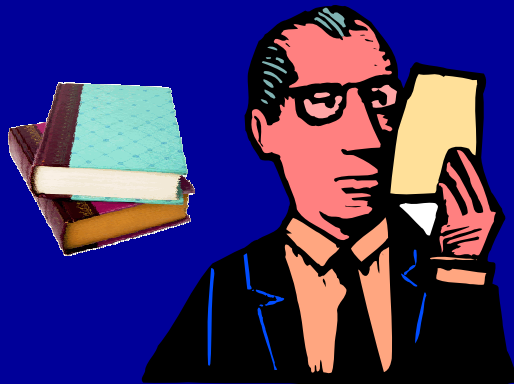


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# Cost Study: Data Sources

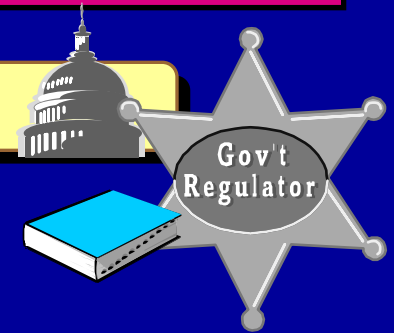
## Peer-Reviewed Literature

- ◆ *ES&T*
- ◆ *Groundwater*
- ◆ *Groundwater Mon. & Rem.*
- ◆ *J of Contaminant Hydrology*
- ◆ *Surfactants and Cosolvents for NAPL Remediation*
- ◆ *Battelle Conf. Proceedings*



## Agencies

- ◆ FRTR
- ◆ Florida DEP
- ◆ ITRC
- ◆ Lawrence Livermore
- ◆ TCEQ
- ◆ U.S. EPA
- ◆ U.S. DOD
- ◆ U.S. DOE



## Survey/Web Sites

- ◆ SERDP Survey
- ◆ CLU-IN Website; [www.clu-in.org](http://www.clu-in.org)

Source: McDade et al. 2005. Remediation



# Cost Evaluation – Total Project Costs

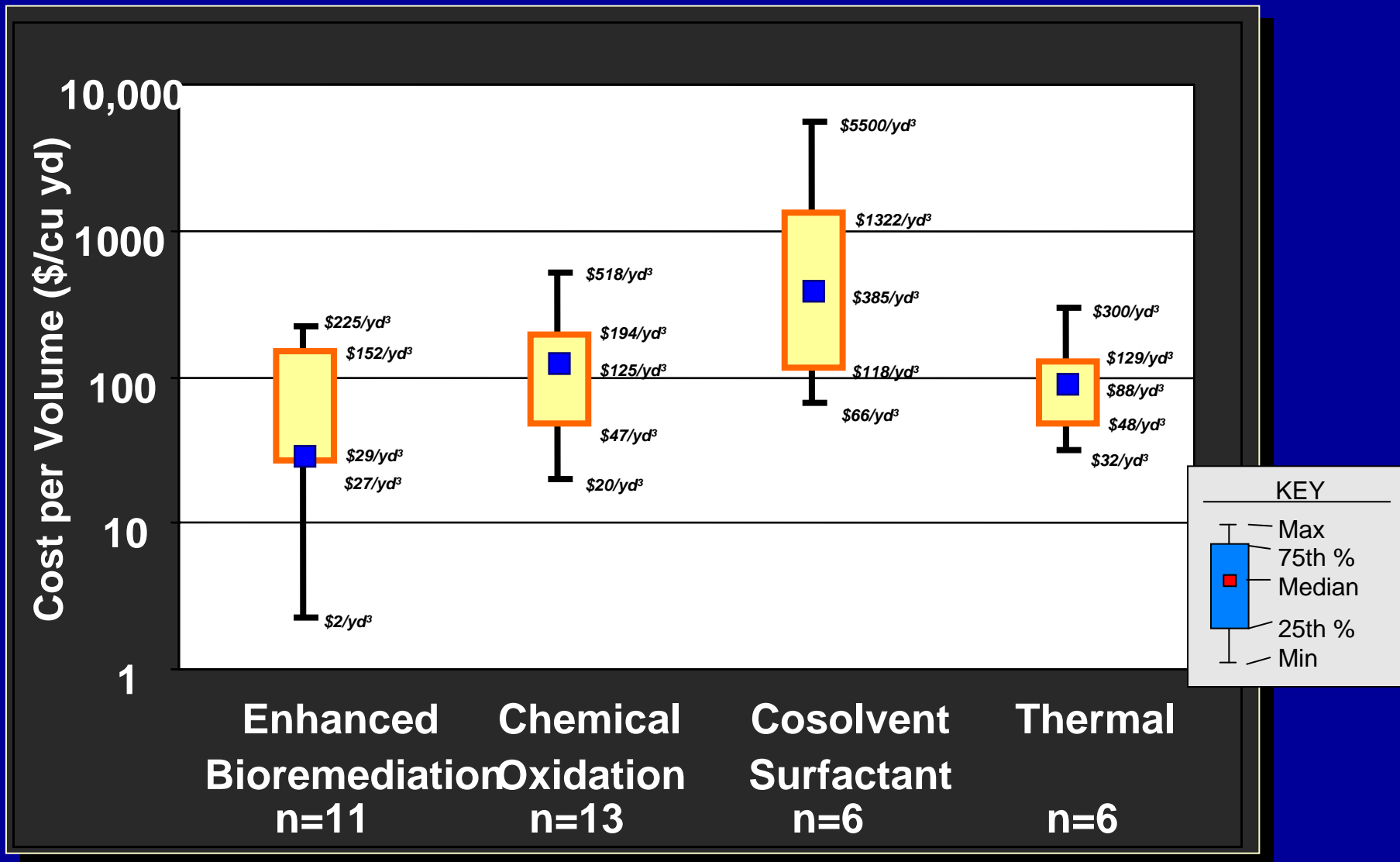
■ Lowest Median Total Costs =  
**Chemical Oxidation**

■ Highest Median Total Costs =  
**Thermal**

■ Highest Total Cost Variation =  
**Enhanced Bioremediation**

Technology	Total Project Costs		
	Minimum	Median	Maximum
Enhanced Bioremediation	\$20,000	\$354,000	\$35,410,000
Chemical Oxidation	\$73,000	\$230,000	\$1,270,000
Surfactant/ Cosolvent	\$222,000	\$500,000	\$2,662,000
Thermal	\$138,000	\$1,065,322	\$20,000,000
Total	\$20,000	\$440,000	\$35,410,000

# Cost Evaluation – Cost per Volume Breakdown





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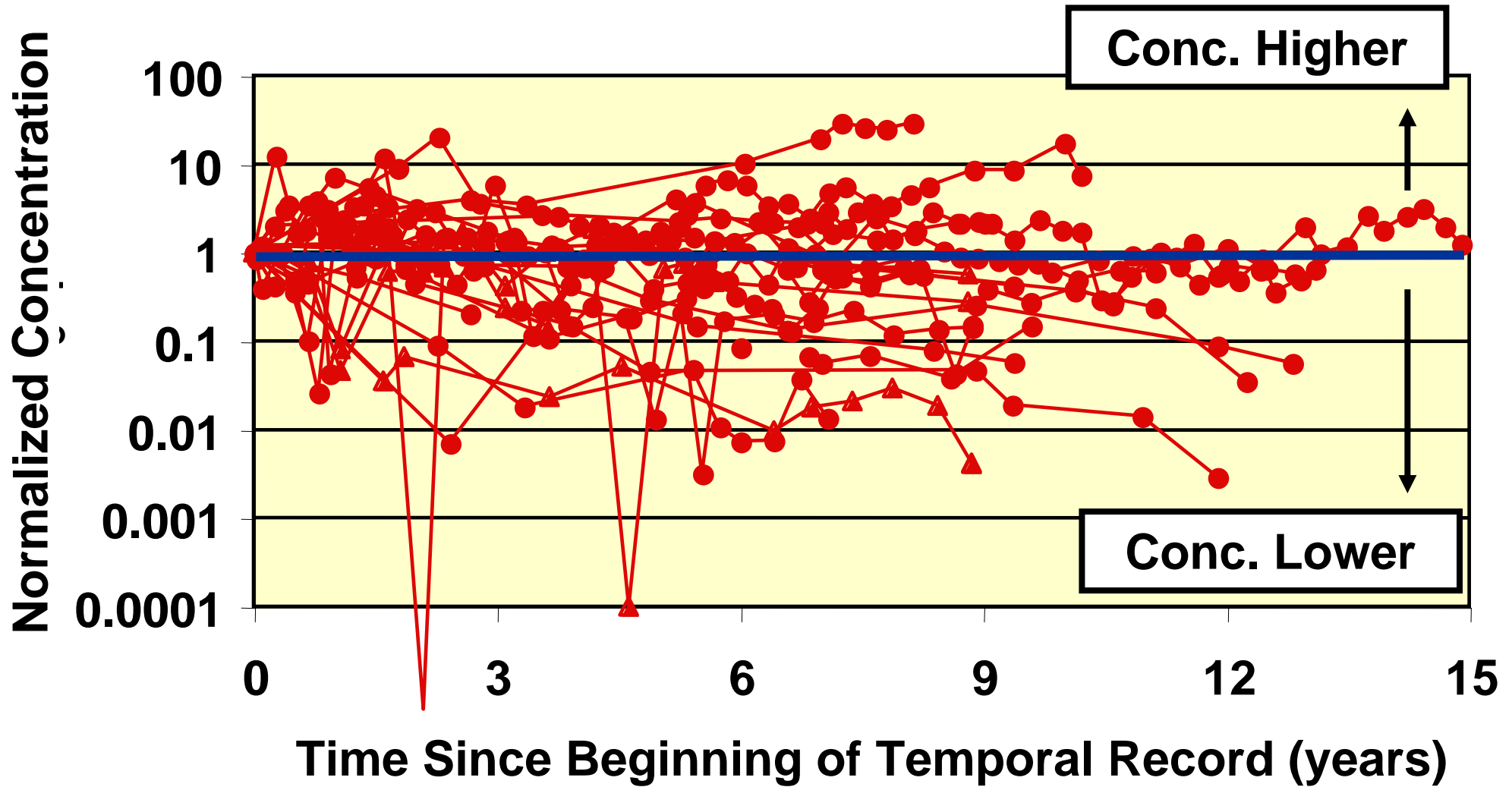
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# TCE



# Change in **TCE** Over Time

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*Number: 13 sites, 21 wells*

*Median Duration: 10 years*

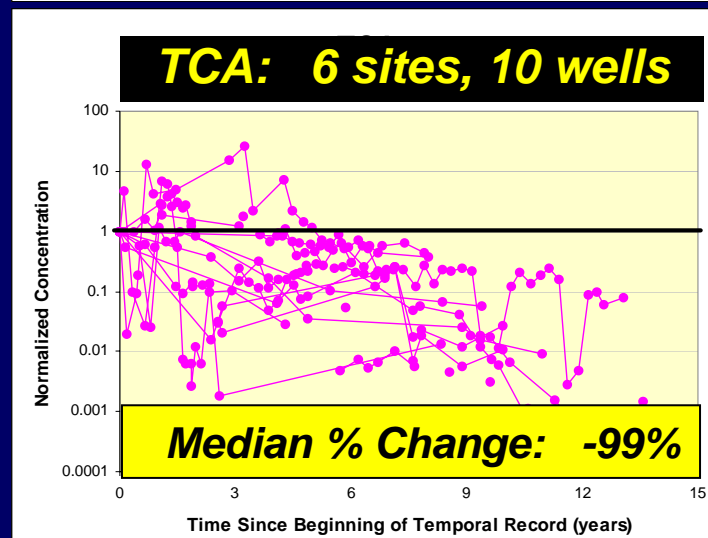
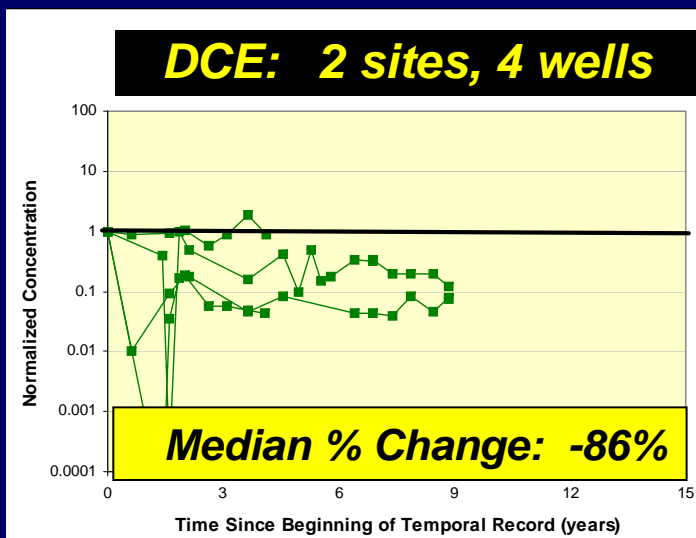
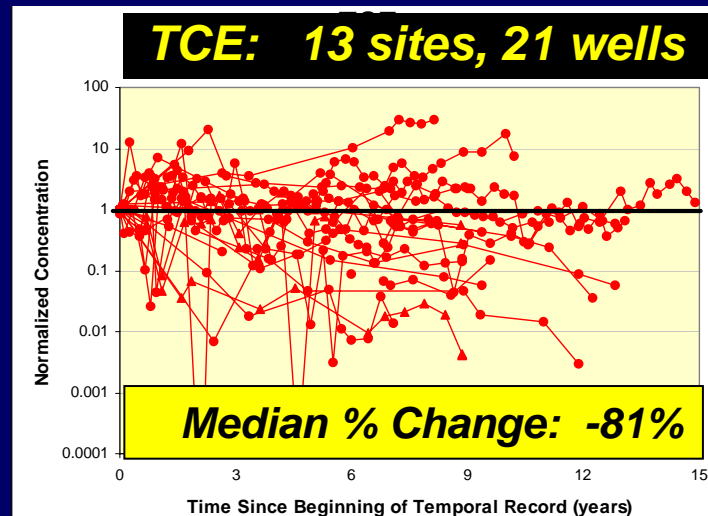
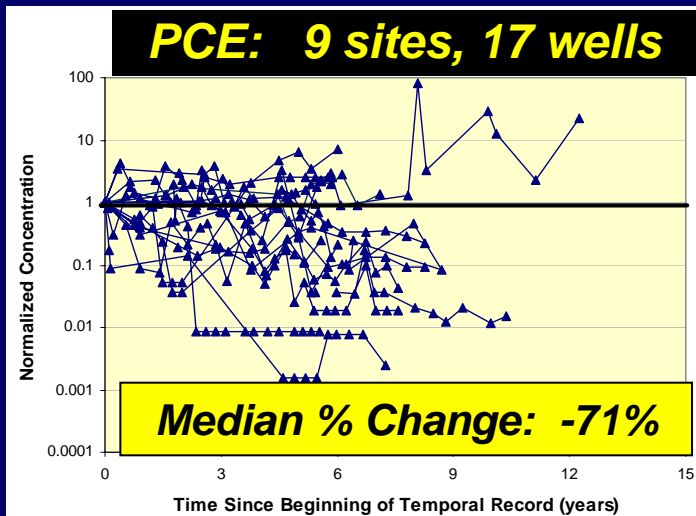
*Median % Change: - 81%*

*Concentration Trend (MAROS Software)*

- Increasing: **3 sites**
- Stable: **3 sites**
- Decreasing: **7 sites**



# TEMPORAL TRENDS IN UNTREATED PLUME SOURCE ZONES



# Two Different Types of Rate Constants



***Lambda*** represents how quickly dissolved organics are biodegraded (half-life months or years)



**$k_{point}$  or  $k_s$**  represents how quickly source is being dissolved (half-life in years)



**Reference:**  
**EPA 540/S-02/500**  
**Nov. 2002**



## Ground Water Issue

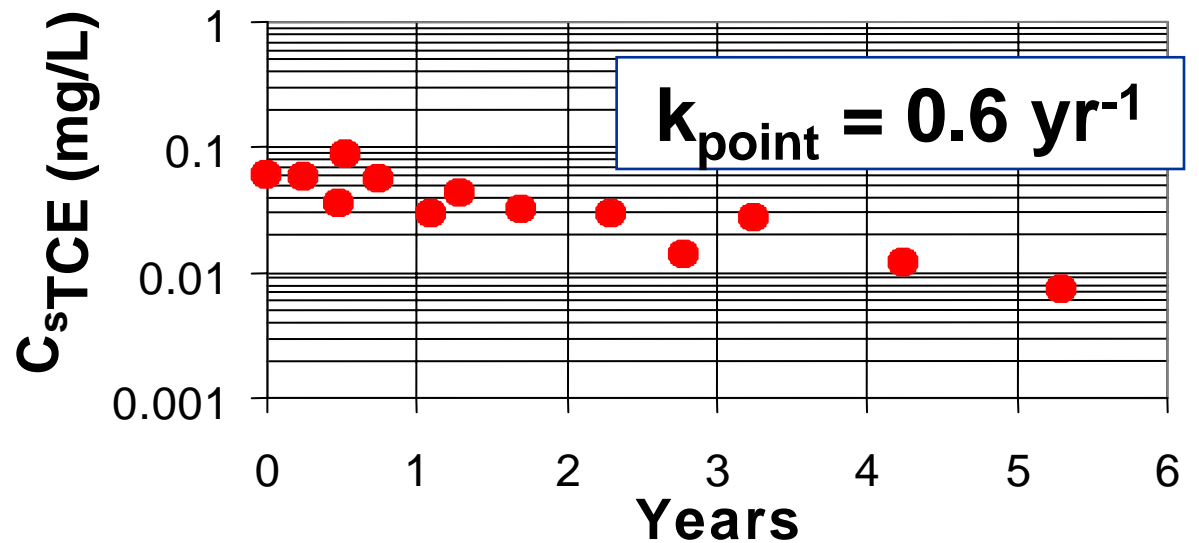
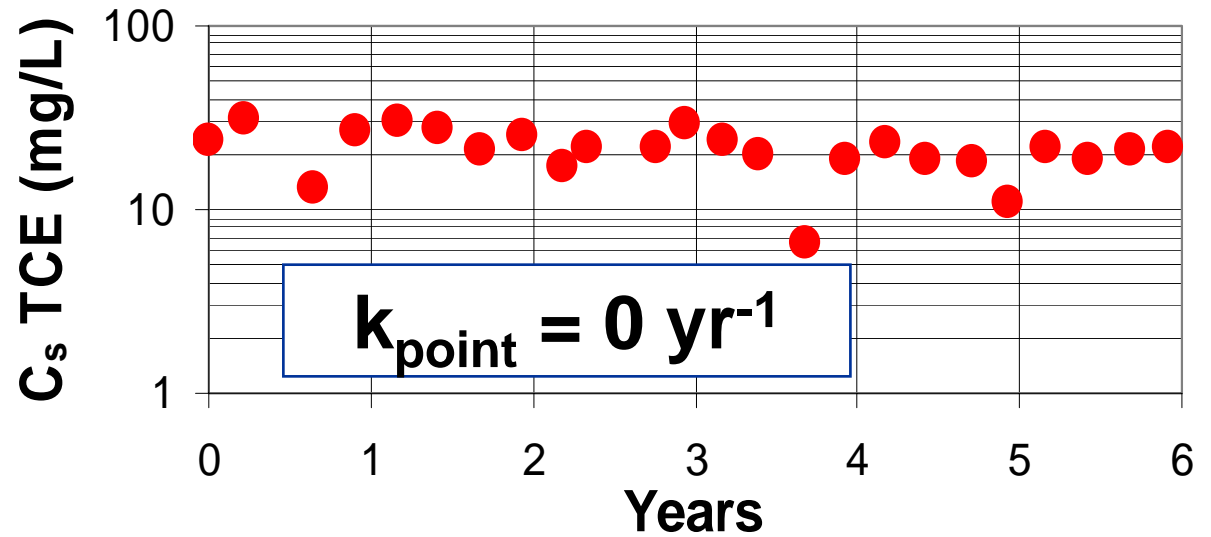
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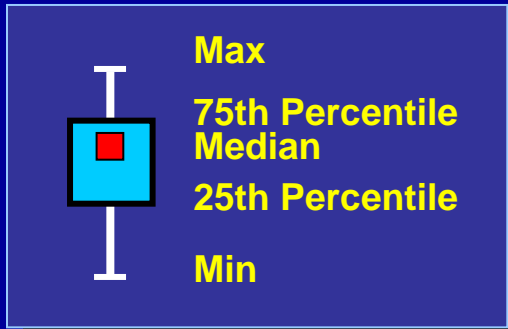
# EXAMPLE

## $C_{\text{point}}$ vs. Time Curves

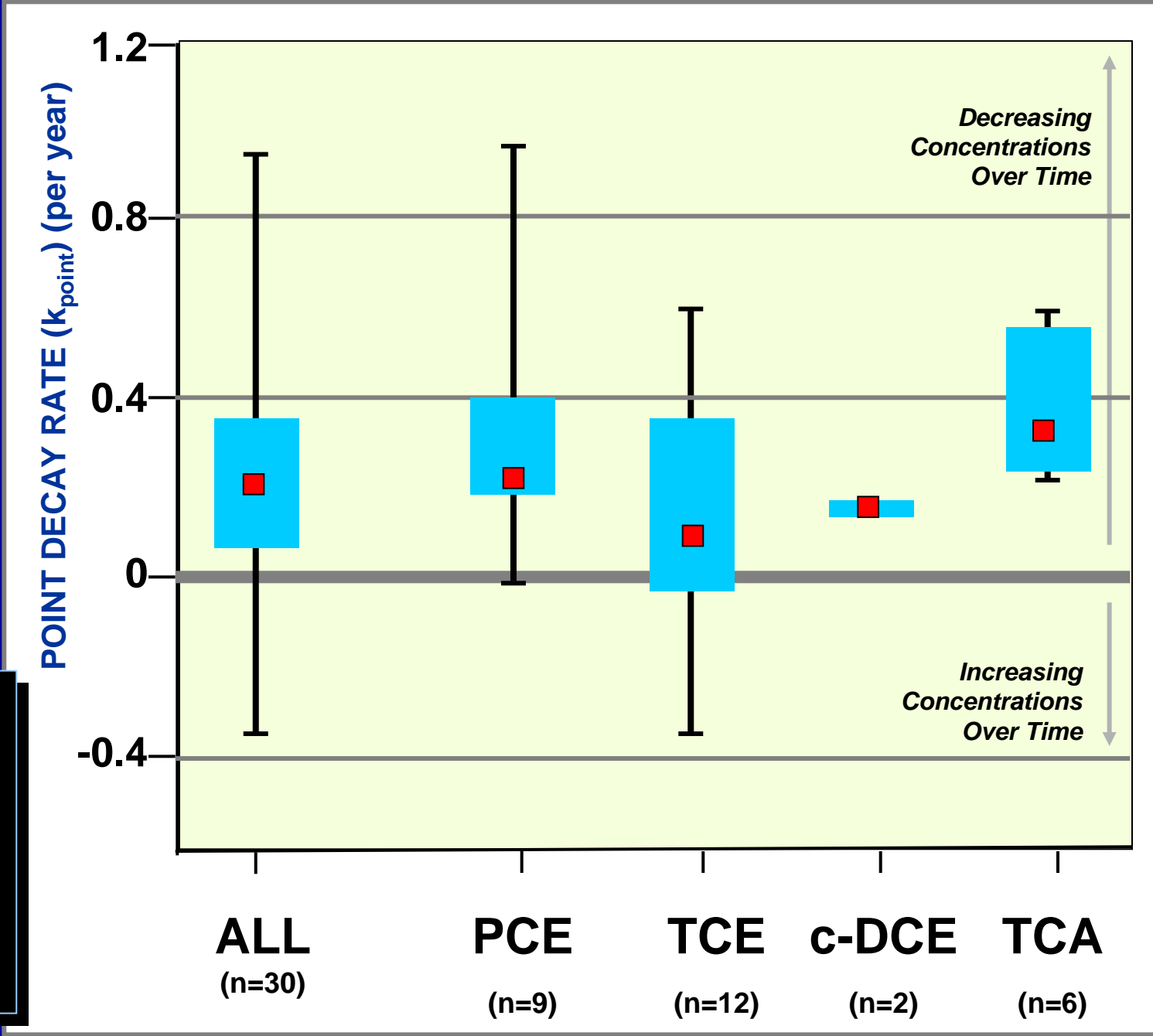
$k_{\text{point}}$  = source decay  
rate constant



# POINT DECAY RATES FOR CVOCS BY SITE



**Median Half-life**  
PCE: 3.0 years  
**TCE: 6.1 years**  
DCE: 4.3 years  
TCA: 2.0 years



# Implication

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*Benefits of partial source depletion is reduced if source is decaying naturally. **For example:***

*If source depletion gives **88% reduction** in concentration....*

*That is equal to **3 source decay half-lives**.....*

*These untreated source zones need  
**< 20 years** to achieve same result (?)*

*(median decay values from 23 site database)*



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# What Tools Do What

HOW FAR DOES  
PLUME GO?

HOW LONG DOES  
MNA TAKE?

- BIOSCREEN



- BIOCHLOR



- MAROS



- SourceDK



- SERDP Eqns.

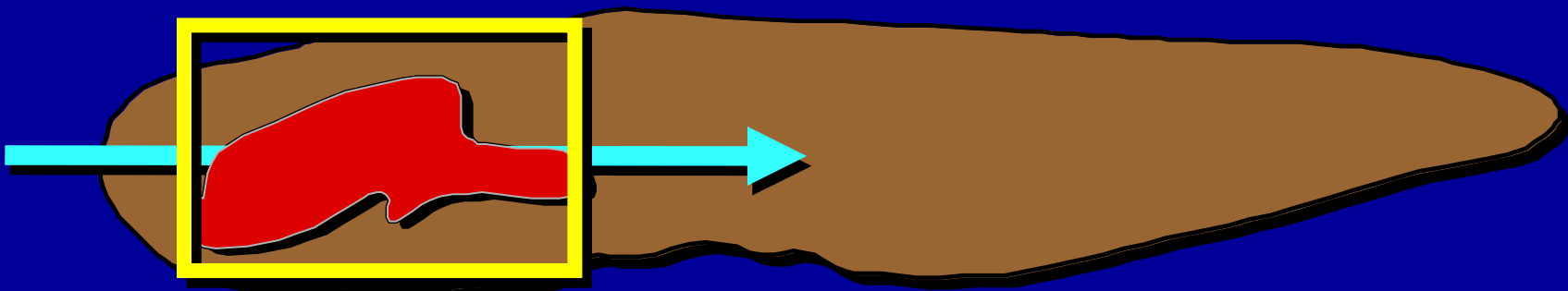


# SourceDK

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How long will the source be there?

- *Based on site data*
- *Based on simple model*





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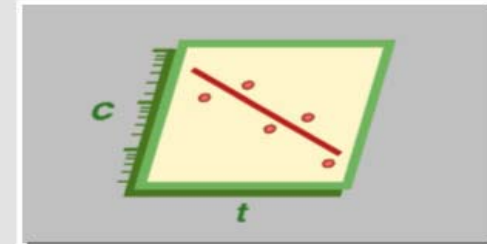
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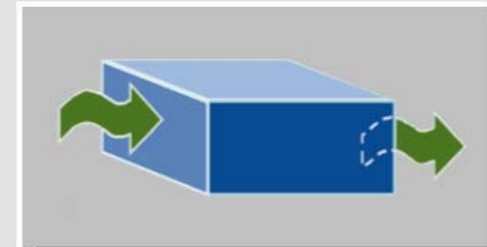
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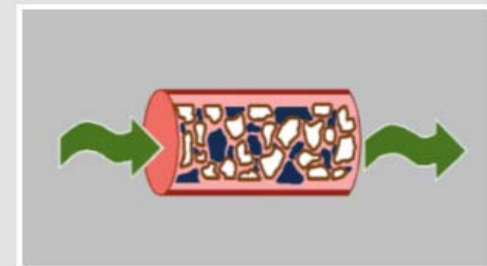
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Use Empirical Data (Tier 1)



Use Box Model (Tier 2)



Use Process Models (Tier 3)

<http://www.afcee.brooks.af.mil/products/techtrans/models.asp>

# SourcedK

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# TIER 1 Empirical Data

### Data Input Instructions:

→ Enter value directly.

→ Value calculated by model.  
(Don't enter any data).

Site Location and I.D.: LPST

Constituent of Interest: BTEX

### 1. ENTER CONSTITUENT NAME AND HISTORICAL DATA

Date (mm/dd/yy)	Concentration (mg/L)			
	Constituent A <i>Benzene</i>	Constituent B <i>Toluene</i>	Constituent C <i>Ethylbenzene</i>	Constituent D <i>Xylenes</i>
1 8/19/86	1.8	14	25	3.7
2 7/17/87	0.44	18	2.1	14
3 9/29/87	0.37	0.25	0.34	2.3
4 12/19/87	0.32	0.081	0.065	3
5 6/25/88	0.27	0.022	0.025	2.1
6 9/30/88	0.26	0.012	0.01	0.68
7 12/21/88	0.26	0.016	0.14	3.9
8 4/25/89	0.22		0.155	2.17
9 10/23/89	0.11		0.138	1.29
10 7/4/91	0.03			
11 11/20/91	0.018			
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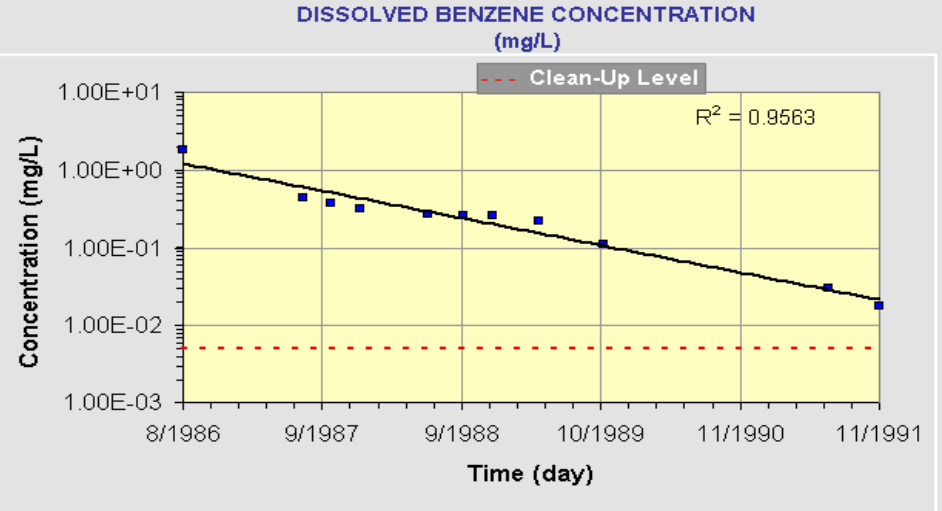
Print Historical Data

### 2. WHICH CONSTITUENT TO PLOT?

What is the cleanup level?

- Benzene  (mg/L)
- Toluene  (mg/L)
- Ethylbenzene  (mg/L)
- Xylenes  (mg/L)

### 3. OUTPUT GRAPH



Number of Years Over Which to Plot Graph  (yr)

Update Graph

### 4. RESULTS

Predicted Date to Achieve Cleanup:

**1993**

Confidence Interval on Predicted Cleanup Date:  
(at least 3 data points needed to calculate confidence intervals)

90 % Confidence Interval

95 % Confidence Interval

**1992**

to

**1995**

(Lower Limit on Confidence Interval)

(Upper Limit on Confidence Interval)

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**HELP**

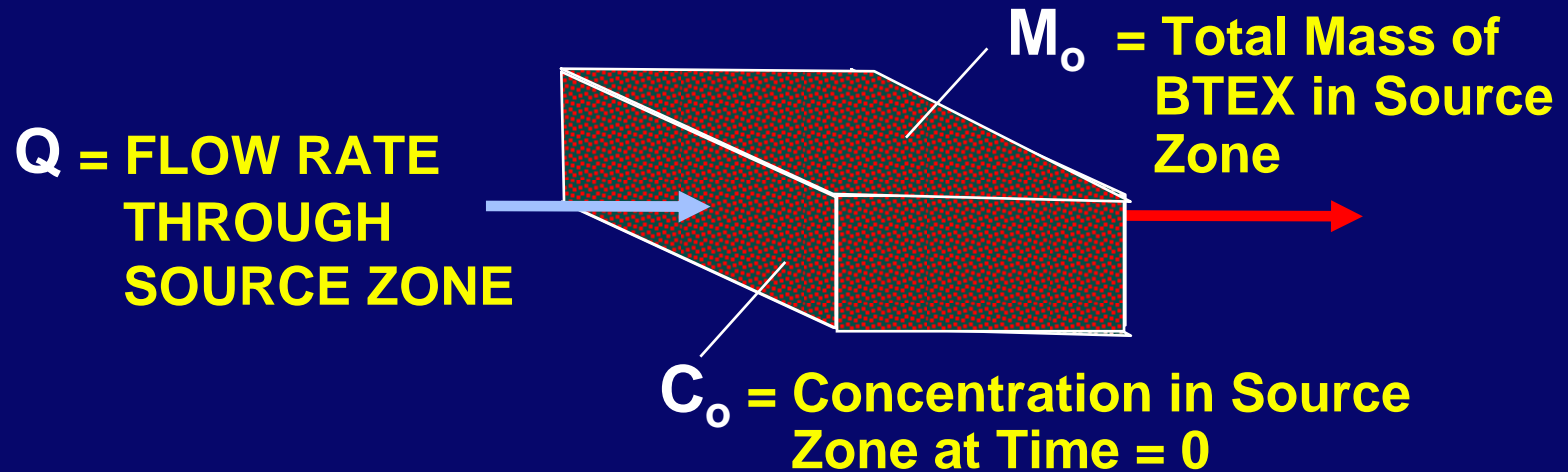
# Tier 2 Approach:

## ***Assume Source Zone Is a Box***

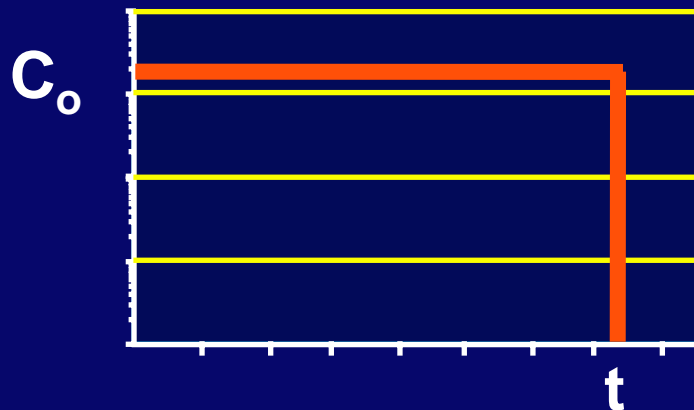
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- **Simple Box Model**
- **Estimates source attenuation from:**
  - **source mass estimate**
  - **mass flux of contaminants leaving source**
  - **biodegradation processes in source zone**

# Approach: Assume Source Zone Is a Box



IF CONSTANT SOURCE CONCENTRATION:

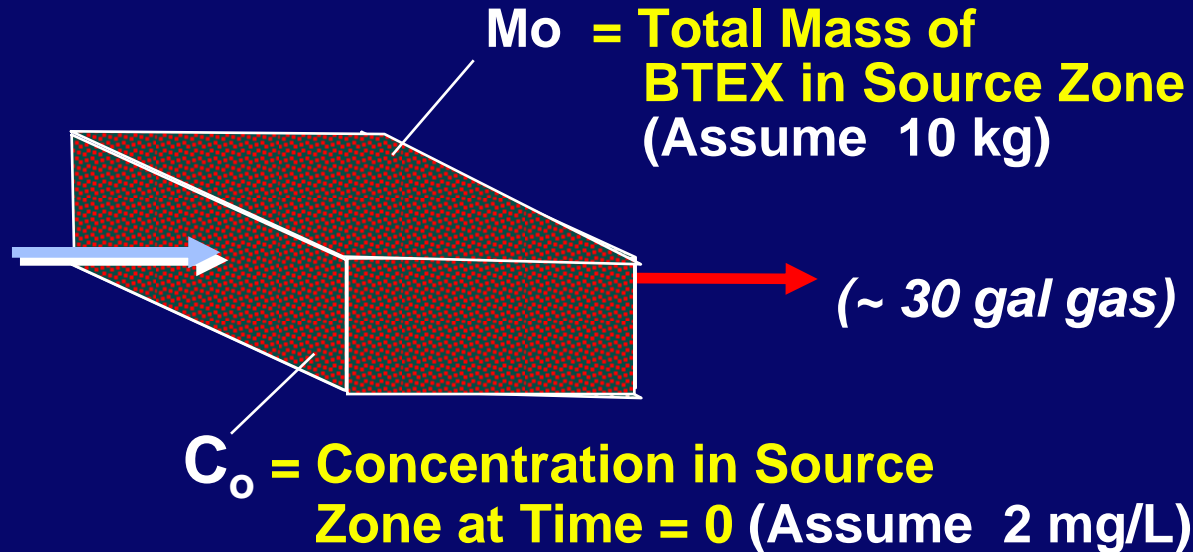


$$t = \frac{M_o}{Q C_o}$$

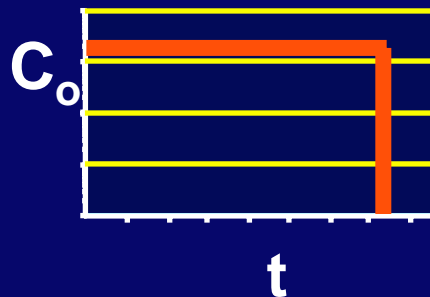
# Example Assuming Constant Source Conc.

**Q = FLOW RATE THROUGH SOURCE ZONE**

(Assume 500 L/Day)



**IF CONSTANT SOURCE CONCENTRATION:**



$$t = \frac{M_o}{Q C_o} = \frac{10,000,000}{(500) (2)}$$

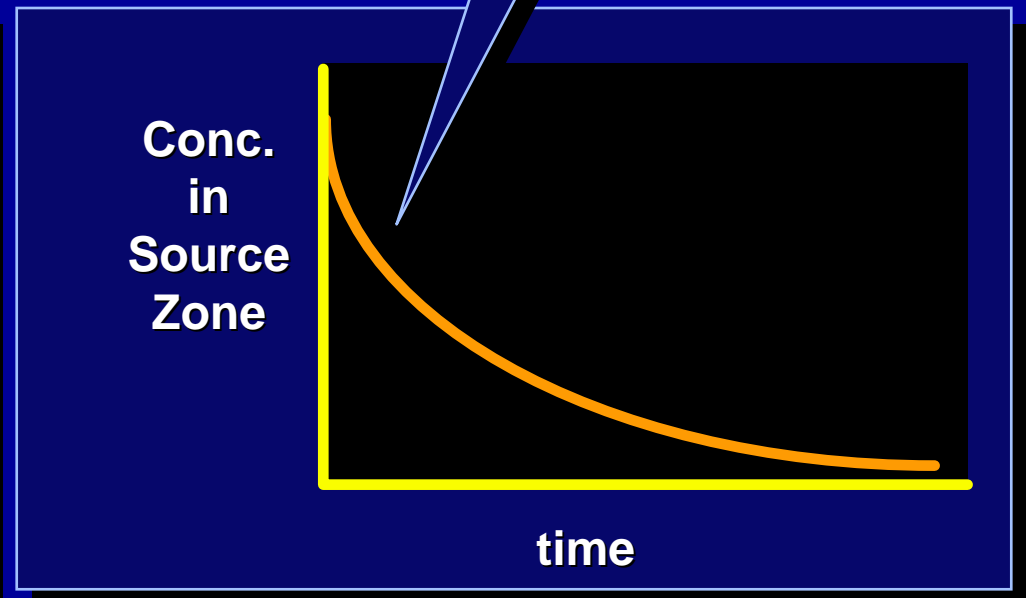
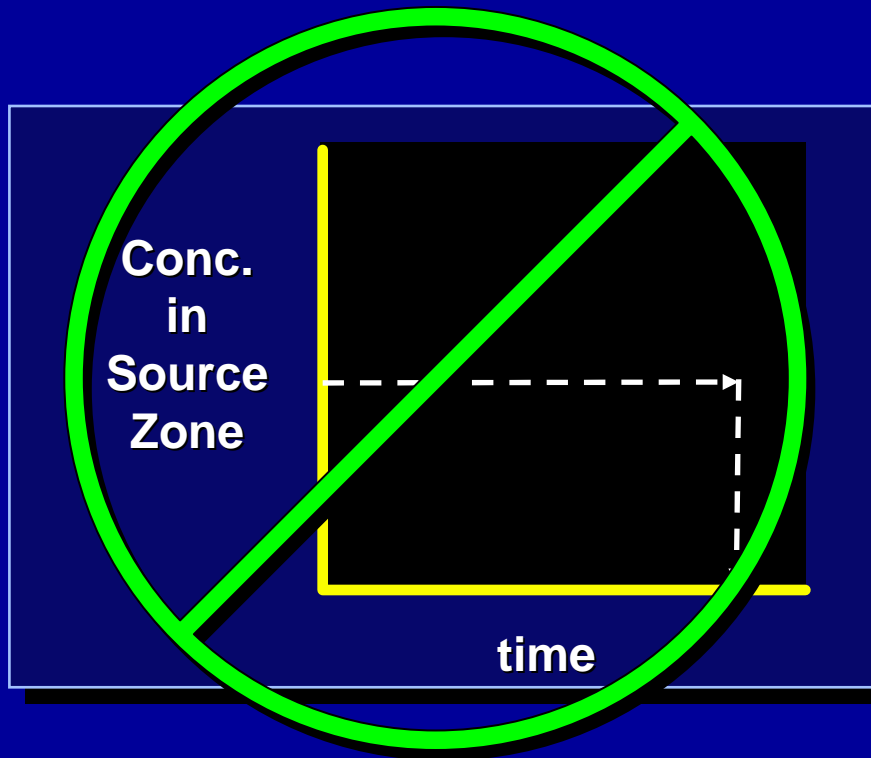
$$t = 10,000 \text{ days (27 yrs)}$$



# Better Approximation: Conc. Declines With Tail

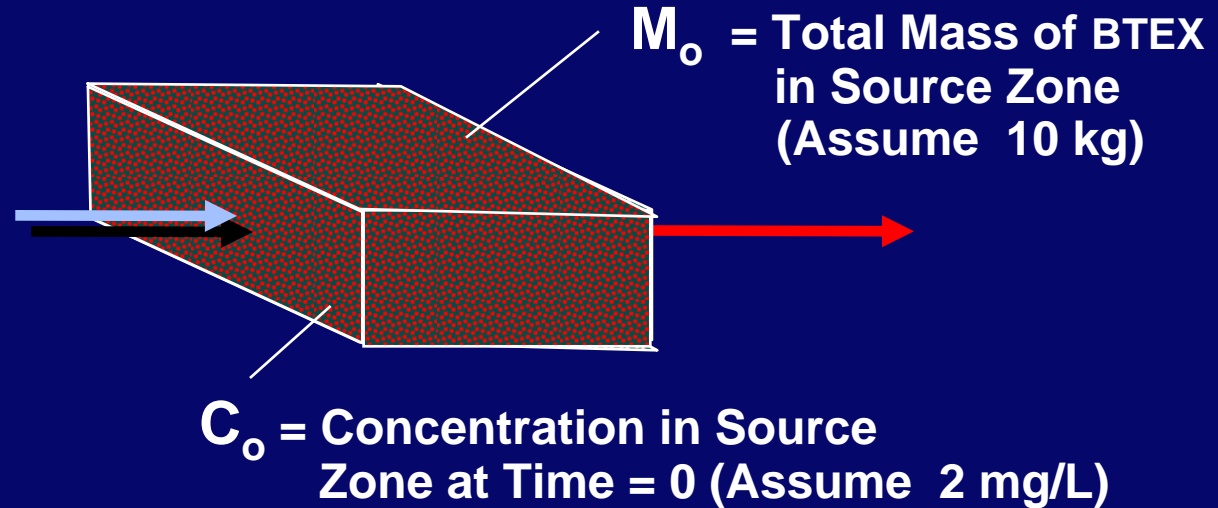
## First Order Decay Model

$$C_t = C_0 \times e^{-k_s t}$$

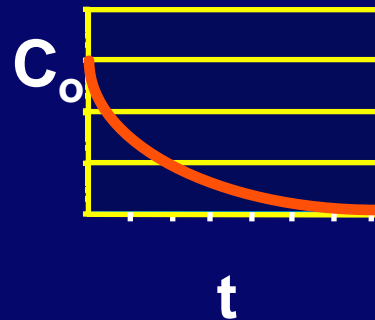


# Example Assuming Declining Source Conc.

**Q = FLOW RATE THROUGH SOURCE ZONE**  
(Assume 500 L/Day)



**IF DECLINING SOURCE CONCENTRATION:**



$$k_s = \frac{Q C_o}{M_o} = \frac{(500) (2)}{10,000,000} = 0.0001 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

$$C_t = C_o \times e^{-0.0001 t}$$

## Example: Source Concentration vs. Time

<u>Time (days)</u>	<u>Time (years)</u>	<u>Source Concentration (mg/L)</u>
0	0	2.0
365	10	1.4
7,300	20	0.96
18,250	50	0.32
36,500	100	0.052
54,750	150	0.008
73,000	200	0.001

Rearrange eqn. to yield time:

$$C_t = C_o e^{-k_s t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(C_t / C_o)}{-k_s}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(0.005 / 2)}{-0.0001}$$

$$t = 73,000 \text{ days (200 yrs)}$$

# SourceDK

# TIER 2 Box Model

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### Data Input Instructions:

- 115 → 1. Enter value directly ... or
- 115 → 2. Calculate by filling in gray cells. Press Enter, then hit "Calculate" button.
- 115 → 3. Value calculated by model. (Do not enter any data.)

Site Location and I.D.: Texas  
Constituent of Interest: BTEX

### 3B. SOURCE ZONE BIODEGRADATION

#### 1. HYDROGEOLOGY

Darcy Velocity Vd  (ft/yr)  
 Hydraulic Conductivity K  (cm/sec)  
 Hydraulic Gradient i  (ft/ft)

No Biodegradation

↓ or

Assume Biodegradation Occurs in "Box" in Dissolved Phase Only

Select Method 1:

Biodegradation Rate Constant  $\lambda$   (per yr)

↓ or

Select Method 2:

Biodegradation Rate Derived From Electron Acceptor By-Product Data.

(Applies Only to Petroleum Hydrocarbon Sites)

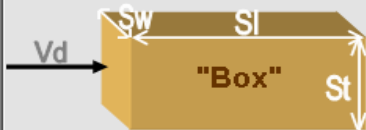
a) Biodegradation Capacity BC  (mg/L)  
 or  
 Delta Oxygen DO  (mg/L)  
 Delta Nitrate NO3  (mg/L)  
 Observed Ferrous Iron Fe2+  (mg/L)  
 Delta Sulfate SO4  (mg/L)  
 Observed Methane CH4  (mg/L)

and

b) Percentage of Biodegradation Capacity Applied to This Constituent  (%)

#### 2. SOURCE CHARACTERISTICS

Key Assumption:  
Source Represented as Box Model



Average Source Groundwater Concentration at Time = 0 Cgwo  (mg/L)  
 Source Length Sl  (ft)  
 Source Width Sw  (ft)  
 Source Thickness St  (ft)  
 Enter Value for Specific Discharge or Press "Calculate Q" Button Q  (ft<sup>3</sup>/yr)

#### 4. TIME FOR OUTPUT

a) Number of Years Over Which to Plot Data  (yr) (Required)  
 b) Time in Years at Which Decay Starts  (yr) (Optional)

#### 5. UNCERTAINTY RANGE FOR MASS ESTIMATE

± Factor of 2  ± Factor of 10  ± Factor of 100

#### 3. SOURCE DECAY CONSTANT

Enter Directly  $k_s$   (1/yr)  
 or  
 Calculate Source Decay Constant Using Sections 3A and 3B  $k_s$   (1/yr)

#### 3A. SOURCE MASS

Source Mass at Time = 0 Mo  (kg)

Select Method for Calculating Source Mass

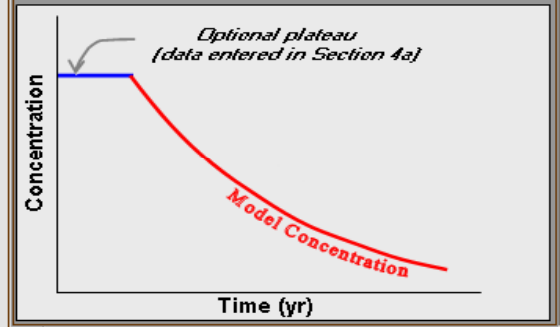
- Method 1: Enter Source Mass Directly  (kg) ?
- Method 2: Simple Volume X Concentration Calculation
- Method 3: Detailed Volume X Concentration Calculation
- Method 4: Estimated From NAPL Relationships

#### 6. FIELD DATA FOR COMPARISON

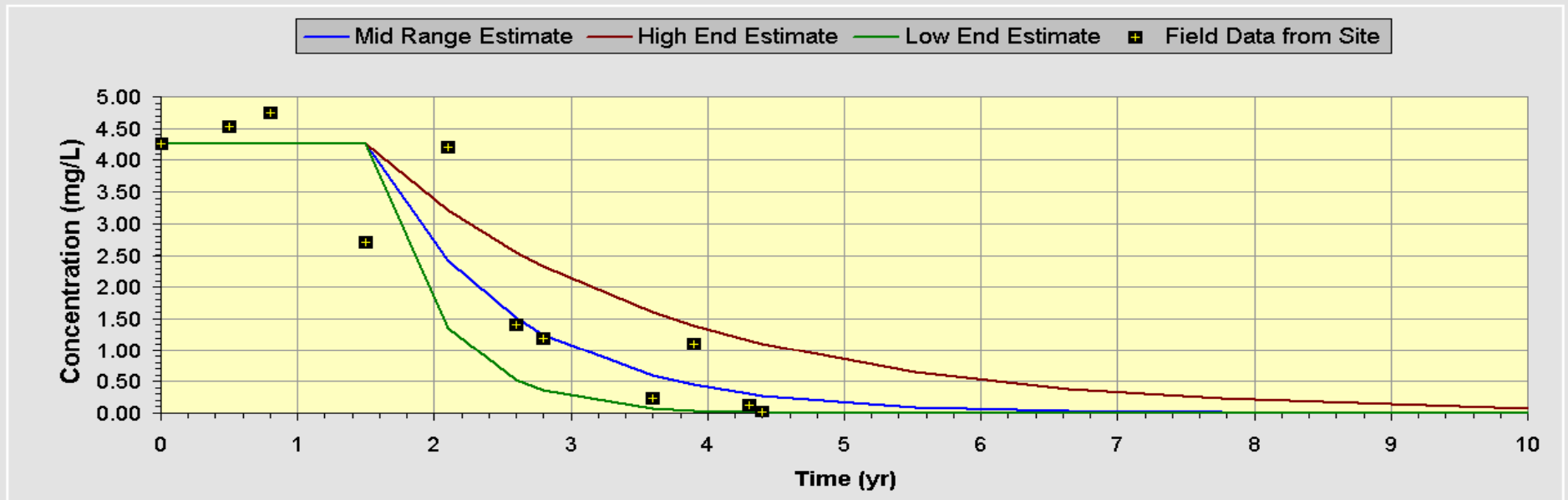
Year From Time = 0 (yr)	0	0.5	0.8	1.5	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.6	3.9	4.3	4.4	
Concentration (mg/L)	4.28	4.54	4.74	2.7	4.2	1.4	1.2	0.23	1.1	0.12	0.025	

#### 7. CHOOSE OUTPUT TO VIEW

### SourceDK OUTPUT SHOWS THIS:



TYPE OF MODEL	Time (yr)														
	0.00	0.50	0.80	1.50	2.10	2.60	2.80	3.60	3.90	4.30	4.40	5.52	6.64	7.76	10.00
Model Conc. (mg/L)	4.260	4.260	4.260	4.260	2.424	1.515	1.255	0.592	0.446	0.306	0.279	0.097	0.034	0.012	0.001
Actual Conc. (mg/L)	4.260	4.540	4.740	2.700	4.200	1.400	1.200	0.230	1.100	0.120	0.025				
Mass Discharge (kg/yr)	2.4E+01	2.4E+01	2.4E+01	2.4E+01	1.4E+01	8.6E+00	7.1E+00	3.4E+00	2.5E+00	1.7E+00	1.6E+00	5.5E-01	1.9E-01	6.7E-02	8.2E-03



1.  Display Concentration Vs. Time Chart  
or  
 Display Source Mass Vs. Time Chart

2. Number of Years Over Which to Plot Graph  (yr)  
(Press "Calculate Current Sheet" button after changing value.)

Log  Linear

**Concentration/Time Mini-Calculator**

(yr) → High End Conc Estimate:  (mg/L)  
 Mid Range Conc Estimate:  (mg/L)  
 Low End Conc Estimate:  (mg/L)

(mg/L) → High End Time Estimate:  (yr)  
 Mid Range Time Estimate:  (yr)  
 Low End Time Estimate:  (yr)

Return To Input

Calculate Current Sheet

**HELP**

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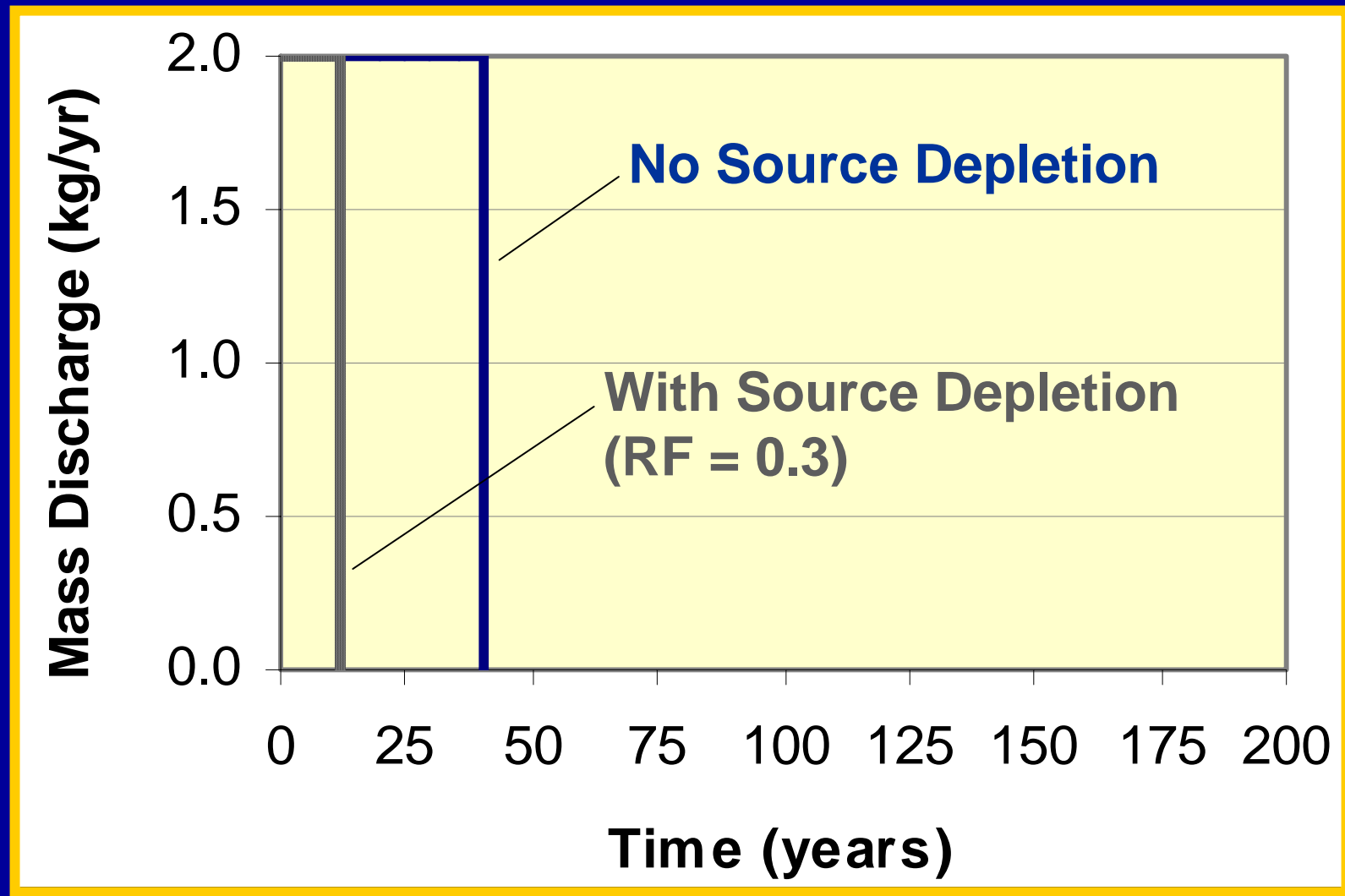
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## STEP FUNCTION MODEL - WITH AND WITHOUT SOURCE DEPLETION



*RF: Remaining Fraction*

## REMEDIATION TIMEFRAME EQUATIONS - STEP FUNCTION

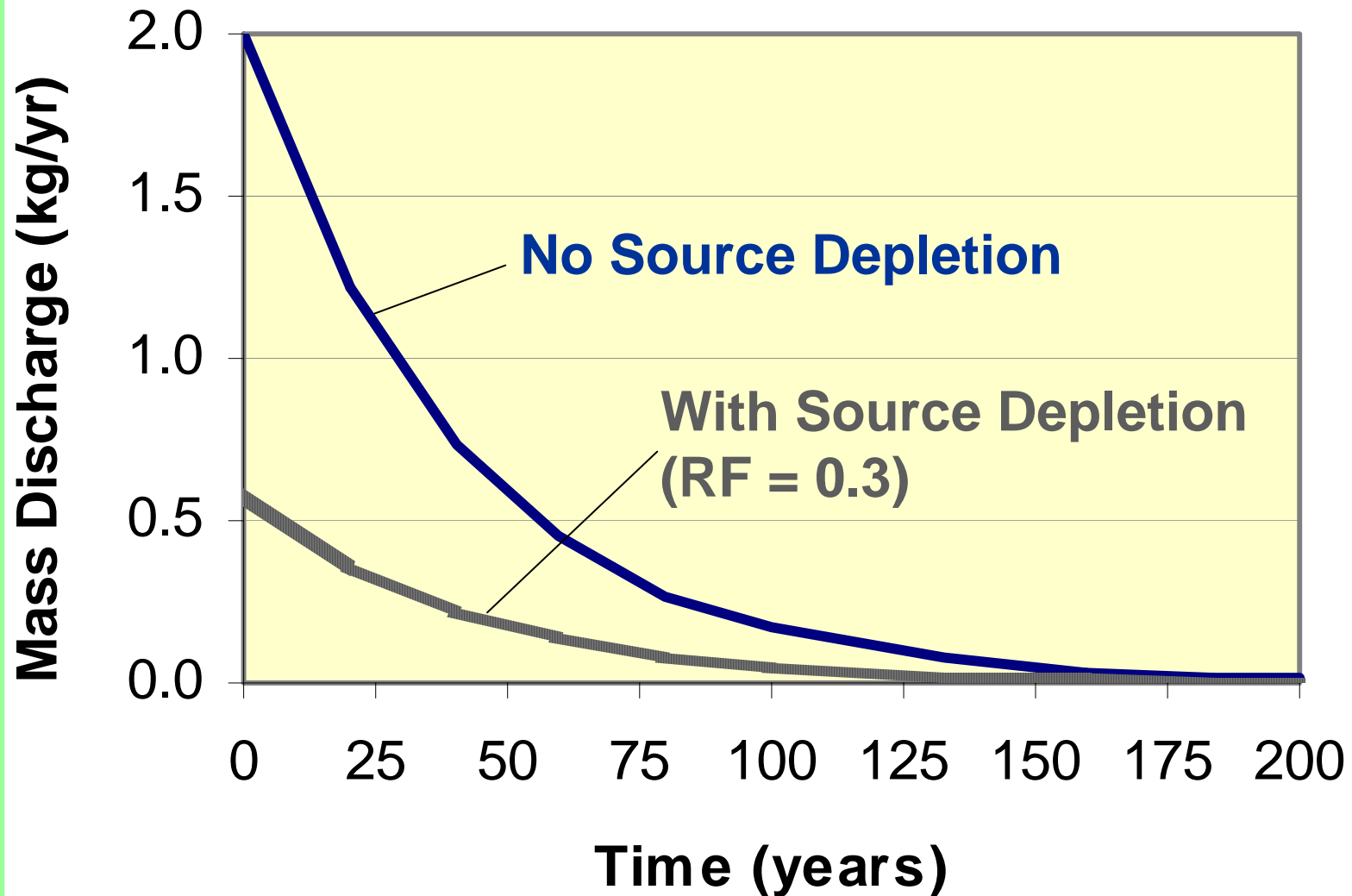
$$\frac{RTF_{SD}}{RTF_{MNA}} = RF$$

### TERMS

- $RTF_{MNA}$ :** Remediation Timeframe MNA (Untreated Source Zone)
- $RTF_{SD}$ :** Remediation Timeframe with Source Depletion
- $RF$ :** Remaining Fraction of Source Mass After Source Depletion



# FIRST ORDER DECAY MODEL - WITH AND WITHOUT SOURCE DEPLETION



Assume  $C_t$  proportional to  $M_t$

RF: Remaining Fraction

## REMEDATION TIMEFRAME EQUATIONS – FIRST ORDER DECAY

$$\frac{\text{RTF}_{\text{SD}}}{\text{RTF}_{\text{MNA}}} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_g}{C_0 \text{ RF}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{C_g}{C_0}\right)}$$

### TERMS

$C_g$  = Concentration Goal (such as MCL)

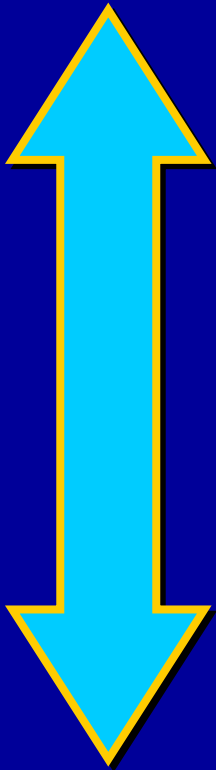
$C_0$  = Original Source Concentration

**RF:** Remaining Fraction of Source Mass After Source Depletion

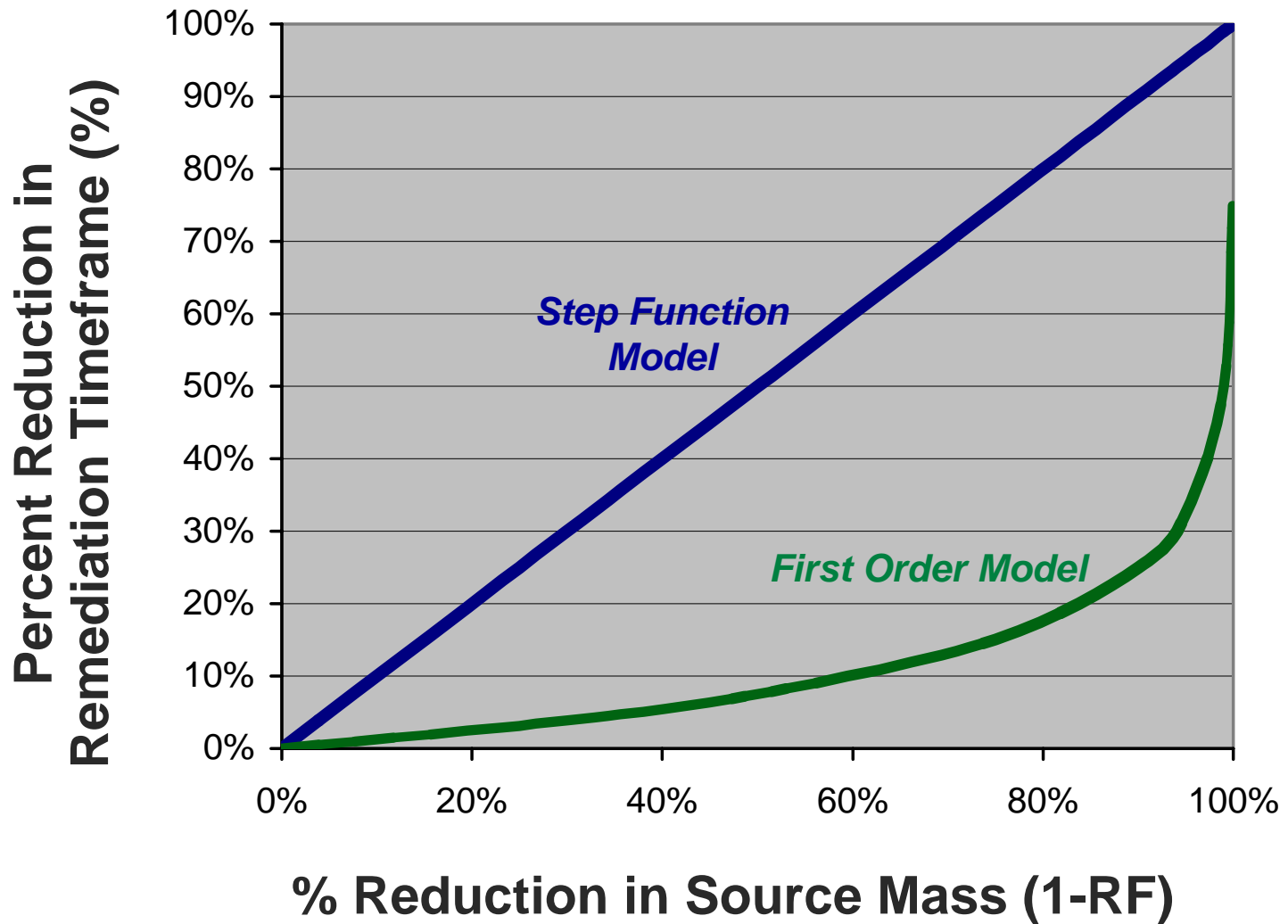
*Newell and  
Adamson, 2005*

## SOURCE REDUCTION FACTOR vs. REDUCTION IN REMEDIATION TIMEFRAME

**GOOD**



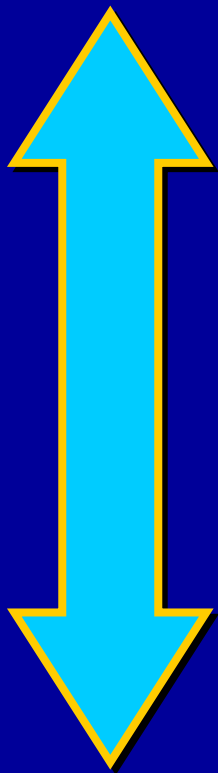
**BAD**



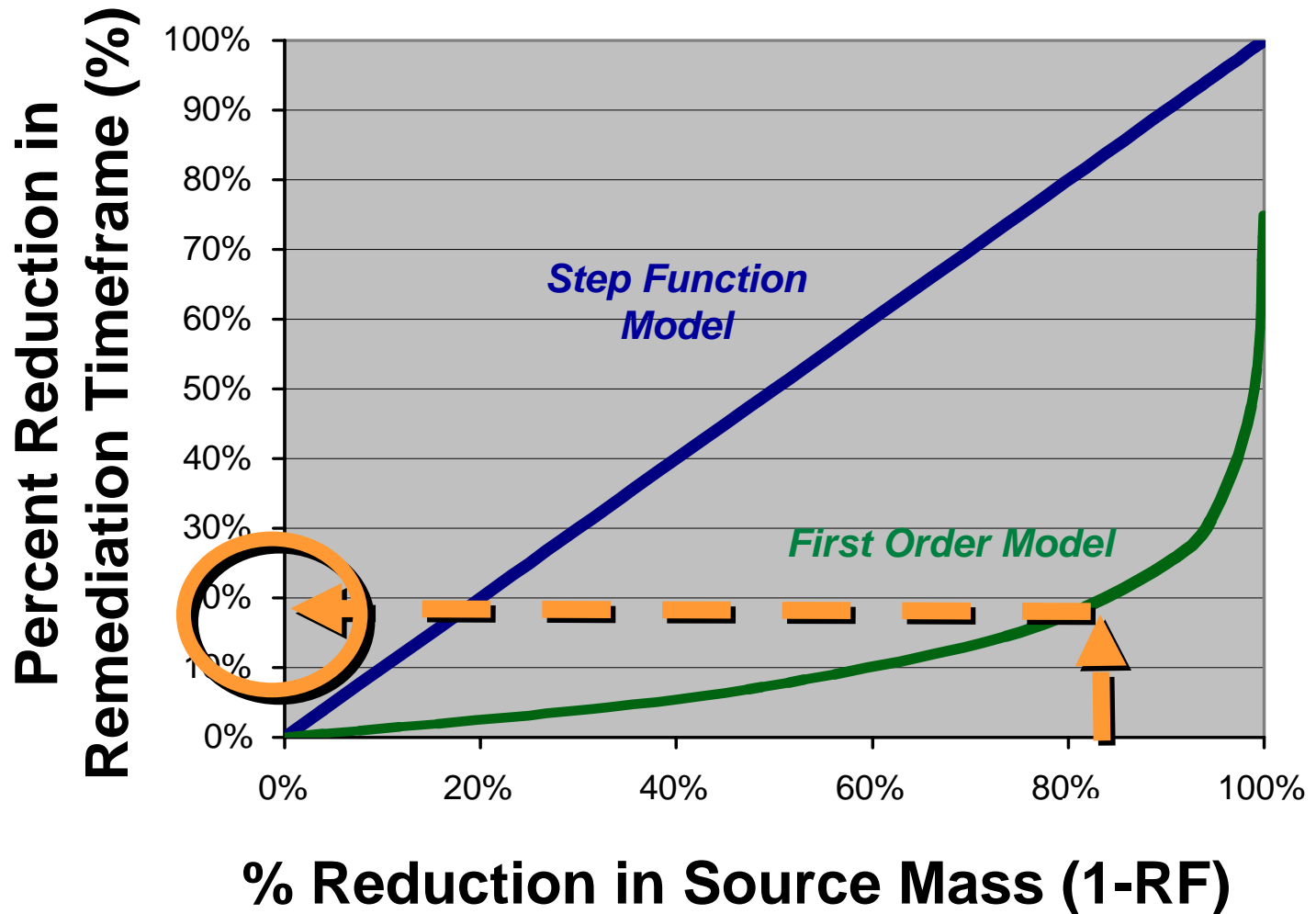
$$C_g/C_o = 0.0001$$

**FIRST ORDER DECAY MODEL:  
REMOVE 80% SOURCE MASS  
REDUCE RTF BY 17%**

**GOOD**



**BAD**



$C_g/C_o = 0.0001$

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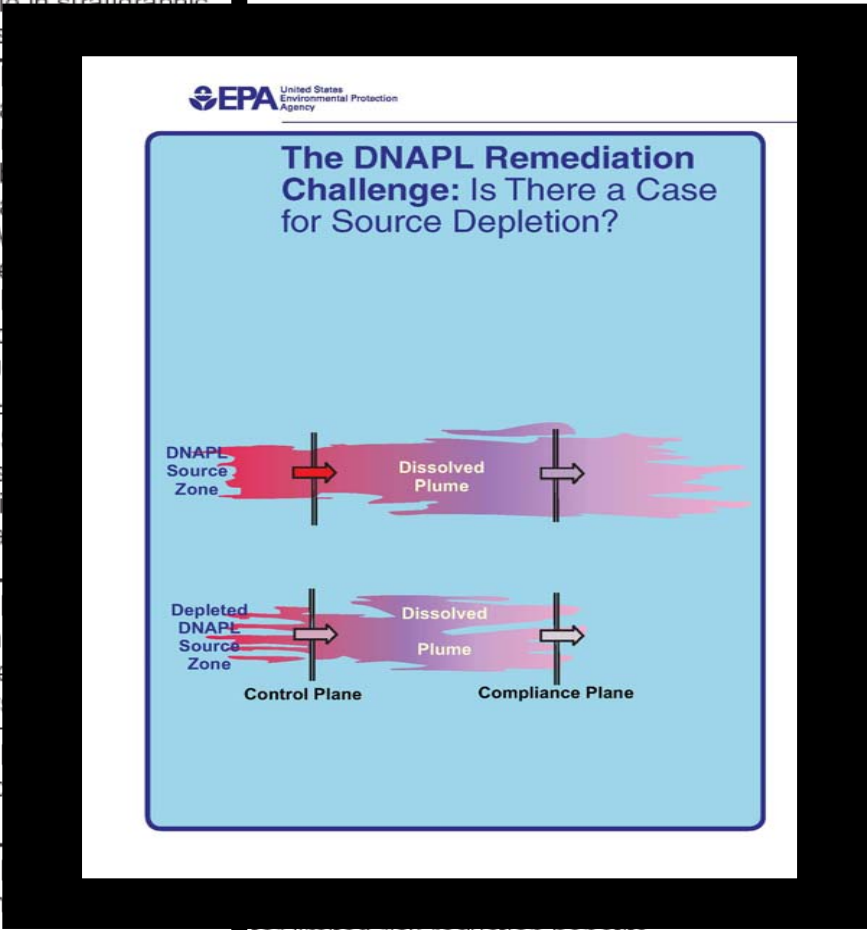
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# “Benefits from Full-Scale Application of Source Depletion”

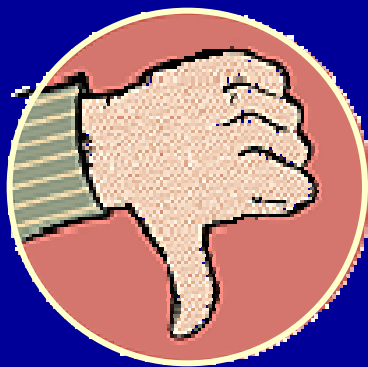
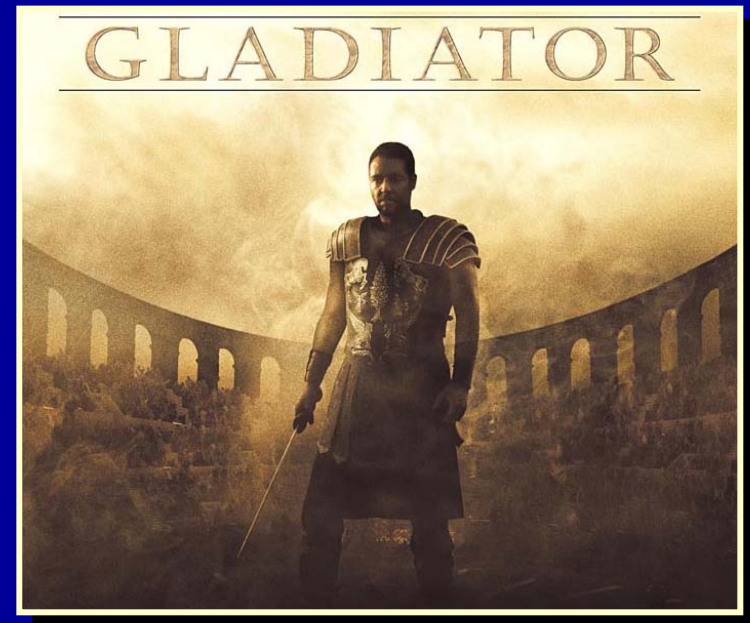
DESIRED REMEDIAL BENEFITS <sup>1</sup>	<u>MORE NEED</u> FOR SOURCE DEPLETION ←		→ <u>LESS NEED</u> FOR SOURCE DEPLETION
Reduce potential for DNAPL migration as separate phase	1a. Expanding mobile DNAPL Zone (probably rare at chlorinated solvent sites) <sup>2</sup> <i>(containment addresses this problem too)</i>	1b. Free-Phase DNAPL present but stable in stratigraphic traps	1c. Immobile, residual DNAPL Zone
Reduce source longevity, and reduce long-term management requirements	2a. High life-cycle containment cost (for example, containment Net Present Value (NPV) >> cost of remediation) 3a. Low reliability of containment system 4a. High resource value that cannot be used due to DNAPL (for example, sole-source aquifer OR Well Yield > 144,000 gpd with TDS < 3000 mg/L) <sup>3</sup> 5a. High probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs (for example, small sites with low complexity)	2b. ... 3b. ... 4b. ... 5b. ... reducing MCLs	
Near-term enhanced natural attenuation due to reduced dissolved phase loading	6a. Expanding dissolved phase plume (source loading > assimilative capacity) <i>(containment addresses this problem too)</i>	6b. ... phases loading capacity	
Near-term reductions in dissolved phase loading to receptors (e.g., a well or a stream)	7a. Receptor impacted now or impacted soon (for example, < 2 years travel time) <sup>5</sup> <i>(containment addresses this problem too)</i>	7b. ... term (for example, years)	
Near-term attainment of MCLs	8a. Need for rapid cleanup (for example, impending property transfer)	8b. ... rapid	
Intangibles	9a. Desire for active remedy; desire to test new technologies; desire to reduce stewardship burden on future generations	9b. ... intangibles	for limited risk reduction benefits



# Qualitative Decision Chart: Definition of Thumbs Up



*If Thumbs Up, **Apply Source Depletion***



*If Thumbs Down, **Contain Source***

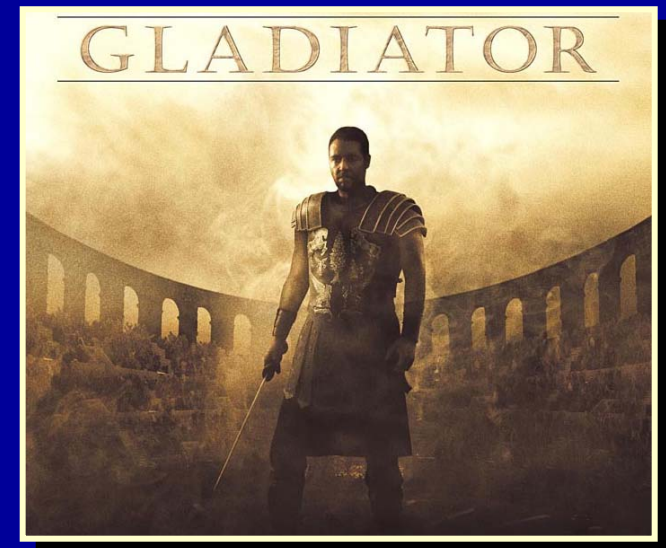
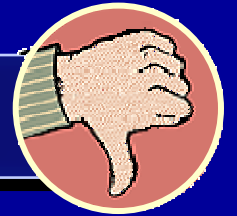
# Reduce Potential for DNAPL Migration as Separate Phase

Status of NAPL Zone:

**Expanding**











**Immobile, residual DNAPL**





# Reduce Source Longevity and Reduce Long-term Management Requirements

Life-cycle containment cost	High		Low	
Reliability of containment system	Low		High	
Resource value	High		Low	
Probability that remediation timeframe can be signif. reduced?	High		Low	

## Other Categories

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### Plume Status

**Expanding Plume**



**Shrinking Plume**



### Travel Time to Receptor

**< 2 years**



**No risk**



### Need for Rapid Clean Up









**High need**








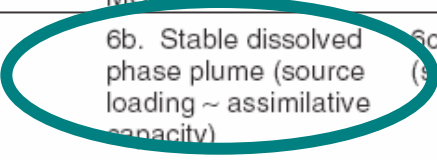


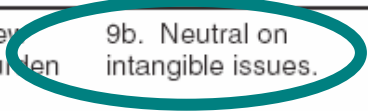
**No need**



# Example: Less Likely to Benefit from Source Depletion

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Reduce source longevity, and reduce long-term management requirements	2a. High life-cycle containment cost (for example, containment Net Present Value (NPV) >> cost of remediation) 3a. Low reliability of containment system 4a. High resource availability cannot be used due to DNAPL (for example, source aquifer OR Well Yield > 144,000 gpd AND TDS < 3000 mg/L) <sup>3</sup> 5a. High probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs (for example, small sites with low complexity) 	2b. Moderate life-cycle containment cost 3b. Moderate reliability of containment system 4b. Moderate resource value 5b. Moderate probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs  
Near-term enhanced natural attenuation due to reduced dissolved phase loading	6a. Expanding dissolved phase plume (source loading > assimilative capacity) <i>(containment addresses this problem too)</i>	6b. Stable dissolved phase plume (source loading ~ assimilative capacity) 
Near-term reductions in dissolved phase loading to receptors (e.g., a well or a stream)	7a. Receptor impacted now or impacted soon (for example, < 2 years travel time) <sup>5</sup> <i>(containment addresses this problem too)</i>	7b. Potential long-term risk to receptor (for example, >2 years travel time) 
Near-term attainment of MCLs	8a. Need for rapid cleanup (for example, impending property transfer)	8b. Limited need for rapid cleanup 
Intangibles	9a. Desire for active remedy; desire to test new technologies; desire to reduce stewardship burden on future generations	9b. Neutral on intangible issues  9c. Desire for proven remedy, desire to use proven technologies; desire to not expend financial resources for limited risk reduction benefits

# Example: More Likely to Benefit from Source Depletion

DESIRED REMEDIAL BENEFITS <sup>1</sup>	<u>MORE NEED</u> FOR SOURCE DEPLETION	<u>LESS NEED</u> FOR SOURCE DEPLETION
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Reduce source longevity, and reduce long-term management requirements	 2a. High life-cycle containment cost (for example, containment Net Present Value (NPV) >> cost of remediation)  3a. Low reliability of containment system 4a. High resource use cannot be used due to DNAPL (for example, unconsolidated aquifer OR Well Yield < 100 gpd with TDS > 2000 mg/L) <sup>a</sup>  5a. High probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs (for example, small sites with low complexity)	 2b. Moderate life-cycle containment cost 3b. Moderate reliability of containment system 4b. Moderate resource value 5b. Moderate probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs 2c. Low life-cycle containment cost (for example, containment Net Present Value (NPV) << cost of remediation) 3c. High reliability of containment system 4c. Low resource value (for example, resource not being used AND either Dissolved Solids > 10,000 mg/L or Well Yield > 100 gpd) 5c. Low probability of a meaningful reduction in time to reach MCLs (for example, large releases at complex sites)
Near-term enhanced natural attenuation due to reduced dissolved phase loading	6a. Expanding dissolved phase plume (source loading > assimilative capacity) ( <u>containment addresses this problem too</u> )	 6b. Stable dissolved phase plume (source loading ~ assimilative capacity) 6c. Shrinking dissolved phase plume (source loading < assimilative capacity)
Near-term reductions in dissolved phase loading to receptors (e.g., a well or a stream)	 7a. Receptor is not impacted soon (for example, < 2 years travel time) ( <u>containment addresses this problem too</u> )	7b. Potential longer-term risk to receptor (for example, >2 years travel time) 7c. No risk to receptors now or in the future
Near-term attainment of MCLs	 8a. Need for rapid cleanup (for example, impending project)	8b. Limited need for rapid cleanup 8c. No users of resource within expected time frame needed for restoration of aquifer and no other exposure pathways likely, e.g., vapor migration
Intangibles	9a. Desire for active remedy; desire to test new technologies; desire to reduce stewardship burden on future generations	 9b. Neutral on intangible issues. 9c. Desire for low-impact remedy; desire to use proven technologies; desire to not expend financial resources for limited risk reduction benefits

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