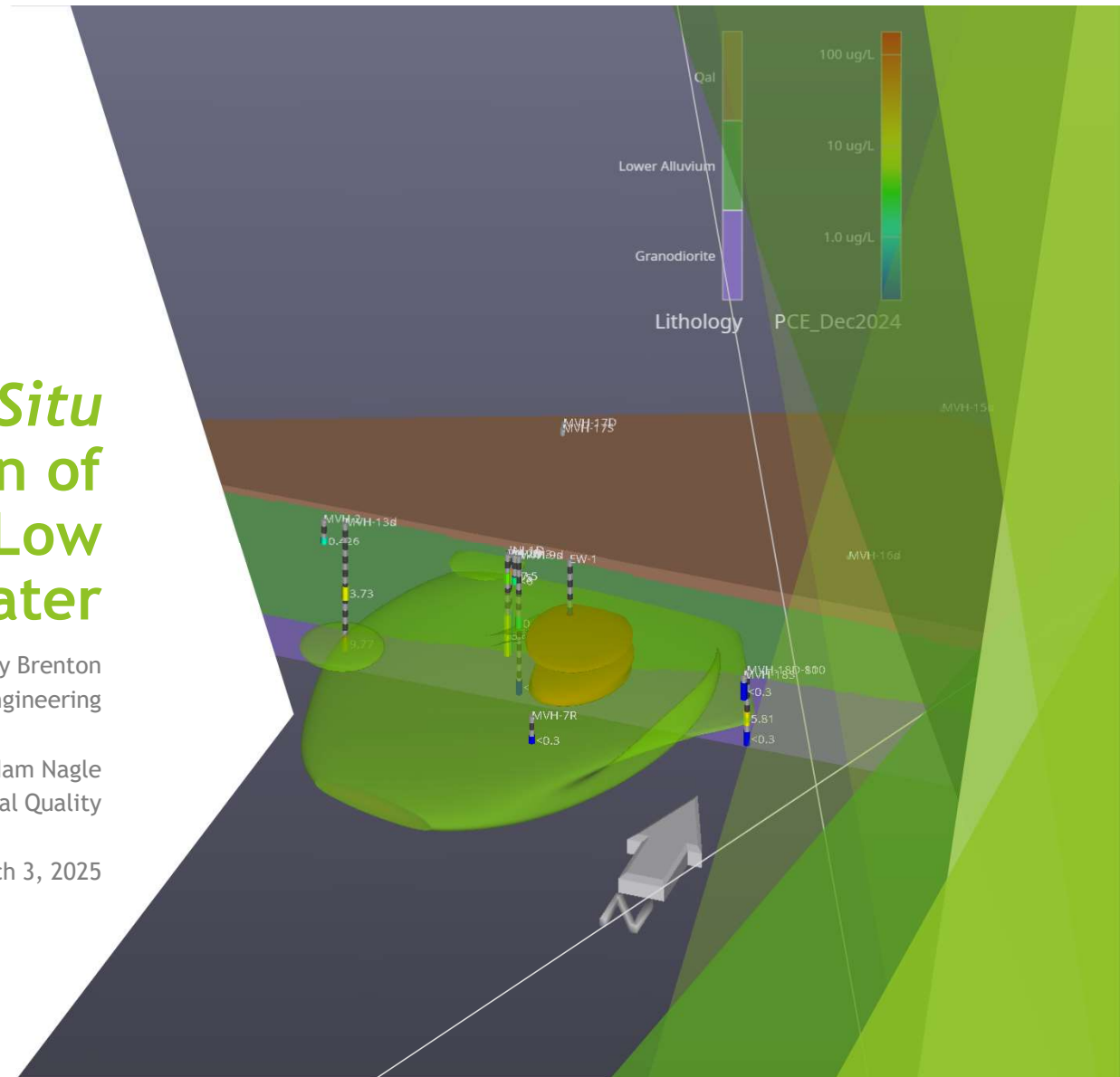


Enhanced *In Situ* Biodegradation of Chlorinated Ethenes in Low Permeability Groundwater

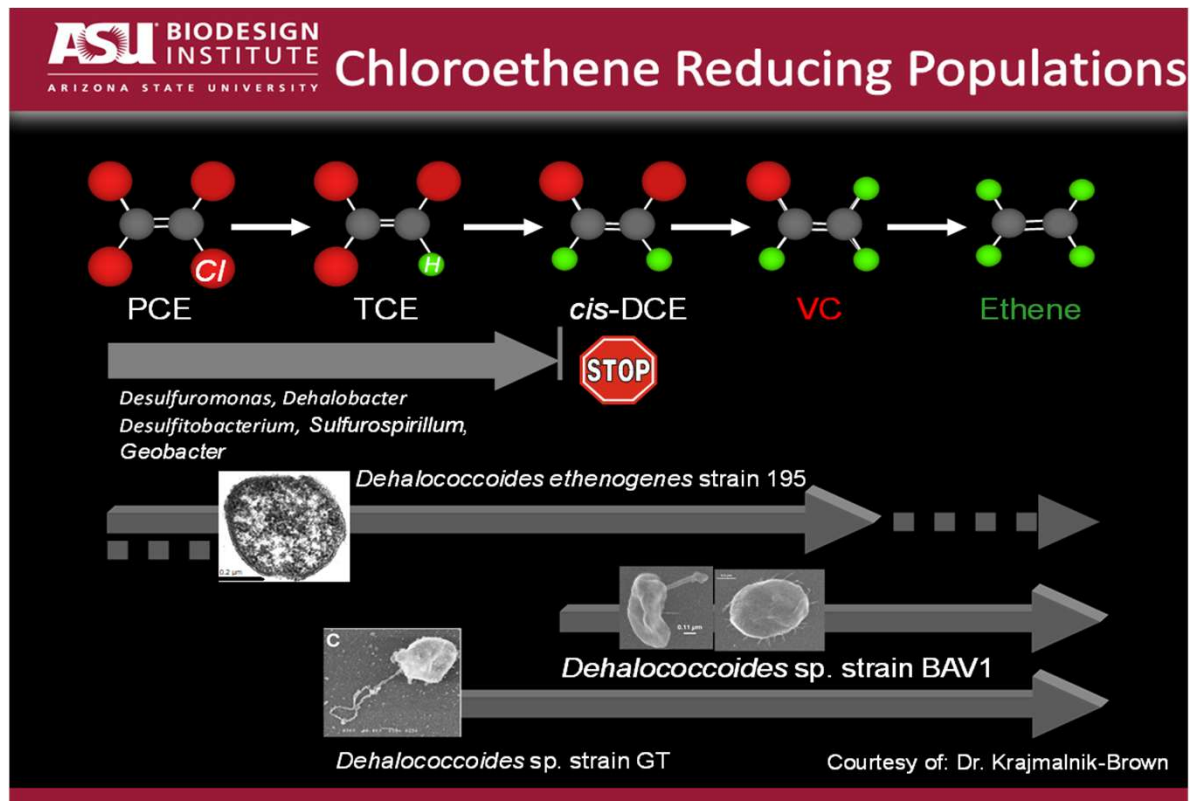
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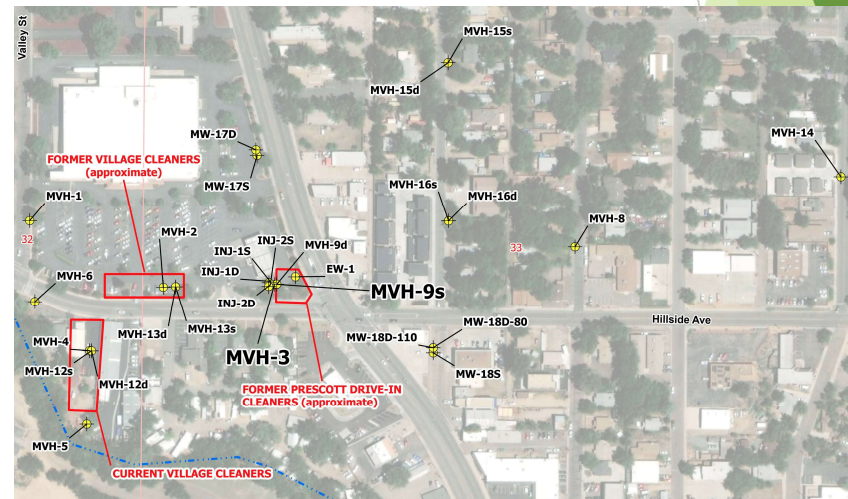
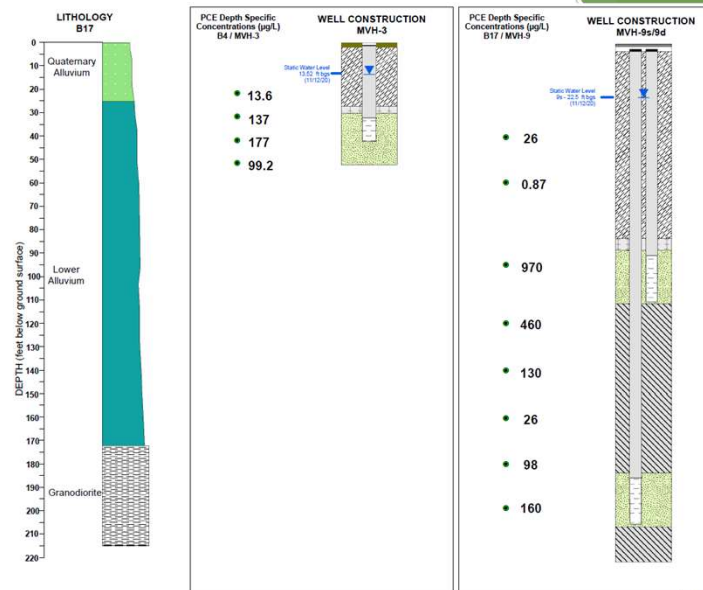
CVOC Degradation



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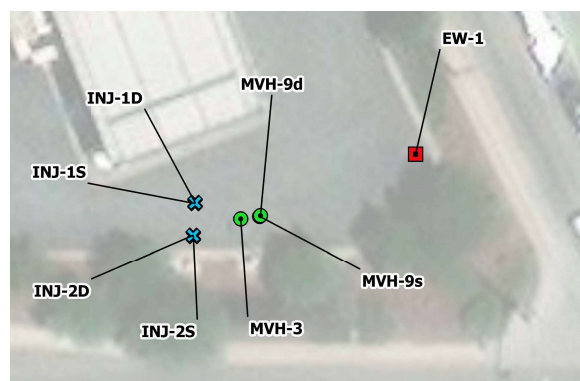
- ▶ Shallow Aquifer
 - ▶ Bottom depth 29 to 50 ft bgs
 - ▶ Flow direction toward the east
 - ▶ DTW December 2024 5.81 to 12.17 ft btoc
 - ▶ Hydraulic gradient of 0.009 ft/ft
 - ▶ Hydraulic Conductivity - 0.0061 to 4.1 ft/day
 - ▶ Total porosity = 20%; Effective porosity = 10%

- ▶ Intermediate Aquifer
 - ▶ Bottom depth 80 to 115 ft bgs
 - ▶ Flow direction toward the east-southeast
 - ▶ DTW December 2024 5.81 to 14.80 ft btoc
 - ▶ Hydraulic gradient - 0.014 ft/ft
 - ▶ Hydraulic Conductivity - 0.12 ft/day
 - ▶ Total porosity = 20%; Effective porosity = 10%



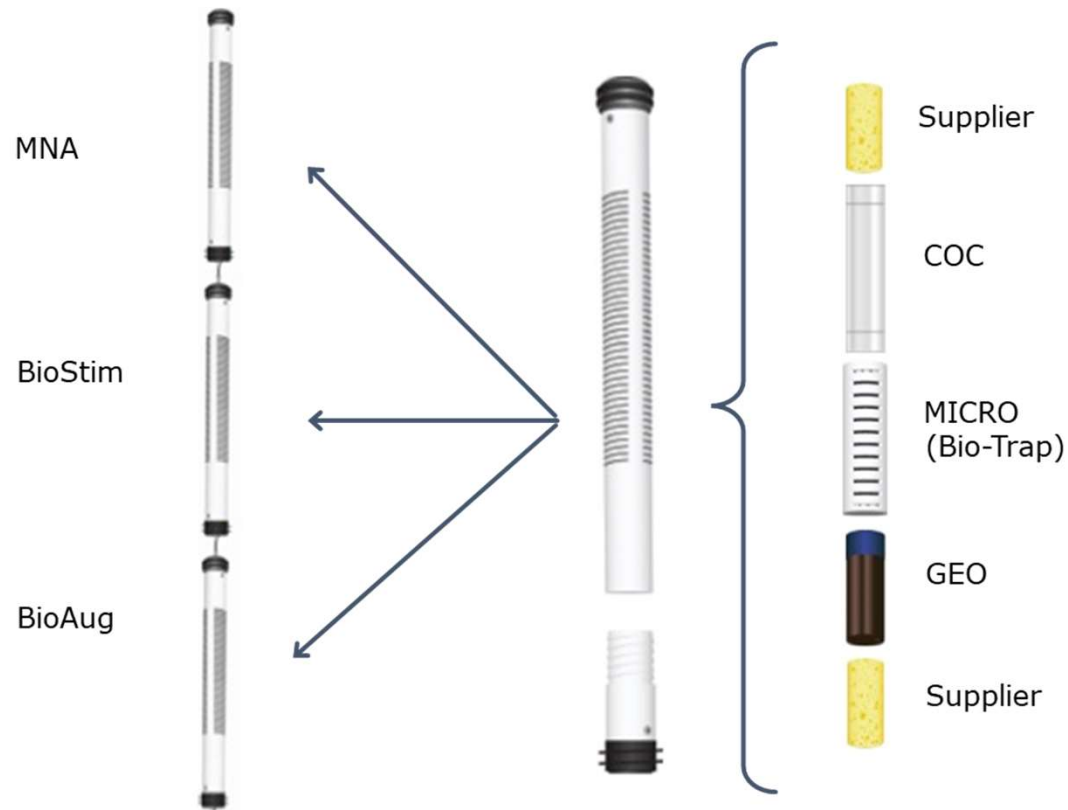
2020 Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds in Site Groundwater

- ▶ Main CVOC in site groundwater is tetrachloroethene (PCE)
- ▶ Low levels of trichloroethene (TCE) and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (cis-1,2-DCE) also observed



Well ID	Date Sampled	Depth Sampled (ft bgs)	PCE (µg/L)	TCE (µg/L)	cis-1,2-DCE (µg/L)	Vinyl Chloride (µg/L)
MVH-9s	8/26/20	100	670	<4.75	6.53	<5.85
MVH-3	8/26/20	40	273	8.74	5.09	<2.34
AWQS:			5	5	70	2

In Situ Microcosm Study

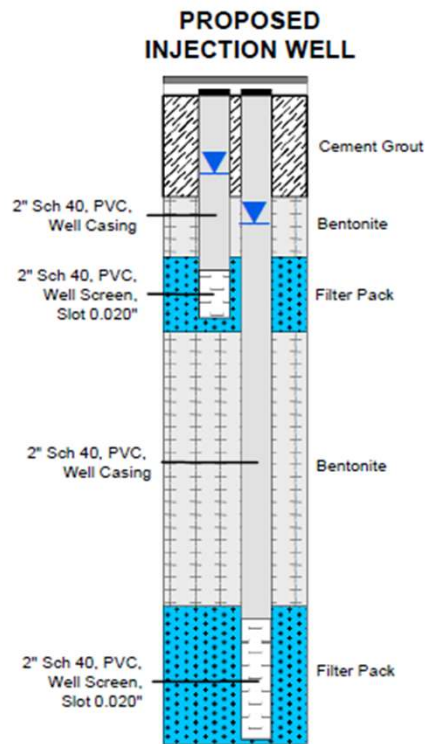


Review of *In Situ* Microcosm Results

Well ID	ISM Unit Type	Percent Reduction/Increase in Chemical of Concern			Relative Amount of VC and Ethene Produced (µg/L)	
		PCE	TCE	<i>cis</i> -1,2-DCE	VC	Ethene
MVH-9s	BioStim: EOS PRO	-99.76	-36.84*	+5,504	0.9J	< 1.3
	BioStim: EOS PRO + BioAug: SDC-9	-99.70	-74.74*	+2,962	44.3	12
	BioStim: EOS PRO + BioAug: KB-1	-99.25	-3.16*	+7,067	2.7	< 1.3
	BioStim: Wilclear Plus + BioAug SDC-9	-94.11	+729.47*	+2,932	14.1	6.2
MVH-3	BioStim: Wilclear Plus	-95.09	-85.12	-33.20	< 1.0	< 1.3
	BioStim: Wilclear Plus + BioAug: SDC-9	-73.66	+91.08	+2,926	< 1.0	< 1.3
	BioStim: Wilclear Plus + BioAug: KB-1	-99.99	-93.14	+3,693	7.80	2.4

Notes: J- The reported value is an estimate
 * Percent reduction/increase and change in concentration determined using ½ the method detection limit.

Early Response Action



- ▶ *In Situ* Bioremediation Injection Well Design
- ▶ Two nested injection wells (1S, 2S, 1D, 2D)
- ▶ Drilled using Sonic methodologies
- ▶ Depth specific hydropunch samples to determine vertical contaminant profiles
- ▶ Target screen intervals within shallow and intermediate aquifers
- ▶ 2-inch diameter wells
- ▶ SCH 40 PVC well casing and screen
- ▶ 0.060" mill slots with 6-9 filter pack

Clean Water Injection Test

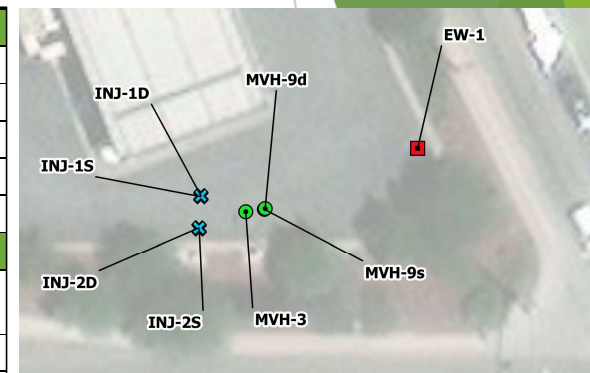
- ▶ Hydrogeology of this area was a very tight formation
- ▶ INJ-1S
 - ▶ Thin clay layers and silty sand
 - ▶ Screened 27 to 47 ft bgs
 - ▶ <1.67 gpm
 - ▶ Drawdown 0.47 ft/min
- ▶ INJ-2S
 - ▶ Gravel and poorly graded sand with silt
 - ▶ Screened 27 to 42 ft bgs
 - ▶ <1.67 gpm
 - ▶ Drawdown 0.84 ft/min
- ▶ INJ-1D
 - ▶ Sandy silt
 - ▶ Screened 90 to 150 ft bgs
 - ▶ 1 gpm for 15 min then 0.33 gpm
 - ▶ Drawdown 3.74 ft/min
- ▶ INJ-2D
 - ▶ Silty sand with clay
 - ▶ Screened 90 to 150 ft bgs
 - ▶ 1 gpm for 15 min then 0.45 to 0.2 gpm
 - ▶ Drawdown 3.88 ft/min



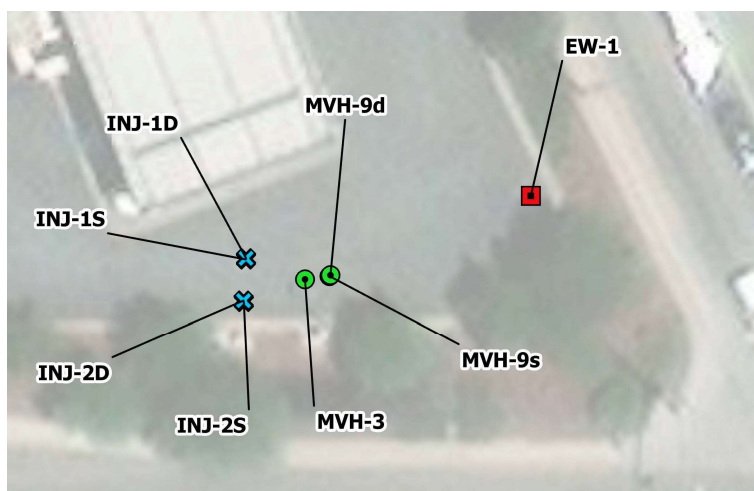
Injection Well Design Parameters

Aquifer / Well Parameter	Value
Radius of Influence	~7.5 feet
Screen Length Impact	20 feet
Porosity (n_e)	10%
Pore Volume per Injection Well	2,644 gallons
Target Pore Volume 30% of Total Pore Volume per Injection Well*	793 gallons
Amendments Per Injection Well	Quantity
EOS QR	280 pounds (27 gallons)
Estimated Total Organic Carbon (TOC) Post-Injection**	4,950 mg/L
BAC-9 also referred to as SDC-9 Dose	2 liters
Sodium Bicarbonate	14 pounds
Sodium Ascorbate	6 pounds
Sodium or Potassium Bromide	5 pounds
Dilution Water and Chase Water per Injection Well	Quantity
EOS QR (27 gallons) and Dilution Water (270 gallons)	297 gallons
Anaerobic Chase Water	497 gallons
Anaerobic Chase Water post BAC-9/SDC-9 Injection	25 gallons
Total Volume of Injected Material per Well:	819 gallons
Total Volume EISB Amendments and Water (4 Wells):	3,276 gallons

Notes: * = Total volume recommended is 30% of total pore volume and this percent is based on more than 20 years of experience of injecting this type of carbon substrate into the groundwater in similar lithologic conditions.
 ** = TOC calculated by mass of EOS QR (in mg) times 0.39 mg carbon content by weight divided by pore volume in liters.

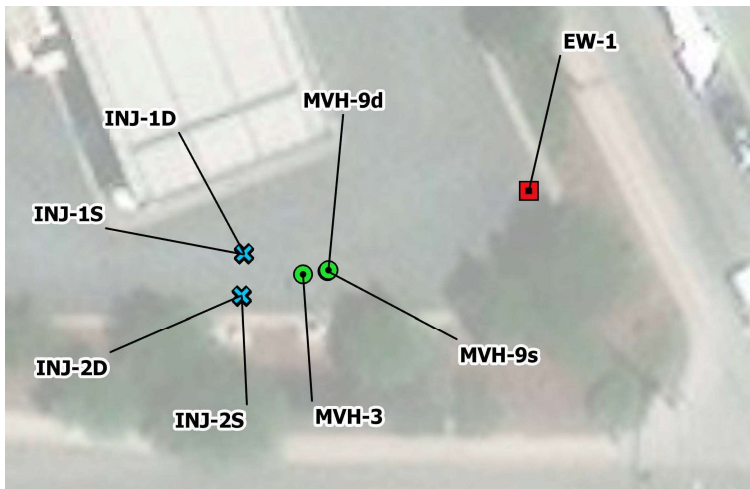


Groundwater Field Parameters in ISB Wells



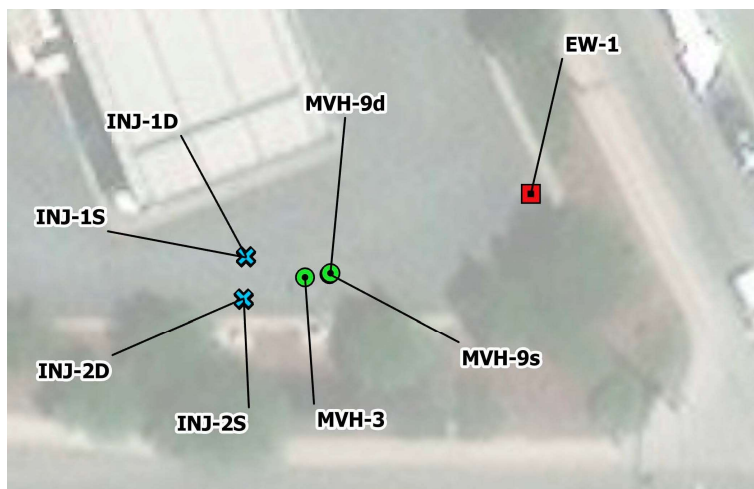
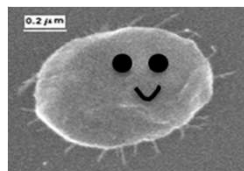
Sample ID	Sample Date	Ferrous Iron (mg/L)	Temp. (°C)	ORP (mV)	DO (mg/L)	pH (SU)	Specific Conductance (µS/cm)
MVH-3	02/07/24	0.50	15.96	76.8	5.36	6.37	362
MVH-3	03/20/24	0.00	15.17	3.2	4.07	7.94	1,169
MVH-3	04/18/24	+++	19.6	28.2	1.00	5.18	1,680
MVH-3	12/11/24	2.54	17.50	-67.3	1.34	5.17	1,680
MVH-9S	02/08/24	0.31	15.16	-26.2	6.25	7.04	392
MVH-9S	03/20/24	---	16.24	62.9	1.53	8.07	390
MVH-9S	04/18/24	+++	15.9	-152.8	1.32	5.66	1,166
MVH-9S	12/12/24	2.13	15.10	-221.9	0.70	6.58	966
INJ-1D	02/06/24	0.32	16.2	-162.4	3.51	9.75	308
INJ-1D	04/18/24	NM	18.9	-171.3	0.61	6.56	4,050
INJ-1D	12/11/24	0.66	13.10	-106.4	1.55	6.49	3,771
INJ-1S	02/06/24	0.36	14.84	-152.8	3.20	9.57	481
INJ-1S	04/18/24	+++	19.00	-163.7	1.16	6.17	3,978
INJ-1S	12/11/24	3.14	17.40	-116.0	0.77	6.43	4,463
INJ-2S	02/06/24	0.26	15.72	-145.0	4.20	9.57	232
INJ-2S	04/18/24	0.96	19.0	-210.1	0.93	7.57	1,312
INJ-2S	12/10/24	2.17	15.50	-140.8	0.79	6.94	3,006
INJ-2D	02/06/24	0.18	14.51	-152.1	4.19	9.73	230
INJ-2D	04/18/24	+++	19.9	-188.3	0.73	6.44	5,729
INJ-2D	12/10/24	0.00	15.60	-166.3	0.51	6.19	10,713
EW-1	12/12/24	0.19	18.70	-105.4	1.35	7.54	347

Pre and Post Geochemical Data in ISB Wells



Sample ID	Sample Date	Bromide	Chloride	Nitrate	Sulfate	Total Organic Carbon	Methane	Ethane	Ethene
		(milligrams per liter)					(micrograms per liter)		
MVH-3	02/06/24	0.857 J	20.9	2.45 J	22.5	2.14	24.0	<4.07	<4.26
MVH-3	03/20/24	146	19.6	0.949 J	15.7 J	2,520	57.8	<4.07	<4.26
MVH-3	04/18/24	162	12.6	<0.048	94.8	2,750	67.3	<4.07	5.70 J
MVH-3	12/11/24	71.4 J	<54.7	<8.84	<63.7	929	8,610	<3.40	77.7
MVH-9S	02/07/24	1.1	40.2	8.04 J	17.4	0.943 J	<2.91	<4.07	<4.26
MVH-9S	03/20/24	0.818 J	38.0	7.25	16.0	0.882 J	<2.91	<4.07	<4.26
MVH-9S	04/18/24	23.4	33.0	0.0619 J	14.6 J	626	3,330	<4.07	<4.26
MVH-9S	12/12/24	6.64	43.3	<0.0884	<0.637	44.3	48,000	32.4	12.2 J
INJ-1S	04/18/24	142	13.9	<0.048	86.7	1,800	12,500	<4.07	75.7
INJ-1S	12/11/24	111	9.63 J	<0.884	<6.37	1,280	18,100	<3.40	6.29 J
INJ-1D	04/18/24	117	19.7	<0.048	57.3	491	6,420	<4.07	<4.26
INJ-1D	12/11/24	166	10.8	<0.884	<6.37	1,120	34,800	<3.40	<3.40
INJ-2S	04/18/24	35.9	18.4	0.228 J	23.1	232	9,230	<4.07	23.3
INJ-2S	12/10/24	50.2	30.9	<0.0884	<0.637	35.8	22,500	<3.40	<3.40
INJ-2D	04/18/24	439	35.4	<0.48	236	3,950	8,420	<4.07	8.68 J
INJ-2D	12/10/24	332	9.87	<0.0884	<0.637	5,980	41,000 M3	<3.40	30.0
EW-1	09/17/24	1.62	13.1	0.871	6.12	0.877 J	<5.10	<3.40	<3.40
EW-1	12/12/24	<0.68	13.3	0.984	6.31	<0.495	690	<3.40	<3.40

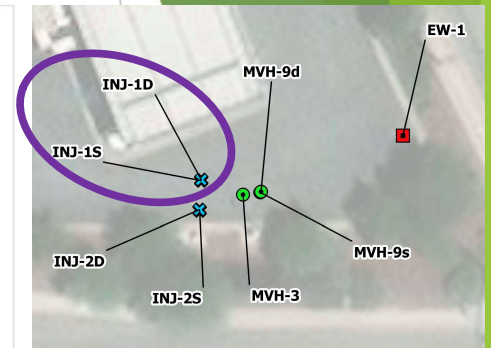
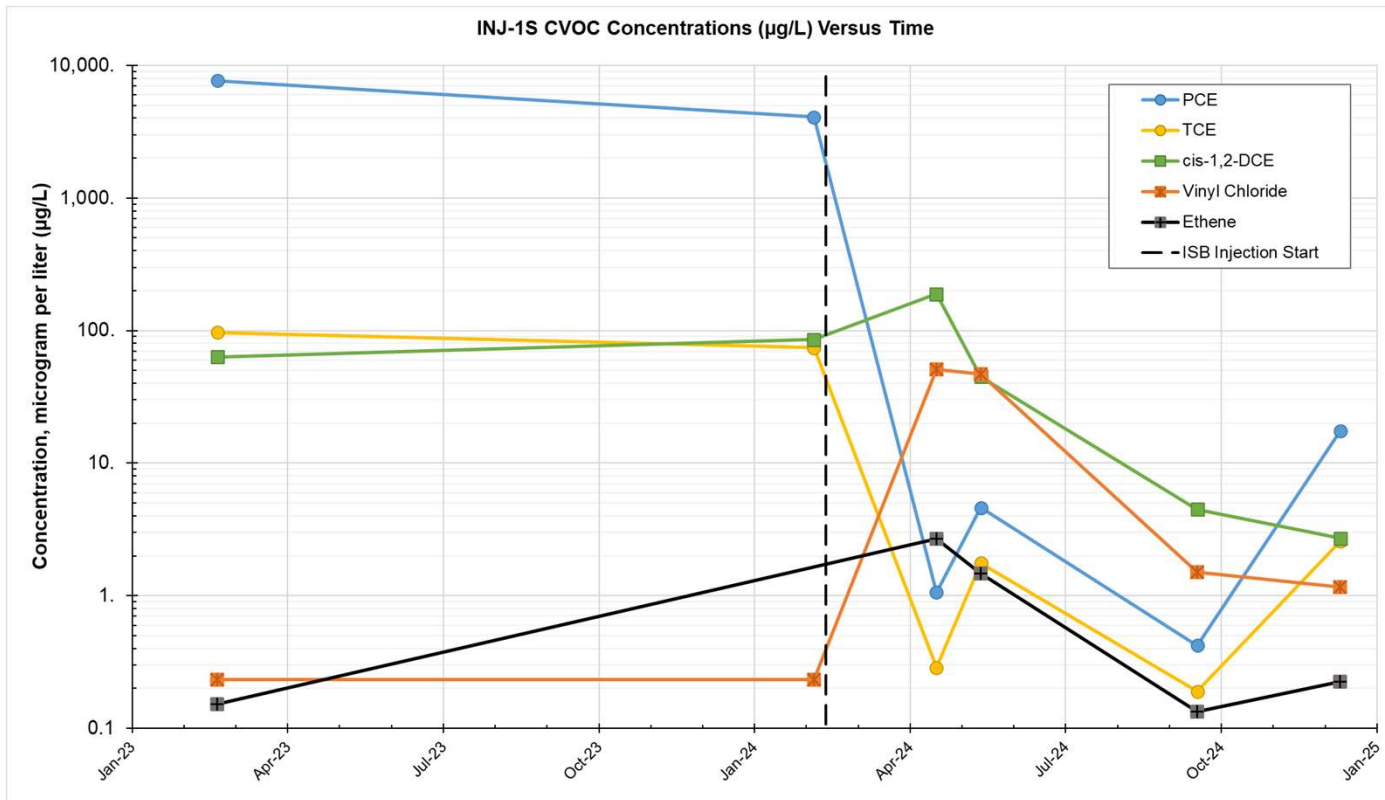
Pre and Post Microbial Data in ISB Wells



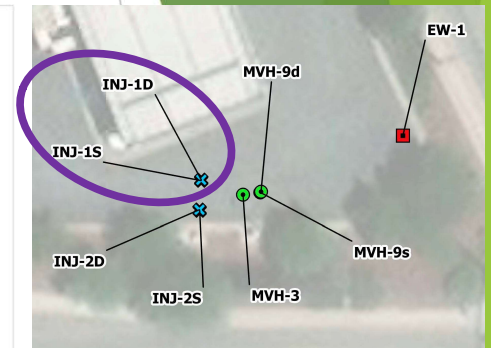
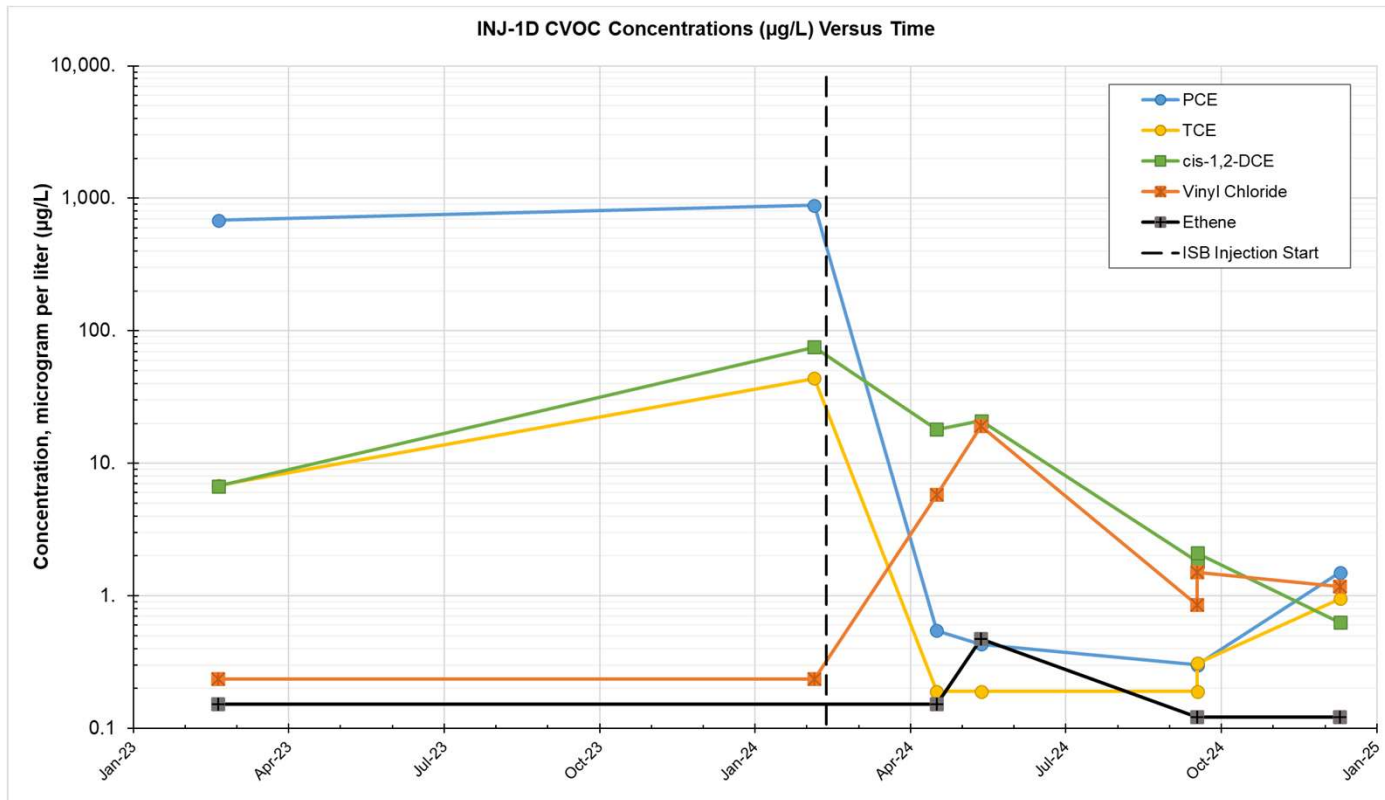
Sample ID	Sample Date	<i>Dehalococoides</i> (DHC)	tceA Reductase (TCE)	BAV1 Vinyl Chloride Reductase (BVC)	Vinyl Chloride Reductase (VCR)
MVH-3	02/06/24	5.50E+00	0.20 J	5.00E-01	2.50E+00
MVH-3	03/20/24	6.60E+01	2.30E+01	5.80E-01	1.40E+01
MVH-3	04/18/24	1.60E+01	2.10E+00	<0.13	3.70E-01
MVH-3	12/11/24	7.10E+01	2.30E+01	1.20E+01	2.30E+01
MVH-9S	02/07/24	4.80E+00	<0.66	<0.66	1.70E+00
MVH-9S	03/20/24	1.10E+01	2.30E+00	<0.25	2.70E+00
MVH-9S	04/18/24	3.20E+01	1.10E+00	7.80E-01	6.70E+00
MVH-9S	12/12/24	1.10E+04	3.20E+03	3.10E+02	3.10E+03
INJ-1S	04/18/24	2.00E+03	3.00E+02	<0.13	5.10E+02
INJ-1S	12/11/24	2.20E+03	6.90E+02	<5.00E-01	7.50E+02
INJ-1D	04/18/24	2.00E+03	2.70E+02	<0.13	4.60E+02
INJ-1D	12/11/24	2.20E+02	9.60E+01	<5.00E-01	9.50E+01
INJ-2S	04/18/24	1.60E+04	2.40E+03	<0.13	4.50E+03
INJ-2S	12/10/24	1.30E+04	4.20E+03	<2.50E-01	4.10E+03
INJ-2D	04/18/24	3.10E+04	4.70E+03	<0.13	7.20E+03
INJ-2D	12/10/24	7.10E+03	1.10E+03	<5.00E-01	9.30E+02
EW-1	09/17/24	1.10E+00	<0.25	<0.25	<0.25
EW-1	12/12/24	9.10E+00	3.00E+00	<5.00E-01	3.40E+00

All results reported in cells per milliliter (cells/mL).

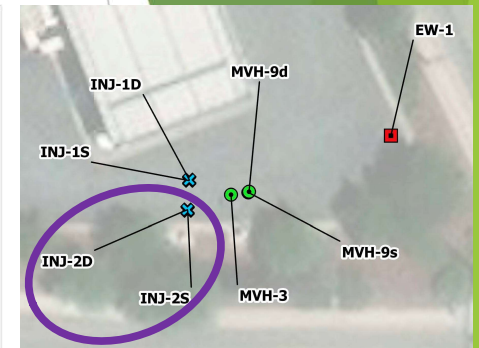
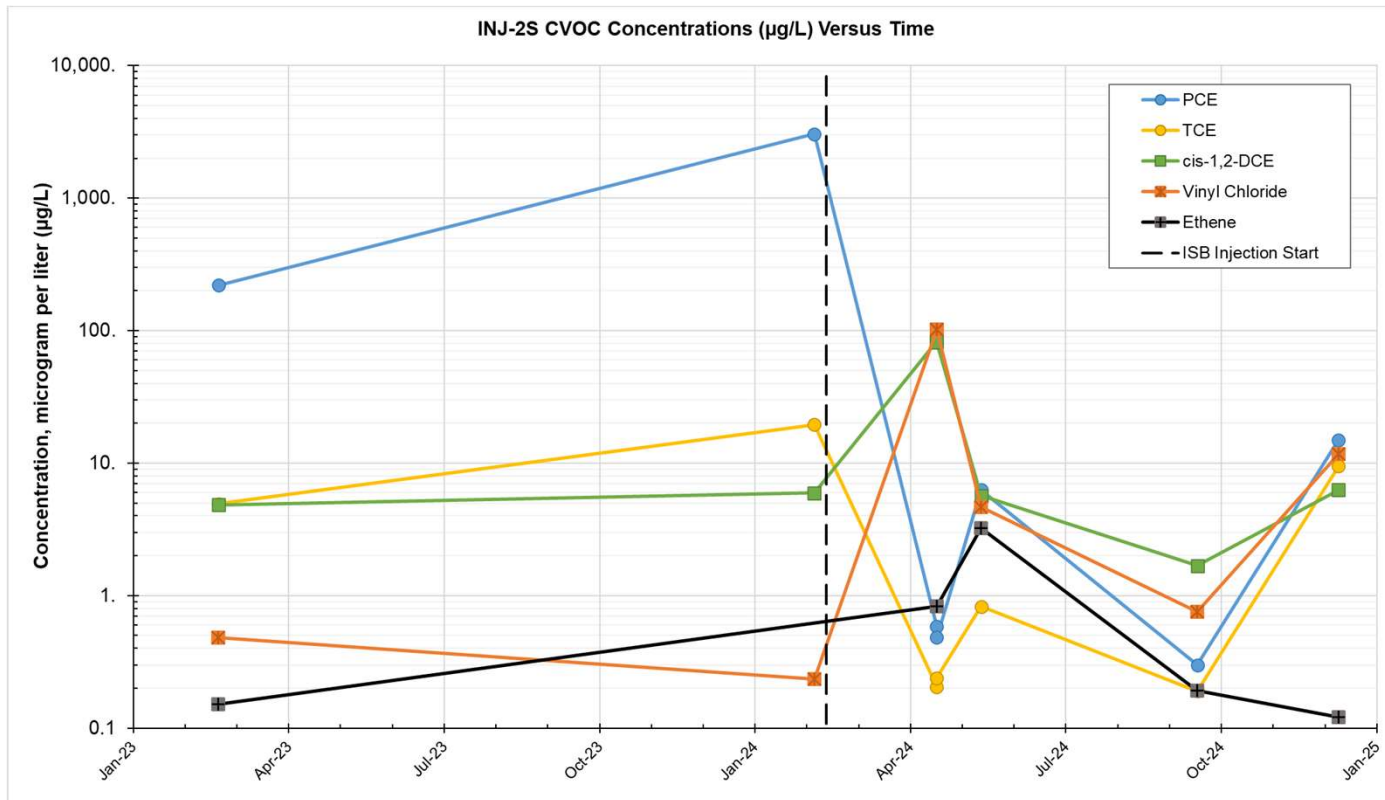
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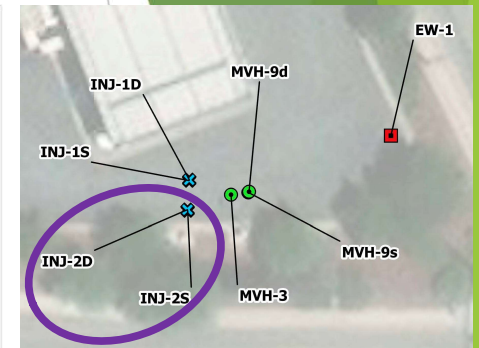
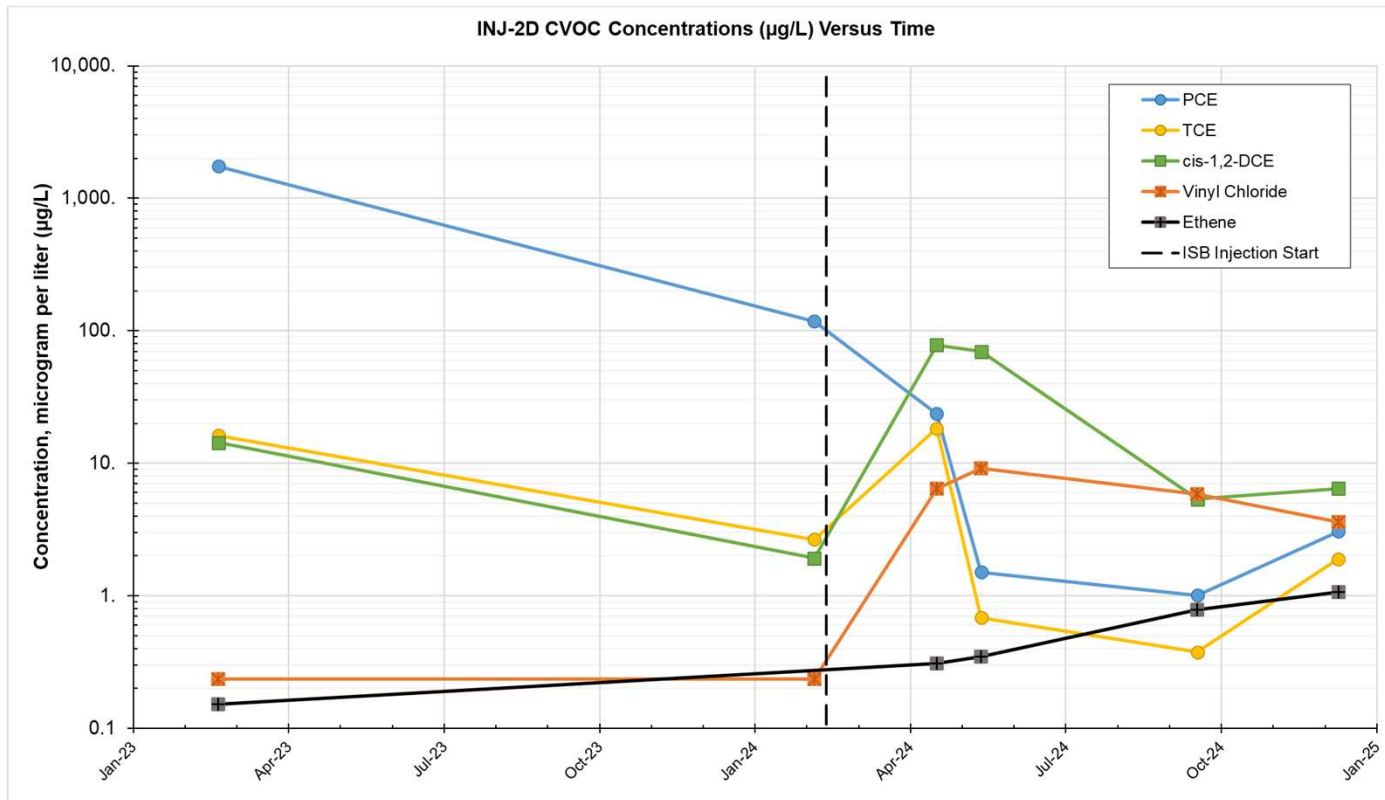
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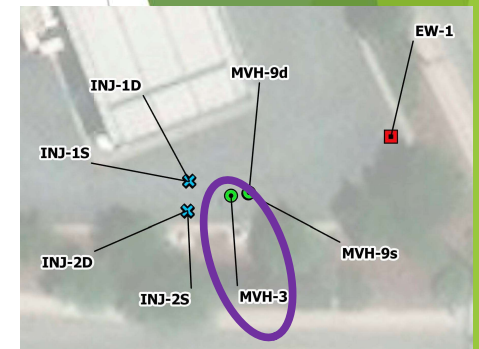
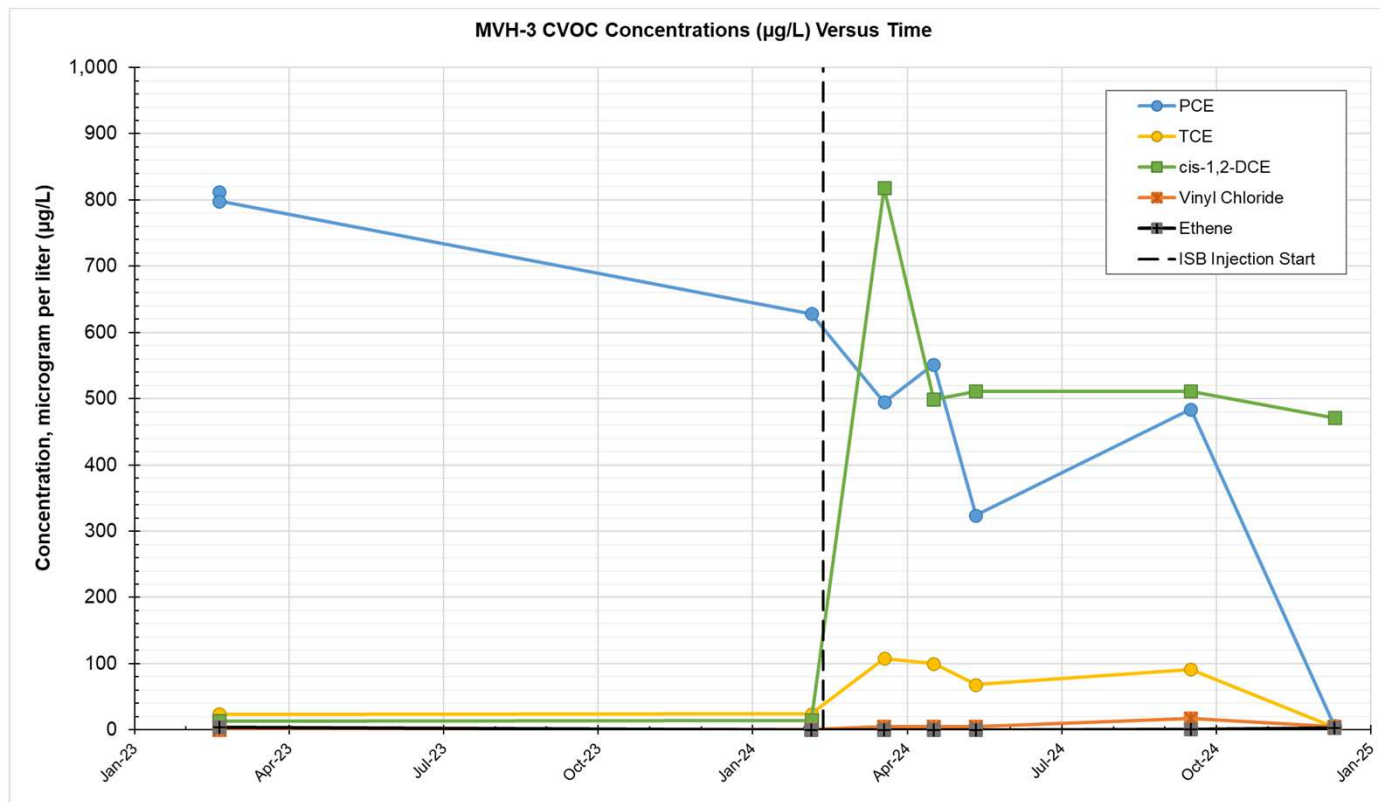
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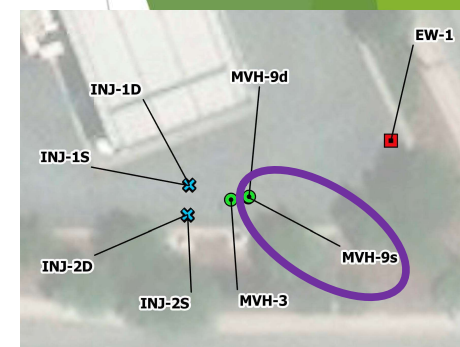
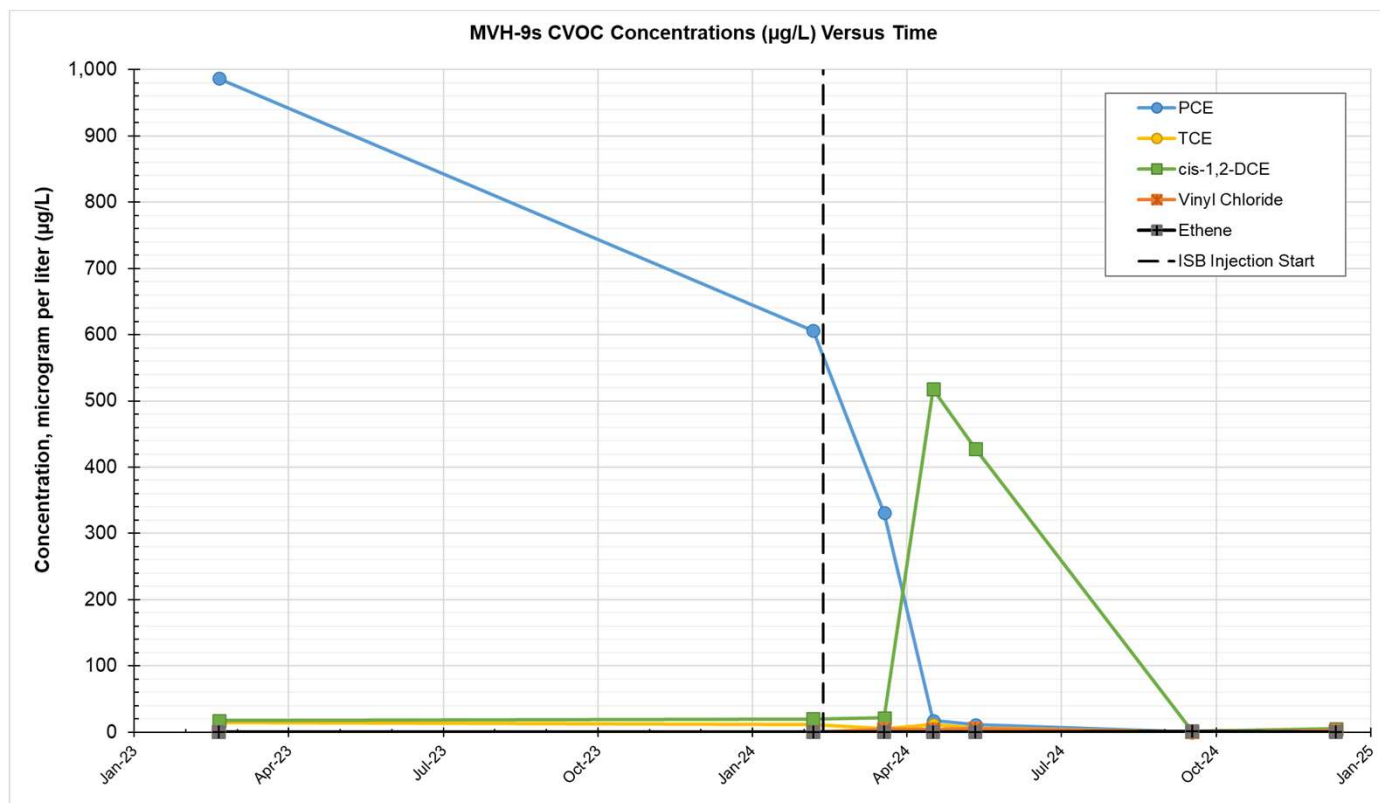
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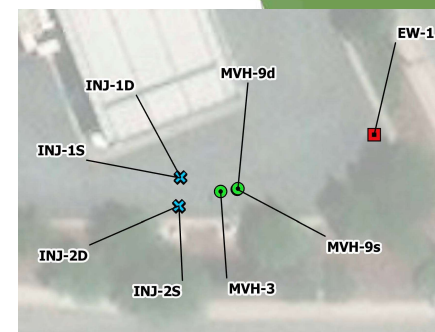
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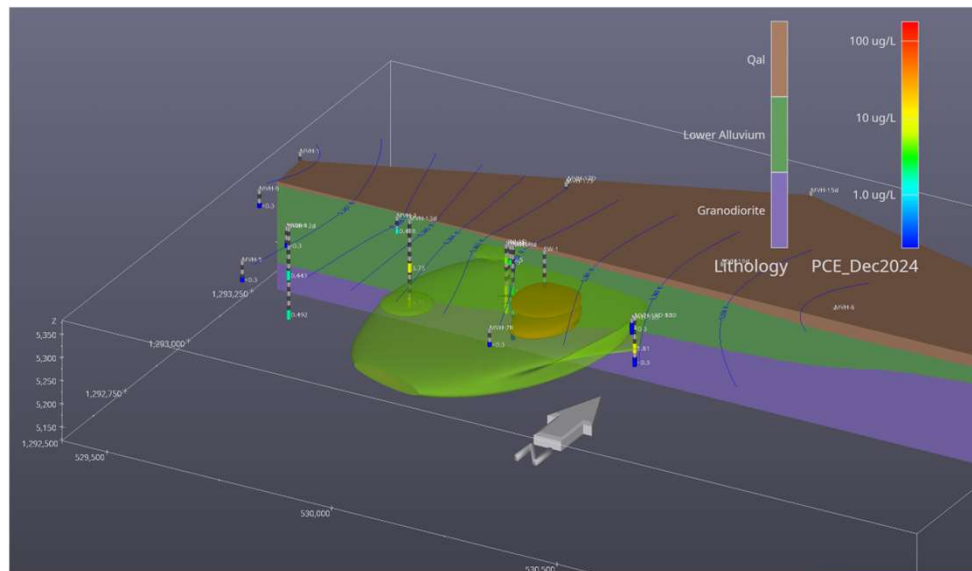
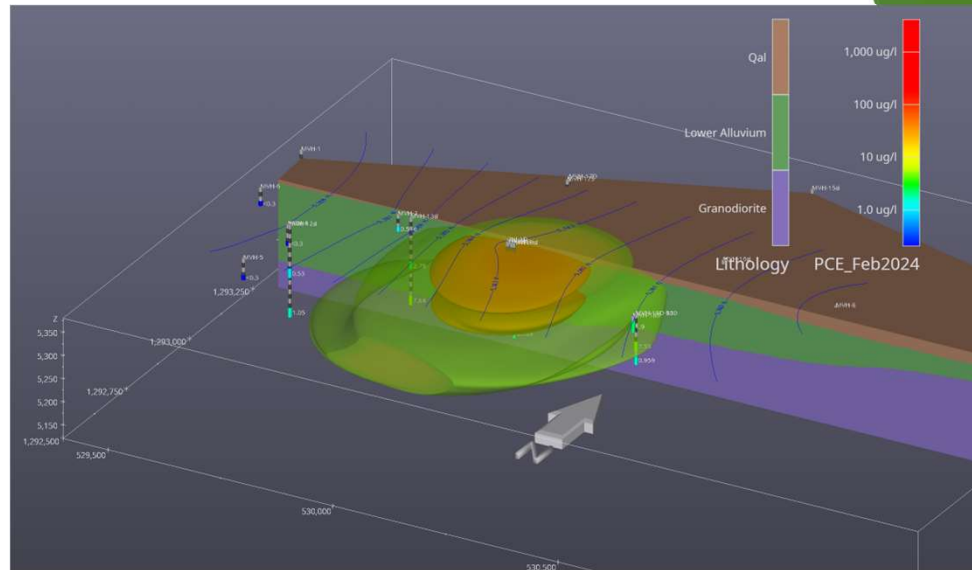


Percent Change



Sample ID	Sample Date	PCE		TCE		cis-1,2-DCE		Vinyl Chloride		Ethene	
		Concentration	% Change	Concentration	% Change	Concentration	% Change	Concentration	% Change	Concentration	% Change
AWQS		5.0		5.0		70		2.0		NE	
MVH-3	02/06/24	628		24.3		14.7		0.687 J		<4.26	
MVH-3	12/11/24	<6.00	-99.0%	<3.80	-84.4%	471	3104%	<4.68	581%	77.7	1724%
MVH-9s	02/07/24	606		12.0		20.2		<0.234		<4.26	
MVH-9s	12/12/24	0.652 J	-99.9%	0.443 J	-96.3%	5.08	-74.9%	2.12	806%	12.2 J	186%
INJ-1S	02/06/24	4,080		74.1 J		85.8		<0.234		<4.26*	
INJ-1S	12/11/24	17.5	-99.6%	2.57 J	-96.5%	2.72 J	-96.8%	<1.17	--	6.29 J	47.7%
INJ-1D	02/06/24	883		43.7 J		75.5		<0.234		<4.26*	
INJ-1D	12/11/24	<1.50	-99.8%	<0.950	-97.8%	<0.630	-99.2%	<1.17	--	<3.40	--
INJ-2S	02/06/24	3,050		19.5 J		5.96		<0.234		<4.26*	
INJ-2S	12/10/24	<15.0	-99.5%	<9.50	-51.3%	<6.30	5.70%	<11.7	--	<3.40	--
INJ-2D	02/06/24	118		2.66 J		1.92		<0.234		<4.26*	
INJ-2D	12/10/24	3.07 J	-97.4%	<1.90	-28.6%	6.46 J	236%	3.59 J	1434%	30	604%

PCE Plume February 2024 and December 2024



Summary

- ▶ ISM study: enhanced anaerobic bioremediation is an appropriate remedial approach
- ▶ Clean water test: aquifers displayed low permeability.
 - ▶ Changed from slow-release carbon substrate to quick-release soluble substrate
- ▶ Bromide and TOC results: injected carbon substrate impacted downgradient monitor wells.
- ▶ Increase in *Dehalococcoides* observed in all wells
- ▶ PCE reduction more than 97%, two to three orders of magnitude.
- ▶ Significant increases in TCE and cis-1,2-DCE observed as parent compounds were biodegraded.
- ▶ Continue to monitor and evaluate need for additional amendments
- ▶ Further evaluation of ISB using EVS



Questions?



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