Ground Water Contamination

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V = - K dh/dlQ = - KA dh/dl



Aquifer Systems



Flow & Transport Processes



- Physical Transport:
 - Advection
 - Diffusion and dispersion
 - Interphase transfer (e.g., volatilization)
- Transformation (i.e., reactions)
 - Chemical (e.g., oxidation)
 - Biological (e.g., biodegradation)
 - Interphase transfer (e.g., adsorption)
- Applications:
 - Characterization
 - Remediation

Sources of Contamination



- Natural (e.g., iron leaching)
- Nonpoint sources (e.g. agriculture and runoff)
- Waste disposal
 - Landfills
 - Burials and Dumps
 - Surface impoundments,
 - Injection Wells
- Spills, Leaks and other
 - Industrial facilities
 - Storage tanks and pipes

Areas of Industrial Contamination



- Surface soils
- Subsurface soils
- Shallow ground water
- Deep ground water
- Vapors above water table
- Drinking water wells
 - **Receiving streams/lakes**

Contamination of Ground Water



DNAPL Our Most Difficult Challenge



- DNAPL source
- Residual phase
- Trapped on lenses
- Pools in low areas
- Creates soluble plumes for years
- Extremely hard to remediate

Typical DNAPL Spill Zone



Typical Leaking UST - BTEX



Typical Industrial Site

- Buried fuel tanks
- Above ground chem tanks
- Ponds and Impoundments
- Buried drums (older)
- Landfill area (hidden)
- Waste process area
- Receiving streams/lakes
- Nearby residential area





Typical Contaminated Site



Objectives of a Field Site Study

Monitoring Well Location

• Evaluate:

Contour Lines

- Surface soils
- Subsurface soils
- Shallow ground water
- Deep ground water
- Vapors in subsurface
- Drinking water wells
- Receiving streams/lakes









Contaminant Properties Needs

Chlorinated Solvents

Name	Structure	Uses and Other Sources
Trichloromethane (chloroform)	CI CI — C — CI H	Liquid used in manufacture of anesthetics, pharmaceuticals, fluorocarbon refrigerants and plasics. Used as solvent and insecticide. Formed from methane when chlorinating drinking water.
Vinyl chloride (chloroethene)	H C = C H H CI	Gas used in the manufacture of polyvinyl chloride. End product of microbial degradation of chlorinated ethenes.
Chloroethane	H H C C C C CI H H	Liquid used to manufacture tetraethyl lead. Degradation product of chlorinated ethanes.
1,2-Dichloroethane	H H CI — C — C — CI H H	Liquid used to manufacture vinyl chloride. Degradation product of trichloroethane.

Chlorinated Solvents (con't)

Name	Structure	Uses and Other Sources
Trichloroethene (Trichloroethylene)		Solvent used in dry cleaning and meta degreasing. Organic synthesis. Degradation product of tetrachloroethene.
Tetrachloroethene (perchloroethene) (perchloroethylene)	CI	Solvent used in dry cleaning and meta degreasing. Used to remove soot from industrial boilers. Used in manufacture of paint removers and printing inks.
1,2-Dibromo-3-chloropropan (DBCP)	Br Br Cl e H—C—C—C—H H H H	Soil fumigant to kill nematodes. Intermediate in organic synthesis.
o-Dichlorobenzene (1,2-dichlorobenzene)	CI	Chemical intermediate. Solvent. Fumigant and insecticide. Used for industrial odor control. Found in sewage form odor control chemicals

used in toilets.

BTEX-Related Compounds

