

Solutions for Complex Sites: Combining In Situ Stabilization/Solidification & In Situ Chemical Oxidation



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Canadian Company founded in 1988

- Production and warehouses throughout Canada
 - Quebec
 - Ontario
 - Alberta
 - British Columbia
- Sectors of activity:
 - · Industrial and Municipal Potable & Waste Water
 - · Contaminated Soil and Groundwater
 - Air, Odours and Atmospheric Emissions (Activated Carbon, filtering medias)
 - Process Water & Thermal Exchange Fluids (Glycols)
 - Drilling Fluids (Oil and Gas & Diamond exploration)
 - Aircraft De-icing Fluids







Typical site remediation technique Dig & Haul Pump & Treat Soil Vapour Extraction under vacuum with or without air/steam injection Chemical Oxidation In Situ//Ex Situ Chemical Reduction In Situ//Ex Situ Monitored Natural Attenuation Enhanced Bioremediation Risk Analysis Stabilization /Solidification Soil Washing Phytoremediation Reactive Barriers Thermal degradation/desorption

✓ Activated Carbon Sorption Technology

In Situ Solidification-Stabilization (ISS)

- Contaminant <u>immobilization or mass flux</u> <u>reduction</u> (used for metals and organic leachable species)
- Stabilization Decreases the <u>hydraulic</u> <u>conductivity</u> of soils
- Solidification Compressive soil strength influenced by type and dose of reagents
- Applied via soil mixing/blending

ISS is commonly used to <u>immobilize</u> highly contaminated petroleum hydrocarbon sites (MGP sites, etc)



In Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO)

- In situ chemical oxidation (ISCO)
 - Powerful <u>destructive</u> remedial technology
 - Applied via injection, recirculation, backfill amendment, and <u>soil</u> <u>mixing</u>

ISCO works by <u>establishing</u> <u>contact</u> between a <u>sufficient</u> <u>mass of activated</u> <u>persulfate</u> and the mass of contaminant

- Alkaline activated persulfate
 - Thousands of successful applications
 - Oxidative and reductive destructive pathways
 - Complex comingled plumes
 - Minimized corrosivity on carbon steel equipment & underground infrastructure
 - Little to no heat or gas evolution



ISCO apply with Soil Mixing

- ISCO with Soil Mixing
 - Establishes contact
 - More rapid treatment
 - Homogenizes soil and contaminant
 - Minimizes impact of heterogeneity
 - Low permeable soil
- Some sites have reported very soft soils post soil mixing



Courtesy of Bill Lang

EVOLUTION - ISS and ISCO

• ISCO

- Benefits of some ISS
- ISS
 - Benefits of Klozur persulfate
- Combined Remedy
 - ISCO combined with ISS





Remedial Objective - Where to Use ISS and ISCO

- Source zones
 - Very highly contaminated sites (NAPL)
 - Petroleum hydrocarbon (MGP, etc.)
 - cVOC

• To create hydraulic barriers

- Lower hydraulic conductivities observed in ISS with ISCO rather than ISS alone
- Soil mixing application strategy
- Enhanced Site soil characteristics
- Balance contaminant destruction, solidification, and post application

Technological Synergies of ISCO and ISS

Combining ISCO and ISS can make each technology better

ISCO benefits:

- 1. Alkalinity from ISS reagents can be used to activate Klozur SP
- 2. Soils can have their geotechnical characteristics enhanced with low amounts of ISS reagents

ISS benefits:

- 3. Contaminant destruction by ISCO can enhance stabilization from ISS
 - Helps the cementitious process
 - Less contaminant to immobilize = lower leachate concentrations
- 4. Less overall mass of reagents results in less excess soil generation
- 5. Better balance between hydraulic conductivity and compressive soil strength

Contaminant destruction and immobilization in single soil mixing application (combined remedy)

6. Saving project time and overall cost

ISCO Benefits – Alkaline activation

ISS reagents

- Portland cement (~65% CaO)
- Calcium hydroxide [Ca(OH)₂]
- Calcium oxide (CaO)
- Fly Ash (Class C & F)
- Blast furnace slag
- Lime kiln dust
- Cement kiln dust
- Pozzolans
- Bentonite

Common ISS reagents can activate Klozur SP

Activated Klozur persulfate reagents

- Klozur Sodium Persulfate (oxidant)
- Klozur Potassium Persulfate (oxidant)
- Alkaline activation*. One (or more) of the following:
 - 25% NaOH (typical for injections)
 - Calcium hydroxide [Ca(OH)₂]
 - Calcium oxide (CaO)
- Heat activation
 - CaO upon hydration releases heat

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Case Study 1 - Turtle Bayou

• ISCO and ISS are already being combined at several sites

- 2008 Turtle Bayou (URS-AECOM)
 - COCs: BTEX, cVOCs and PAHs
 - Klozur SP, hydrated lime, and Portland cement
 760,000 lbs Klozur SP
 - Met remedial goals
 - ISCO: 84% to 97% treatment
 - ISS: Stabilized soils

Lesson Learned : Chemical compatibility with reagents, and benefits of alkaline activated persulfate

Wiley and Block, (2010) D-021, "Chemical Oxidation Using Sodium Persulfate at a Superfund Site in Texas," Seventh International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds, Monterey, CA

ISCO Benefits from ISS Soil Strength

- ISCO applied with soil mixing and no ISS reagents may not have desirable post application soil characteristics
 - Low levels of ISS reagents can enhanced post application soil characteristics
 - Site specific (approximately 0.5 to 1.5% Portland cement)

General Relationship between Soil Consistency and Unconfined Compressive Strength								
	Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS) Ranges							
Consistency	psi		kPa (KN/m ²)					
	Low	High	Low	High				
Very soft	0	3	0	24				
Soft	3	7	24	48				
Medium	7	14	48	96				
Stiff	14	28	96	192				
Very Stiff	28	56	192	383				
Hard	>56		>383					

Typical target range for "workable" soils 20-50 psi

Case Study 2 - Combining ISS and ISCO

Srivastava et al (2016), J. Environ Chem. Engineering, 4, 2857-2864

- · Highly contaminated soils
 - >36,900 mg/Kg TPH
 - ~6,800 mg/Kg BTEX
 - ~13,400 mg/Kg Naphthalene (Nap)
 - ~16,900 mg/Kg 17 PAHs (not including Nap)
- Klozur SP: Portland Cement (PC) ratio (1:2 w/w)
 - <u>CaO in PC facilitates persulfate activation</u>
- ISCO:
 - · Persulfate underdosed for complete treatment of TPH
 - Preferential treatment of soluble contaminants





ISS Benefits: Leachate Concentrations

Contaminant leachate reduction

- Greater reduction in leachate concentrations with Klozur SP and Portland cement than Portland cement only
- ISCO preferentially reduced more soluble contaminants
- Portland cement alone only preferentially reduced leachate concentrations of larger, less soluble compounds



SPLP (synthetic precipitation leaching procedure)

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Optimizing Ratio of Reagents

- ISCO and ISS reagents can be combined for their mutual benefit
- The ratio of reagents can adjusted to achieve site specific remedial goals





Case Study 3 - Application Strategy

Different reagent blends can be used at the same site

Example:

- Highly contaminated center
 - Stabilize: ISS, or ISS (with ISCO)
 - Treat and stabilize: ISCO with ISS
- Less contaminated outer ring:
 - ISS is balanced with ISCO to maximize reduction in hydraulic conductivity to create a hydraulic barrier



Can be used as alternative to sheet piling

Salinity Parameters Aquifer Impact (Persulfate Alkaline Activation with Hydrated Lime)

	Parameters (All unit in mg/l other than for SAR – no unit)	Blank	Alkaline (Hydrated Lime) Activated Sodium Persulfate	Alkaline (Hydrated Lime) Activated Potassium Persulfate	Alkaline (Hydrated Lime) Activated Ammonium Persulfate	
	SAR	4.1	82	0.37	0.47	
	Calcium	96	770	1300	850	
	Magnesium	11	5.8	4.6	91	
>	Sodium	160	8400	48	54	
	Potassium	7.8	15	9000	42	
	Sulfate	410	19 000	13 000	4300	





Summary

- Blends of ISCO and ISS using soil mixing can be a powerful combined remedy
 - Degrades the contaminant
 - Reduces contaminant flux
 - Controls post-application geotechnical characteristics of a site

• Has been found to be lower cost alternative

- Less Excess soil displaced, less mixing/handling
- Combined remedy in a single application

• Technology synergies:

- 1. Shared alkaline sources
- 2. Contaminant degradation by ISCO can reduce leachate (SPLP) concentrations
- 3. ISCO can oxidize organics interfering with the cementitious process resulting in lower hydraulic conductivities if dosed appropriately
- 4. Control over post soil mixing application soil characteristics

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