

Site Sees PCE Concentrations Reduced Tenfold, While Eliminating Other Contaminants

Newterra supplies a dynamic ozone generating system for a 2-phase pilot program and full-scale remedial operation.

Market Served: Remediation Application: Remediation Technology Location: California (USA) Challenge: Soil Contamination Solution/Service: Mobile Ozone Sparge Unit

Summary

An Interim Remedial Action Plan (*IRAP*) was submitted to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (*LARWQCB*) for the remediation of a facility in Northridge, California. Primary volatile organic carbon (*VOC*) contamination consisted of tetrachloroethene (*PCE*), 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA), 1,1-dichloroethene (*1,1-DCE*), and trichloroethene (TCE). Soil lithology in the contamination zone consists mostly of a silt/clay and a silt/sand and a plume volume of approximately 8,000,000 gallons.



The Solution

Brown and Caldwell (*BC*) requested the services of Newterra to supply an ozone generating system for a 2-phase pilot program and full scale remedial operation. Two test injection wells were set at 75 feet below ground level (*fbg*) were used to determine the theoretical zone of influence (*ZOI*) during a 45 hour test and effective VOC removal rates over a period of 90 days. A single point injection system was installed for each test which utilized Newterra's Mobile Ozone Sparge Unit, MOSU20-104, delivering up to 5.47 lbs. per day of ozone at 6% purity.

The Results

Based on analytical results of DO and ORP, the ZOI was determined to be approximately 15 feet. Concentrations of PCE were decreased from a historical high by over a factor of 10. All other key VOC contaminants decreased to levels below analytical detection limits.



Project Snapshot

Existing Conditions: For the initial treatment phase, soil vapor extraction was chosen as the sole remediation method. Time proved this application had minimal effect on contaminant reduction.

Newterra Solution: Brown and Caldwell (BC) requested the services of Newterra to supply an ozone generating system for a 2-phase pilot program and full scale remedial operation. Full scale remedial activities began in April 2009. Concentrations of PCE were decreased from a historical high by over a factor of 10. All other key VOC contaminants decreased to levels below analytical detection limits.

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