

Concepts and Difficulties of Electro-assisted Groundwater Bioremediation

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Abstract

for the use of electro-assisted bioremediation technologies. Although its viability has been proven in lab tests, many of the underlying mechanisms and deciding elements. In Europe, there isn't a single, all-inclusive source for information on remedial activities. The needed data must be compiled from several sources, keeping in mind that quantitative data are not always comparable to one another. This means that the country-based depiction of projects and technologies is frequently unrepresentative. A fraction of the current cleanup initiatives or technology applications are only seldom mentioned, therefore the information that is available is frequently incomplete. In nearly every site, the contamination causes a plume of contaminated groundwater to develop. A containment and/or cleanup mechanism for the plume is required to stop the contamination from reaching potential targets (such as drinking water wells). Activated carbon adsorption and air stripping are the two physical-chemical processes that are typically used to treat extracted groundwater in P&T approaches. This is done for a variety of reasons. For the long-term remediation of contaminated sites, in situ bioremediation is a very promising and economical technology. It may also offer hope for the long-term management of contaminated sediments. Microorganisms are applicable to an increasing variety of contaminants and contamination scenarios due to their wide metabolic diversity. However, applying in situ bioremediation at a particular site is "knowledge-intensive" and necessitates a thorough comprehension. As a function of runoff and deposition, contaminated sediments serve as the environment's last dumping ground for pollutants. Because sediment contamination in rivers, lakes, and harbours is so widespread, they represent long-term sources of environmental toxins and a threat to the security of the environment in Europe and its partner nations.

Conclusion

Despite the many different types of groundwater contamination,

electrochemical methods can easily increase microbial power, as has been demonstrated in several laboratory studies. Fortunately, nature already has a microorganism-based solution in place. Consequently, electro-assisted bioremediation is a viable approach for treating contaminated groundwater. The lack of understanding of the microbiology in such systems limits its field application, though.

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