# APPENDIX K

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# Laboratory Biotreatability Study to Evaluate Anaerobic Remediation of Benzene and Chlorobenzene in Groundwater

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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

%	percent
°C	degrees Celsius
°C/min	degrees Celsius per minute
µg/L	micrograms per liter
μL	microliter
abcA	benzene carboxylase
СВ	chlorobenzene
CO <sub>2</sub>	carbon dioxide
DAP	diammonium phosphate
drsA	dissimilatory sulfate reductase A
FID	flame ionization detector
g	grams
GC	gas chromatograph
gene copies/L	gene copies per liter
Geosyntec	Geosyntec Consultants Inc.
IC	ion chromatograph
ISA	ionic strength adjustment
mg/L	milligrams per liter
min	minutes
mL	milliliter
mL/min	milliliters per minute
mM	millimolar
mmol/bottle	millimoles per bottle
mV	millivolts
NRBC	nitrate reducing benzene culture
ORP	oxidation-reduction potential
ORP	oxidative-reduction potential
psi	pounds per square inch
QL	quantitation limit
qPCR	quantitative polymerase chain reaction
RPM	revolutions per minute
rRNA	ribosomal ribonucleic acid
SIREM	SiREM Laboratory
SRB	sulfate reducing bacteria
the Site	Brunswick site
VFA	volatile fatty acid
VOC	volatile organic compound
VOCs	volatile organic compounds



### 1. INTRODUCTION

Geosyntec Consultants Inc., (Geosyntec) retained SiREM Laboratory (SiREM) to perform a laboratory treatability study to evaluate the degradation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the deep zone of upper surficial aquifer at the Brunswick site in Georgia (the Site). The purpose of the study was to assess the potential for anaerobic biodegradation of the target compounds, namely benzene and chlorobenzene (CB).

The groundwater was collected from MW-29D on 28 February 2020 by Geosyntec personnel and received by SiREM on 4 March 2020 at a temperature of 9 degrees Celsius (°C). The geologic material labelled TSB-02\_MW29D (78-80', 80-82', 84-86', 86-88') was collected on 4 March 2020 by Geosyntec personnel and received by SiREM on 12 March 2020 at a temperature of 4 °C. Refer to Appendix A for the chain of custody documentation received with the materials.

The remainder of this report contains a summary of key biodegradation processes (Section 1.1), the experimental materials and methods (Section 2), the results and discussion of the microcosm study (Section 3), conclusions (Section 4) and report references (Section 5).

### 1.1 Summary of Biodegradation Processes

Benzene and chlorobenzene compounds can be biologically degraded under a variety of aerobic and anaerobic conditions (Wiedemeier *et al.* 1995). Under aerobic conditions the compounds are oxidized using atmospheric oxygen and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is produced. Under anaerobic conditions, natural attenuation processes can occur in situ and are often mediated by indigenous microbial populations present at sites containing benzene. Benzene can act as an electron donor for nitrate-reducing, iron-reducing, sulfate reducing, or methanogenic bacteria (Figure 1). In the process benzene is oxidized via anaerobic pathways to carbon dioxide (Ulrich *et al.*, 2005). Enhanced biological remediation can in certain cases be achieved by stimulating the indigenous microbial populations through the addition of electron acceptors, such as nitrate.

Named in honour of anaerobic hydrocarbon degradation pioneer Dunja Grbić-Galić, DGG-B<sup>TM</sup> is an anaerobic mixed microbial consortium capable of degrading benzene. This mixed culture originated as an enrichment from a diverse natural microbial community chronically exposed to hydrocarbons (Nales *et al.*, 1998), and has been maintained by the University of Toronto and SiREM for over 20 years (Burland and Edwards, 1999; Ulrich and Edwards, 2003; Mancini *et al.*, 2008; Luo *et al.*, 2016). Benzene is added as the sole carbon source and can couple hydrocarbon degradation to sulfate reduction, or fermentative (methanogenic) metabolism.

The DGG-B<sup>™</sup> culture, grown fermentatively on benzene, has consistently been dominated by four microorganisms for more than 15 years (Ulrich and Edwards, 2003; Mancini *et al.*, 2008; Luo *et al.*, 2016). Benzene fermentation is first catalysed by a *Deltaproteobacteria* designated ORM2 (Luo *et al.*, 2016), which typically comprises 14-32 percent (%) of the total microbial community composition at a concentration of 10<sup>7</sup>-10<sup>8</sup> gene copies per liter (gene copies/L). The other organisms in the cultures are predominantly methanogens.



A research culture from the University of Toronto referred to as the nitrate reducing benzene culture (NRBC) was also tested in this study. This culture has similarly been maintained on benzene under nitrate reducing conditions for over 15 years at the University of Toronto (Burland and Edwards, 1999).

### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The following sections describe the materials and methods used for microcosm construction and incubation (Section 2.1), and microcosm sampling and analysis (Section 2.2).

### 2.1 Microcosm Construction and Incubation

2.1.1 Microcosm Construction

Treatability microcosms were constructed in a disposable anaerobic glove bag containing the Site groundwater and geologic materials and all the materials required to construct the treatment and control microcosms. The glove bag was purged with nitrogen gas in order to create an anaerobic environment and to protect any microorganisms present in the site materials from oxygen exposure. Prior to microcosm construction, all of the Site geologic materials were thoroughly homogenized by hand.

Microcosms were constructed on 26 March 2020 (Day -25) by filling sterile 250 millilitre (mL) (nominal volume) screw cap Boston round clear glass bottles (Systems Plus, New Hamburg, ON) with 200 mL of Site groundwater and 60 grams (g) of geologic material. The DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented treatment was added to the scope of the study and was set up using the spare bottles constructed on 26 March 2020 (Day -25). The DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented treatment microcosms have a different Time 0 date (9 July 2020) than the rest of the study. The microcosms were capped with Mininert<sup>™</sup> closures to allow repetitive sampling with minimal VOC loss. All treatment and control microcosms were constructed in triplicate. Table 1 summarizes the details of microcosm construction and the amendments used for the control and treatment microcosms.

Anaerobic sterile control microcosms were constructed to quantify potential abiotic and experimental volatile losses from the microcosms. The sterile controls were constructed by autoclaving the Site geologic materials at 121 °C and 15 pounds per square inch (psi) pressure for 45 to 60 minutes (min). After autoclaving, the sterile control microcosms were returned to the anaerobic chamber, filled with 200 mL of Site groundwater and amended with mercuric chloride and sodium azide as described in Table 1.

### 2.1.2 Microcosm Amendments and Incubation

All microcosms were sampled and incubated in an anaerobic chamber (Coy Laboratory Products, Grass Lake, MI) filled with an atmosphere of approximately 80% nitrogen, 10% CO<sub>2</sub> and 10% hydrogen (Linde Gases, Guelph, ON). Hydrogen in the anaerobic chamber functions to scavenge trace oxygen via a palladium catalyst. Anaerobic conditions in the anaerobic chamber were verified using an indicator containing resazurin (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) in a mineral medium, which turns pink in the presence of oxygen. During quiescent incubation, all microcosms were covered



to minimize photodegradation, and stored horizontally to minimize volatile losses via the (submerged) Mininert<sup>™</sup> closure. Microcosms were incubated for a period of up to 192 days for the main study and 112 days for the additional DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented treatment microcosms at approximately 22°C (room temperature).

The initial benzene and chlorobenzene concentrations in the microcosms were 0.34 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and <0.020 mg/L respectively. Geosyntec confirmed that these concentrations were not representative of the Site conditions, therefore on 30 March 2020 (Day -19) the microcosms were spiked with benzene and chlorobenzene to target final concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively. Due to higher than targeted CB concentration, the microcosms were purged to remove the benzene and chlorobenzene and re-spiked on 20 April 2020 (Day 0) to the targeted concentrations. The DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented microcosms were spiked with benzene and chlorobenzene and chlorobenze

In this study, nitrate was selected as the electron acceptor to be evaluated. Nitrate was provided in the form of sodium nitrate (BioShop Canada Inc., Burlington, ON). In one treatment nitrate amendment was tested in combination with NRBC (nitrate reducing culture) bioaugmentation. In another treatment nitrate amendment was tested in combination with nutrient amendment using diammonium phosphate (DAP) (BioShop Canada Inc., Burlington, ON) to potentially stimulate intrinsic nitrate reducing bacteria.

On 31 March 2020 (Day -20), Nitrate Amended microcosms were amended with sodium nitrate and Nitrate and DAP Amended microcosms were amended with sodium nitrate and diammonium phosphate. In consultation with Geosyntec, it was decided to target a nitrate concentration of 300 mg/L (as nitrogen) and a DAP concentration of 20 mg/L. The measured nitrate concentration was approximately 1,300 mg/L instead of the targeted 300 mg/L.

Bioaugmentation may improve the extent and rate of benzene and chlorobenzene degradation. Microcosms are typically bioaugmented after reducing conditions required by the DGG-B<sup>™</sup>/NRBC cultures are achieved. Suitable reducing conditions are assessed qualitatively by both changes in the resazurin indicator colour (from pink to clear), the onset of sulfate reduction, and observing negative oxidation reduction potential (ORP). Negative ORP measurements were observed on 20 April 2020 (Day 0) in the intrinsic control. Although sulfate reduction had not been confirmed, it was concluded (in consultation with Geosyntec) that these results indicated reducing conditions had been established. Therefore, microcosms in the NRBC bioaugmented treatment were bioaugmented with NCBC culture on 29 May 2020 (Day 39) and microcosms in the DGG-B<sup>™</sup> bioaugmented treatment were bioaugmented with DGG-B<sup>™</sup> on 10 July 2020 (Day 1). Details of the bioaugmentation are provided in Table 1.

The first microcosm of each treatment and control was amended with resazurin (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) to monitor redox conditions. Resazurin turns from pink to clear in the absence of oxygen and can be used to indicate the on-set of reducing conditions. Details of amendments are provided in Table 1 and Table 2.



### 2.2 Microcosm Sampling and Analysis

### 2.2.1 Microcosm Sampling Schedules

The sampling frequency for all parameters was determined in consultation with Geosyntec based on anticipated microbial activity. The microcosms were sampled using gas-tight 250  $\mu$ L Hamilton glass syringes. Syringes were cleaned with acidified water (pH ~2) and rinsed 10 times with deionized water between samples to ensure that the VOCs and microorganisms were not transferred between different samples or treatments.

VOC, pH, ORP, and anion samples were collected the microcosms. Samples for ammonia were prepared from the Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented microcosms as well as the Nitrate and DAP Amended microcosms. Samples for ammonia were prepared using a 5 mL plastic syringe (Fisher Scientific, Toronto).

### 2.2.2 Analysis of BTEX Compounds

This section describes the methods used to quantify the BTEX compounds. The quantitation limits (QL) for BTEX compounds are 10 micrograms per liter ( $\mu$ g/L) in the microcosms based on the sample dilution factor used and the lowest concentration standards that are included in the linear calibration trend.

Aqueous BTEX concentrations in the microcosms are measured using an Agilent 7890 gas chromatograph (GC) equipped with an Agilent G1888 headspace autosampler programmed to heat each sample vial to 75 °C for 45 min prior to headspace injection into a GSQ Plot column (0.53 millimeters x 30 meters, J&W) with a flame ionization detector (FID). Sample vials are heated to ensure that all VOCs in the aqueous sample partition into the headspace. The injector temperature was 200 °C, and the detector temperature was 250 °C. The oven temperature was programmed as follows: 35 °C for 2 min, increased to 100 °C at 30 degrees Celsius per minute (°C/min), then increased to 185 °C at 25 °C/min and held at 185 °C for 7 min and then increased to 225 °C at 25 °C/min and held at 225 °C for 10 min. The helium carrier gas was set to flow at a rate of 30 milliliters per minute (mL/min).

After withdrawing a sample (as described in Section 2.2.1) from the microcosms, the sample was injected into a 10 mL auto sampler vial containing acidified deionized water (pH ~2). The sample volume was added to the vial containing acidified deionized water to bring the total volume up to 6 mL. The water was acidified to inhibit microbial activity between microcosm sampling and GC analysis. The vial was sealed with an inert Teflon<sup>™</sup>-lined septum and aluminum crimp cap for automated injection of 3 mL of headspace onto the GC. One BTEX standard was analyzed with each set of samples to verify the instrument five-point calibration curve using methanolic stock solutions containing known concentrations of the target analytes. Calibration was performed using external standards purchased as standard solutions (Sigma, St Louis, Missouri), where known volumes of standard solutions were added to acidified water in auto sampler vials and analyzed as described above for microcosm samples. Data were integrated using ChemStation Software (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, California).



### 2.2.3 Analysis of Anions

Anion and total volatile fatty acids (VFA) analysis were performed by SIREM on a Thermo-Fisher ICS-2100 ion chromatograph (IC) equipped with a Thermo-Fisher AS-DV autosampler and an AS18 column, the sample loop volume was 25  $\mu$ L. An isocratic separation was performed using 33 millimolar (mM) reagent grade sodium hydroxide eluent generator cartridge (Thermo Scientific, Burlington, ON) eluent for 13 min. One standard was analysed with each set of samples tested in order to verify the seven-point calibration using external standards of known concentrations. External standards were prepared gravimetrically using chemicals of the highest purity available (Sigma St Louis, MO or Bioshop, Burlington, ON). Data were integrated using Chromeleon 7<sup>®</sup> Chromatography software (Thermo-Fisher, Burlington, ON). The QLs were as follows: 0.07 mg/L total volatile fatty acid (VFA), 0.07 mg/L chloride, 0.09 mg/L nitrite, 0.09 mg/L nitrate, 0.07 mg/L sulfate, 0.07 mg/L phosphate and 0.08 mg/L bromide. The total VFA value includes lactate, formate, acetate, propionate, pyruvate and butyrate (valerate has not been confirmed).

A 0.5 mL sample was withdrawn (as described in section 2.2.1), after which the sample was placed in a 1.5 mL micro-centrifuge tube. Samples were centrifuged for five minutes at 13,000 revolutions per minute (RPM) to remove solids. The supernatant was removed, diluted 50-fold in deionized water and placed in a Thermo-Fisher autosampler vial with a cap that filters the sample during automated injection onto the IC.

### 2.2.4 Analysis of ORP

Oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) measurements were performed using an Omega PHH-127 Multi-Parameter Water Quality Monitor with ORP Probe (Omega, Laval, QC). A 1.5 mL sample was taken (as described in section 2.2.1) and placed in a 5 mL Thermo-Fisher vial. The ORP was measured on the lab bench immediately after sampling. A single point calibration of the meter was performed at each sampling event with Zobell ORP calibration solution (YSI Incorporated, Yellow Springs, OH).

### 2.2.5 Analysis of pH

The pH measurements were performed by SIREM using an Oakton pH spear with a combination pH electrode (Oakton, Vernon Hills, IL). A 0.5 mL sample was taken (as described in section 2.2.1), the vial was removed from the glove box and the pH was measured on the lab bench. The pH spear was calibrated at each sampling event according to the manufacturer's instructions using pH 4.0, 7.0 and 10 standards.

### 2.2.6 Gene-Trac® Testing

Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) testing was performed in this study to quantify and characterize sulfate reducing bacteria (SRB), ORM2, and *Peptococcaceae* microorganisms as well as the functional gene for anaerobic benzene carboxylase. SRB facilitate the reduction of sulfate to sulfide and are well known to promote the degradation of various petroleum hydrocarbons. The Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> SRB test targets the *drsA* gene. ORM2 are benzene





degrading specialists and facilitate the oxidation of benzene to carbon dioxide. The Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> ORM2 tests quantify the total ORM2 by targeting the 16S ribosomal ribonucleic acid (rRNA) gene. *Peptococcaceae* (now known more specifically as *Thermincola*) degrades benzene in the presence of nitrate. The functional gene anaerobic benzene carboxylase (abcA) is involved in the cleavage of the aromatic benzene ring.

Samples for Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> analysis were collected from a sacrificial microcosm at the beginning of the study (30 March 2020), the Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented treatment on 19 June 2020 (Day 60) and at the end of the study from the Intrinsic control and all treatments. Samples for Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> analysis were prepared by removing a 5 mL sample from triplicate microcosms of each treatment to create a 15 mL composite sample.

2.2.7 Analysis of Ammonia

Ammonia analysis was completed using a HACH HQ30d meter with a HACH Intellical<sup>™</sup> Ammonia probe. A 3 mL sample was removed with a 5 mL plastic syringe and diluted to 25 mL. The solution was then amended with a HACH Ammonia ionic strength adjustment (ISA) powder pillow. After dissolving the ISA powder, the probe was inserted into solution and the ammonia concentration determined. The probe was calibrated against a 3-point calibration curve prepared from HACH standards at every sampling event according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Ammonia in water is either un-ionized ammonia or the ammonium ion. Typically, the value reported from analysis is the sum of both forms and is reported as total ammonia as nitrogen (ammonia-N). Ammonia-N is concentration of ammonia and ammonium present in a sample reported as the concentration of nitrogen in the sample that is from ammonia and ammonium. To convert from ammonia to ammonia-N, the concentration, in mg/L, is divided by the molar mass of ammonia and multiplied by the molar mass of nitrogen. The detection limit for ammonia analysis is 0.5 mg/L.

### 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The following sections present and discuss the results of the biotreatability study:

- Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> Results (Section 3.1),
- Redox processes (Section 3.2),
- VOC Biodegradation Results (Section 3.3)

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 provide VOC, methane, anion, pH, ORP, Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup>, and half-life data. All VOC and DHG concentrations are presented in units of mg/L and millimoles per microcosm bottle (mmol/bottle) to demonstrate mass balances on a molar basis. Concentrations were converted from mg/L to mmol/bottle using Henry's Law as demonstrated in Appendix B. Anion concentrations are reported in mg/L. ORP is reported in millivolts (mV). Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> data is reported in gene copies/L. VOC half-life data is reported in days. Figures 3-7 present trends in



the concentrations of VOCs in the control and treatment microcosms over the incubation period. Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> reports are provided in Appendix C.

### 3.1 Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> Results

The Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> results from the microcosm groundwater are presented in Table 5. Baseline samples had very low or non-detect concentrations of ORM, dsrA, *Peptococcaceae* and abcA. On Day 60 (June 19, 2002) At Day 60, ORM2 and SRB were detected at  $10^4$  gene copies/L except in the Nitrate and DAP amended microcosms where the SRB increased from an estimated value of  $4 \times 10^3$  to  $2 \times 10^7$  *dsrA* (dissimilatory sulfate reductase A) gene copies/L. *Peptococcaceae* and benzene carboxylase (*abcA*) were not detected. These results suggest that at Day 60 indigenous nitrate reducing benzene degrading organisms may have been stimulated by the addition of DAP in combination with the higher than targeted nitrate (1,300 mg/L instead of 300 mg/L).

Endpoint samples were taken from the microcosms on November 12, 2020. No increases in biomarker targets were observed. SRB decreased to non-detect (10<sup>4</sup> dsrA Gene-copies/L) from the increased counts observed at Day 60. This may be due to initial trace sulfate being consumed and then in the absence of any additional sulfate, the SRB populations decline due to lack of their preferred electron acceptor.

These results may also suggest that low concentrations of indigenous sulfate SRB were present and potentially benzene degrading organisms may be present.

### 3.2 Redox Processes

The presence of electron donors, including benzene and other organic compounds, and electron acceptors (i.e., nitrate), typically stimulates microbial activity that promotes increasingly reduced conditions in groundwater.

The sequence of redox reactions in groundwater is well known (Appelo and Postma, 1994). Oxygen is first consumed, followed by nitrate (denitrification), iron, manganese, and sulfate reduction producing sulfides. The final step is  $CO_2$  reduction producing methane (methanogenesis). The consumption of each species in sequence indicates that conditions are becoming increasingly reducing. Benzene degrades readily under aerobic conditions and can also be degraded anaerobically in the range of nitrate reducing to methanogenic conditions.

Nitrate decreased from 1,344 mg/L (calculated as nitrate) to 1,132 mg/L in the Nitrate Amended/NRBC bioaugmented treatment and from 1,327 mg/L to 1,217 mg/L in the Nitrate and DAP amended treatment (Table 3). Ammonia increased in the Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented treatment from 0.18 mg/L to 3.86 mg/L by the end of the incubation period and decreased from 3.35 mg/L to 1.29 mg/L in the Nitrate and DAP Amended treatment. Sulfate concentrations in the both the Nitrate Amended/NRBC and Nitrate and DAP Amended treatments remained relatively stable during the incubation period (Table 3).





These results indicate that the reducing conditions necessary for anaerobic benzene degradation to occur were slowly being established over the 192-day incubation period of the study in both the nitrate amended treatments and that following bioaugmentation with NRBC.

For the DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented treatment, nitrate at the start of the study was <0.07 mg/L and sulfate decreased from 16 mg/L on Day 22 to <0.07 mg/L on Day 50 (Table 3). These results suggest that the reducing conditions required for anaerobic benzene degradation were promoted with bioaugmentation with DGG-B<sup>™</sup>.

### 3.3 VOC Biodegradation Results

### 3.3.1 Half Lives

Laboratory half-lives were calculated based on the average dechlorination observed in the treatment microcosms. First order reaction kinetics was assumed for all calculations as described in Newell *et al*, 2002. The half-lives were calculated using the following relationship:

$$Half - life = \frac{\ln(2)}{\left[\frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_2}{C_1}\right)}{t_2 - t_1}\right]}$$

where,

 $C_1$  is the concentration at first time ( $t_1$  days)

 $C_2$  is the concentration at second time ( $t_2$  days)

Half-lives were not calculated if net degradation of the compound was not detected during the study period (Table 6).

### 3.3.2 VOC Biodegradation Results

All VOC results discussed in this section are presented in Table 2 and Figures 3-7. Half-life data are presented in Table 6.

Benzene concentrations remained stable in both the Sterile Control and the Intrinsic Control resulting in long half-lives of 3,991 and 1,218 days respectively (Figures 3 and 4, Table 6). Chlorobenzene concentrations in the Sterile Control remained stable (no half-life was calculated) and for the Intrinsic Control, the chlorobenzene half-life was 2,062 days (Table 6).

In the Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented treatment, benzene remained stable in replicate 1 and replicate 3 while replicate 2 decreased from 2.1 mg/L on Day 0 to <0.020 mg/L by Day 102 resulting in an average benzene half-life of 328 days (Figure 5, Table 2). Chlorobenzene decreased from 1.0 mg/L to 0.72 mg/L by the end of the incubation period resulting in a half-life





of 409 days. The greatest decrease in benzene was measured in replicate 3 that decreased to 0.78 mg/L from a starting concentration of 1.6 mg/L.

In the Nitrate and DAP Amended treatment the benzene and chlorobenzene concentrations remained stable and no half-lives could be calculated (Figure 6, Table 2).

In the DGG-B<sup>™</sup> treatment, benzene decreased from 2.9 mg/L to 2.3 mg/L and chlorobenzene decreased from 0.88 to 0.82 mg/L resulting in half-lives of 596 days and 1,857 days respectively (Figure 7 and Table 2).

These results suggest that nitrate and DAP amendments did not stimulate intrinsic degradation of benzene or chlorobenzene over the incubation period of the study. NRBC bioaugmentation, with addition of nitrate, increased benzene and chlorobenzene degradation rates. It is expected that with a longer incubation period (at least 1 year in total) that additional degradation of the key compounds may occur. DGG-B<sup>™</sup> bioaugmentation was evaluated over a shorter incubation period (112 days) and this time period may not have been long enough to evaluate its effects.

### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The study was conducted with a primary objective to assess the potential for anaerobic degradation of benzene and chlorobenzene using nitrate amendment and nutrient amendment. Bioaugmentation with NRBC and DGG-B<sup>™</sup> was added to the scope midway through the study. The laboratory biotreatability study results suggest the following conclusions:

- 1. Biomarkers for known benzene degrading organisms were not detected in the baseline Site groundwater. Sulfate reducing bacteria were detected and may indicate that potential benzene degrading populations could be present, albeit at low concentrations, at the Site.
- 2. Benzene degradation was beginning to occur in the DGG-B<sup>™</sup> treatment at Day 112, the shorter incubation period many have not been long enough to allow benzene degradation activity to get fully established.
- 3. Although benzene degradation was observed in one replicate of triplicate microcosms in the Nitrate Amended/NRBC treatment, additional incubation and benzene degradation in all 3 replicates would need to be confirmed.
- 4. Chlorobenzene degradation may be occurring in the Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented treatment, but additional incubation time is needed to confirm this trend.

The results of this study indicate that nitrate and nutrient amendment alone may not be capable of stimulating degradation of benzene via nitrate reduction under the specific conditions studied and incubation period. Evaluation of the impact of bioaugmentation would benefit from a longer incubation period using DGG-B<sup>™</sup> and NRBC.





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TABLES



#### TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSM CONTROLS, TREATMENTS AND AMENDMENTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

Treatment/Control	Assigned Microcosm Number	Number of Microcosms	Geological Material (g)	Groundwater (mL)	Headspace (mL)	Sodium Azide	Mercuric Chloride	Benzene and Chlorobenzene	Resazurin	Bioaugmentation	Nitrate	DAP			
Anaerobic Sterile Control	13 to 15	3	60	200	20	Amended with 0.5 mL of a 5% solution on Day -25.	Amended with 2.8 mL of a 2.7% solution on Day -25.	Spiked with 190 µL of saturated benzene and 345 µL of saturated		-	-	-			
Intrinsic Control	16 to 18	3	60	200	20		-		Spiked with 190 µL of saturated benzene and 345 µL of saturated	Spiked with 190 µL of saturated benzene and 345 µL of saturated	Spiked with 190 µL of saturated benzene and 345 µL of saturate	Spiked with 190 µL of saturated benzene and 345 µL of saturated	Spiked with 190 µL of saturated Amended first replicate	-	-
Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented	19 to 21	3	60	200	20			CB to target final concentrations of 2 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively.	mg/L solution on Day -2	mg/L solution on Day -2.	mg/L solution on Day -2.	mg/L solution on Day -2.	Amended with 8 mL of NRBC on Day 39.	Amend with 600 µL of a 100 g/L	267 uL of a 15 g/L sodium nitrate stock to target 20 mg/L DAP on Day 142.
Nitrate and DAP Amended	22 to 24	3	60	200	20						nitrate concentration of 300 mg/L.	267 uL of a 15 g/L sodium nitrate stock to target 20 mg/L DAP.			
DGG-B <sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented	25-27	3	60	200	20		-	Spiked with 212 µL of saturated benzene and 301 µL of saturated CB to target final concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively.	Amended first replicate with 100 µL of a 1,000 mg/L solution on Day 0.	Amended with 5 mL of DGG-B <sup>**</sup> on Day 0.	-	-			

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Benzene СВ Methane Treatment Date Day Replicate Comments mg/L mg/L mg/L Anaerobic Sterile Control 26-Mar-20 -25 Poisoned with mecuric chloride and sodium azide Amended the first replicate with resazurin. 20-Apr-20 Spiked with benzene and CB to target concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively. 0 ANSC-1 ANSC-2 2.2 2.4 0.91 <0.10 0.84 <0.10 2.4 2.3 2.4E-04 <0.10 <0.10 ND 0.0E+00 ND ANSC-3 1.3 1.0 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 4.4E-04 Average Total mmoles ANSC-1 0.0061 0.0018 11-May-20 <0.10 21 2.6 2.7 1.1 1.0 ANSC-2 < 0.10 ANSC-3 2.6 <0.10 1.4 1.2 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) Average Total mmoles ANSC-1 ND 1.8E-04 0.0069 0.0E+00 ND 3.7E-04 0.0022 19-Jun-20 60 1.9 2.2 <0.10 0.78 ANSC-2 0.73 <0.10 <0.10 ANSC-3 2.2 1.1 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 2.1 3.4E-04 0.0055 0.86 3.5E-04 0.0016 ND 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles ANSC-1 ANSC-2 2.1 2.3 0.88 0.82 <0.10 <0.10 31-Jul-20 102 ANSC-3 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 1.3 1.0 2.5 <0.10 2.3 ND 5.2E-04 5.1E-04 0.0E+00 Average Total mmoles ANSC-1 ANSC-2 0.0018 0.88 0.81 ND <0.10 0.0060 24-Sep-20 157 2.0 2.2 <0.10 ANSC-3 <0.10 ND 2.4 2.2 1.3 0.99 Average Concentration (mg/L) 0.0E+00 ND Standard Deviation (mmoles) 4.3E-04 0.0058 4.5E-04 0.0018 Average Total mmoles 29-Oct-20 192 ANSC-1 2.0 0.89 <0.10 ANSC-2 2.3 0.85 <0.10 ANSC-3 2.4 1.3 <0.10 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 4.8E-04 4.6E-04 0.0018 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles 0.0059 26-Mar-20 -25 20-Apr-20 0 Anaerobic Intrinsic Control Amended the first replicate with resazurin. Spiked with benzene and CB to target concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively. ANIC-1 2.3 0.90 < 0.10 ANIC-2 2.2 0.79 <0.10 <0.10 ANIC-3 2.2 0.9 2.2 1.4E-04 0.0058 ND 0.0E+00 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 0.86 1.1E-04 Average Total mmoles 0.0016

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Treatment	Data	Dav	Boplicato	Benzene	CB	Methane	Commente
Treatment	Date	Day	Replicate	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	Commenta
Anaerobic Intrinsic Control	11-May-20	21	ANIC-1	2.4	0.98	<0.10	
Continued			ANIC-2	2.3	0.89	<0.10	
			ANIC-3	2.4	1.0	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.4	0.97	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	1.9E-04	1.3E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0062	0.0018	ND	
	19-Jun-20	60	ANIC-1	1.9	0.73	<0.10	
			ANIC-2	1.6	0.57	<0.10	
			ANIC-3	2.1	0.80	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	1.9	0.70	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	6.6E-04	2.0E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0049	0.0013	ND	
	31-Jul-20	102	ANIC-1	2.1	0.86	<0.10	
			ANIC-2	1.7	0.66	<0.10	
			ANIC-3	2.3	0.94	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.0	0.82	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	7.6E-04	2.5E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0053	0.0015	ND	
	24-Sep-20	157	ANIC-1	2.0	0.84	<0.10	
			ANIC-2	1.7	0.67	<0.10	
			ANIC-3	2.2	0.92	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.0	0.81	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	7.1E-04	2.4E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0051	0.0015	ND	
	29-Oct-20	192	ANIC-1	2.1	0.86	<0.10	
			ANIC-2	1.6	0.65	<0.10	
			ANIC-3	2.2	0.95	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.0	0.82	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	8.5E-04	2.7E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0052	0.0015	ND	
Nitrate Amended/NRBC	26-Mar-20	-25					Amended the first replicate with resazurin.
Bioaugmented	31-Mar-20	-20					Amended with sodium nitrate to target a final nitrate-N concentration of 300 mg/L.
	20-Apr-20	0					Spiked with benzene and CB to target concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively.
			Nitrate-1	2.3	0.79	<0.10	
			Nitrate-2	2.1	0.69	<0.10	
			Nitrate-3	2.4	1.6	<0.10	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.3	1.0	ND	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	3.8E-04	8.8E-04	0.0E+00	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0060	0.0018	ND	-
	11-May-20	21	Nitrate-1	2.4	0.82	<0.10	
	1	1	Nitrate-2	2.3	0.76	<0.10	
	1		Nitrate-3	2.3	1.7	<0.10	4
	1		Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.3	1.1	ND	
	1		Standard Deviation (mmoles)	9.5E-05	9.0E-04	0.0E+00	
1	1	1	Average Total mmoles	0.0061	0.0019	I ND	

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Methane Benzen СВ Treatment Date Day Replicate Comments mg/L 2.2 2.3 mg/L 0.59 0.62 mg/L <0.10 Nitrate Amended/NRBC 29-May-20 39 Nitrate-1 <0.10 Bioaugmented Nitrate-2 Continued Nitrate-3 2.3 2.3 1.3 <0.10 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 0.85 ND 0.0E+00 ND 2.2E-04 7.5E-04 0.0015 0.0059 Average Total mmoles Bioaugmented with 8 mL of NRBC. 19-Jun-20 60 Nitrate-1 1.9 0.59 <0.10 Nitrate-2 Nitrate-3 1.9 0.57 <0.10 2.1 1.3 <0.10 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 2.2E-04 0.0051 7.7E-04 0.0015 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles 0.7 0.67 <0.10 <0.10 31-Jul-20 102 Nitrate-1 Nitrate-2 2.1 <0.020 1.2 Nitrate-3 2.1 <0.10 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 2.7E-03 0.0037 0.0E+00 5.4E-04 0.0017 ND <0.10 Average Total mmoles 05-Aug-20 107 28-Aug-20 130 <0.020 Nitrate-1 0.70 <0.10 2.1 Nitrate-2 < 0.020 0.67 <0.10 1.7 <0.10 Nitrate-3 2.4 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 10 ND 3.4E-03 0.0039 1.1E-03 0.0019 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles 09-Sep-20 142 24-Sep-20 157 Amended with DAP to target 20 mg/L DAP. 0.68 <0.10 Nitrate-1 2.0 Nitrate-2 < 0.020 0.66 <0.10 Nitrate-3 2.3 1.7 <0.10 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) 0.0E+00 ND Standard Deviation (mmoles) 3.3E-03 0.0038 1.0E-03 0.0018 Average Total mmoles 29-Oct-20 192 Nitrate-1 2.2 0.78 <0.10 Nitrate-2 <0.020 0.67 <0.10 Nitrate-3 2.3 0.71 <0.10 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 3.4E-03 0.0040 1.0E-04 0.0013 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles 26-Mar-20 -25 31-Mar-20 -20 Nitrate and DAP Amended Amended the first replicate with resazurin. Amended with sodium nitrate to target a final nitrate-N concentration of 300 mg/L Amended with DAP to target 20 mg/L DAP. Spiked with benzene and CB to target concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively. 20-Apr-20 0 Nitrate/DAP-1 2.2 0.76 <0.10 0.71 0.75 0.74 Nitrate/DAP-2 2.1 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-3 2.3 <0.10 ND Average Concentration (mg/L) 2.7E-04 0.0058 4.6E-05 0.0013 0.0E+00 ND Standard Deviation (mmoles) Average Total mmoles

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Methane Benzen СВ Treatment Date Day Replicate Comments mg/L 2.1 2.1 mg/L 0.73 0.72 mg/L <0.10 Nitrate and DAP Amended Nitrate/DAP-1 11-May-20 21 <0.10 Continued Nitrate/DAP-2 Nitrate/DAP-3 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 0.75 2.3 <0.10 ND 0.0E+00 ND 2.6E-04 0.0057 3.1E-05 0.0013 Average Total mmoles Nitrate/DAP-1 19-Jun-20 60 1.9 0.64 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-2 2.0 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-3
Average Concentration (mg/L) 0.57 <0.10 ND 1.9 1.9 5.0E-05 0.0051 0.0E+00 ND Standard Deviation (mmoles) 6.9E-05 Average Total mmoles Nitrate/DAP-1 0.0011 31-Jul-20 102 <0.10 0.71 2.1 2.0 Nitrate/DAP-2 0.72 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-3 Average Concentration (mg/L) 0.67 2.2 <0.10 ND 1.7E-04 0.0055 Standard Deviation (mmoles) 4.1E-05 0.0013 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles Nitrate/DAP-1 24-Sep-20 157 2.1 2.0 0.73 0.74 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-2 <0.10 Nitrate/DAP-3 2.2 0.66 <0.10 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 2.1 1.8E-04 0.0055 0.71 7.8E-05 0.0013 ND 0.0E+00 ND Average Total mmoles Nitrate/DAP-1 Nitrate/DAP-2 29-Oct-20 192 0.76 2.4 2.3 0.87 0.80 0.86 Nitrate/DAP-3 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 0.70 0.77 3.8E-03 2.3 0.79 2.3 0.82 1.5E-04 8.5E-05 Average Total mmoles 0.0060 0.0015 0.036 DGG-B Bioaugmented 26-Mar-20 -104 Microcosms constructed and stored in anaerobic box. 09-Jul-20 0 Amended the first replicate with resazurin. Spiked with benzene and CB to target concentrations of 2.3 mg/L and 0.8 mg/L respectively. DGG-1 0.97 0.85 2.9 DGG-2 2.8 0.83 0.79 DGG-3 3.0 0.84 0.90 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 1.1E-01 0.0076 7.5E-02 0.0016 5.4E-02 Average Total mmoles 0.039 10-Jul-20 1 31-Jul-20 22 Bioaugmented with 5 mL of DGG-B™. DGG-1 2.5 2.7 0.81 0.81 DGG-2 0.71 0.88 2.6 0.76 DGG-3 0.71 Average Concentration (mg/L) Standard Deviation (mmoles) 0.80 8.4E-02 0.0068 4.8E-02 0.0014 8.3E-02 0.037 Average Total mmoles

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Treatment	Data	Dav	Poplicato	Benzene	СВ	Methane	
rieathent	Date	Day	Replicate	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	
DGG-B Bioaugmented	28-Aug-20	50	DGG-1	2.6	0.92	0.85	
Continued			DGG-2	2.7	0.80	0.92	
			DGG-3	2.6	0.79	0.73	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.6	0.83	0.83	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	9.1E-02	7.2E-02	9.8E-02	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0069	0.0015	0.039	
	24-Sep-20	77	DGG-1	2.5	0.84	0.78	
			DGG-2	2.4	0.71	0.62	
			DGG-3	2.5	0.76	0.70	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.4	0.77	0.70	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	7.6E-02	6.8E-02	8.2E-02	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0064	0.0014	0.033	
	29-Oct-20	112	DGG-1	2.4	0.87	0.76	
			DGG-2	2.3	0.80	0.86	
			DGG-3	2.3	0.79	0.69	
			Average Concentration (mg/L)	2.3	0.82	0.77	
			Standard Deviation (mmoles)	6.3E-02	4.6E-02	8.6E-02	
			Average Total mmoles	0.0061	0.0015	0.036	
Notes	:						

s: < - the compound is not detected, the associated value is the detection limit ANIC - anaerobic instrinsic control ANISC - anaerobic sterile control CB - chlorobenzene DAP - diammonium phosphate mg/L - milligrams per liter mmoles - millimoles ND - not detected NRBC - nitrate reducing bacterial culture

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### TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSM ANION RESULTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

Treatment	Date	Dav	Poplicate	I otal VFAs	Chloride	Nitrite-N	Nitrate-N	Sulfate	Phosphate	Calculated Nitrate
reatment	Date	Day	Replicate	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
Anaerobic Sterile Control	31-Mar-20	-25	ANSC-1	<0.07	2,902	<0.09	<0.09	86	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-2	<0.07	2,496	<0.09	<0.09	56	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	1.978	<0.09	<0.09	46	<0.07	< 0.09
			Average	ND	2.458	ND	ND	63	ND	ND
	20-Apr-20	0	ANSC-1	<0.07	2 4 1 4	<0.09	<0.09	62	<0.07	<0.09
	20740-20	Ů	ANSC 2	<0.07	2 952	<0.09	<0.09	87	<0.07	<0.09
			ANGC 2	<0.07	2,002	<0.00	<0.00	50	<0.07	<0.00
			AN050-3	~0.07	2,103	ND	ND	66	ND	ND
	11 Mov 20	21	Average	10.07	2,517	<0.00	<0.00	64	<0.07	<0.00
	T T=IVIAy=20	21	ANSC-1	<0.07	2,070	<0.03	<0.09	61	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-2	₹0.07	2,310	<0.09	<0.09	61	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	2,312	<0.09	<0.09	56	<0.07	<0.09
	10.1.00		Average	ND	2,455	ND	ND	61	ND	ND
	19-Jun-20	60	ANSC-1	<0.07	3,469	<0.09	<0.09	50	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-2	<0.07	3,401	<0.09	<0.09	57	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	2,506	<0.09	<0.09	46	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	3,125	ND	ND	51	ND	ND
	31-Jul-20	102	ANSC-1	<0.07	3,346	<0.09	<0.09	104	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-2	<0.07	2,693	<0.09	<0.09	69	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	2,755	<0.09	<0.09	76	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2,931	ND	ND	83	ND	ND
	24-Sep-20	157	ANSC-1	<0.07	2,719	< 0.09	<0.09	76	<0.07	< 0.09
			ANSC-2	<0.07	2,560	<0.09	<0.09	66	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	2,652	<0.09	<0.09	73	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2.644	ND	ND	72	ND	ND
	29-Oct-20	192	ANSC-1	<0.07	Pending	< 0.09	< 0.09	64	<0.07	<0.09
			ANSC-2	<0.07	2.657	<0.09	<0.09	77	<0.07	< 0.09
			ANSC-3	<0.07	Pending	<0.09	<0.09	74	<0.07	< 0.09
			Average	ND	886	ND	ND	72	ND	ND
Anaerobic Intrinsic Control	31-Mar-20	-25	ANIC-1	<0.07	2 497	<0.09	<0.09	19	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,180	<0.09	<0.09	15	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2 378	<0.09	<0.09	26	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2 352	ND	ND	20	ND	ND
	20-Apr-20	0	ANIC 1	<0.07	2,002	<0.09	<0.09	18	<0.07	<0.09
	20740-20	Ů	ANIC 2	<0.07	2.042	<0.09	<0.00	23	<0.07	<0.00
			ANIC 2	<0.07	2,042	<0.00	<0.00	10	<0.07	<0.03
			ANIC-3	~0.07	2,232	~0.03	~0.09	19	-0.07	<0.09
	11 Mov 20	21	Average	<0.07	2,120	<0.00	<0.00	20	<0.07	<0.00
	T T=IVIAy=20	21	ANIC-1	<0.07	2,223	<0.03	<0.09	21	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,314	<0.03	<0.09	22	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2,210	<0.09	<0.09	20	<0.07	<0.09
	40 1	00	Average	ND 10.07	2,249	ND	ND	21	ND	ND
	19-Jun-20	60	ANIC-1	<0.07	2,671	<0.09	<0.09	19	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,425	<0.09	<0.09	12	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2,493	<0.09	₹0.09	16	<0.07	<0.09
		100	Average	ND	2,530	ND	ND	16	ND	ND
	31-Jul-20	102	ANIC-1	<0.07	2,668	<0.09	<0.09	29	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,925	<0.09	<0.09	16	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2,881	<0.09	<0.09	25	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2,824	ND	ND	23	ND	ND
	24-Sep-20	157	ANIC-1	<0.07	2,147	<0.09	<0.09	<0.07	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,539	<0.09	<0.09	<0.07	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2,219	<0.09	<0.09	<0.07	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2,302	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
	29-Oct-20	192	ANIC-1	< 0.07	2,451	<0.09	< 0.09	11	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-2	<0.07	2,619	<0.09	<0.09	3.5	<0.07	<0.09
			ANIC-3	<0.07	2,880	<0.09	<0.09	15	<0.07	<0.09
			Average	ND	2,650	ND	ND	10	ND	ND

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Total VFAs mg/L Chloride mg/L Phosphate mg/L Calculated Nitrate mg/L Nitrite-N Nitrate-N Sulfate 
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#### TABLE 3: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSM ANION RESULTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

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< - compound not detected, the associated value is the detection limit < - compound not detected, the associate ANIC - anaerobic intrinsic control ANSC - anaerobic sterile control CB - othorobenzene DAP - diammonium phosphate mg/L - milliortas per liter mV - milliortas ND - not detected NRBC - nitrate reducing bacterial culture VEAs. Lotal valialis fathy acide calibrated

Notes

VFAs - total volatile fatty acids, calibrated as lactate but may include other VFAs such as formate, acetate, propionate, pyruvate and butyrate

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Calculated Nitrate mg/L

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## TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSM pH, ORP and AMMONIA RESULTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

Treatment	Date	Day	Replicate	рН	ORP	Ammonia-N
Anaerobic Sterile Control	31-Mar-20	-25	ANSC-1	6.30		mg/L
			ANSC-2	6.32		
			ANSC-3 Average	6.35		
	20-Apr-20	0	ANSC-1	6.43		
			ANSC-2	6.48	124	
			Average	6.43	124	
	11-May-20	21	ANSC-1	6.77		
			ANSC-2	6.81		
			Average	6.77		
	19-Jun-20	60	ANSC-1	6.51		
			ANSC-2 ANSC-3	6.47 6.43		
			Average	6.47		
	28-Aug-20	130	ANSC-1	6.58		
			ANSC-2 ANSC-3	6.56		
			Average	6.58		
	24-Sep-20	157	ANSC-1	6.64		
			ANSC-2 ANSC-3	6.66		
			Average	6.66		
	29-Oct-20	192	ANSC-1	6.65		
			ANSC-3	6.65		
• • • • • • • • •			Average	6.67		
Anaerobic Intrinsic Control	31-Mar-20	-25	ANIC-1 ANIC-2	6.41 6.37		
			ANIC-3	6.42		
			Average	6.40		
	20-Apr-20	0	ANIC-1 ANIC-2	6.39 6.44	-25	
			ANIC-3	6.48	20	
	44 May 00	01	Average	6.44	-25	
	11-May-20	21	ANIC-1 ANIC-2	6.79		
			ANIC-3	6.79		
	10. Jun 20	60	Average	6.77		
	19-Jun-20	60	ANIC-1 ANIC-2	6.43		0.43
			ANIC-3	6.44		
	28-Aug-20	130	Average	6.43 6.62		0.43
	20-Aug-20	130	ANIC-1 ANIC-2	6.58		
			ANIC-3	6.61		
	24-Sep-20	157	Average ANIC-1	6.60 6.62		
	24-060-20	157	ANIC-2	6.63		
			ANIC-3	6.63		
	29-Oct-20	192	Average ANIC-1	6.63		
			ANIC-2	6.64		
			ANIC-3	6.67		
	12-Nov-20	206	Average ANIC-1			
			ANIC-2			<1.0
			ANIC-3			<1 0
Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented	31-Mar-20	-25	Nitrate-1	6.35		\$1.0
-			Nitrate-2	6.31		0.18
			Nitrate-3 Average	6.35 6.34		0.18
	20-Apr-20	0	Nitrate-1	6.44		-
			Nitrate-2	6.40	26	
			Average	6.37	26	
	11-May-20	21	Nitrate-1	6.81		
			Nitrate-2 Nitrate-3	6.83 6.76		
			Average	6.80		
	29-May-20	39	Nitrate-1	6.99		
			Nitrate-2 Nitrate-3	6,98		
			Average	7.00		
	19-Jun-20	60	Nitrate-1	6.57 6.58		2 02
			Nitrate-3	6.51		2.82
			Average	6.55		2.92
	31-Jul-20	102	Nitrate-1 Nitrate-2	6.76 6.74		
			Nitrate-3	6.68		
		400	Average	6.73		
	28-Aug-20	130	Nitrate-1 Nitrate-2	6.77 6.73		
			Nitrate-3	6.74		
	24 Son 20	157	Average	6.75		
	24-Sep-20	107	Nitrate-2	6.79		
			Nitrate-3	6.81		
			Average	6.81	-	

## TABLE 4: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSM pH, ORP and AMMONIA RESULTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

Treatment	Date	Day	Replicate	рН	ORP	Ammonia-N
					mV	mg/L
Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented	29-Oct-20	192	Nitrate-1	6.82		
Continued			Nitrate-2	6.83		
			Nitrate-3	6.75		
			Average	6.80		
	12-Nov-20	206	Nitrate-1	6.82		0.00
			Nitrate-2	6.83		3.86
			Nitrate-3	6.75		2.96
Nitrate and DAP Amended	31-Mar-20	-25	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.37		3.00
Millale and DAF Amended	51-Ivia1-20	-20	Nitrate/DAP-2	6.30		3 35
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.37		0.00
			Average	6.38		3.35
	20-Apr-20	0	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.44		
		-	Nitrate/DAP-2	6.45	31	
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.43		
			Average	6.44	31	-
	11-May-20	21	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.81		
			Nitrate/DAP-2	6.87		
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.85		
			Average	6.84	-	-
	19-Jun-20	60	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.51		
			Nitrate/DAP-2	6.51		2.41
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.49		
			Average	6.50	-	2.41
	31-Jul-20	102	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.67		
			Nitrate/DAP-2	6.65		
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.67		-
	24 Can 20	457	Average	6.00		
	24-Sep-20	157	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.74		
			Nitrate/DAP-2	6.74		
				6.75		-
	29-Oct-20	192	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.74		
	20 00.20	102	Nitrate/DAP-2	6.75		
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.72		
			Average	6.74		
	12-Nov-20	206	Nitrate/DAP-1	6.74		
			Nitrate/DAP-2	6.75		1.29
			Nitrate/DAP-3	6.72		
			Average	6.74		1.29
DGG-B™ Bioaugmented	31-Jul-20	22	DGG-1	6.61		
			DGG-2	6.62		
			DGG-3	6.64		
	00.4	50	Average	6.62		
	28-Aug-20	50	DGG-1	0.08		
			DGG-2	80.0		
			Average	6.68		
	24-Sep-20	77	DGG-1	6.68		
	24-000-20		DGG-2	6.67		
			DGG-3	6.66		
			Average	6.67		
	29-Oct-20	192	DGG-1	6.70		
			DGG-2	6.70		
			DGG-3	6.71		
			Average	6.70		
Notes:						

ANIC - anaerobic intrinsic control ANSC - anaerobic sterile control DAP - diammonium phosphate mg/L - milligrams per liter mV - millivolts NRBC - nitrate reducing bacterial culture QRP - oxidation reduction potential

### TABLE 5: SUMMARY OF MICROCOSMS GENE-TRAC® RESULTS Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

Molecular Analysis Benzene Carboxylase Treatment Date ORM2 SRB Peptococcaceae 16S rRNA gene copies/L 16S rRNA gene copies/L dsr A gene copies/L abc A gene copies/L Microcosm MW-29D 30-Mar-20 4 x 10<sup>3</sup> J  $4 \times 10^3 J$ 6 x 10<sup>3</sup> U 6 x 10<sup>3</sup> U Anaerobic Intrinsic Control 19-Jun-20 ------------12-Nov-20 Pending Pending Pending Pending Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented 19-Jun-20 9 x 10<sup>4</sup> U, I 9 x 10<sup>4</sup> U,I 9 x 10<sup>4</sup> U,I 9 x 10<sup>4</sup> U,I 12-Nov-20 Pending Pending Pending Pending Nitrate and DAP Amended 19-Jun-20  $9 \times 10^4 \text{ U}$ 2 x 10<sup>7</sup> 9 x 10<sup>4</sup> U  $9 \times 10^{4} \text{U}$ 12-Nov-20 Pending Pending Pending Pending DGG-B<sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented 19-Jun-20 ------------

Notes:

-- - not applicable abcA - benzene carboxylase

DAP - diammonium phosphate

DNA - deoxyribonucleic acid

dsrA - dissimilatiory sulfate reductase A

gene copies/L - gene copies of functional gene per liter I - sample inhibited the test reaction based on inability to PCR amplify extracted DNA with universal primers

J - the associalted value is an estimated quantity between the method detection limit and th quantification limit

NRBC - nitrate reducing bacterial culture PCR - polymerase chain reaction

rRNA - ribosomal ribonucleic acid SRB - sulfate reducing bacteria U - not detected, the associated value is the quantitation limit

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## TABLE 6: HALF-LIVES (DAYS) OF BENZENE AND CHLOROBENZENE Deep Zone of Upper Surficial Aquifer - Brunswick, GA

		Benzene		Chlorobenzene					
Treatment/Control	Half Life (Days)	T <sub>1</sub> (Day)	T <sub>2</sub> (Days)	Half Life (Days)	T <sub>1</sub> (Day)	T <sub>2</sub> (Days)			
Anaerobic Sterile Control	3,991	0	192	~	0	192			
Intrinsic Control	1,218	0	192	2,062	0	192			
Nitrate Amended/NRBC Bioaugmented	328	0	192	409	0	192			
Nitrate and DAP Amended	~	0	192	~	0	192			
DGG-B <sup>™</sup> Bioaugmented	596	0	192	1,857	0	192			
Notes:									

 $\sim\,$  - net degradation of compound was not detected over duration of study DAP - diammonium phosphate NRBC - nitrate reducing benzene culture

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FIGURES




















**APPENDIX A: Chain of Custody Documentation** 



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## **Chain-of-Custody Form**

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\*Project Name Bransanck Harcules/Pirava \*Project # GR 6381 Analysis \*Project Manager \*Company Adria Rainer Geoscimer 0 \*Email Address Preservative Key arcimer@ geasyntec. com Gene-Trac FGA (vorA, byca, toeA gases 0. None Address (Street) 1255 Roberts Boulevoid 1. HCL Dissolved hydrocarbon City 2. Other State/Province Country Volatile Fatty Acids Konnesaw Treatability Study \*Phone # GA USA Gene-Trac DHC Gene-Trac DHG 3. Other\_ Gene-Trac DHB Gene-Trac SRB 470-367-7557 4. Other \*Sampier's Signature 5. Other \_ \*Sampler's Printed Name 6 Other Sampling Client Sample ID # of Container Matrix Date Time Other Information MW-28.D\* 2/28/20 240 2 ash  $\times$ 2×46 plastic hills MW-29D\*\* 5 ther  $\overline{\times}$ 5x 4L plastic bolls \* HW28D. Coloroform Area and bonzere lentressenzere un KA AS MW250 plus Inhibition of interde magaited binzene med **Billing Information** Turnaround Time Requested P.O. # Fer Lab Use Only For Lab Use Only Cooler Condition: Good \*Bill To: Normal Cooler Temperature: Rush 🗌 9-0 Custody Seals: Yes 🛄 No 🛃 Si - 4402 - 013120 Proposal #: 51 - 4384 - 013020 Relinouished By: Received By: **Relinquished By:** Received By: Relinquished By: Signature Reacived By: Signature Signature Signature Signature Signature B.W. En We Printed Ban Wainmann Printed Name Ben Weinmann Anistine Nam Printed Name tame Rachel Hallon Printed Name im Geosynte Consiliants Firm Geosynta Consultants Flam Georgetec Cons Firm SIREM Firm Date/Time Date/1Im Date/Time Date/Time 2/28/2020 1300 2/24/2020 1315 314120 1430 3/2/20

Distribution: White - return to Originator: Yellow - Lab Copy: Pink - Relatined by Client
\* Mandatory Fields

130 Stone Rd. W Guelph, ON N1G 3Z2 (519) 822-2265 S-5735

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# Chain-of-Custody Form

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**APPENDIX B: Henry's Law Calculation** 





The following Henry's Law calculation was used to convert aqueous concentrations (Table 2) to total mmoles of each analyte per microcosm bottle (Figures 3 to 7):

$$Total \ mmoles = \frac{C_{liq} \cdot \left(V_{liq} + H \cdot V_{gas}\right)}{Molecular \ Weight \ \left(\frac{mg}{mmol}\right)}$$

Where for the 250 mL microcosms:

 $C_{liq} = liquid \ concentration \ (mg/L) \\ V_{liq} = liquid \ volume \ (0.200 \ L) \ per \ bottle \\ V_{gas} = headspace \ volume \ (0.020 \ L) \ per \ bottle \\ H = Henry's \ Law \ constant \ (dimensionless)$ 

The Henry's Law constants used are summarized in the table below.

Analyte	Henry's Law Constant ª (dimensionless)
Benzene	0.222
Chlorobenzene	0.161
Methane	27.3

<sup>a</sup> Source: Montgomery, J.H. 2000. *Groundwater Chemicals Desk Reference, Third Edition.* CRC Press LLC, Boca Raton, FL.





**APPENDIX C: Gene-Trac® Laboratory Reports** 





## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> ORM-2, Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5775 Report Date: 12-May-20 Data Files: iQ5C-ORM2-QPCR-0134 iQ5C-ORM2-DB-QPCR-0134

#### Table 1a: Test Results

Sample ID	Deltaproteo	bacterium ORM-2			
	Percent ORM-2 <sup>(1)</sup>	ORM-2 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter			
Microcosm MW-29D	0.0002 - 0.0007 %	4 x 10 <sup>3</sup> J			

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> SRB, Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (*dsrA*) Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5775 Report Date: 12-May-20 Data Files: iQ5B-SRB-QPCR-0057 iQ5B-DB-SRB-QPCR-0057

#### Table 1b: Test Results

Sample ID	Sulfate Re (	ducing Bacteria ( <i>dsrA</i> )
	Percent <i>dsrA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	dsrA Gene Copies/Liter
Microcosm MW-29D	0.0002 - 0.0007 %	4 x 10 <sup>3</sup> J

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> abcA Benzene Carboxylase Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5775 Report Date: 12-May-20 Data Files: iQ5A-abcA-QPCR-0113 iQ5A-DB-abcA-QPCR-0113

#### Table 1c: Test Results

Sample ID	Benzene Carboxylase ( <i>abcA</i> )				
	Percent <i>abcA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	abcA Gene Copies/Liter			
Microcosm MW-29D	NA	6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U			

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> Pepto-ben Peptococcaceae Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants
Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study
Customer Reference: SC4384

SiREM Reference: S-5775 Report Date: 12-May-20 Data Files: iQ5B-Pepto-QPCR-0112 iQ5B-DB-Pepto-QPCR-0112

#### Table 1d: Test Results

Sample ID	Peptococcaceae					
	Percent <i>Peptococcaceae</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	Peptococcaceae 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter				
S-4500	NA	6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U				

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#### Table 2: Detailed Test Parameters, Test Reference S-5775

Customer Sample ID	Microcosm MW-29D
SiREM ORM-2 Test ID	ORM-0188
SIREM SRB Test ID	SRB-0330
SiREM abcA Test ID	ABC-0156
SiREM Pepto-ben Test ID	PEP-0139
Date Sampled <sup>(2)</sup>	30-Mar-20
Matrix	Microcosm
Date Received <sup>(2)</sup>	30-Mar-20
Sample Temperature	NA
Filtration Date <sup>(2)</sup>	30-Mar-20
Volume Used for DNA Extraction	200 mL
DNA Extraction Date	1-Apr-20
DNA Concentration in Sample (extractable)	3428 ng/L
PCR Amplifiable DNA	Detected
ORM-2 qPCR Date Analyzed	2-Apr-20
SRB qPCR Date Analyzed	2-Apr-20
abcA qPCR Date Analyzed	3-Apr-20
Pepto-ben qPCR Date Analyzed	3-Apr-20
Laboratory Controls (see Tables 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Passed
Comments	

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## Table 3: Gene-Trac ORM-2 Control Results, Test Reference S-5775

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	2-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSLO-0134)	5.2 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	3.9 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Passed
Positive Control High Concentration	2-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSHO-0134)	9.1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	7.9 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	2-Apr-20	Sterile Water (FB-3519)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	2-Apr-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBO-0134)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed

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#### Table 4: Gene-Trac SRB Control Results, Test Reference S-5775

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments	
Positive Control Low Concentration	2-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSLSR-0057)	8.6 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.1 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Passed	
Positive Control High Concentration	2-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSHSR-0057)	4.8 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	4.2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Passed	
DNA Extraction Blank	2-Apr-20	Sterile Water (FB-3519)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed	
Negative Control	2-Apr-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBSR-0057)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed	

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#### Table 5: Gene-Trac abcA Control Results, Test Reference S-5775

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Reaction	Recovered Gene Copies per Reaction	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	3-Apr-20	Plasmid DNA (CSLAB-0113)	3.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.5 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	Passed
Positive Control High Concentration	3-Apr-20	Plasmid DNA (CSHAB-0113)	3.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	3.3 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	3-Apr-20	Sterile Water (FB-3519)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	3-Apr-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBAB-0113)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed

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#### Table 6: Gene-Trac Pepto-ben Control Results, Test Reference S-5775

			Pepto	o-ben	
Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Reaction	Recovered Gene Copies per Reaction	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	3-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSLPE-0112)	3.2 x 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>4 (3)</sup>	See Note 3
Positive Control High Concentration	3-Apr-20	Genomic DNA (CSHPE-0112)	3.2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	1.7 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	3-Apr-20	Sterile Water (FB-3519)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	3-Apr-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBPE-0112)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed

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#### Notes:

ORM-2 = Deltaproteobacterium ORM-2 dsrA = dissimilatory sulfate reductase A *abcA* = Benzene Carboxylase J The associated value is an estimated quantity between the method detection limit and quantitation limit. U Not detected, associated value is the quantitation limit. B Analyte was detected in the method blank within an order of magnitude of the test sample. E Extracted genomic DNA was not detected in the sample. I Sample inhibited the test reaction based on inability to PCR amplify extracted DNA with universal primers. ng/L = nanograms per liter mL = milliliter NA = not applicable ND = not detected DNA = deoxyribonucleic acid 16S rRNA = 16S ribosomal ribonucleic acid PCR = polymerase chain reaction qPCR = quantitative PCR °C = degrees Celsius <sup>1</sup>Percent ORM-2 *Deltaproteobacterium* (ORM-2), *Peptococcaceae, dsrA,* or *abcA* in microbial population.

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<sup>2</sup>Samples are stabilized by freezing at -80 °C upon sample reception (field filters) or in-lab filtration (groundwater). Hold time not exceeded if sampling date is within 14 days of date received or filtration date.

<sup>3</sup>Control was outside recovery limit guidelines (+/- 50%), however, test results are deemed acceptable if one of two positive controls falls within the recovery limit.

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Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5939 Report Date: 21-Jul-20 Data Files: iQ5C-ORM2-QPCR-0141 iQ5C-ORM2-DB-QPCR-0141

#### Table 1a: Test Results

Sample ID	Deltaproteo	bacterium ORM-2
	Percent ORM-2 <sup>(1)</sup>	ORM-2 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter
Brunswick-DB-nitrate +DAP	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U
Brunswick-DB-nitrate	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U, I

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> SRB, Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (*dsrA* ) Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5939 Report Date: 21-Jul-20 Data Files: iQ5B-SRB-QPCR-0063 iQ5B-DB-SRB-QPCR-0063

#### Table 1b: Test Results

Sample ID	Sulfate Reducing Bacteria ( <i>dsrA</i> )			
	Percent <i>dsrA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	dsrA Gene Copies/Liter		
Brunswick-DB-nitrate +DAP	0.03 - 0.09 %	2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>		
Brunswick-DB-nitrate	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U, I		

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> abcA Benzene Carboxylase Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5939 Report Date: 21-Jul-20 Data Files: iQ5A-abcA-QPCR-0116 iQ5A-DB-abcA-QPCR-0116

#### Table 1c: Test Results

Sample ID	Benzene Carboxylase (abcA )			
	Percent <i>abcA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	abcA Gene Copies/Liter		
Brunswick-DB-nitrate +DAP	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U		
Brunswick-DB-nitrate	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U, I		

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> Pepto-ben Peptococcaceae Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-5939 Report Date: 21-Jul-20 Data Files: iQ5B-Pepto-QPCR-0115 iQ5B-DB-Pepto-QPCR-0115

#### Table 1d: Test Results

Sample ID	Pepto	ococcaceae
	Percent <i>Peptococcaceae</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	Peptococcaceae 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter
Brunswick-DB-nitrate +DAP	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U
Brunswick-DB-nitrate	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U, I

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Analyst:

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Customer Sample ID	Brunswick-DB-nitrate+DAP	Brunswick-DB-nitrate
SIREM ORM-2 Test ID	ORM-0215	ORM-0216
SIREM SRB Test ID	SRB-0342	SRB-0343
SiREM abcA Test ID	ABC-0163	ABC-0164
SiREM Pepto-ben Test ID	PEP-0143	PEP-0144
Date Sampled <sup>(2)</sup>	19-Jun-20	19-Jun-20
Matrix	Microcosm	Microcosm
Date Received <sup>(2)</sup>	19-Jun-20	19-Jun-20
Sample Temperature	NA	NA
Filtration Date <sup>(2)</sup>	19-Jun-20	19-Jun-20
Volume Used for DNA Extraction	15 mL	15 mL
DNA Extraction Date	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-20
DNA Concentration in Sample (extractable)	121000 ng/L	112500 ng/L
PCR Amplifiable DNA	Detected	ND
ORM-2 qPCR Date Analyzed	2-Jul-20	2-Jul-20
SRB qPCR Date Analyzed	1-Jul-20	1-Jul-20
abcA qPCR Date Analyzed	6-Jul-20	6-Jul-20
Pepto-ben qPCR Date Analyzed	16-Jul-20	16-Jul-20
Laboratory Controls (see Tables 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Passed	Passed
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#### Table 2: Detailed Test Parameters, Test Reference S-5939

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#### Table 3: Gene-Trac ORM-2 Control Results, Test Reference S-5939

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	2-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSLO-0141)	5.2 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	7.8 x 10 <sup>7 (3)</sup>	See Note 3
Positive Control High Concentration	2-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSHO-0141)	9.1 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	6.6 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	2-Jul-20	Sterile Water (FB-3579)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	2-Jul-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBO-0141)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed

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#### Table 4: Gene-Trac SRB Control Results, Test Reference S-5939

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	1-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSLSR-0063)	1.7 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.3 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Passed
Positive Control High Concentration	1-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSHSR-0063)	8.2 x 10 <sup>7</sup> 8.3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>		Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	1-Jul-20	Sterile Water (FB-3579)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	1-Jul-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBSR-0064)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed

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#### Table 5: Gene-Trac abcA Control Results, Test Reference S-5939

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Reaction	Recovered Gene Copies per Reaction	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	6-Jul-20	Plasmid DNA (CSLAB-0116)	7.1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.1 x 10⁵	Passed
Positive Control High Concentration	6-Jul-20	Plasmid DNA (CSHAB-0116)	1.7 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	1.9 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	6-Jul-20	Sterile Water (FB-3579)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	6-Jul-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBAB-0116)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed

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#### Table 6: Gene-Trac Pepto-ben Control Results, Test Reference S-5939

			Pept	o-ben	
Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Reaction	Recovered Gene Copies per Reaction	Comments
Positive Control Low Concentration	16-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSLPE-0115)	3.3 x 10⁵	4.3 x 10 <sup>4 (3)</sup>	See Note 3
Positive Control High Concentration	16-Jul-20	Genomic DNA (CSHPE-0115)	3.7 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	3.8 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Passed
DNA Extraction Blank	16-Jul-20	Sterile Water (FB-3579)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed
Negative Control	16-Jul-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBPE-0115)	0	2.0 x 10 <sup>1</sup> U	Passed

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#### Notes:

ORM-2 = Deltaproteobacterium ORM-2 dsrA = dissimilatory sulfate reductase A *abcA* = Benzene Carboxylase J The associated value is an estimated quantity between the method detection limit and quantitation limit. U Not detected, associated value is the quantitation limit. B Analyte was detected in the method blank within an order of magnitude of the test sample. E Extracted genomic DNA was not detected in the sample. I Sample inhibited the test reaction based on inability to PCR amplify extracted DNA with universal primers. ng/L = nanograms per liter mL = milliliter NA = not applicable ND = not detected DNA = deoxyribonucleic acid 16S rRNA = 16S ribosomal ribonucleic acid PCR = polymerase chain reaction qPCR = quantitative PCR °C = degrees Celsius <sup>1</sup>Percent ORM-2 *Deltaproteobacterium* (ORM-2), *Peptococcaceae, dsrA,* or *abcA* in microbial population.

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<sup>2</sup>Samples are stabilized by freezing at -80 °C upon sample reception (field filters) or in-lab filtration (groundwater). Hold time not exceeded if sampling date is within 14 days of date received or filtration date.

<sup>3</sup>Control was outside recovery limit guidelines (+/- 50%), however, test results are deemed acceptable if one of two positive controls falls within the recovery limit.

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Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-6653 Report Date: 30-Nov-20 Data Files: iQ5C-ORM2-QPCR-0146 iQ5C-ORM2-DB-QPCR-0146

#### Table 1a: Test Results

Sample ID	Deltaproteobacterium ORM-2						
	Percent ORM-2 <sup>(1)</sup>	ORM-2 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter					
Intrinsic Control	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					
Nitrate Amended/NRBC	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					
Nitrate and DAP Amended	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> SRB, Sulfate Reducing Bacteria (*dsrA* ) Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-6653 Report Date: 30-Nov-20 Data Files: iQ5B-SRB-QPCR-0074 iQ5B-DB-SRB-QPCR-0074

### Table 1b: Test Results

Sample ID	Sulfate Reducing Bacteria ( <i>dsrA</i> )						
	Percent <i>dsrA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	dsrA Gene Copies/Liter					
Intrinsic Control	0.002 - 0.008 %	5 x 10 <sup>4</sup> J					
Nitrate Amended/NRBC	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					
Nitrate and DAP Amended	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> abcA Benzene Carboxylase Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-6653 Report Date: 30-Nov-20 Data Files: iQ5A-abcA-QPCR-0118 iQ5A-DB-abcA-QPCR-0118

### Table 1c: Test Results

Sample ID	Benzene Carboxylase ( <i>abcA</i> )						
	Percent <i>abcA</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	abcA Gene Copies/Liter					
Intrinsic Control	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					
Nitrate Amended/NRBC	0.00004 - 0.0001 %	3 x 10 <sup>3</sup> J					
Nitrate and DAP Amended	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					

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## Certificate of Analysis: Gene-Trac<sup>®</sup> Pepto-ben Peptococcaceae Assay

Customer: Duane Graves, Geosyntec Consultants Project: Brunswick Deep Benzene Treatability Study Customer Reference: SC4384 SiREM Reference: S-6653 Report Date: 30-Nov-20 Data Files: iQ5B-Pepto-QPCR-0117 iQ5B-DB-Pepto-QPCR-0117

### Table 1d: Test Results

Sample ID	Peptococcaceae						
	Percent <i>Peptococcaceae</i> <sup>(1)</sup>	Peptococcaceae 16S rRNA Gene Copies/Liter					
Intrinsic Control	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					
Nitrate Amended/NRBC	0.00004 - 0.0001 %	3 x 10 <sup>3</sup> J					
Nitrate and DAP Amended	NA	9 x 10 <sup>4</sup> U					

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Table 2: Detailed Test Parameters, T	est Reference S-6653
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Customer Sample ID	Intrinsic Control	Nitrate Amended/NRBC	Nitrate and DAP Amended	
SiREM ORM-2 Test ID	ORM-0248	ORM-0249	ORM-0250	
SiREM SRB Test ID	SRB-0384	SRB-0385	SRB-0386	
SiREM abcA Test ID	ABC-0170	ABC-0171	ABC-0172	
SiREM Pepto-ben Test ID	PEP-0145	PEP-0146	PEP-0147	
Date Sampled <sup>(2)</sup>	12-Nov-20	12-Nov-20	12-Nov-20	
Matrix	Microcosm	Microcosm	Microcosm	
Date Received <sup>(2)</sup>	13-Nov-20	13-Nov-20	13-Nov-20	
Sample Temperature	NA	NA	NA	
Filtration Date <sup>(2)</sup>	16-Nov-20	16-Nov-20	16-Nov-20	
Volume Used for DNA Extraction	15 mL	15 mL	15 mL	
DNA Extraction Date	18-Nov-20	18-Nov-20	18-Nov-20	
DNA Concentration in Sample (extractable)	4000 ng/L (J)	13000 ng/L (J)	12000 ng/L (J)	
PCR Amplifiable DNA	Detected	Detected	Detected	
ORM-2 qPCR Date Analyzed	24-Nov-20	24-Nov-20	24-Nov-20	
SRB qPCR Date Analyzed	24-Nov-20	24-Nov-20	24-Nov-20	
abcA qPCR Date Analyzed	23-Nov-20	23-Nov-20	23-Nov-20	
Pepto-ben qPCR Date Analyzed	26-Nov-20	26-Nov-20	26-Nov-20	
Laboratory Controls (see Tables 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Passed	Passed	Passed	
Comments				

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# Table 3: Gene-Trac ORM-2 Control Results, Test Reference S-6653

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments		
Positive Control Low Concentration	n Genomic DNA (CSLO-0146)		6.7 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	9.4 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	Passed		
Positive Control High Concentration	24-Nov-20	Genomic DNA (CSHO-0146)	5.8 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	6.6 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	Passed		
DNA Extraction Blank	24-Nov-20	Sterile Water (FB-3685)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		
Negative Control	24-Nov-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBO-0146)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		

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# Table 4: Gene-Trac SRB Control Results, Test Reference S-6653

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments		
Positive Control Low Concentration	24-Nov-20	Genomic DNA (CSLSR-0074)	2.6 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	4.6 x 10 <sup>6 (3)</sup>	See Note 3		
Positive Control High Concentration	24-Nov-20	Genomic DNA (CSHSR-0074)	2.7 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	2.3 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Passed		
DNA Extraction Blank	24-Nov-20	Sterile Water (FB-3685)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		
Negative Control	24-Nov-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBSR-0074)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		

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# Table 5: Gene-Trac abcA Control Results, Test Reference S-6653

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments		
Positive Control Low Concentration	23-Nov-20	Plasmid DNA (CSLAB-0118)	4.3 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	4.2 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	Passed		
Positive Control High Concentration	23-Nov-20	Plasmid DNA (CSHAB-0118)	1.0 x 10 <sup>10</sup>	6.8 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Passed		
DNA Extraction Blank	23-Nov-20	Sterile Water (FB-3685)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		
Negative Control	23-Nov-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBAB-0118)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		

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# Table 6: Gene-Trac Pepto-ben Control Results, Test Reference S-6653

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Laboratory Control	Analysis Date	Control Description	Spiked Gene Copies per Liter	Recovered Gene Copies per Liter	Comments		
Positive Control Low Concentration	26-Nov-20	Genomic DNA (CSLPE-0117)	2.0 x 10 <sup>7</sup>	9.3 x 10 <sup>5 (3)</sup>	See Note 3		
Positive Control High Concentration	26-Nov-20	Genomic DNA (CSHPE-0117)	2.3 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	1.5 x 10 <sup>9</sup>	Passed		
DNA Extraction Blank	26-Nov-20	Sterile Water (FB-3685)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		
Negative Control	26-Nov-20	Test Reagent Blank (TBPE-0117)	0	2.6 x 10 <sup>3</sup> U	Passed		

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## Notes:

ORM-2 = Deltaproteobacterium ORM-2 dsrA = dissimilatory sulfate reductase A abcA = Benzene CarboxvlaseJ The associated value is an estimated quantity between the method detection limit and quantitation limit. U Not detected, associated value is the quantitation limit. B Analyte was detected in the method blank within an order of magnitude of the test sample. E Extracted genomic DNA was not detected in the sample. I Sample inhibited the test reaction based on inability to PCR amplify extracted DNA with universal primers. ng/L = nanograms per liter mL = milliliter NA = not applicable ND = not detected DNA = deoxyribonucleic acid 16S rRNA = 16S ribosomal ribonucleic acid PCR = polymerase chain reaction qPCR = quantitative PCR °C = degrees Celsius <sup>1</sup>Percent ORM-2 *Deltaproteobacterium* (ORM-2), *Peptococcaceae, dsrA,* or *abcA* in microbial population.

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<sup>2</sup>Samples are stabilized by freezing at -80 °C upon sample reception (field filters) or in-lab filtration (groundwater). Hold time not exceeded if sampling date is within 14 days of date received or filtration date.

<sup>3</sup>Control was outside recovery limit guidelines (+/- 50%), however, test results are deemed acceptable if one of two positive controls falls within the recovery limit.

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