

We will begin shortly.

# Water for All: Water Conservation and Emerging Issues

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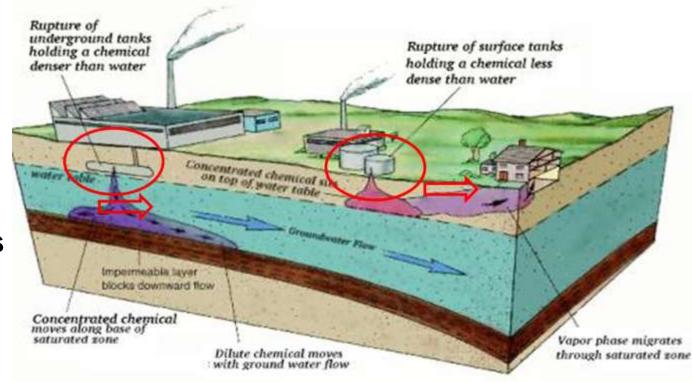


## **Groundwater Contamination**

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  - Heavy metals
  - Cations and Anions
  - Volatile and Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds
  - Organochlorine and Organophosphate pesticides;
  - Emerging Organic Compounds

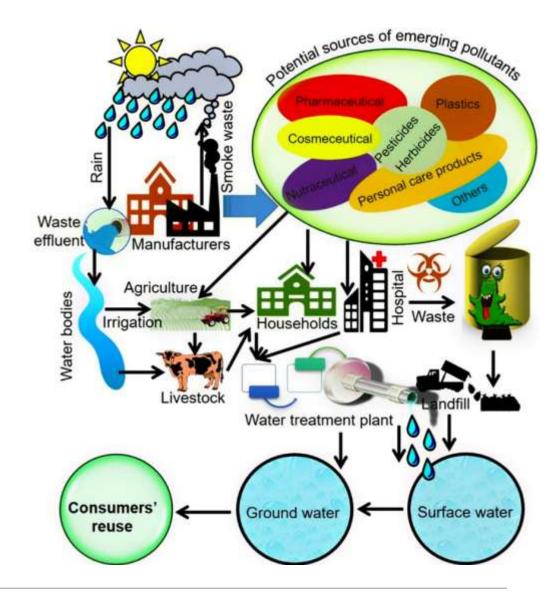






## **Emerging Organic Compounds**

- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
  - >6,000 compounds
  - PFAS are soluble, mobile and persistent
  - Possibly, Carcinogenic; Restrict development foetus & in children, Decrease fertility...



## PFAS – where are they found?

Everywhere....PFAS Uses (including but not limited to):

- Chemical Industry: Fluor-polymer production
- Textile Industry: Coated papers, food packaging
- Other industries/processes: Semiconductor, metal plating and etching, oil & gas, aerospace, automotive, building/construction, etc.
- Fire fighting foams → fire fighting/training areas (chemical industry, airports, refineries, Army/Navy/Air Force
- Other Sites: Waste water treatment plants, landfills, Dust deposition, Irrigation

# **Spot The Contaminated Water**



PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3

## **Pathway to Addressing Contamination**



Assess the nature and extent of contamination

Evaluate

Assess risks to human health and environment

Strategize

Develop a risk-based remediation strategy

Address

• Implement the remedy, and monitor the performance

## Remediation

The process of lowering impacts in groundwater to agreed levels of risk.

- Mode of action Physical, Chemical, Biological
- Place of action In situ / Ex situ
- Their point of action Source or Plume

#### **Pilot Scale**

In Situ Thermal
In Situ Chemical Oxidation
(ISCO)
In Situ Bioremediation
Permeable Reactive Barrier

#### Full Scale

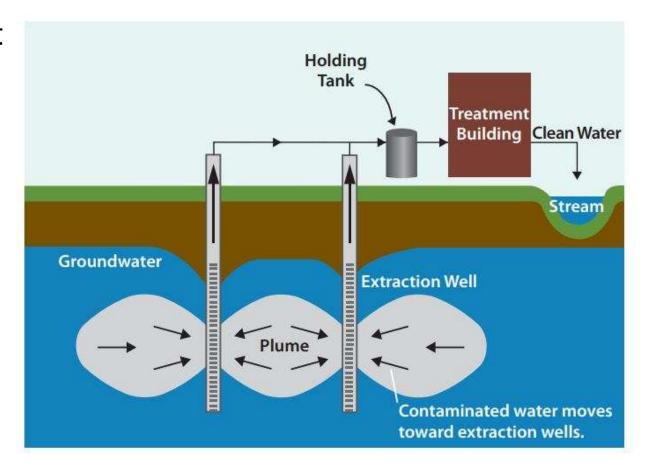
#### **Pump and Treatment**

- Activated Carbon
- Ion Exchange
- Reverse Osmosis
- Flocculation and Sedimentation

## **Processes of Pump & Treat**

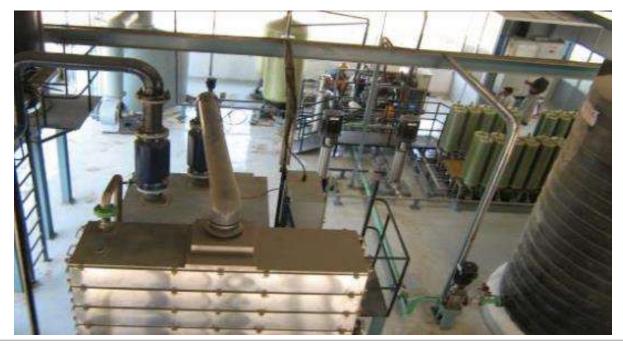
A groundwater treatment/ containment technology generally comprising of following principal elements:

- Abstraction through a series of extraction wells (capture zone)
- Treatment above ground
  - Activated carbon, air stripping, RO, Oxidation.
  - Precipitation, sedimentation and filtration.
- Disposal and/or re-injection



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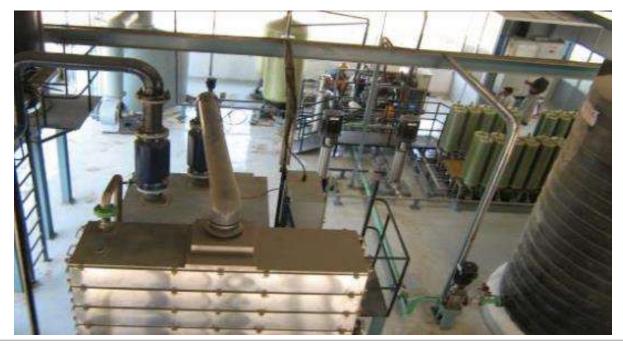






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## In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO) Technology

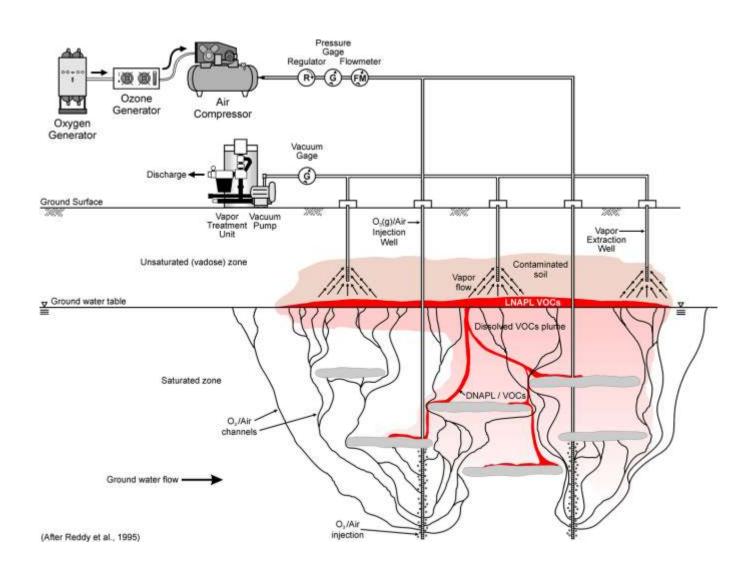
Reaction between the oxidant and target compound

- Chemistry
- Oxidant selection

Physical contact

- Delivery
- Enough oxidant to achieve the treatment objectives

Sustainable as minimum waste is generated



## **ISCO System**







Panel

Distribution Lines from ozone distribution panel to well heads





Well Head Monitoring

#### GW Monitoring



### Conclusion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants requires:

- New laboratory testing methods for identifying contaminants;
- Emerging Technologies for treatment;
- Regulatory divers to identify impact and develop remediation goals.



Thank you for your attention.

Any questions?

