

RegenOx™ *In Situ* Chemical Oxidation Application Instructions

Using Direct-Push Injection (Step-by-Step Procedures)

RegenOx™ is the new generation of chemical oxidation. RegenOx™ is a proprietary (patent-applied-for) *in situ* chemical oxidation process using a solid oxidant complex (sodium percarbonate/catalytic formulation) and an activator complex (a composition of ferrous salt embedded in a micro-scale catalyst gel). RegenOx™ with its catalytic system has very high activity, capable of treating a very broad range of soil and groundwater contaminants including both petroleum hydrocarbons and chlorinated solvents.

Instructions

- 1) Prior to the installation of RegenOx™, any surface or overhead impediments should be identified as well as the location of all underground structures. Underground structures include but are not limited to utility lines; tanks; distribution piping; sewers; drains; and landscape irrigation systems. The planned installation locations should be adjusted to account for all impediments and obstacles. These considerations should be part of the SSHP or HASP.
- 2) Pre-mark the installation locations, noting any points that may have different vertical application requirements or total depth.
- 3) Set up the direct push unit over each point and follow the manufacturer standard operating procedures (SOP) for the direct push equipment. Care should be taken to assure that probe holes remain in the vertical.
- 4) For most applications, Regenesis suggests using 1.5-inch O.D./0.625-inch I.D drive rods. However, some applications may require the use of 2.125-inch O.D./1.5-inch I.D. or larger drive rods.
- 5) Advance drive rods through the surface pavement, as necessary, following SOP.
- 6) Push the drive rod assembly with an expendable tip to the desired maximum depth. Regenesis suggests pre-counting the number of drive rods needed to reach depth prior to starting injection activities.
- 7) After the drive rods have been pushed to the desired depth, the rod assembly should be withdrawn three to six inches. Then the expendable tip can be dropped from the drive rods, following SOP. If an injection tool was used instead of an expendable tip, the application of material can take place without any preliminary withdrawal of the rods.

- 8) In some cases, introduction of a large column of air prior to RegenOx™ application may be problematic because the air can block water flow to the treatment area. This is particularly the case in deep injections (>50 ft) with large diameter rods (>1.5-inch O.D.). To prevent the injection of air into the aquifer during RegenOx™ application, as well as to prevent problems associated with heaving sands, fill the drive rods with water, or the RegenOx™ mixture prior dropping the expendable tip or exposing the injection tool.
- 9) The RegenOx™ percent of the oxidizer in solution should range between 3% to 5%. Although solutions up to 8% may be used, this will likely increase the difficulty of injection due to reactivity. Solutions with greater than 8% oxidizer in solution will result in excess reaction and flocculation prior to injection and are not typically recommended

Measure the appropriate quantity of RegenOx™ Oxidizer for one to four vertical foot of injection into a 55 gallon drum or mixing tank. The volume of water per injection location can be calculated from the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{RegenOx Oxidizer lbs/foot}}{(8.34 \text{ lbs/gal water})(\% \text{ RegenOx_Oxidizer solids})} [1 - (\% \text{ RegenOx_Oxidizer solids})]$$

Tighter formations (clays and silts), and even some fine sand formations will likely require higher oxidant percentages since less volume can be injected per location. The following are guides to various RegenOx™ mixing ratios based on the above equation.

- to make a roughly 3% oxidant solution for every 10 lbs of oxidant and 10 lbs of activator (20 lbs total RegenOx™), use 38 gallons of water.
 - to make a roughly 4% oxidant solution for every 10 lbs of oxidant and 10 lbs of activator (20 lbs total RegenOx™), use 28 gallons of water.
 - to make a roughly 5% oxidant solution for every 10 lbs of oxidant and 10 lbs of activator (20 lbs total RegenOx™), use 22 gallons of water.
- 10) Pour the pre-measured quantity of RegenOx™ Oxidizer into the pre-measured volume of water to make the desired target % oxidant in solution. NOTE: always pour the Oxidizer into water, do not pour water into the Oxidizer. Mix the water and oxidant with a power drill and paint stirrer or other mechanical mixing device to ensure that the Oxidizer has dissolved in the water.

- 11) Pour the applicable quantity of the pre-mixed RegenOx™ Activator into the oxidant:water solution. Mix the Oxidant and Activator using a power drill paint stirrer or other mechanical mixing device for at least 5 minutes until a homogenous mixture is formed. After mixing the RegenOx™ mixture should be injected into the subsurface as soon as possible.
- 12) Do not mix more RegenOx™ material than will be used over roughly 1 to 4 feet of injection so as to minimize potential above ground reaction/flocculation prior to injection.

Transfer the contents of the mixing tank to the pump using gravity feed or appropriate transfer pump. (See Section 9.2: Pump Selection) For some types of pumps, it may be desirable to perform a volume check prior to injecting RegenOx™

- 13) Connect the delivery hose to the pump outlet and the delivery sub-assembly. Circulate RegenOx™ through the hose and the delivery sub-assembly to displace air in the hose. NOTE: an appropriately sized pressure gauge should be placed between the pump outlet and the delivery sub-assembly in order to monitor application pump pressure and detect changes in aquifer backpressures during application.
- 14) Connect the sub-assembly to the drive rod. After confirming that all of the connections are secure, pump the RegenOx™ through the delivery system to displace the water/fluid in the rods.
- 15) Slowly withdraw the drive rods. Commonly RegenOx™ injection progress at 1-foot intervals. However, continuous injection while slowly withdrawing single lengths of drive rod (3 or 4 feet) is an acceptable option. The pre-determined volume of RegenOx™ should be pumped into the aquifer across the desired treatment interval.
- 16) Remove one section of the drive rod. The drive rod may contain some residual RegenOx™. Place the RegenOx™-filled rod in a clean, empty bucket and allow the RegenOx to drain. Eventually, the RegenOx™ should be returned to the RegenOx™ pump hopper for reuse.
- 17) Monitor for any indications of aquifer refusal. This is typically indicated by a spike in pressure as indicated or (in the case of shallow applications) RegenOx™ “surfacing” around the injection rods or previously installed injection points. At times backpressure caused by reaction off-gassing will impede the pumps delivery volume. This can be corrected by bleeding the pressure off using a pressure relief/bypass valve (placed inline between the pump discharge and the delivery sub-assembly) and then resume pumping. If aquifer acceptance appears to be low, as indicated by high back pressure, allow sufficient time for the aquifer to equilibrate prior to removing the drive rod.



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- 18) Repeat steps 13 through 23 until treatment of the entire contaminated vertical zone has been achieved. It is recommended that the procedure extend to the top of the capillary fringe/smear zone, or to the top of the targeted treatment interval.
- 19) Install an appropriate seal, such as bentonite, above the RegenOx™ material through the entire vadose zone. Prior to emplacing the borehole seal, we recommend placing clean sand in the hole to the top of the RegenOx™ treatment zone (especially important in holes that stay open). Bentonite chips or granular bentonite should be placed immediately above the treatment zone, followed by a cement/bentonite grout to roughly 0.5 feet below ground surface. Quick-set concrete should then be used as a surface seal.
- 20) Remove and clean the drive rods as necessary.
- 21) Finish the borehole at the surface as appropriate (concrete or asphalt cap, as needed). We recommend a quick set concrete to provide a good surface seal with minimal set up time.
- 22) A proper borehole and surface seal assures that the RegenOx™ remains properly placed and prevents contaminant migration from the subsurface. Each borehole should be sealed immediately following RegenOx™ application to minimize RegenOx™ surfacing during the injection process. If RegenOx™ continues to “surface” up the direct push borehole, an appropriately sized (oversized) disposable drive tip or wood plug/stake can be used to plug the hole until the aquifer pressures equilibrates and the RegenOx™ stops surfacing. If wells are used for RegenOx™ injection the RegenOx™ injection wells and all nearby groundwater monitoring wells should be tightly capped to reduce potential for surfacing through nearby wells.
- 23) Periodically compare the pre- and post-injection volumes of RegenOx™ in the holding tank or pump hopper using the pre-marked volume levels. Volume level may not be present on all tanks or pump hoppers. In this case, volume level markings can be temporarily added using known amounts of water and a carpenter’s grease pencil (Kiel crayon).
- 24) Move to the next probe point, repeating steps 8 through 29. We recommend that the next RegenOx™ injection point be as far a distance as possible within the treatment zone from the previous RegenOx™ injection point. This will further minimize RegenOx™ surfacing and short circuiting up an adjacent borehole. When possible, due to the high volumes of liquid being injected, working from the outside of the injection area towards the center will limit expansion of the plume.

Pump Selection

Regenesis has evaluated a number of pumps and many are capable of delivering RegenOx™ to the subsurface at a sufficient pressure and volumetric rate. However, even though a number of the evaluated pumps may be capable of delivering the RegenOx™ to the subsurface based on adequate pressures and delivery rates, each pump has its own set of practical issues that may make it more or less difficult to manage in a field setting.

In general, Regenesis strongly recommends using a pump with a pressure rating of 200 pounds per square inch (psi) in sandy soil settings, and 800 psi in silt, clay or weathered bedrock settings. Any pump under consideration should have a minimum delivery rate of 5 gallons per minute (gpm). A lower gpm rated pump may be used; however, they are not recommended due to the amount of time required to inject the volume of liquids typically associated with a RegenOx™ injection (i.e. 1,000 lbs of RegenOx™ [500 lbs Oxidant/500 lbs Activator] require roughly 1,100 gallons of water to make a 5% Oxidant solution).

Quite often diaphragm pumps are used for the delivery of chemical oxidants. Generally, these pumps operate pressures from 50-150 psi. Some of these pumps do not have the pressure head necessary to overcome the back pressure encountered in silt and clay lenses. In these cases the chemical oxidant thus ends up being delivered to the surrounding sands (the path of least resistance) and is not delivered to soil with residual adsorbed contamination. The use of a positive displacement pump such as a piston pump or a progressing cavity pump is may be superior because these pumps have the pressure necessary to overcome the resistance of low permeability soils. NOTE: be aware that application at pressures that are too high may over-consolidate the soil and minimize the direct contact of the oxidant. The key is to inject at a rate and pressure that maximizes the radius of influence without causing preferential flow. This can be achieved by injecting at the minimum pressure necessary to overcome the particular pressures associated with your site soil conditions.

Whether direct injection or wells are used, it is best to start by injecting RegenOx™ outside the contaminated area and spiral laterally inwards toward the source. Similarly, RegenOx™ should be applied starting vertically at the bottom elevation of contamination, through the layer of contamination, and a couple of feet above the layer of contamination. The reagents can be pushed out from the well bore with some water.

Pump Cleaning

For best results, flush all moving parts and hoses with clean water at the end of the day; flush the injection system with a mixture of water and biodegradable cleaner such as Simple Green.

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