

Contaminant Oxidation Data

PersulfOx^m is a catalyzed form of sodium persulfate (Na₂S₂O₈) for use in destruction of groundwater and soil contaminants. Commonly encountered contaminants that can be treated by PersulfOx include hydrocarbons, chlorinated ethenes, oxygenates, and chlorinated ethanes. In order to demonstrate the efficacy of PersulfOx for treating these compounds, a series of laboratory contaminant oxidation experiments were performed on representative contaminants.

Experimental Procedure For each contaminant test: A contaminant stock solution was prepared in distilled water to deliver between 100 mg/L and 250 mg/L of a given contaminant into the test vials. A stock mixture of PersulfOx (1.0 M as sodium persulfate) was also prepared in distilled water. A control condition and a PersulfOx-treated condition were run in parallel for each study, and these conditions were run in triplicate. For the test 10 mL of the contaminant stock solution and 10 mL of the PersulfOx mixture were added to each vial yielding a final persulfate concentration of 0.5 M. For each control vial, the 10 mL of contaminant solution was combined with 10 mL of distilled water. The vials were then stored in the dark at room temperature. After 7 days, the contaminant concentrations in water were measured. The data are reported in table 1, as averages of the triplicate samples.

Contaminant	Starting Concentration (mg/L)	Control 7 d (mg/L)	PersulfOx 7 d (mg/L)	% Oxidized vs. Control
BTEX	232	204	7	96%
trichloroethene (TCE)	226	144	< 1	> 99%
1,4-dioxane ¹	175	105	< 1	> 99%
1,2-dichloroethane (DCA)	101	87	< 10	> 88%

Table 1. Contaminant Oxidation Data

Summary

The data in Table 1 demonstrates the efficacy of PersulfOx for oxidation of the common classes of organic groundwater contaminants: hydrocarbons, chlorinated ethenes, chlorinated ethanes, and oxygenates. As described in PersulfOx Tech bulletin 1.0, PersulfOx is widely applicable to treat a range of organic contaminants, and provides significant safety, convenience, and efficacy benefits in comparison with other persulfate activation technologies.

