

Enhanced Recovery & Biodegradation of Petroleum Hydrocarbons - Sweden

An Integrated Remediation Strategy with ORC-Advanced and PetroCleanze



Remediation Details

Site Type:

Industrial Unit

Project Driver:

Protection of Human Health

Remediation Approach:

Integrated treatment: Enhanced recovery and bioremediation

Technologies:

PetroCleanze®, ORC-Advanced®

Summary

A site investigation undertaken by a remediation contractor in Växjö, Sweden, identified up to 1.4 m of LNAPL on top of the groundwater beneath an industrial unit. The source of the contamination was a boiler in the basement of the facility. It was determined that the contamination posed a vapour risk to the site users. The proposed strategy was therefore to remove the LNAPL, reduce the adsorbed mass and treat the dissolved phase contamination to low levels. This was to be completed within the building, its basement and the car park downgradient.

Treatment

In order to efficiently address both the free and dissolved phase petroleum hydrocarbon contamination an integrated in-situ remediation strategy was adopted. A Multi-Phase Extraction system was installed across the target area. This was used firstly to extract the easily removable LNAPL observed at the site. Following this, several rounds of PetroCleanze were applied into the subsurface to cause the temporary desorption of the soil contamination within the smear zone. The MFE system was then used to remove this 'rebound' each time.

Once no further LNAPL was observed after the PetroCleanze application, ORC Advanced was applied to enhance the biological degradation of the residual dissolved phase contamination to reach the target values.

What's Special?

- An integrated in situ remediation method allowed for treatment of LNAPL down to low dissolved phase contamination under an industrial unit, avoiding any demolition or excavation.
- PetroCleanze enhanced the performance of the MFE in order to reduce the asymptote achieved and avoid rebound from residual sorbed contamination.
- Augmentation of the MFE reduced time onsite and the cost of the remediation programme.
- ORC Advanced was used once only dissolved phase contamination was observed, maintaining the efficiency of the remedial programme and successfully achieving stringent target values.

Geology

	Bedrock
X	Gravel
	Sand
	Silt
	Clay

Medium

X	Groundwater
	Saturated Soil
X	Vadose Zone

COC

	Petro HCs
X	Petro LNAPL
	Chlorinated VOCs
	Metals

COC Concentration Levels:

LNAPL

Treatment Level: 2 - 4 m BGL

Area Treated: 3,500 m²

No of Injection Points: 70

Remediation Cost: £66,000