

Addressing Dredging Challenges Through the Use of Barrier and Treatment Designs: Shorelines and Control of Contaminant Migration



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Presentation Outline

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- I. Materials Technology Barrier & Treatment

III. Solutions – Case Studies:

- Upland Seep at Sheet Pile Wall
- Addressing Residual Contaminated Sediment Along Shoreline
- Upland Cut-Off Wall to Intercept Groundwater Contamination

IV. Summary

Challenges Associated with Shoreline Dredging

Dredging Along a Bulkhead



Debris Along Shoreline



Piers and Obstructions



Shoreline Slope Stability



Upland Seepage & Ebullition





Materials Technology – Barrier & Treatment

Powder Coated Aggregate Particles Provide Uniform Delivery of High-Value/Low-Volume Materials to Address Sediment Contamination & Upland Seep Zones



Powder coating



Aggregate core



AquaBlok/AquaGate "Composite Particle"

Two Types of Materials – Enable Both Remediation and Geotechnical Sealing

Aquable K For Both Remediation & Geotechnical Sealing

- Low Permeability Sequestration Material
- Variable Particle Size & Densities
- High Shear Strength (Erosion Resistance)
- Proven Long-term Performance (Superfund Sites)

AquaGATE.⁺ For Remediation Applications

- Permeable (Variable)
- Powdered Treatment Amendments
 - Generally Increased Sorption Rate/Reduced Resident Time
 - Higher Surface area
 - Uniform Distribution at Low Levels
 - Targeted Placement within a Composite Cap

AqueBlok For Contaminant Sequestration/Isolation



Sealing Bulkhead Wall to Limit Upland Residual Contaminant Migration



Limiting Residual Upland NAPL

Emergency Response - Derailment

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Bank Stabilization



Blended Barrier for River MGP Sediment Remediation









Seal Slope Seepage





ACUAGATE⁺ For Permeable Amendment Delivery



- PCBs ٠ Dissolved Phase
- VOCs

AquaGate+PAC

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+ORGANOCLAY

- Petroleum .
- NAPL • Coal Tar



- PFAS •
- PAHs

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Soil Fixation

AquaGate+RemBind





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Sample #1

Sample #2 ▲ Sample #3 X CETCO PM-1

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Solutions – Case Studies:

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Upland Seep at Sheet Pile Wall: Low-Permeability Capping at Bulkhead Limits Residual Contamination Impacts



Historic Rail Yard Along Lake Shore: Limited Ability to Remove Upland Contaminants Due to Current Site Operations

AquaBlok Placed to Address Seepage along Bulkhead and In Sediment

Left: Cores taken to confirm layer thickness



Upland Seep at Sheet Pile Wall: Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) Material at Bulkhead Limits Residual Contamination Impacts



Lab Testing Performed to Permeability at **Fully Saturated** State (University of New Hampshire)





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Addressing Residual at a Shoreline: Low-Permeability Capping Limits Residual Contamination Impacts



- Setting/Purpose: MPG Site Waterfront Slip - provide cap after partial removal from sediments.
- Contaminant(s) of Concern: Coal Tar associated with historic MGP site.
- AquaBlok Cap Design/Site Area: Multi-layer comprising six-inch layer of AquaBlok 3070SW#8 saltwater formulation followed a graded aggregate for armoring protection.



Material Placed with Level Cut Environmental Clamshell Lab Testing Performed to Confirm Permeability at Fully Saturated State (University of New Hampshire)

Site Location: U.S. EPA Region 1 NSTAR – New Bedford Harbor, MA



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NAPL Trapping Cap* Design for Control of Seep & Ebullition



Site Location: U.S. EPA Region 5 MGP Impacted River – Ann Arbor, MI

* NAPL Trapping Cap is Patented and was designed by RMT/TRC

Project Status: Completed 2012



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Upland Cut-Off Wall to Intercept Groundwater Contamination

Passive Shoreline PRB to Address NAPL & Dissolved-Phase PAHs in Groundwater













Products Utilized:

- AquaGate+Organoclay
- AquaGate+PAC
- AquaBlok 2080FW

Project Location: Vancouver, BC

Upland Cut-Off Wall to Intercept Groundwater Contamination

Materials Addressed Metals & Dissolved Phase PAHs in Groundwater Entering Stream

Products Utilized:

- AquaGate+Organoclay
- AquaGate+Provect-IRM
- AquaBlok 2080FW

Project Location: *U.S. EPA Region* 7 Confidential Client, Kansas



Summary

- 1. Dredging challenges on shorelines and for control of upland migration of contamination can be effectively addressed though the use of barrier and treatment designs.
- 2. AquaBlok has developed and successfully applied a wide-range of materials to assist in implementation of the most recent technical innovations in contaminated sediment remediation.
- 3. Lessons learned include the need to Analyze and Understand Design Objectives and determine Placement Approaches to mitigate long-term impacts on the remedy.

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