Field Pilot Studies for In Situ Stabilization (ISS) of Hydrocarbon Contaminated Sediment in Kendall Bay, Sydney, NSW, Australia

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# VENTIA

## (Specialist Remediation Contractor)

**22** MGP Projects

**6** Sediments Projects



## **JEMENA** (Project Principal)

#### Gas

#### Electricity

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ActewAGL Distribution Partnership (50%)
Jemena Electricity Network
United Energy Distribution (34%)

#### Other businesses

Rosehill Recycled Water
 Ovida

#### Service business

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### A \$10.5b Business c.1.6m customers

NSW gas distribution network Victorian electricity distribution network

Gas pipelines across eastern and northern Australia

Also gas hubs, transmission, storage and water recycling

# SITE SETTING





# SITE HISTORY

# OVERVIEW OF REMEDY

Southern Remediation Area



# PROJECT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

## CHEMICAL PERFORMANCE

> 90% reduction in cumulative mass release compared to existing conditions

## **PHYSICAL PERFORMANCE**

- Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS)
- Shallow ISS Raft 1 MPa (145 psi)
- Deep ISS Columns 2 MPa (290 psi)
- Hydraulic Conductivity < 1x10<sup>-5</sup> cm/sec

# TRIAL OVERVIEW

**PHASE 1** Bench-Scale Laboratory Study

PHASE 2 Clean Field Trial

**PHASE 3** Contaminated Field Trial

# LABORATORY TRIAL

Overall tested 78 mix designs as part of the treatability study:

## **PHYSICAL TESTING**

- Grout Marsh Funnel Viscosity
- Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS)
  - 3, 7 and 28-day standard curing
  - 2 and 7-day accelerated curing
- Hydraulic Conductivity

## **CHEMICAL TESTING**

- LEAF 1316 (untreated sediment)
- LEAF 1315M (ISS Monolith)

# LABORATORY TRIAL

Conclusions

### Phase 1 conclusions were:

Moisture identified as driving factor.

No treatment enhancers required.

### Mixture for field trial confirmed as:

ISS Raft: 300 to 350 kg/m<sup>3</sup> marine cement (1 MPa)

ISS columns: 375 to 425 kg/m<sup>3</sup> marine cement (2 MPa)

### **PHASE 2 + 3**

## **FIELD TRIALS**



Two phase pilot study was performed in the Southern Remediation area to assess ISS performance, constructability and productivity.













# MASS SOIL MIXING

### RAFT SLAB MIXING TOOL



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# DEEP SOIL MIXING

### **COLUMN MIXING TOOL**

## **SAMPLING TOOLS**

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Mechanical Wet Grab Sampler PVC Sampler Russian-D Sampler

## **RESULTS** WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE APPROACH

## INDICATORS OF SUCCESSFUL ISS APPLICATION

Increased pH

Increase temperature

Moisture content

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## **LABORATORY RESULTS** UCS PHASE 3

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## LABORATORY RESULTS

Leaching Phase 3 Raft

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Legend: VSA3-Bulk Sediment Leaching Interpolation

---- VSA3-Bulk (Duplicate) Sediment Leaching Interpolation

Phase 1 Laboratory Trial Southern Area Sediment VSA3-Bulk Pre-Treatment Cumulative Mass Release (EPA Method 1316)

Phase 1 Laboratory Trial Southern Area Sediment VSA3-Bulk (Duplicate) Pre-Treatment Cumulative Mass Release (EPA Method 1316)

Phase 3 Raft 1 Post-Treatment Cumulative Mass Release (EPA Method 1315)

# **KEY LESSONS LEARNT**

Plant, equipment & environmental controls appropriate.

Validation sampling - proved to be a challenging task.

Strength gain exceeded expectations.

Movement & positioning of barges challenging.

Design & sequencing requires careful consideration.

Stakeholder engagement - community & regulator key focus.

## CONCLUSION

### **EPA ACCREDITED AUDITOR TRIAL REPORT CONCLUDED**

"Trial demonstrated practicality and applicability of ISS remedy to Kendall Bay. Works should progress to full-

scale remediation".

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