



# **Enhanced Reductive Dechlorination With the TCE concept Site Sportlaan 32 Driebergen, the Netherlands**

**Study tour Soil Remediation “from legislation to innovative remediation”**

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**This site is being remediated by a consortium of Vink (contractor), Logisticon (TCE bioreactor system) and Bioclear (design, monitoring & control)**

## **Site Sportlaan 32, Driebergen:**

- **1927 – 1954 div. activities (laundry, garage)**
- **Rubber factory “Tirub” 1954 – 2002**
- **Hydraulic oils (two tanks of 3000 & 5000 L)**
- **Subsurface fuel oil tank (6000 L)**
- **Degreasing with Tetra, TRI and 1,1,1-TCA**
- **The factory site will be redeveloped (housing)**



## **Soil contamination:**

- **Metals (Zn, Cu) & PAH in shallow soil**
- **Fuel oils: 1.100 m<sup>3</sup> > S; 625 m<sup>3</sup> > I**
- **Hydraulic oils: 4.000 m<sup>3</sup> > S; 1.875 m<sup>3</sup> > I**
- **Tetra, Tri & Cis-DCE: 33.000 m<sup>3</sup> > S**
- **1,1,1-TCA: 24.000 m<sup>3</sup> >S**

## **Remediation:**

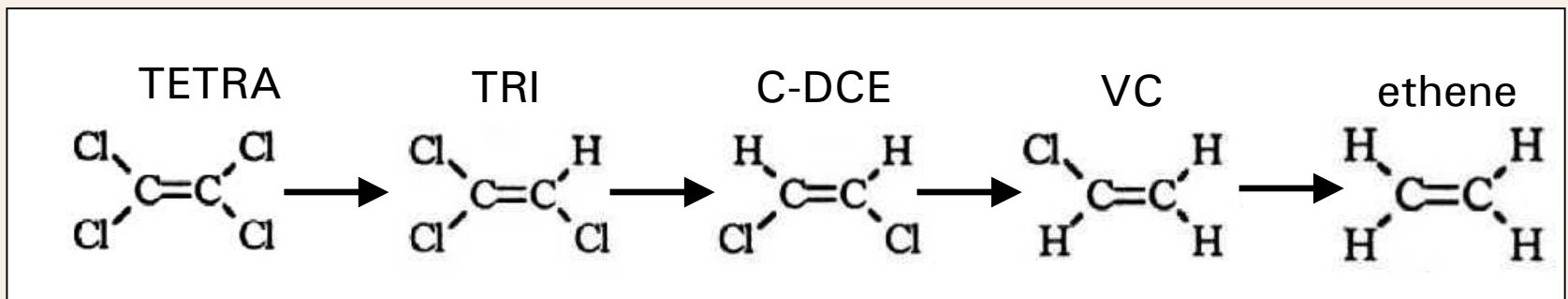
**Excavation of oil contaminations**

**ERD of chlorinated ethenes & ethanes**

## Potential for Natural Reductive Dechlorination of chlorinated ethenes:

- organic carbon
- redox conditions
- presence of the right organisms
- pH

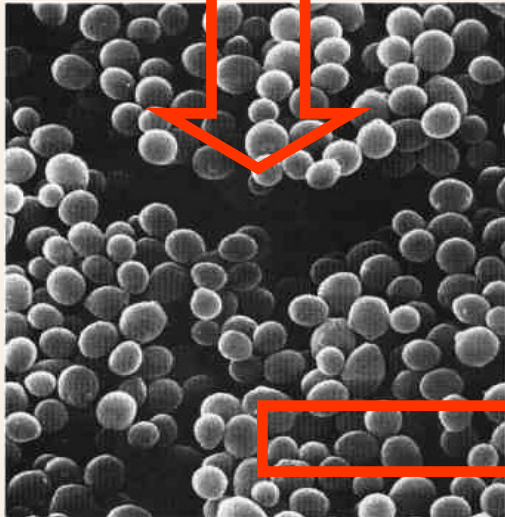
### Reductive Dechlorination route:



# Influence of Redoxconditions on Reductive Dechlorination

Process	E-acceptor	Product	Potential for Reductive Dechlorination
Aërobic	O <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	No red. dechlorination of Tetra
Denitrification	NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	N <sub>2</sub>	No red. dechlorination of Tetra
Iron reduction	Fe(III)	Fe(II)	Partial red. dechlorination to DCE
Sulfate reduction	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	S <sup>2-</sup>	Partial red. dechlorination to DCE
Methanogenesis	CO <sub>2</sub> /CO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	CH <sub>4</sub>	Complete red. dechlorination to ethene

Bacterial strain	Degradation to
<i>Dehalobacter restrictus</i>	C-DCE
<i>Dehalospirillum multivorans</i>	C-DCE
<i>Desulfuromonas chloroethenica</i>	C-DCE
<i>Desulfitobacterium</i> sp	C-DCE
<b><i>Dehalococcoides ethenogenes (D.E.)</i></b>	<b>Ethene</b>



Specific DNA



Monitoring of processes in the soil and groundwater





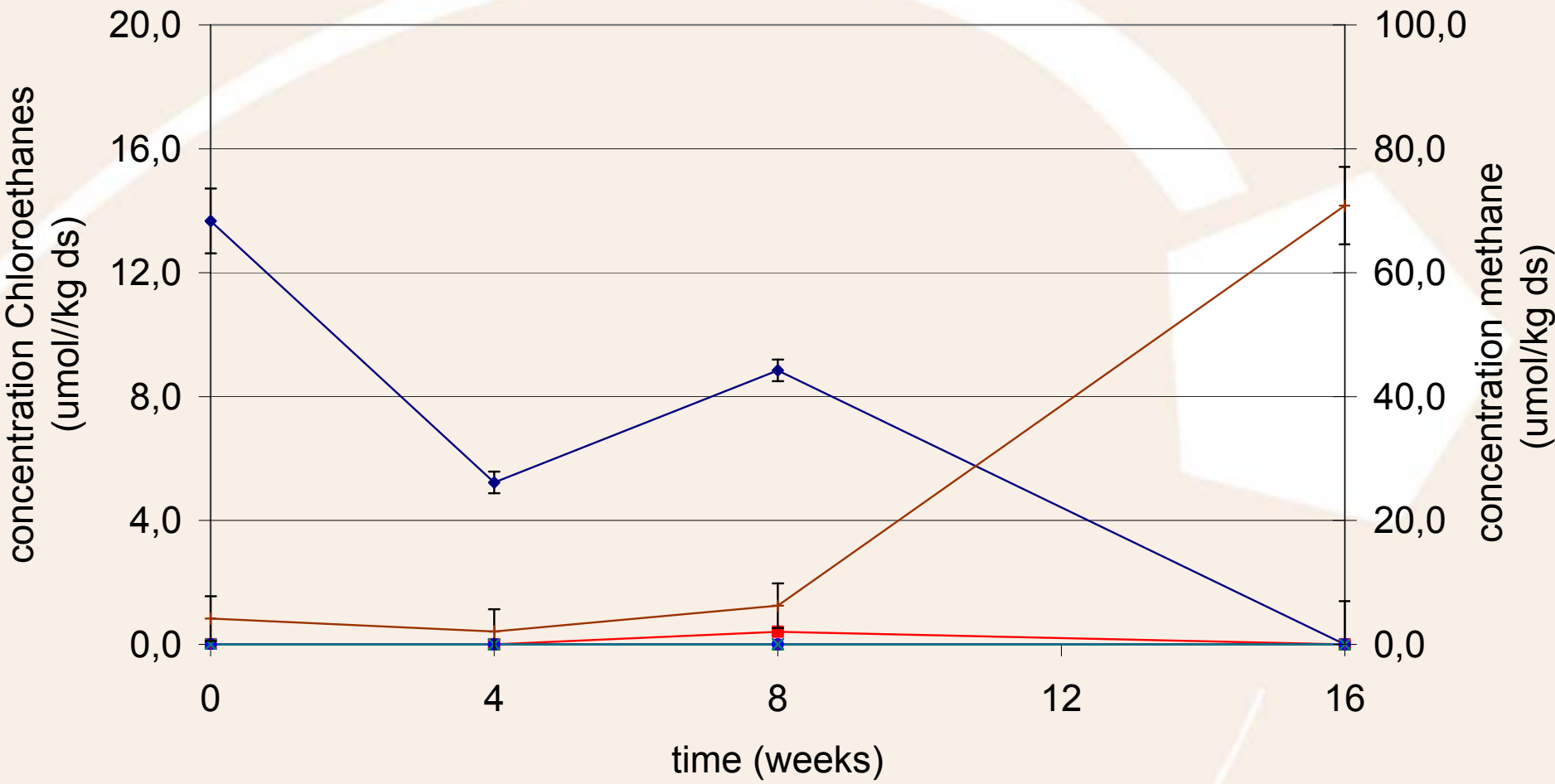
## Labscale feasibility studies Driebergen (potential for ERD: addition of carbon source )

- anaerobic batch testing 1,1,1-TCA reduction
- anaerobic batch testing tetra- and tri reduction





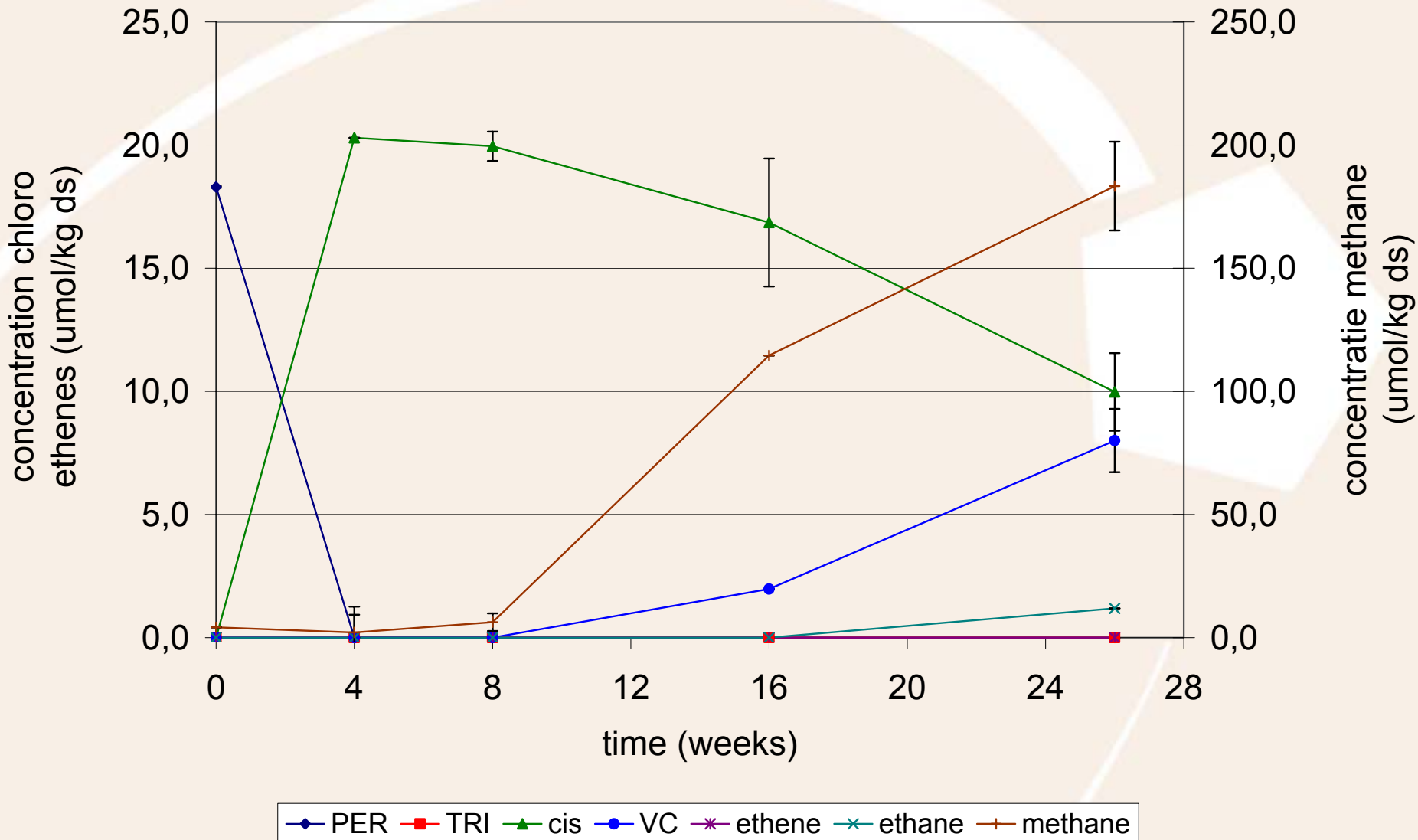
# Results 1,1,1-TCA degradation:







# Results Tetra and Tri degradation:

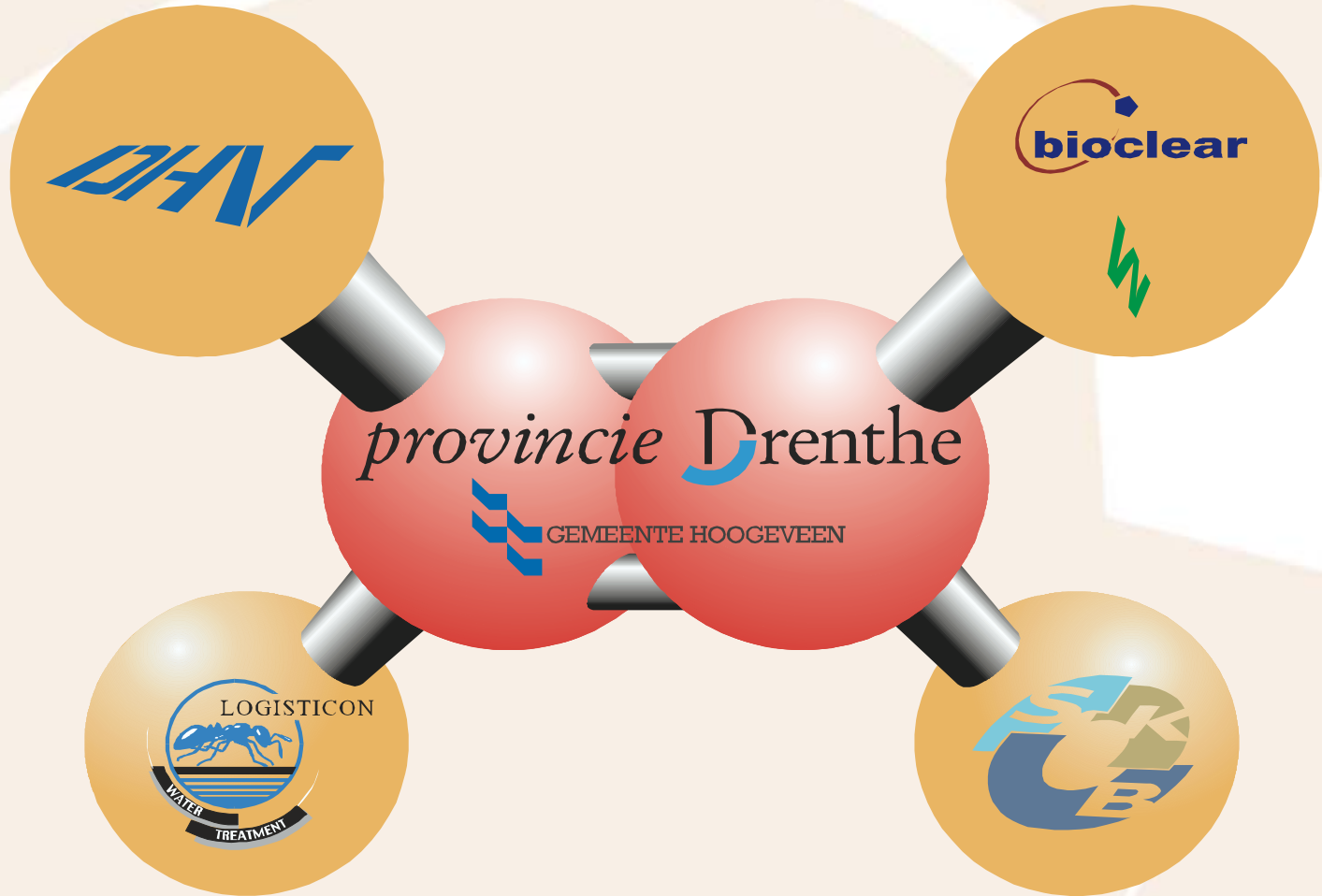




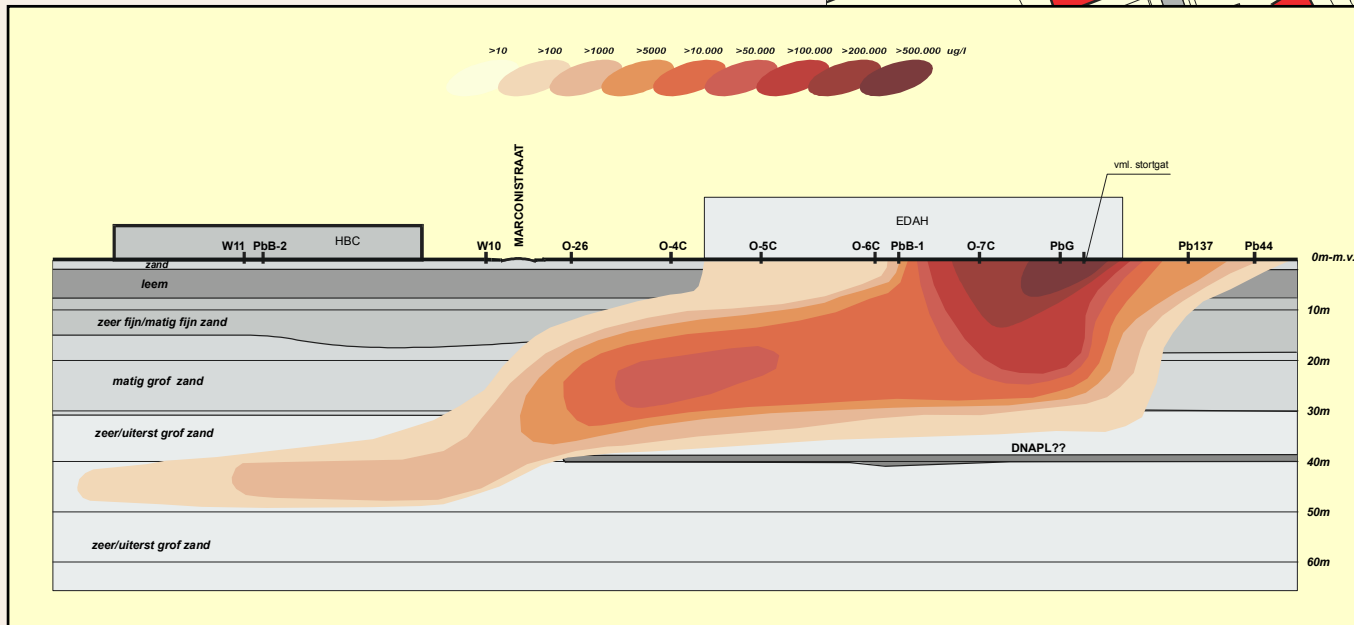
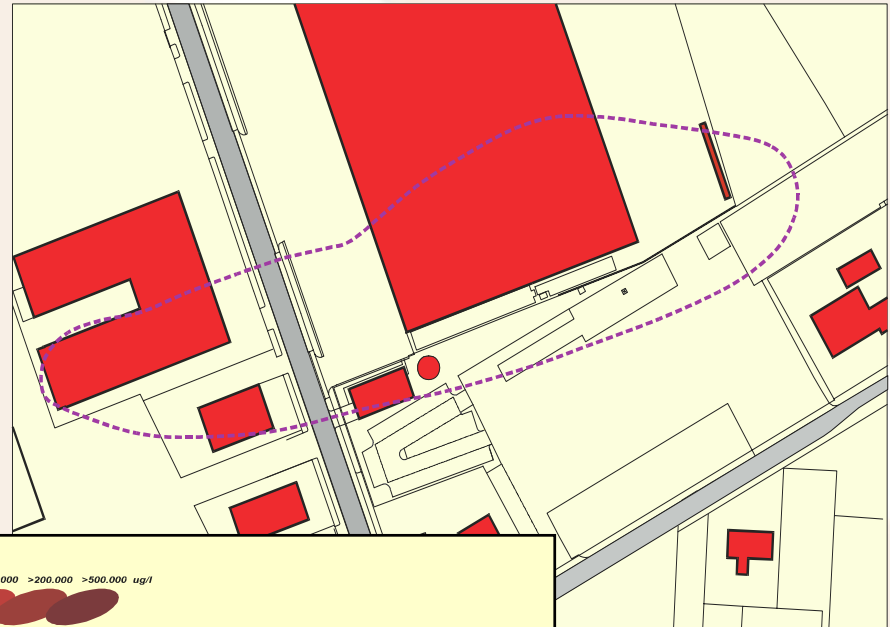
## **Conclusions Lab scale feasibility study:**

- 1. A natural 1,1,1 TCA degrading population is present at the site and can be stimulated by addition of carbon source**
  - 2. A natural Tetra- and Trichloroethene degrading population is present at the site, but formation of Vinylchloride and ethene is very slow**
  - 3. The naturally occurring degradation processes can be greatly enhanced through addition of suitable carbon source. Addition of an active dechlorinating culture (including *Dehalococcoides* sp.) would probably lead to much faster reductive dechlorination**
- *The TCE concept was proposed as remediation technique***

# TCE concept: Total Concept Evenblij



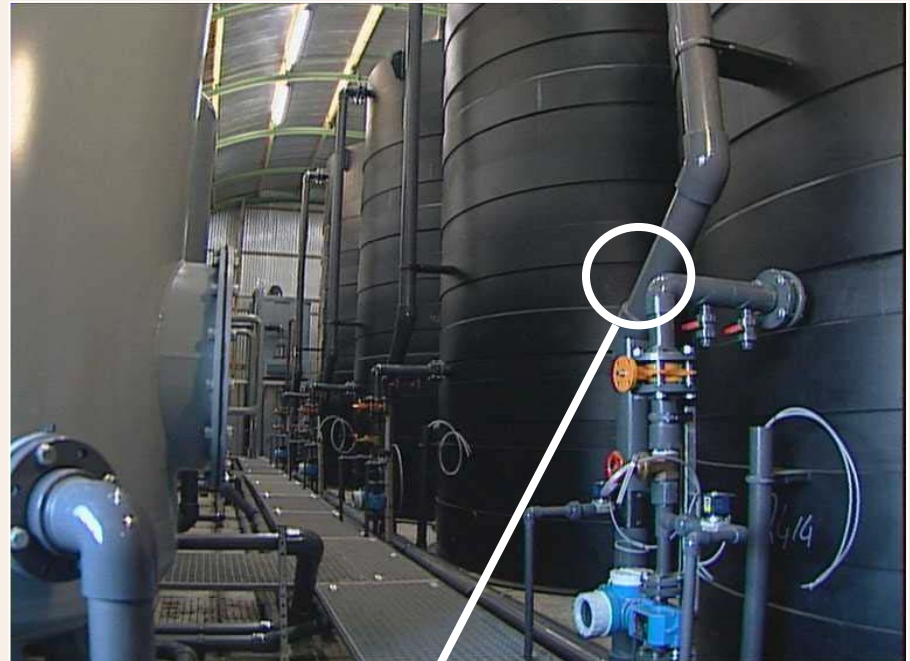
- pure product in upper layer
- plume > 200.000 m<sup>3</sup>
- no NA and no complete dechlorination after carbon source addition



## Column experiments 1995

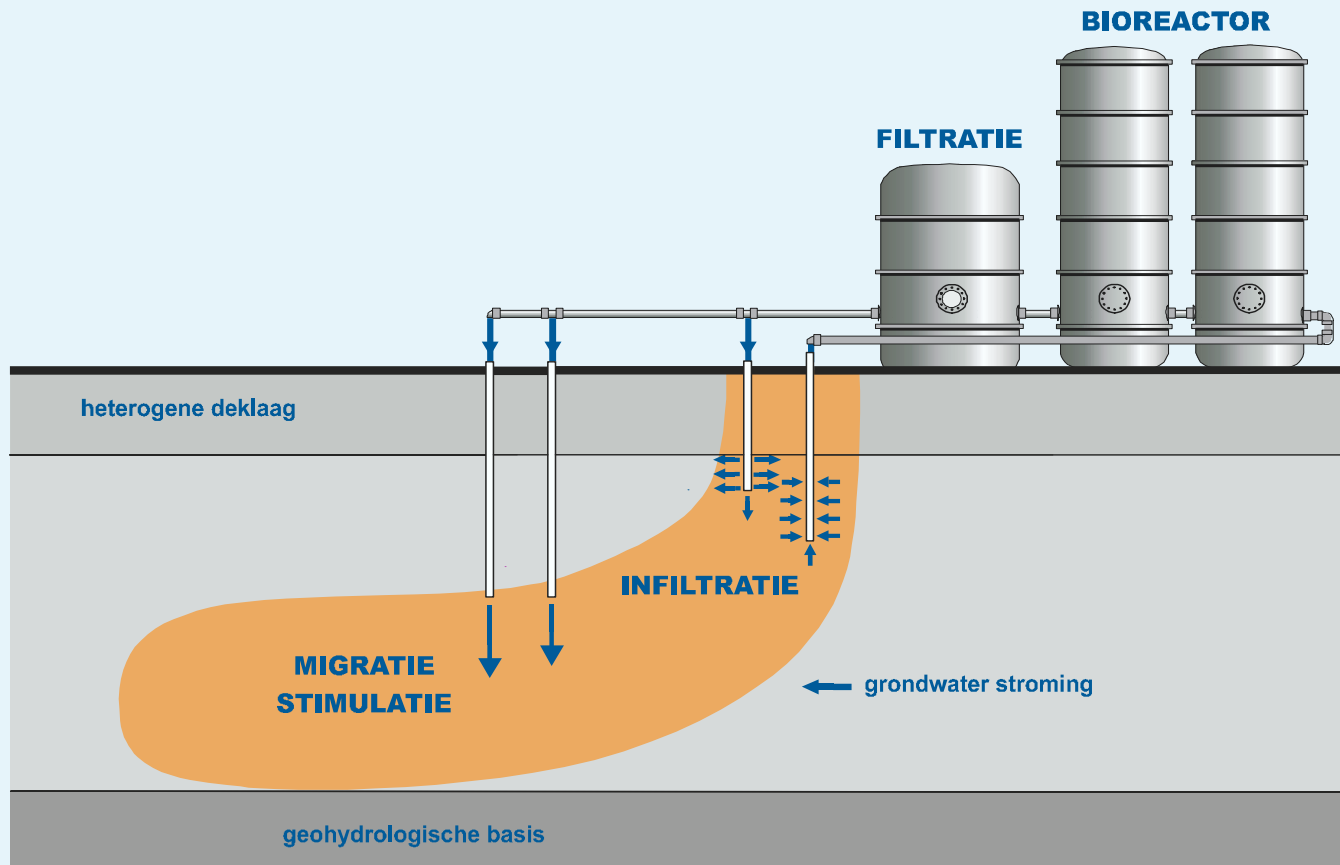


**Tetra -> ethene (99%)**

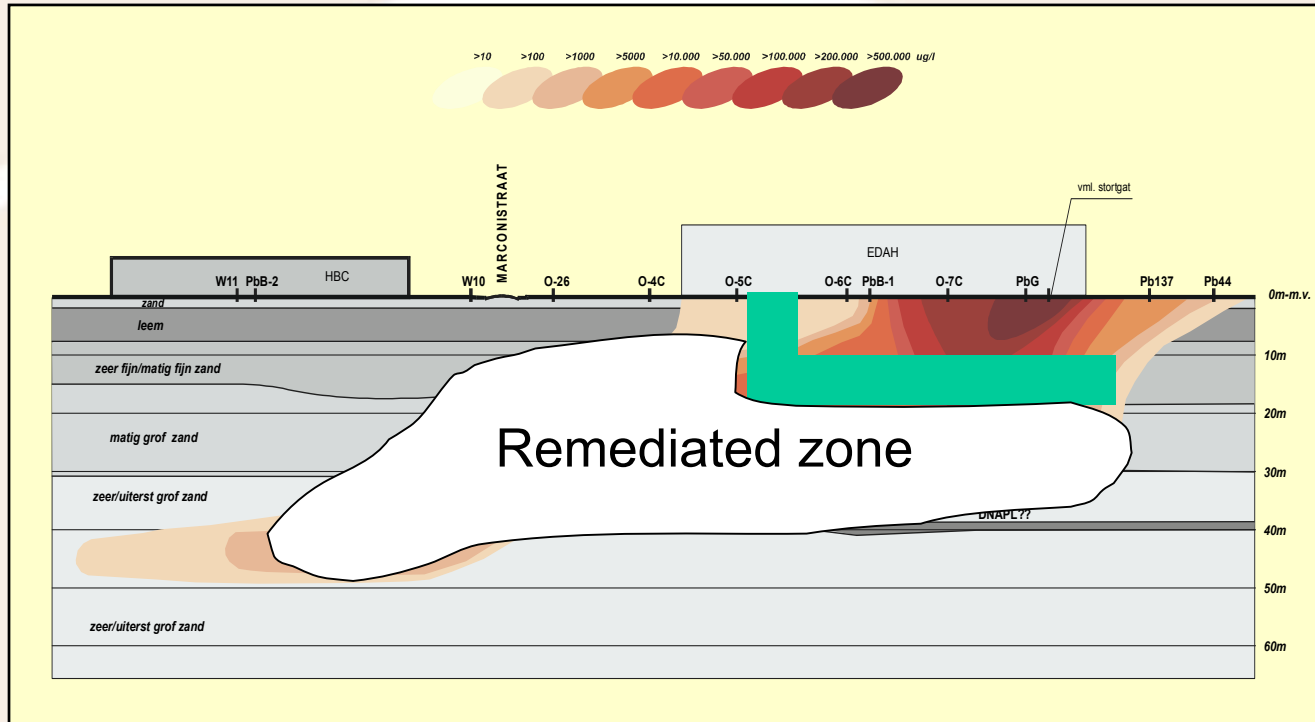


**Effluent of bioreactor**

- Tetra to ethene in 28 days
- Effluent:  $\approx 10^5$  cells/ml



**Transfer of degradation capacity from bioreactor to the soil: infiltration of organisms**



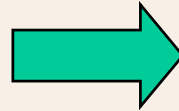
- Plume (up to 50,000  $\mu\text{g/l}$  PCE) clean (levels  $< 10 \mu\text{g/l}$ ); (length 200 m; depth 50 m)
- Soil volume 300,000  $\text{m}^3$
- More than 98% degradation in 9 months
- Core zone stimulation by carbon source injection



## Development of technique (2-3 years):



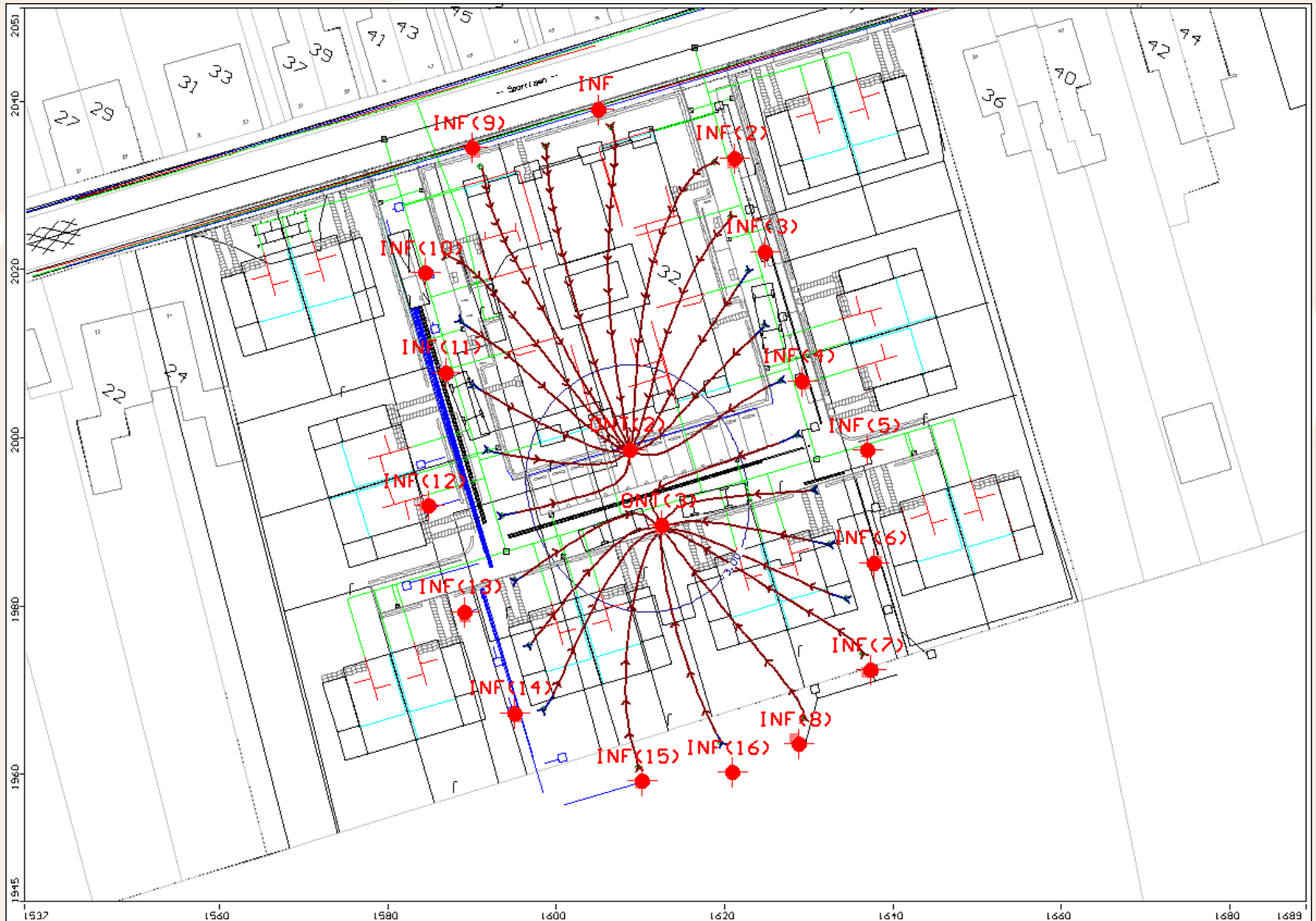
**Fixed system, 100 m<sup>3</sup> volume**



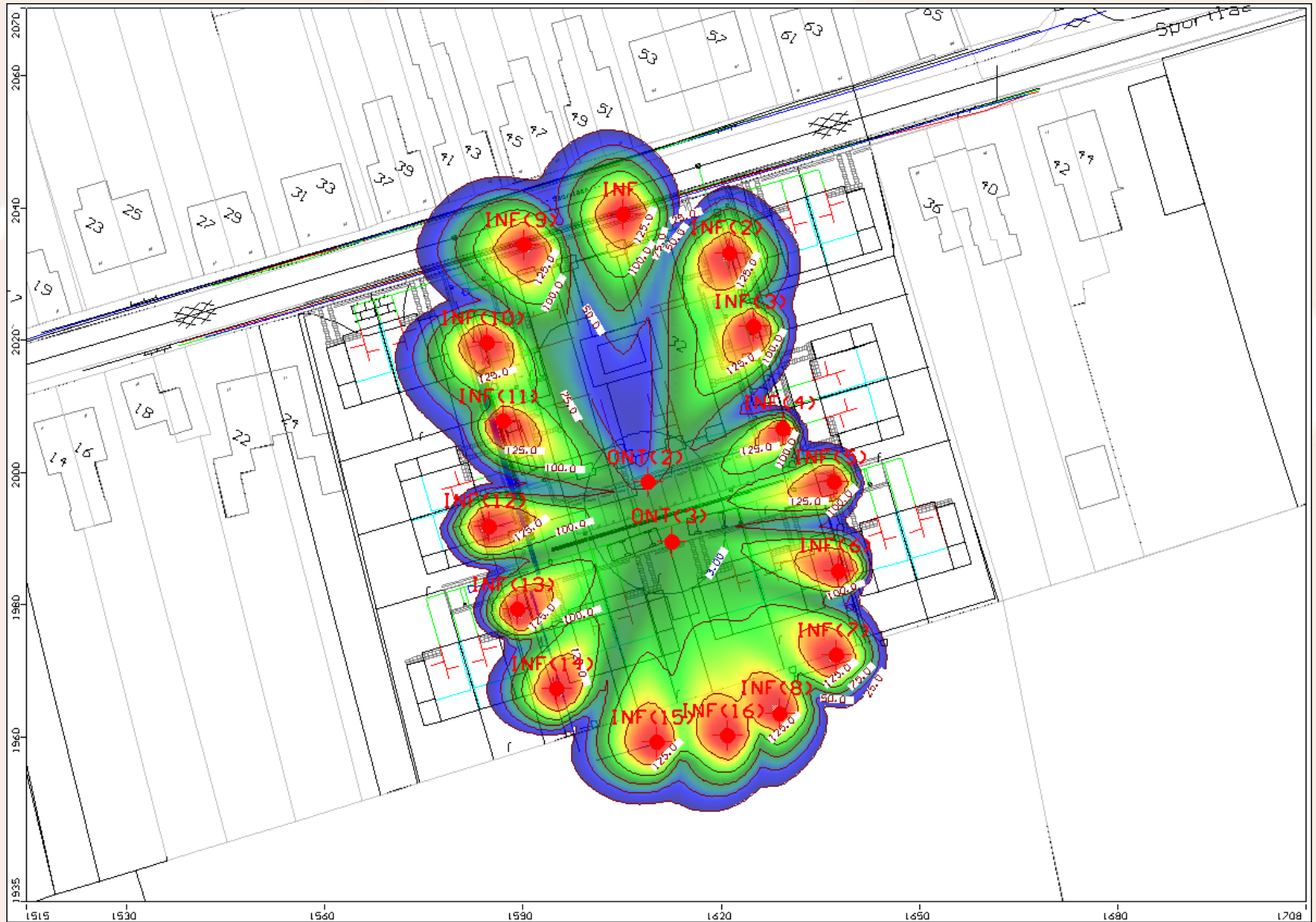
**Mobile system, 30 ft container**



# Design Driebergen : flush through time



# Design : Carbon source distribution 90 days



# Some monitoring results after 1,5 months

Well	300		301		302	
Depth of screen (m-sl)	3,0-5,0		3,0-5,0		2,5-4,5	
Date	18-7-2006	2-10-2006	18-7-2006	2-10-2006	18-7-2006	2-10-2006
pH (-)	7,85	5,82	5,61	4,8	5,94	6,17
Temperature (°C)	15,1	14,8	13,5	14,8	14,9	15,1
Conductivity (µS/cm)	458	469	417	318	318	451
Redox (mV)	140	-193	293	180	168	-180
Oxygen (mg/l)	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,7	0,55	0,2
Nitrate (mg/l)	130	3,2	170	84	97	<0,2
Sulphate (mg/l)	180	52	95	65	83	15
Methane (µg/l)	<25	1800	<25	<25	<25	1800
TOC (mg/l)	16	110	25	22	22	91
PER (µg/l)	1,1	20	<0,1	0,29	7,8	5,4
TRI (µg/l)	9,5	25	0,98	7,6	240	9,8
<i>cis</i> -DCE (µg/l)	0,16	39	<0,1	<0,1	15	69
VC (µg/l)	<0,1	2,4	<0,1	<0,1	<1	1,6
Etheen (µg/l)	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25
Ethaan (µg/l)	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25	<0,25
1,1,1-trichloorethaan (µg/l)	<0,1	7,1	<0,1	<0,1	<1	3,5