

A New Vision for the Forensic Analysis of PFAS



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PFAS Vision provides rapid insight for key aspects of CSM

- Spatial patterns and distribution in groundwater
- Source type and signature
- PFAS composition and proportions
- Indication of comingled plumes
- Statistical concentration distribution
- Comparison to regulatory criteria and sensitivity analysis
- Fate & transport characteristics
- Concentration versus distance and attainment distance



Fractionation of PFAS in GW occurs due to differential sorption

- Results in changing proportion of PFAS with migration distance,
- Causes morphing signature from common source, and
- Provides evidence of transport in porous media



Average of PFAS Koc values presented in ITRC PFAS Tech Reg









































This example demonstrates:

- Distinct PFAS migration pathway from a source in groundwater
- PFAS signature characteristic of end-of-PFAS-lifecycle waste facility
- Morphing PFAS signature from common source along groundwater flow path
- Monitoring well (MW-4) with disparate PFAS signature
- 58% of samples exceed PFOA criterion of 12 ng/L
- PFOA criterion (12 ng/L) attained at ~1,500 feet from source



Thank you!!



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