

# CASE STUDY Heavy Metals

## **Direct Push Injection Yields Rapid Results**



#### Background

As part of a real estate transaction, a Vertex client was committed to restoring a heavy metal plume to below applicable standards. The heavy metals of concern included Copper, Cobalt and Nickel.

#### Solution

Because of their strong theoretical background and extensive experience, Vertex was selected to design and optimize a multi-faceted and cost-effective in-situ remediation effort that would show results quickly. A sulphate reduction program was deemed the best choice. The Vertex team proceeded to:

- Acquire all relevant permits
- Administer three injections under moderate pressure Injections were completed using:
- Direct push
- Packer and gas delivery system
- Direct placement

Multiple compounds were delivered to impacted areas, including over 600kg of EHC-M and reactive gas.

### Benefit

Sulphate reducing conditions were noted within five days of the injections. Post-injection remedial objectives were met for the restoration of Copper (10 days), Cobalt (55 days) and Nickel (139 days). No on-going operation or maintenance expenses were required.

A Record of Site Condition was obtained, enabling commercial land development to proceed.

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