In Situ Thermal Desorption – How Cold/Heat storage transforms clean-up costs into a sustainable investment

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Our view on innovation...



The electric light was not invented...

...by improving the candle



The ambition...

Economical and carbon neutral clean soil through:

- Reduction of energy costs
- Reduction of infrastructure costs
- Savings in (future) expenditures , like heating/cooling systems

The concept

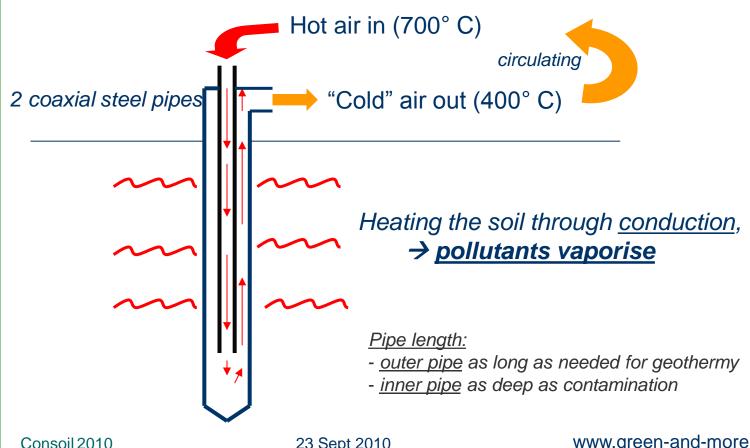
- Green: in-situ thermal treatment of contaminated soil
 - Under existing buildings
 - Brownfields
- & More: re-use of ISTD infrastructure for a <u>geothermal system</u> in (future) building (cooling/heating)
- & More: re-use of ISTD infrastructure for <u>stability</u> of future building (stakes)

Step 1: Clean soil by ISTD: 2 phases

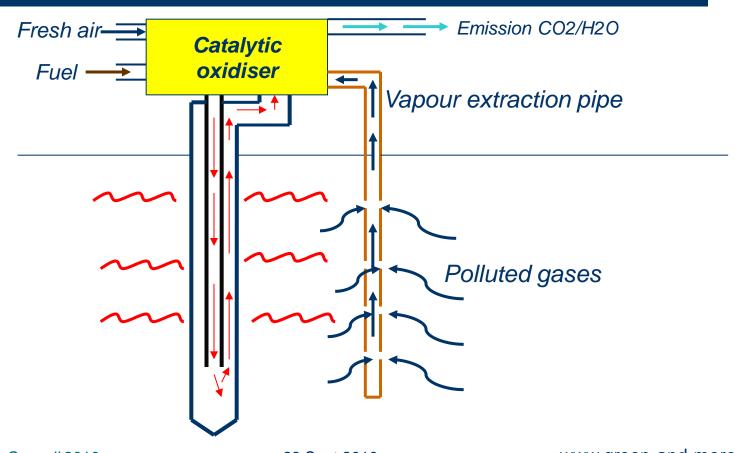
- <u>Phase 1</u>: heating the soil, to vaporise the pollutants.
 Result: clean soil, dirty gases.
- <u>Phase 2</u>: heating the polluted vapors, to destroy the pollutants (oxidisation)

Result: pollutants destroyed; CO2 and H2O emission.

Phase 1: Heating the soil



Phase 2: gas treatment

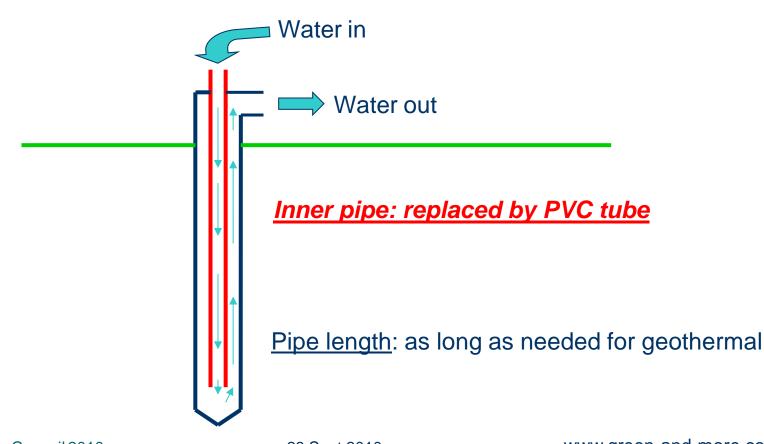


How to define ISTD?

- Installing an air/soil heat exchanger
- Transferring heat to the soil
- Recuperating vapors for oxidation/energy production

And More,...

Re-use for geothermal energy



Savings

- Storage capacity (not energy!)
- Energy comes from
 - Seasonal temperature variations
 - Added solar panels
 - Capped by energy needs of the building

Office or housing?

Offices

- Need for cooling (80% of energy consumption)
- Solar panels not efficient (no extra value)
- Cooling demand depending on energy efficiency of the building

Housing

- Need for heating
- Extra value in solar panels (more heat can be stored underground)
- Extra recuperation of clean-up heat (2-3 years)

Critical design parameters

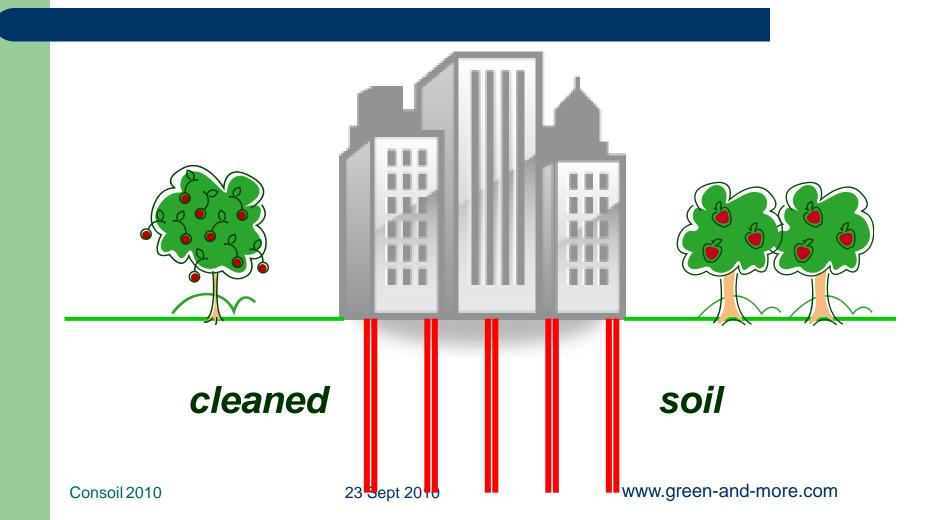
- Energy needs over seasons
- Building usage (office, housing or mixed)
- Design
 - Depth of pipes
 - Surface covered (min is contaminated zone)
- Fixed
 - Interdistance of pipes (depending on clean-up)

Additional benefits

- Stainless steel pipes
 - Better thermal conductivity increase heat transfer efficiency
 - Robust
 - Already installed for remediation
 - Additional cost limited (additional depth)
- Increase value of the building
 - Contribution to green building
- Potential financial benefit from combination
 - Subsidies for green energy (not for remediation)

And More,...

Stability and geothermal energy



Savings

Economical

- Variable, depending on the type of soil, local parameters and construction project.
- Carbon Footprint
 - Transportation and energy related to all stability infrastructure

Conclusion

- Soil pollution is NOT a fatality
- Cleaning can have substantial economic benefits
- Cleaning to natural level is not per definition more expensive
- Widening the thinking can help solving the problem