

# TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE

## Environmental Restoration

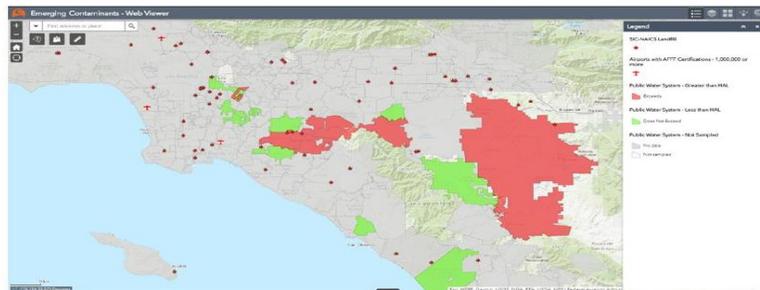
*Developments in the Arcadis Restoration Practice*

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# Restoration Highlights and Trends 2023-2024

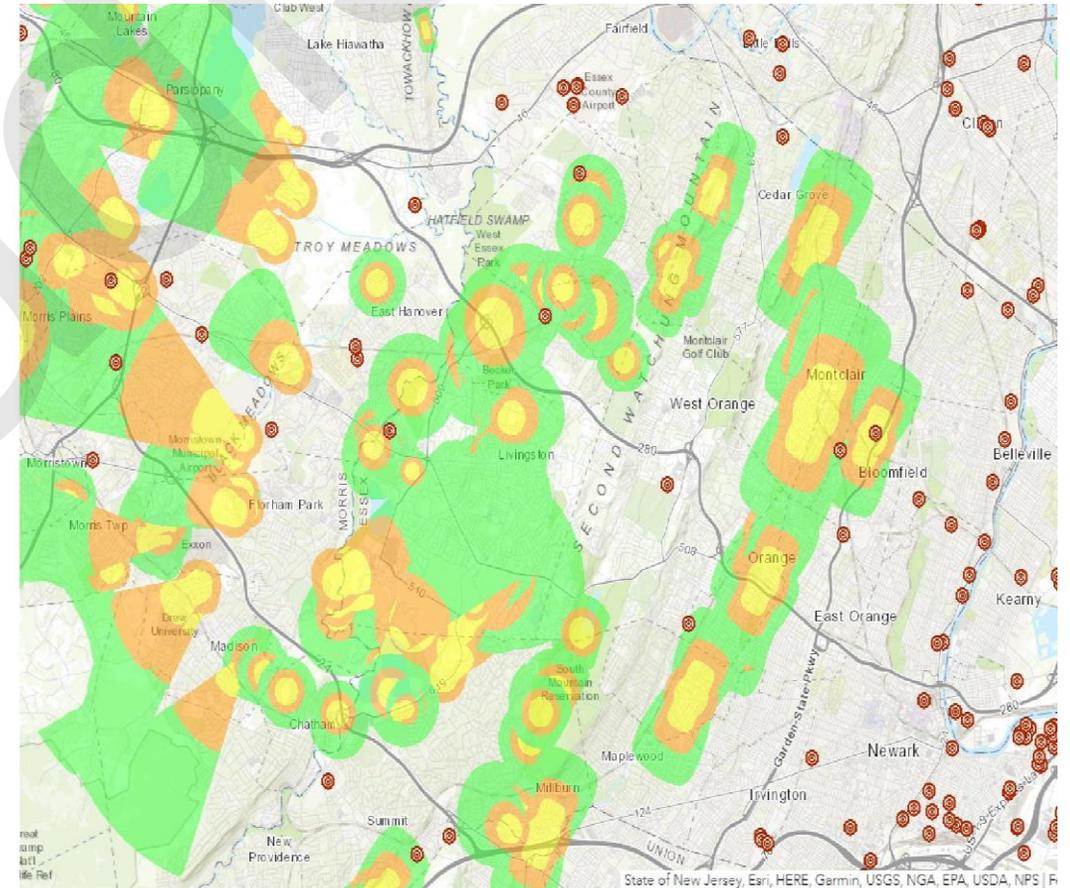
- Digital Innovation
  - GIS Vulnerability Tool
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  - Green Metrics Analysis (GMA)
- Technology Innovation
  - Passive Sentinel Sampler
  - PFAS Decon: AFFF Systems and D-4
  - Concrete Leaching
- Critical Minerals: UK Coal Example
- Green Cement: Global Mineralogy/Prospecting
- Upstream O&G: NORM

# PFAS Vulnerability Assessment Tool



Large-scale PFAS detection with airports

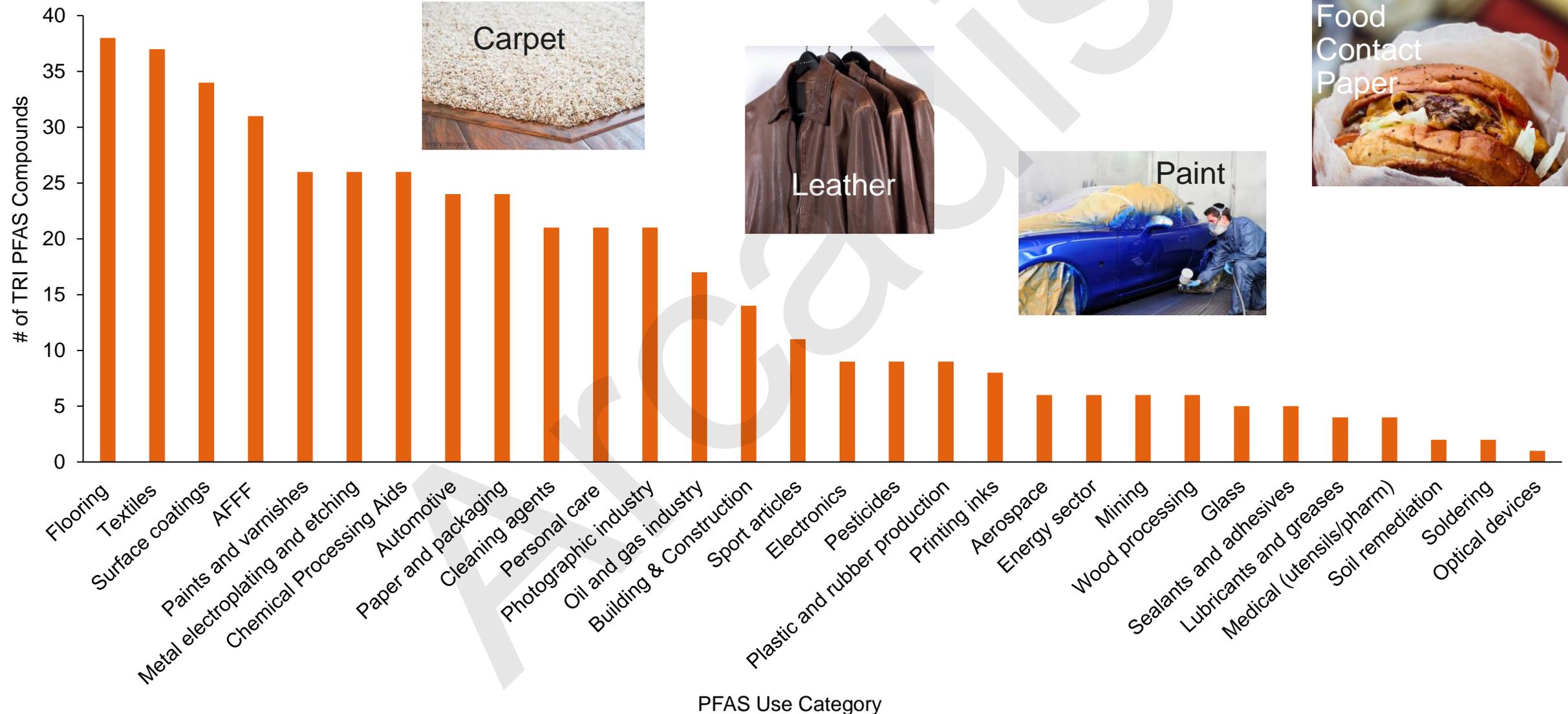
- GIS – based
- Screening Level: Access public databases with graphical presentation
- Integration Level: Incorporate site-specific data
- Rank and compare portfolio sites
- Data protected and secure



Well-head protection areas and potential PFAS users

# FluoroHunter: SearchBot – PFAS in Products

Arcadis' assessment of the individual PFASs added to the EPA's Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reporting



# Fluoro Hunter (SDS PFAS Searchbot)

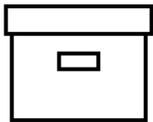
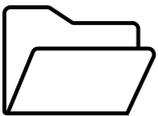
## SDS Searchbot Steps:

1. Collect SDSs to be searched
2. Determine PFAS search list (s)
3. Run Program
4. Manually screen output for false positives & negatives
5. Summarize all positive hits

Compatible with  
any type of  
searchable PDF

Possible to  
convert non-  
searchable PDF  
to PDF

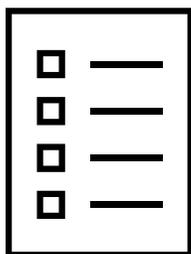
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## Possible PFAS Search Lists Include:

US EPA  
TSCA

US EPA TRI

Arcadis  
developed  
search terms

Stockholm  
Convention  
POPs

ECHA  
REACH  
SVHC

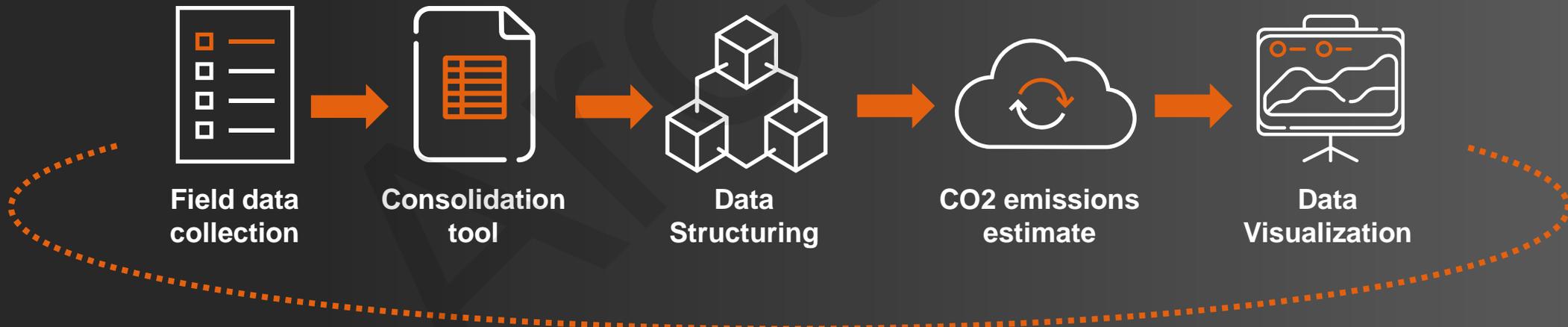
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# Arcadis Green Metrics Analysis (GMA) (Greenhouse gases calculator | ER

**Objective:** estimate the greenhouse gases emissions at field activities.

Field activities list and correlation with the GHG Protocol/scopes  
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 Limitations and assumptions definition, theoretical conversion factors adoption  
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**Greenhouse gases calculation | ER**



**Arcadis Data Analysis**

# The Solution

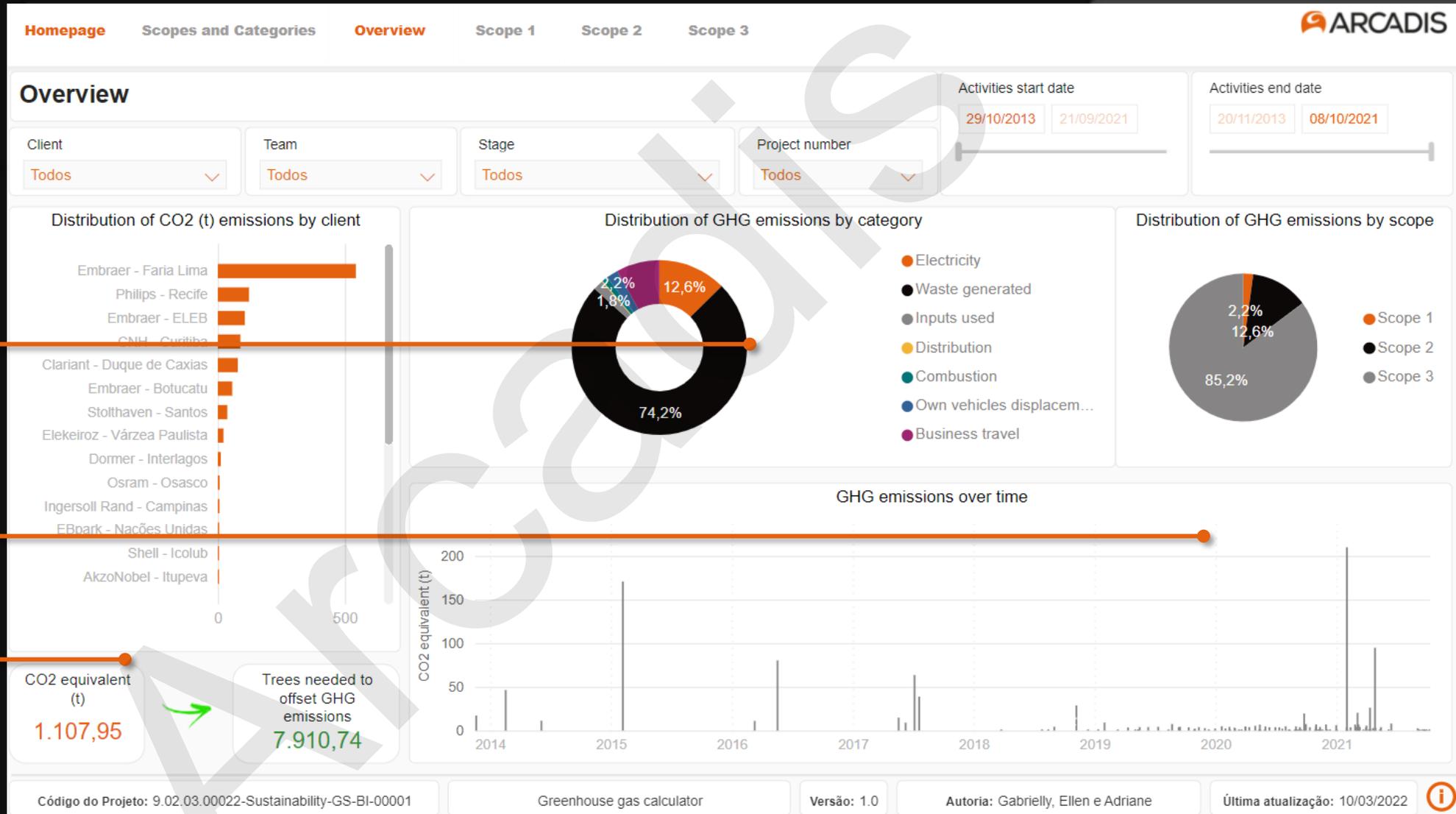
## Integrated Data

Different filters

Emissions by category

Emissions over time

Total emissions and comparison between different projects



# Technology Innovation

# Sentinel Sampler – potential for monitoring optimization

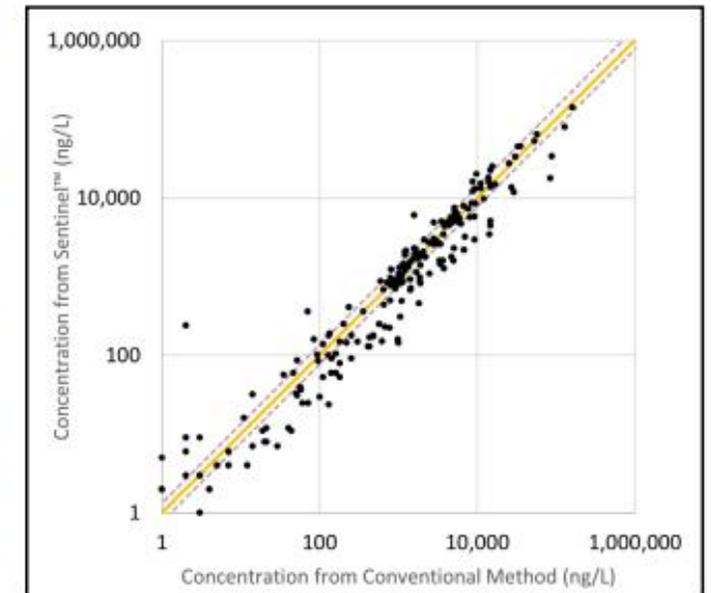
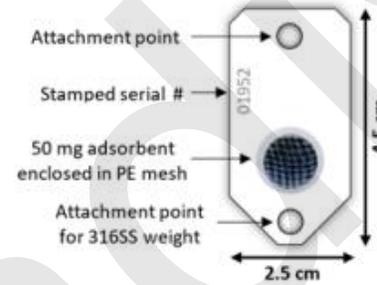
Passive, time-integrated sampling of water

- Flexible deployment from <1 to > 4 weeks
- Wide range of PFAS compounds
- Reliably measure 6+ orders of magnitude

Monitoring and Identification

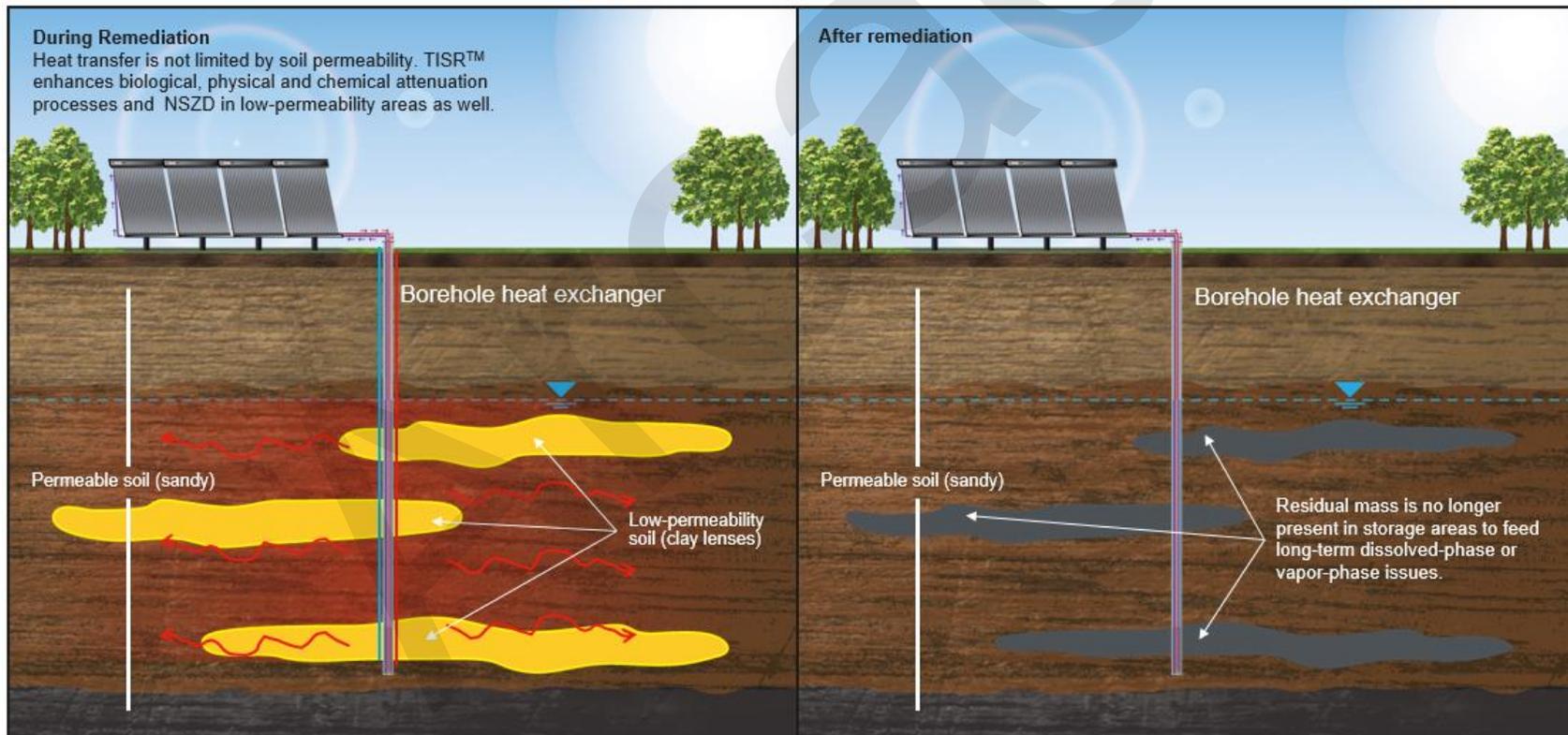
- Simple deployment and analyses
  - mailed to lab
- Minimize intrusion to homeowner
- Reduce O&M costs

ESTCP project funding for validation of method



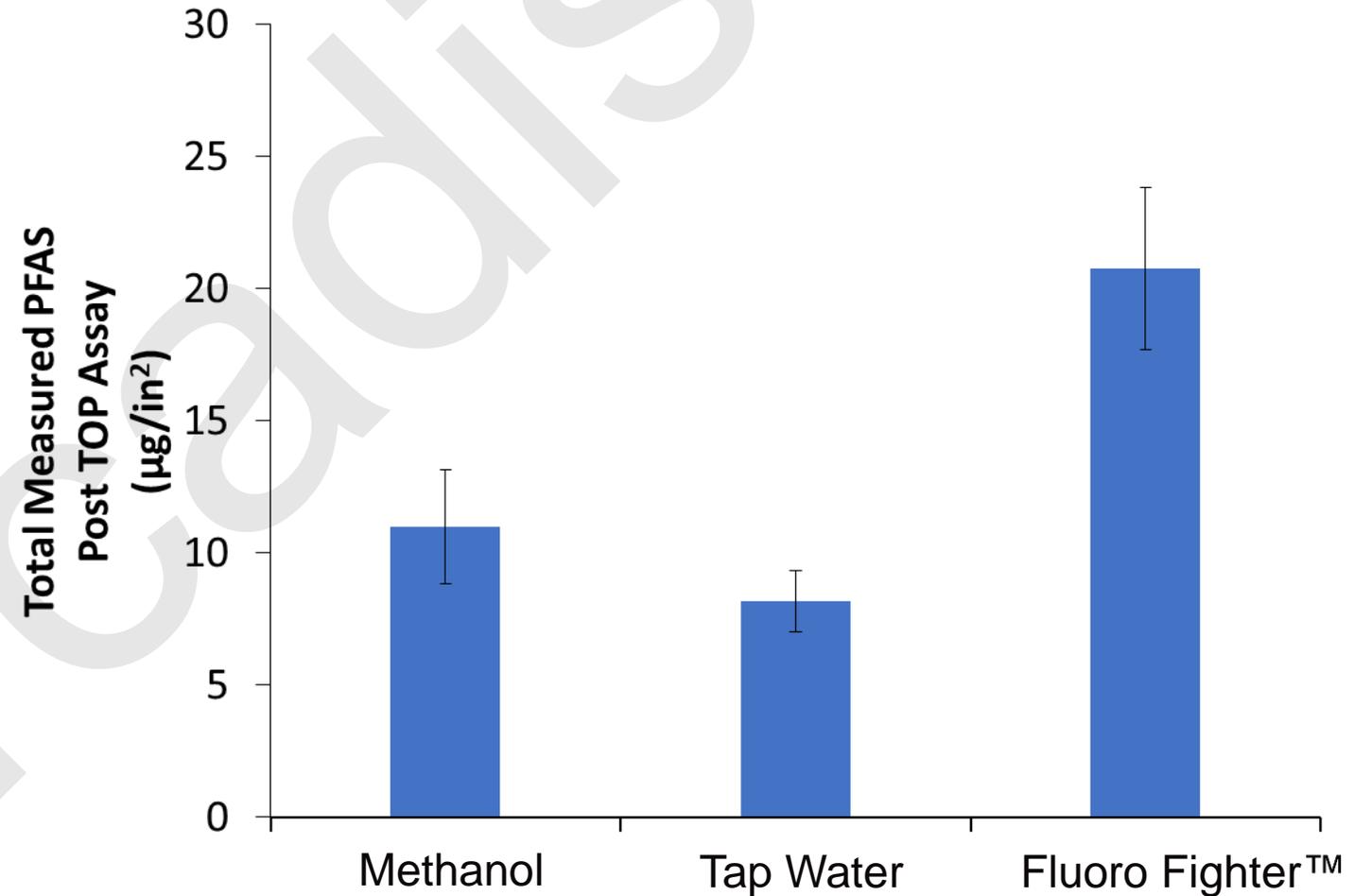
# TISR<sup>SM</sup> - Benefits

- Solar powered Sustainable technology with negligible **operation and maintenance** costs.
- Abiotic and Biotic degradation **rate enhancement** – reduced lifecycle costs.
- **Application in tandem** with AS/SVE, MPE systems.
- Effective in **Complex Geology** with residual mass.



# AFFF Concentrate Pipe Extraction Demonstration

- Bench-scale steel pipe extraction using methanol, water, and Fluoro Fighter™
- Fluoro Fighter™ removed > 2.5x PFAS vs water and 1.9x vs methanol
- Equivalent to up to 2 mg/L of PFAS returned to new foam after uncleaned changeout



Error bars represent one standard deviation on the mean from n = 5 replicates

## Building Materials Assessment

### Our Role

- Evaluation of potentially PFAS impacted building materials removed from an industrial chemical facility
- Evaluate alternatives to handle these impacted materials after plant shut down to minimize current and future risk associated PFAS
- Alternatives evaluated include (but are not limited to) leaving materials in place, cleaning, lining, and/or removal/disposal
- Provide additional information on disposal options for solid waste known to be impacted by PFAS

### Key Challenges

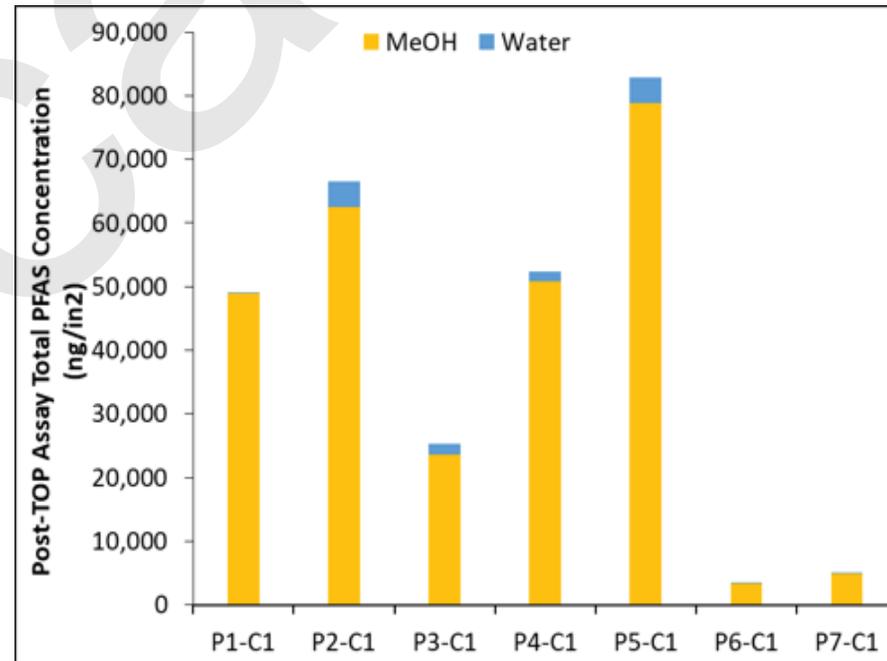
- Cost escalation related to disposal of PFAS impacted building materials

### Innovation/Best Practice

- PFAS concentrations on fire suppression piping were evaluated based on the average mass of PFAS removed using aggressive extraction conditions considered to maximize removal
- Field cup test procedure developed by Arcadis for PFAS was used for in place sampling of a tank farm concrete secondary containment structure

Sample ID	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
Description	Foam Concentrate from Bladder Tank	Riser Up Supply to 3rd Floor	Riser Up Supply to 5th - 8th Floors	Sprinkler Feed Piping	Sprinkler Feed Piping	Tank Farm Head	Tank Farm Head
Pipe ID (in)	3	3	8	1.25	1	2.5	2.5
Photo							

Pipe ID	Total PFAS (ng/in <sup>2</sup> )	Pipe Radius (in)	Surface Area for 12" Length of Pipe (in <sup>2</sup> )	Volume for 12" Length of Pipe (L)	PFAS Dissolution Concentration for Single Volume (ug/L)
P1	49069	1.5	113	1.4	3989
P2	66586	1.5	113	1.4	5413
P3	25368	4	302	9.9	773
P4	52431	0.625	47	0.2	10231
P5	82867	0.5	38	0.2	20211
P6	3415	1.25	94	1.0	333
P7	4979	1.25	94	1.0	486



# MANAGEMENT AND MITIGATION OF PFAS LEACHING FROM CONCRETE SEVERAL GLOBAL PROJECTS

Concrete is porous, and PFAS can partition into concrete matrices, especially after years or decades of contact with PFAS containing liquids. Arcadis is or has led two efforts related to characterizing PFAS present in concrete, as well as evaluating means and methods to remove or contain the PFAS within the concrete.

The first was for an **Oil and Gas facility in Australia and consisted of coring into concrete and identifying PFAS mass at various depths of penetration** (Two sealants were applied to PFAS-containing cores from this site and their effectiveness in minimizing leaching of PFAS was compared; the results are published in Vo et al., 2023, Water Research X 20. Evaluation of sealants to mitigate the release of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) from AFFF-impacted concrete: Characterization and forecasting.

The second effort is ongoing, with funding from the **US DOD under ESTCP and involves bench scale testing to characterize PFAS present in stockpiled concrete debris from a DOD BRAC site**, where concrete rubble management/disposal can have large financial considerations in the redevelopment goals for this base. As part of this work, we are also evaluating several types of concrete sealants that can be used to minimize/eliminate leaching.

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## Release of perfluoroalkyl substances from AFFF-impacted concrete in a firefighting training ground (FTG) under repeated rainfall simulations

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**ABSTRACT**

Historical use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at firefighting training grounds (FTGs) has prompted questions regarding possible PFAS retention within concrete and subsequent releases to the environment. This investigation seeks to better understand the release of five PFAS from concrete cores collected from a legacy FTG. The vertical profile of cores were assessed, then surface ponding and rainfall simulations were conducted on the cores. Perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) had the highest concentrations in both the core (up to 10,000 µg kg<sup>-1</sup>) and in ponded water on their surface (up to 100 µg L<sup>-1</sup>), followed by 6:2 fluorotelomer sulfonate (6:2 FT5) and perfluorohexane sulfonate (PFHxS). The maximum concentrations of PFAS in runoff water of five rainfall simulations were similar, suggesting recurring release of PFAS from AFFF impacted concrete, which could be sustained by upward transport of PFAS in the concrete subsurface layers through a potential "wicking" effect. The estimated mass of PFAS released during a simulated rainfall of 60 mm was approximately 1% of the total PFAS mass estimated within the top 1 cm of the concrete core. The results of the study suggest that concrete at FTGs may present an ongoing secondary source of PFAS in runoff water events.

**1. Introduction**

The ability to reliably extinguish Class B fires in accordance with national and international codes is an important task that requires regular training. Firefighting trainings and activities have resulted in the use of a variety of aqueous film-forming foam (AFFF) chemistries that contain various per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) (Place and Field, 2012). PFAS were a critical component of AFFF due to their physical and chemical characteristics that are extremely well suited for timely extinguishment of Class B fires (Moody and Field, 2000). AFFF have been used at sites such as military bases, airports, and oil refineries for emergency and training purposes (Moody and Field, 2000). The repeated use of AFFF has resulted in firefighting training grounds (FTG) with high concentrations of diverse PFAS within the built infrastructure and surrounding environment, with observations of up to hundreds of micrograms per liter PFAS in surface water runoff from the FTG (Baduel et al., 2015; Bhavsar et al., 2016; Dauchy et al., 2019).

Previously, 90% of residual PFAS associated with an AFFF-impacted concrete pad at a FTG was estimated to generate PFOS in runoff water of at least 0.2 µg L<sup>-1</sup> for more than 200 years (until 2230) (Baduel et al., 2015). However, that estimation was based on the conditions of continuous release of PFAS from concrete to static ponded water, which could be different than the release of PFAS from sloped concrete during a rainfall event. Such differences could have an important consequence for any realistic assessment of long-term release of PFAS from concrete associated with historical AFFF usage at FTGs and to support the evaluation of potential mitigation measures.

Hence, in this study we aimed to investigate the dynamic release of PFAS associated with concrete cores collected from a FTG under ponding and rainfall simulations.

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# Automotive Assembly Plant

## AFFF Release Response near Central Tank Farm

- Cleaning of underground storage tank
- Cleaning of operations equipment and AFFF-impacted asphalt/concrete surface



Arcadis cleaned subsurface vault with Fluoro Fighter™ - used 825 gallons of cleaning agent over two days

Arcadis and Job Site Services used Fluoro Fighter™ to clean asphalt and concrete surfaces to remove PFAS from AFFF-impacted surfaces over three-day mobilization; used and cleaned on-site floor scrubbers to return them to service in plant



# Critical Minerals: UK Example

# Critical Minerals – What are they?

Critical minerals (CM) are identified based upon supply chain risks, and the dependence of the domestic manufacturing sector on foreign supplies (often “foreign entities of concern”)

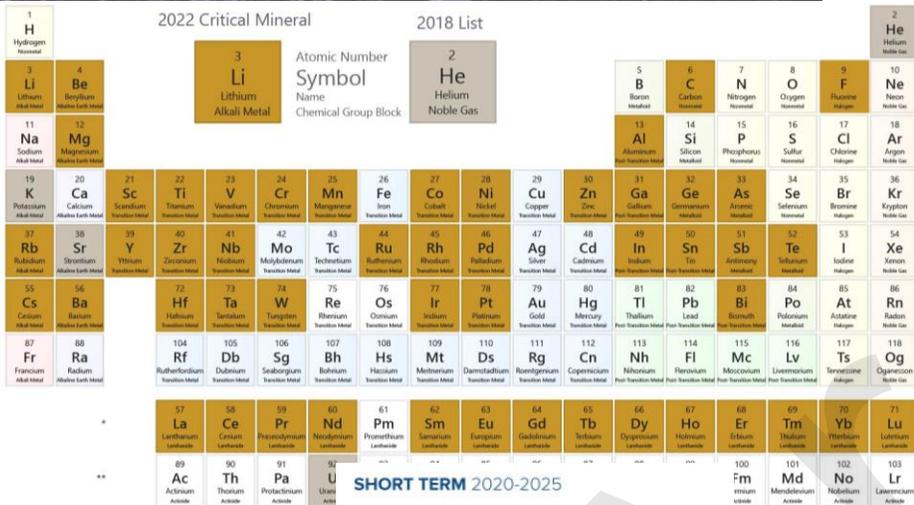
NATIONAL NEWS RELEASE  
**U.S. Geological Survey Releases 2022 List of Critical Minerals**



Policy paper

**Resilience for the Future: The UK’s Critical Minerals Strategy**

Updated 13 March 2023



Critical minerals are a subset of all important minerals

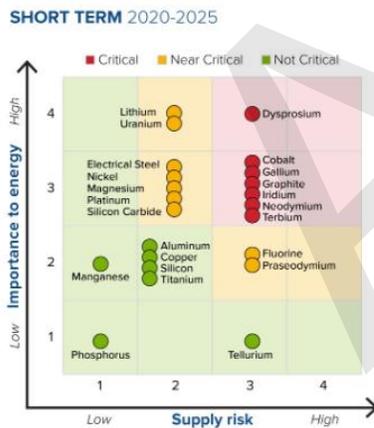
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**Other important minerals**  
 Feedstocks for important technologies, but may be more plentiful, commoditised, have bulk applications that provide a degree of flexibility in the market or less risky supply chains

**“Watchlist”**  
 Minerals with potentially increasing criticality due to rapidly growing demand or emerging global supply risks

**Critical minerals**  
 Minerals with high economic vulnerability and high global supply risk



**The UK’s list of 18 critical minerals**

Antimony	Bismuth
Cobalt	Gallium
Graphite	Indium
Lithium	Magnesium
Niobium	Palladium
Platinum	Rare Earth Elements
Silicon	Tantalum
Tellurium	Tin
Tungsten	Vanadium

## Energy generation

49  
**In**  
Indium

31  
**Ga**  
Gallium

34  
**Se**  
Selenium



Photo credit: Testbourne, Ltd.



Offshore direct drive wind turbine  
Photo credit: US DOE

500 kg REEs per 2 MW wind turbine

60  
**Nd**  
Neodymium

66  
**Dy**  
Dysprosium

## Defense and national security

75  
**Re**  
Rhenium



U.S. Air Force F-35A Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter  
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Gen. III Ground Panoramic Night Vision Goggles  
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32  
**Ge**  
Germanium

31  
**Ga**  
Gallium

33  
**As**  
Arsenic

## Healthcare

64  
**Gd**  
Gadolinium

63  
**Eu**  
Europium

71  
**Lu**  
Lutetium



PET/CT diagnostic imaging  
Photo credit: GE Healthcare

58  
**Ce**  
Cerium

65  
**Tb**  
Terbium

39  
**Y**  
Yttrium

60 kg Li per EV battery

## Transportation

3  
**Li**  
Lithium

27  
**Co**  
Cobalt

25  
**Mn**  
Manganese

6  
**C**  
Carbon

28  
**Ni**  
Nickel

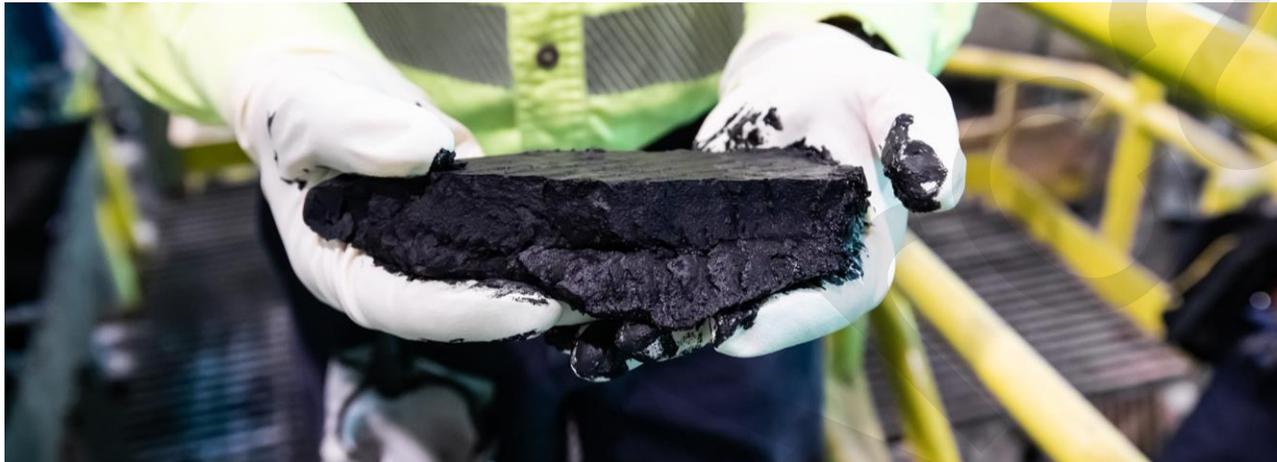


Electric and hybrid vehicles  
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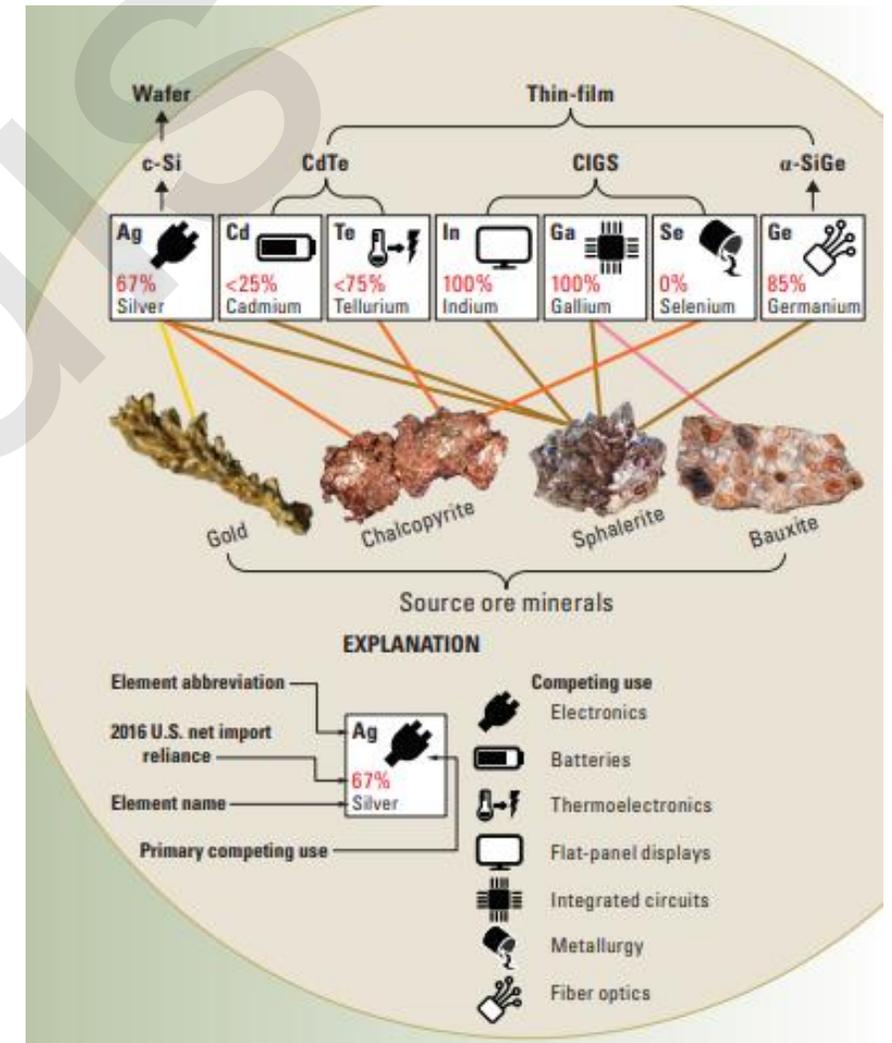
From: Nassar, USGS, 2020

# Secondary Sources of Critical Minerals - Photovoltaics

- **Photovoltaics** (PVs) use elements for which a **primary source** (conventional resource - ore) is often not readily available
- **Secondary sources** (unconventional resources) are therefore the focus for supply of **Cd, Te, In, Ga, Se, and Ge**
- **Ga** currently is derived as a byproduct of lead-zinc, and processing of bauxite ore, along with extraction from residues of zinc (sphalerite) processing (USGS, 2017)



- **Te** is recovered from copper anode slimes, a byproduct of smelting copper (Rio Tinto, 2022)



From: National Minerals Information Center, 2017

# Water Treatment at UK Abandoned Coal Mines

In 2016, 64 pumping stations were operated by the Coal Authority

(some pumped waters are used for heating)

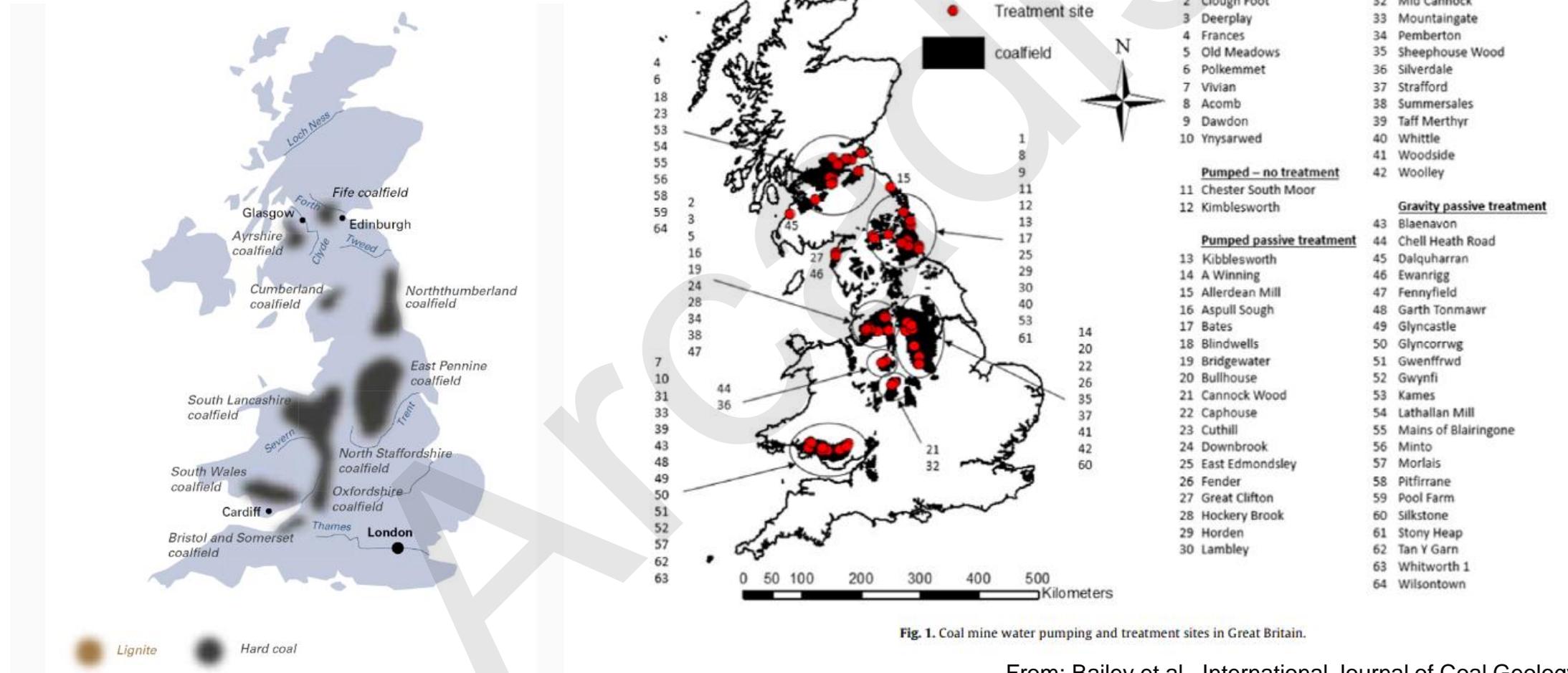
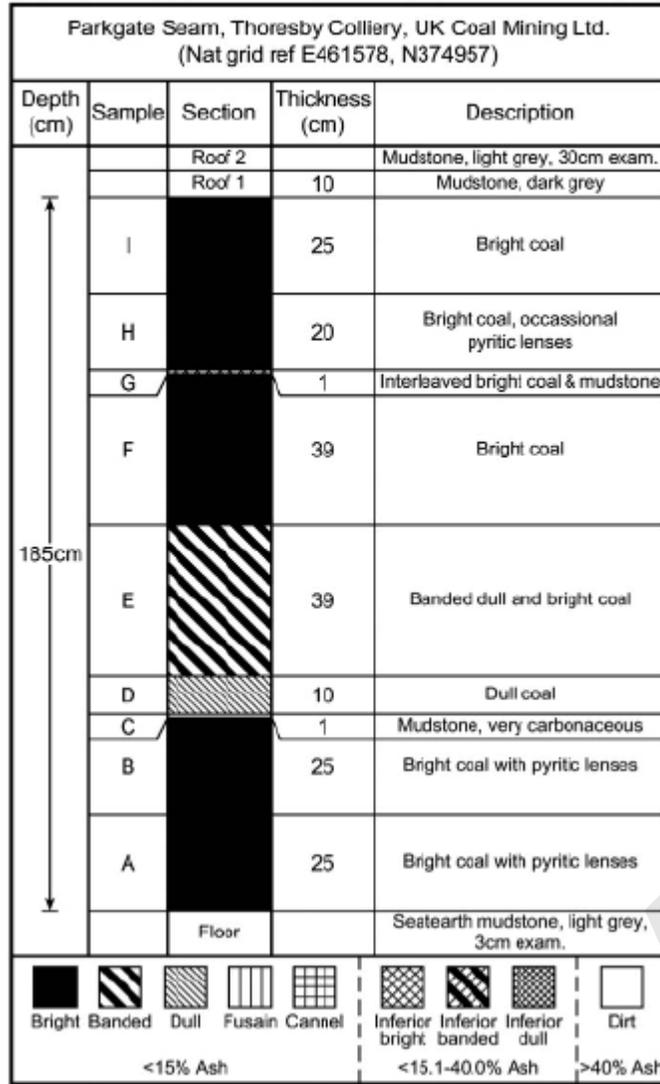


Fig. 1. Coal mine water pumping and treatment sites in Great Britain.

From: Bailey et al., International Journal of Coal Geology, 2016

# Example of Trace Element Content of UK Coal



From Spears and Tewalt, 2009

Parameter	Units	Median	Average	Standard deviation
Si	wt.%	0.96	1.66	1.92
Al	wt.%	0.65	1.15	1.42
Ca	wt.%	0.17	0.22	0.18
Mg	wt.%	0.038	0.054	0.06
Na	wt.%	0.21	0.2	0.07
K	wt.%	0.072	0.186	0.31
Fe	wt.%	0.682	1.055	0.99
Ti	wt.%	0.03	0.049	0.07
P	wt.%	0.0006	0.0025	0.004
S	wt.%	1.76	2.13	1.12
525 °C Ash	%	6.05	8.79	8.14
Remnant moisture	%	1.72	1.75	0.44
As	ppm	11.6	31.3	45
Ba	ppm	84.0	100	63
Be	ppm	1.45	1.65	0.82
Bi	ppm	0.09	0.12	0.10
Cd	ppm	0.04	0.05	0.03
Cl	ppm	5850	6120	1810
Co	ppm	2.35	3.38	2.3
Cr	ppm	8.90	14.8	18
Cs	ppm	0.280	0.79	1.23
Cu	ppm	30.0	39.0	28
Ga	ppm	2.01	3.26	3.1
Ge	ppm	5.52	9.31	10.4
Hg	ppm	0.087	0.174	0.21
Li	ppm	10.0	29.1	62
Mn	ppm	24.4	30.1	23
Mo	ppm	2.81	3.39	2.7
Nb	ppm	0.780	1.17	1.3
Ni	ppm	24.1	40.0	51
Pb	ppm	12.8	23.5	23
Rb	ppm	3.70	9.8	16
Sb	ppm	1.69	2.29	1.8
Sc	ppm	2.14	3.15	3.0
Se	ppm	1.45	2.33	2.1
Sn	ppm	1.07	1.45	1.1
Sr	ppm	35.0	46.0	35
Te	ppm	0.07	0.07	0.03
Tl	ppm	0.33	0.73	1.0
U	ppm	0.78	1.09	0.8
V	ppm	25.1	35.0	27
Y	ppm	4.60	5.84	4.5
Zn	ppm	7.61	8.44	3.4

Element	Parkgate	Harworth	Eggborough	East Midlands
Hg	7.2			
Tl	40			17
Pb	875	390	406	322
As	1440	1346	1070	1029
Se	78	38	27	97
Mo	96	128	98	107
Cd	0.9			
Ni	1870	525	337	309
Sb	53	26	20	
Zn	97	564	455	21
Cu		885		315

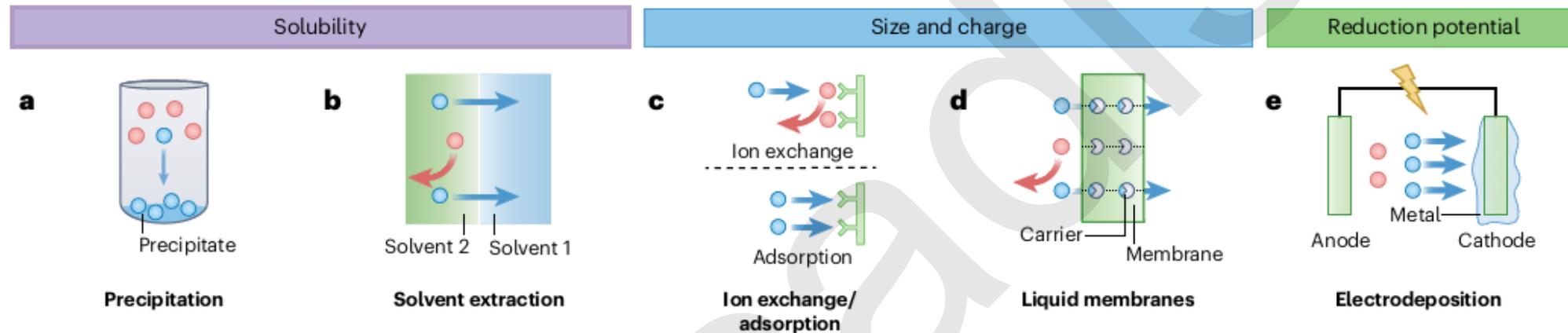
Table above shows concentration of trace elements in pyrite mineral in coal (pyrite causes AMD)

Table (left) shows trace element content in Parkgate bulk coal

# Example of potential value associated with REEs in a 500 gpm mine water seep (US), with 75% recovery

Rare Earth Element	Concentration (mg/L)	Mass Recovered, kg per year (75% recovery)	Price, rare earth oxide (US dollars/kg)	Value (rare earth oxide, US dollars, per year)
Dy <sup>a</sup>	2	14,922	\$158	\$2,357,691
Er <sup>a</sup>	1	7,461	\$53	\$395,435
Eu <sup>a</sup>	0.5	3,731	\$13	\$48,496
Ga <sup>a</sup>	1.5	11,192	\$76	\$850,559
Ho <sup>b,c</sup>	0.5	3,730	\$100	\$373,052
La <sup>a</sup>	0.75	5,595	\$1	\$5,595
Nd <sup>c,d</sup>	2.5	18,652	\$138	\$2,574,061
Pr <sup>a</sup>	0.35	2,611	\$133	\$347,311
Tb <sup>a</sup>	0.3	2,238	\$1,300	\$2,909,808
Y <sup>a</sup>	10	74,610	\$12	\$895,325
Yb <sup>c,d</sup>	1	7,461	\$15	\$111,915
	<b>Total Mass Recovered:</b>	152,205	<b>Total Value:</b>	\$10,869,252

# Recovery Concepts – AMD Water at Abandoned Coal Mines



*From: DuChanois et al., 2022*

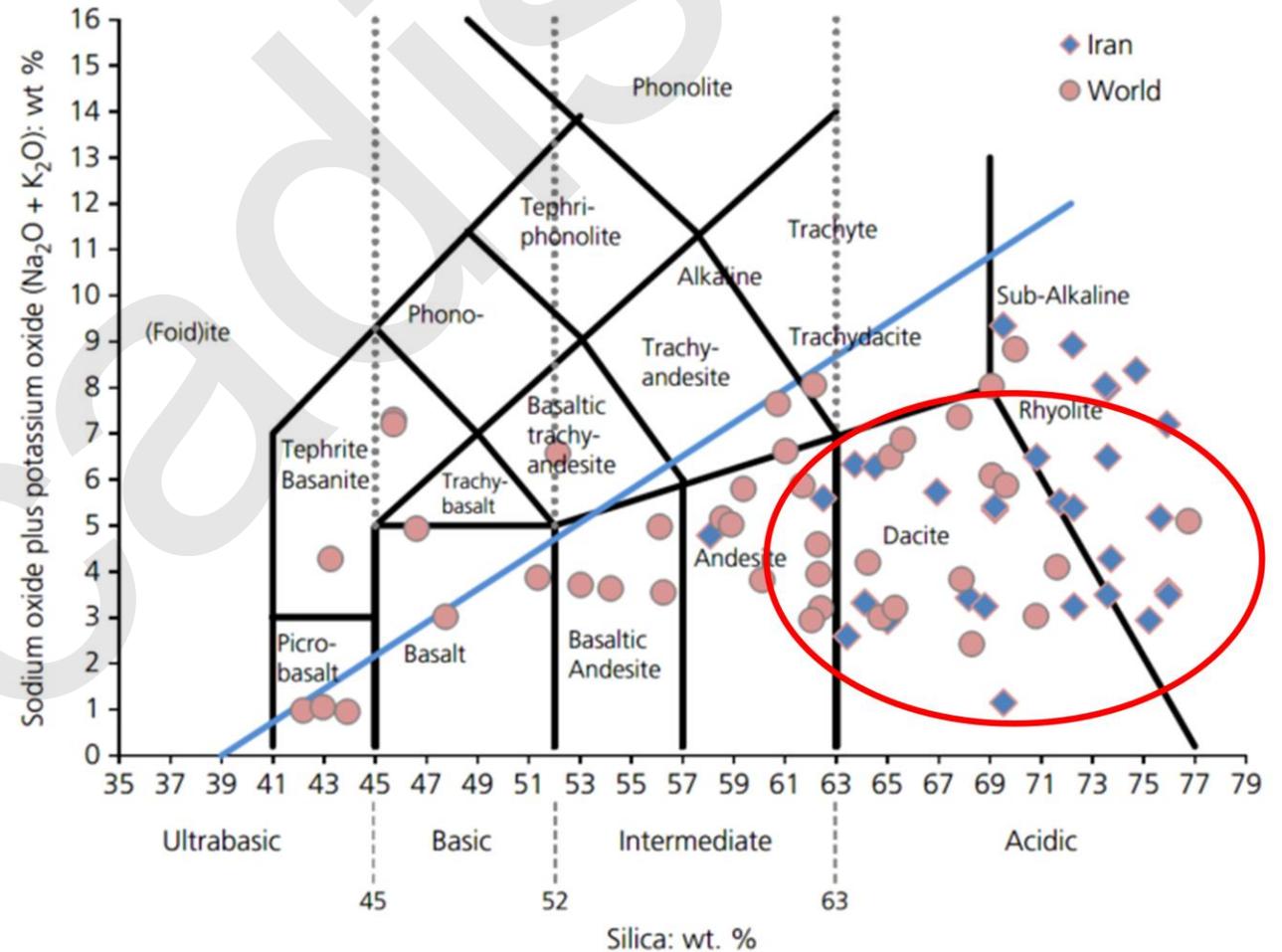
- a. Precipitation based upon solubility (saturation index) and pH
- b. Recovery into a solvent that provides physical separation of target CM/REE from aqueous phase
- c. Interaction with solid resin through anion or cation exchange
- d. Association with a carrier molecule that transport target CM/REE across a membrane
- e. Electrochemical reduction and deposition onto a cathode

# Critical Minerals: UK Example

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# Confidential Global Green Cement Company

- **Global Prospecting**
- **Geology and Minerology**
  - Volcanic rhyolitic ignimbrites and dacites
  - $\text{SiO}_2$  - greater than 70%
  - Non-devitrified (glassy and amorphous)  $\text{SiO}_2$  greater than 10% (now targeting >25%)
  - Age – less than 2.5M years (Pliocene through Quaternary)
- **Surface exposure**
- **Potential Reserve Size (30M to 100M tonnes)**
- **Proximity to Protected Lands (preserves and national parks)**
- **Proximity to deep water port facilities (15-meter channel draft)**
- **Proximity to energy grid**
- **Proximity to roads and rails**
- **Existing mining permits for resource material**
- **Country's political stability**



# Titan ArcGIS Platform

## Tentative Exploration Areas - Iceland

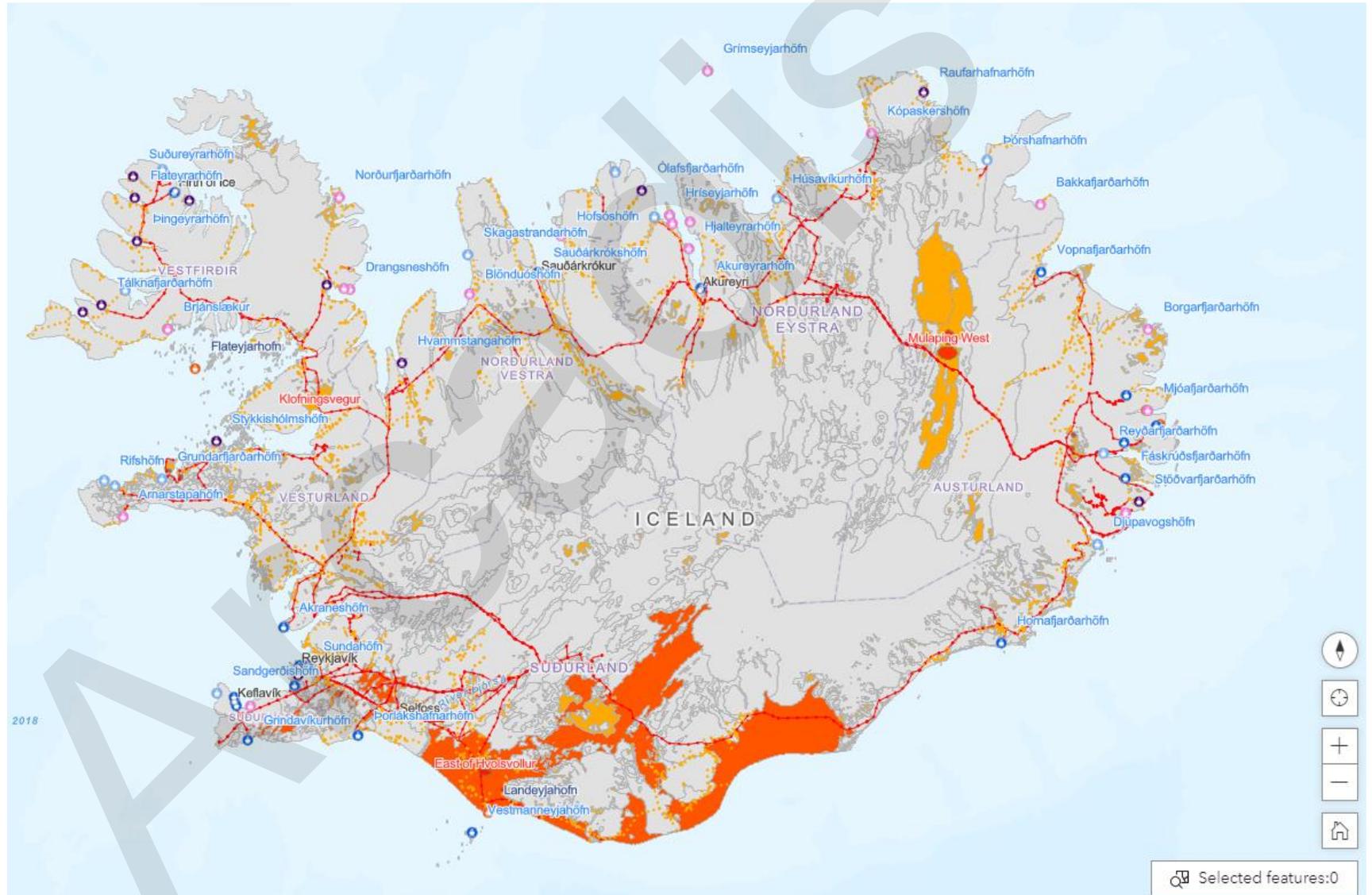
### Interpreted Geological Map (Iceland)

#### Description

Interpretation of the geological map of Iceland - Scale: 1:600.000, considering the distribution of different rock types and their potential for pozzolanic exploitation.

#### Level of Interest/Potential

- High Interest
- Medium Interest
- Low Interest



# Green Cement Prospecting: Overall Onward Project Plan Follows Systematic and Logical Progression

Phase 0 Initial Planning	Phase 1 Desktop Exploration		Phase 2 Field Investigation	Phase 3 Target Evaluation	
Criteria Development, Country Specific Targets	1A Desktop Study	1B Remote sensing	Field Investigations	Drilling and Sampling	GIS Model Development
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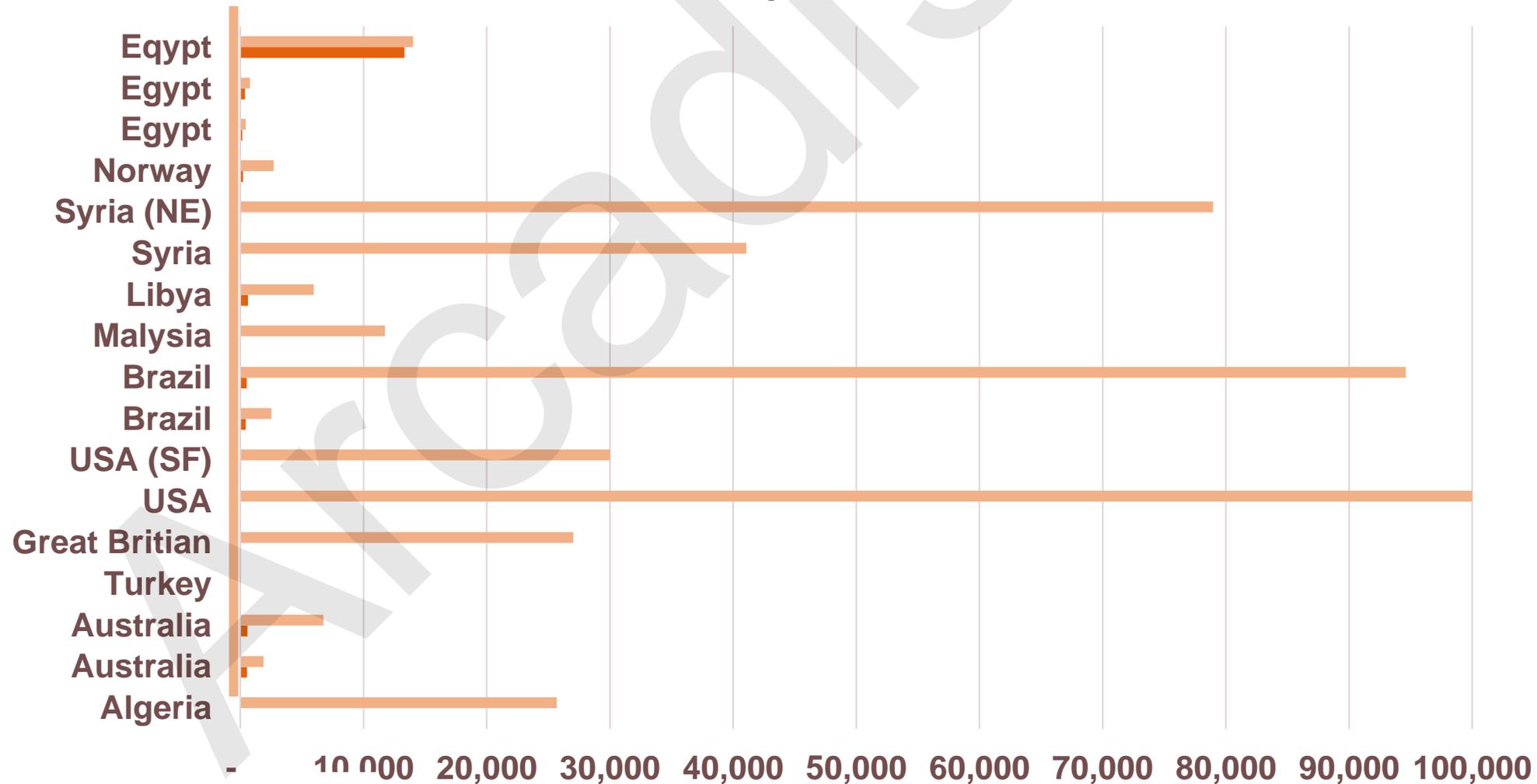
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Target Areas of the Americas

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Maximum and Minimum Reported Ra-226 (pCi/g) in NORM Precipitates

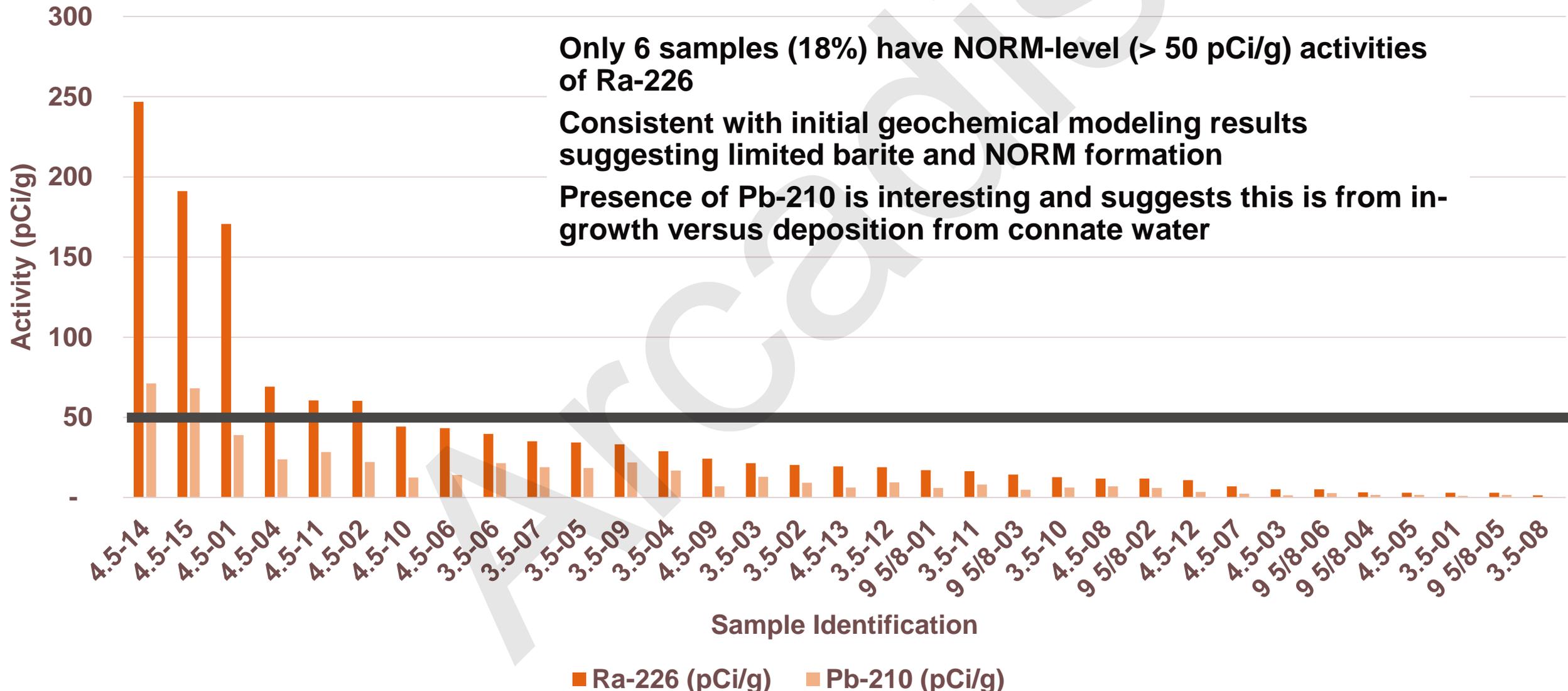


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Maximum Minimum

# Upstream O&G: Presence of Only Comparatively Modestly NORM Impacted Material

Sample Data Ordered by Decreasing Ra-226 Activity (pCi/g)



Only 6 samples (18%) have NORM-level (> 50 pCi/g) activities of Ra-226

Consistent with initial geochemical modeling results suggesting limited barite and NORM formation

Presence of Pb-210 is interesting and suggests this is from in-growth versus deposition from connate water

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