

Special Issue

Sustainable Remediation Using Metallic Iron: Quo Vadis?

Message from the Guest Editors

During the past three decades, groundwater remediation using permeable reactive barriers (PRBs) containing metallic iron (Fe⁰) has become a well-established technology. However, many uncertainties exist regarding their design, suggesting that Fe⁰ PRBs is still an innovative technology. Research on Fe⁰ PRBs started in the early 1990s and has boomed in the past three decades. Sufficient data and observations have been accumulated to establish the science of the Fe⁰/H₂O system. To explain the initial observation that there were losses of chlorinated organic contaminants from aqueous solutions in contact with a variety of metals (including Fe⁰), it was proposed that reductive dechlorination was the main cause, with electrons coming from the metal body. In the meantime, Fe⁰ is described in the literature as “reservoir of electrons” for contaminant transformation. [...]

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