

ENGINEERING-SCALE TRIALS: AMEOX™ TREATMENT OF PFAS IN GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON

Technology:	AMEOX™ Treatment for GAC
Media Types:	“Spent” Coconut & Coal-Based Carbon
Media Sources:	1) Refinery - Michigan 2) Ground – Michigan/OR
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Treatment-Scale:	Engineering
GAC Mass Treated:	40# per trial treatment run
Treatment Duration:	20 minutes per treatment
Mode of Treatment:	Batch Recirculation
Flow Rate:	2.2 gpm
Trial Location:	Blue Q Labs, Lebanon, OR



AMEOX™ TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPENT CARBON TREATMENT

- Destroys PFAS and other oxidizable substances in water, fluids, and granular media
- Utilizes electricity, boron-doped diamond electrodes, and other inducements
- Stainless-steel components and piping
- Generates powerful oxidants with latency including: percarbonate, hydroxyl and other radicals, hydrogen peroxide, and/or other mixed oxidants with oxidation potentials all >1.8-2.8V (Fluorine gas = 3.0 V)
- 240V or 480V/3phase, 25 to 100-amp service
- AMEOX oxidizing fluid produced by process recirculated between AMEOX equipment skid and carbon within adsorber removed from water treatment service
- Oxidizing fluid destroys PFAS in & desorbs PFAS from GAC with desorbed PFAS carried to AMEOX equipment where harsh oxidation conditions destroy PFAS and replenish exhausted oxidants
- PFAS end-products include carbon dioxide and salts (e.g., fluoride)

TRIAL #1

AMEOX TREATMENT OF SPENT REFINERY GAC

Treatment ID	PFAS (mg/Kg in GAC)					
	PFOS	PFOA	PFNA	PFHXS	PFHPA	PFBS
Untreated	0.161	0.0325	<0.015	<0.03	<0.015	<0.06
1	<0.01	0.0138	<0.01	<0.02	<0.01	<0.04
2	<0.015	<0.015	<0.015	<0.03	<0.015	<0.06
3	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.02	<0.01	<0.04

AMEOX Viability Results: Spent Refinery GAC (coconut)



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NOTES:

- 1) GAC obtained in 5-gallon buckets sourced from a confidential refinery in Michigan
- 2) Untreated and treated carbon analyzed by Method 537 for PFAS telomers
- 3) 40 lbs. of spent GAC treated in each treatment run.
- 4) AMEOX equipment operated at 2.2 gpm for approximately 20 minutes per treatment. Treatment was halted when effluent from carbon adsorber had no notable hydrocarbon odor and a turbidity of <10 NTU.
- 5) Recirculated oxidizing fluid (~15 gallons) reused for each sequential treatment run with makeup water added, as necessary.
- 6) Suspended solids removed from GAC by oxidizing fluid coagulated and precipitated as settled solids. Supernate was recirculated between carbon treatment absorber and AMEOX equipment.

TRIAL #2

AMEOX TREATMENT OF SPENT GAC from PIT (GROUND) WATER REMEDIAL TREATMENT SYSTEM

<u>PFAS - Telomere (Analyte)</u>	<u>Acronym</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Untreated</u>	<u>Treated</u>
Perfluorodecanoic acid	PFDA	ug/Kg	4.88	<1.5
Perfluoroundecanoic acid	PFUnDA	ug/Kg	6.16	<1.5
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	PFBS	ug/Kg	6.91	<1.5
Perfluoroheptanoic acid	PFHPA	ug/Kg	12.5	<3
Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHA	ug/Kg	62.1	<10
Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	ug/Kg	170	<20
Perfluorononanoic acid	PFNA	ug/Kg	207	<30
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	PFHXS	ug/Kg	209	<60
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	PFOS	ug/Kg	1730	<20
Perfluorododecanoic acid	PFDOA	ug/Kg	<1.5	<1.5
Perfluorotridecanoic acid	PFTriA	ug/Kg	<1.5	<1.5
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	PFTeA	ug/Kg	<1.5	<1.5

NOTES:

- a. GAC obtained from GAC treatment of contaminated groundwater from a PFAS site in Michigan. A 350-gallon tote of site groundwater was shipped to Blue Q Labs, LLC in Lebanon, OR and was treated using 40 lbs. of virgin coal-based granular activated carbon at a flow rate of 5 gpm. To assure full treatment and maximized GAC loading, the GAC treatment was performed with recirculation pumping of water from the tote.
- b. The untreated groundwater had a slight musty odor, and yellow-brown color tint. Turbidity was <5 NTU.
- c. Untreated and treated carbon was analyzed by Method 537 for reported PFAS telomers.
- d. AMEOX equipment was operated at 2.2 gpm for approximately 20 minutes.
- e. Fresh oxidizing fluid (~15 gallons) was prepared for AMEOX processing by circulating within the AMEOX treatment equipment.
- f. Some suspended solids appearing iron-like in nature, were removed from the GAC by the AMEOX oxidizing carrier fluid. Suspended solids coagulated and precipitated in a settling tank. Supernate was recirculated between the carbon treatment absorber (reactor) and AMEOX equipment.

