

P&K Microbiology Services Signs Agreement with Regenesis

Laboratory to analyze for *Dehalococcoides* bacteria contained within BioDechlor INOCULUM™.

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P&K Microbiology has signed a licensing agreement with Regenesis to use its CENSUSSM detection technology consisting of a Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction test (qPCR) for the enumeration of *Dehalococcoides* bacteria and the identification of a gene (*bvcA*) for a key enzyme contained within Regenesis' BioDechlor INOCULUM™.

Regenesis is a San Clemente, CA company with locations worldwide that develops and manufactures innovative technologies to remediate contaminated groundwater aquifers in situ. The product, BioDechlor INOCULUM™, is a naturally occurring, enriched microbial population containing *Dehalococcoides* species that accelerates bioremediation of chlorinated solvents such as tetrachloroethene (PCE), with an emphasis on recalcitrant final intermediates such as dichloroethene (DCE), and vinyl chloride (VC). The quantification of *Dehalococcoides* bacteria and the specific identification of their key genes is beneficial in the design, management and closure strategies for over 100,000 contaminated sites

According to Diane Miskowski, Business Development Manager, "With the capability to quantify anaerobes, hydrocarbon degrading, and *Dehalococcoides* bacteria, the Aerotech P&K team (P&K Microbiology Services, Inc. and Aerotech Laboratories, Inc.), and STL can now offer expanded microbial and chemical analytical services to its clients providing bioremediation engineering services nationwide."

About P&K Microbiology Services, Inc.

P&K Microbiology Services, the leader in the Microbiology and Mycology industry, has been providing services to many government agencies (such as USEPA, CDC, GSA, NSA, NIOSH, VA Hospitals, and US Army) as well as private institutions since 1988. This expertise coupled with their record of exceptional service has established P&K as the premier environmental microbiology laboratory. P&K's accomplished staff has supported some of the most publicized mold testing cases in the United States servicing insurance firms, law firms, government agencies, and consulting groups.

About Aerotech Laboratories, Inc.

Founded in 1993, Aerotech Laboratories, Inc. is recognized as the nation's largest commercial Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) business. They provide multiple analytical services including IAQ, Industrial Hygiene (IH), Consumer Products, Food Safety, and Environmental Testing. As one of the few A2LA, EMLAP, and IHLAP accredited laboratories, Aerotech's mission has been to deliver quality, timely, and legally defensible data to clients around the world. With hundreds of qualified professionals, Aerotech offers fast turnaround times and advanced analyses as well as a full line of IAQ and IH equipment and supplies. Aerotech Laboratories also provides online services for tracking projects and ordering supplies and has an unparalleled project management program to ensure each client receives excellent customer service.

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