DRAFT Small-scale ex situ groundwater treatment as part of a groundwater remediation scheme

Exemption Conditions

a. No more than 1,000 cubic metres of contaminated groundwater shall be treated in total using an established remediation technique or technology:
    - Biological treatment and or bioremediation
    - Ex situ chemical treatment such as oxidation, reduction, dehalogenation, sorption
    - treatment plant for sorting and separation, filtering, blending, mixing, bulking, screening, shredding, particle size reduction and or particle separation to facilitate remedial action

b. All remediation shall be completed within 6 months.

c. This exemption shall be used only once in a 3-year period for an individual site or remediation project.

d. Remediation activities shall be carried out by a 'competent person'.

e. The contaminated groundwater shall be treated and stored on the site of origin, with secondary containment, sealed drainage and ensure that no ex-situ contaminated groundwater (treated or untreated) shall enter into drains, watercourses or onto land

    Secondary containment means a bund or any other system for preventing waste that has leaked from its main container from escaping from the place where it is stored or treated.

    Sealed drainage means the system has an impermeable surface so that:

    - no liquid will run off the surface, except via the system
    - all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump, unless they can be lawfully discharged

End of exemption

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