

Attachment B. *Petroleum Vapor Intrusion to Indoor Air*

Exposure to petroleum vapors migrating from soil or groundwater to indoor air may pose unacceptable human health risks. This policy describes conditions, including bioattenuation zones, which if met will assure that exposure to petroleum vapors in indoor air will not pose unacceptable health risks. In many petroleum release cases, potential human exposures to vapors are mitigated by bioattenuation processes as vapors migrate toward the ground surface. For the purposes of this section, the term “bioattenuation zone” means an area of soil with conditions that support biodegradation of petroleum hydrocarbon vapors.

The low-threat vapor-intrusion criteria described below apply to sites where the release originated and impacted or potentially impacted adjacent parcels when:

(1) existing buildings are occupied or may be reasonably expected to be occupied in the future, or

(2) buildings for human occupancy are reasonably expected to be constructed in the future. Appendices 1 through 4 (attached) illustrate four potential exposure scenarios and describe characteristics and criteria associated with each scenario. Petroleum release sites shall satisfy the media-specific criteria for petroleum vapor intrusion to indoor air and be considered low-threat for the vapor-intrusion-to-indoor-air pathway if:

a. Site-specific conditions at the release site satisfy all of the characteristics and criteria of scenarios 1 through 3 as applicable, or all of the characteristics and criteria of scenario 4 as applicable; or

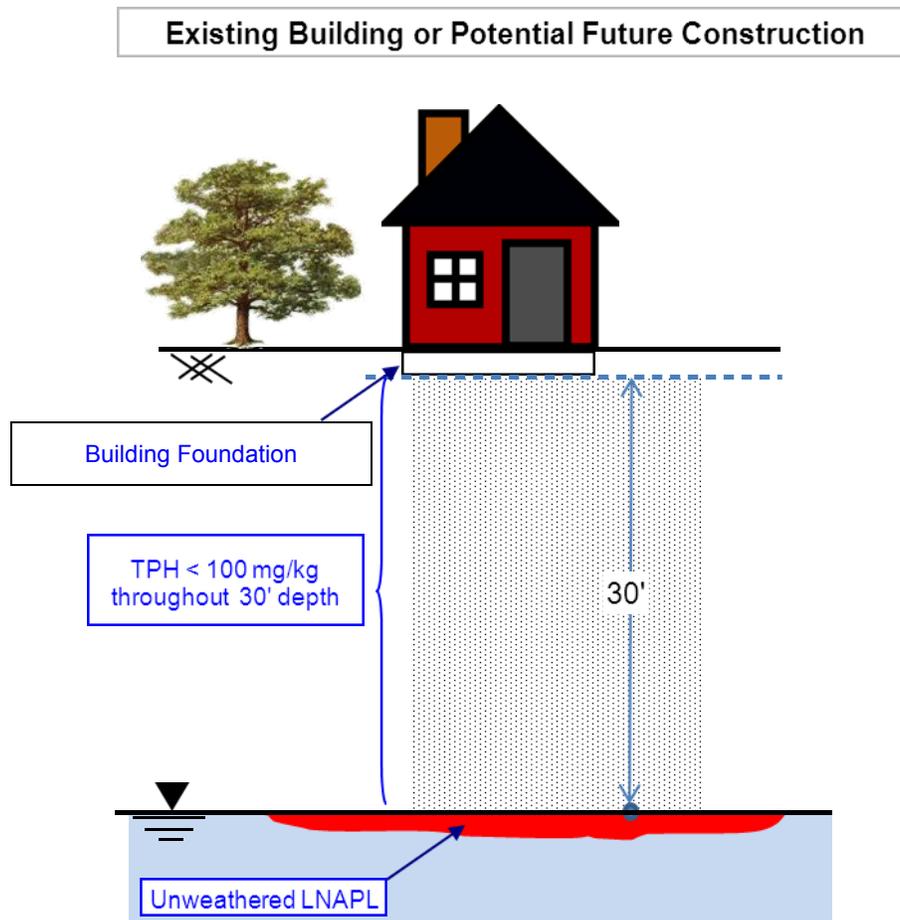
b. A site-specific risk assessment for the vapor intrusion pathway is conducted and demonstrates that human health is protected to the satisfaction of the regulatory agency; or

c. As a result of controlling exposure through the use of mitigation measures or through the use of institutional or engineering controls, the regulatory agency determines that petroleum vapors migrating from soil or groundwater will have no significant risk of adversely affecting human health.

Exception: Exposures to petroleum vapors associated with historical fuel system releases are comparatively insignificant relative to exposures from small surface spills and fugitive vapor releases that typically occur at active fueling facilities. Therefore, satisfaction of the media-specific criteria for petroleum vapor intrusion to indoor air is not required at active commercial petroleum fueling facilities, except in cases where release characteristics can be reasonably believed to pose an unacceptable health risk.

Appendix 1 Scenario 1: Unweathered* LNAPL in Groundwater

Required Characteristics of the Bioattenuation Zone



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1. The bioattenuation zone shall be a continuous zone that provides a separation of at least 30 feet vertically between the LNAPL in groundwater and the foundation of existing or potential buildings; and
2. Total TPH (TPH-g and TPH-d combined) are less than 100 mg/kg throughout the entire depth of the bioattenuation zone.

TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons

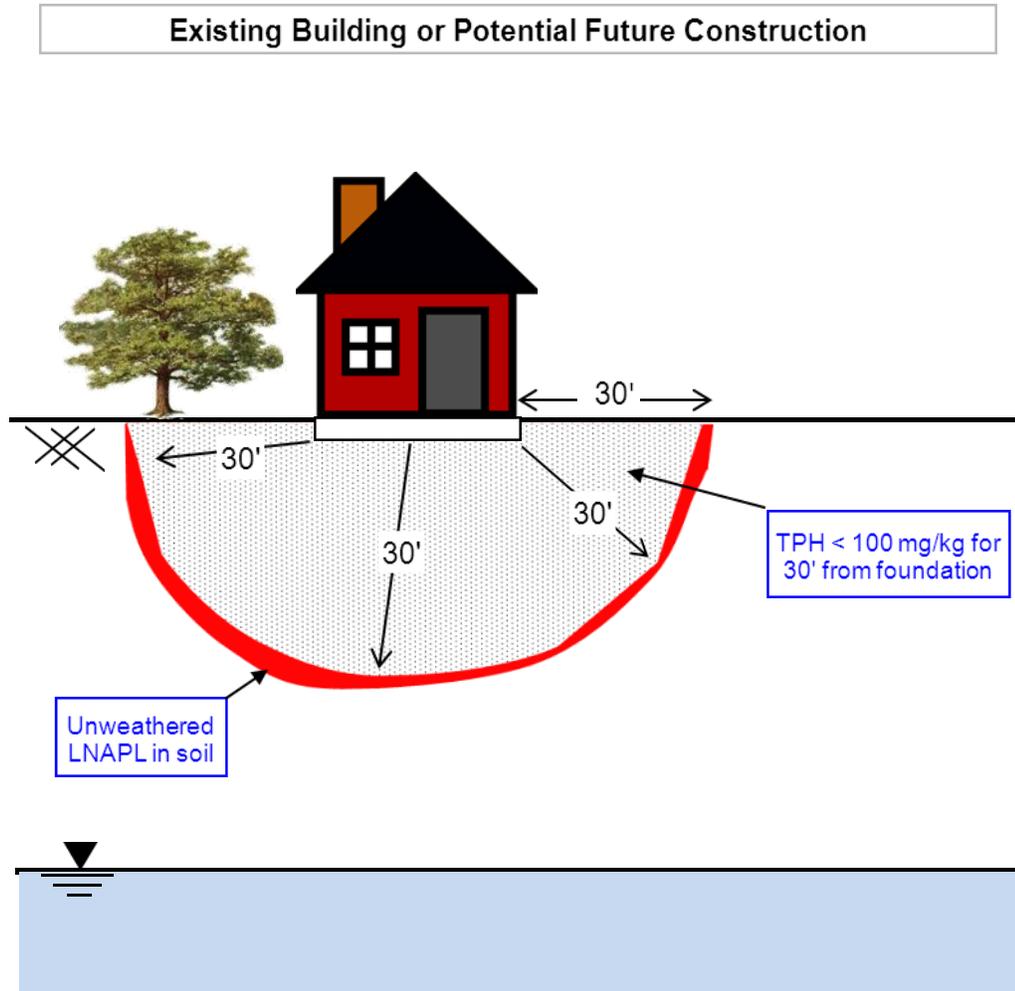
TPH-g = total petroleum hydrocarbons as gasoline

TPH-d = total petroleum hydrocarbons as diesel

*As used in this context, unweathered LNAPL is generally understood to mean petroleum product that has not been subjected to significant volatilization or solubilization, and therefore has not lost a significant portion of its volatile or soluble constituents (e.g., comparable to recently dispensed fuel).

Appendix 2 Scenario 2: Unweathered* LNAPL in Soil

Required Characteristics of the Bioattenuation Zone



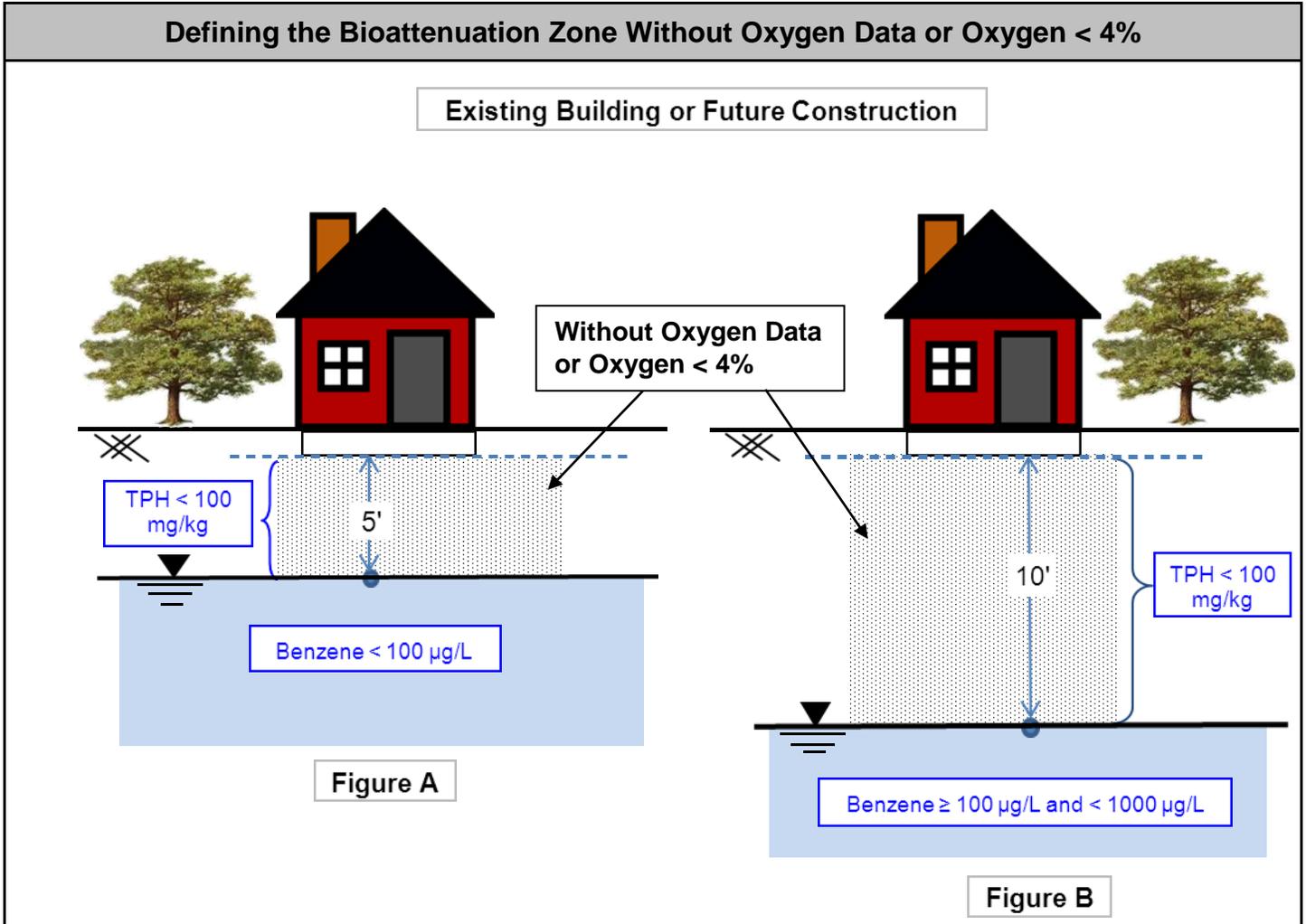
Required Characteristics of the Bioattenuation Zone:

1. The bioattenuation zone shall be a continuous zone that provides a separation of at least 30 feet both laterally and vertically between the LNAPL in soil and the foundation of existing or potential buildings, and
2. Total TPH (TPH-g and TPH-d combined) are less than 100 mg/kg throughout the entire lateral and vertical extent of the bioattenuation zone.

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Appendix 3

Scenario 3 - Dissolved Phase Benzene Concentrations in Groundwater (Low concentration groundwater scenarios with or without oxygen data) (1 of 2)



Required Characteristics of Bioattenuation Zone for Sites Without Oxygen Data or Where Oxygen is < 4%

Figure A: 1) Where benzene concentrations are less than 100 µg/L, the bioattenuation zone:

- a) Shall be a continuous zone that provides a separation of at least 5 feet vertically between the dissolved phase Benzene and the foundation of existing or potential buildings; and
- b) Contain Total TPH (TPH-g and TPH-d combined) less than 100 mg/kg throughout the entire depth of the bioattenuation zone.

Figure B: 1) Where benzene concentrations are equal to or greater than 100 µg/L but less than 1000 µg/L, the bioattenuation zone:

- a) Shall be a continuous zone that provides a separation of at least 10 feet vertically between the dissolved phase Benzene and the foundation of existing or potential buildings; and
- b) Contain Total TPH (TPH-g and TPH-d combined) less than 100 mg/kg throughout the entire depth of the bioattenuation zone.

Appendix 3
Scenario 3 - Dissolved Phase Benzene Concentrations in Groundwater
(Low concentration groundwater scenarios with or without oxygen data)
(2 of 2)

Defining the Bioattenuation Zone With Oxygen $\geq 4\%$

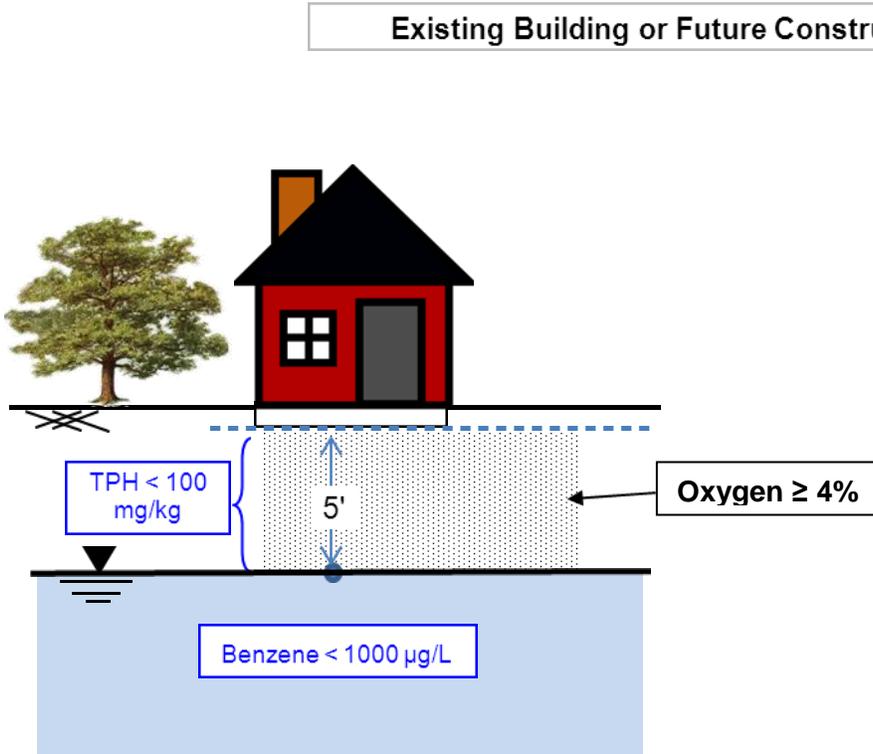


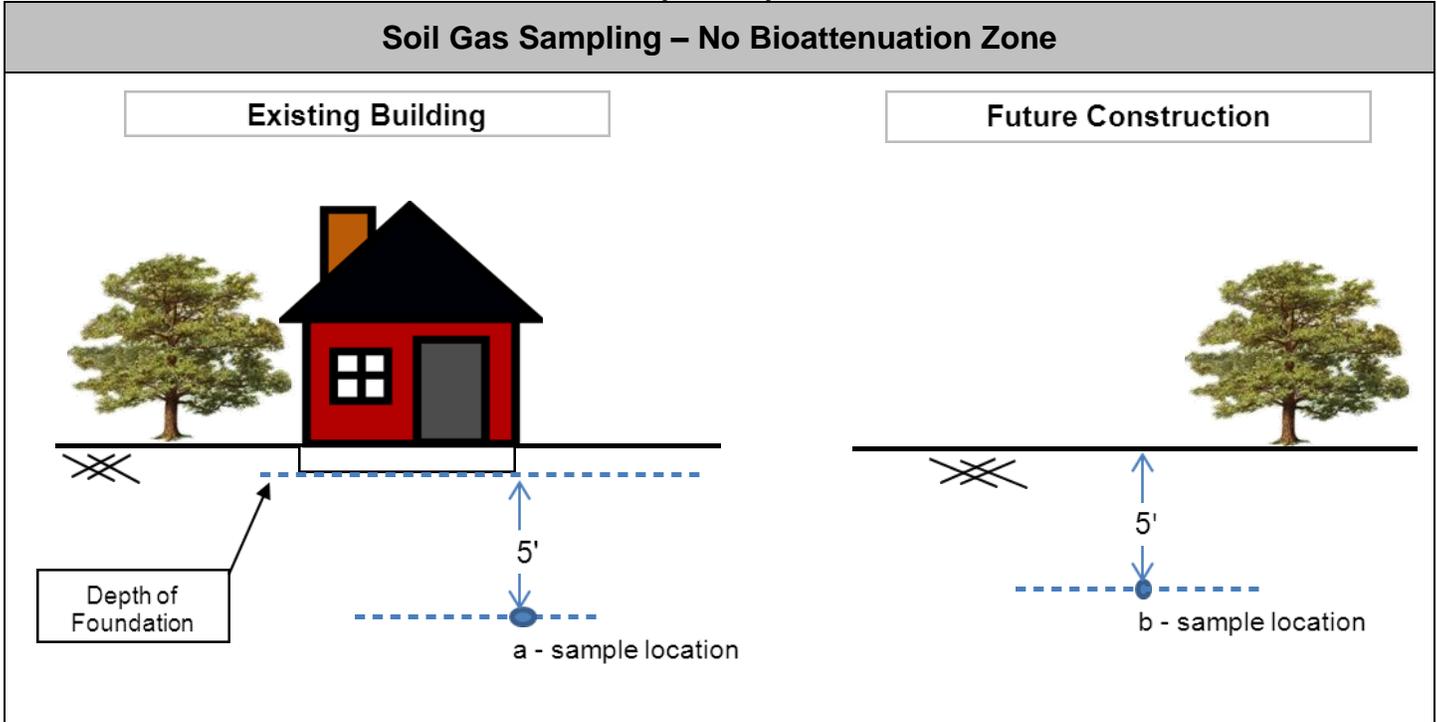
Figure C

Required Characteristics of Bioattenuation Zone for Sites With Oxygen $\geq 4\%$

Where benzene concentrations are less than 1000 $\mu\text{g/L}$, the bioattenuation zone:

1. Shall be a continuous zone that provides a separation of least 5 feet vertically between the dissolved phase Benzene and the foundation of existing or potential buildings; and
2. Contain Total TPH (TPH-g and TPH-d combined) less than 100 mg/kg throughout the entire depth of the bioattenuation zone.

Appendix 4 Scenario 4 - Direct Measurement of Soil Gas Concentrations (1 of 2)



The criteria in the table below apply unless the requirements for a bioattenuation zone, established below, are satisfied.

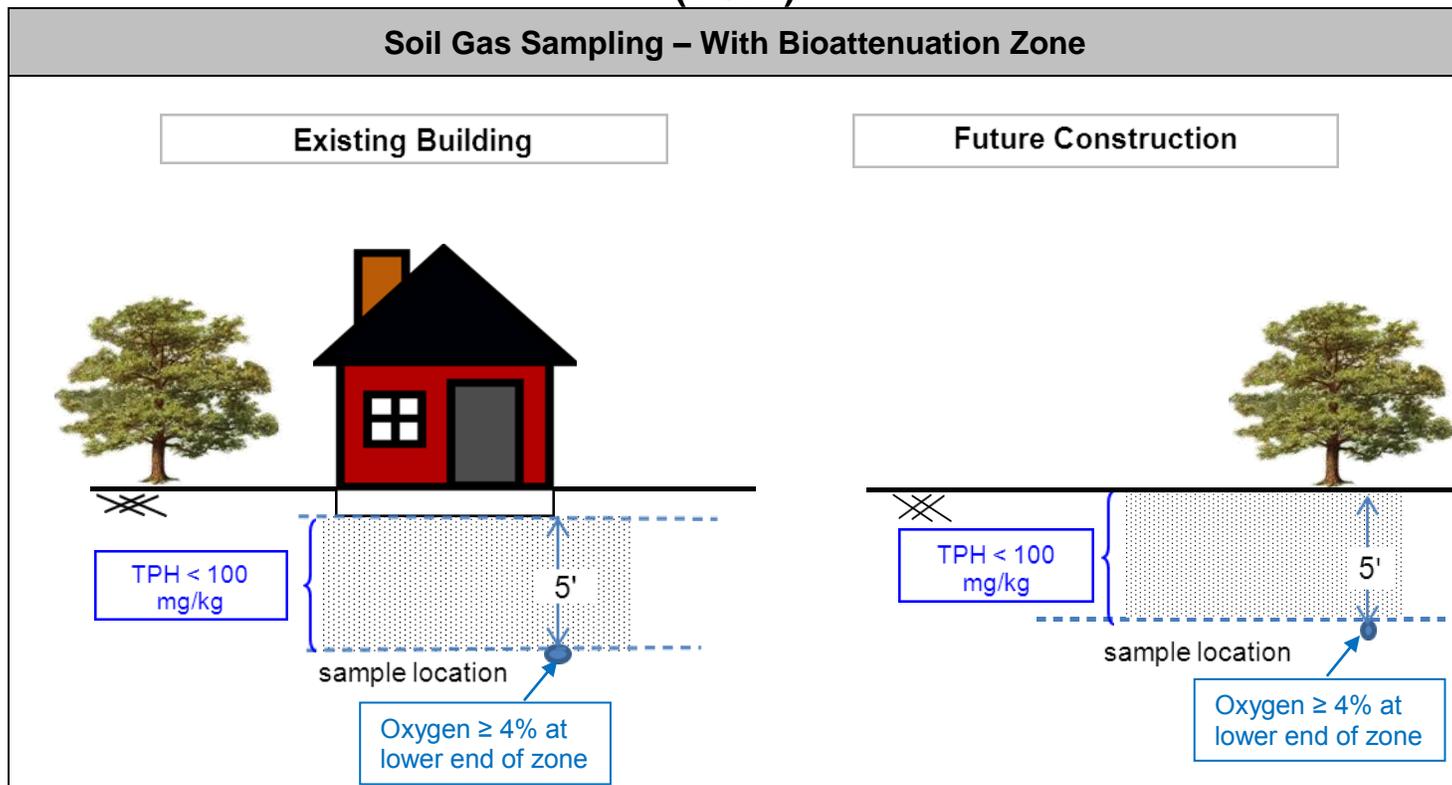
When applying the criteria below, the soil gas sample must be obtained from the following locations:

- a. Beneath or adjacent to an existing building: The soil gas sample shall be collected at least five feet below the bottom of the building foundation.
- b. Future construction: The soil gas sample shall be collected from at least five feet below ground surface.

Soil Gas Criteria ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)		
	No Bioattenuation Zone*	
	Residential	Commercial
Constituent	Soil Gas Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	
Benzene	< 85	< 280
Ethylbenzene	<1,100	<3,600
Naphthalene	< 93	< 310

*For the no bioattenuation zone, the screening criteria are same as the California Human Health Screening Levels (CHHSLs) with engineered fill below sub-slab.

Appendix 4 Scenario 4 - Direct Measurement of Soil Gas Concentrations (2 of 2)



The criteria in the table below apply if the following requirements for a biattenuation zone are satisfied:

1. There is a minimum of five vertical feet of soil between the soil vapor measurement and the foundation of an existing building or ground surface of future construction.
2. TPH (TPHg + TPHd) is less than 100 mg/kg (measured in at least two depths within the five-foot zone.)
3. Oxygen is greater than or equal to four percent measured at the bottom of the five-foot zone.

Soil Gas Criteria ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)

	With Bioattenuation Zone**	
	Residential	Commercial
Constituent	Soil Gas Concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	
Benzene	< 85,000	< 280,000
Ethylbenzene	<1,100,000	<3,600,000
Naphthalene	< 93,000	< 310,000

**A 1000-fold bioattenuation of petroleum vapors is assumed for the bioattenuation zone.