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TEST REPORT on the examination

of the PVC-coated sheet piling Vinyl Profiles from a groundwater hygiene point of view

Order dated: 20.09.2017

Content of the test order: ground water hygiene test

Sample type/name: PVC-coated sheet piling profiles made of Vinyl
(Manufactured by GreenWall /Arcaprofil Italy)

Test specimen dimensions: coated boards with dimensions
200 mm x 200 mm x 7 mm in the colours brown, grey, green
and white

Test specimen production: samples sent

Sample received on: 27.09.2017

Start of test: 10.10.2017

End of test: 22.11.2017

This test report comprises 7 pages.

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Motive:

When using the PVC-coated sheet piling profiles made of vinyl in remedial measures on rivers and the sea and, among other things, underground channels, contact with groundwater is possible or is also to be expected as intended.

It should be clarified whether substances are released into the groundwater from the hardened material, which sustainably change its quality or which cause ecotoxic effects. In this process, the information sheet on the evaluation of the impact of construction products on soil and groundwater issued by DIBt was taken into account [1].

Test method:

The test was carried out in accordance with Part II of the information sheet on the evaluation of the effects of construction products on soil and groundwater (Table II-A.7).

The boards made from the material did not undergo any pre-treatment and came into contact with de-mineralised water three times in succession for 3 days (3 x 72 hours). The test waters were completely removed at the end of each contact period and the test specimens were refilled with de-mineralised water.

Analysis parameters:

The analysis of the test water was carried out on the following parameters:

external quality, organic stress (TOC), BTEX aromatics [2], chemical oxygen demand (CSB), Phenol index [3], polycyclic aromatic amines PAK [4] and selected heavy metals [5].

From the test water of the 1st and 3rd contact stage, the daphnia toxicity [6], the algae inhibition test [7], the luminescent bacteria toxicity [8] were additionally determined. Due to the low organic stress of the test water, the examination of the degradability was neither necessary nor technically possible.

Test Results:

The results of the test water analyses are summarised on pages 4 and 5 in tabular form. The test waters initially show a faint odour. Dyeing, opacities and tendency to foaming do not occur.

The concentration of organic compounds was determined using the sum parameter "TOC" in the test water of the first experimental stage at 0.6 mg/l and in the third experimental stage as <0.1 mg/l. BTEX aromatics, phenols and polycyclic aromatic amines (PAHs) have not been detected. Naphthalene was measured at 0.02 µg/l in the 2nd and 3rd contact stages.

The concentrations of the specific heavy metals were consistently at or below the limits of determination of the respective processes (see table page 5).

No significant toxic effects or inhibitory effects on daphnia, luminescent bacteria, and green algae are expected from the test water.

Summary:

In our opinion, there are no objections to the use of the PVC-coated sheet piling profiles made of vinyl in the groundwater contact, if used properly, based on the available test results.

While using the material in the immediate vicinity of water catchment, it must be ensured, by appropriate technical measures, that the surrounding groundwater aquifer is not affected in accordance with § 5 Water Resources Act.

The Director of the Hygiene Institute
on behalf of



Dr. rer. nat. Andreas Koch
Head of Department for Water-
hygienic material testing

Test results

Sample type/name: PVC-coated sheet piling profiles made of Vinyl

Test specimen: wetted surface: 3424 cm²

Volume/Surface-ratio: 10 L/m²

Contact time: Test water extraction:	Test Water			Output water
	1. 72 h 13.10.17	2. 72 h 16.10.17	3. 72 h 19.10.17	
Colour	colour-less	colour-less	colour-less	colour-less
Opacity	clear	clear	clear	clear
Odour	weak	very weak	very weak	without
Odour threshold value (23°C)	3	2	2	1
Inclination to Foam- ing	none	none	none	none
pH-value	8.2	8.1	7.7	7.0
electrical conductivity µS/cm	27	24	20	1.0
org. bound carbon (TOC) mg/l	0.6	0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Phenol mg/l	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Σ BTEX µg/l	<1	<1	<1	<1
Σ polycyclic aromatic amines µg/l	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	n.n.
Naphthalene µg/l	<0.01	0.02	0.02	<0.01
chem. Oxygen- need (CSB) mg/l	<15	—	<15	<15
Daphnia test	G _D = 1	—	G _D = 1	
Algae test	G _A = 1	—	G _A = 1	
Luminescent bacteria test	G _L = 1	—	G _L = 1	

n.n. unverifiable

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As mg/l	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.01
Pb mg/l	<0.001	0.002	0.001	0.007
Cd mg/l	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.0005
Cr, ges mg/l	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.007
Cu mg/l	<0.001	0.003	<0.001	0.014
Ni mg/l	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.014
Zn mg/l	<0.005	0.016	0.013	0.058
Se mg/l	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001	0.007
Sn mg/l	<0.001	0.004	<0.001	0.04
Hg mg/l	0.000068	0.000019	<0.000010	0.0002
Co mg/l	<0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001	0.008
Sb mg/l	<0.001	<0.001	0.001	0.005

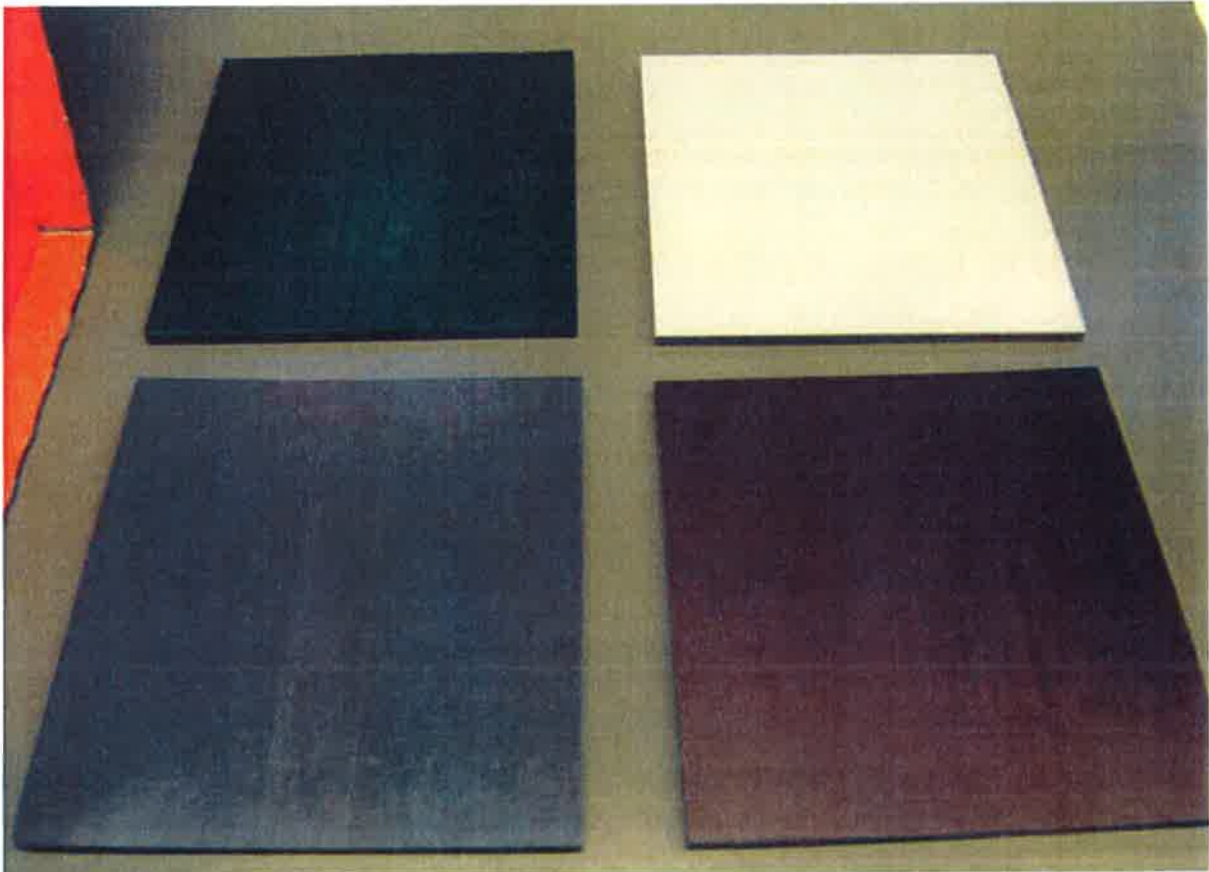
Test results

Sample type/name:

PVC-coated sheet piling profiles made of Vinyl

Test specimen dimensions:

boards with dimensions
200 mm x 200 mm x 7 mm in the colours brown, grey, green and
white



Literature

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