# **Implants Operation**

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Attaching polyethylene tubing to the sampling implant.

### **Sampling Implants – Operation**

#### **Installation Instructions for Soil Gas Implants**

- Drive probe rods to the desired depth using a Point Holder (AT-13B) and an Implant Anchor/Drive Point (PR-14). DO NOT disengage the drive point when depth has been reached.
- Attach appropriate tubing to the implant (Figure 1).
   If tubing is pre-cut, allow it to be approximately 48 in.
   (1219 mm) longer than the required depth of the implant.
   Cover or plug the open end of the tubing.
- 3. Remove pull cap and lower the implant and tubing down inside the diameter of the probe rods until the implant hits the top of the Anchor/Drive Point. Note the length of the tubing to assure that proper depth has been reached.
- 4. Rotate tubing counterclockwise while exerting a gentle downward force to engage the PRT threads (**Figure 2**). Pull up on the tubing lightly to test the connection. DO NOT cut excess tubing.
- Position a Probe Rod Pull Plate or Manual Probe Rod Jack on the top probe rod. Exert downward pressure on the tubing while pulling the probe rods up. Pull up about 12 in. (305 mm).
- 6. If using 1/4-in. (6,4 mm) O.D. tubing or smaller, thread the excess tubing through the Implant Funnel and position it over the top probe rod. If using larger tubing, it may not be possible to install the glass beads.



Figure 1. Attaching tubing to the sampling implant.

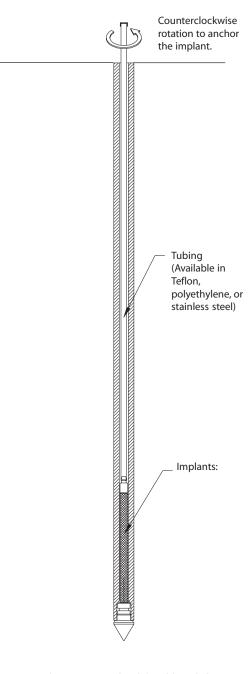


Figure 2. Once depth is achieved, the selected implant and tubing are inserted through the rods. The tubing is rotated to lock the implant into the drive point.

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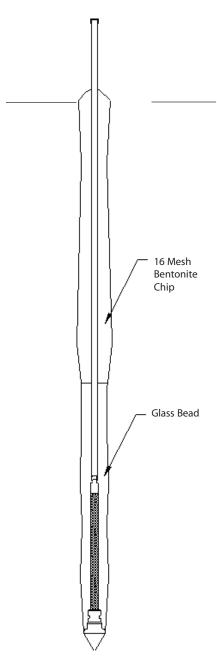


Figure 4. After the implant has been secured, the rods are removed and the annulus backfilled as appropriate

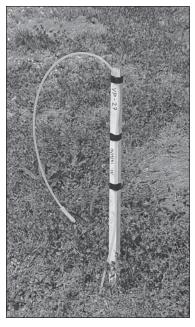
7. Pour glass beads down the inside diameter of the probe rods around the outside of the tubing. Use the tubing to "stir" the glass beads into place around the implant. Do not lift up on tubing. It should take less than 150 mL of glass beads to fill the space around the implant.

**NOTE:** Backfilling through the rods with glass beads or glass beads/bentonite mixes can only be performed in the Vadose Zone, not below the water table.

- 8. Lift up an additional 18 to 24 in. (457 to 610 mm) and pour the bentonite seal mixture into place as in Step 7. The volume to be filled is about 154 mL per foot. It may be necessary to "chase" the seal mixture with distilled water to initiate the seal.
- 9. Pull the remaining rods out of the hole as in Step 5. Backfilling with sackcrete (cement/sand) or bentonite/sand may be done while removing the rods (Figure 4). If the PR-14 Implant Anchor is used, the tubing may be cut flush with the top probe rod and a regular pull cap may be used to remove the remaining probe rods after Step 8.
- 10. After the probe rods have been removed, cut the tubing at the surface, attach a connector or plug, and mark the location with a pin flag or stake. The point is ready for sampling now.



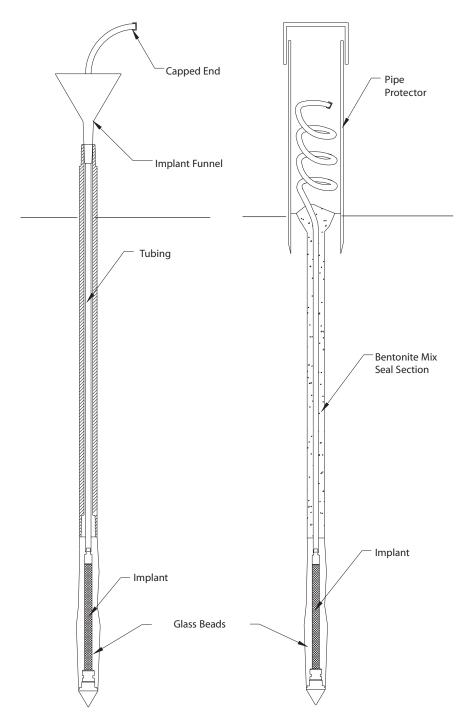
Figure 3. Glass Beads create a permeable layer around vapor sample implants.



A vapor implant location.



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Backfill materials include glass beads and bentonite sealants.

Example of completed permanent soil gas monitoring point.

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