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Rick Devlin's area of research is groundwater contamination and remediation, and the development of related characterization tools. He received a Pearson Medal for excellence in research in the Earth Sciences Department at the University of Waterloo, and was a recipient of an NSF Career Grant to study the use of granular iron (zero valent iron) in groundwater remediation. He was also awarded the Kemper Fellowship for excellence in teaching.

His patented inventions include the cross-injection system for introducing nutrients to aquifers for bioremediation, and the Point Velocity Probe (PVP) for the direct measurement of groundwater velocity.

Research Projects

- Groundwater Surface Water Interaction Research
- Granular Iron Research
- Direct Measurement of Groundwater Velocity
- In situ remediation, particularly via redox manipulation and biostimulation, e.g., in situ denitrification, the cross injection system for stimulating reductive dechlorination

Selected Papers

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