

Surface Enrichment with Colloidal Silica; A Sustainable Drop-In Solution for Dirt-Pickup Resistance

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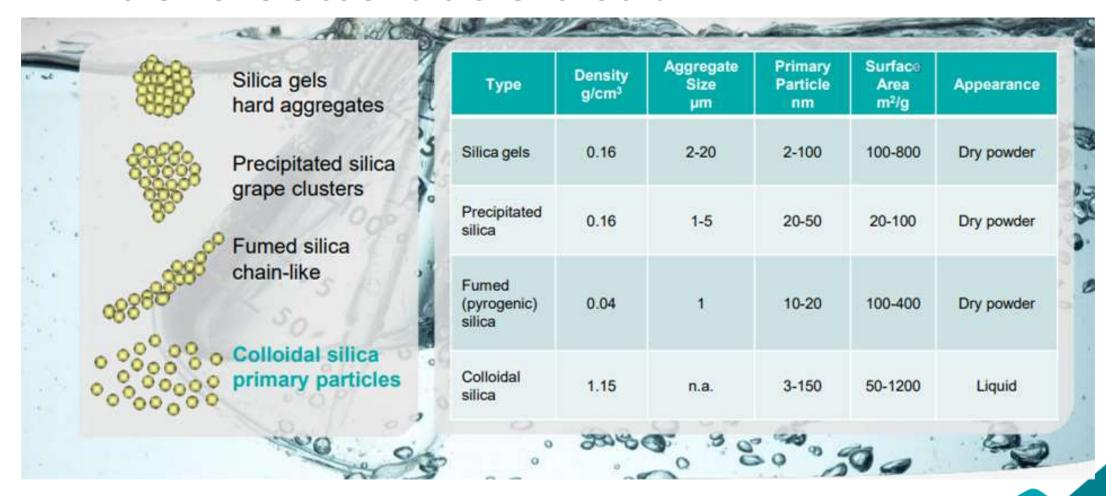
- Headquartered in Houston, Coadtech offers more than 30 years of experience in the specialty chemicals distribution business.
- Coadtech specializes in highly reflective exterior coatings (roof, wall, and pavement) and serves North American CASE manufacturers with climateresilient and sustainable technologies.
- Proud member of the ACA and the CRRC





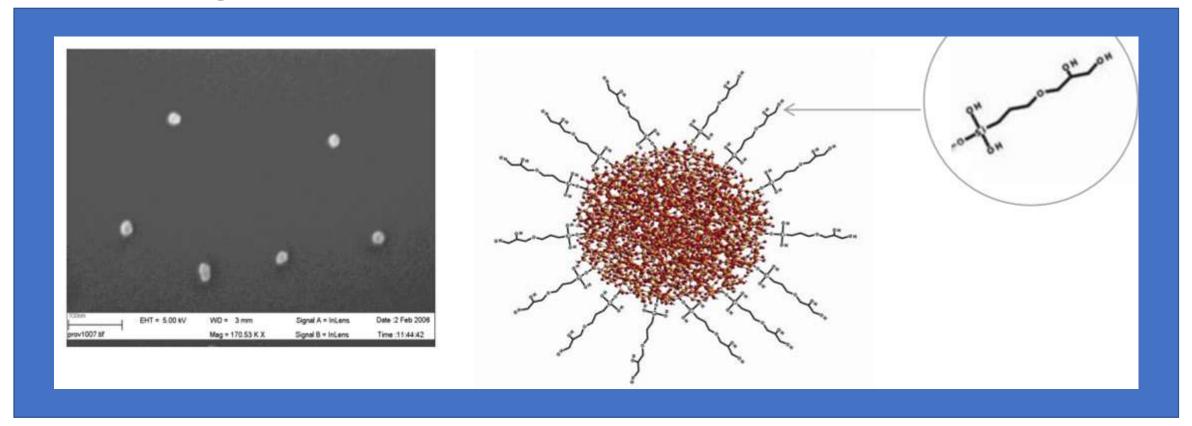


What Is Colloidal Silica?





Getting A Closer Look



7 nanometer diameter



Colloidal Silica As A Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Solution

Bridging The Waterborne-Solventborne Gap

Helping Solar Reflective Coatings Stay Clean





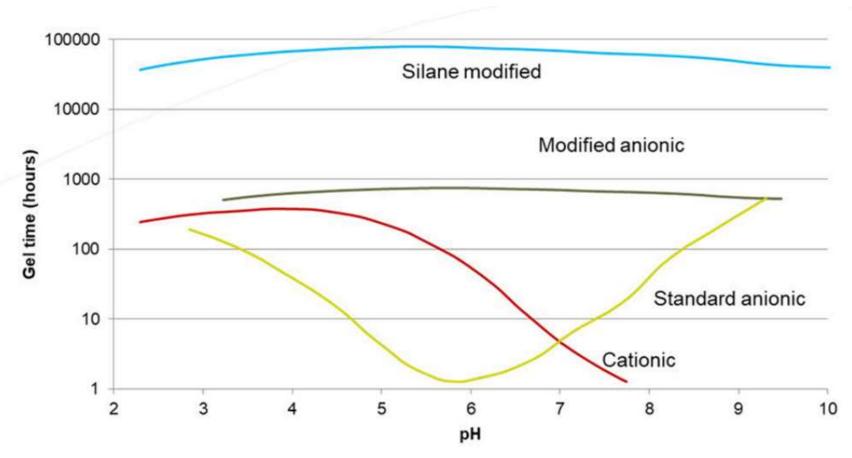
Multipurpose Additive

- Used in many applications, colloidal silica brings valuable properties to an array of products.
- Until recently, colloidal silica has been limited in architectural and industrial coatings.
 - Unsuitable pH

Functions	Applications
Abrasion & Scratch Resistance	Coatings
Adhesion	Adhesives, coatings, sealants
Anti-blocking	Coatings, plastic films, textiles
Anti-soiling	Coatings, cleaners, textiles
Binding	Precision Investment Casting (PIC), refractory materials, coatings, catalyst, well cementing, plastic films
Dispersing	Pigments, inks, resins
Flocculation	Beverage, water treatment, refractory materials
Frictionizing	Paper, plastic films, textiles
Gelling	Batteries, ground consolidation
Polishing & Planing	Semiconductor materials, sapphire, glass and metal, optical lenses, cement and stone polishing
Printability	Paper, plastic films, inkjet and photo
Strength & Stability	Concrete, well cementing



Effect of pH on Colloidal Silica





How Colloidal Silica Works in Coatings

Dispersing Agent

☐ Carries a charge and is capable of reducing surface energy of the overall formulation

Adhesion Promoter

☐ Open silanol groups and additional functional groups grant chemical and physical adhesion to a broad range of substrates

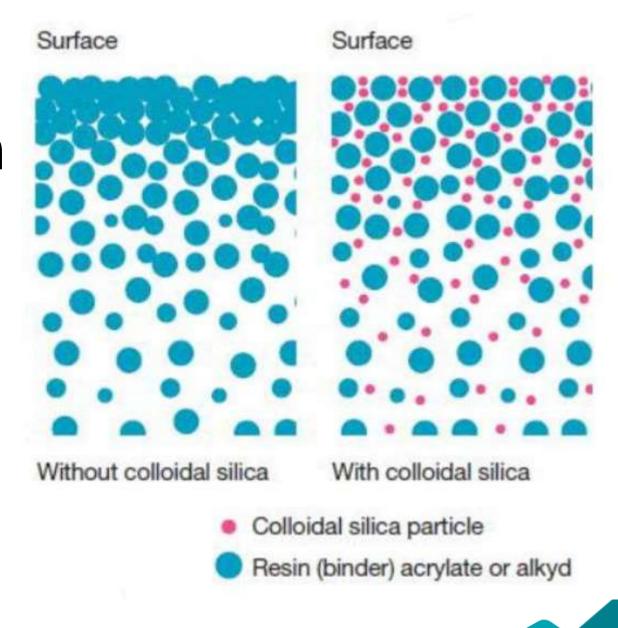
Surface Modifier

☐ Silica particles migrate to both surfaces of the coating.



Surface Migration

Colloidal silica particles are charged and very hydrophilic. This causes particles dispersed evenly throughout the formula to migrate to and congregate at the substrate(s) and open air interfaces.



Corrosion Resistance for Industrial Coatings

- By improving the adhesion, colloidal silica can drive up the coatings' anticorrosion performance.
 - Cr III passivation film containing colloidal silica at 1% SiO2 (~6% w/w)



A: CrVI passivate film on zinc



B: CrIII passivate film on zinc



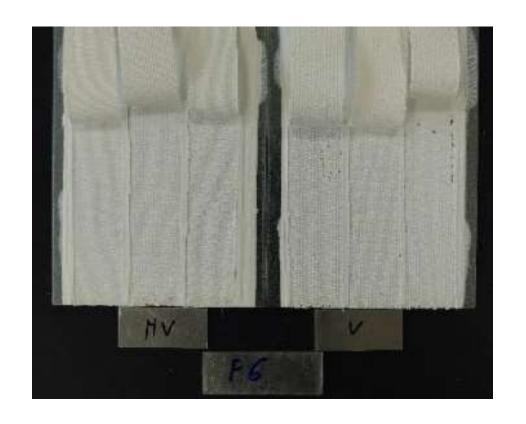
C: CrIII + silica passivate film on zinc

Corrosion test: 168 hours salt spray to cross-scored to substrate

Wet And Dry Adhesion ASTM D903 // C794

Sample	Adherence (dry) N/m	Adherence (wet) N/m
Reference	753	256
Ref. + 0.3% SiO2	780	500
Ref. + 0.4% SiO2	890	879
Ref. + 0.5% SiO2	904	842
Ref. + 0.6% SiO2	968	

- Application by brush on galvanized steel in two layers with the cloth strip in between DFT = $500 \, \mu m$
- drying time 14 days @ 23°C/50% HR traction rate= 50 mm/min angle = 180°
- Submersion in tap water during for 168h prior to testing for wet adhesion



Experimental Formulations

Roof Coating		
Material		
Water		
Tegofoamex		
Orotan		
CaCO ₃		
TiO2		
Primal EC-1791		
Texanol		
Proplyene Glycol		
Hisol CR100		
Hisol D201		
Ammonia		

Interior Paint		
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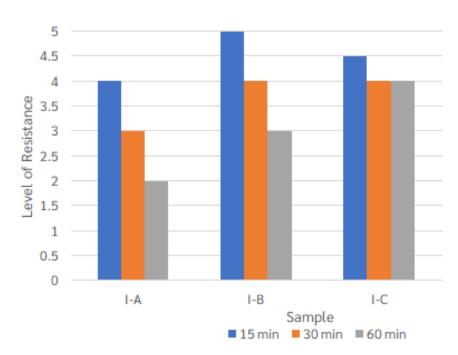
Properties Tested (Roof Coating)

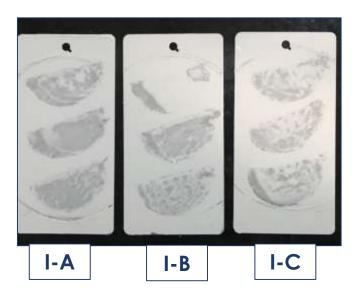
- Early Rain Resistance
- Dirt Pick Up Resistance
- Wet Scrub Resistance



Early Rain Resistance

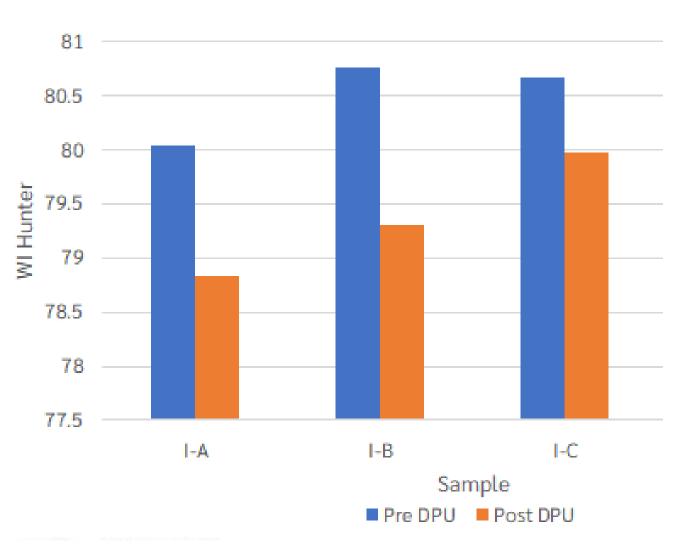
- Tested with ISO 2812-3
- Resistance to water submergence after 30 min of drying







Dirt Pick Up Resistance



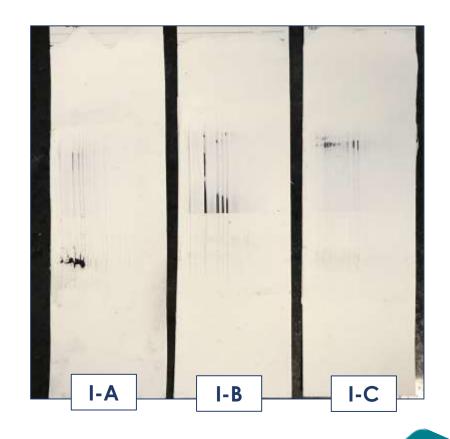
Tested with NMX-U-125-SCFI-2016

Red oxide dispersion

Wet Scrub Resistance

- Tested with ASTM-D2486
- Rounds of 400 cycles

Sample	Rounds (400 cycles)	Total Cycles
I-A	1.25	500
I-B	2	800
I-C	3.88	1552



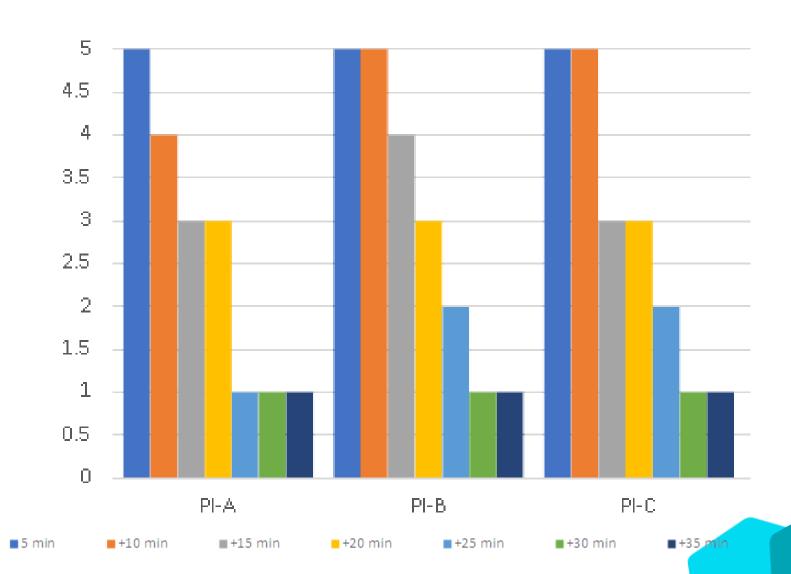


Properties Tested (Interior Paint)

- Open Time
- Drying Time
- Stain Resistance
- Wet Scrub Resistance

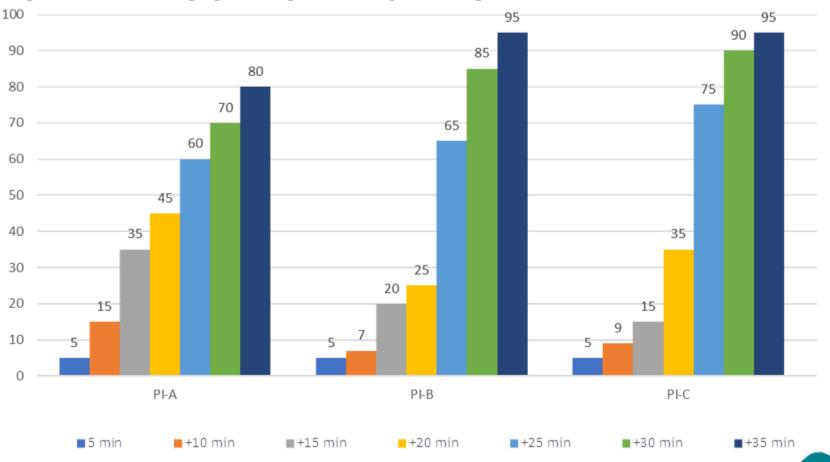


Open Time in Interior Paints



Drying Time in Interior Paint

- ASTM D7488
- Rated 100%
 (Completely Dry)
 to 0%
 (Completely
 Wet)



Stain Resistance In Interior Paints

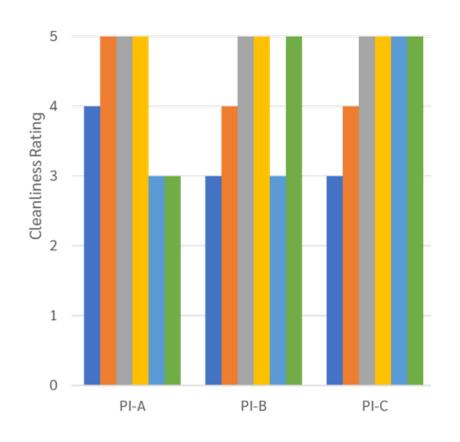
Stained with red wine, coffee, and ketchup

Washed with 10 cycles of water and water with soap

Rated for stainability

(5- clean, 0- very stained)

Overall, the ability of colloidal silica to modify the coating into a stain resistant surface is best seen with PI-C.



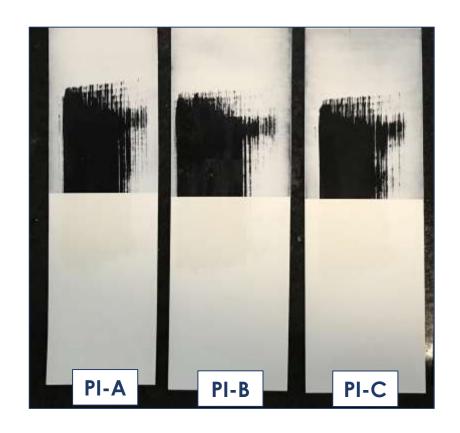
- Wine without soap
- Wine with soap
- Coffee without soap
- Coffee with soap
- Ketchup without soap
- Ketchup with soap

Wet Scrub Resistance in Interior Paint

ASTM-D2486

• Rounds of 100 cycles

Muestra	Rounds	Total Cycles	Cycles Survived
PI-A	1	100	35
PI-B	1	100	40
PI-C	1	100	42



Properties Tested (Exterior Paint)

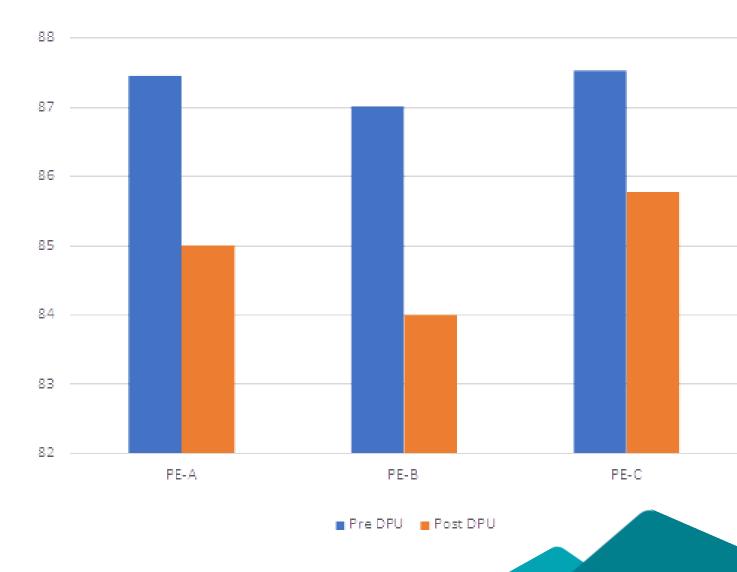
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- Early Rain Resistance



Dirt Pick-Up Resistance In Exterior Paint

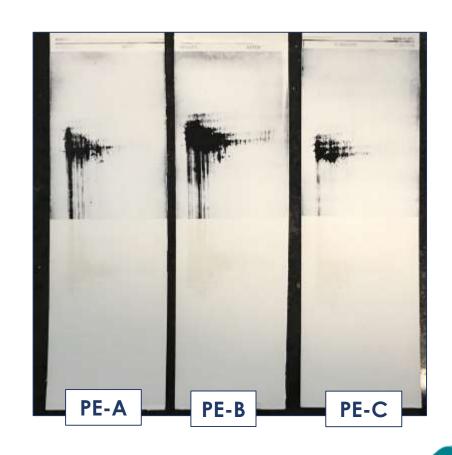
Dirt Pick-Up test with red iron oxide and measured with WI Hunter





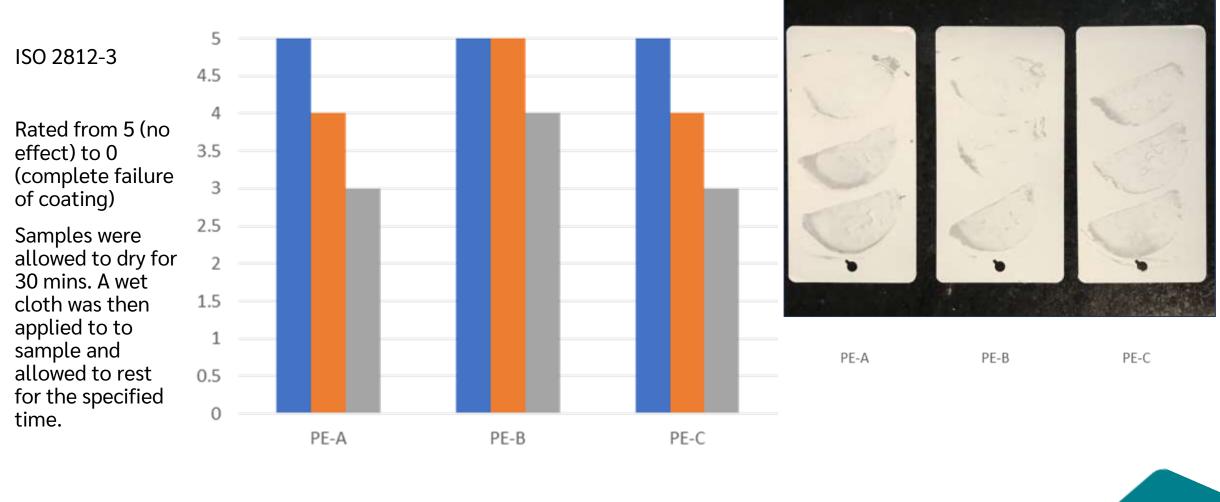
Wet Scrub Resistance (Exterior Paint)

Sample	Rounds (100 cycles)	Total Cycles	Cycle at failure
PE-A	5.45	545	545
PE-B	8	800	795
PE-C	8	800	795





Early Rain Resistance

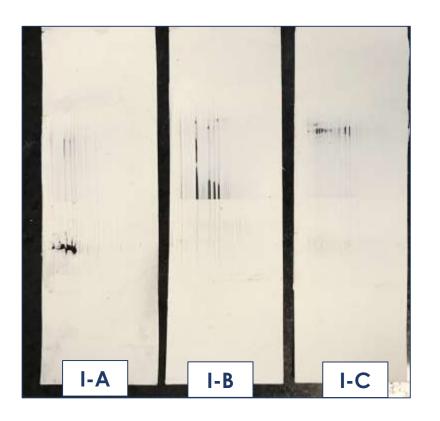


■ 15 min ■ 30 min ■ 60 min

Wet Scrub Resistance in Exterior Paint

- ASTM-D2486
- Round of 400 cycles

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I-A	1.25	500
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I-C	3.88	1552



Formulation guidelines

How to incorporate colloidal silica in your formulation







Selecting a Grade

Consult an Expert



Drop-In Solution

Measure, Add, Homogenize



Ladder Study

Start with 2% w/w
End with 5-6% w/w

Formulation and Evaluation Guidelines

What to watch for:

ANY change in optical properties (indication of going over CPVC)

Unwanted changes in mechanical properties (indication of going over CPVC)



Manufacturing Options

- "Let Down" addition
 - Colloidal silica is a waterborne solution, and requires minimal agitation.
 - Simply ensure a homogenous mixture; no shear needed
- "Grind" addition
 - Better dispersion of problem components (especially pigments)
 - Potentially reduced surface enrichment





Thank you for listening!