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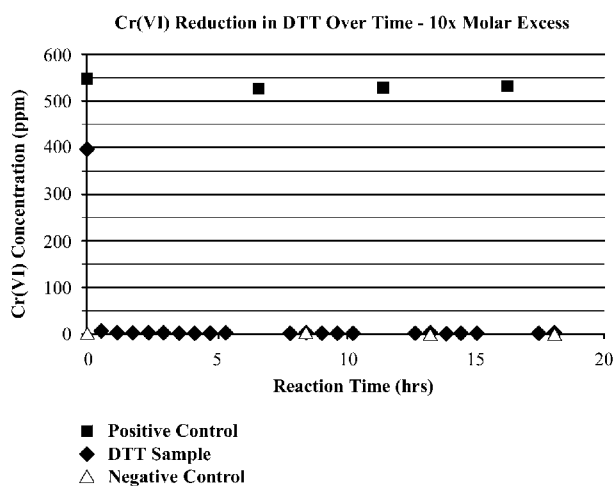
(54) **Title:** FORMULATIONS AND METHODS TO REDUCE HEXAVALENT CHROME CONTAMINATION

FIG. 3

(57) **Abstract:** The present invention includes formulations and methods to reduce Cr(VI) contamination, in which the formulation comprises (1) a reactive reducing agent comprising at least one reducing chemical capable of reducing Cr(VI) to Cr(III); and (b) one or more solvents. Moreover, the present invention includes formulations to reduce Cr(VI) within the coating, and Cr(VI) reducing kits with at least one color reference tool for evaluating the process and/or completion of the Cr(VI) reduction.



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