Design Stage Conceptual Site Model Wyckoff Eagle Harbor Superfund Site

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Agenda

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1994 ROD and MNR Monitoring

Intertidal Area Monitoring

- The 1994 ROD selected MNR for the intertidal beaches
- Cleanup goals were expected to met by 2011, 10 years after sheet pile wall construction
- EPA and USACE monitored beach conditions in 2001, 2002-2003, and 2011
- By 2011 there were fewer NAPL seeps but sill some areas of active discharge
 - Conclusion: additional remediation needed



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 - Tidal range up to 15 feet





Design Investigation Scope and Schedule

Scope

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- Update Site Conceptual Model to Design Stage
- Work included:
 - NAPL Nature and Extent Investigation
 - Topographic Photogramic Survey
 - NAPL Discharge Rate Tests
 - Treatment Media Tests
 - Other tests including Groundwater discharge assessment, sediment excavation and dewatering



Schedule

- Lower intertidal areas accessible only during low tides of -2 feet MLLW or lower
- Work executed over two, four-day, low Spring tide events in July and August 2018
 - 5 acre total investigation area
 - 5 to 6 hours of beach time each day depending on elevation
- Rapid data analysis needed to focus August event based on July data



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- Survey data used to trace non-visible drainages



NAPL Discharge Rate Tests





- NAPL discharge locations identified prior to field event
- NAPL collected from seep area during low tide





Treatment Media Tests

Test Locations

Absorptive Media Tests



- Oleophilic Bio Barriers placed in three locations
- Oleophilic Clay Mat placed at one location
- Clean backfill placed on excavation
- Media retrieved after two months deployment





Key Results

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- However, at low tides, NAPL surface discharge still occurs in select areas







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- Disturbed sediment elutriate tests do not represent NAPL mobility, but were used assess potential exposure during clam harvesting































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Assumed	Volumetric	Mass
Seep Area	Discharge	Discharge
	(mL/m²)	(g/m²)
1 ft ²	2,150	2,110
(0.092 m ²)		
100 ft ²	21.5	21.1
(9.2 m ²)		





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Absorptive Media Tests

Diesel Range Organics

Bacteria Counts



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- North Shoal samples had inconclusive data
- DRO loading on OBB was higher than the oleophilic clay mat
- Both mats colonized by bacterial in 60 days
 - 1x10⁷ count considered high by CSU researchers

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Surface NAPL Flow Informed Design Stage CSM



- NAPL surface discharge and transport explains the lateral NAPL distribution the site
- Tidal drainages are also accumulation areas for NAPL resulting in deeper NAPL impacts





Revised Remedial Target Areas





- High NAPL discharge areas identified (1.3 acres)
 - Discharge too high for passive cap types
 - Improved source control and/or mass removal needed
- Total remedial target area identified (4.4 acres)
 - Low discharge or sheen areas, more cap types possible



Key Take-Away Concepts

- Surface discharge of NAPL and overland transport:
 - can be a significant NAPL transport mechanism
 - should be evaluated whenever the NAPL plume intersects the surface sediment
- High resolution surveys should be used on intertidal sites
 - Plan ahead: the aerial survey required the lowest Spring tides during daylight hours
- Investigations in intertidal areas require significant planning
 - During the first four-day event, six co-current activities were needed





Project Path Forward

- Investigation results will inform the design of a new perimeter barrier wall
- Design of the remedy for intertidal beaches will continue during design and construction of the new perimeter wall





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