

Spatial and Temporal Application of Two Remedial Technologies at an Active Industrial Site Help Manage Environmental Risks

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Site Background

Former
manufacturing
Facility
Northern NJ

Currently Light
Manufacturing

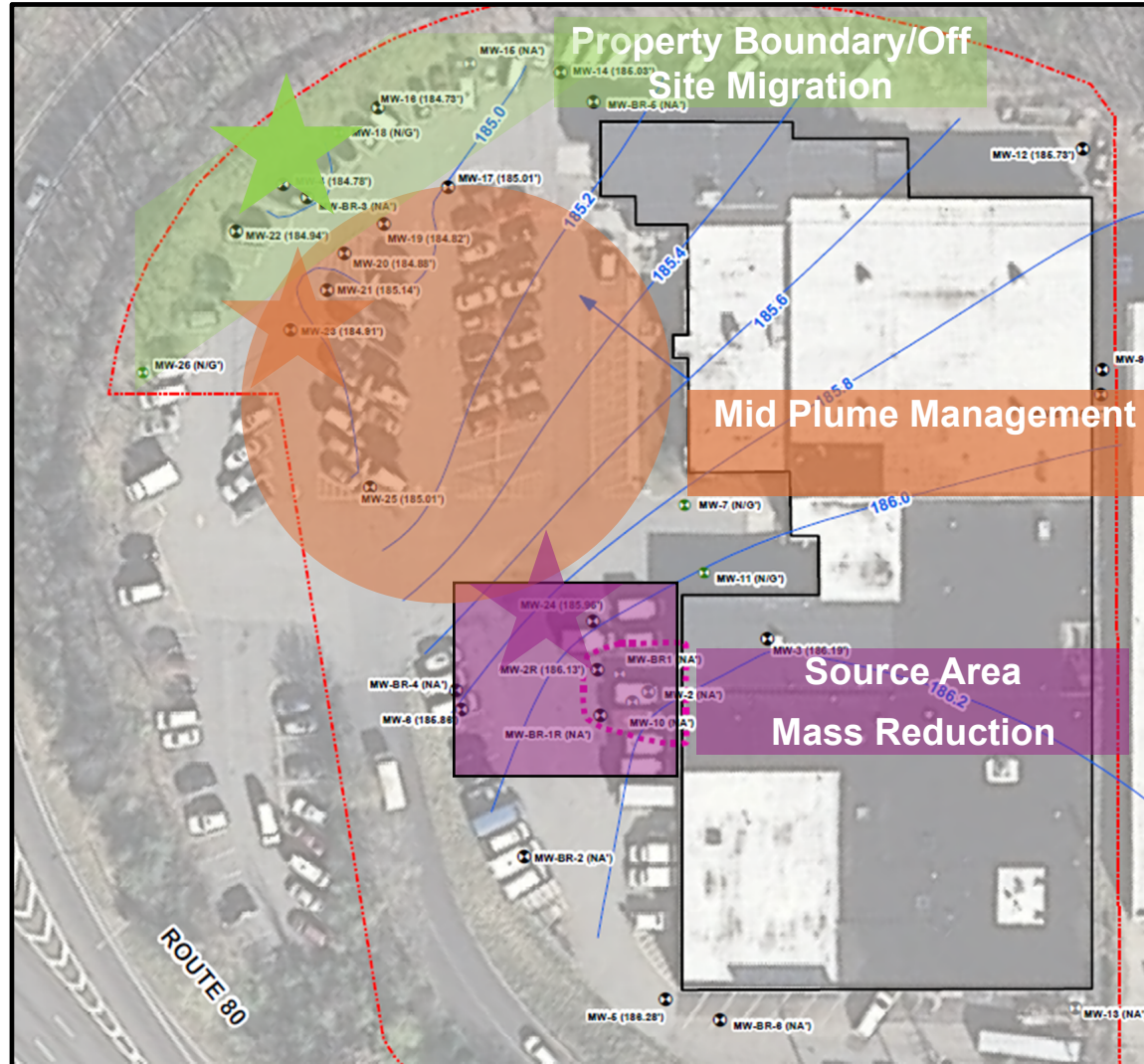


P&T System,
ZVI slurry wall
(1990s)
Excavation
(2019)

Source Area
CVOC
concentrations
> 300 mg/L

Primary Contaminants are Chlorinated ethenes
Residual Chlorinated ethanes

Site Background



MW-23	(5/13/20)	(11/11/20)	(5/25/21)
1,1,1-TCA:	ND	ND	ND
1,1-DCA:	30 J	ND	14 J
1,1-DCE:	93 J	12 J	43
Benzene:	ND	ND	ND
CIS-DCE:	13000	2600	7900
TRANS-DCE:	44 J	9.5 J	21
PCE:	ND	ND	7.9 J
TCE:	35000	4600	13000
Toluene:	ND	ND	ND
VC:	410	10	150
1,4-Dioxane:	6.8	ND*	ND*

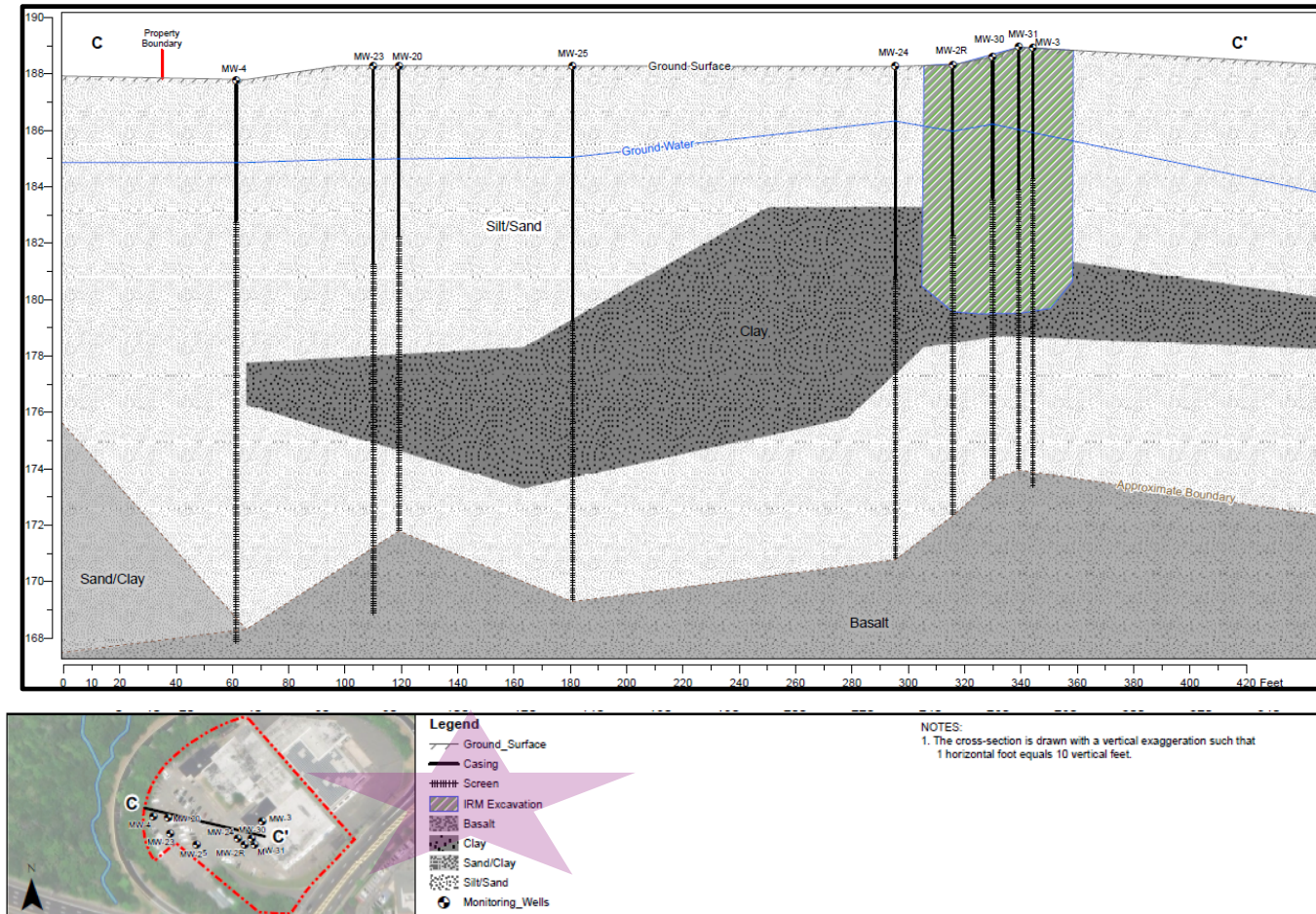
MW-4	(5/13/20)	(8/11/20)	(11/10/20)	(5/25/21)
1,1,1-TCA:	ND	ND	ND	ND
1,1-DCA:	ND	1.4 J	2.7 J	ND
1,1-DCE:	30	9	18	11
CIS-DCE:	4900	1800	3100	1700
TRANS-DCE:	17 J	5.9	9.8 J	4.7 J
PCE:	ND	ND	ND	ND
TCE:	7200	1400	3400	2400
Toluene:	ND	ND	ND	ND
VC:	360	110	160	59
1,4-Dioxane:	8.2*	ND	11*	ND

MW-24	(5/12/20)	(8/11/20)	(11/11/20)
1,1,1-TCA:	ND	ND	ND
1,1-DCA:	ND	ND	ND
1,1-DCE:	400 J	430 J	410 J
CIS-DCE:	61000	74000	100000
TRANS-DCE:	300 J	300 J	300 J
PCE:	360 J	380 J	370 J
TCE:	330000	330000	320000
Toluene:	ND	ND	ND
VC:	640 J	650 J	750 J
1,4-Dioxane:	ND	ND	ND

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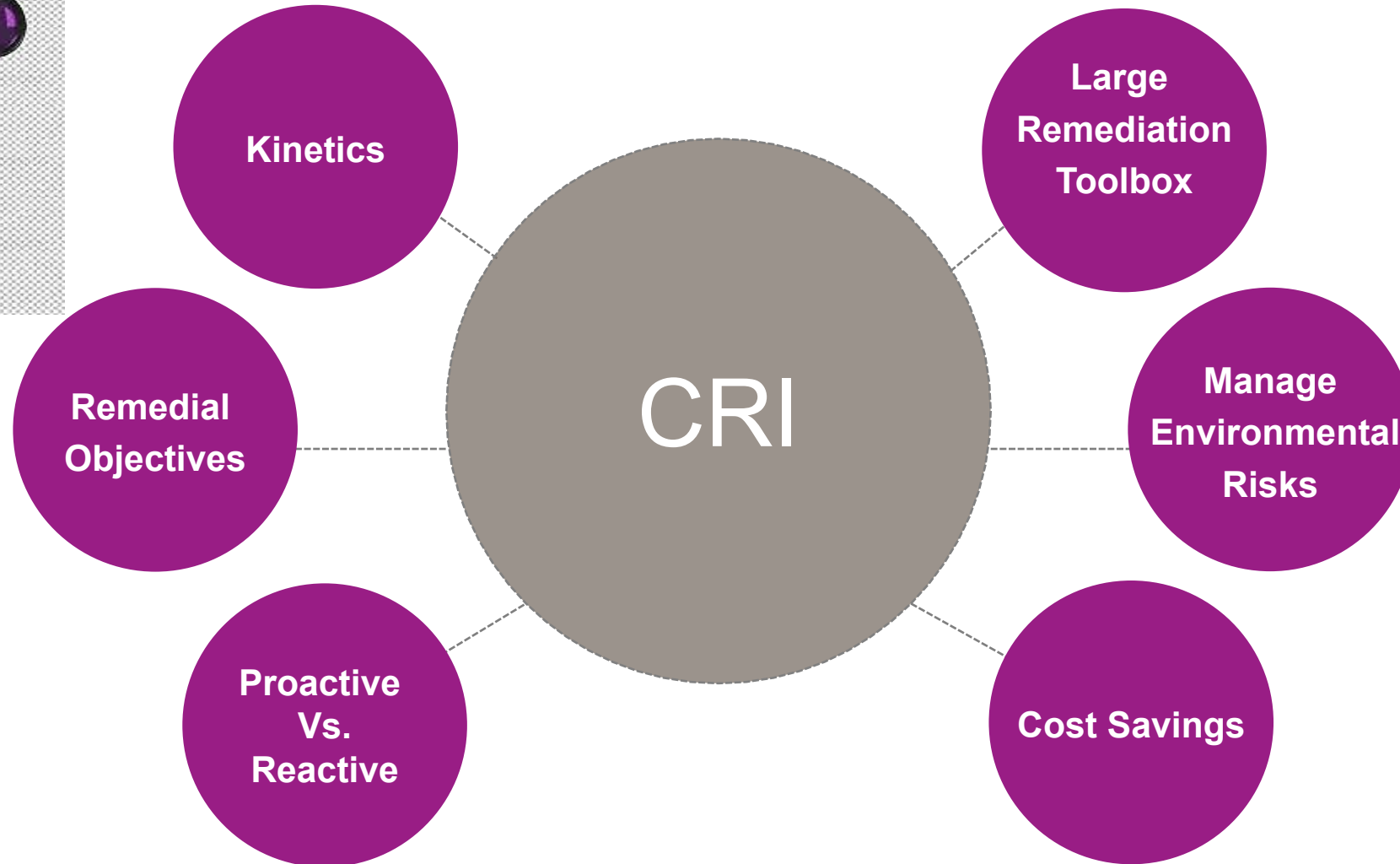
Geology

- Overburden soils consist of glacial lake bottom sediments and till including silt, fine sands, and clay. Very low permeability due to prevalence of fine material.
- Groundwater in the overburden is encountered at approximately 2 ft – 5 ft bgs across the Site
- Bedrock in the area of the Site (~15 ft bgs) consists of dark gray basalt (volcanic rock) of the Preakness Formation.

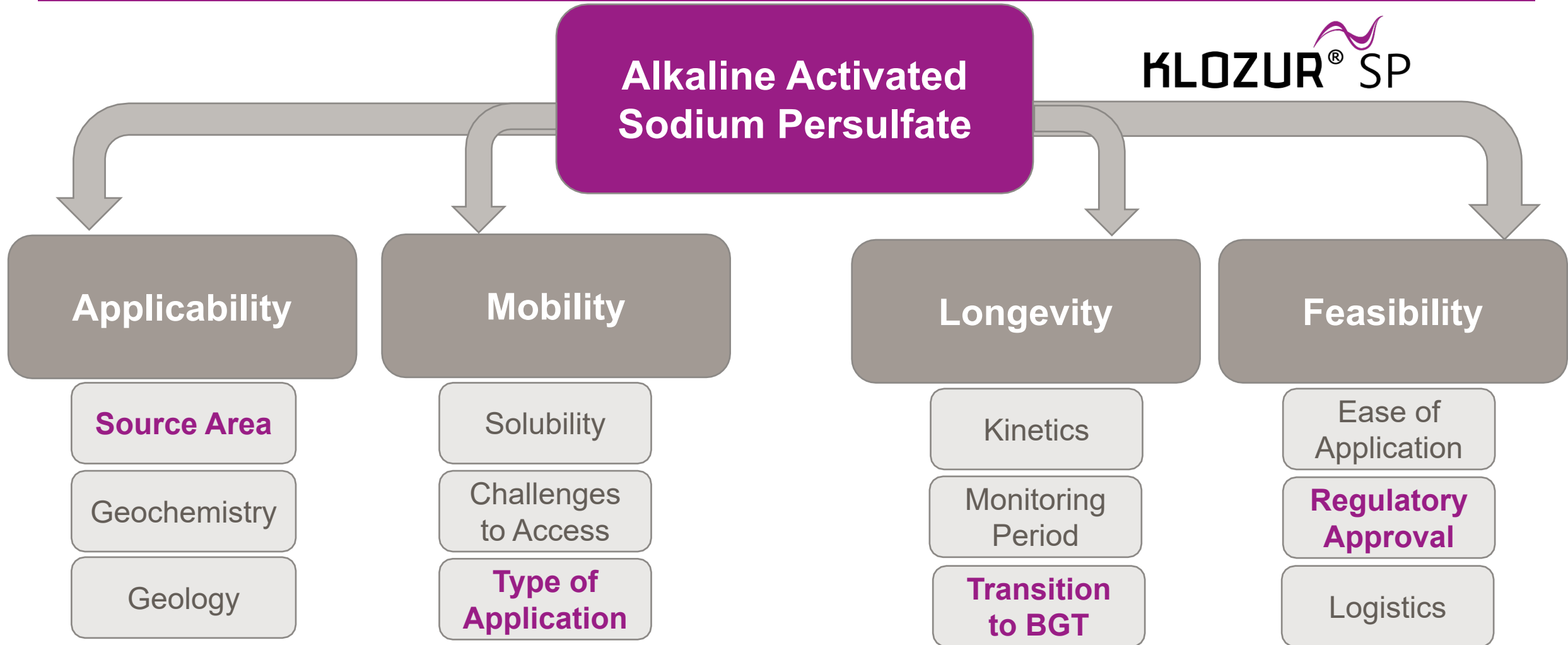


**Groundwater flow approximately 10-50 ft/yr.
Flows to the Northwest**

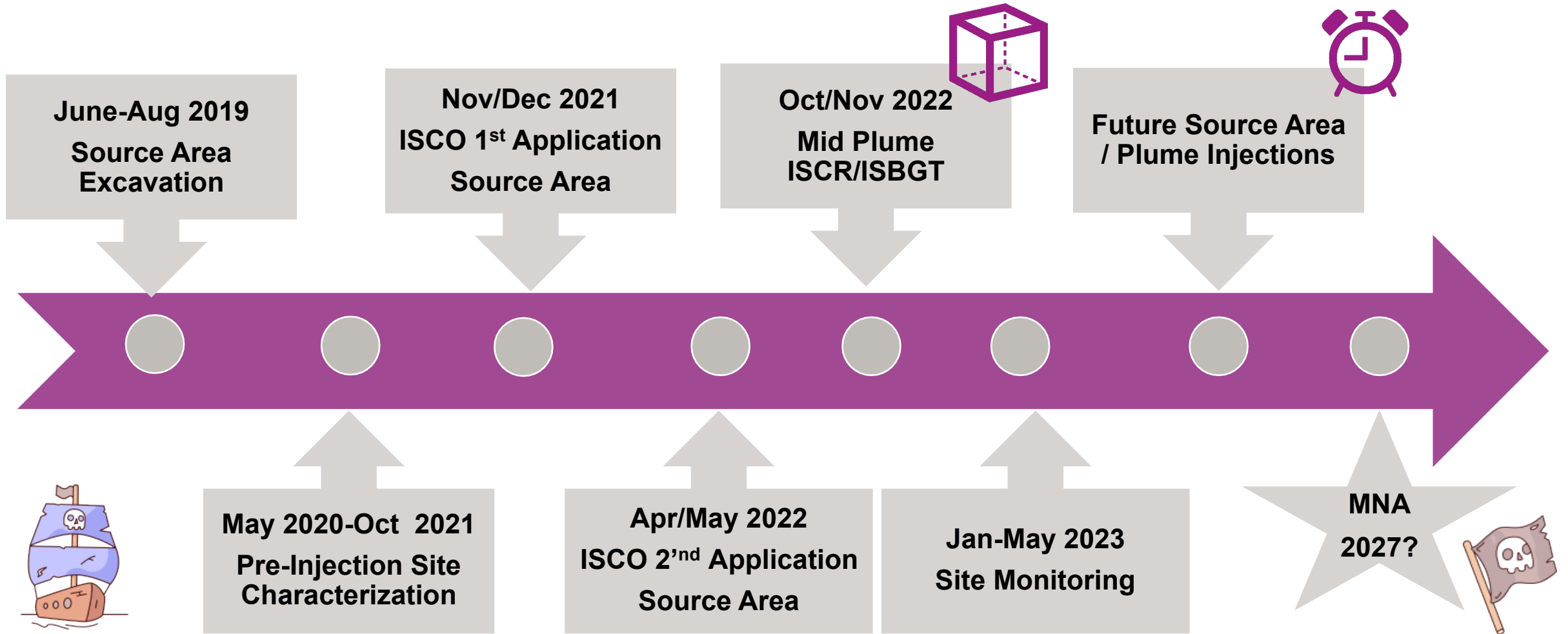
Combined Remedies Initiative (CRI)- Why?



Technical Basis for Integration/Reagent Selection



Timeline of Remediation



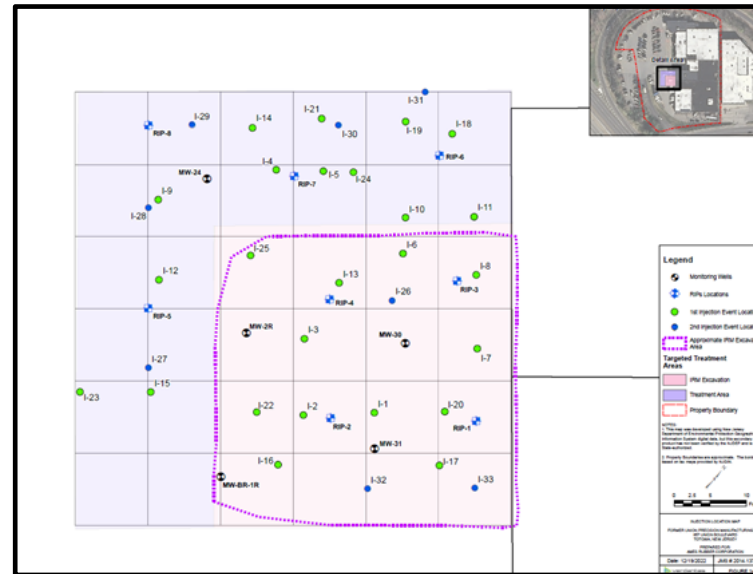
ISCO- Design and Implementation (Nov 2021- July 2022)

Design

- 3,600 sq. ft source area targeting 6ft vertical thickness (9-15 ft)
- 10,500 lbs of Klozur SP (20% solution) and 17,500 lbs of 25% NaOH (2 applications)

Injections:

- DPT (25 IP 1st application)
- DPT/RIP 16 points (2nd application)
- 15 days /application
- Surfacing mitigated by injection rate and solution concentration



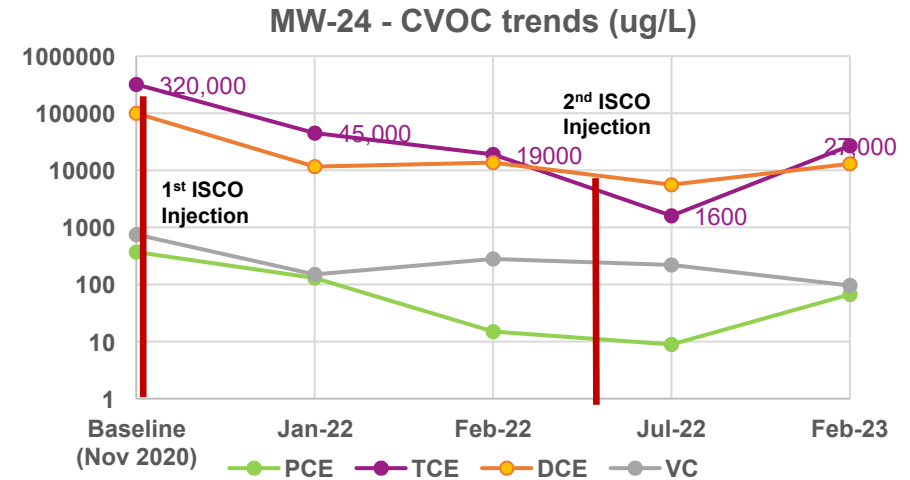
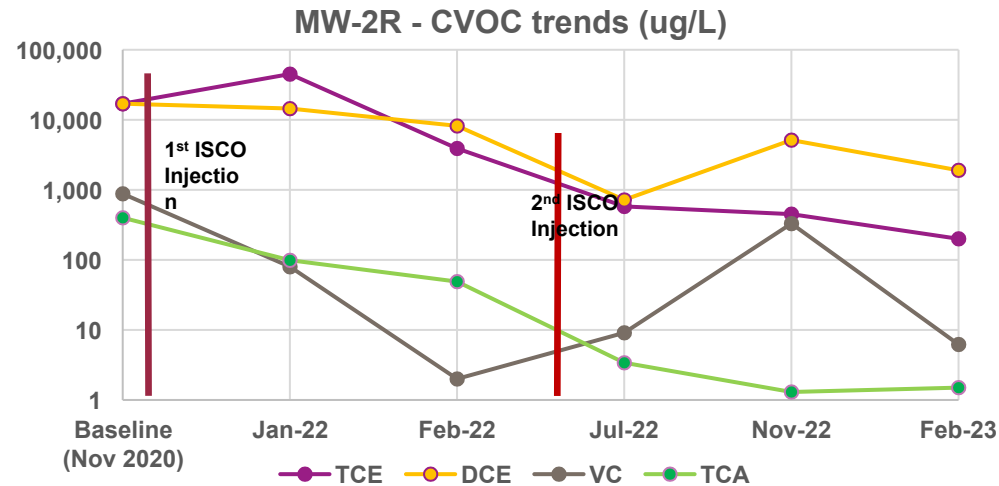
Dose (per application):

- Injection concentration 198-228 g/L
- Targeting ~ 24% of total pore volume (228*0.24 = 91.2 g/L)
- Sodium (19%) – 17,300 mg/L
- Sulfate (81%) – 73,800 mg/L

Monitoring Program:

- Monthly monitoring
- CVOCs in groundwater
- pH, ORP, Conductivity and persulfate
- Sulfate, sodium and alkalinity

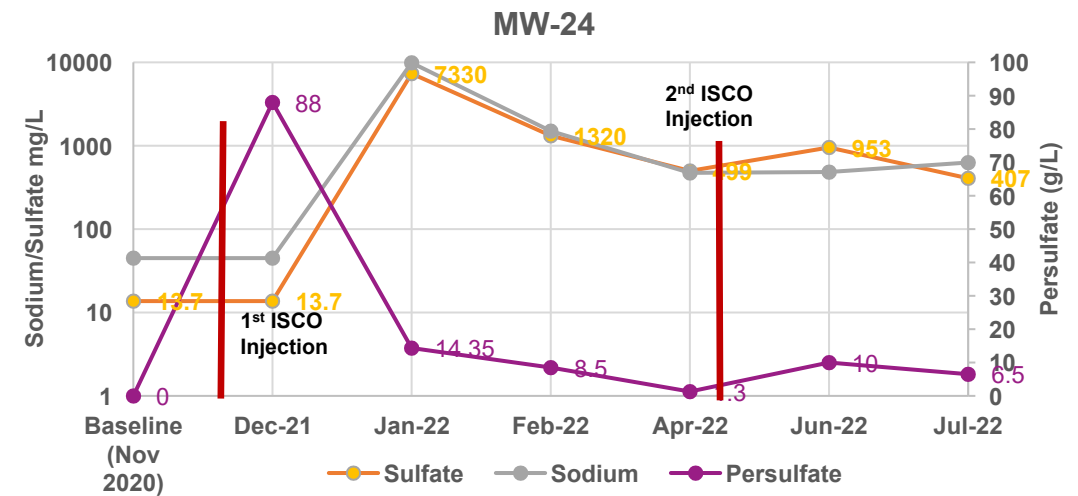
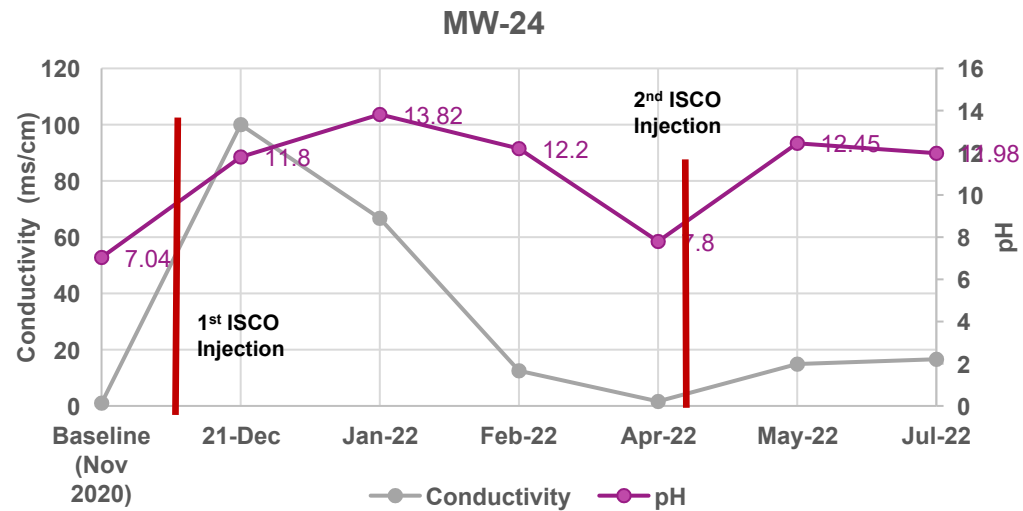
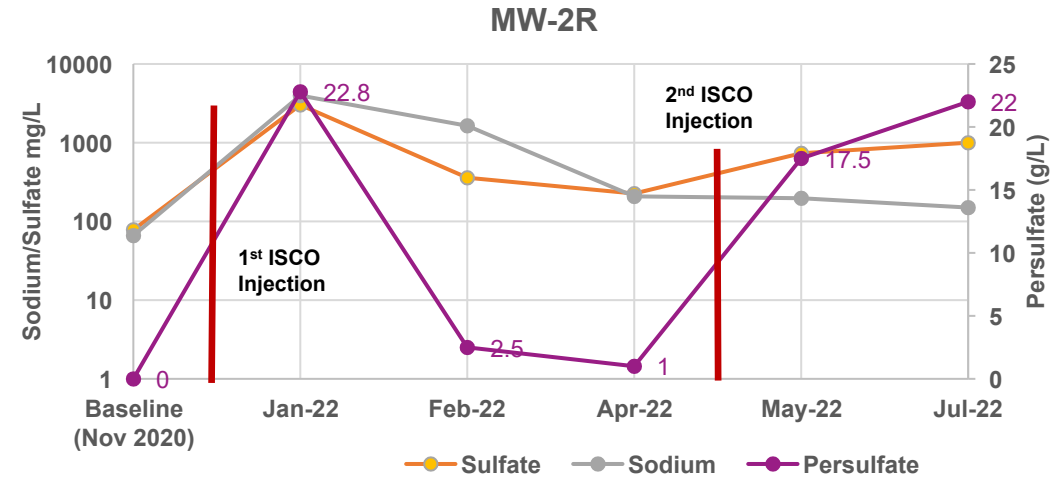
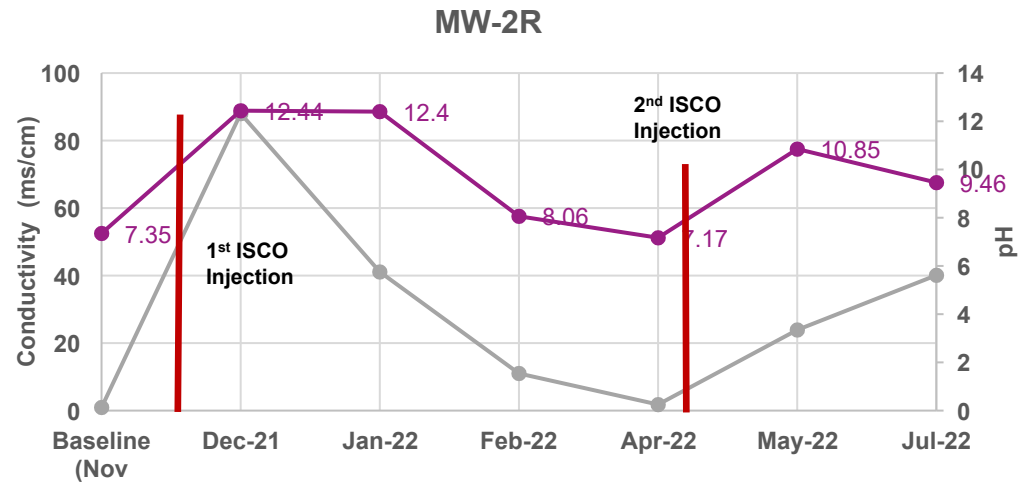
ISCO-Post Monitoring Trends







Soil TCE (mg/kg)	Pre- ISCO	Post-ISCO
SB-1A	6,100	47
GP-18 (15)	4,510	660
S-9 (12.5)	8,720	0.8
S-9 (15)	5,690	4.8
S-3 (13.5)	6,900	400
S-4 (13)	1,100	18
S-5 (12) EMSL	16,000	50

>2-3 orders of magnitude reduction in soil concentrations

ISCO-Geochemical Signature



Site Specific Transition Points

- Achieved orders of magnitude (OOMs) reduction in source area concentrations. 
- Shift in geochemical conditions to support the next step in the treatment train
 - Source Area (high pH from ISCO) 
 - Mid Plume (transition to reductive technologies) 
- Downgradient area- Reactive barrier downgradient to prevent any migration of residual CVOCs (i.e., cis-1,2-DCE or VC) 

Treatment Train Approach

The path from.....

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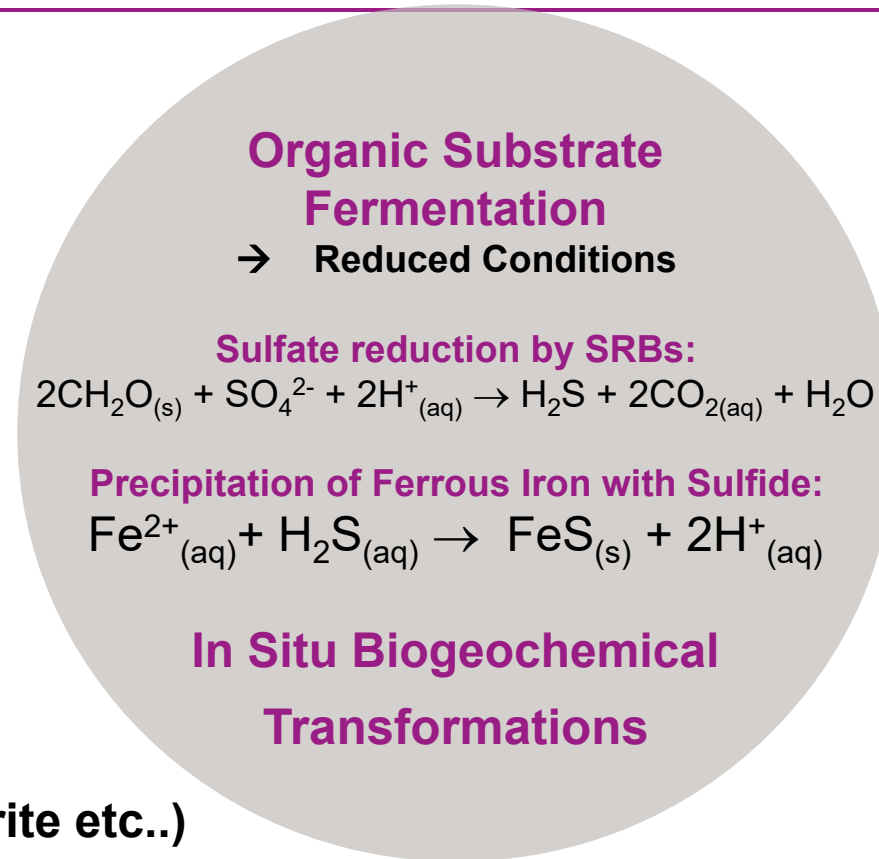
Using engineered products
Source area treatment
Mass reduction / Flux reduction
Alkaline Activated persulfate



Biogeochemical Transformation

ISCR Substrates (organic carbon + ZVI)
Residual sulfate from ISCO injections
Indirect chemical reaction (mackinawite, pyrite etc..)
Address back diffusion

Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)



Pyrite FeS_2



Mackinawite
 FeS

EHC[®] Reagent

GeoForm[®] Biogeochemical

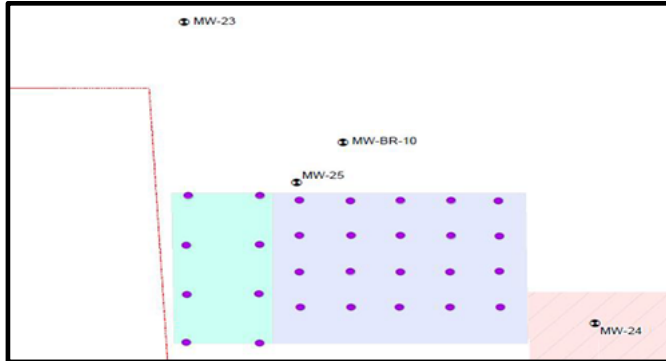
ELS[®] Microemulsion



ISCR/ISBGT- Design and Implementation (Jul-Nov 2022)

Primary Area

- 3,000 ft² targeting 6-13 ft bgs
- 15,200 lbs of EHC at 0.15% application rate
- 3,360 lbs of 25% ELS (2,000 mg/L)
- 9L DHC

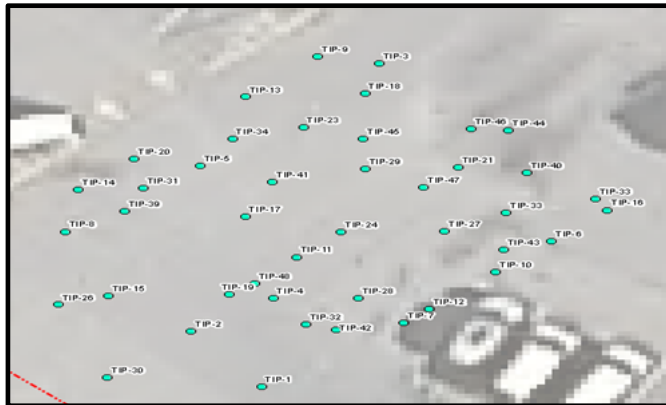


Secondary Area

- 1,000 ft² targeting 6-13 ft bgs
- 3,360 lbs of 25% ELS (3,000 mg/L) and 265 lbs of Geoform Soluble Mix
- 3L DHC

Injections:

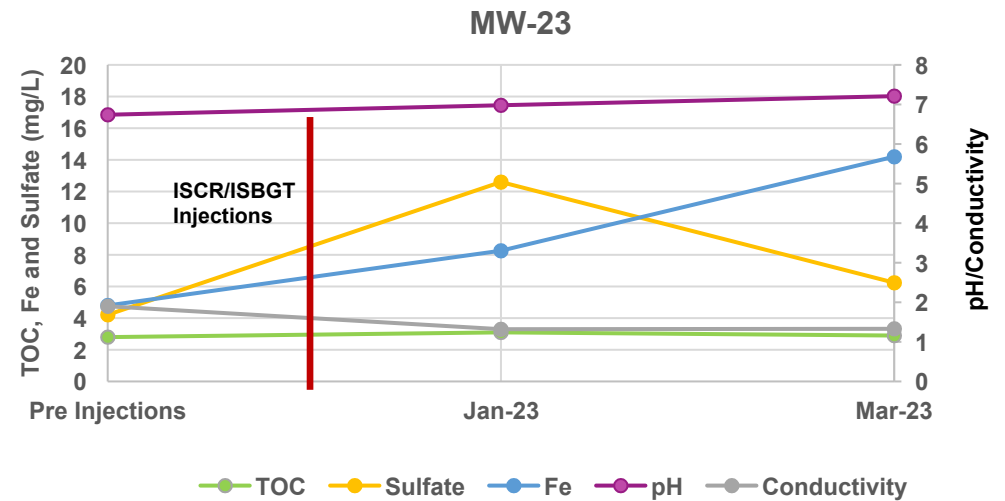
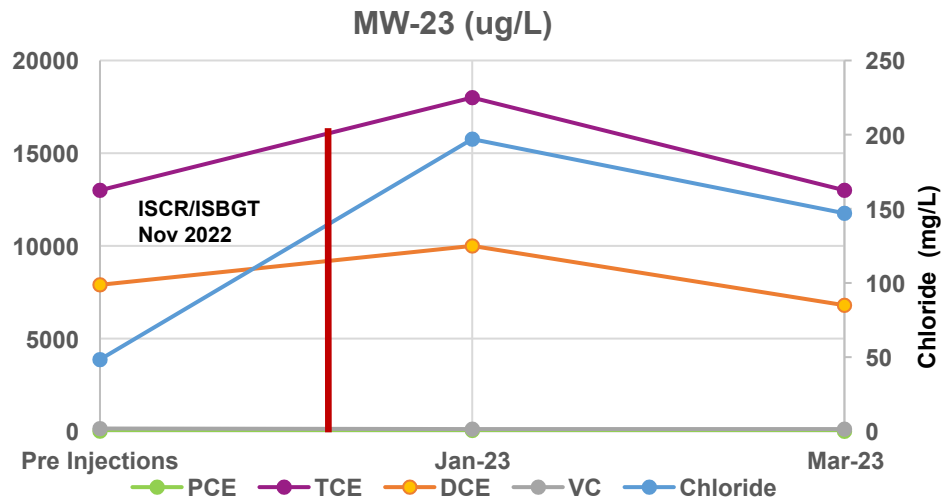
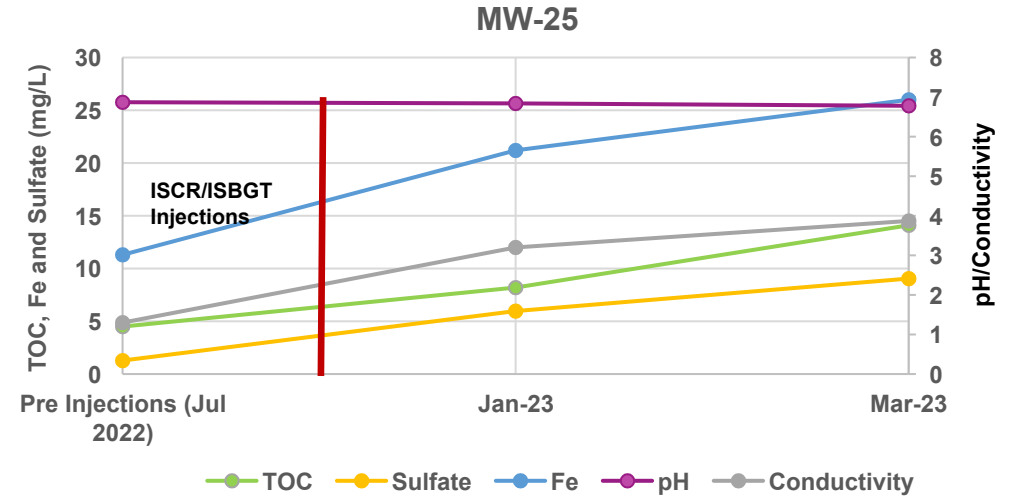
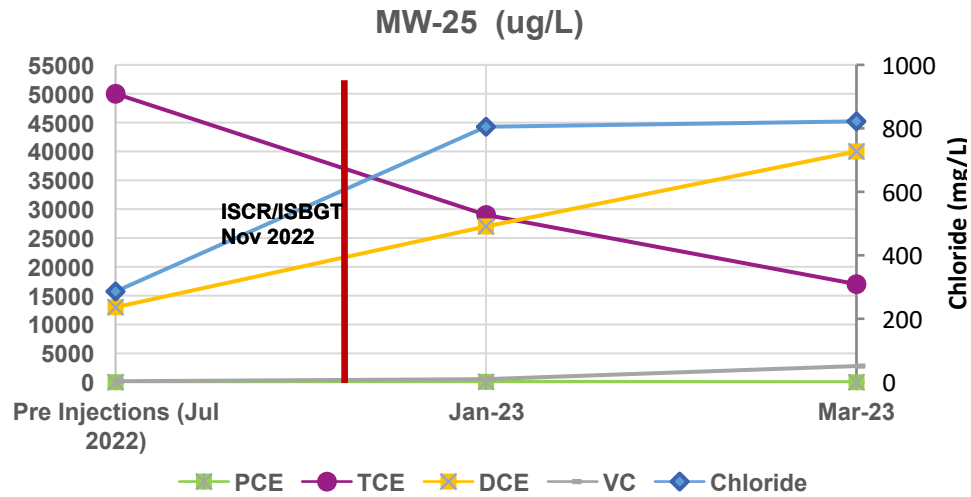
- DPT (48 Injection Points)
- Only 50% of EHC mass injected
- 22 Injection days
- Surfacing mitigated by injection rate and staggering IPs



Monitoring Program:

- Quarterly monitoring
- CVOCs in groundwater
- pH, ORP, Conductivity and Alkalinity
- TOC, Fe, Sulfate and Chloride

ISBGT –Results and Discussion



Key Findings and Path Forward

ISCO	ISBGT
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very effective in reducing source concentrations by orders of magnitude• Focused Injection Application• pH above 12.5 s.u. persist in the source area within the sheeting from 2019 excavation• Will address 1,4-Dioxane• Residual sulfate paves way for transition to ISCR/ISBGT reagents.• Soluble reagents (Klozur[®] SP) pose fewer injection challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not 100% contact dependent (can be effective over a wider area)• Work in progress (transient). ISBGT mechanisms lasts for years .• Solid Reagents (slurry) increases injection time and pose challenges with surfacing in shallow aquifers.• CRI accelerates remediation timeframe

Additional Source Area injections
Q3 2023/Q2 2024

Additional Mid-plume and PRB Injections
Q3 2023/Q2 2024

Injection Photos

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ISCR/ISBGT



Questions?

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