

CREATIVE THINKING EXCEPTIONAL SOLUTIONS

Development of an Adaptive Framework for Optimizing Bioremediation Implementation at a Fractured Bedrock Chlorinated Solvent DNAPL Site

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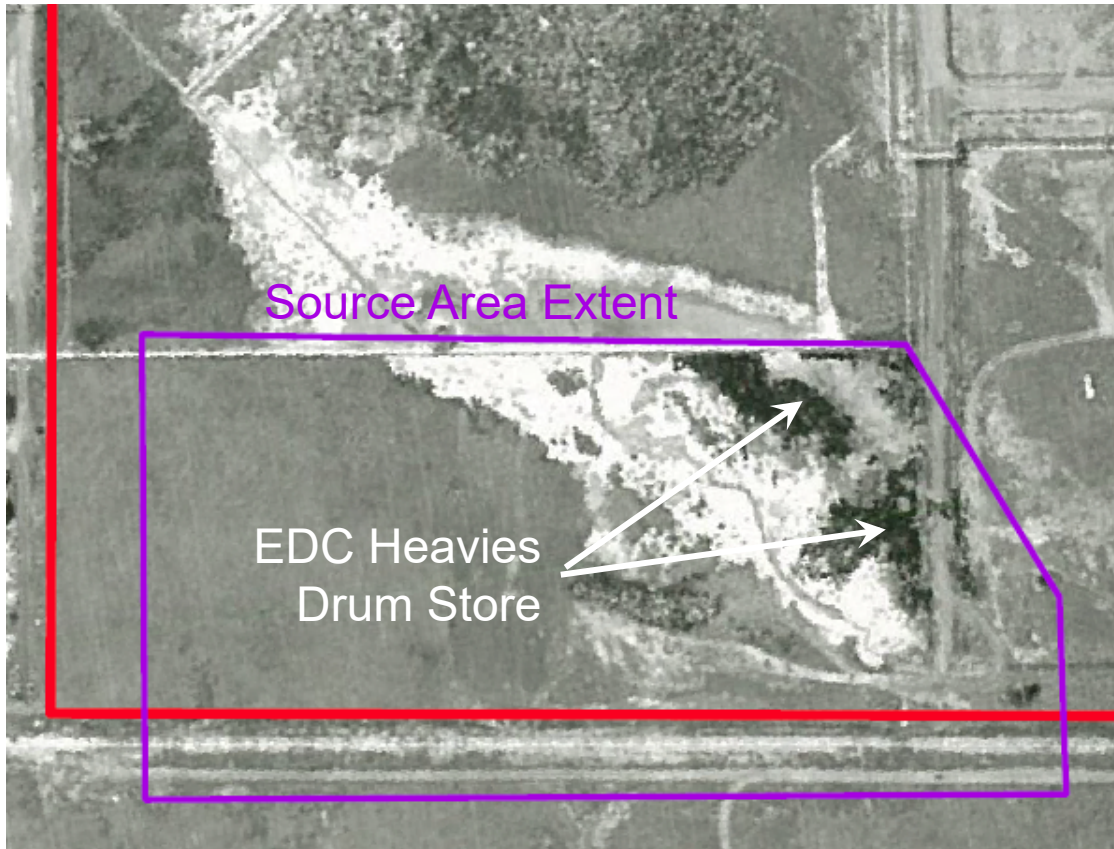
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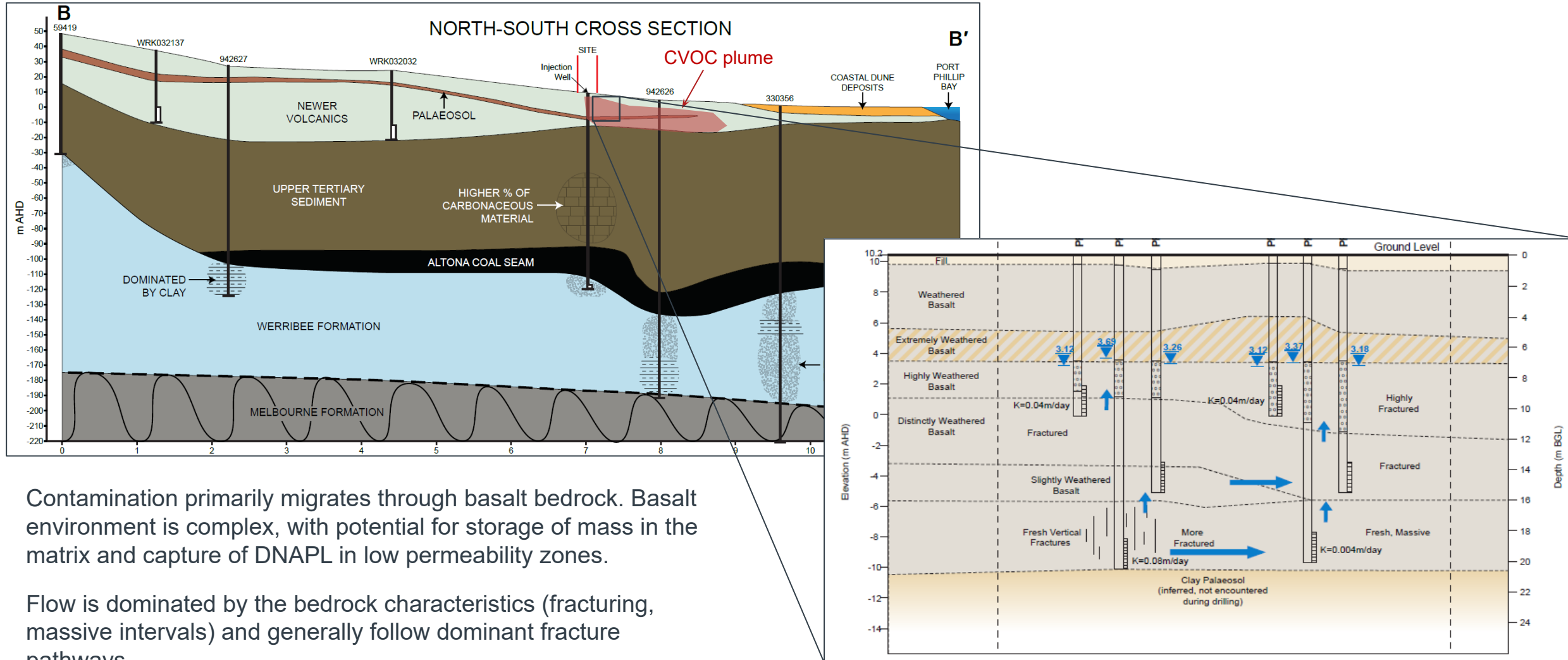
Release History



1962 and 1976: Ethylene dichloride (EDC or 1,2-dichloroethane) manufacturing on site produced a by-product called “EDC Heavies”.

1969: A grass fire engulfed the EDC Heavies drum store leading to a loss of containment and release of chlorinated hydrocarbons comprised of mainly 1,1,2-TCA, EDC, and some PCE and 1,1,2,2-TeCA.

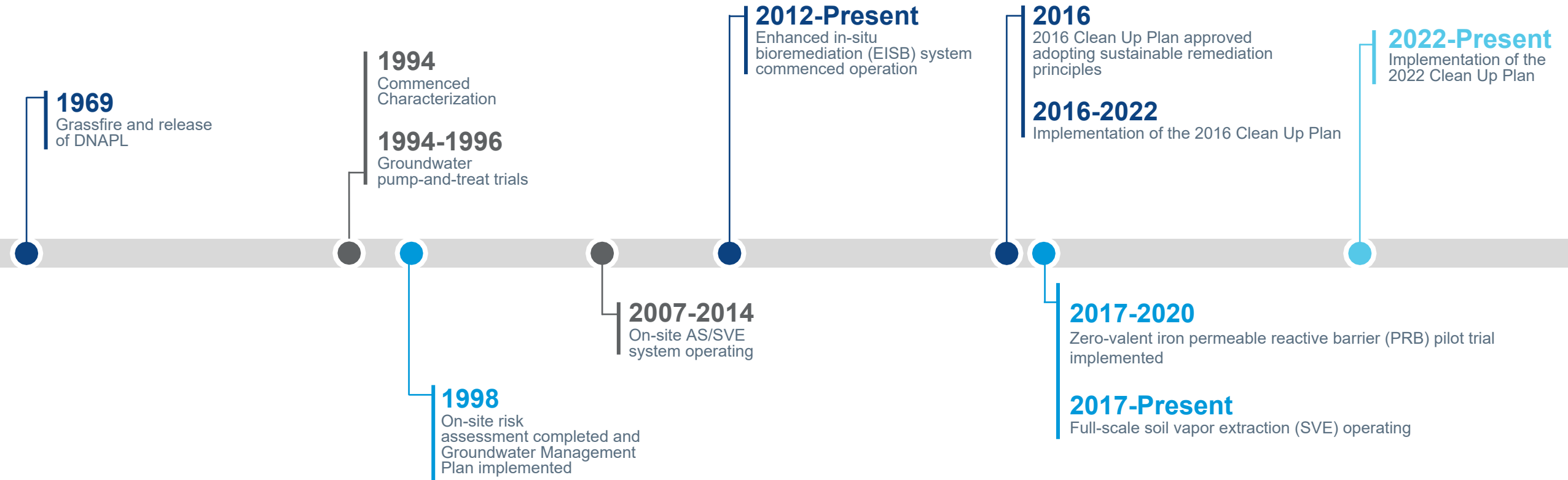
Geological Environment



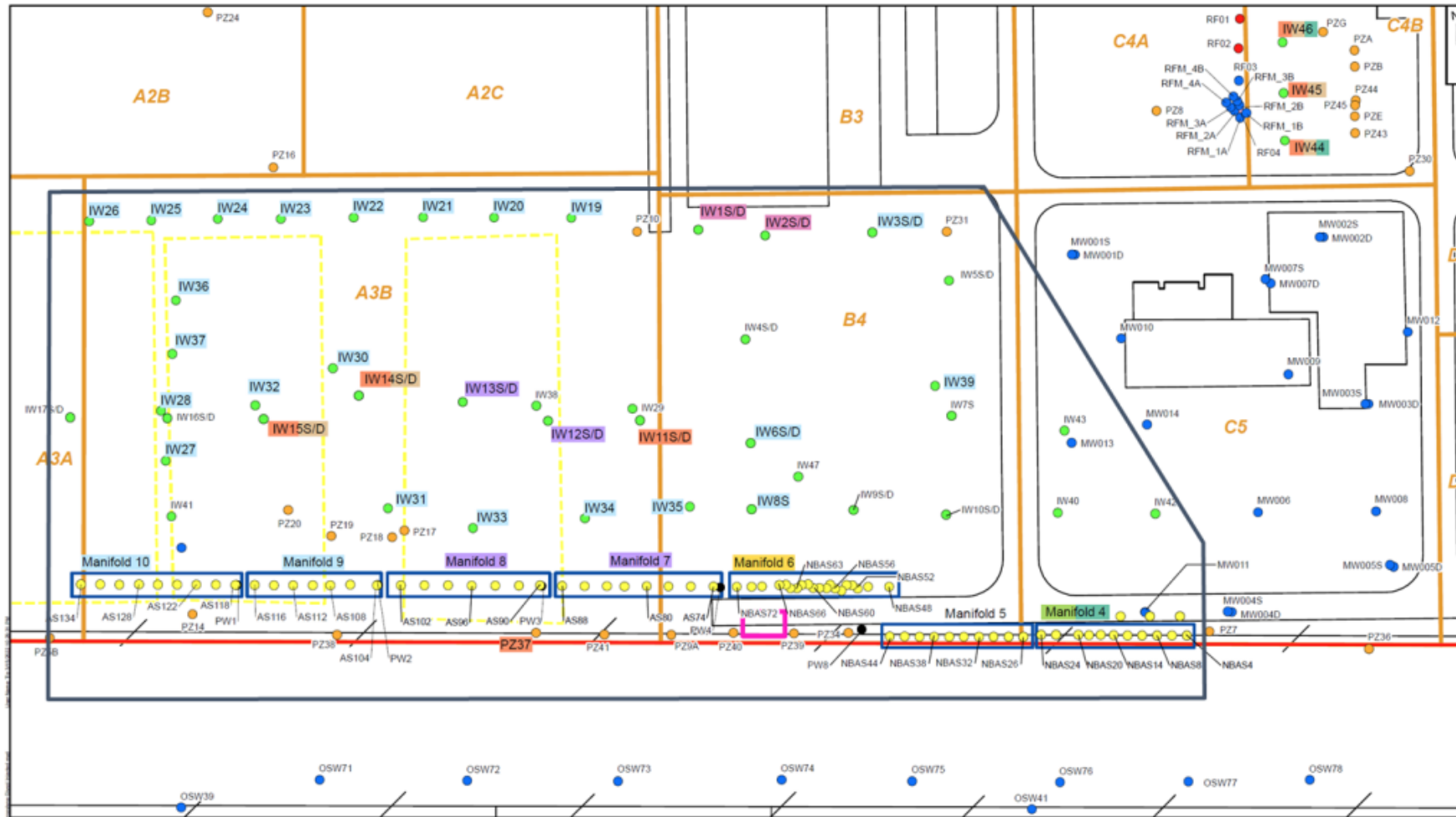
Contamination primarily migrates through basalt bedrock. Basalt environment is complex, with potential for storage of mass in the matrix and capture of DNAPL in low permeability zones.

Flow is dominated by the bedrock characteristics (fracturing, massive intervals) and generally follow dominant fracture pathways.

Timeline of Historical Remedial Activities



Bioremediation Program 2012 to 2021



Injection Locations and Timings

- IW30** PG injected between December 2011 and September 2015
- IW1S** PG injected between July 2012 and September 2016
- IW11S** PG injected between October 2015 and September 2016
- IW12S** PG injected between October 2016 and September 2017
- NBAS4** PG injected between October 2017 and December 2018
- IW44** PG injected between January 2019 and December 2019
- IW45** PG* injected between January 2020 and December 2020
- NBAS72** PG* injected between January 2021 and December 2021

Timeframe	Total Electron Donor Mass Injected (tonnes)
2011-2017	302.4 (97.5%)
2018-2021	7.7 (2.5%)
Total	310.1

Impact of Remediation on COI Concentrations

COI	Maximum Concentrations in Period (mg/L)		
	Natural Attenuation 2000-2006	AS/SVE Operation 2006-2011	EISB Operation 2011-2021 (Max 2021)
1,1,2,2-TeCA	44	210	270 (111)
1,1,2-TCA	1,030	3,500	2,000 (874)
EDC	710	3,000	1,400 (263)
PCE	12	16	67 (3.0)
TCE	78	130	88 (25)
cis-1,2-DCE	6.2	41	45 (10)
VCM	73	2,400	910 (62)
CTC	0.04	ND	0.09 (ND)
CF	14	33	38 (4.2)
DCM	2.1	11	3.2 (0.83)

COI	Reduction in Average Concentrations (%) ¹		
	Natural Attenuation 2000-2006	AS/SVE Operation 2006-2011	EISB Operation 2011-2021
1,1,2,2-TeCA	-112%	87%	99.8%
1,1,2-TCA	-12%	89%	99.9%
EDC	4%	97%	98.6%
PCE	46%	75%	99.6%
TCE	36%	89%	99.2%
cis-1,2-DCE	-5%	63%	96%
VCM	-216%	71%	97.7%
CTC	N/A	N/A	N/A
CF	45%	72%	99.8%
DCM	25%	91%	82%

¹ Reduction in average concentrations compares the geometric mean concentration at the beginning of the time period to the end of the specified time period in each remedial period.

Status as of end of 2021:

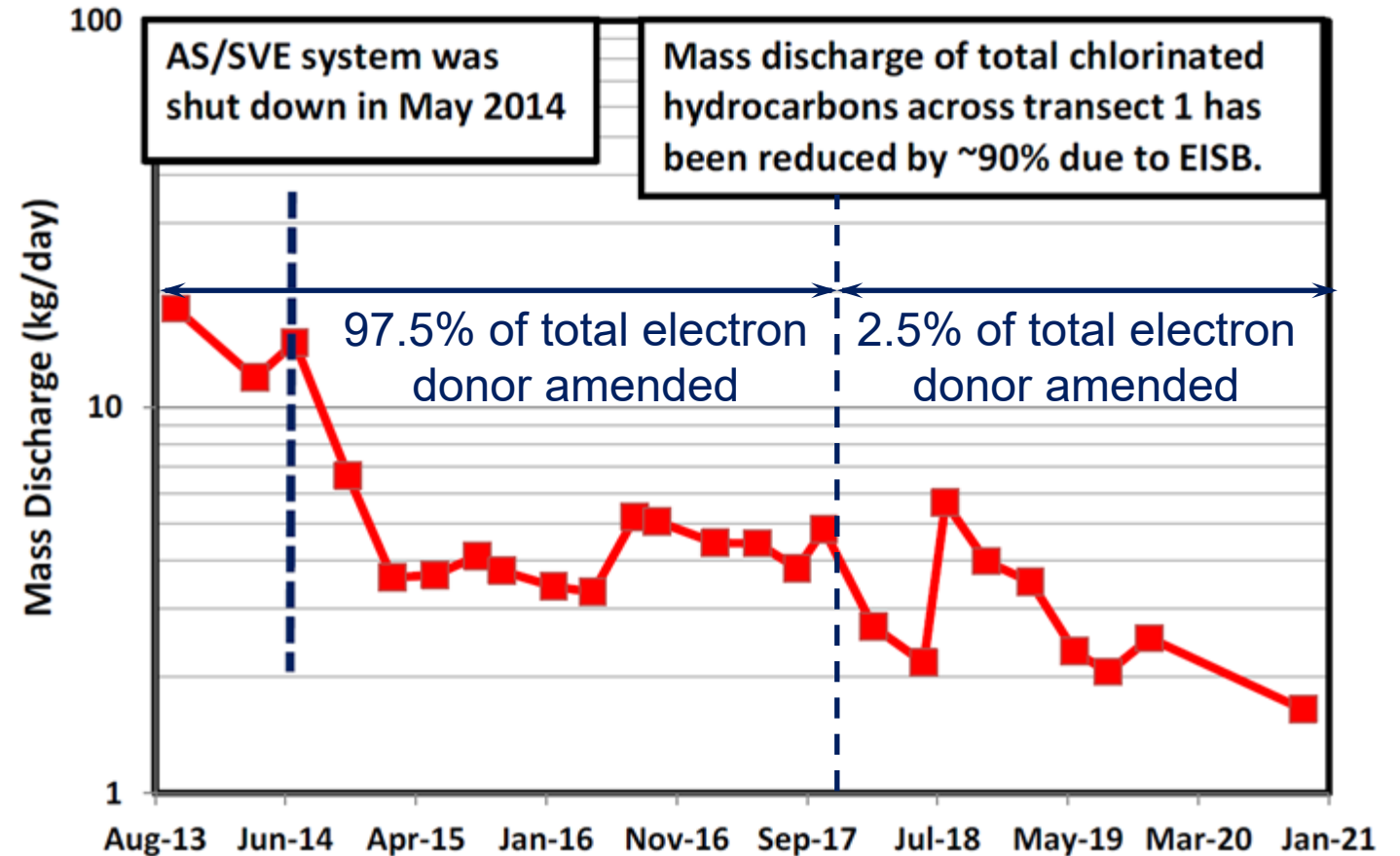
- Concentrations indicative of residual DNAPL in isolated areas only
- On average, >96% reduction in concentrations achieved
- Decreasing trends or lack of detections in the majority of wells
- Remedial goals achieved in the majority of wells
- Vinyl chloride most persistent COI
- Inhibitory levels of CF persist at 7% of locations sampled
- Minor rebound observed in some areas

COI	Maximum Concentrations (mg/L)	Reduction in Average Concentrations (%)	% Wells with Concentrations < Remedial Goals
1,1,2,2-TeCA	111	99.8%	98%
1,1,2-TCA	874	99.9%	85%
EDC	263	98.6%	85%
PCE	3.0	99.6%	98%
TCE	25	99.2%	83%
cis-1,2-DCE	10	96%	85%
VCM	62	97.7%	53%
CTC	ND	N/A	100%
CF	4.2	99.8%	100%
DCM	0.83	82%	100%

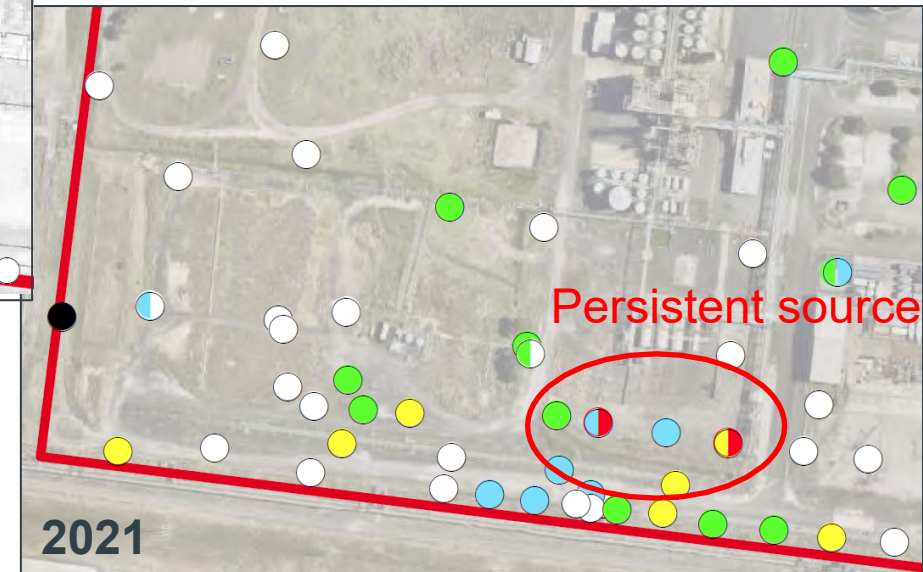
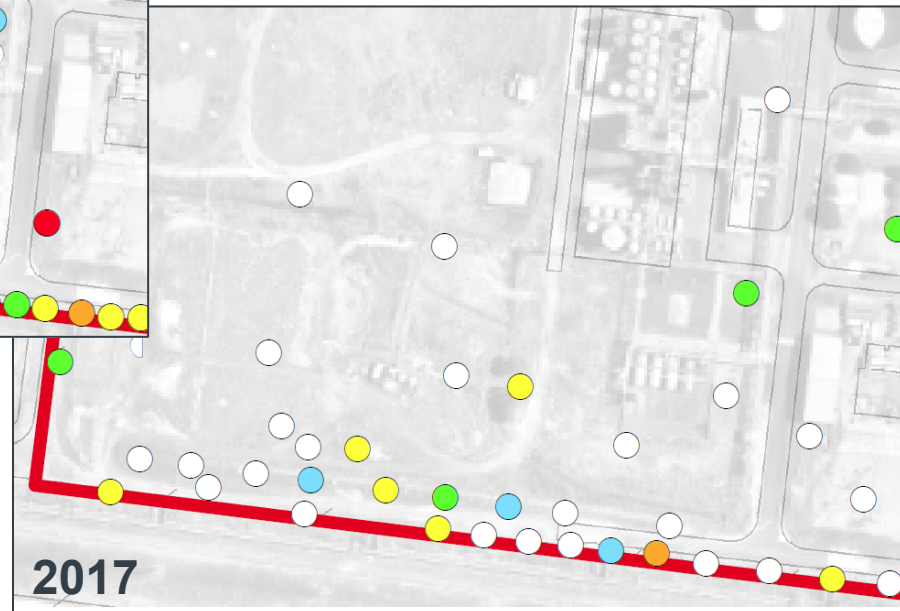
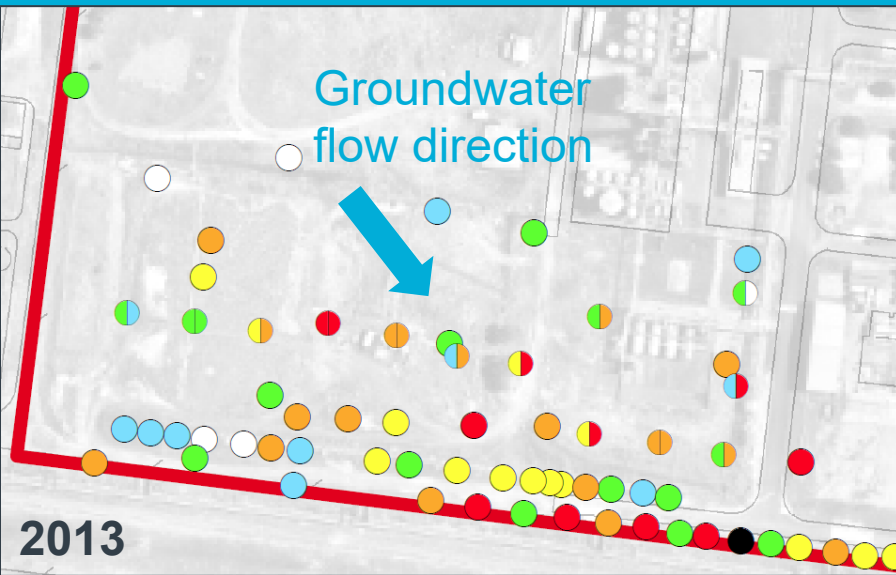
Analyte	Increasing	Decreasing	Stable	No Trend	Not Detected
1,1,2,2-TeCA	0%	38%	2%	16%	44%
1,1,2-TCA	3%	51%	5%	19%	22%
EDC	7%	49%	11%	27%	5%
PCE	1%	42%	10%	14%	33%
TCE	4%	54%	10%	17%	17%
cis-1,2-DCE	7%	27%	9%	38%	19%
VCM	4%	37%	13%	27%	18%
CTC	0%	1%	0%	0%	99%
CF	2%	47%	6%	15%	30%
DCM	5%	18%	7%	19%	52%

Status as of end of 2021:

- Mass discharge across site boundary reduced by 90% reduction compared to baseline
- 50% reduction achieved within first few years, but then stable for years while DNAPL being treated



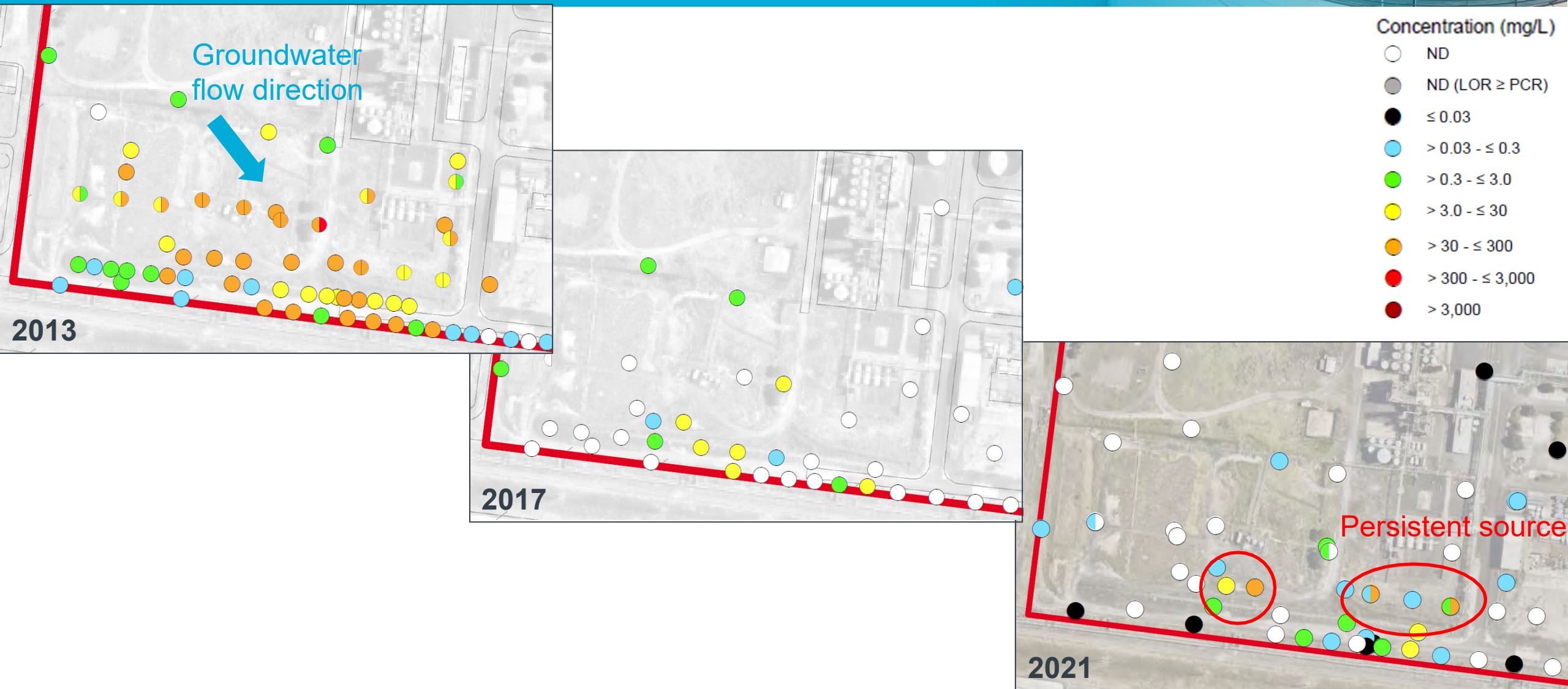
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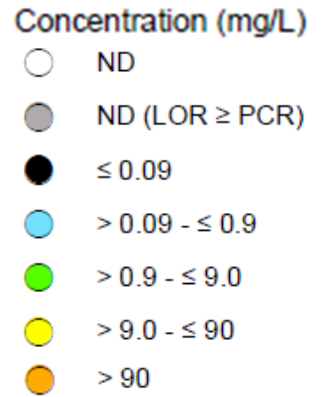
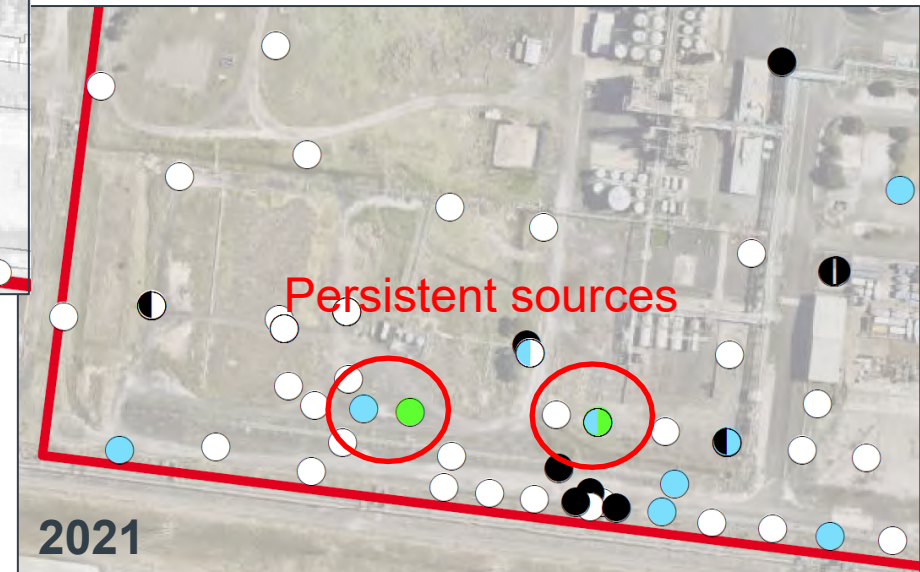
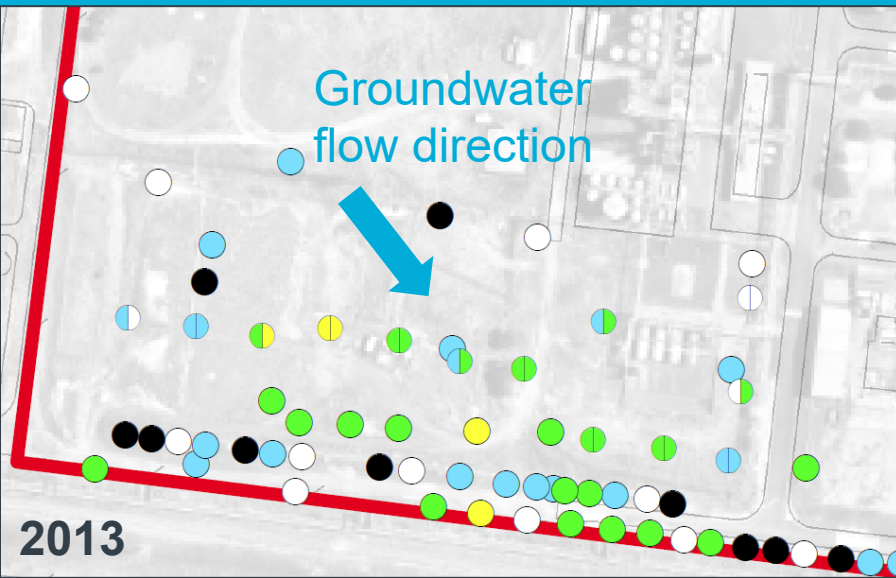
Concentration (mg/L)

- ND
- ND (LOR \geq PCR)
- ≤ 0.02
- $> 0.02 - \le 0.2$
- $> 0.2 - \le 2.0$
- $> 2.0 - \le 20$
- $> 20 - \le 200$
- $> 200 - \le 2,000$
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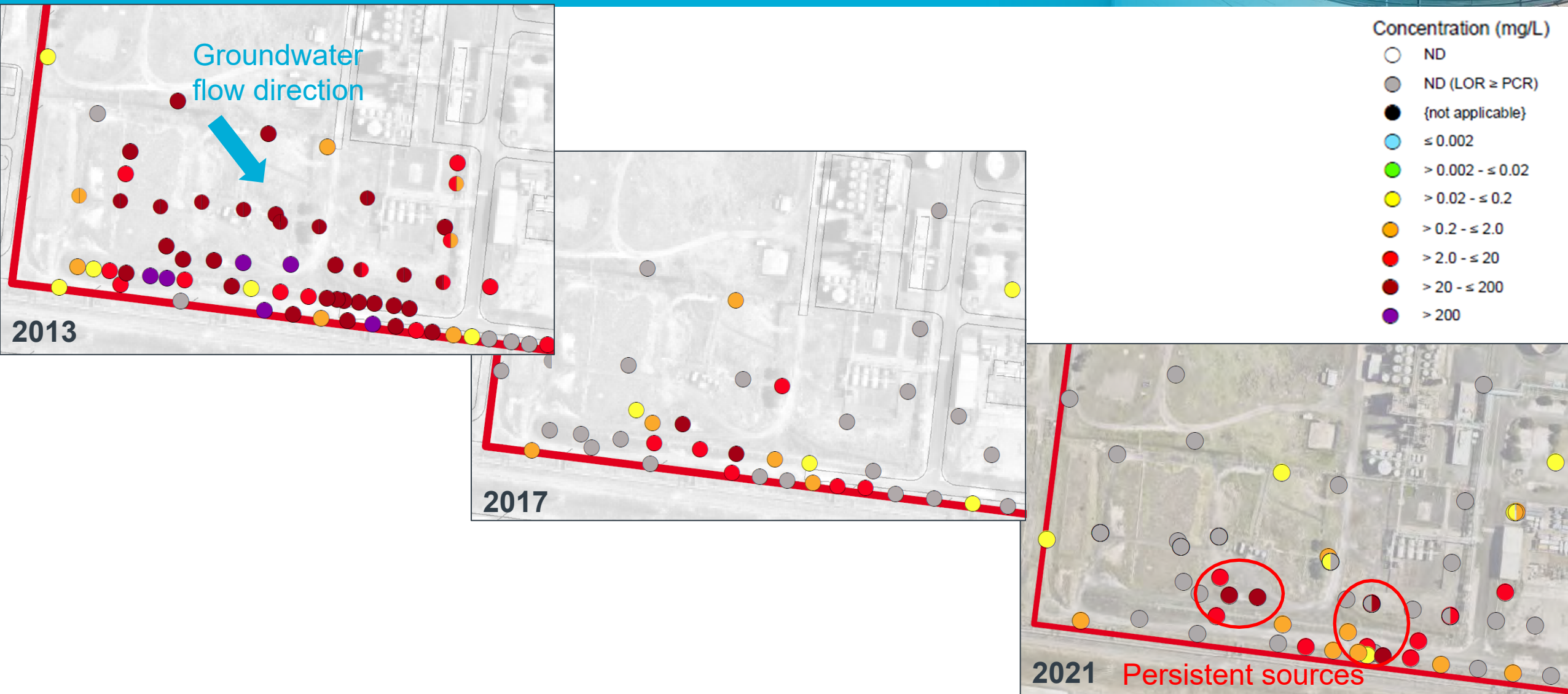
Improvements in Contaminant Concentrations Through 10 Years of EISB – Ethylene Dichloride (1,2-DCA)



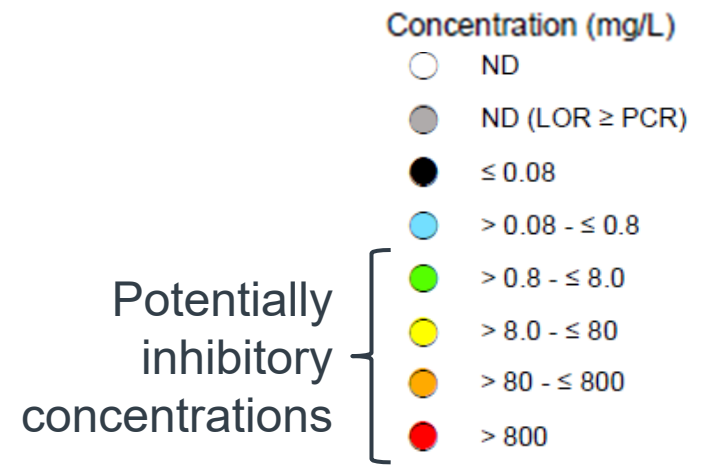
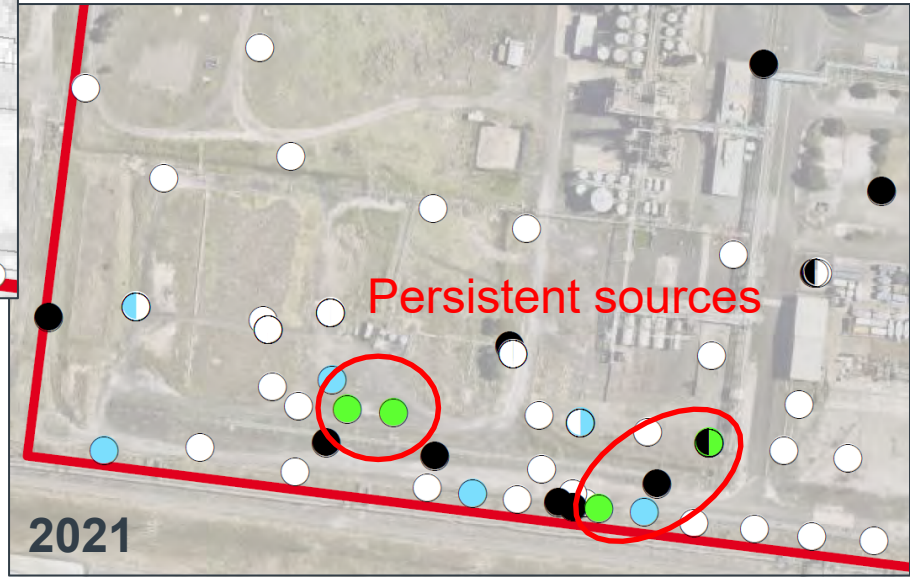
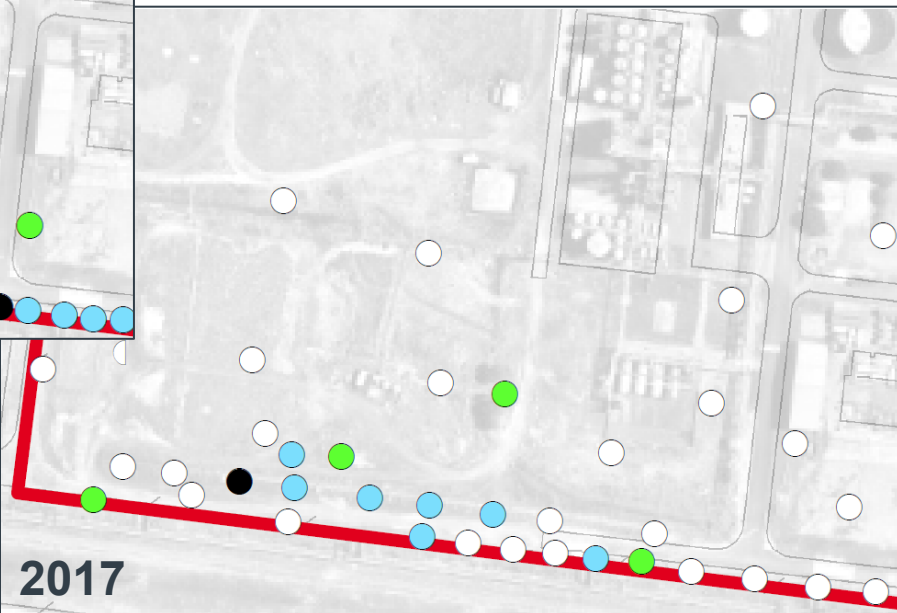
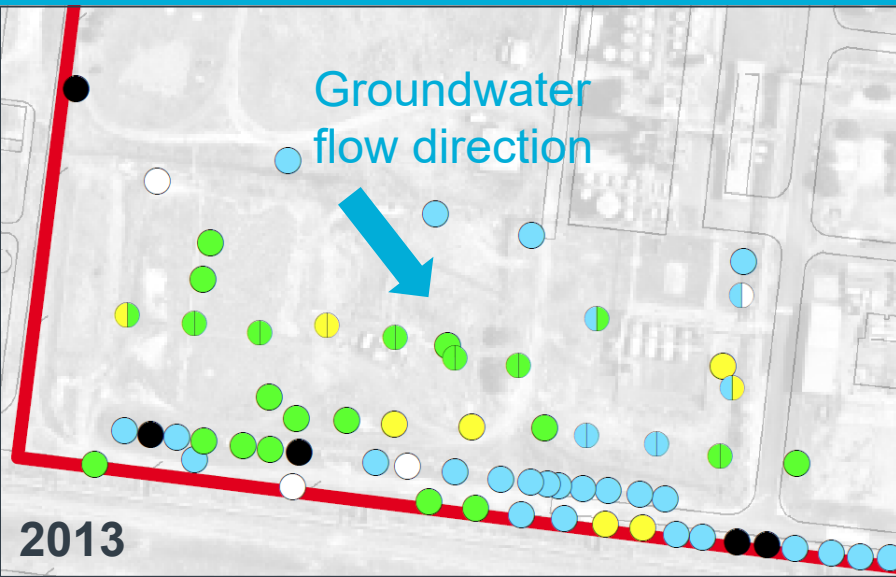
Improvements in Contaminant Concentrations Through 10 Years of EISB - Tetrachloroethene



Improvements in Contaminant Concentrations Through 10 Years of EISB – Vinyl Chloride



Improvements in Contaminant Concentrations Through 10 Years of EISB - Chloroform



Summary of EISB Progress to Date

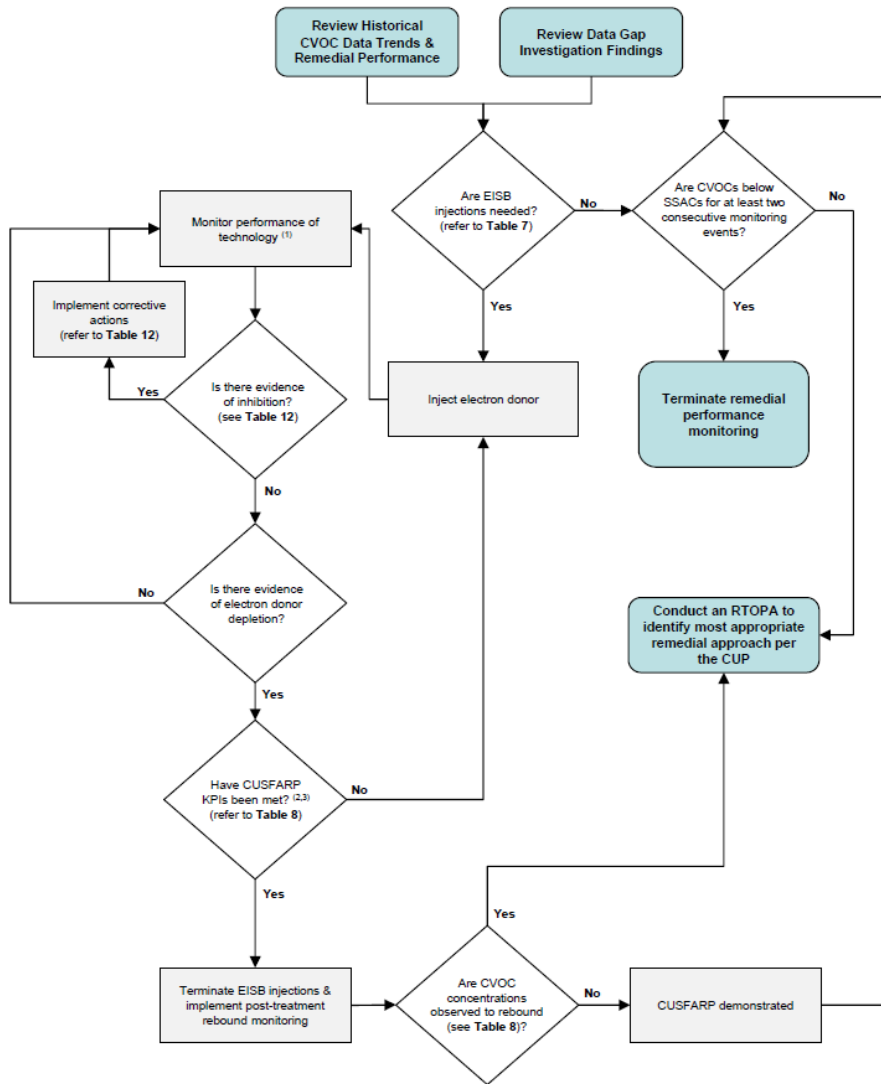
Achievements to date include:

- Signs of substantial reductions in DNAPL mass / concentrations
- Substantial reductions in off-site mass discharge achieved, allowing off-site plumes to attenuate

Residual concerns / optimization opportunities:

- Methane generation has been significant in the past → GHG issue as SVE system emits methane to atmosphere
- Pockets of residual DNAPL remain in 2 to 3 isolated areas
- Elevated concentrations, particularly VC and DNAPL constituents, persist in some areas
- Electron donor no longer manufactured on site
- Tailoring of dosing frequency/locations

Adaptive Framework for EISB Program



Features include:

- Ongoing focused injections in areas of:
 - mass persistence
 - rebound post-treatment
 - CF concentrations > 1 mg/L
- Injections near site boundary to enhance treatment of mass migrating off-site
- Bioaugmentation to address CF inhibition where needed
- Treatability studies to evaluate potential to use waste product as electron donor
- Modified performance monitoring to better identify donor-limited conditions


Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Transition to MNA

CUSFARP Target	Specific CUSFARP KPIs
DNAPL depletion	1,1,2,2-TeCA < 29 mg/L 1,1,2-TCA < 45 mg/L EDC < 86 mg/L PCE < 2 mg/L <hr/> Total molar COIs < 1.2X pre-EISB baseline
Risk mitigation	[COI] ≤ 10X risk-based criteria
Achievement of stable, long-term reductions in COI concentrations after active treatment terminated	In wells where active treatment is not ongoing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [COI] ≤ 10X risk-based criteria • Mann-Kendall trend assessment does not indicate increasing trends • Parent COI concentrations remain < 1% of single-component solubilities
Treatment of inhibitory CF	[CF] < 1 mg/L
Stable mass discharge	Mass discharge (M) ≤ 0.1 M ₂₀₁₃

CUSFARP = “clean up so far as reasonably practicable”
(i.e. cleanup goals)

KPIs developed to achieve:

- Treatment of DNAPL mass
- Stable, long-term reductions in COI concentrations after treatment is terminated (no rebound)
- Stable, low rates of mass discharge across the southern site boundary to allow off-site plumes to attenuate
- Treatment of CF to below inhibitory levels to achieve optimal conditions for long-term natural attenuation



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