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Based on ITRC Guidance Document:  
Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) Site Management: LCSM  
Evolution, Decision Process, and Remedial Technologies (LNAPL-3, 2018)

### 3-Part Training Series: Connecting the Science to Managing Sites



Part 1: Understanding LNAPL Behavior in the  
Subsurface

Part 2: LNAPL Conceptual Site Models and the  
LNAPL Decision Process

Part 3: Using LNAPL Science, the LCSM, and  
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The newly updated LNAPLs (Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids) training courses help users set appropriate LNAPL remedial goals in the context of a site-specific LNAPL conceptual site model, provide tools to screen LNAPL remedial technologies to identify an optimal LNAPL remedial technology to achieve the goals, and provide example performance metrics that would be set to gauge remedial effectiveness and demonstrate achievement of the goals.

- A sound LNAPL understanding is necessary to effectively characterize and assess LNAPL conditions and potential risks, as well as to evaluate potential remedial technologies or alternatives. The ITRC LNAPLs Team's updated training courses provide:
- a technical understanding of LNAPL key concepts and behavior in the subsurface
- LNAPL conceptual site model (LCSM) development
- framework for making LNAPL remediation and management decisions
- informed remedial technology selection and appropriate technology application

#### **LNAPL Training Part 1:** An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface - Connecting the Science to Managing Sites

Part 1 explains how LNAPLs behave in the subsurface and examines what controls their behavior. Part 1 also explains what LNAPL data can tell you about the LNAPL and site conditions. Relevant and practical examples are used to illustrate key concepts.

**LNAPL Training Part 2:** LNAPL Conceptual Site Models and Remedial Decision Framework - Do you know where the LNAPL is and how to address LNAPL concerns? Part 2 addresses LNAPL conceptual site model (LCSM) development as well as the overall framework for making LNAPL remediation and management decisions. Part 2:

- discusses key LNAPL and site data
- when and why those data may be important, and
- how to effectively organize the data into an LCSM.

Part 2 also discusses how to resolve LNAPL concerns by selecting appropriate goals and objectives, choosing applicable technologies, and assigning remedial performance metrics and endpoints. Part 2 concludes with a special focus on LNAPL Transmissivity and how it may be used to improve LNAPL decision making.

**LNAPL Training Part 3:** Using LNAPL Science, the LCSM, and LNAPL Goals to Select an LNAPL Remedial Technology - Part 3 of the training fosters informed remedial technology selection and appropriate technology application. Part 3:

- discusses remedial technology groups,
- introduces specific remedial technologies,
- provides a framework for technology selection, and
- introduces a series of tools to screen the several remedial technologies addressed in the updated ITRC document.

A case study demonstrates the use of these tools for remedial technology selection, implementation, and demonstration of successful remediation.

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# Welcome

Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) Site Management: LCSM Evolution, Decision Process, and Remedial Technologies (LNAPL-3)

## 1. How to Use the Document

In 2009, ITRC published [LNAPL-1: Evaluating Natural](#)

Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL)

- ▶ Expansion of LNAPL Key Concepts
- ▶ Development of a LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM) Section
- ▶ Emphasis on identifying SMART objectives
- ▶ Expansion of Transmissivity ( $T_n$ ) and Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD) via Appendices

Welcome to Part 2 of our ITRC LNAPL training series. We assume everyone attended Part 1 and we will quickly move into our Part 2 content.

We want to remind you to visit the ITRC web site to view and use the updated, web-based document. Here is what's new about LNAPL-3 (4 items listed at bottom of slide).

This guidance can be used for any LNAPL site regardless of size and site use.

## Learning Objectives 3-Part Training Series



Part 1 ► Use LNAPL science to your advantage and apply at your sites

Part 2 ► Develop LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM) for LNAPL concern identification  
► Inform stakeholders about the decision-making process

Part 3 ► Select remedial technologies to achieve objectives  
► Prepare for transition between LNAPL strategies or technologies as the site moves through investigation, cleanup, and beyond  
► “SMART”-ly measure progress toward an identified technology-specific endpoint

Learning objectives for this 3-part series.

Part 1 – listed on slide

Part 2

1. Develop a comprehensive LCSM for the purpose of identifying specific LNAPL concerns.
2. From that, establish appropriate LNAPL remedial goals and specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (or SMART) objectives for these concerns.
3. Inform stakeholders of the capability and limitations of various LNAPL remedial technologies.

Part 3 (next week)

1. Select remedial technologies that will best achieve the overall remedial goals for a site.
2. Describe the process to transition between LNAPL strategies or technologies as the site moves through investigation, cleanup, and beyond.
3. Evaluate the implemented remedial technologies to measure progress toward an identified technology specific endpoint.

## LNAPL Part 1 Summary

### LNAPL Science: Key to Improving Decision-making



- ▶ Use LNAPL science to your advantage and apply it at your sites

**It is important to use LNAPL science and apply it to make good decisions**

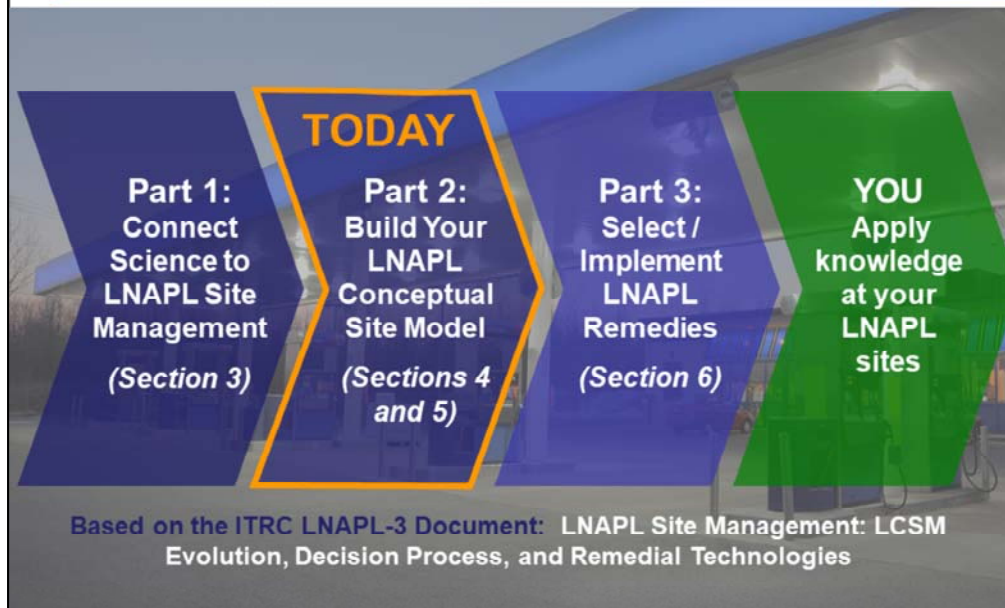
The main take away from Part 1 of our 3-part series is that our knowledge and understanding of LNAPL behavior has evolved. We should all use that knowledge to improve our decision-making at release sites. Key points last week were:

- LNAPL in wells does not mean 100% saturation (dispel pancake)
- LNAPL may be present in the subsurface even if not in MWs
- LNAPL creates Saturation vs. Composition concerns
- Apparent LNAPL Thickness challenges:
  - LNAPL in well does not mean it is migrating
  - Transmissivity is a better indicator of recoverability than thickness
- Stable LNAPL bodies can still result in sheens or long-term compositional concerns
- Biological processes play a large role in LNAPL depletion. These have not been appreciated until recently.

**CLICK!** And reiterate.



## ITRC 3-Part Online Training Leads to YOUR Action



Our 3-part training series focuses on helping you:

- Connect Science to LNAPL Site Management
- Build your LNAPL Conceptual Site Model
- Select/Implement LNAPL Remedies

This training will be incomplete unless YOU (**CLICK**) apply this information. After this training our expectation is that you will use ITRC science-based resources to improve decision making at your LNAPL sites (and for you regulators and other government agency staff, look at ways you can incorporate ITRC states guidance into your own guidance).

Today (**CLICK**) in Part 2, we ask: Do you know where the LNAPL is and how to address LNAPL concerns?

# LNAPL Part 2 Agenda

- ▶ Discuss the evolution of the LCSM
  - Concerns
  - Remedy Selection
  - Remedy Performance (Covered in Part 3)

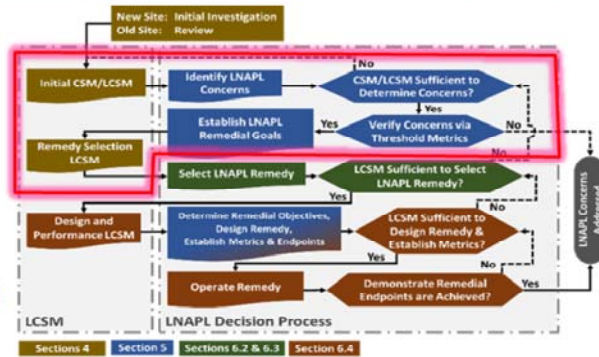


Figure 4-1, LNAPL-3

- ▶ Relate the LCSM to Site Strategy
  - Identification and Classification of Concerns
  - Establishing Remedial Goals to Address Concerns
  - Development of Remediation Objectives

In relation to the process flow diagram in the LNAPL document, this is the section we will covering today.

Today we will

1. Show how to develop an LNAPL conceptual site model and how that empowers you to make LNAPL remediation and management decisions
  - Discuss key LNAPL and site data for the model
  - When and why those data may be important
  - How to effectively organize the data into an LCSM
2. Discuss how to relate LNAPL concerns by selecting appropriate goals and objectives, choosing applicable remedies, and assigning remedial performance metrics and endpoints to those objectives

## Poll the Group



Poll Question

- ▶ The projects I work on are limited by: (choose the best answer)
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- The LCSM is continually updated, but each update represents a focus specific to that project phase

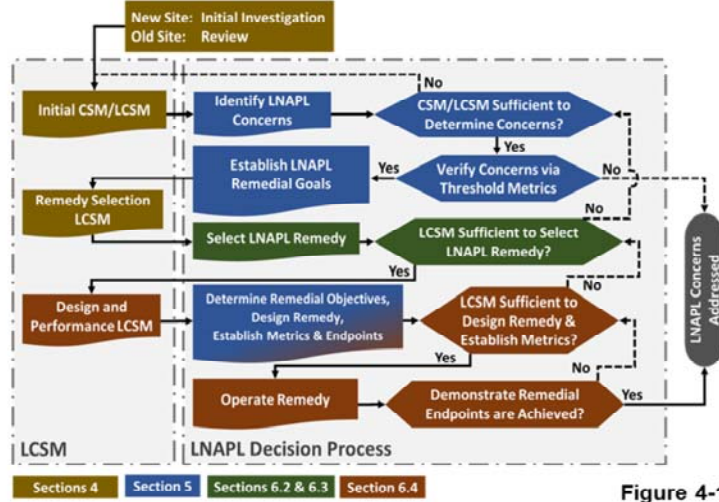
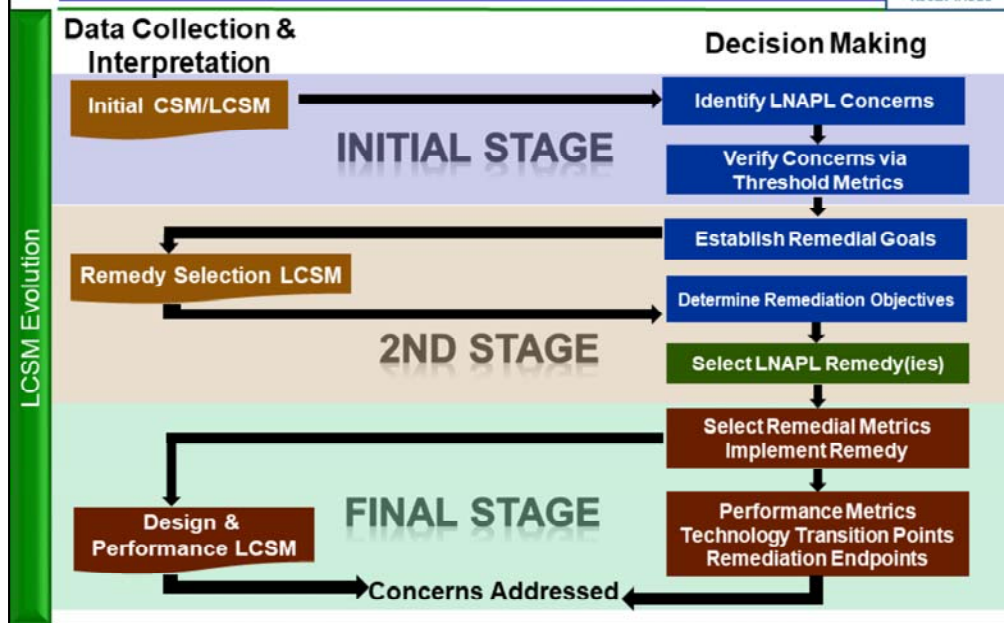


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No associated notes.

## Data Collection & Evaluation is Parallel with Decision Making

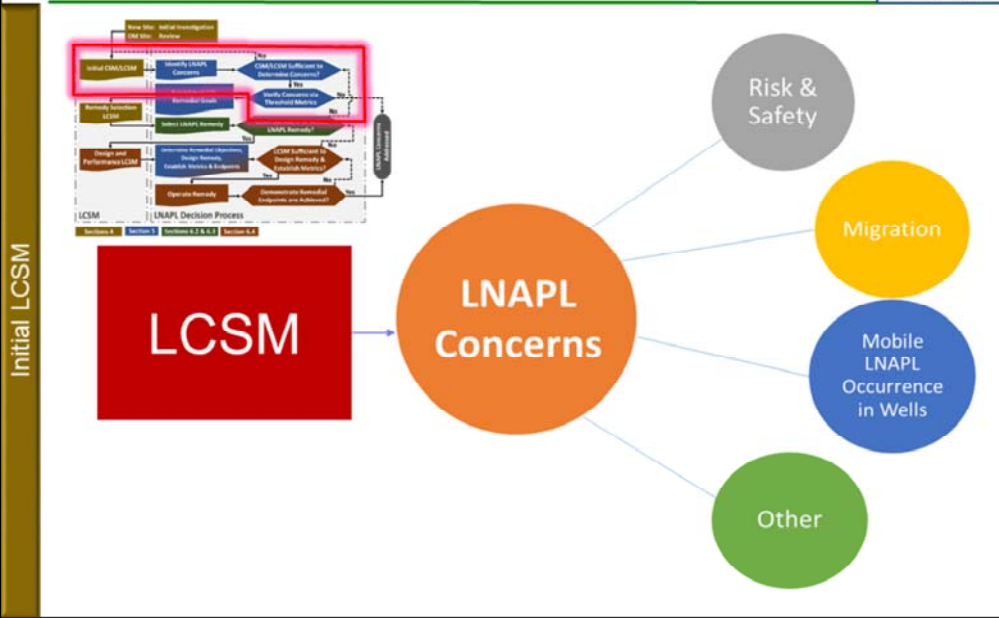


Further highlight the parallel between the decision making and the data collection

Although we have broken these out they are really in Parallel. The decision making process and the LCSM will both be discussed today, but it is worthwhile to keep this figure in mind.

# LNAPL Concerns

The Initial LCSM identifies specific LNAPL concerns



LCSM informs and identifies LNAPL concerns

Stakeholder engagement – chapter 2

## Initial LCSM



- ▶ Overall, the Concerns portion of the LCSM are typically well developed and mature
- ▶ Recent improvements in this area include
  - ITRC's Petroleum Vapor Intrusion [guidance and online training](#)
    - Screening distances (ITRC, 2015)
  - Natural Source Zone Depletion
  - Plume stability & NSZD (Part 1)
  - LNAPL transmissivity to improve understanding of recoverability as related to maximum extent practicable
  - Sheens – Related Appendix in LNAPL Update document
  - ITRC Guidance: [TPH Risk Evaluation at Petroleum-Contaminated Sites](#)
- ▶ Recommended completeness test for Initial LCSM
  - LCSM should be able to inform a series of typical questions
  - Amount of detail for a given question is decided by asking “is there sufficient understanding to enable **Decision Making?**”

Define what the concerns LCSM is, what is the intent, the final decision made based on it, what is characterized as part of it.

### NSZD – Natural Source Zone Depletion

## What is Needed for the Initial LCSM Consistently Needed or Possibly Needed?



- ▶ Receptors – NEED to understand where they are relative to plume
- ▶ Extent of impacts – NEED to understand if receptors are affected
- ▶ Migration – NEED to understand if existing impact extent will change
- ▶ LNAPL Occurrence in wells – Regulatory driven NEED
- ▶ Hydraulic Conductivity – Typically not needed to evaluate Concerns. Site Specific – for Concerns and Often Needed in Remediation
- ▶ Distribution of LNAPL and dissolved/vapor within the extent of Impacts – Typically not needed to evaluate concerns, Site Specific – for Concerns and Often Needed in Remediation

Point out that if sufficient information is in hand to know that excavation is decided upon or no remediation is needed, then continued testing is not worthwhile.



## The Concerns LCSM Litmus Test



► The questions provided:

- Are typical of multiple guidance (ASTM, CRCcare, IPECA, EPA)
- Encourage a systematic framework to develop an LCSM
- Encourage a systematic thought process to help confirm the completeness of the LCSM
- Only apply to the Initial LCSM & may not be sufficient to select a remedy

1. Is current and future land use known?

2. Does the potential for preferential pathways exist?

3. How does stratigraphy relate to affecting impacts and potential migration?

4. Is the source and extent of the LNAPL known?

5. Are dissolved or vapor issues expected based on LNAPL composition?

6. Are dissolved or vapor plumes characterized?

7. Do soil or groundwater concentrations exceed criteria?

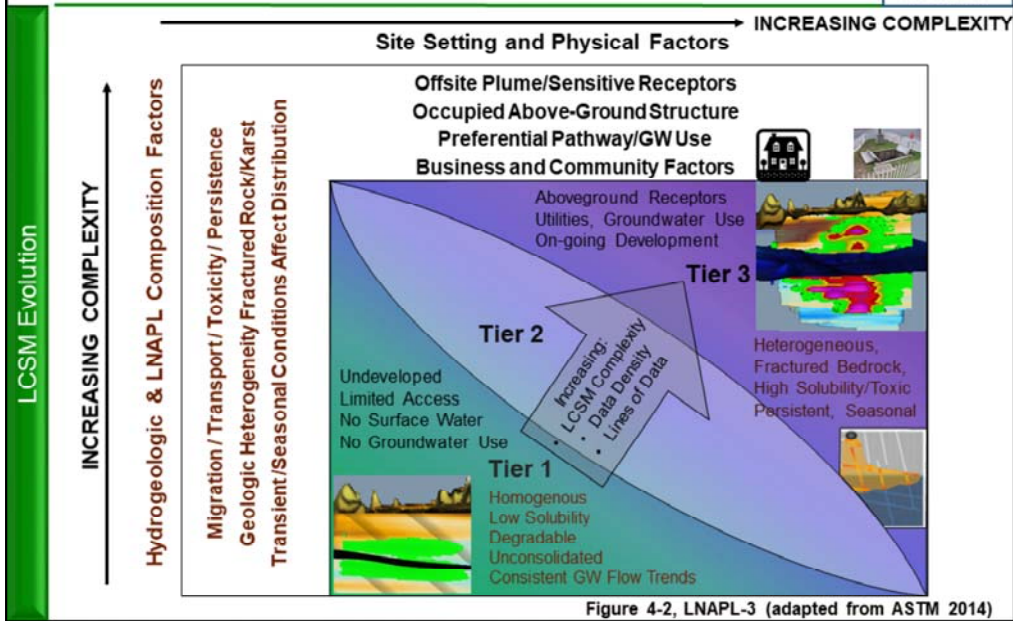
8. Are exposure pathways complete or incomplete?

9. Is the LNAPL body stable?

10. Is the mobile LNAPL hydrogeologic condition known?

No associated notes.

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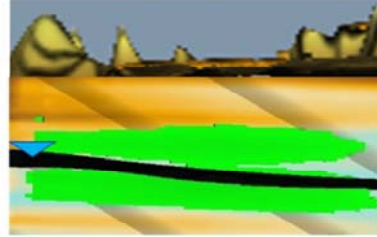


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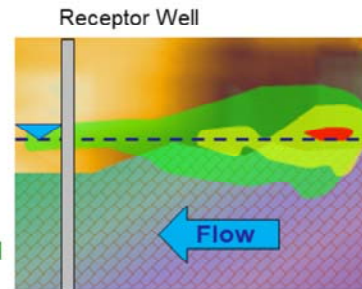
### Tier 1 Retail – Diesel In Sand

- 10 – 15 feet to Water-table
- Dissolved plume contained onsite (MNA)
- Mobile LNAPL in wells –  $T_n$  1.0 ft<sup>2</sup>/day
- LNAPL is not under any buildings
- Release occurred 10+ years ago
- Well Defined Remedial Concerns
- No risk,  $T_n$  above but close to 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day



### Tier 3 Retail – Gasoline Interbedded Soil Over Bedrock

- Water- Table 15-20 ft. depth
- Fractured bedrock at ~25 ft depth,
- Down gradient receptors - 30 year old bedrock screened wells exhibit impacts
- LNAPL is off-site in unconsolidated soil
- What are remaining questions for the LCSM?
  - Likely requires nest well pairs (unconsolidated bedrock) for dissolved delineation



Note the light brown on the right of the Tier 3 is a sand, yes its not in the description because soil type changes off-site but on-site borings don't tell us that.

Example Remaining Questions : Where is LNAPL?, Is all LNAPL sourcing the impacts to wells or only the portion in bedrock or portion in shallow sand? Is dissolved phase through poor surface completion or bedrock aquifer

## Knowledge Check

### Choose the Best Answer

- ▶ The concept of continually updating the LCSM throughout the remedial process means:
  - A. The LCSM should become increasingly complex throughout the remedial process
  - B. Even if performance monitoring indicates progress toward endpoints, better check between borings to ensure uniform treatment
  - C. Reinvestigate with the latest tools as new characterization technologies evolve
  - D. The LCSM is updated to inform decisions throughout the project. Each decision point may require different data.

We asked you a question at the start of our presentation

## Summary Initial LCSM and The Decision



- ▶ Is there sufficient information for a given question to support identification of Concerns?
- ▶ Is additional site characterization required for evaluating the Concerns LCSM?
  - Initial characterization activities may go beyond collecting data for concerns
  - Combining mobilizations for concerns and remedial selection characterization may improve efficiency at sites where remediation is already known to be needed
  - Collecting remedial-technology-focused characterization data at more complex sites may result in incomplete data collection, or less efficient data collection

No associated notes.

## Learning Objectives



1. Become familiar with LNAPL decision process and key terms:
  - LNAPL Concerns
  - Remedial Goals
  - Remediation Objectives

Now that we have been oriented to the LCSM, let's take a closer look at the overall LNAPL decision process and some key concepts and terms. The information we're about to cover comes from Chapter 5 in our guidance document.

Here is the first learning objective for this portion of today's training.

## More Learning Objectives



2. Understand three classes of LNAPL remediation objectives:

- Mass Recovery
- Phase Change
- Mass Control

To apply ITRC framework for LNAPL remedial technology selection

The second learning objective is to...

## And More Learning Objectives

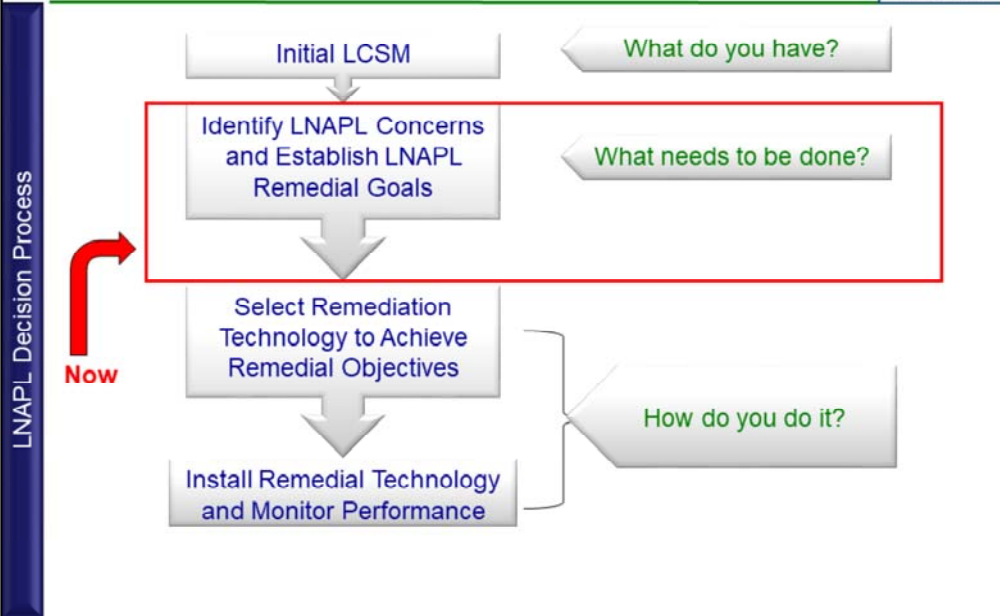


3. Understand how metrics are applied:
  - Threshold Metrics for verifying or eliminating LNAPL concerns
  - Performance Metrics for assessing remedy effectiveness, and determining when remediation endpoints have been met

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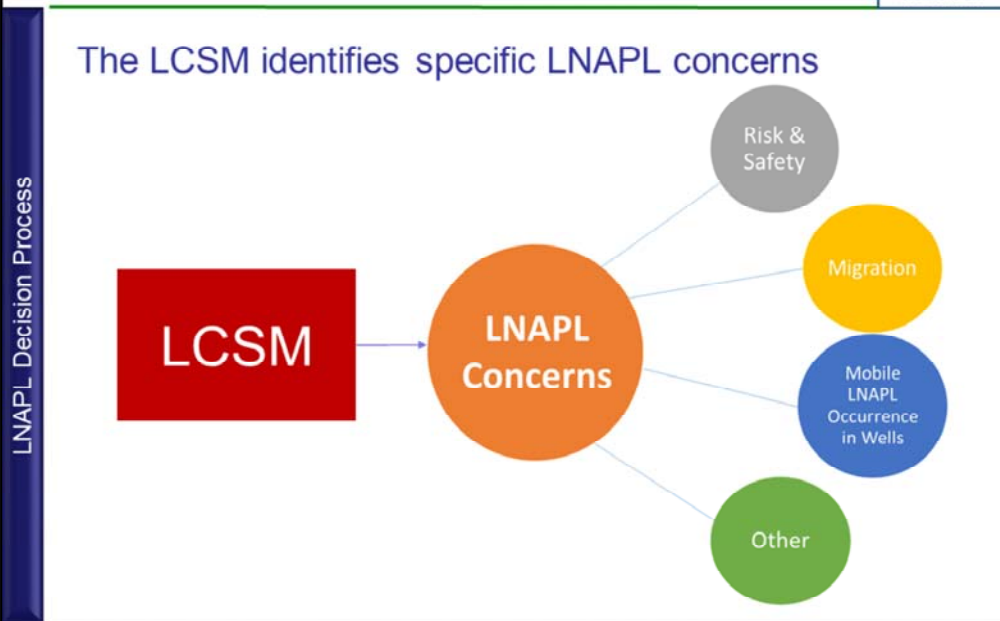


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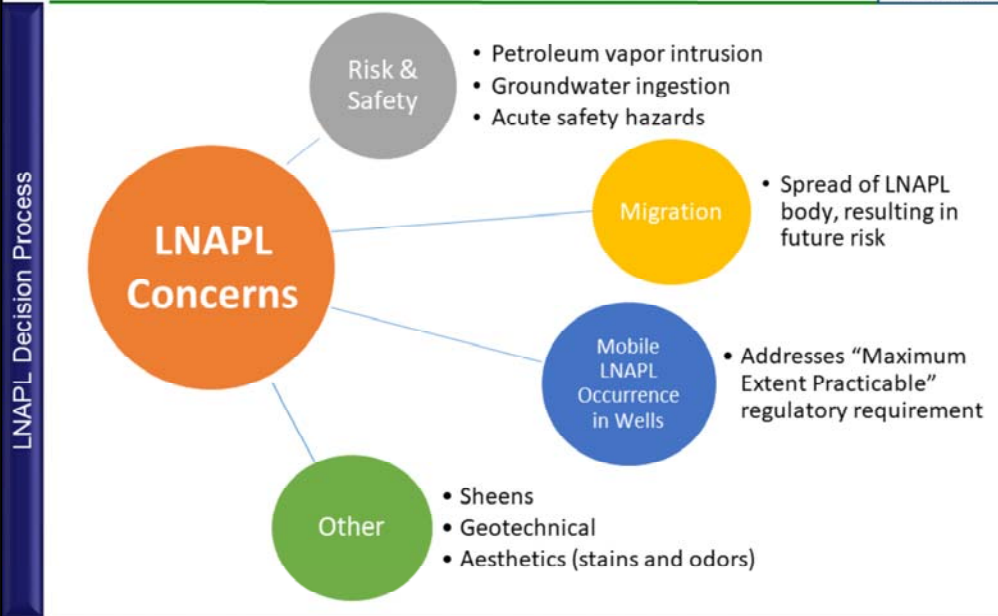
What we will be covering in this module.

# LNAPL Concerns



LCSM informs and identifies LNAPL concerns

## Example LNAPL Concerns

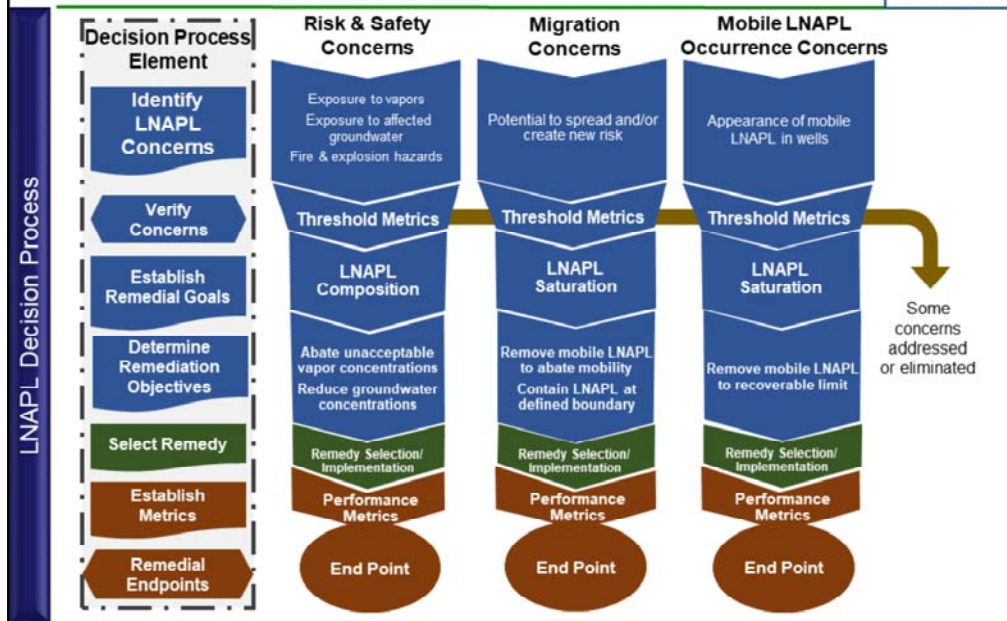


Some specific examples of each type of LNAPL concern

**Stakeholder engagement – refer to Chapter 2**

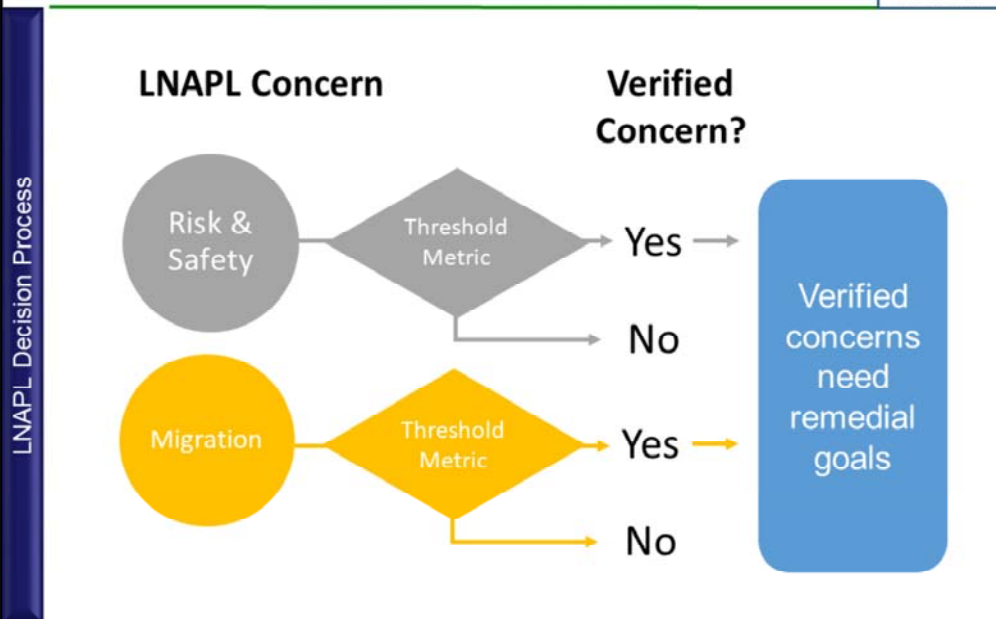
# LNAPL Decision Process

Figure 5-1, LNAPL-3



No associated notes.

## Verifying Concerns with Threshold Metrics



This “off-ramp” allows some concerns to be addressed without the need for remedial action. Example: if ingestion of GW at a supply well is a risk concern, then a comparison of in-hand data to drinking water standards, and an evaluation of dissolved plume stability, may show that the concern can be addressed without the need for further remedial action.

## Knowledge Check

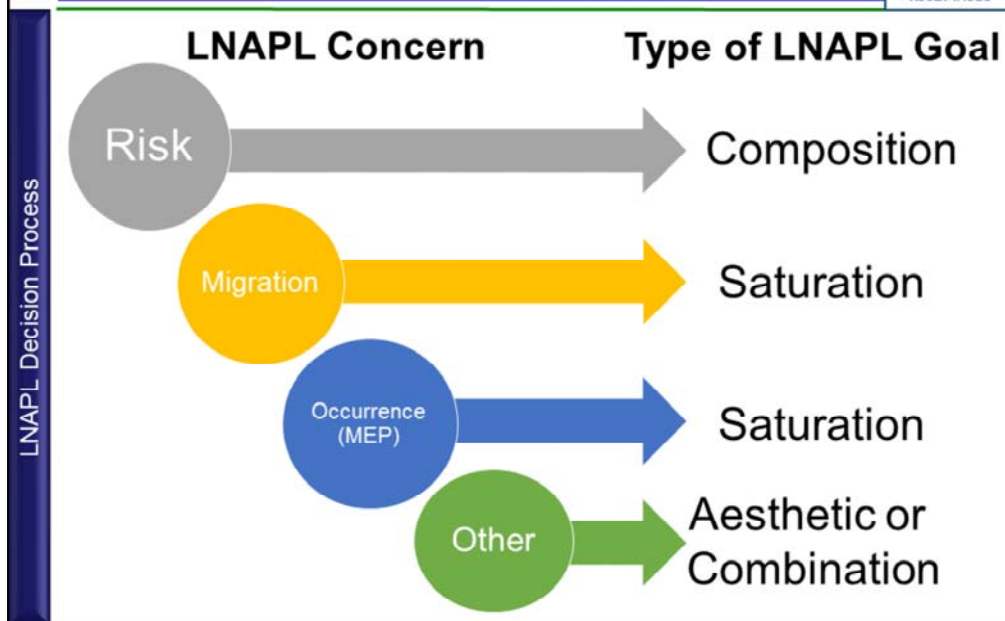
**Which statement is true?**

**An LNAPL concern...**

- A. Does not need to be identified before remedial action occurs
- B. May sometimes be addressed by testing against a threshold metric
- C. Is nothing to worry about
- D. Can only be addressed through remedial action

No associated notes.

## LNAPL Remedial Goals



Goals translate an LNAPL concern into a measurable LNAPL condition.

Each concern may have its own goal. Sometimes multiple concerns may share a common goal.

(For brevity, only Composition and Saturation examples are carried forward in the next slides)

More on goals in the next slide...

## Remedial Goal vs. Remediation Objectives

**LNAPL Remedial Goal:**  
the desired change in LNAPL conditions

Aspirational... envisioning a future state

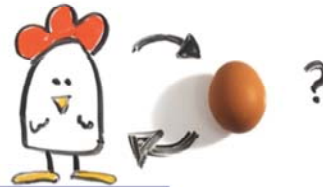
Established before choosing remedy



**LNAPL Remediation Objectives:**  
the actions and desired outcomes that need to occur using the chosen technology

Tactical... how to get to the goal

Determined in parallel with remedy selection



These definitions are the *opposite* of what they were in the previous ITRC LNAPL Guide

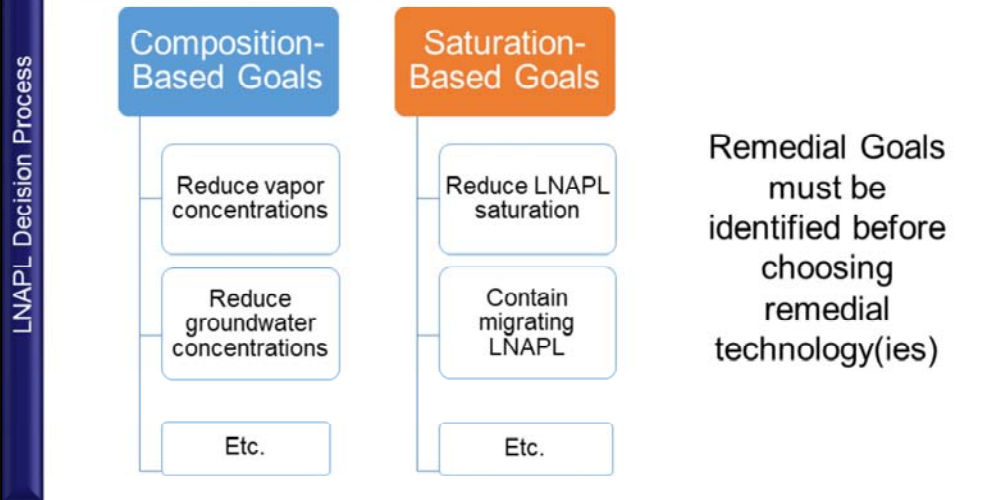
A goal states, in general terms, the measurable change that you seek in the LNAPL condition.

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## LNAPL Remedial Goals

Each LNAPL Remedial Goal expresses a desired change in LNAPL conditions



A goal states, in general terms, the measurable change that you seek in the LNAPL condition. At this stage, you have enough information to start the process of selecting a remedial strategy. You can't pick a remedy until you know what it needs to achieve!

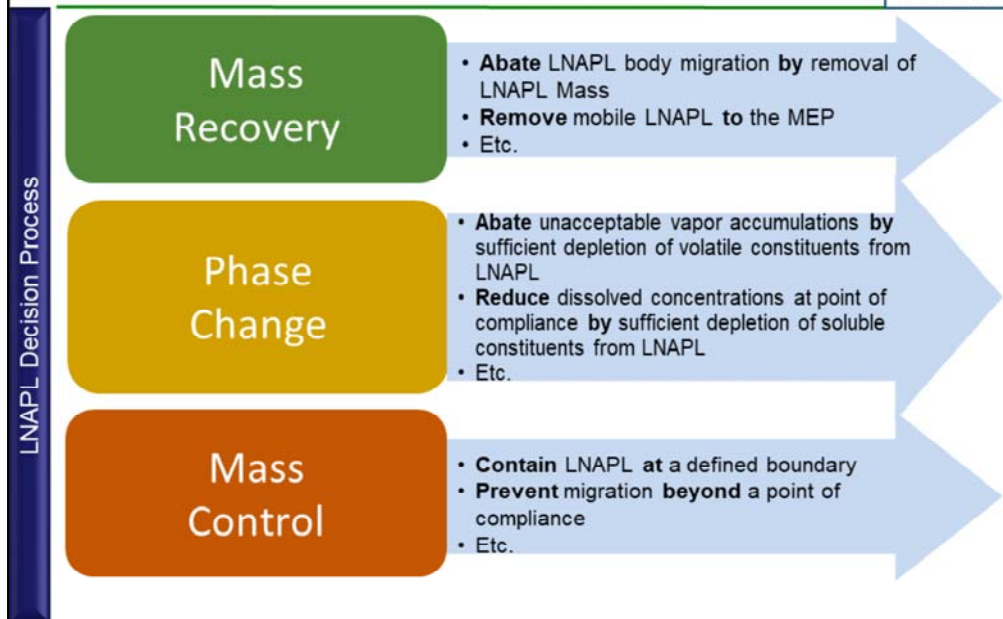
## LNAPL Remediation Objectives



- ▶ LNAPL remediation objectives describe how the goal will be accomplished by the selected technology(ies)
- ▶ Remediation objectives state the actions and desired outcomes that need to occur using the chosen technology
- ▶ Combined with the agreed-upon endpoint and performance metrics, the remediation objectives becomes SMART
  - SMART = Specific, Measurable, Attainable (or agreed-upon), Realistic (or relevant), Time-based

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## LNAPL Remediation Objectives



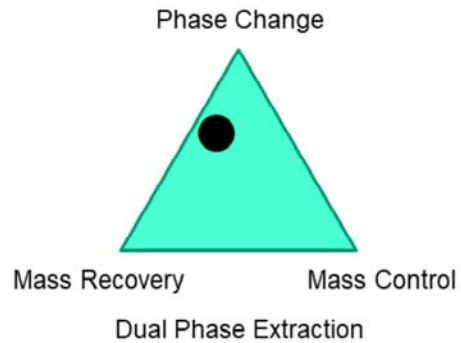
We categorize remedial technologies by the primary remedial mechanism that each employs.

The choice of technology – and remedial mechanism -- can influence how the objectives are expressed.

An objectives statement typically includes an active word such as : “stop,” “abate”, “control,” “change,” “remove” or “recover.”

NSZD can work across all three categories of objectives.

- ▶ **Mass Control**
- ▶ **Phase Change**
- ▶ **Mass Recovery**



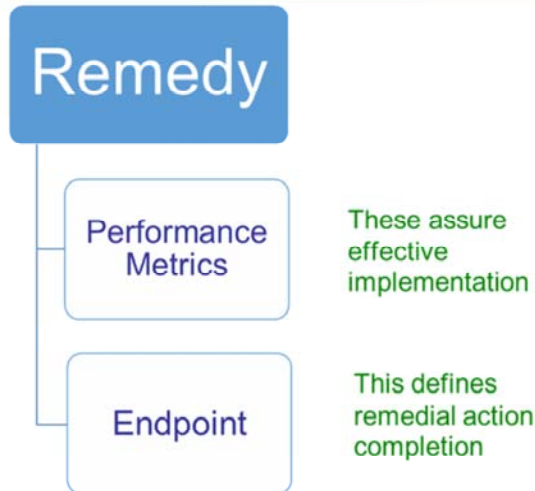
**Key Point:** Some technologies have more than one effect and may serve more than one objective

This slide shows the first cut of how to think about technologies. What do they do? In the tech reg, this is also referred to as the “primary mechanism” by which LNAPL remediation takes place.

In addition to the primary mechanism, most technologies also act in other ways. These “multiple actions” of a technology can be simply represented by the ternary (triangular) diagram.

Example: Dual-phase extraction volatilizes, extracts, and biodegrades LNAPL, so it has both mass recovery and phase change mechanisms

## Choose Remedial Technology(ies), then Identify Performance Metrics & Endpoints

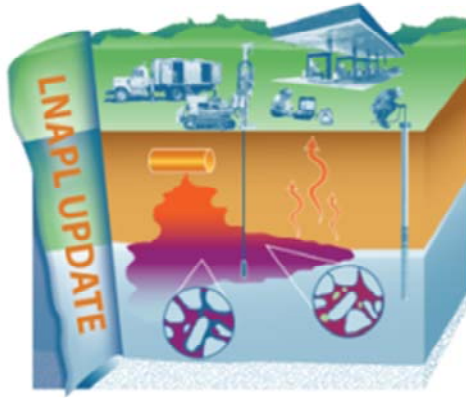


- ▶ Performance Metrics and Endpoints are SMART and technology-specific

The remedy needs to be capable of meeting the identified LNAPL remedial objectives. Then it needs performance metrics to assure that it is implemented effectively. It also needs an endpoint to know when it has done its job.

Rather than “trying something to see what happens” this process identifies what is expected to happen, and what to expect when you are done.

SMART = Specific, Measurable, Attainable (or agreed-upon), Realistic (or relevant), Time-based



► 1<sup>st</sup> Question and Answer Break

No associated notes.

## Why Are We Focused on the Remedy LCSM

- ▶ Current practices and resulting CSMs are effective at identifying risks and concerns.
- ▶ CSMs are also sufficient to identify completion of remediation (i.e., there are no more concerns, risk, etc.)
- ▶ Refinement of CSMs for technology Selection, Optimization & Confirmation represent the highest potential for improvement
  - Historically, remedies have been selected based on an incomplete understanding of LNAPL occurrence, nature and remedy performance
  - Remediation has often been driven by LNAPL thickness in wells without considering the relationship between LNAPL thickness and recoverability or the effects of LNAPL recovery on subsurface conditions
- ▶ The Remedy Selection LCSM aims to inspire continuation of improvements to CSMs for LNAPL remedy selection

Discuss how in past years, the concerns at a given site have not readily changed whether its dissolved phase concentrations, PVI, MEP. However understanding the efficacy of remedial technologies to achieve various goals has changed. Pump and treat and LNAPL recovery are not going to restore aquifer conditions. LNAPL in wells is generally not the largest source of LNAPL. Correctly directing your focus means weighing additional lines of evidence to establish an effective remedial approach.

## Remedy Selection Needs Improvement This Starts with the LCSM

- ▶ Our concerns are known,
- ▶ We know the Remedial Technology Types
- ▶ Ok, move ahead with remediation?!? Give it a shot?



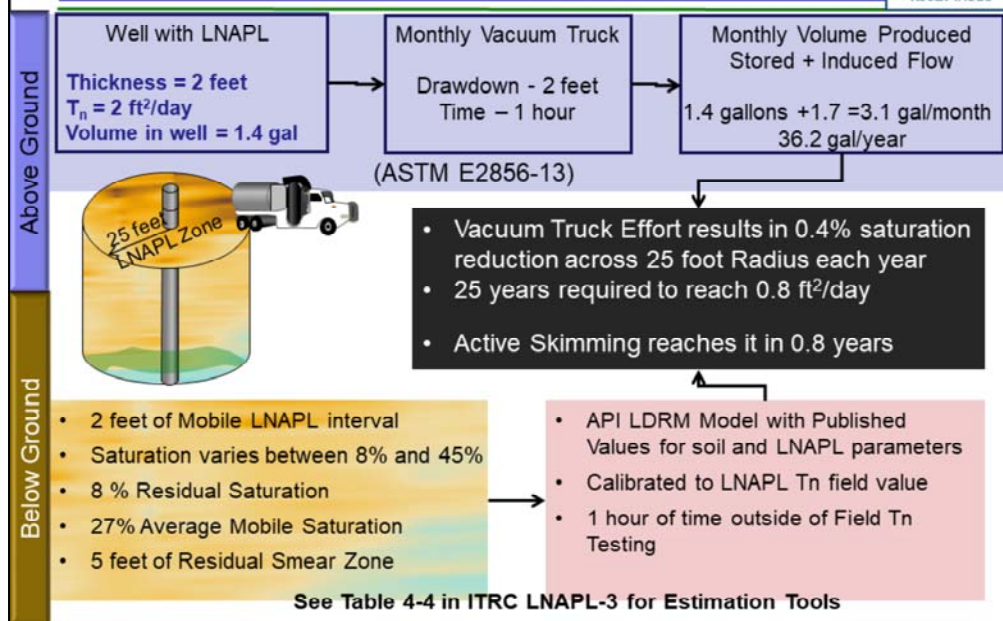
- LNAPL in Well
- No Migration



- ▶ Insufficient data often exists at end of concerns LCSM to choose a remedy that will achieve remedial goals



## Transmissivity Has Improved Remedy Selection



Message is Why are we not doing this for other mechanisms.  $T_n$  has allowed for improved Estimates for Recovery performance. We need to move in that direction for remaining mechanisms of remediation.

We have tools to do this for multiple mechanisms

## Remedy Selection Should be Informed by the LCSM not just the Concern



- ▶ The concern associated with a gauged LNAPL thickness or a dissolved phase concentration does not indicate how to eliminate it
- ▶ This Section will identify approaches to answer
  - Where remediation needs to target
  - Which remedial mechanisms may be effective
  - Improved quantification of these mechanisms prior to implementing a technology

The concerns alone do not inform the remedial selection, gauged thickness does not mean recovery will be effective. We are going to discuss approaches to better inform remedy decisions. This essentially becomes a remedy selection LCSM

## Improved Remedy Selection is Achieved through Understanding

<b>1. Where is the Source Mass?</b>
A. Homogenous Permeable Soil
B. Interbedded within coarser zones that are surrounded by finer grained layers
C. Within low permeability media, secondary porosity, fractures, karst
D. Is the LNAPL source distributed above or below the water-table
<b>2. What Is Nature of the Source?</b>
A. Volatile and/or Soluble
B. Biodegradable
C. Mobile vs Residual Fractions
<b>3. What is Achievable for a Given Technology?</b>
A. Mobility-Based Limit
B. Volatility-Based Limit
C. Solubility-Based Limit
D. Biodegradability-Based Limit
E. Other – Safety, Depth, Sustainability (e.g., community impact, energy/resource use).
F. Design Data – Radius of Treatment, Waste Production/Treatment

Each Layer build upon the previous question, this is less true for the concerns question but not absent from those either.

Discuss that this is the goal of the LCSM or the thinking behind it. Including these aspects into an LCSM improves decision making relative to the remedy selection. As we go through this section we will discuss some of the methods to evaluate these topics. This slide and the next provide the big picture and the details are forth coming.

### Improved remedy selection is achieved through Understanding

1. LNAPL Distribution relative to
  - a) Soil layers
  - b) Water-table
2. Nature of the Source
  - a) Recoverability, volatility, biodegradability
  - b) Residual vs mobile LNAPL fractions
3. Understanding technical limitations of a technology
  - a) These are technology and Site Specific

## Remedy Selection LCSM Questions

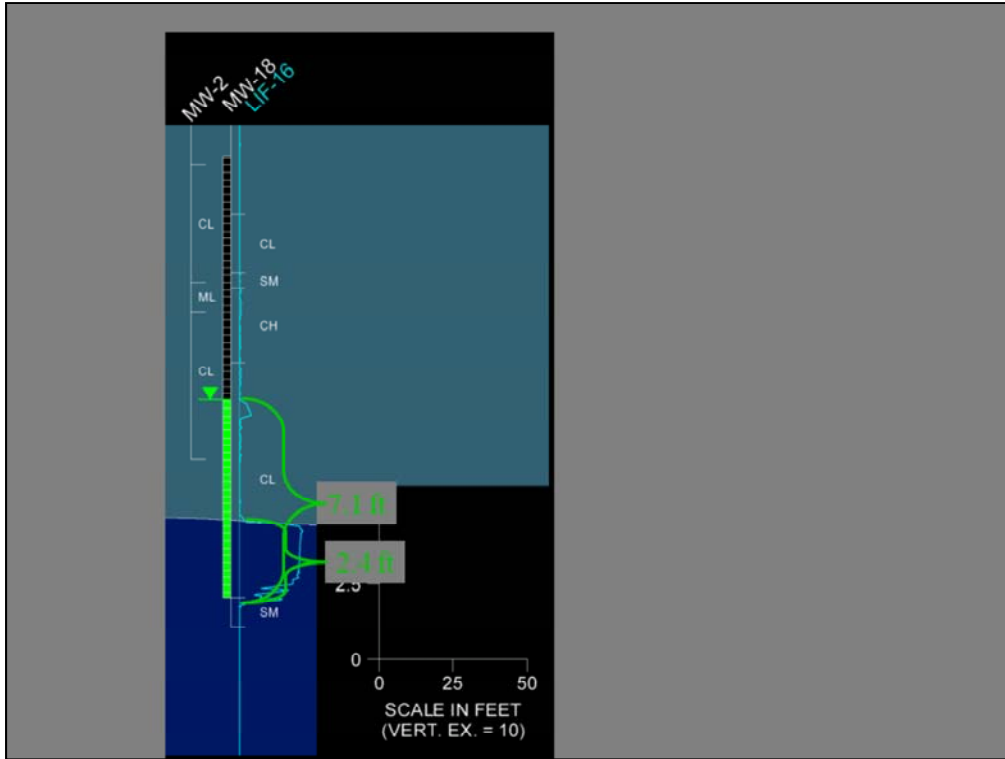


### 1. Where is the Source Mass?

- ▶ Identifies where to target remediation
- ▶ Identifies Physical factors/limitations to consider for impacted soil
  - Soil Permeability
  - Depth - absolute and relative to water table
- ▶ References (See Tables 4.2 in the ITRC LNAPL-3 Document for additional Tools)

Brief Discussion of Tools is Next

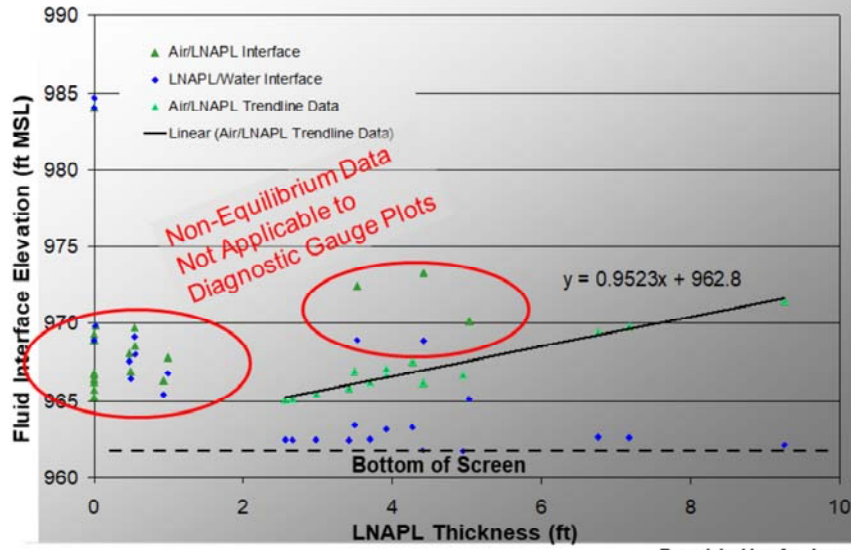
Characterization can be qualitative e.g., Tier 1 or more quantitative, higher resolution Tier 2-3



Go To 3D model and Discuss Bullets, We know can focus the recovery to the areas with the highest potential fro mobile recovery (courtesy of Andrew Kirkman)

## Diagnostic Gauge Plots Utilize Equilibrium Fluid Levels to Inform

Remedy Selection LCSM: Where is Source Mass

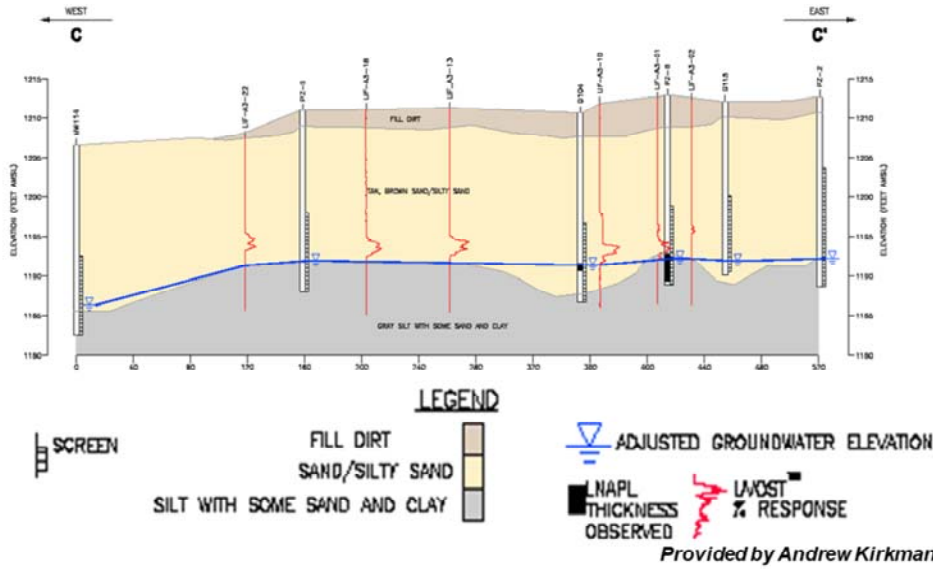


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# Where is the LNAPL? Above or Below the Water-table

Remedy Selection LCSM: Where is Source Mass

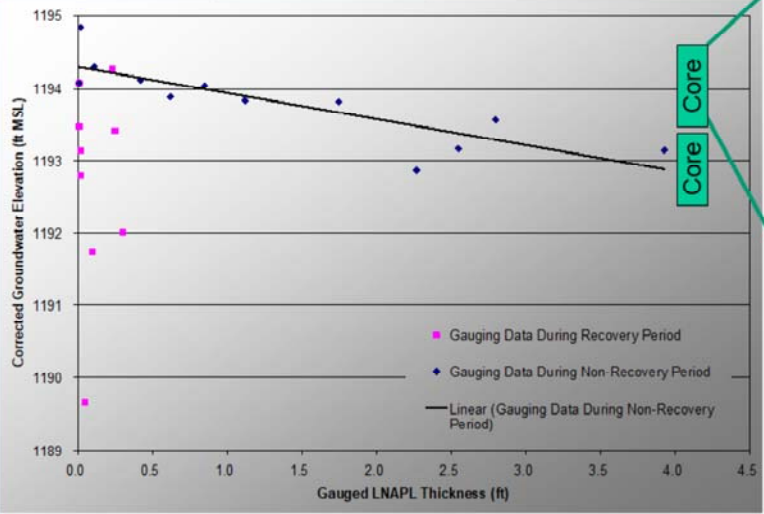


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# Core Photography Supports the Diagnostic Gauge Plot Results



Remedy Selection LCSM: Where is Source Mass



Core



Core Depth Scale Does Not Directly Correlate to Plot Elevation Scale

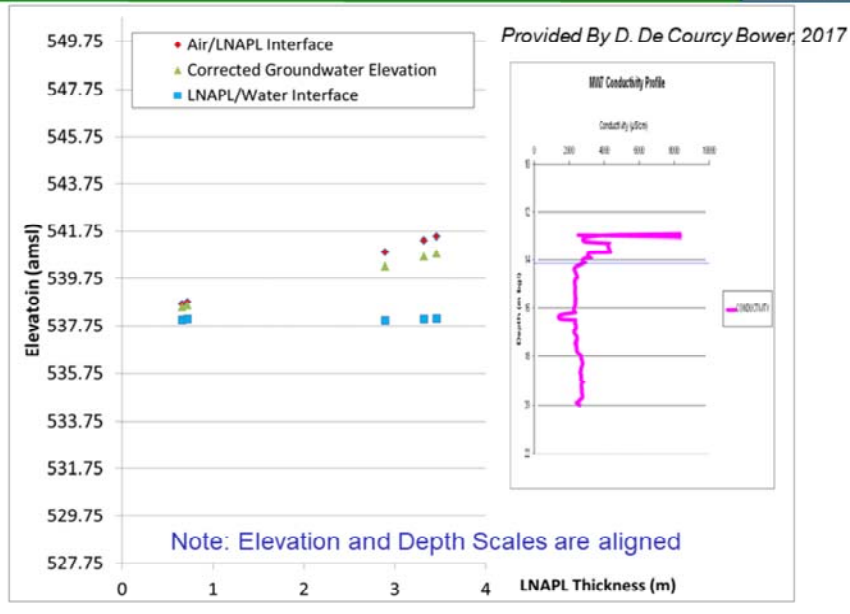
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If the remedial driver is MEP, perhaps this helps identify why 2-4 foot thickness might be in a well but low recovery, transmissivity is observed. If the remedial driver is dissolved phase risk, then this might help target remedial activities.



# Diagnostic Gauge Plots Bedrock Application

Remedy Selection LCSM: Where is Source Mass



Gauging data is useful, Gauging data not over time but plotted as a diagnostic gauge plot combined with subsurface geologic characterization is even more useful.

## Summary For Where is The Source

### Characterization Data

- ▶ Soil Characterization
  - Soil Boring Logs
  - Cone penetrometer tool
  - Hydraulic profiling tool
  - Core photographs
- ▶ Fluid Elevation Vs Soil Data
  - Diagnostic Gauge Plots
  - Cross-sections
  - Hydrographs with geology
  - Baildown tests



### Remedial Application

- ▶ Identifies where injection/gradient driven technologies will target
- ▶ Identifies hydrogeologic condition of mobile LNAPL and the elevation
  - Vacuum has limited effect on confined LNAPL
  - Water Drawdown has limited effect on perched LNAPL

See Geology/Hydrogeology & LNAPL Delineation in Table 4-2 of LNAPL-3

Note that Injection could be ISCO, Air Sparging, perhaps Injected media. Gradient driven technologies include, LNAPL recovery, Soil Vapor extraction, surfactant flushing

## Summary For Where is The Source



### Characterization Data

#### ▶ LNAPL Source Distribution

- Head space (GRO Range)
- Shake Tests
- TPH analysis for soil
- Laser Induced Fluorescence
- Membrane Interface Tool
- Core photographs
- LNAPL transmissivity map  
*(Combine with Soil Profile Data)*



#### ▶ Geophysical Data

- See Bedrock Appendix &
- ITRC Fractured Rock Guide



### Remedial Application

- ▶ Identifies where injection/  
gradient driven  
technologies will target

- ▶ Identifies vertical intervals  
of fractures  
*(Combine with LNAPL Source  
Distribution Data)*

Note that Injection could be ISCO, Air Sparging, perhaps Injected media. Gradient driven technologies include, LNAPL recovery, Soil Vapor extraction, surfactant flushing

## Remedy Selection LCSM Questions



### 1. Where is the Source Mass?

- ▶ Identifies where to target remediation
- ▶ Identifies Physical factors/limitation to consider for impacted soil
  - Soil Permeability
  - Depth - absolute and relative to water table

### 2. What Is Nature of the Source?

- ▶ Identifies factors/limitation related to the LNAPL
  - Volatile, residual, mobile, biodegradable
- ▶ Table 4.2 in ITRC LNAPL update Document includes methods under
  - LNAPL Chemical /Physical Properties
  - LNAPL Recoverability
  - Natural Degradation Processes

Intense Discussion of Tools is Next

Characterization can be qualitative e.g., Tier 1 or more quantitative, higher resolution Tier 2-3

Is it Volatile

LNAPL composition tools

Headspace results

PVI Concern

Is It Biodegradable?

Fuel type knowledge

GC analysis

NSZD data

What is the Residual vs Mobile Fraction

Transmissivity 0.1 to 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day – empirical

Residual smear zone vs mobile interval - can be qualitative or quantitative

## Key Points

### What is the Nature of the Source

- ▶ The LCSM needs metrics to indicate relative efficacy of different remedial mechanisms
  - LNAPL transmissivity indicates recovery efficacy
  - Composition can help evaluate the biodegradability and vapor removal mechanisms
  - Soil gas and headspace readings are also indicative of relative volatility

Poll - Class Understanding of Transmissivity

What is your understanding of Transmissivity?

- A. Understand its use and have applied on sites
- B. Understand its use but not much experience
- C. Know little about it

## Characterize the Site for Metrics Related to Remedial Mechanisms



Remedy Selection LCSM: Nature of the Source

### Remedial Mechanism

- LNAPL Recoverability
- Vapor Extraction
- Air Sparging
- Biodegradation
  - Biovent
  - BioSparge
  - NSZD

### Characterization Data

- LNAPL Transmissivity
- Mobile vs Residual
- Vapor Pressure
- LNAPL Composition
- Compound Specific Biodegradation Rate
- CO<sub>2</sub> Efflux / NSZD data
- Respiration Rate

The Remedy Selection LCSM uses characterization data to indicate relative remedial effectiveness

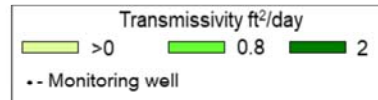
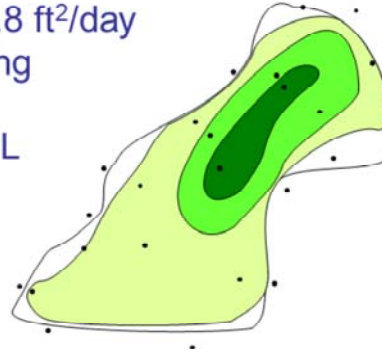
Train Module #3 will take these remedial mechanisms and describe each technology in more detail & how these mechanisms may overlap

Note that, unless remediation is needed why would we characterize these as part of the concerns, Tn perhaps but biodegradation or NSZD rate probably not. This is why there is a remedy LCSM and a Concerns LCSM. While many of these aspect overlap with Concerns, not all do and the degree to which they might be characterized doesn't as well.

## Why is 3D Delineation Worthwhile Knowledge Check

Poll Question

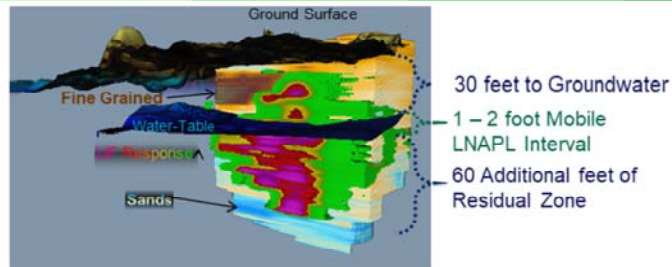
- ▶ LNAPL is a source to dissolved plume
- ▶ LNAPL  $T_n$  is above 0.1 to 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day but is stable and not migrating
- ▶ Should we implement LNAPL Recovery?
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
  - C. Insufficient information



Should we implement LNAPL Recovery?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Insufficient information

## Fraction of Mobile vs Residual Hydrocarbon



- ▶ The 1-2 feet of mobile LNAPL Mass << 90 feet of residual vadose and saturated impacts
- ▶ What about
  - 0.2 foot of mobile LNAPL? ↔ 4 feet of residual LNAPL?
  - Data such as TPH or saturation in mobile interval and above and below the water-table can indicate relative fractions
  - Models such as the LDRM model by API can also help evaluate
  - Consider seasonality of water-table fluctuations on LNAPL

While this is an example of a large LNAPL release the principles are the same for smaller LNAPL releases. E.g. a smaller release may result in 0.2 feet of thickness and a 10 foot smear zone. Where the relative difference in mobile interval and smear zone are not as dramatic other tools may be important and knowing the difference is still important for remedial strategy.



## Empirical Method Mobile vs Residual Fractions

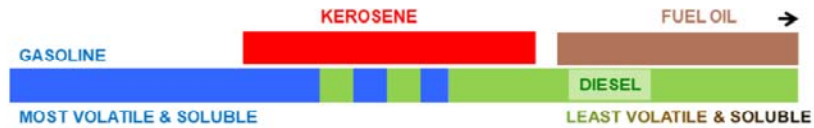


- ▶ 2009 ITRC LNAPL guidance on LNAPL Transmissivity
  - Several sites were closed or given no further action based on
    - Asymptotic recovery or demonstrations that recovery would not benefit source reduction
    - Stable LNAPL bodies
    - No risk to receptors
  - These sites exhibited LNAPL transmissivity values between 0.1 and 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day
  - This range is a good indicator where further recovery may not be practicable and residual LNAPL dominates the source
  - LNAPL Transmissivity Information
    - ITRC Updated LNAPL-3 Appendix for Overview
    - Test Methods and Analysis – See ASTM E2856-13
    - Data Analysis – See API LNAPL Transmissivity Workbook (API.org)

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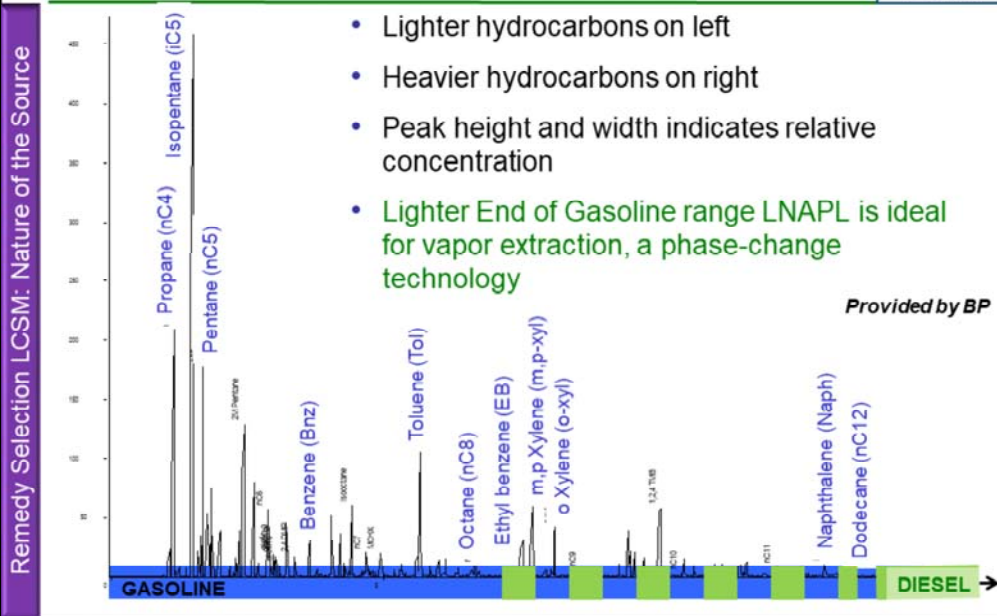
## Composition and Volatility

- ▶ Table 3-2 provides indicators with gasoline in mind (e.g., PID readings >500 ppmv)
- ▶ Composition can be known based on facility operations
  - e.g., Retail with Gasoline only
- ▶ Composition can also be analyzed for with LNAPL samples
  - LNAPL analyzed by GC/FID method – provides a good understanding and is similar in layout to the bar chart below



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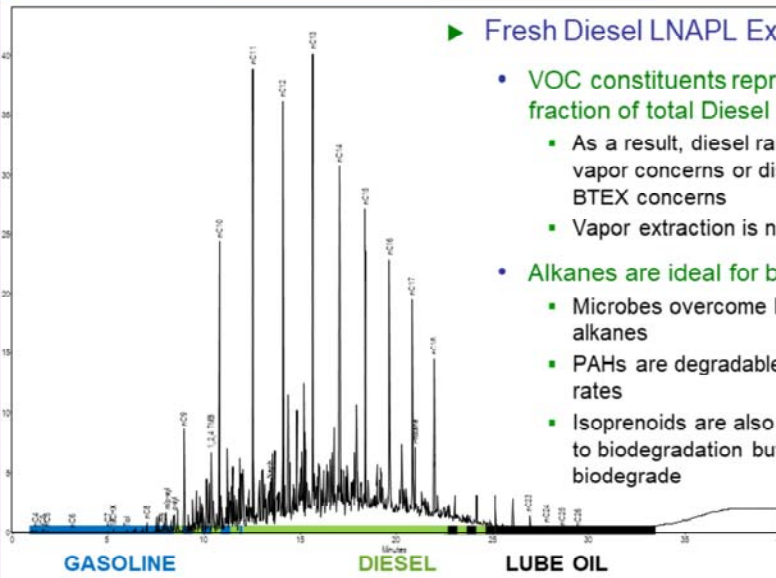
## LNAPL composition data also helps characterize volatility



Explain that a chromatogram presents the relative mole fraction of individual hydrocarbon constituents. The smaller hydrocarbons are to the left and as we move right the hydrocarbon compounds increase in size/molecular weight.

Discuss that Chromatograms may hold a large amount of detail. We are primarily looking at ranges of what is present to help select the best remedy. This chromatogram presents the gasoline range fraction of LNAPL. When a Chromatograms has a higher proportion of peaks in the light end of gasoline range the volatilization mechanism can be effective given the correct geologic conditions. We cut off the Diesel range of this hydrocarbon.

## Low Volatility LNAPL



### ► Fresh Diesel LNAPL Example

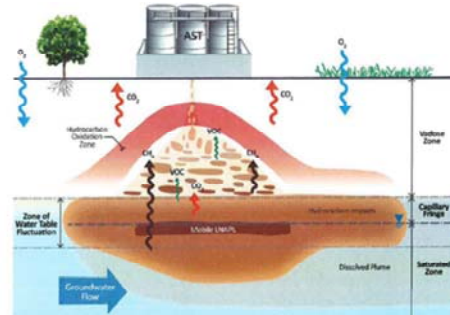
- VOC constituents represent a tiny fraction of total Diesel composition
  - As a result, diesel rarely generates vapor concerns or dissolved phase BTEX concerns
  - Vapor extraction is not effective
- Alkanes are ideal for biodegradation
  - Microbes overcome low solubility of alkanes
  - PAHs are degradable but at lower rates
  - Isoprenoids are also more resistant to biodegradation but still biodegrade

Provided by BP

No associated notes.

## Natural Source Zone Depletion A Baseline for Biodegradation

- ▶ Represents a Conceptualization and Quantification of biodegradation processes in the subsurface
    - Includes aerobic and anaerobic
  - ▶ Highlights that Microbes Are Ubiquitous and remain active in the same pores as LNAPL
  - ▶ Can address a large range in hydrocarbon composition
  - ▶ Rate varies based on composition
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- ▶ Current methods quantify the majority of degradation using thermal, CO<sub>2</sub> efflux, or soil gas methods



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Note that this is discussed more as a leading and lagging metric in Part 3

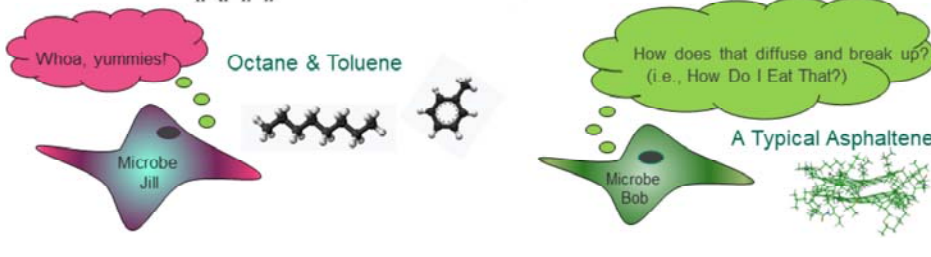
Also why are we focused on biodegradation, Other remedial metrics, indicators, e.g., volatility, Tn are more mature. There is less awareness of the biodegradation performance than other mechanisms.

## Biodegradation is Dependent on Molecular Structure

### Normal Alkanes

Name	Molecular Formula	Projection Formula	Condensed Structural Formula
Methane	CH <sub>4</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \\ \text{H} \end{array}$	CH <sub>4</sub>
Ethane	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Propane	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
n-Butane <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	$\begin{array}{c} \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{C}-\text{H} \\   \quad   \quad   \quad   \\ \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \quad \text{H} \end{array}$	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> or CH <sub>3</sub> (CH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>

- ▶ The more branching in a hydrocarbon structure, the more difficult to biodegrade
- ▶ Microbes are not limited by toxic threshold concentrations of hydrocarbon as they eat it

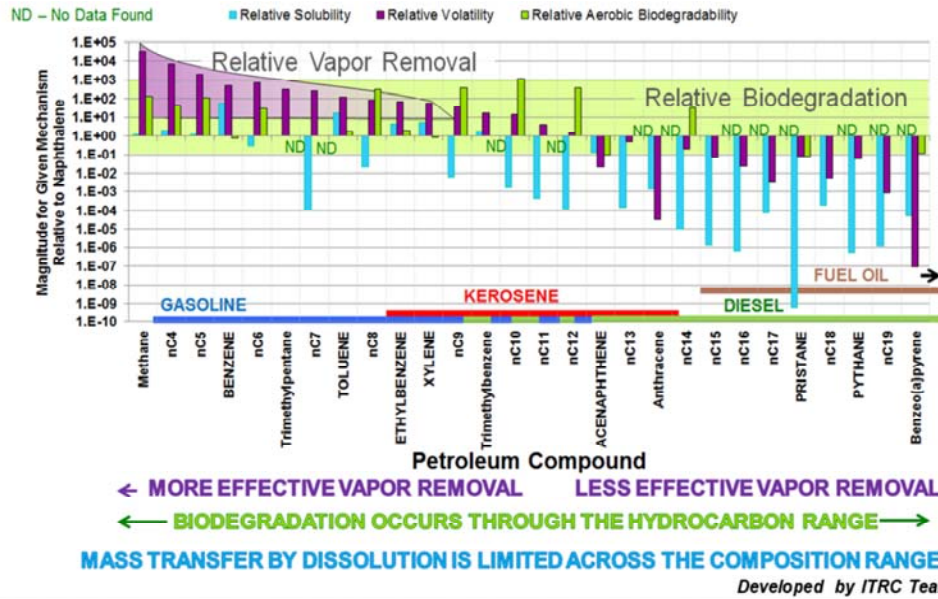


We've discussed one aspect to understand the nature of the source mobile vs residual fraction, Now we are going more towards the chemical side or compositional nature of the source.

We will discuss biodegradation and vapor aspects as related to remedial mechanisms

Glucose, can be a straight chain carbon molecule with hydrogen and OH groups. It's the most basic substrate for us. I look at alkane hydrocarbons similar for microbes when considering hydrocarbon degradation. More complicated structures have less net energy due to more difficult bonds to break, lower hydrogen molecules resulting in lower energy yield.

## How Do Removal Mechanisms Change with Composition



Doesn't have to be soluble to be biodegradable

Vapor limit is in gasoline to kerosene transition

This is a graph of vapor pressure – black line and biodegradation rates – purple line

The biodegradation rate constant values are not in the same units as vapor pressure and the absolute values are not comparable. What is comparable is how these values change with hydrocarbon constituent.

The x-axis represents LNAPL types, gasoline, Kerosene, diesel as well as individual components of these mixtures

## Example Technology Parameters Improving the LCSM for Remedy Selection

- ▶ LNAPL Transmissivity is a good example of a predictive metric that can be characterized without Pilot testing
  - ▶ Parameters that can be quantified to allow initial technology performance estimates/comparisons
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bioremediation           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Passive</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bioventing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Biosparge</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Phytoremediation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | ➔ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ NSZD Rate or Respiration Test</li> <li>▶ LNAPL Composition</li> <li>▶ Macro &amp; Micro Soil Nutrients</li> </ul> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Soil Vapor Extraction / Air Sparging</li> </ul>   | ➔ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ LNAPL Characterization for volatile fraction and constituent fractions</li> <li>▶ Pilot Test</li> </ul>           |

No associated notes.



## Example Technology Parameters Improving the LCSM for Remedy Selection

Remedy Selection LCSM: Nature of the Source

☐ ISCO, Carbon Injection, other injection technologies



- ▶ 3D Delineation of source zone to be treated
- ▶ Soil Permeability/Hydraulic Conductivity
- ▶ LNAPL Composition
- ▶ Bench/Pilot Scale Testing

☐ Surfactant



- ▶ 3D Delineation of Source Zone
- ▶ LNAPL Physical Properties
- ▶ Soil Permeability/Hydraulic Conductivity
- ▶ Bench/Pilot Scale Testing

☐ Thermal

- ▶ 3D Delineation of Source Zone
- ▶ LNAPL Physical Properties
- ▶ Bench/Pilot Scale Testing

No associated notes.

## Estimating the Performance of Potential Remedies



- ▶ While mobile LNAPL may exist, alternate mechanisms may still be more effective at Source Remediation
- ▶ Remedial Mechanisms can evaluate individual constituent removal vs bulk LNAPL removal
- ▶ Biodegradation may outperform other mechanisms
  - Confirm the composition and weathering during LCSM development
- ▶ Sufficient science exists today to compare expected performance rates
- ▶ Go review USEPA, ASTM, API, Army Corps of Engineers, scientific literature, and unit conversion references to quantify performance expectations

No associated notes.

## Remedy Selection LCSM Questions



### 1. Where is the Source Mass?

- ▶ Identifies where to target remediation
- ▶ Identifies Physical factors/limitation to consider for impacted soil
  - Soil Permeability
  - Depth - absolute and relative to water table

### 2. What Is Nature of the Source?

- ▶ Identifies factors/limitation related to the LNAPL
  - Volatile, residual, mobile, biodegradable
- ▶ More advanced characterization can occur (See Table 4.2)

### 3. What is Achievable for a Given Technology?

- ▶ Utilizes the past 2 questions (Site Specific) and the characteristics of a given technology to define
  - **Site Specific Remedial effectiveness, cost, waste, impact to current land usage, safety and other feasibility study like considerations**
- ▶ Utilize ITRC Appendix Tables and External Technology Specific References (See Tables 4.3 & 4.4, ITRC Update Document)

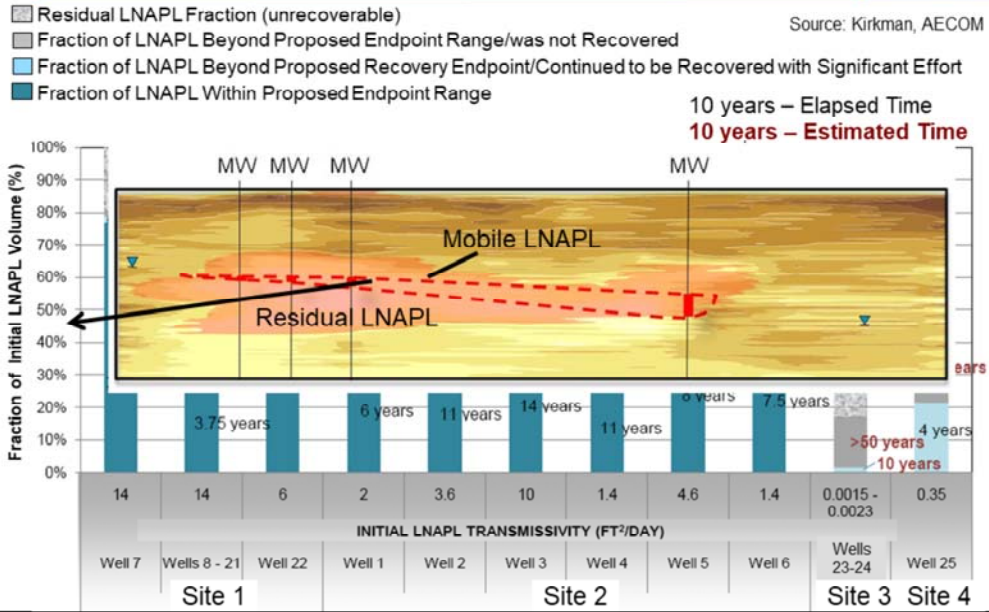
Characterization can be qualitative e.g., Tier 1 or more quantitative, higher resolution Tier 2-3

## Empirical Method Mobile vs Residual Fractions

- ▶ These data represent
  - 4 sites Ranging from 400 ft./day to 0.3 ft./day hydraulic conductivity
    - Site 1 - 400 ft/day sand and gravel
    - Site 2 – 30 ft/day sand overlain by fine grained silts and clays
    - Site three – 0.3 ft/day sandy silt
    - Site 4 – 0.03 ft/day silty sand
  - Fraction of LNAPL recovered above 0.3 to 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day is provided, along with remaining residual and mobile

No associated notes.

# Fraction of Reduced LNAPL Impact Case Study A (Typical Sites)



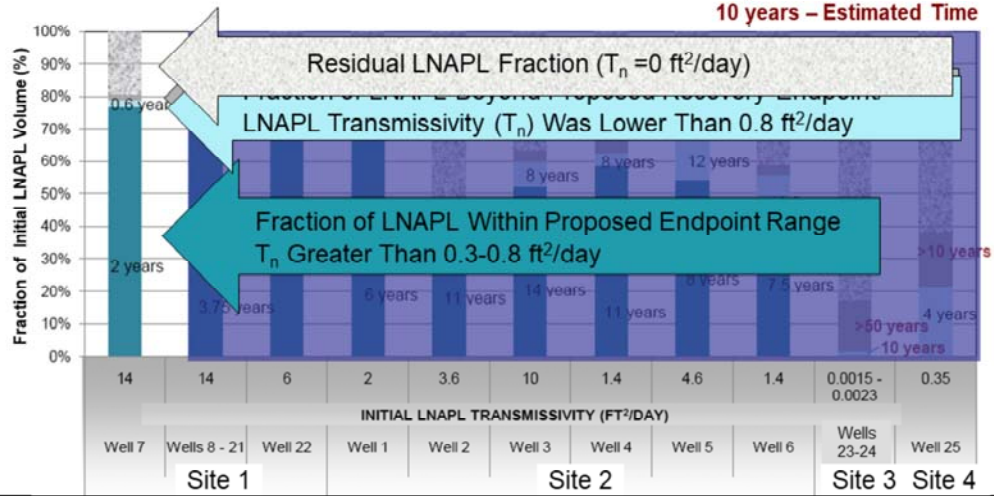
Mobile interval is for sites 1 and 2. Sites 3 and 4 utilized entire smear zone to estimate residual and mobile fractions

Sites 1 and 2 utilized Decline curve analysis and core analyses. Sites 3 and 4 utilized multiple TPH soil samples and recovery data.

# Fraction of Reduced LNAPL Impact Case Study A (Typical Sites)



- Residual LNAPL Fraction (unrecoverable)
  - Fraction of LNAPL Beyond Proposed Endpoint Range/was not Recovered
  - Fraction of LNAPL Beyond Proposed Recovery Endpoint/Continued to be Recovered with Significant Effort
  - Fraction of LNAPL Within Proposed Endpoint Range
- Source: Kirkman, AECOM
- 10 years – Elapsed Time  
10 years – Estimated Time



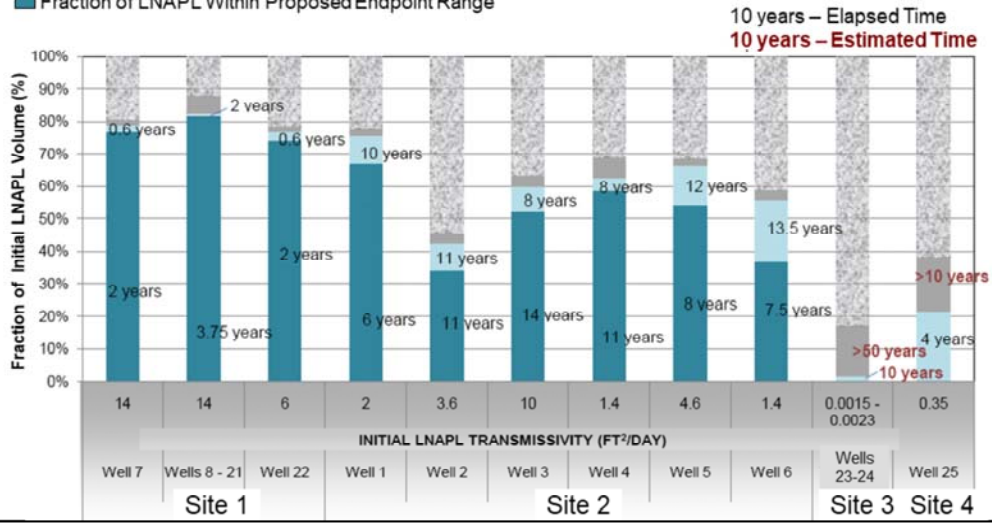
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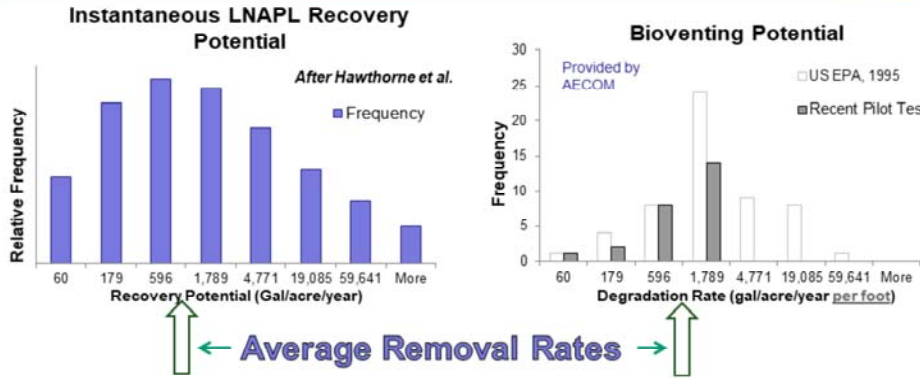


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## Why Do LCSMs quantify recoverability (Tn) and not Enhanced Biodegradation Potential?



Remedy Selection LCSM: Technically Achievable



- ▶ Average INITIAL LNAPL recovery rate ~ Average Bioventing rate FOR 1 FOOT OF SOIL TREATMENT
- ▶ Microbes are not limited by concentration of LNAPL (i.e., too toxic)
- ▶ Limited by nutrients, water content, composition of LNAPL

Data Sources Represent API Tn Database & AFCEE Bioventing Database

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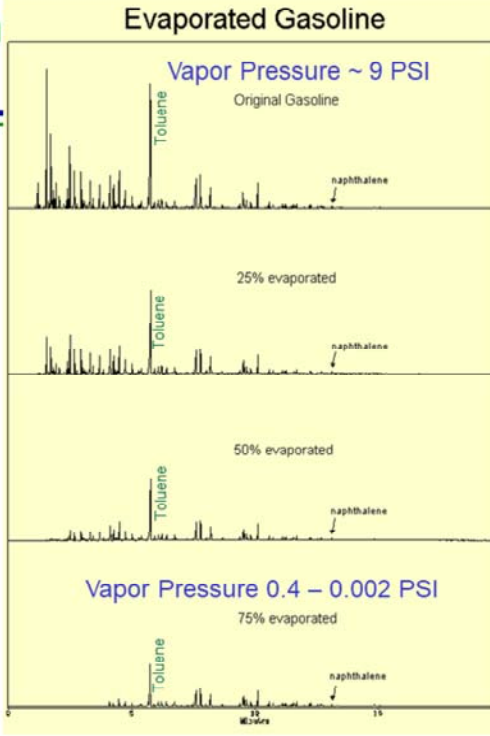


## Soil Vapor Extraction Analogy

Remedy Selection LCSM: Technically Achievable

- ▶ Vapor Extraction addresses the majority of the LNAPL
- ▶ Typical SVE systems are not left with Toluene though?
  - Toluene is highly biodegradable
  - SVE enhances oxygen delivery which results in biodegradation beyond the volatilization
  - Measure CO<sub>2</sub> to compare vapor removal to biodegradation

(Note: Chromatograms Have Been Normalized To Make The Heights of Naphthalene Peaks Equal)  
Wigger, J.W., Torkelson, B. 1997. Petroleum Hydrocarbon Fingerprinting - Numerical Interpretation Developments, in proceedings, 4th Annual International Petroleum Environmental Conference  
<http://www.bioremediationgroup.org/BioReferences/Tier1Papers/petroleum.htm>

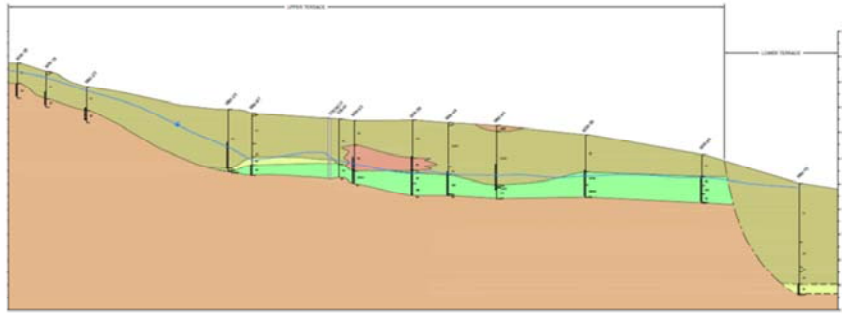


Describe volatilization and phase change process. Discuss how benzene dissolved concentrations would decrease and over all GRO would decrease because less soluble compounds remain. Ask is the toluene mass increasing or concentration? Ask with SVE is volatilization the only mechanism

**Challenge thinking about left over mass, no benzene, no risk, so now what?**

## Why Performance Estimates Are Important

- ▶ Site – MPE within Terraced and Channelized Deposits
- ▶ Multi-phase extraction system to address historical gasoline release
- ▶ Water-table fluctuations affect all remedial mechanisms

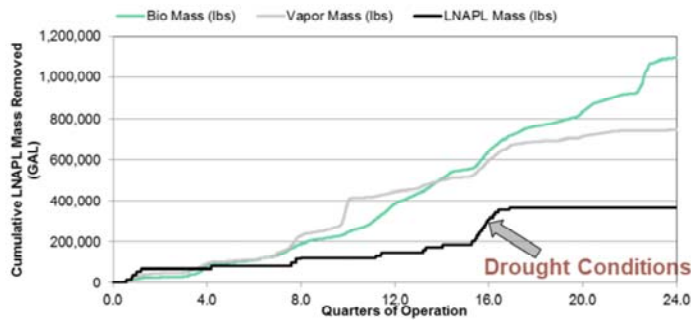


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## Good Conceptual Models are Needed to Forecast Performance

- ▶ LNAPL in wells occurred initially and represented potentially recoverable LNAPL
- ▶ Was the waste of produced water worthwhile for the LNAPL Recovery?
  - 23 gpm for 14 years ~ 170 Million Gallons of Water (Oil:Water Ratio 0.0003)
  - Could bio and vapor have made up of the smaller LNAPL fraction?
- ▶ What technology should be used now to complete remediation?
  - LNAPL in wells still remains
  - **Benzene concentration in groundwater remains above remedial goal**



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LNAPL Transmissivity was not quantified to decide if LNAPL Recovery should be implemented, thickness was

Poll – Knowledge Check

What technology should be used now to complete remediation?

- LNAPL Recovery
- Bioremediation
- Vapor
- Surfactant
- ISCO

## Site Specific Limits of Technology



- ▶ Site Limits of Technology Combine the inherent Technical Limits with Site Considerations
  - Sites with existing systems can utilize remedial performance data when selecting alternate remedies
    - Decline curve analysis
    - Sustainability analysis including waste generation, economic, Community
  - The waste stream treatment of a given technology represents a higher level of cost/effort/risk than alternate remedial mechanisms that achieve a similar or higher level of effectiveness
    - An operating industrial facility may be able to treat water more easily than a retail station
    - Why utilize propane to oxidize 100 ppm vapor when biodegradation dominates?
  - Source zone is inaccessible due to source relative to infrastructure or other physical obstacles

No associated notes.

## Technically Achievable Tiered Approach is Applicable



- ▶ Higher Tier Sites may benefit from quantified metrics for comparing technology performance estimates
- ▶ Analytical or other Modelling Tools May Benefit Technology Performance
  - Use of these tools encourages higher resolution data collection
  - Quantification of Parameters
    - Often several of the Parameters can be looked-up or calibrated based on a few site specific parameters
  - Table 4-4 In the guidance provides references to existing analytical calculation methods, tools and/or models for various remedial mechanisms
  - Moving in this direction will encourage development of additional tools to further inform performance expectations

No associated notes.

## Unit Conversion Challenges



- ▶ Few technologies utilize similar performance metrics / units
  - LNAPL Recovery – GPD, \$/Gal, LNAPL-Water Recovery Ratio
  - Vapor – lbs./hr., \$/lb.
  - ISCO – ?? \$/lb., change in dissolved phase / source mass, it's a contact sport
  - NSZD – gal/acre/year
- ▶ Need to find a similar unit for comparison
  - Gal/Acre/year useful for Mass Removal
  - \$/lb. removed is frequently used
  - Pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> produced per Pound of Contaminant Removed
  - Constituent specific mass removal rates for vapor or dissolved plumes may be required
  - Risk to Workers (Remediation or active facility)
  - Risk Reduction to Community

Discuss why Change in GW concentrations isn't enough

A lack of change in GW concentration doesn't indicate why a given technology didn't work, was it contact issues, is the rate too low. It is one metric but perhaps needs to be supplemented.

## Technically Achievable

### What is it?... Examples Include

#### Remedial Mechanism

- ▶ LNAPL Recoverability
- ▶ Volatilization
  - Air Sparging
  - Soil Vapor Extraction
- ▶ Biodegradation
  - Biovent
  - BioSparge
  - NSZD
  - Phytoremediation
- ▶ Injection
  - ISCO
  - Carbon



#### Technically Achievable / Limit

- ▶ LNAPL Recoverability
  - LNAPL Transmissivity - 0.1 to 0.8 ft<sup>2</sup>/day
- ▶ Volatilization
  - Vapor Pressure 10-100X less than Gasoline (i.e., 0.9 – 0.09 psi)
  - Biodegradation dominates
- ▶ Biodegradation
  - Rate of degradation too low to achieve remedial goal in timeframe
  - Soil texture limits oxygen delivery
- ▶ Injection
  - Soil texture limits delivery of oxidant/other media

No associated notes.

## Knowledge Check

Enter Yes or No for each question

- Sheen on Creek, LNAPL in well nearby, LNAPL transmissivity is  $< 0.05 \text{ ft}^2/\text{day}$
- Should recovery be considered? (Y/N)
  - Is recovery likely to be the final remedy? (Y/N)
  - What else could be done to improve remedy selection?
    - A. We are good to install a final remedy
    - B. Improve vertical and horizontal resolution of impacts and soil type
    - C. Quantify Biodegradation Rate
    - D. Estimate Volatile Fraction of LNAPL in place
    - E. Confirm Sheen LNAPL originates from impacts in well

Should recovery be considered? (Y/N)

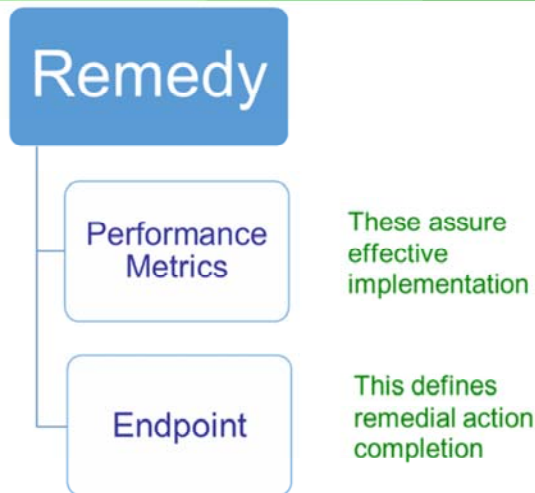
Is the recovery Final or Interim measure? (Y/N)

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## Choose Remedial Technology(ies), then Identify Performance Metrics & Endpoints



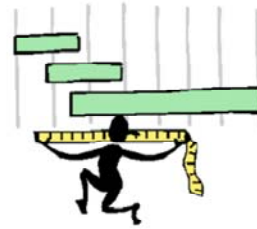
- ▶ Performance Metrics and Endpoints are SMART and technology-specific

Now that we've covered the remedy selection phase of the LSCM, let's return to the LNAPL decision process. You seen this slide already. Recall that the selected remedy needs to be capable of meeting the established LNAPL remedial goals and remediation objectives. The remedy also needs performance metrics to assure that it is being implemented effectively. It also needs an endpoint to know when it has done its job.

SMART = Specific, Measurable, Attainable (or agreed-upon), Realistic (or relevant), Time-based

## Performance Metrics

- ▶ Technology-specific!
- ▶ Verifies that remedy is being effectively implemented
- ▶ Allows for mid-course corrections
- ▶ Tracks progress toward endpoint
- ▶ Example performance metric for bioventing:
  - Maintain a specified minimum oxygen content in a targeted region of LNAPL-affected soil (to deplete LNAPL mass by aerobic biodegradation)



The remedy needs to be capable of meeting the identified LNAPL remedial objectives. Then it needs performance metrics to assure that it is implemented effectively. It also needs an endpoint to know when it has done its job.

[example with numeric metric(s)]

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## Endpoints

- ▶ Also technology-specific!
- ▶ Defined as:
  - LNAPL concern has been addressed, OR
  - Practicable limit of the technology
- ▶ If technology reaches its practicable limit before LNAPL concern is abated, then the endpoint marks the transition to the next technology in the treatment train



The remedy needs an endpoint to know when it has done its job.

Example of an endpoint: Dissolved risk concern about benzene -> LNAPL composition goal -> phase change mechanism -> SVE remedy. Endpoint is when dissolved concentrations are reduced to risk-based or regulatory limits at points of compliance.

Transitions should be expected and planned, based on expected performance of technology... not a disappointment or a surprise.

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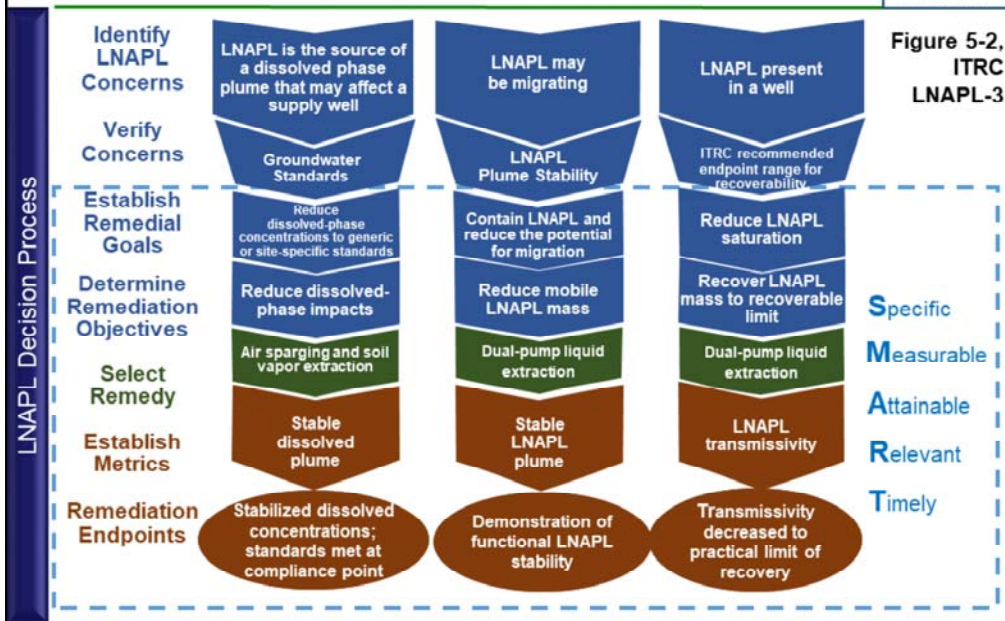
**Which statement is true?**

**Remedial Performance Metrics and Endpoints...**

- A. Are optional
- B. Are the same for every technology
- C. Are technology-specific and site-specific

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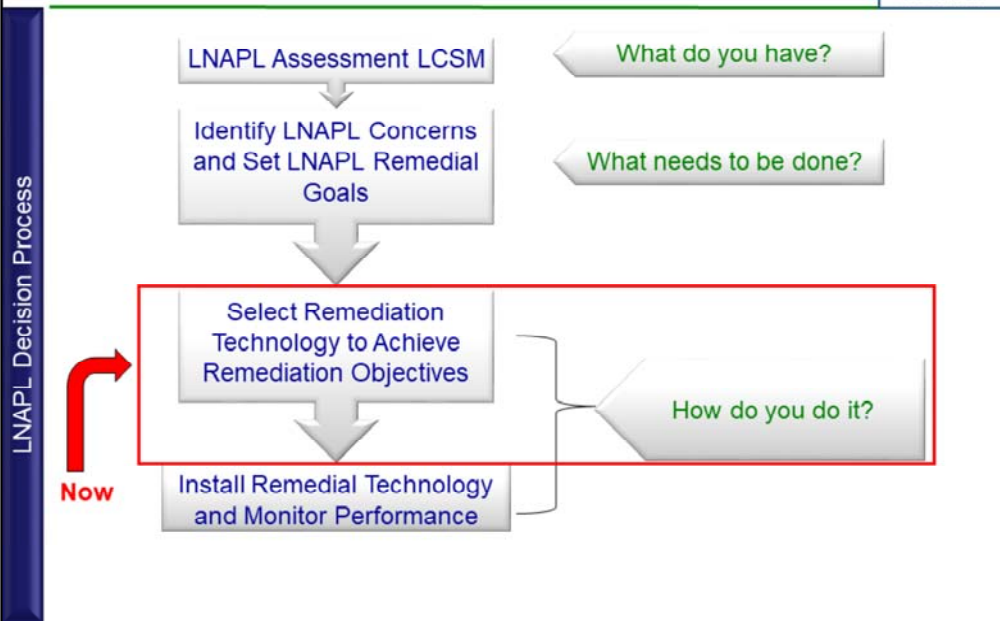
# Examples of Concerns Leading to SMART Remedial Outcomes



Putting it all together, we get this.

SMART = Specific, Measurable, Attainable (or agreed-upon), Realistic (or relevant), Time-based  
 Reiterate that metrics and endpoints should rely on multiple converging lines of evidence

# ITRC LNAPL Management



What will be covered in upcoming third training module.

## LNAPL Remedial Technology Screening Process for Verified Concerns

- ▶ Step 1 – Screen technologies on the remedial goals
- ▶ Step 2 – Screen technologies on site geological factors and LNAPL characteristics
- ▶ Step 3 – Comparative analysis
- ▶ Step 4 – Identify critical data needs
- ▶ Step 5 – Select technology(ies) address concern(s)

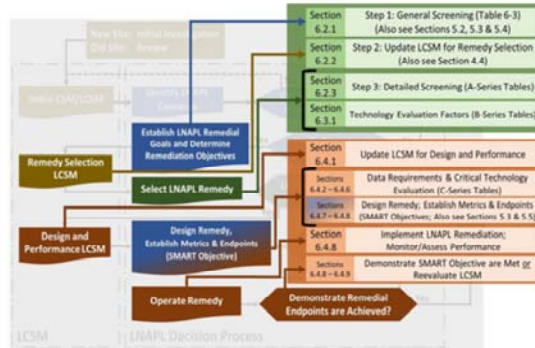


Figure 6-1, ITRC LNAPL-3

The Remedy Selection and Design LCSM is further developed & updated during these steps

These are the major topics and concepts covered the next module

Good opportunity to reiterate LCSM update theme. You are getting data to: a. complete a step in the decision process and b. to update/confirm your LCSM.

## Decision Making and Technology Selection Summary



- ▶ Use the systematic decision-making process
- ▶ A robust LCSM identifies LNAPL Concerns
- ▶ Establish Remedial Goals to address Verified Concerns
- ▶ Identify the right technology(ies) to abate the Verified Concerns
- ▶ LCSM is referred to and refined as-needed to design and implement the remedy
- ▶ SMART objectives lead to project success

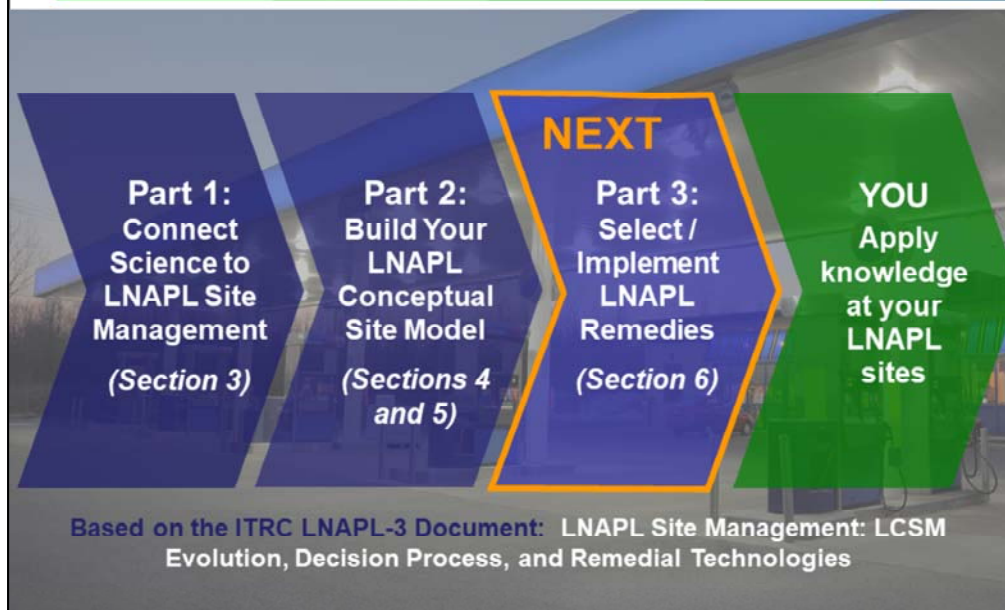
What have we covered?

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Tie whole presentation together more... identify points made in all presentation



## ITRC 3-Part Online Training Leads to YOUR Action



We are near the end of Part 2 of training to use ITRC's new LNAPL document.

**(CLICK)** Next week in Part 3, we will

- Discuss remedial technology groups
- Introduce specific remedial technologies
- Provide a framework for technology selection
- Introduce tools to screen the technologies for use
- Introduce performance metrics to optimize your efforts and decide when to stop and/or use another technology
- Use a case study to demonstrate the use of these tools

## Apply Part 2 on the Job



Think about one of your sites and what data is available to go through a short Remedy Selection LCSM exercise to select potential remedial technology mechanisms or confirm the current remedial technology.

Additional insight on remedial technologies will be provided in Part 3, which will help further the evaluation.

No associated notes.

## Thank You

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Poll Question

- ▶ 2nd question and answer break
- ▶ Links to additional resources
  - <http://www.clu-in.org/conf/itrc/LNAPL-3/resource.cfm>
- ▶ Feedback form – *please complete*
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