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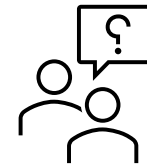


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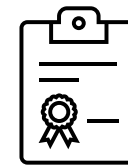
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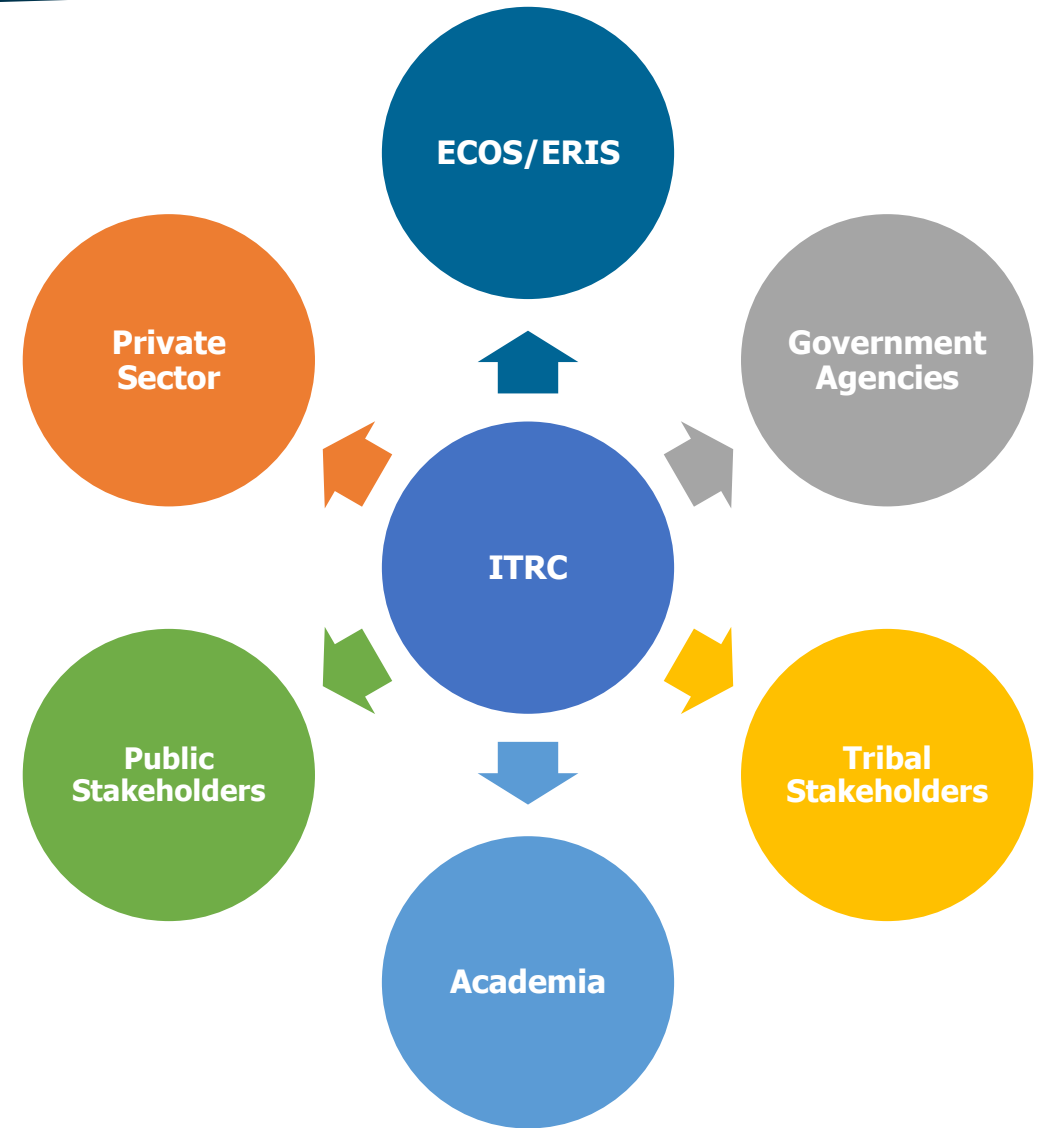
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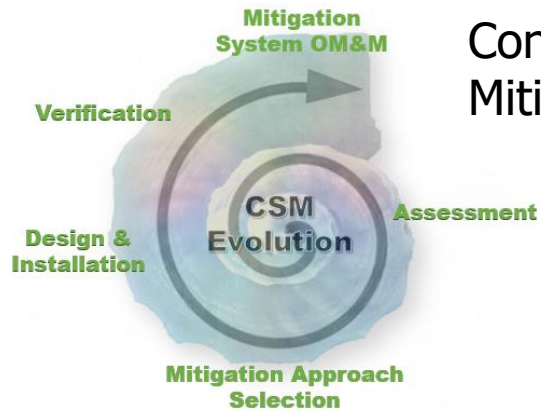


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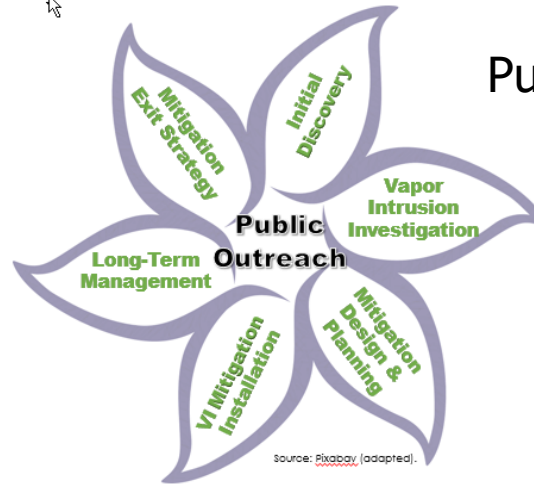
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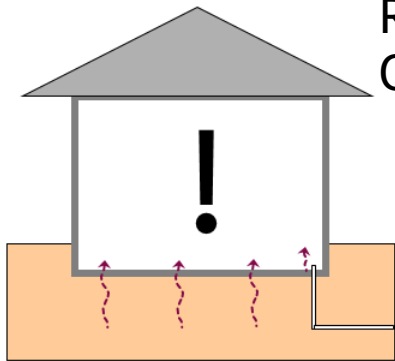


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## Conceptual Site Models for VI Mitigation

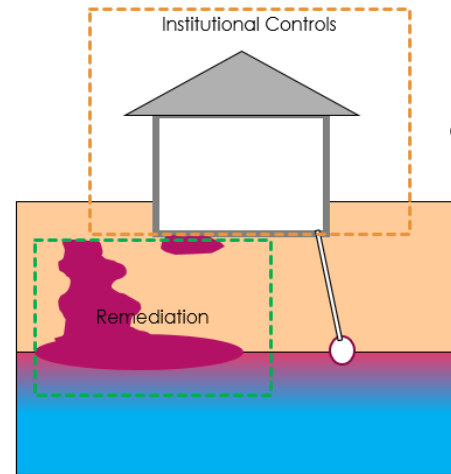


## Public Outreach during VI Mitigation



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## Rapid Response and Ventilation Outreach Materials

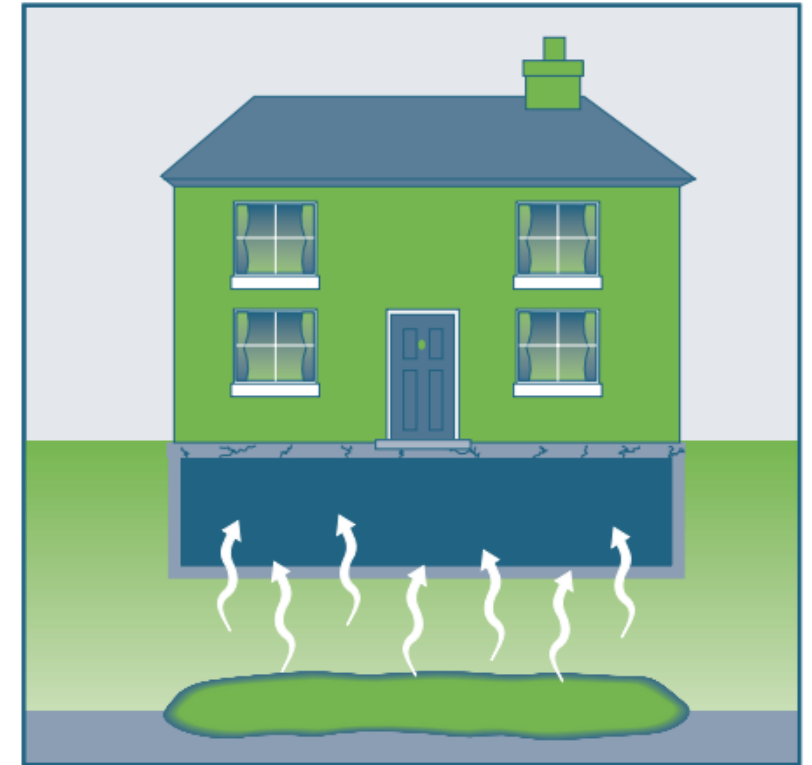


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## Remediation and Institutional Controls as VIM Outreach Materials

# What You Should Learn

- ▶ Background on the VIM Training team
- ▶ Overview of available documentation
- ▶ How access the mitigation strategies information
- ▶ Identify the sections that will be discussed in today's session



# Not Covered in the VIM Training

- ▶ Emergency response actions –  
Immediately contact first responders if
  - ▶ Reports of strong petroleum odors
  - ▶ Evidence of combustible, explosive, or oxygen-deficient conditions inside the building
- ▶ Methane mitigation or hazardous substances that have a high explosive potential
- ▶ Radon



Figure from ITRC Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management (2014).



# Emerging Technologies Outreach Materials

Capture technologies and strategies that are not exclusively “mitigation” or “remediation”

- ▶ Aerobic Vapor Migration Barriers (AVMBs) create an aerobic biobarrier for petroleum vapors
- ▶ Placeholder for inclusion of emerging technologies in the future

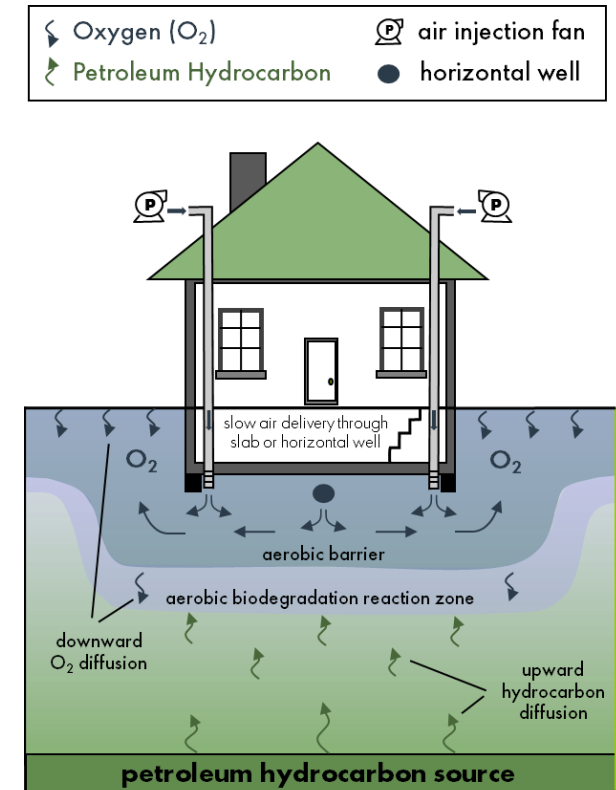
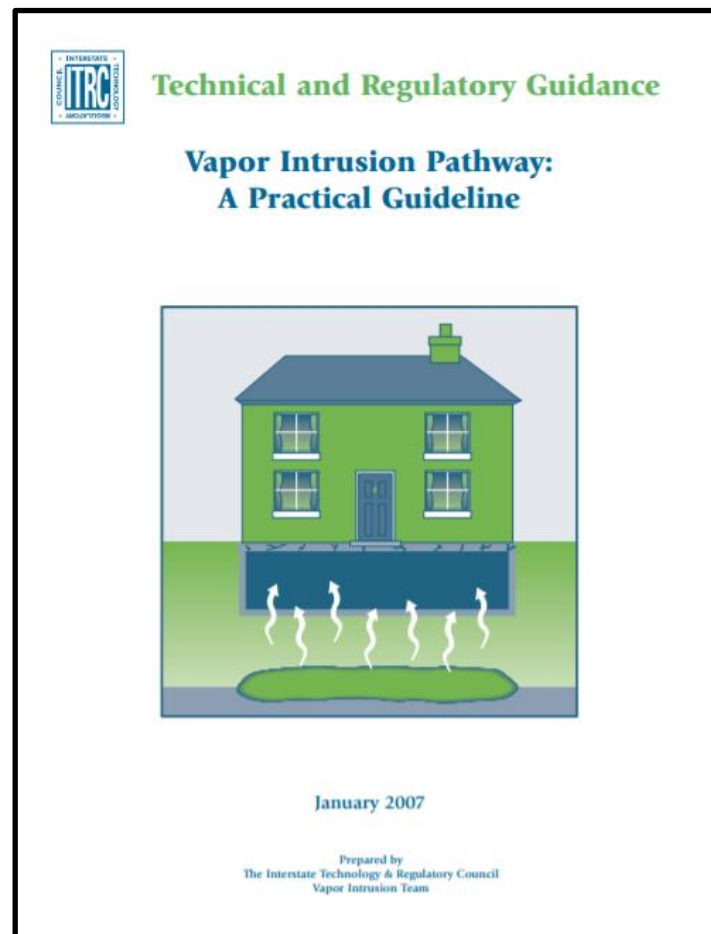


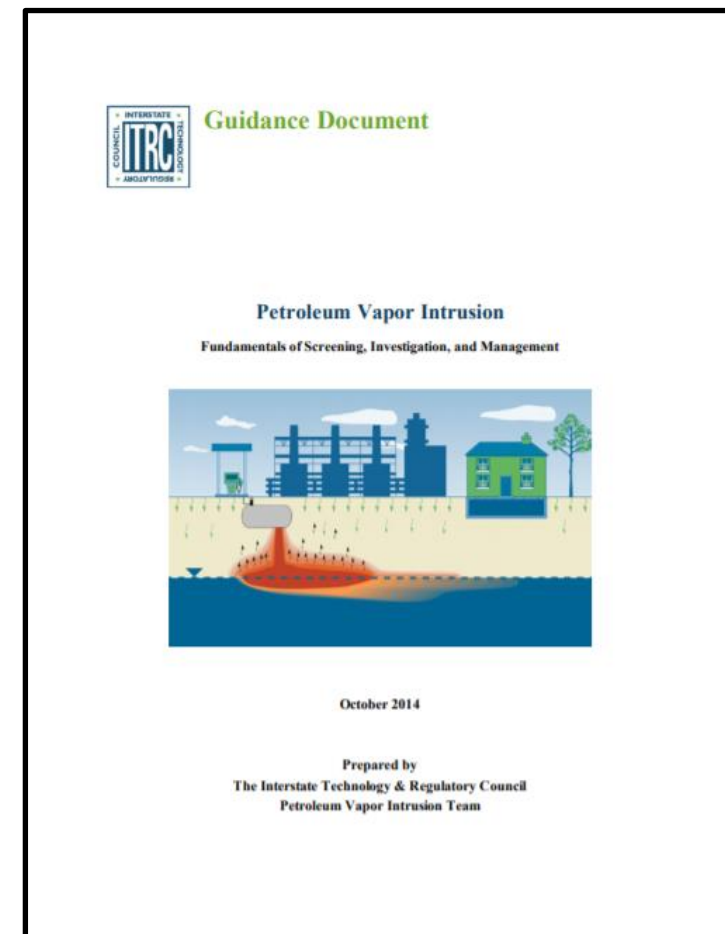
Figure 1 from the AVMB Technology Information Sheet.

# Vapor Intrusion Mitigation (VIM) Training Team Background

- ▶ Previous ITRC guidance documents focused on investigative process
- ▶ Multiple requests for “...additional details and training on mitigation”



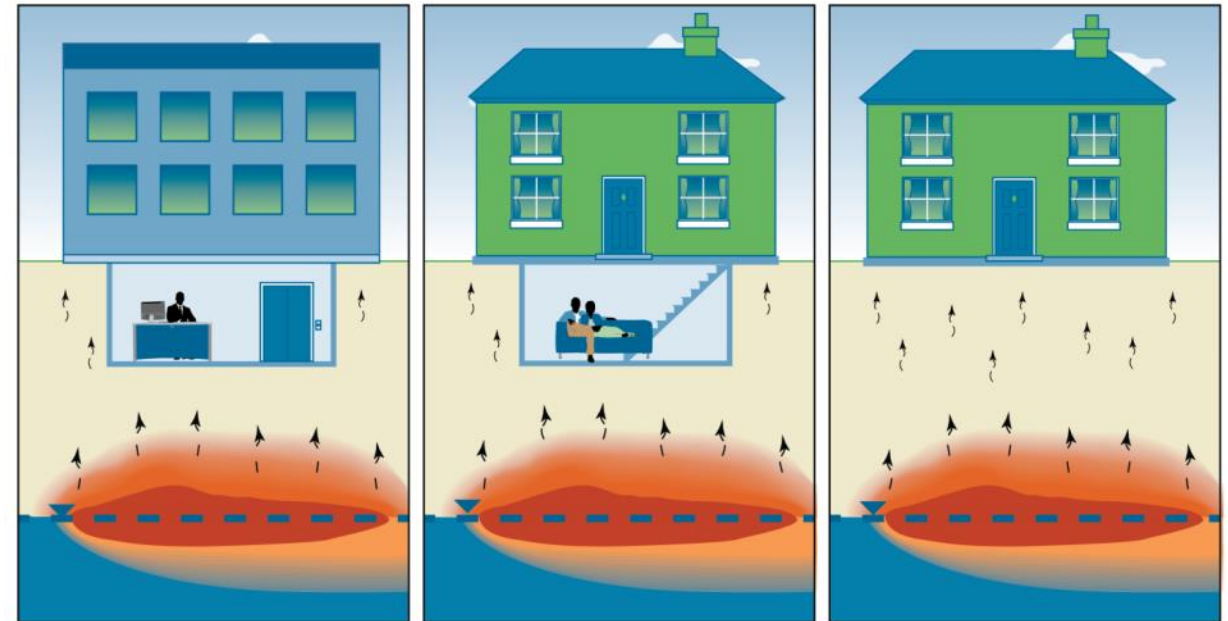
<https://www.itrcweb.org/Documents/VI-1.pdf>



<https://www.itrcweb.org/PetroleumVI-Guidance/>

# What is Vapor Intrusion (VI)

- ▶ Contaminants in soil and groundwater can volatilize into soil gas
- ▶ VI occurs when these vapors migrate upward into overlying buildings and contaminate indoor air
- ▶ If present at sufficiently high concentrations:
  - ▶ These vapors may present a threat to the health and safety of building occupants



Source: ITRC Petroleum Vapor Intrusion Guidance (PVI-1, 2014)

# Different Types of Vapor Intrusion

- ▶ Chlorinated Vapor Intrusion (CVI) which addresses chlorinated compounds
- ▶ Petroleum Vapor Intrusion (PVI) is a subset of VI that deals exclusively with petroleum hydrocarbon (PHC) contaminants



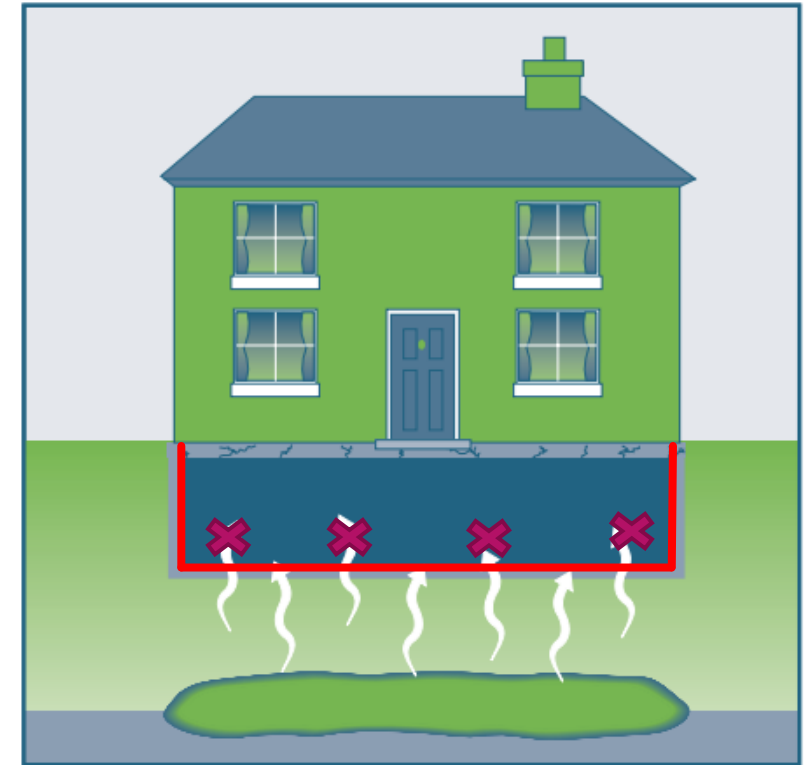
Source: ITRC Vapor Intrusion Pathway: A Practical Guideline (VI-1, 2007)



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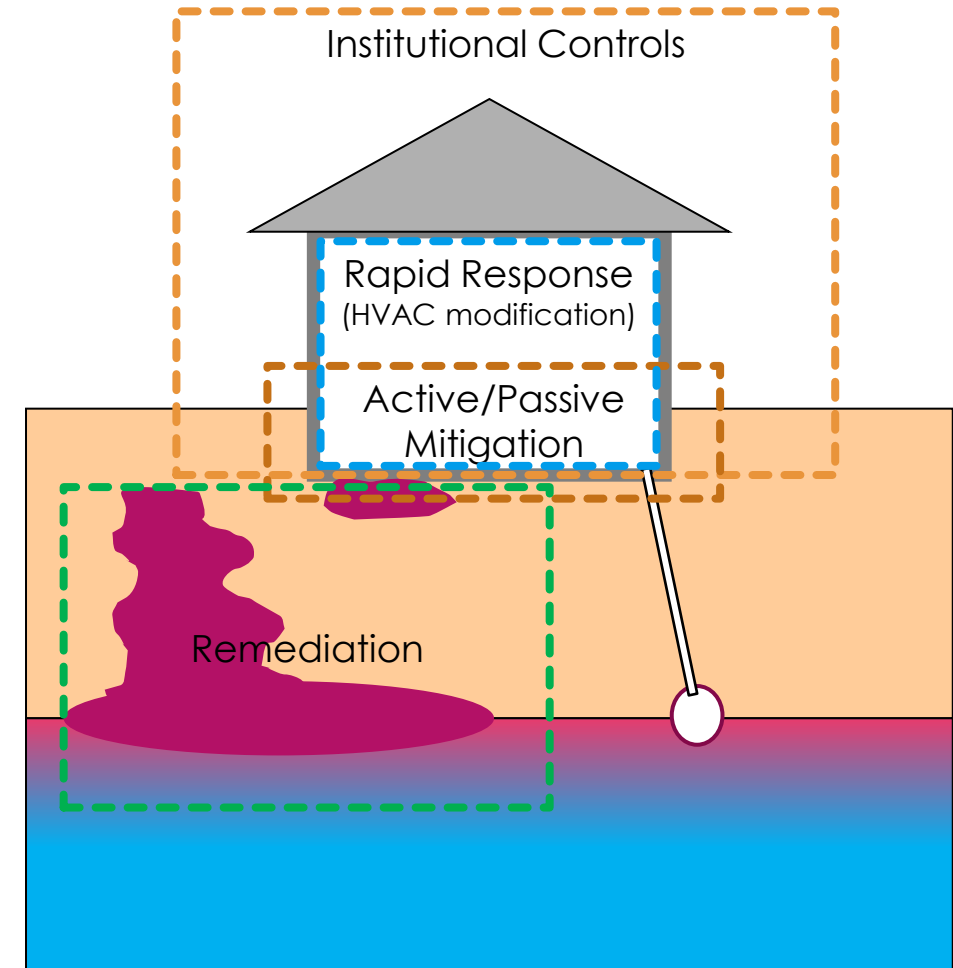
# VI Mitigation (VIM)

- ▶ Implemented to reduce indoor air contaminants due to VI below applicable action or screening levels
- ▶ Accomplished by
  - ▶ Modifying the VI pathway to reduce the mass flux of contaminants entering the building
  - ▶ Reducing indoor air contaminant concentrations by removal or dilution



# What is VI Mitigation (or Vapor Control)?

- ▶ VOC Vapor control can include
  - ▶ Source remediation
  - ▶ Active or passive mitigation
  - ▶ Rapid response
  - ▶ Institutional controls



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# Steps in the VIM Process

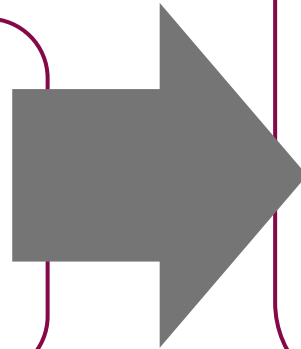
## Pre-System Installation

1. Assessment of Site Conditions
2. Technology Selection
3. Develop and Document System Design



## System Installation

4. Pre-construction Meeting
5. Installation
6. Installation Oversight

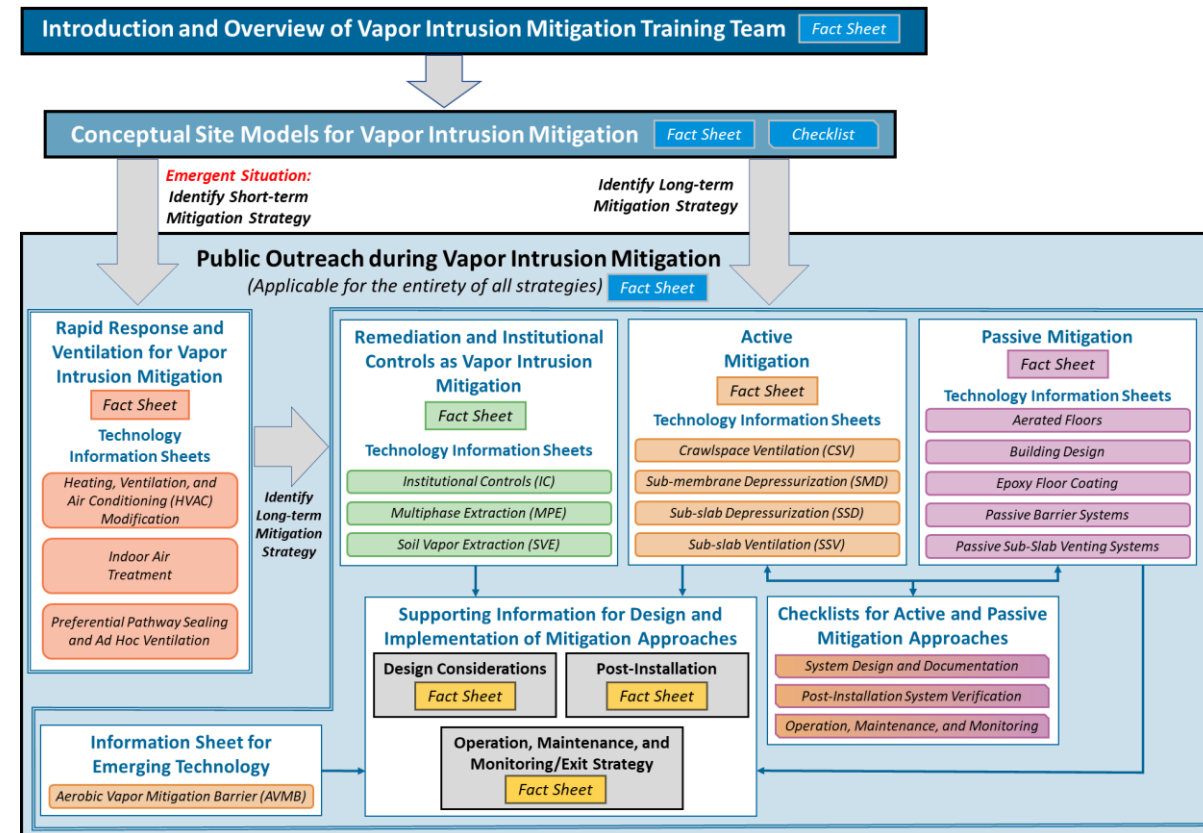


## Post-System Installation

7. System Verification
  - a) Inspection
  - b) Verification Sampling
  - c) Confirming Performance QA/QC
8. Documentation
9. Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring

# ITRC VIM Webpage

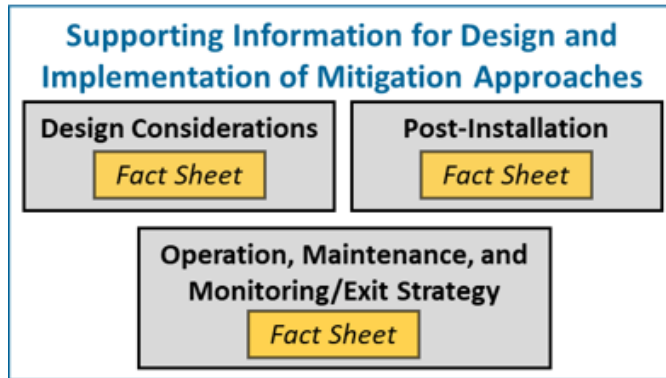
- ▶ Interactive Directory
- ▶ Fact Sheets
- ▶ Technology Information Sheets
- ▶ Flow Chart for VIM CSM Development (Figure 2-1)
- ▶ Considerations and impacts of various VIM approaches
- ▶ Checklists
- ▶ Additional information



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# Process Fact Sheet Rating System



## Ratings provided by mitigation "type"

**Category** →

*Principal consideration* →

Subject matter →

	Active approaches	Passive approaches	Remediation	Rapid response
<b>Design consideration</b>				
<i>VI CSM considerations</i>				
<i>Vapor source and concentration</i>				
Vapor source and concentration	●	●	●	●
<i>Geology and hydrogeology</i>				
Subgrade soil type	●	◐	●	◐
Depth to groundwater/high water conditions	●	●	●	●

**Key** | High impact ● | Medium impact ● | Low impact ◐ | Not applicable —

# Process Fact Sheet Narrative

## Supporting Information for Design and Implementation of Mitigation Approaches

### Design Considerations

Fact Sheet

### Post-Installation

Fact Sheet

### Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring/Exit Strategy

Fact Sheet

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**Subgrade Soil Type:** In most cases, the properties of soils immediately adjacent to the building (e.g., below the slab or next to foundation walls and footings) have the greatest impact on active mitigation technologies that require the movement of air and/or the propagation of vacuum below the slab. Soil type plays a major consideration for active mitigation strategies and makes some remediation technologies difficult to implement. For a more detailed description of methods to test and mathematically model the sub-slab permeability and transmissivity see ([McAlary et al., 2018](#) ▶). See Section J.2.5 of [Appendix J in the 2014 ITRC PVI document \(ITRC, 2014](#) ▶) for more information on the consideration of soil type in active mitigation.

<b>Active Mitigation</b>	<b>High Impact:</b> Permeability of the sub-slab fill material and underlying soil controls the <a href="#">pressure field extension</a> (PFE) and air flow rates and, therefore, the degree to which sub-slab <a href="#">depressurization</a> (SSD) and sub-slab <a href="#">ventilation</a> (SSV) contribute to indoor air quality protection. This affects the spacing of suction points and fan size required to induce and maintain the negative pressure field beneath the structure.
<b>Passive Mitigation</b>	<b>Low Impact:</b> Passive mitigation systems typically incorporate a permeable layer beneath barriers and around vent piping in new construction. It may not be feasible to incorporate a permeable layer beneath an existing building. Therefore, passive venting systems function best in soils that are highly permeable when retrofitting an existing building.
<b>Environmental Remediation Technology</b>	<b>High Impact:</b> Remediation technologies require the characterization of soils beyond the subsurface to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed technology. MPE and SVE are generally not applicable to low-permeability soils.
<b>Rapid Response</b>	<b>Low Impact:</b> Rapid responses typically include <a href="#">ventilation</a> changes, indoor air treatment, or other efforts that are focused inside the building, therefore sub-slab conditions are not relevant.

# Checklists

## Conceptual Site Models for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation

Fact Sheet

Checklist

### Checklists for Active and Passive Mitigation Approaches

System Design and Documentation

Post-Installation System Verification

Operation, Maintenance, and Monitoring

Clickable Check Boxes

Category

Primary prompt

Prompt to record supporting information

Conditional (secondary) prompt

### 3. BUILDING CONDITIONS AND USE

3.1. Is the building's heating system or heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system operating?

Yes  No  NA

*If yes, provide a summary below and explain in Section 5 if the HVAC system operation could impact the effectiveness of the mitigation system.*

Hours/day of HVAC operation 12

Editable Fields

Climate controlled?

Yes  No  NA

3.1.1. Is the building's heating system or HVAC system on during this OM&M event?

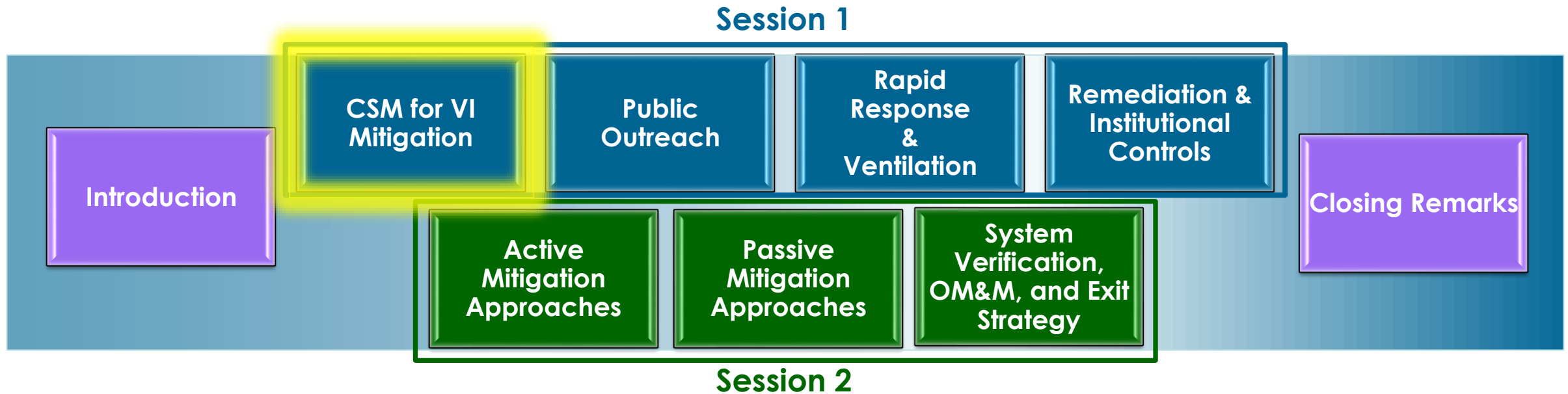
Yes  No  NA

3.1.2. Is the building's heating system or HVAC system equipped with outside dampers?

Yes  No  NA

*If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_ % opened \_\_\_\_\_*

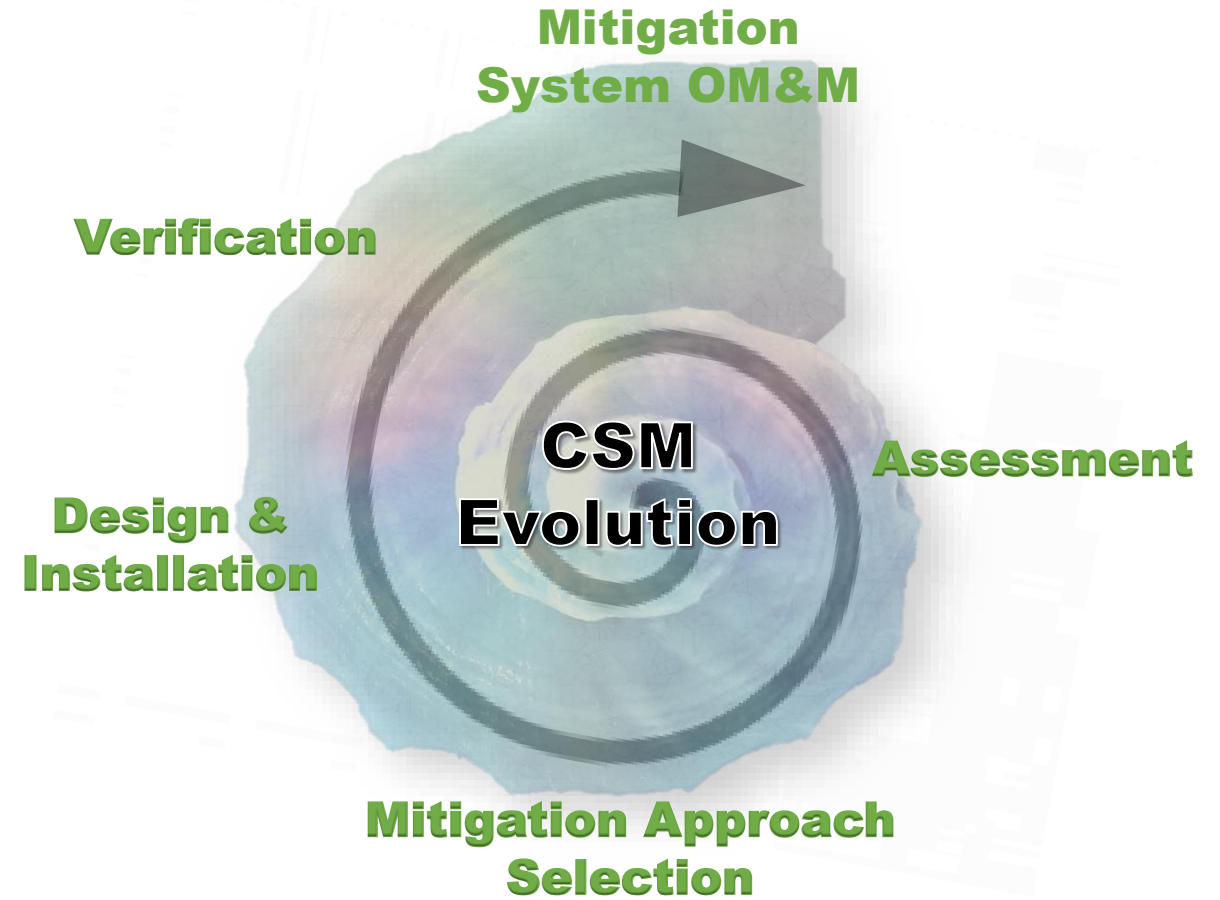
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# Conceptual Site Models for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation



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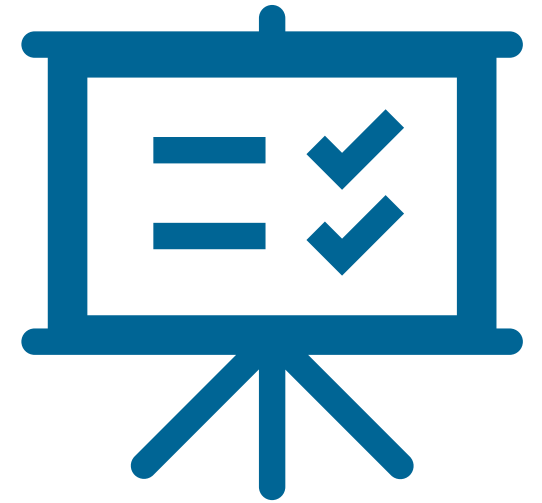


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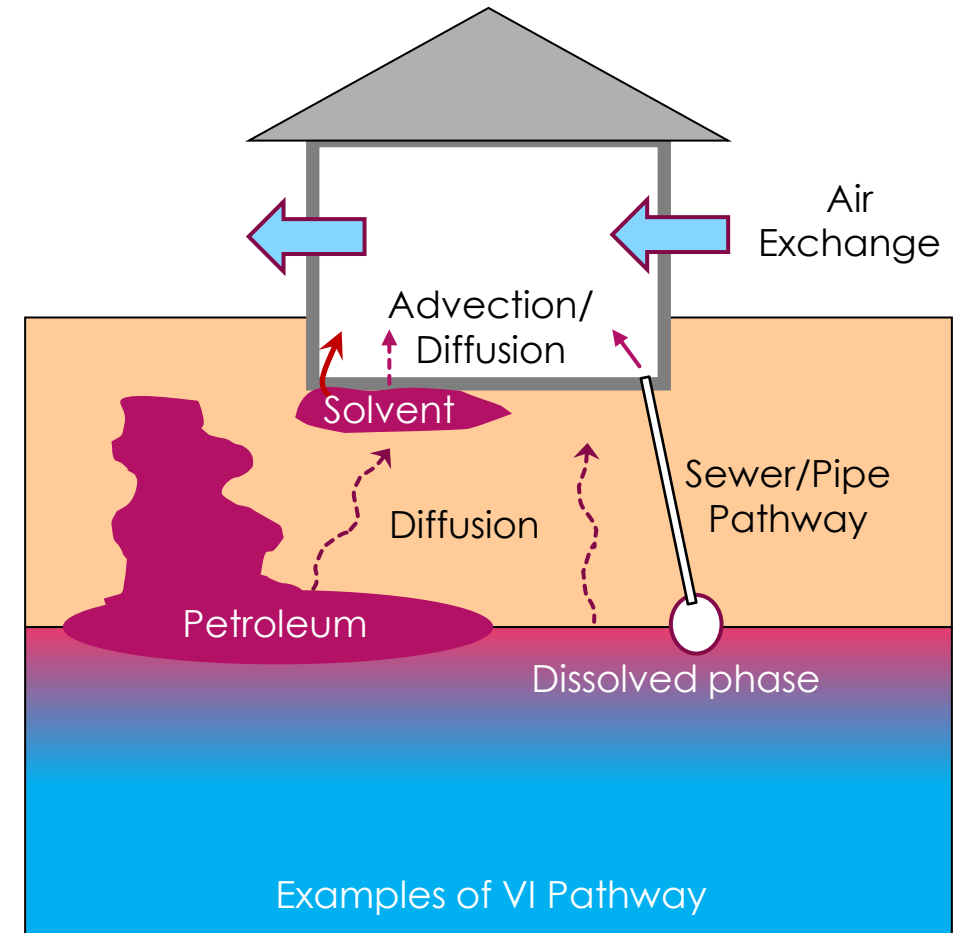
# Objectives of Module

- ▶ Understand the importance of a VI “mitigation CSM”
- ▶ Identify data needed to enhance the CSM
- ▶ Use the enhanced CSM to evaluate mitigation options



# What is a Mitigation CSM?

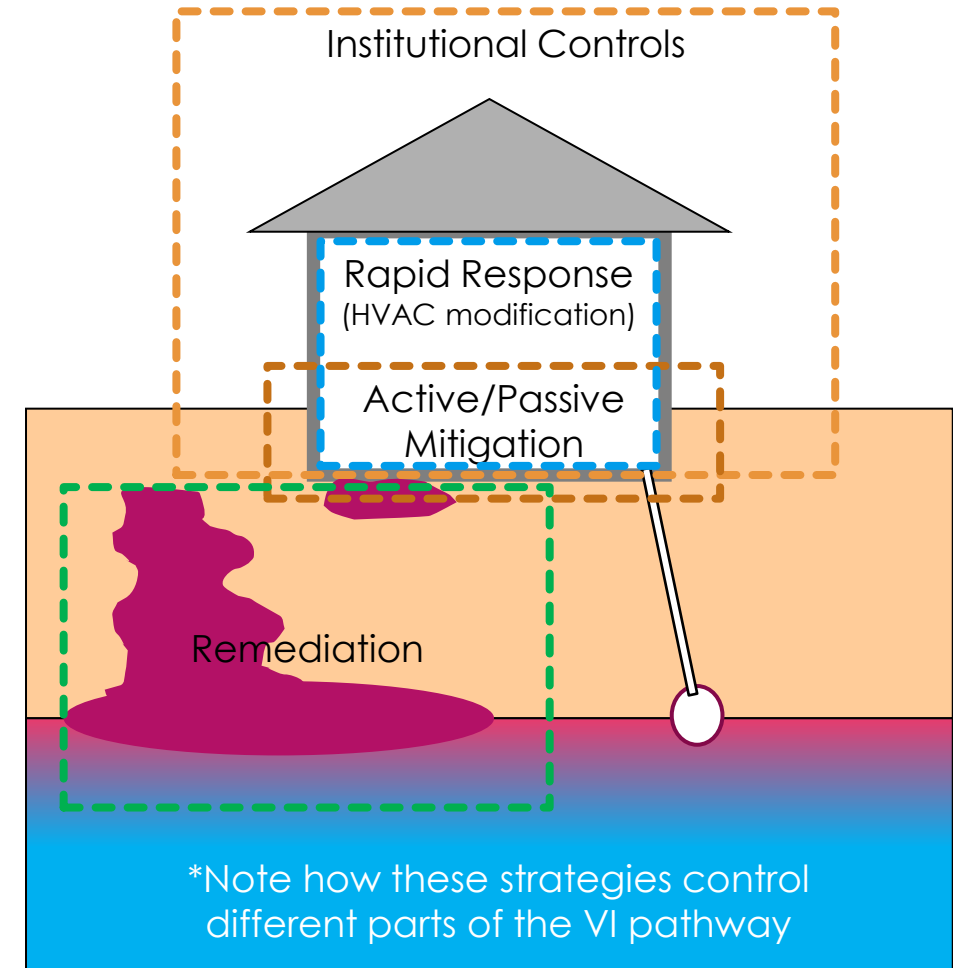
- ▶ The VI CSM describes the VI pathway
- ▶ Mitigation modifies the VI pathway to reduce potential exposure
- ▶ A "mitigation-grade" CSM has sufficient information to evaluate mitigation alternatives



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# How can we modify or control the VI Pathway?

- ▶ VOC Vapor control can include
  - ▶ Source remediation
  - ▶ Active or passive mitigation
  - ▶ Rapid response
  - ▶ Institutional controls



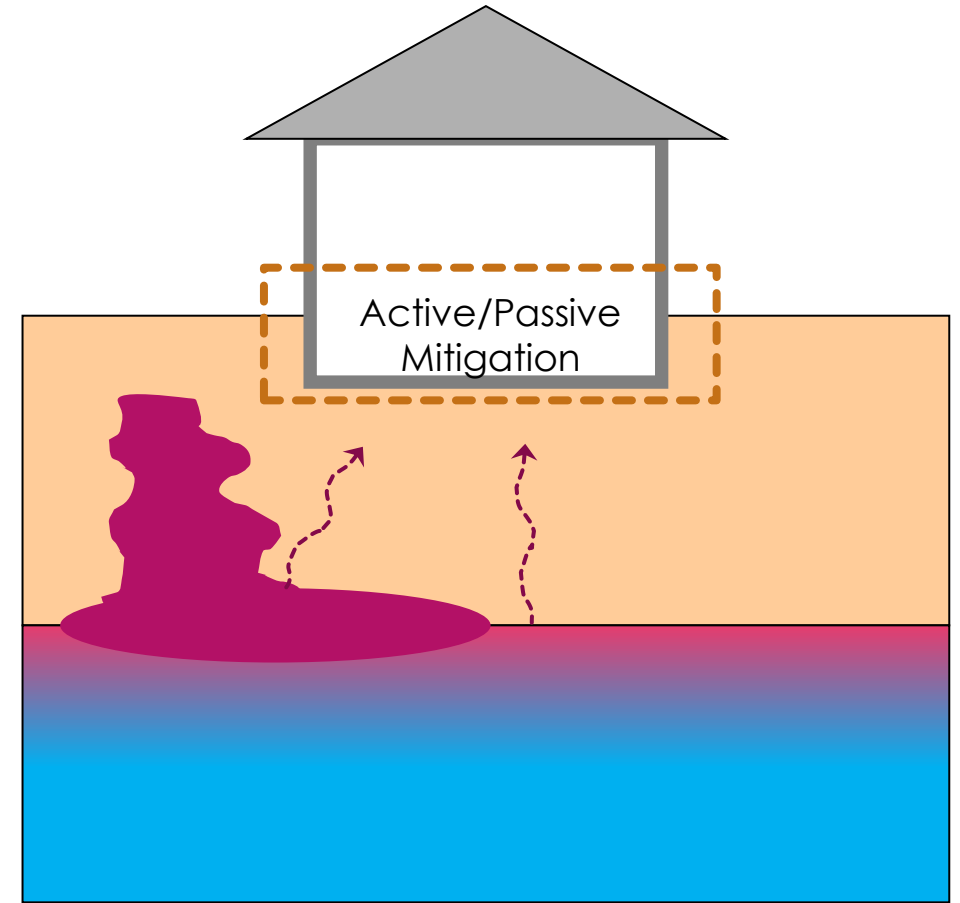
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# Example of additional information needed to evaluate mitigation options

Evaluation of active/passive mitigation options may require additional information concerning:

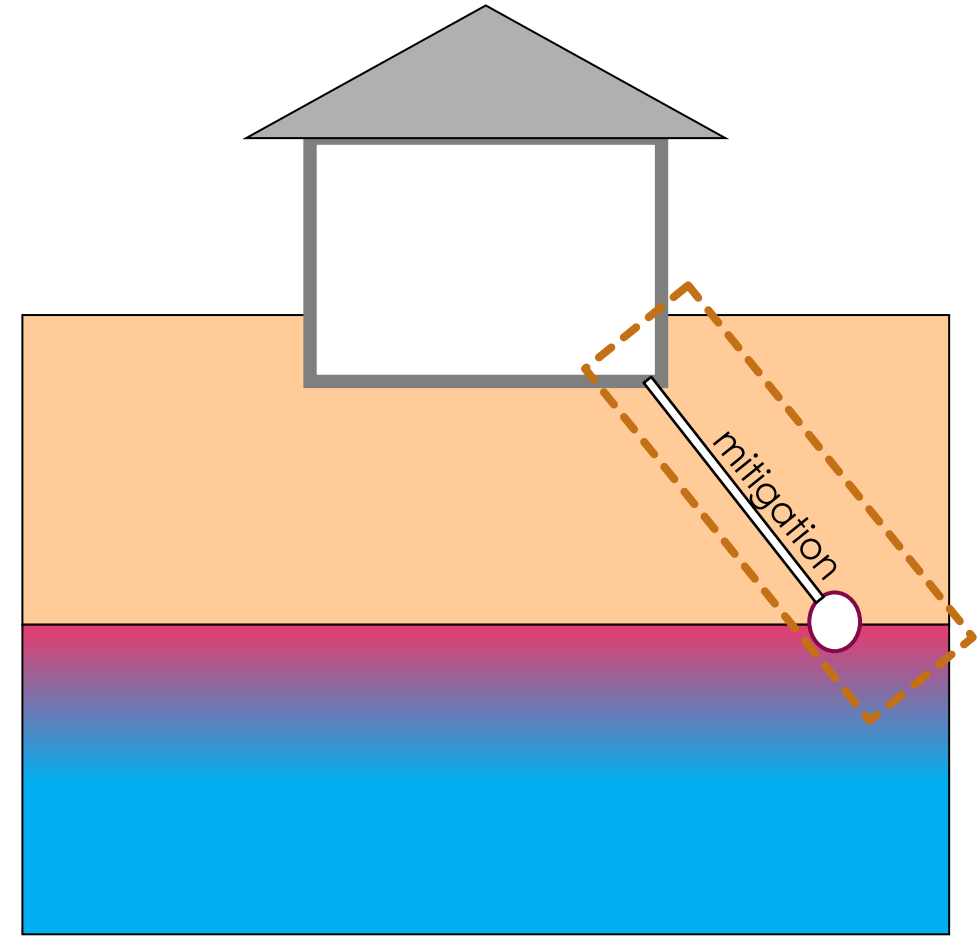
- ▶ Sub-slab VOC concentrations
- ▶ Sub-slab soil and moisture conditions
- ▶ Slab integrity
- ▶ Building features that block or short-circuit sub-slab air flow



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# Preferential Pathway Considerations

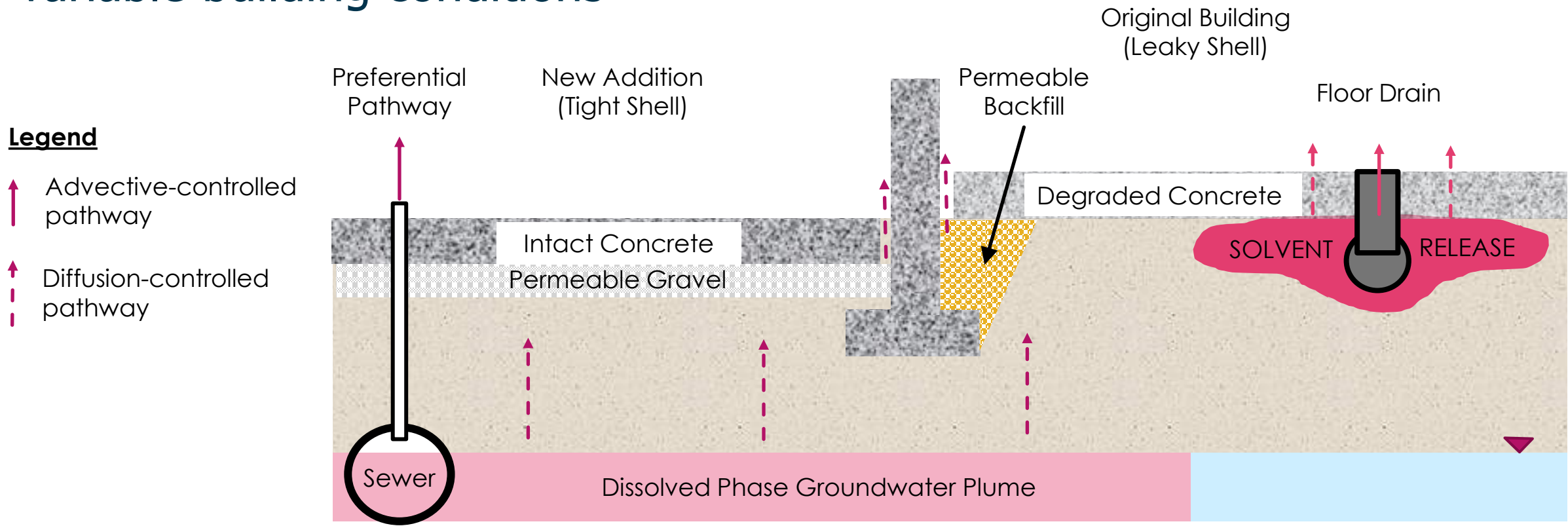
- ▶ The CSM should consider the potential for sewer/pipe preferential pathways
- ▶ Pathways that connect vapor sources to the building can dominate VI
- ▶ Mitigation options must control these pathways (potentially in addition to other pathways)



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# Large buildings may have multiple Mitigation CSMs

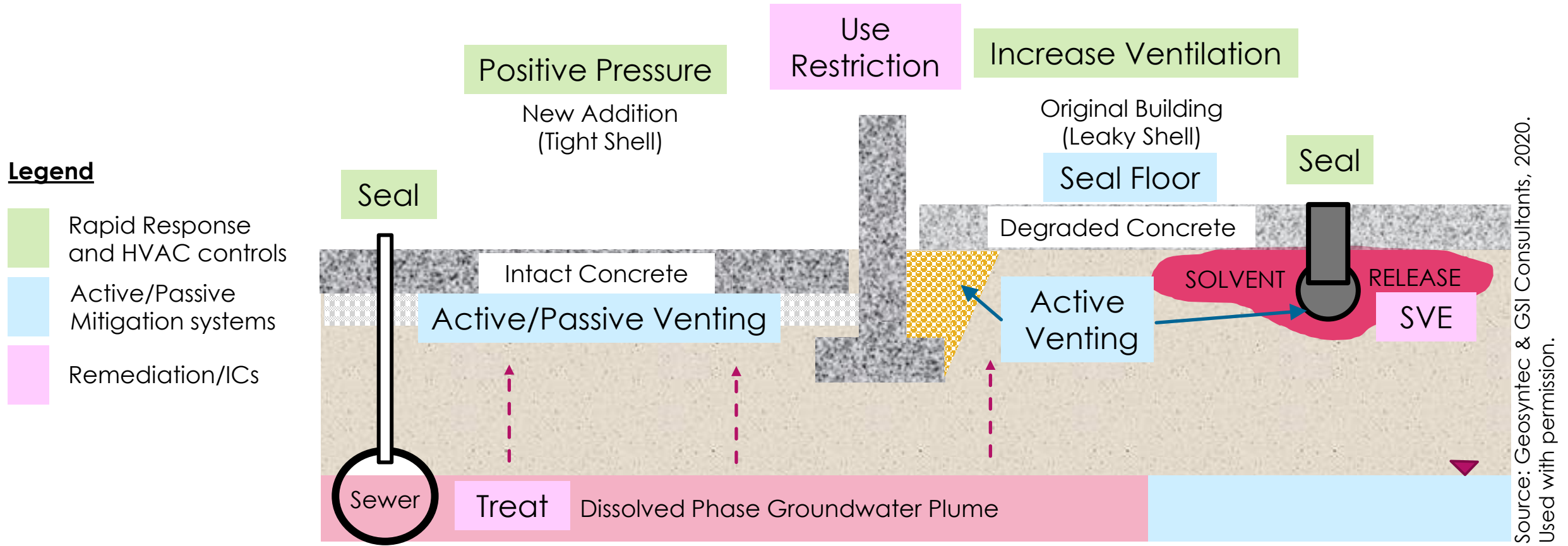
## Example of building with multiple sources, variable pathways, and variable building conditions



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# Large buildings may have multiple VI pathways

## Multiple Mitigation CSMs may require multiple vapor control strategies



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# Knowledge Check

What is a component of the Mitigation CSM?

- ▶ Contaminant type
- ▶ Distance between VOC source and building
- ▶ Location and depth of sanitary sewers
- ▶ Condition of building slab
- ▶ All of the above
- ▶ None of the above



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# CSM for VI Mitigation Flow Chart



Receptor



Transport



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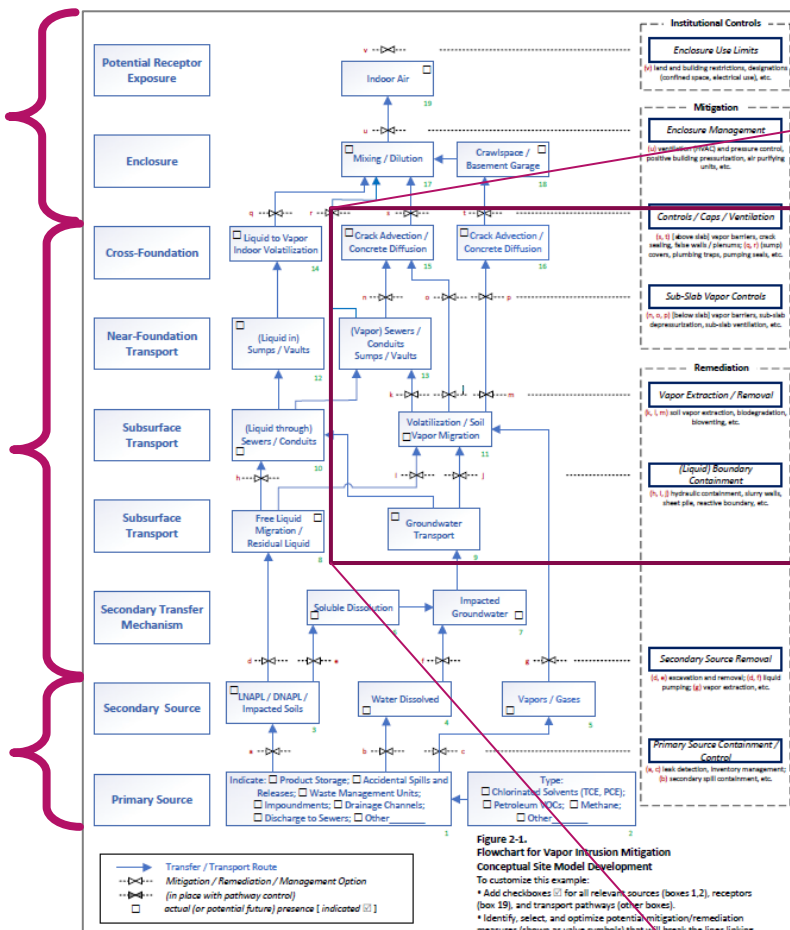
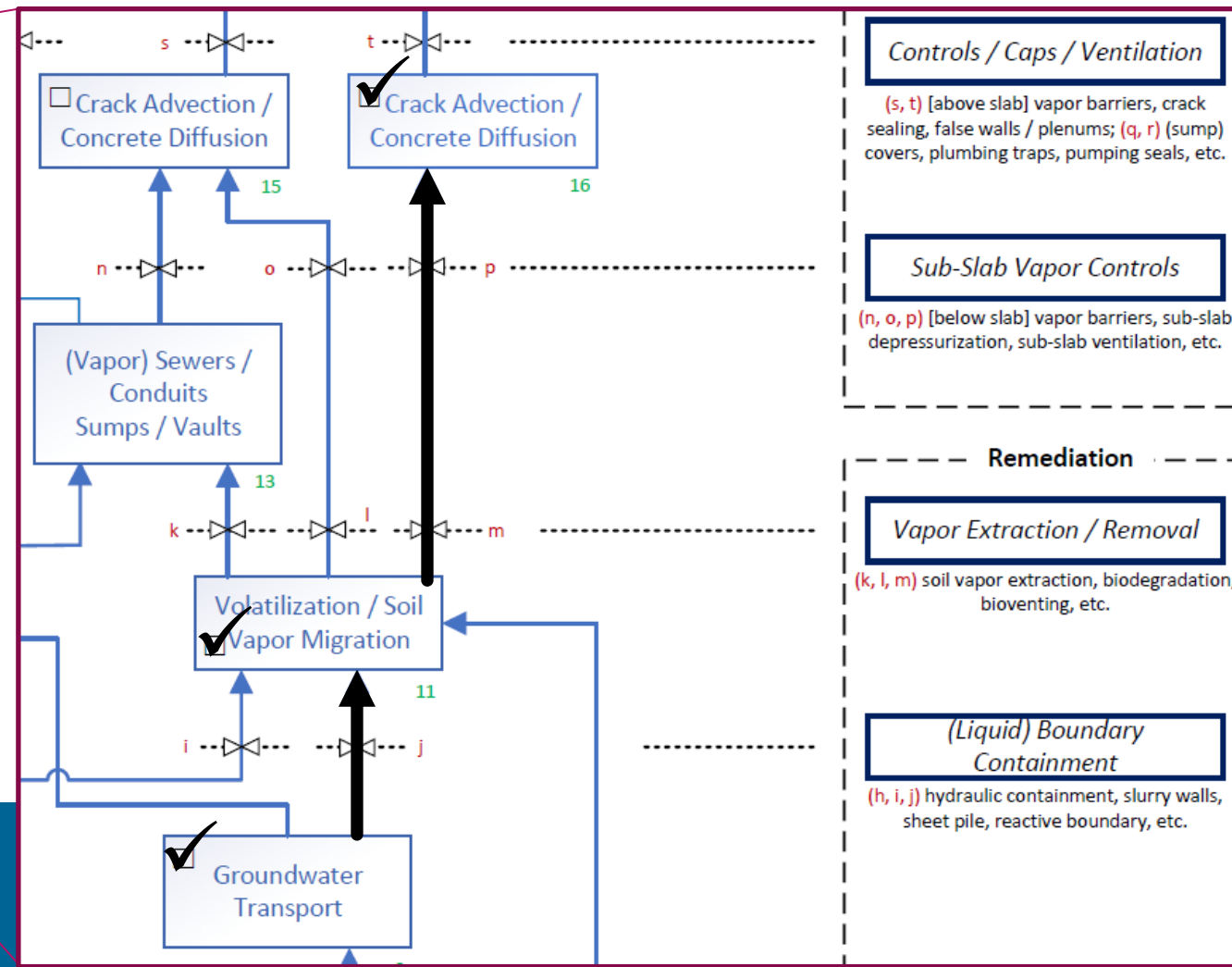


Figure 2-1 of the ITRC CSM Fact Sheet



# CSM for VI Mitigation Checklist

- ▶ Supports a systematic site evaluation
- ▶ Helps verify understanding of important details
- ▶ Facilitates data gaps identification

## Excerpt of “Building” Section of CSM Checklist

### 5. Buildings

Locate and map out existing buildings, identify square footage, and identify areas for potential future construction if known. If multiple buildings are being evaluated, tabulation of the following for each building may be necessary. Also, building additions may need to be evaluated separately. Note that a detailed, building-specific evaluation may not be needed if the VI mitigation effort is focused on the COC source area or pathway outside of the **building envelope**. In the descriptions below, include references to site reports, as necessary, to support the discussion. Attachments to this checklist with, for example, copies of figures may also be provided.

#### 5.1 Structure

- Indicate current building use:

Residential

Non-Residential

If non-residential, could future use include residential?  Yes  No

Unknown

Are land use controls (LUCs), use restrictions, institutional controls, or equivalent in place?  Yes  No

Note: If current or future site use is or could be residential, the most conservative state and federal regulations apply for technology selection and design.

- Indicate structure status:

Existing construction

New construction

Potential future construction





# Knowledge Check

When is it important to verify and update the Mitigation CSM?

- ▶ During mitigation design and planning
- ▶ At the time of mitigation implementation
- ▶ During long-term management
- ▶ All of the above
- ▶ Never



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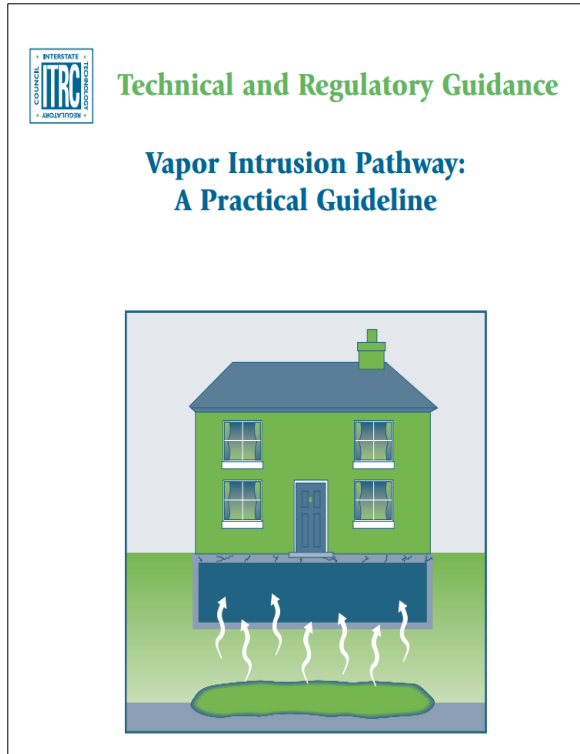
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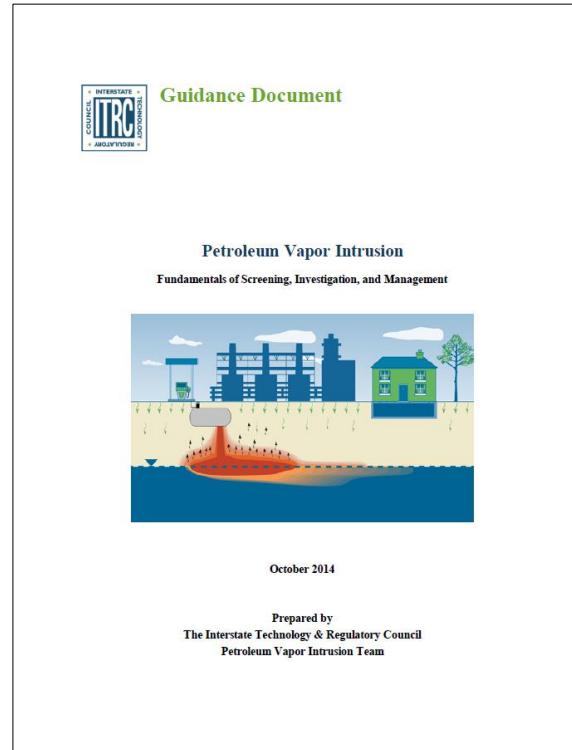


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# Additional CSM Resources



ITRC VI Pathway Guidance (2007)  
<https://www.itrcweb.org/Documents/VI-1.pdf>



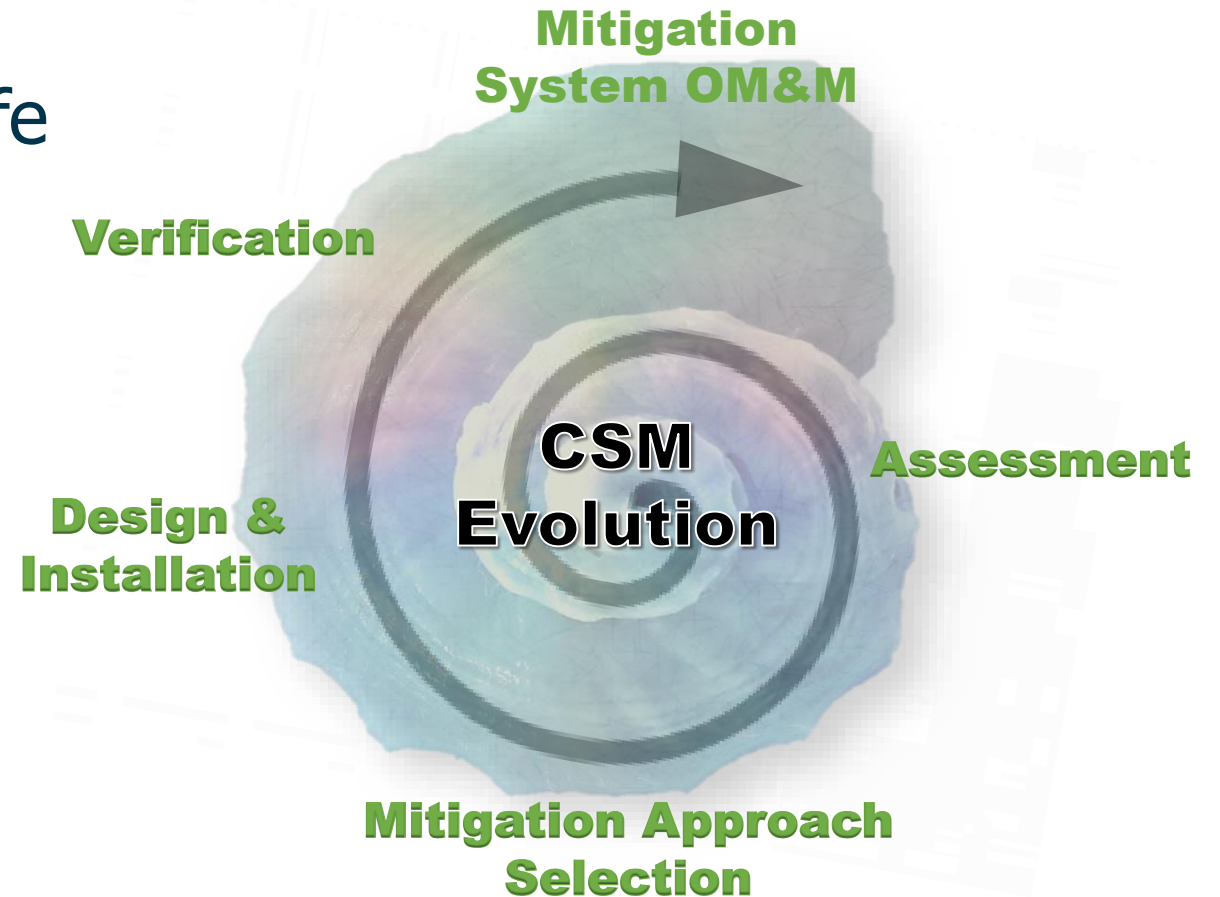
ITRC Petroleum VI Guidance (2014)  
Appendix D (PVI CSM Checklist)  
<https://www.itrcweb.org/PetroleumVI-Guidance/>



Fact sheet – Conceptual Site Models for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation (2020)  
<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/conceptual-site-models-for-vapor-intrusion-mitigation-fact-sheet/>

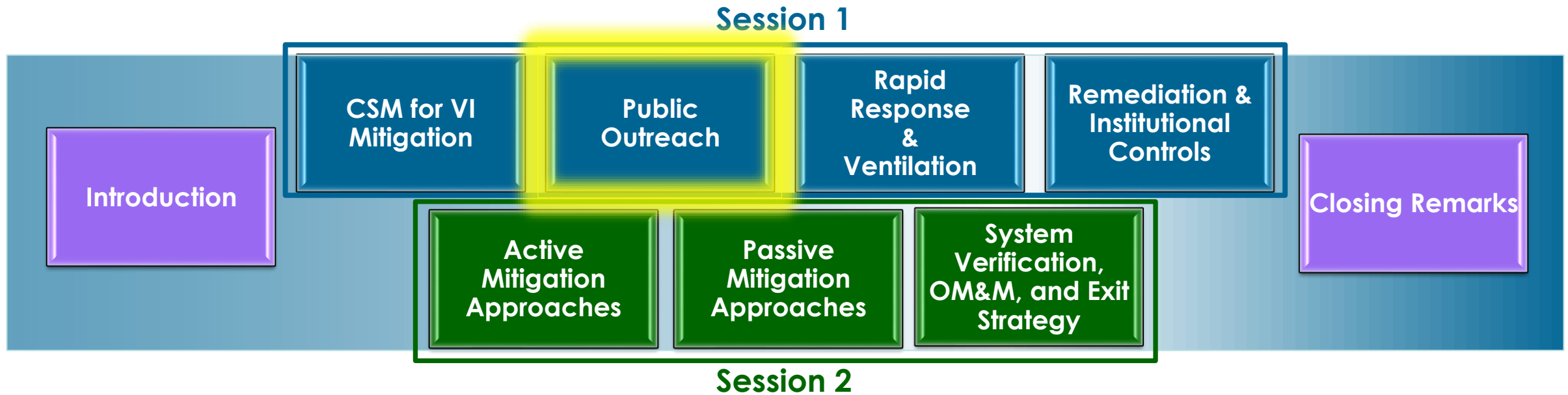
# Summary

- ▶ VI CSM evolves throughout the life of a project
- ▶ “Mitigation CSM” helps to
  - ▶ Identify information needed to evaluate mitigation options
  - ▶ Support Public Outreach



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# Public Outreach During Vapor Intrusion Mitigation (VIM)



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# Objectives of Module

Understand public outreach for VI mitigation:

- ▶ differs from other environmental matters
- ▶ continues through long-term management
- ▶ is diverse, iterative and everyone's job



# Public Outreach During Vapor Intrusion

- ▶ VI work takes place indoors
- ▶ Topic is unfamiliar to the public
- ▶ It's about the air we breathe
- ▶ Mitigation involves modifications to a building





# Key Components of Public Outreach for VI

- ▶ Consider outreach early and often
- ▶ Be transparent
- ▶ Maintain relationships
- ▶ Recruit partners  
(e.g., translators, community organizers)
- ▶ Listen

Hi, we're here  
to install a vapor  
intrusion mitigation  
system.



What  
questions do  
you have?



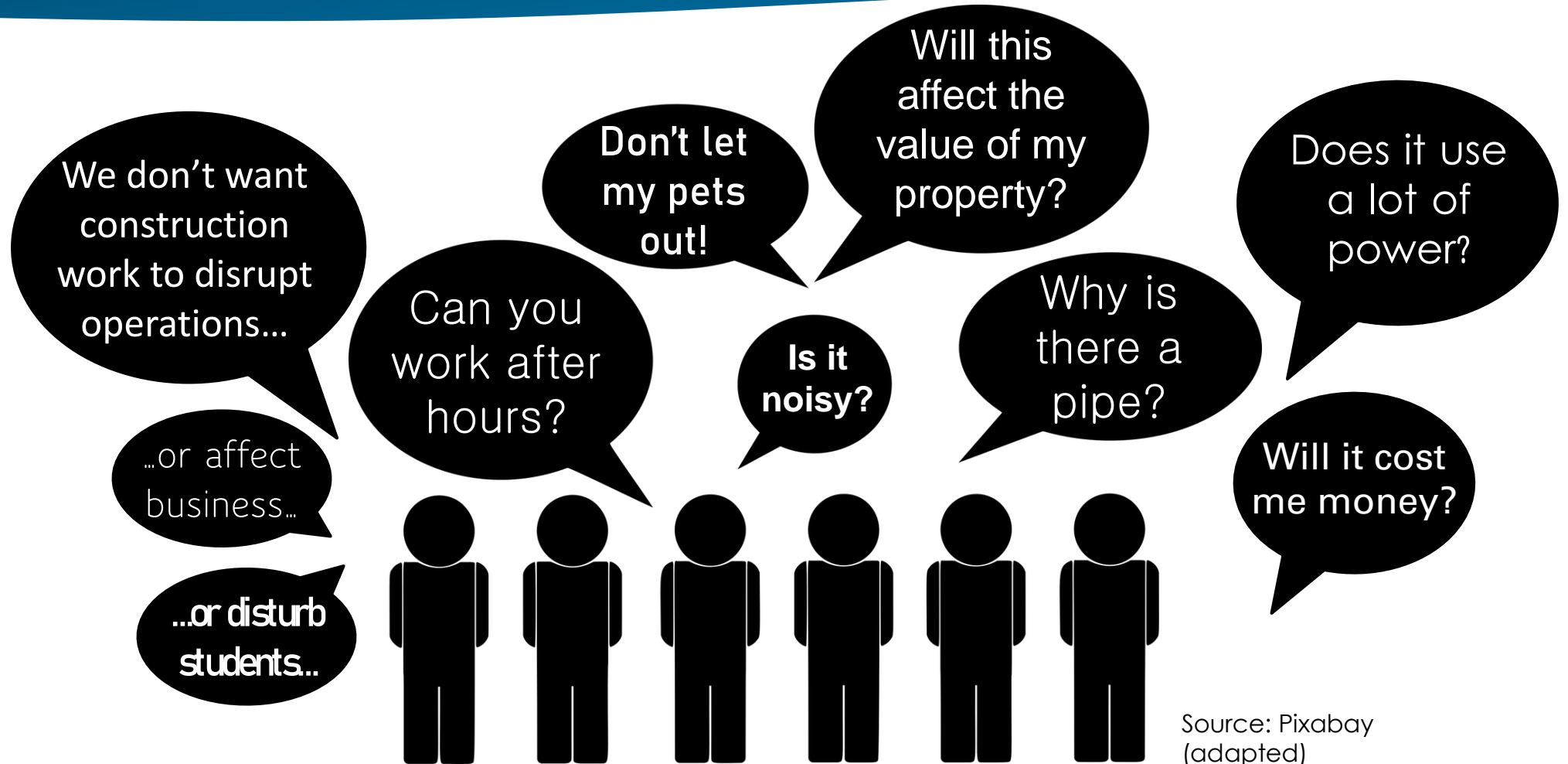


# Communicating Vapor Intrusion Mitigation is Also Complicated

- ▶ Use analogies (e.g., radon mitigation)
- ▶ Address questions and concerns
- ▶ Rely on intermediaries/partners as needed



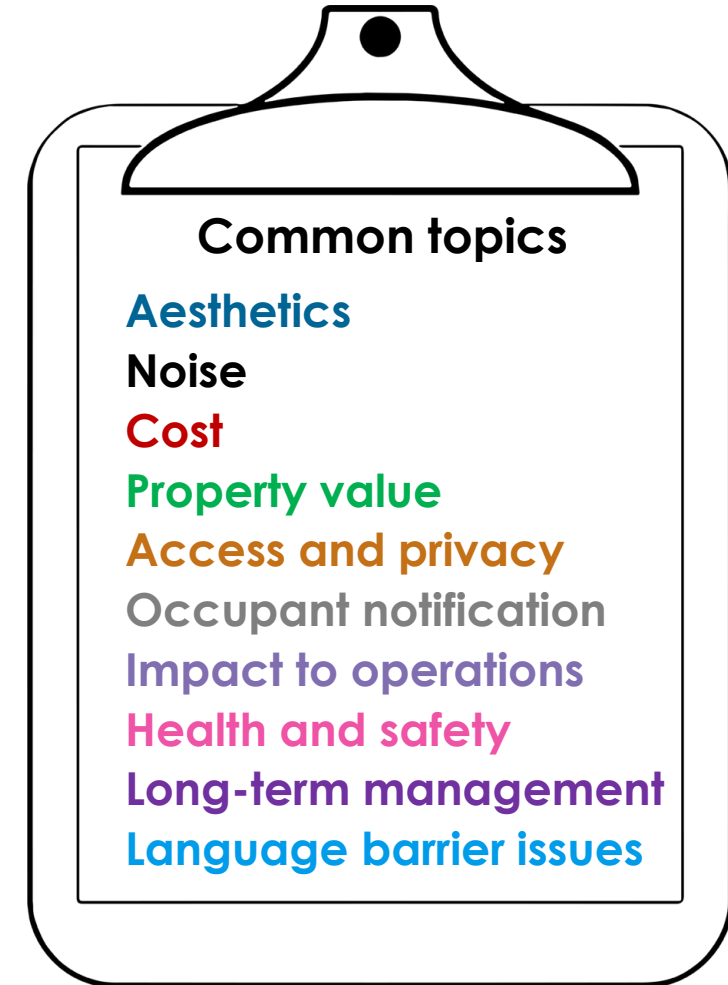
# Questions from the Public



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# Multiple Communication Tools Needed

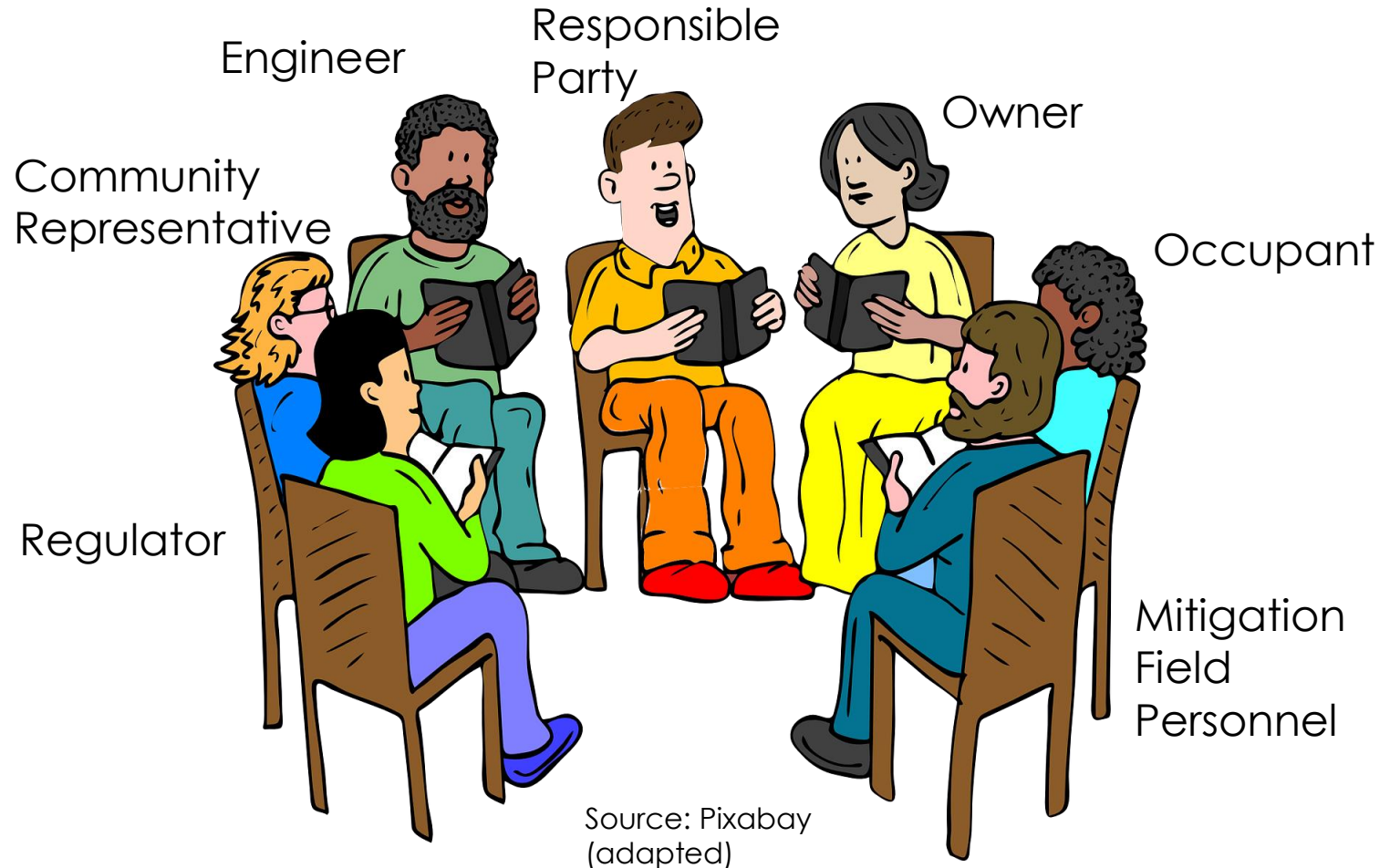
- ▶ Repeated conversations with same party
- ▶ Emphasize that mitigation protects building occupants
- ▶ Communicate by multiple methods
  - ▶ Group setting
  - ▶ Fact sheets
  - ▶ Social media
  - ▶ One-on-one discussions



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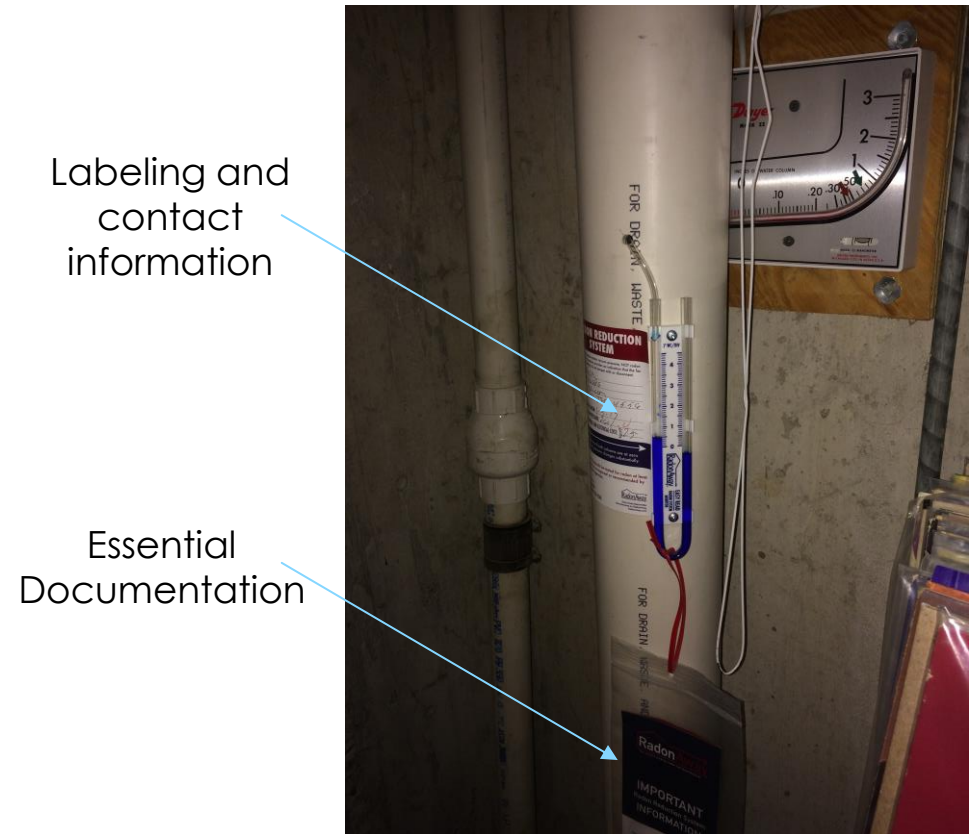
# Communication is Everyone's Job

- ▶ Every interaction and perception matters
- ▶ Every stakeholder plays a role in communication
- ▶ Be mindful of situations where the occupant is not the owner



# Communication on Long-Term Management

- ▶ Long-term management is a key part of mitigation success
- ▶ Need a plan for communicating:
  - ▶ System issues
  - ▶ Remodeling work
  - ▶ Institutional/engineering controls at property transfer
- ▶ Provide labeling, contact information, and essential documentation
  - ▶ Retain a copy if lost or misplaced



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# Knowledge Check

When is it important to do public outreach?

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# Additional Resources

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## Public Outreach during Vapor Intrusion Mitigation

ITRC has developed a series of fact sheets that summarize the latest science, engineering, and technologies regarding vapor intrusion (VI) mitigation. This fact sheet describes:

- common concerns of communities affected by VI
- specific vapor intrusion considerations for development of a Community Engagement Plan
- references to support preparation of a Community Engagement Plan

### 1 Introduction

It is important to engage the public at environmental contamination sites, but at vapor intrusion sites it is *essential* to engage the people who own, live, work or study in, or otherwise occupy impacted buildings. Their cooperation, not just permission, makes it possible to investigate, remediate, mitigate, and monitor properties contaminated with hazardous substances. You may be asking them to agree to allow intrusive or disruptive activities such as drilling holes through their floors, attaching fans and piping to their buildings, or rearranging their basements for investigation or mitigation.

Before the first announcement or knock on a door, the environmental team should implement a Community Engagement Plan that recognizes the unique character of each community and the form of planned investigation or mitigation. While the contents and logistics of a Community Engagement Plan for a vapor intrusion issue are listed separately below, they are integrally related and will need to be developed together.

### 2 Possible Community Concerns for the Community Engagement Plan

Characterizing the community and listening to affected parties to determine their concerns are the first steps in developing a Community Engagement Plan. Some common concerns are listed in Table 2-1. The initial characterization will help determine when, where, and how to communicate in the future with the affected parties.

Occupant/Use	Possible Concerns					
	Communication Language Barriers	Operational Impact	Property Value (increase or decrease)	Health and Safety	Cooperation/ Trust	Access/Privacy

Fact sheet – Public Outreach During Vapor Intrusion Mitigation (2020)


<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/public-outreach-during-vapor-intrusion-mitigation/>

Guidance Document

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## Petroleum Vapor Intrusion

### Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management




October 2014

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Petroleum Vapor Intrusion Team

ITRC Petroleum VI Guidance (2014) Section 7 Community Engagement

<https://www.itrcweb.org/PetroleumVI-Guidance/>

Risk Communication Toolkit HOME



# Welcome

## Risk Communication Toolkit

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This Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) online document includes a brief overview of risk communication (Section 1), walks through the steps in developing a communication plan and stakeholder outreach activities (Section 4), presents an overview of risk communication concepts (Section 2), and applies these principles in case studies (Section 5) to facilitate risk communication plan development. Section 3.2 includes a summary of the tools included in the appendices (See Section 6 Additional Information) to facilitate risk communication plan development and stakeholder outreach activities. This toolkit is applicable to current, immediate, and emerging environmental issues and concerns. Examples of various tools, as presented in this toolkit, were developed by issue-specific ITRC teams; however, they are generally applicable to environmental issues and concerns. Additional examples will be developed by ITRC teams going forward and linked to the web document in the future. This toolkit will be updated with links to case studies published by future ITRC teams.

A short [Risk Communication Toolkit fact sheet](#) summarizing the information in this online document is available.

As part of the PFAS team training videos, a Risk Communication video has been developed. It is posted on ITRC's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hq0aPip-z5g&feature=youtu.be>

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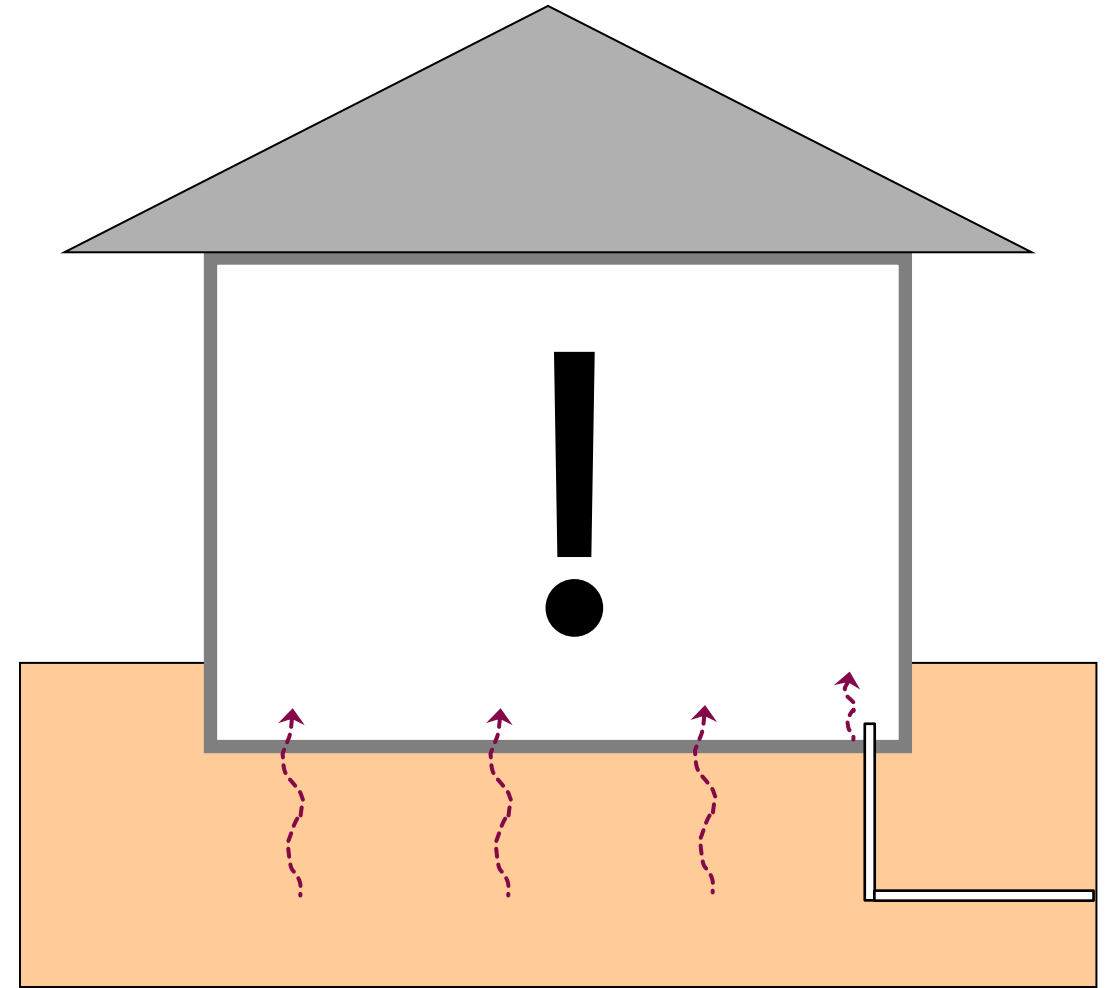


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# Rapid Response for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation



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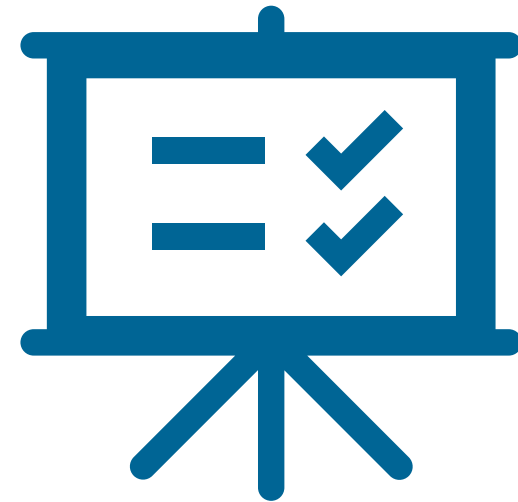


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# Objectives of Module

- ▶ Definition of rapid response for vapor intrusion mitigation
- ▶ Overview
- ▶ When to implement
- ▶ Administrative and engineering controls for rapid responses



# What is Rapid Response?

- ▶ Mitigation implemented within days or weeks of vapor intrusion discovery
- ▶ Addresses acute public health risk
- ▶ Interim response action
- ▶ May be different from final response
  - ▶ Limited design effort
  - ▶ Different verification testing considerations
  - ▶ Limited OM&M

## Other Terms for Rapid Response

imminent hazard response  
urgent response  
emergency response  
expedited response  
immediate response  
accelerated response

# What is not covered in these presentations

- ▶ Emergency response actions –  
Immediately contact first responders if
  - ▶ Reports of strong petroleum odors
  - ▶ Evidence of combustible, explosive, or oxygen-deficient conditions inside the building
- ▶ Methane mitigation or hazardous substances that have a high explosive potential
- ▶ Radon



Source: ITRC Petroleum VI Guidance (2014)

# Knowledge Check

Which of these scenarios could warrant a rapid response?

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- B. High levels of TCE have been detected in sub-slab soil gas at maternity clinic
- C. TCE levels have been detected slightly above state vapor intrusion action levels at an occupied commercial building
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# Rapid Response & Ventilation Fact and Tech Sheets

- ▶ Defines what is a rapid response and when to implement
- ▶ Lists administrative and engineering controls for rapid responses

## Vapor Intrusion Mitigation (VIM)

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### Rapid Response & Ventilation for Vapor Intrusion Mitigation Fact Sheet

ITRC has developed a series of fact sheets that summarize the latest science, engineering, and technologies regarding [vapor intrusion](#) (VI) mitigation. The fact sheets are tailored to the needs of state regulatory program personnel who are tasked with making informed and timely decisions regarding VI-impacted sites. The content is also useful to consultants and parties responsible for the release of these contaminants, as well as public and tribal stakeholders. This fact sheet:

- provides an overview of rapid response as a preliminary method to consider
- describes the typical options related to rapid response
- describes the advantages and limitations of implementing a rapid response
- provides general cost considerations related to rapid response
- describes other special circumstances to consider when deciding if rapid response is applicable

More detailed information on specific rapid response options is included in the ITRC [Preferential Pathway Sealing and Ad Hoc Ventilation](#), [Indoor Air Treatment](#), and [HVAC Modification Technology Information Sheets](#).

#### 1 Introduction

Rapid response is an interim VI mitigation approach that may be appropriate, under certain conditions (e.g., high contaminant concentrations and sensitive populations present), prior to implementing a long-term [mitigation strategy](#) for an occupied room or building. For the purposes of this fact sheet, a rapid response is one that could be easily implemented and verified on a timescale of days to weeks, whereas a long-term [mitigation strategy](#) typically

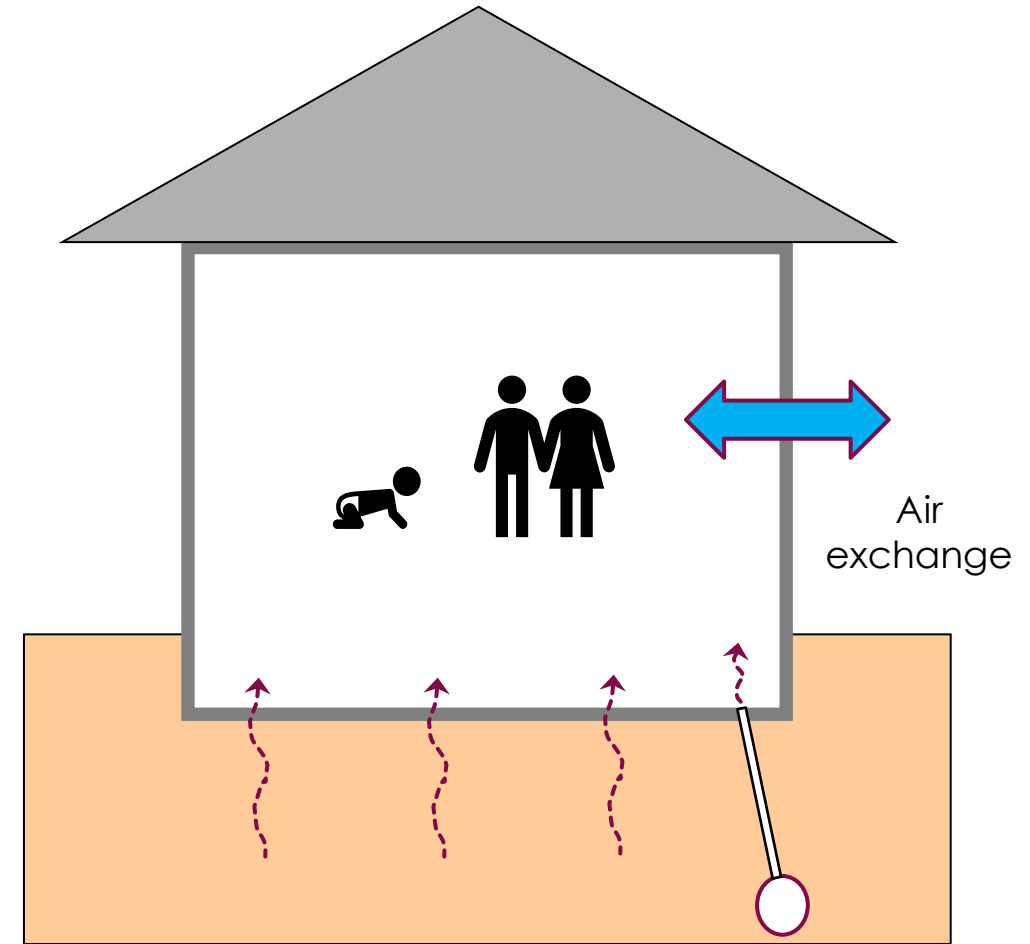
#### Other Terminology Used to Describe a Rapid Response

- Depending on the regulatory framework and the measured indoor or subsurface concentrations for the chemical(s) of concern, the term "rapid response" can correspond to one or more of the following:

<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/rapid-response-ventilation-for-vapor-intrusion-mitigation-fact-sheet/>

# Rapid Response Focused on Structure and Occupants

- ▶ Building occupants
- ▶ Preferential pathways
- ▶ Building pressure
- ▶ Air exchange rate

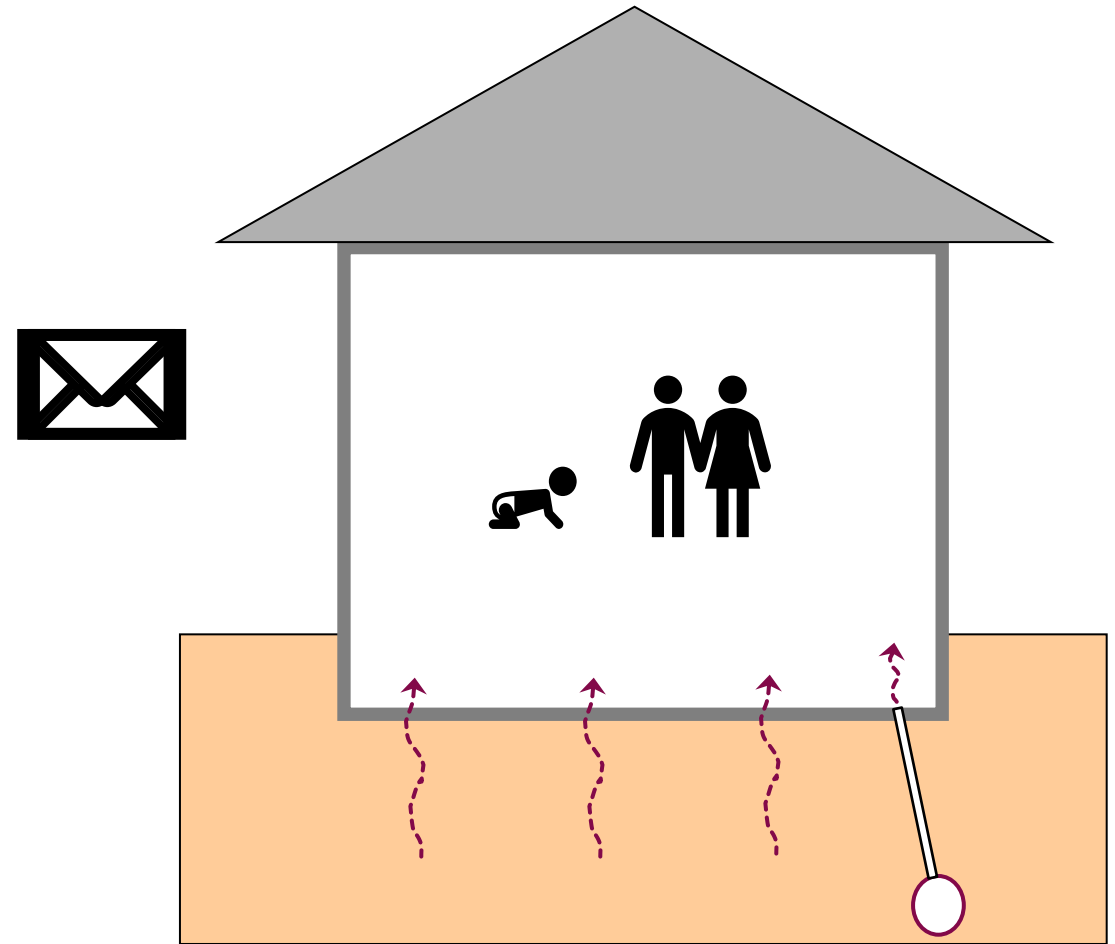


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# Categories of Rapid Response

## Administrative Controls

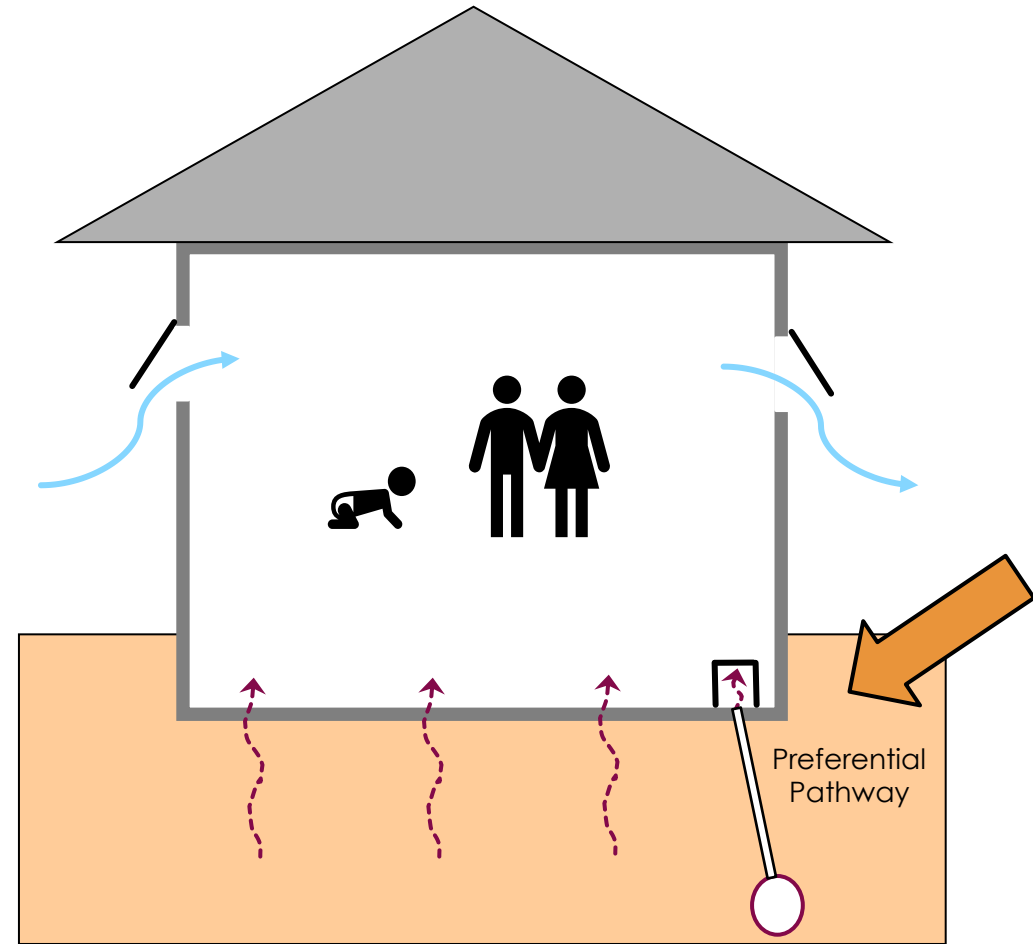
- ▶ Notification
- ▶ Relocation



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# Categories of Rapid Response Engineering Controls

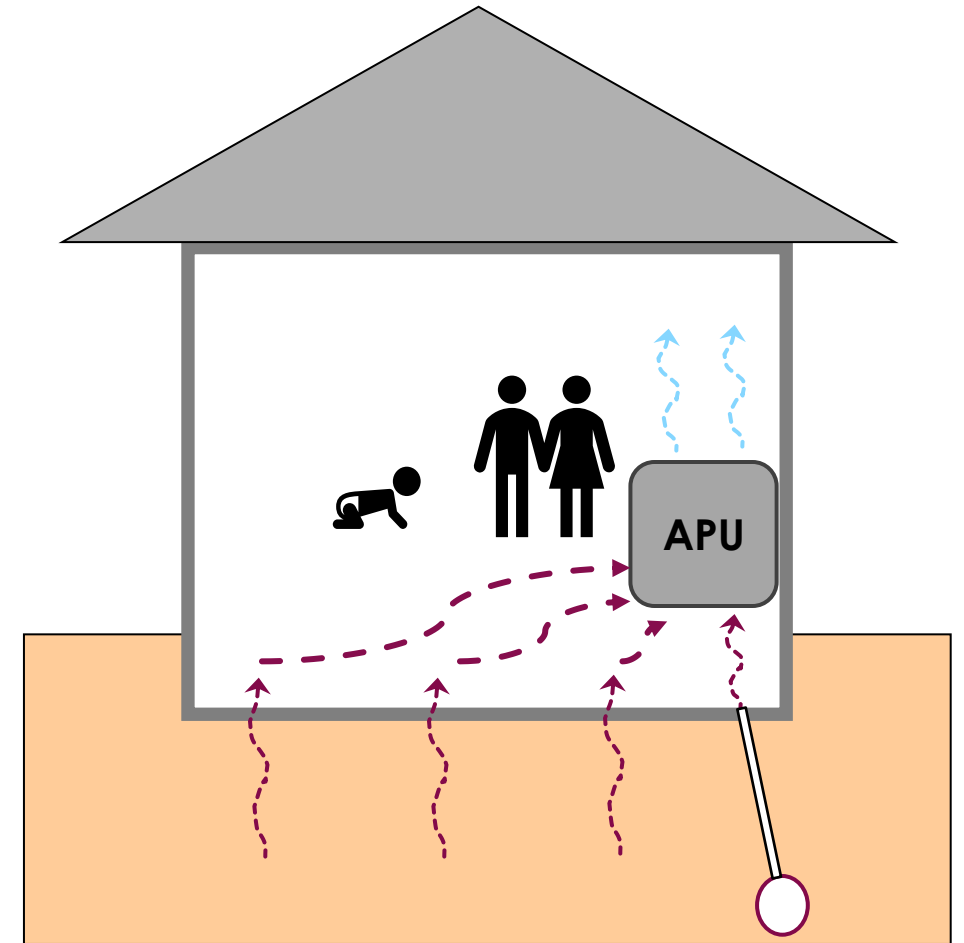
- ▶ Preferential pathway sealing
- ▶ Ad hoc ventilation



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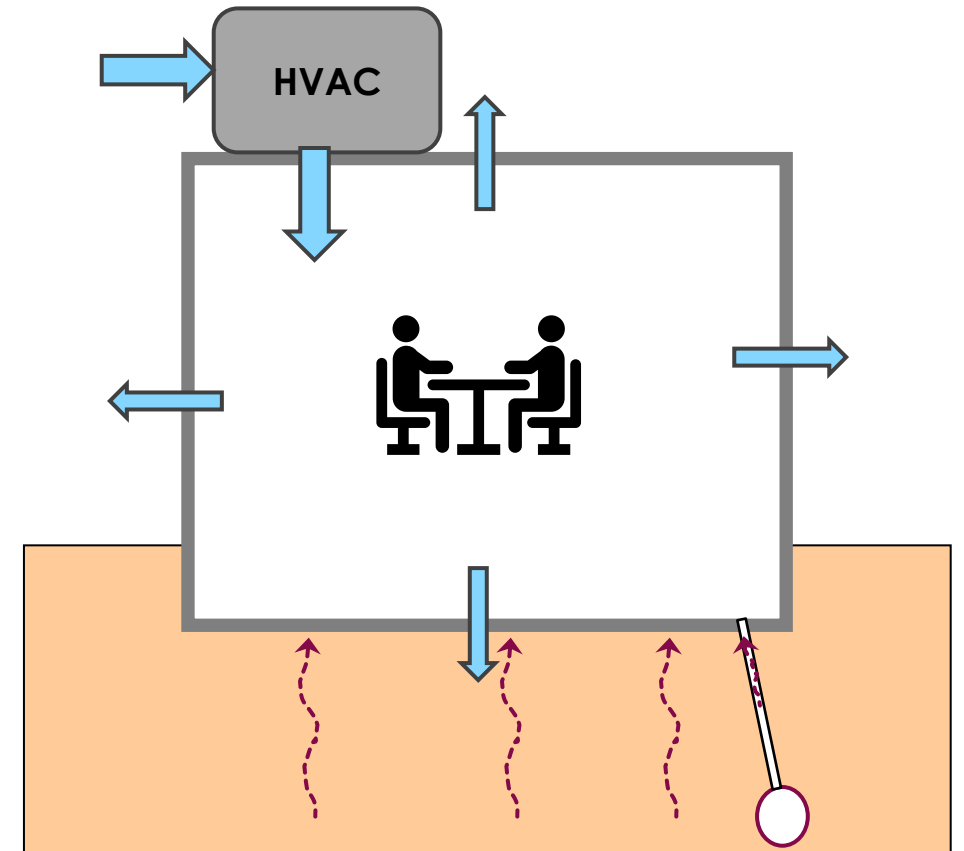
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- ▶ Indoor air treatment



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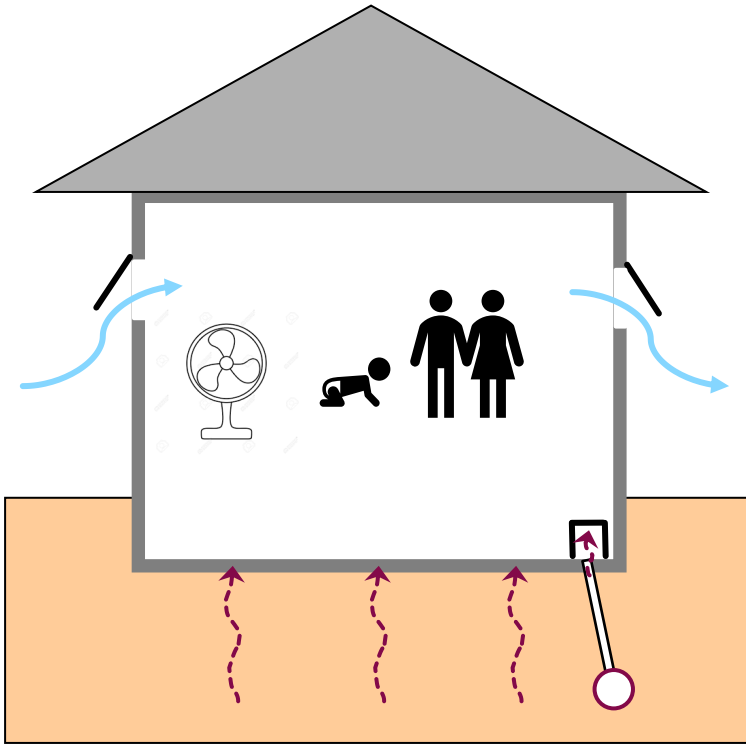
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- ▶ Preferential pathway sealing
- ▶ Ad hoc ventilation
- ▶ Indoor air treatment
- ▶ HVAC modification

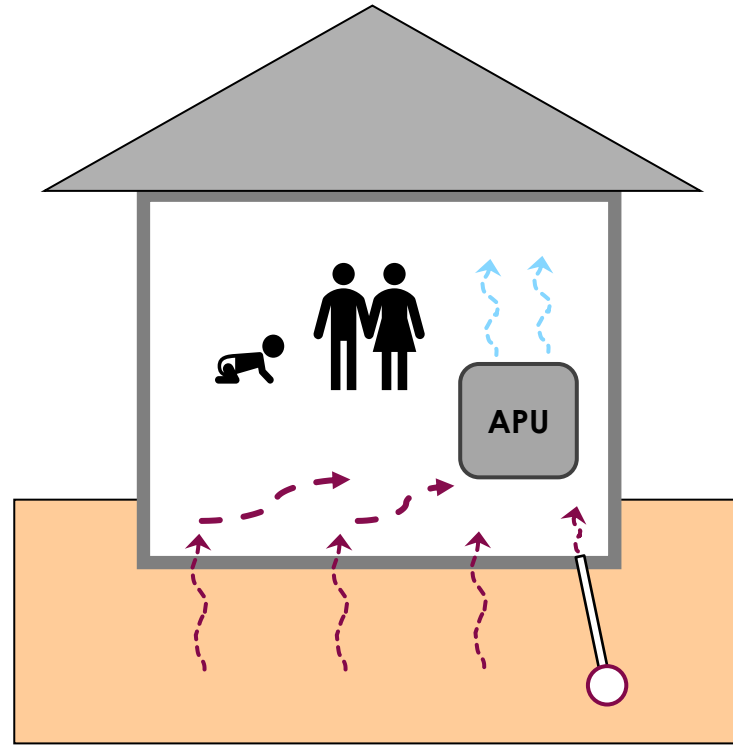


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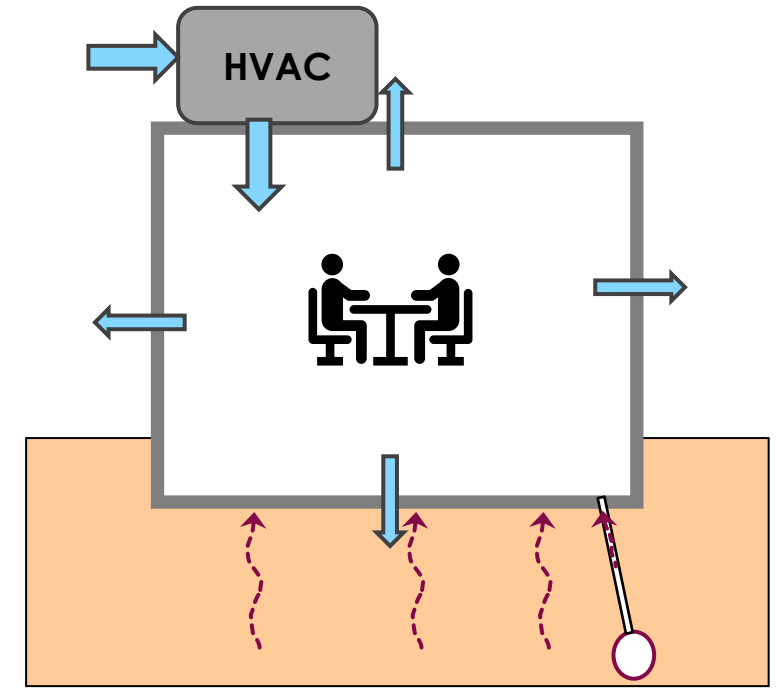
# Rapid Response & Ventilation Technology Information Sheets



Preferential Pathway Sealing and  
Ad Hoc Ventilation



Indoor Air Treatment



HVAC Modification

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# Poll

Which of these administrative and engineering controls have you implemented or seen implemented? (Check all that apply)

- A. Notification
- B. Relocation
- C. Preferential Pathway Sealing and Ad Hoc Ventilation
- D. Indoor Air Treatment
- E. HVAC Modification

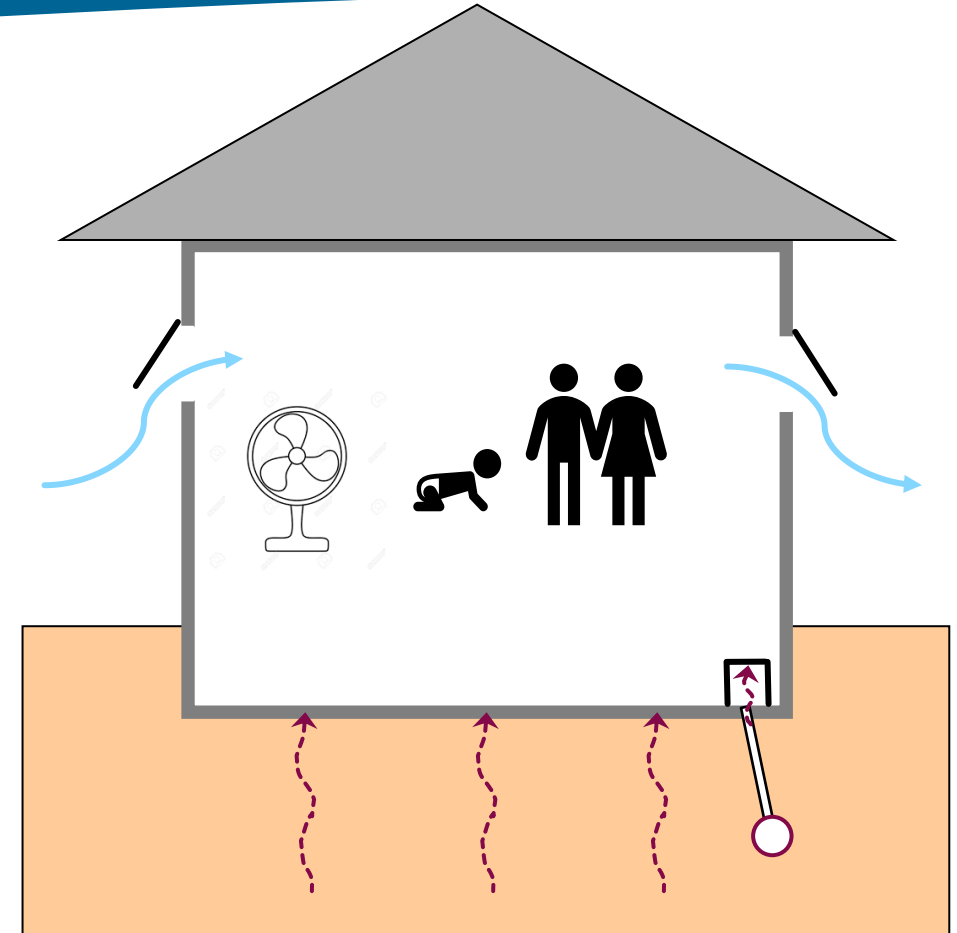


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# Tech Sheet – Preferential Pathway Sealing

## Overview

- ▶ Advection vs. Diffusion
- ▶ Preferential pathway sealing blocks advection
  - ▶ Benefits long-term mitigation



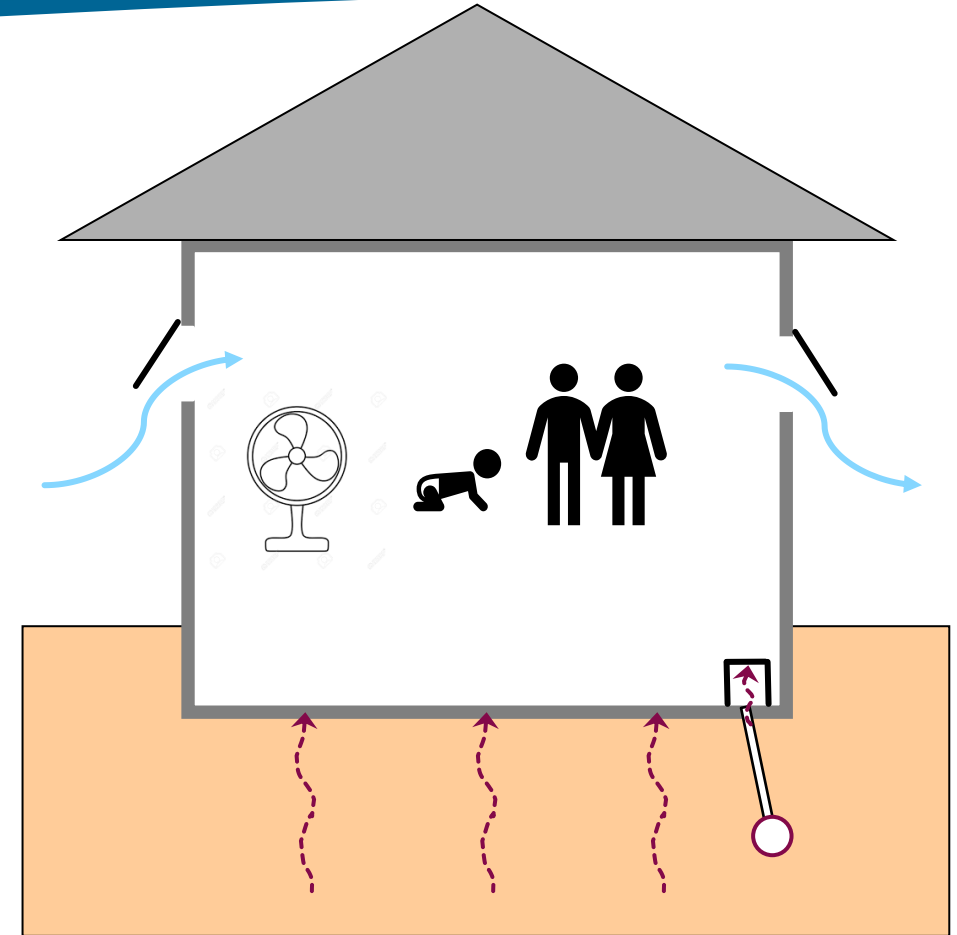
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# Tech Sheet – Ad Hoc Ventilation

## Overview

- ▶ Ad hoc ventilation = dilution
  - ▶ Weather dependent



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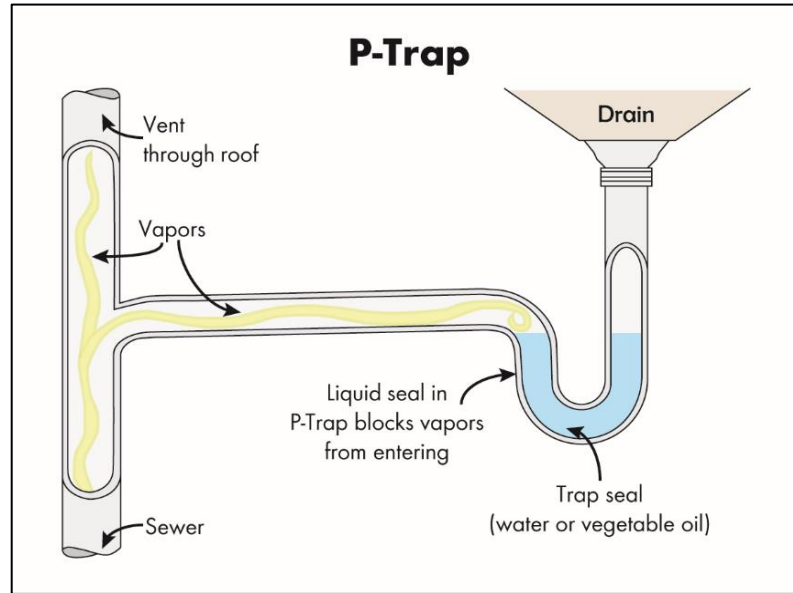
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# Preferential Pathway Sealing Components



Source: Sanborn, Head & Associates, Inc.

Sealant applied to floor gap



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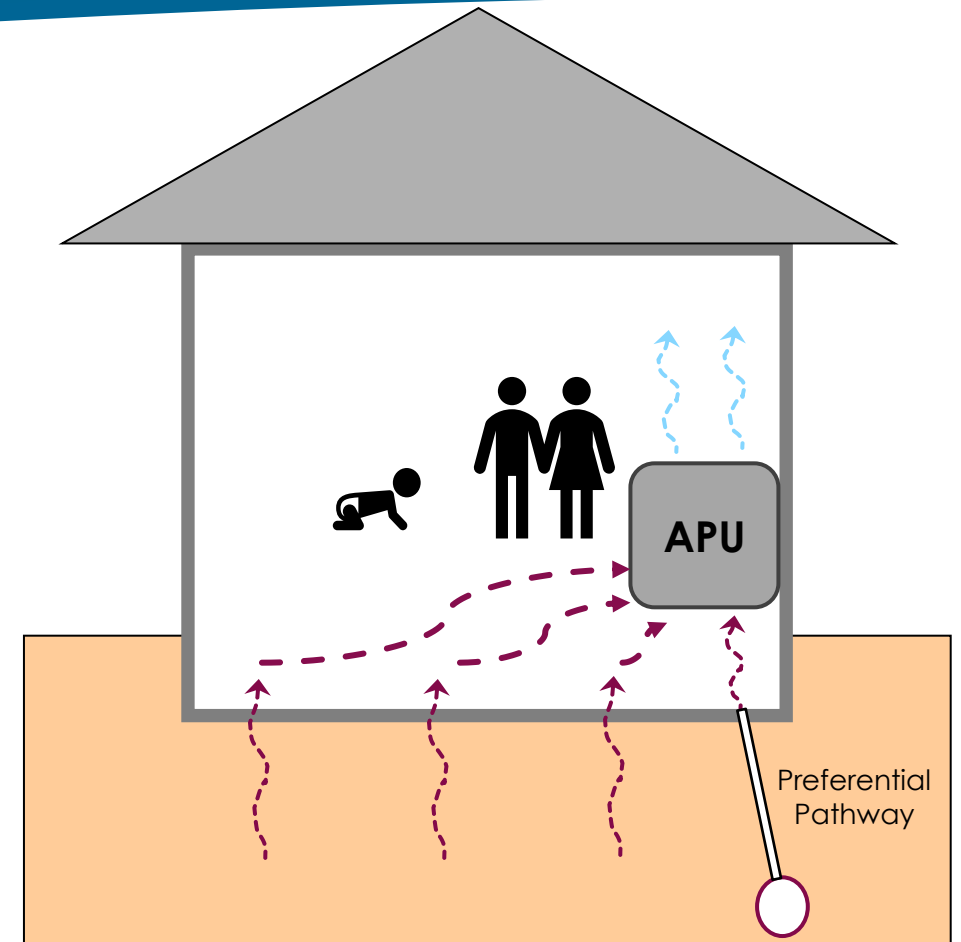
Add water to dry drain



Source: Barr Engineering Co.

# Tech Sheet – Indoor Air Treatment Overview

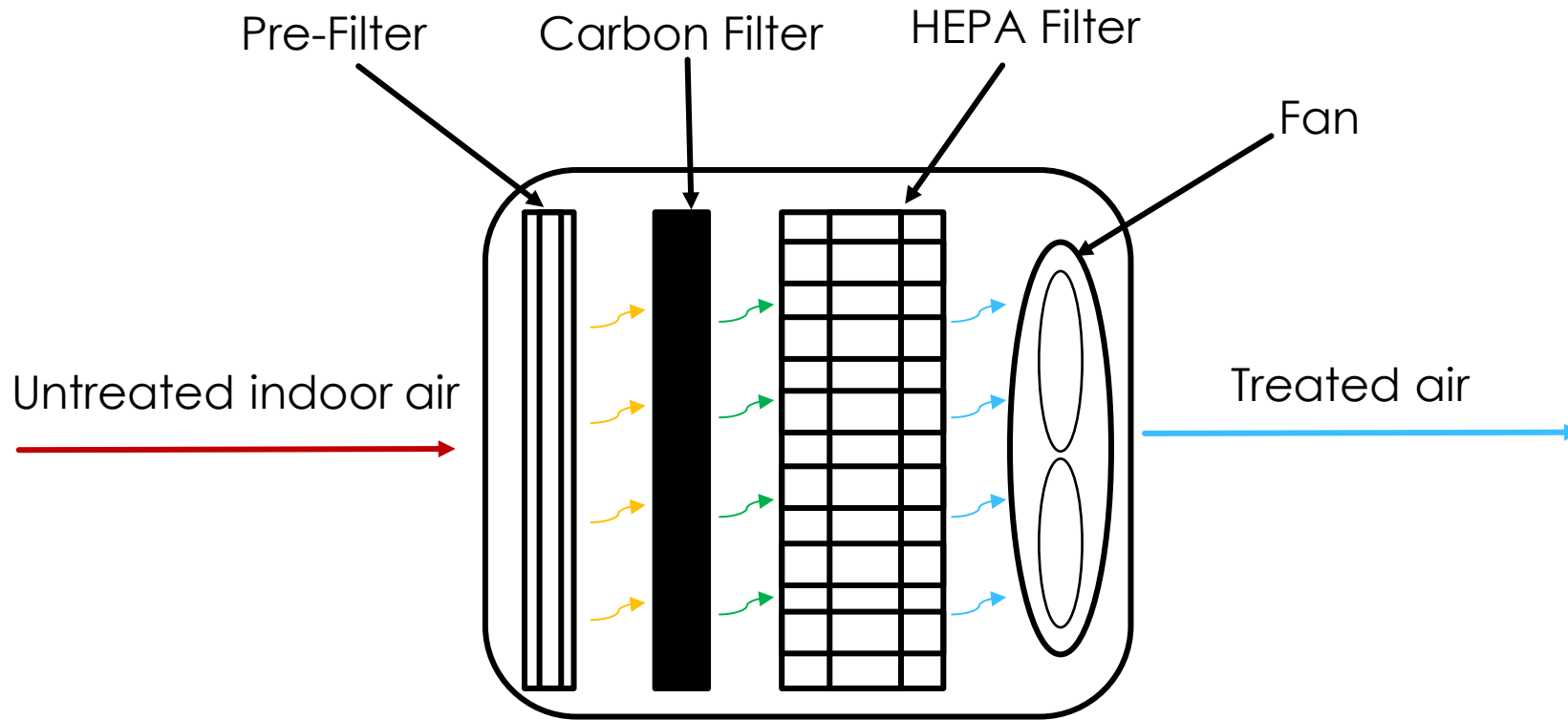
- ▶ Implemented via air purifying units (APUs)
- ▶ Treats air inside building
- ▶ Subject to human interference



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# Tech Sheet – Indoor Air Treatment Components



Example adsorption-based APU

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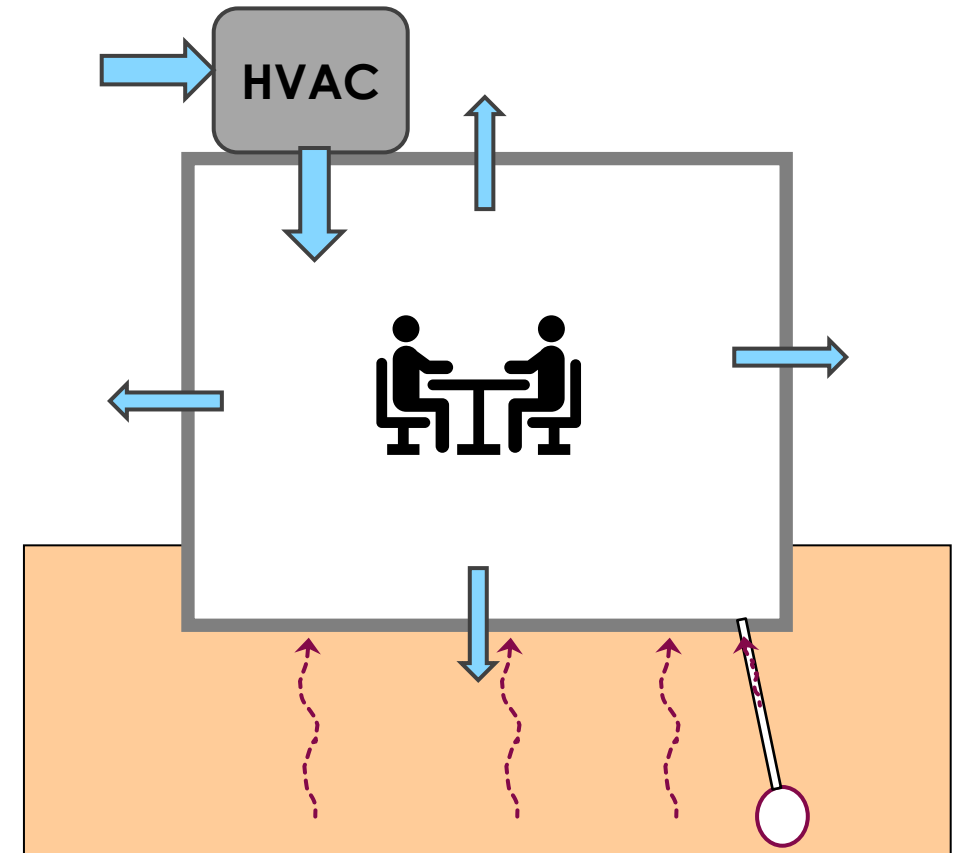


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# Tech Sheet – HVAC Modification

## Overview

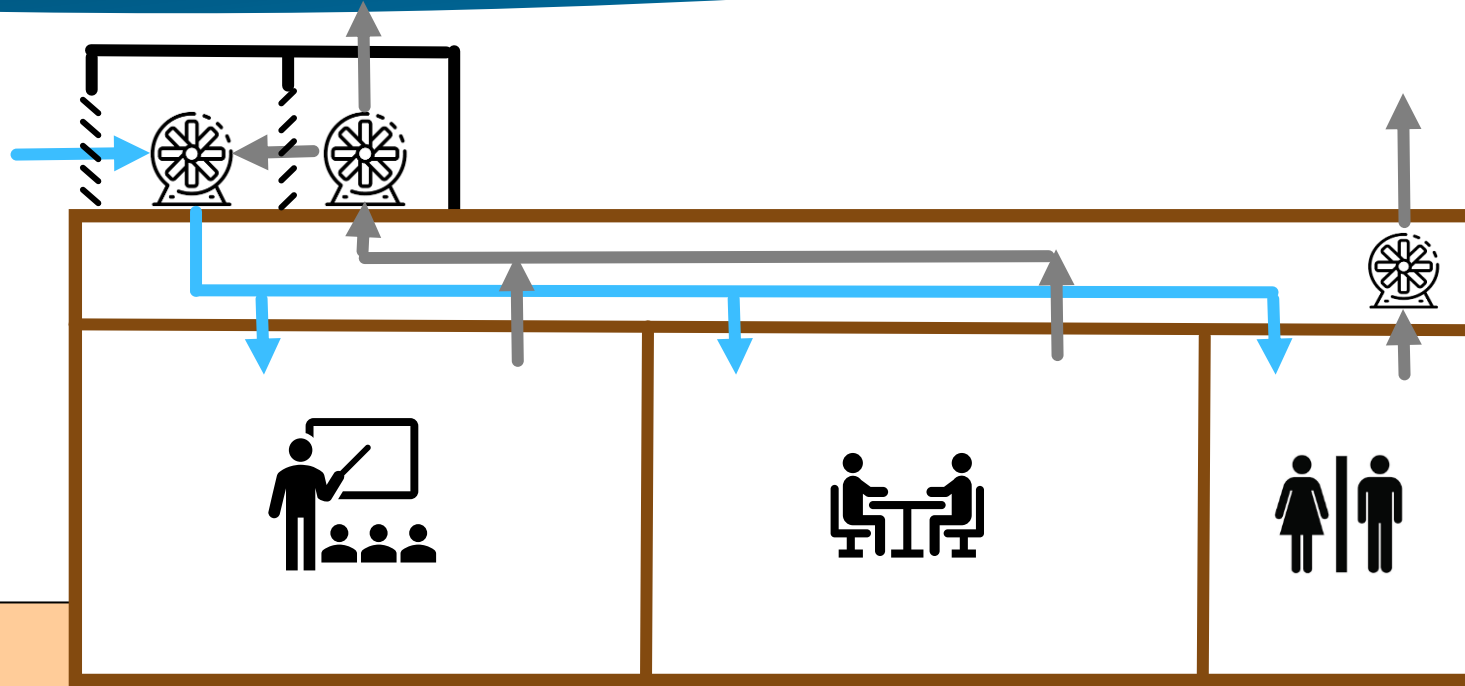
- ▶ Increase air exchange rate
- ▶ Increase building pressure
- ▶ Most suitable for commercial/industrial buildings
- ▶ Can supplement other mitigation methods



<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/heating-ventilation-and-air-conditioning-hvac-modification-tech-sheet/>

# Tech Sheet – HVAC Modification Components

Fresh outside air enters the HVAC unit through dampers and is distributed via a supply fan



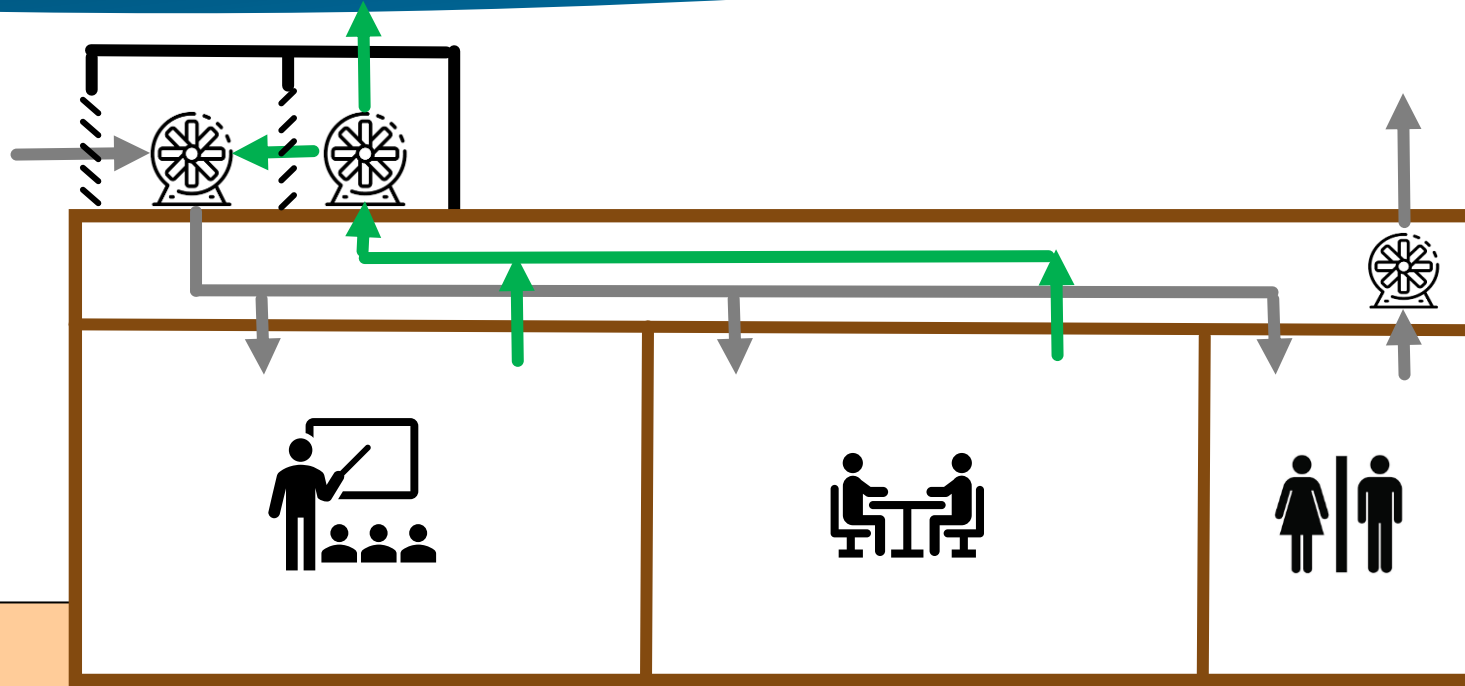
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Indoor air is collected by the return air fan and is reused as makeup air, or discharged from the building

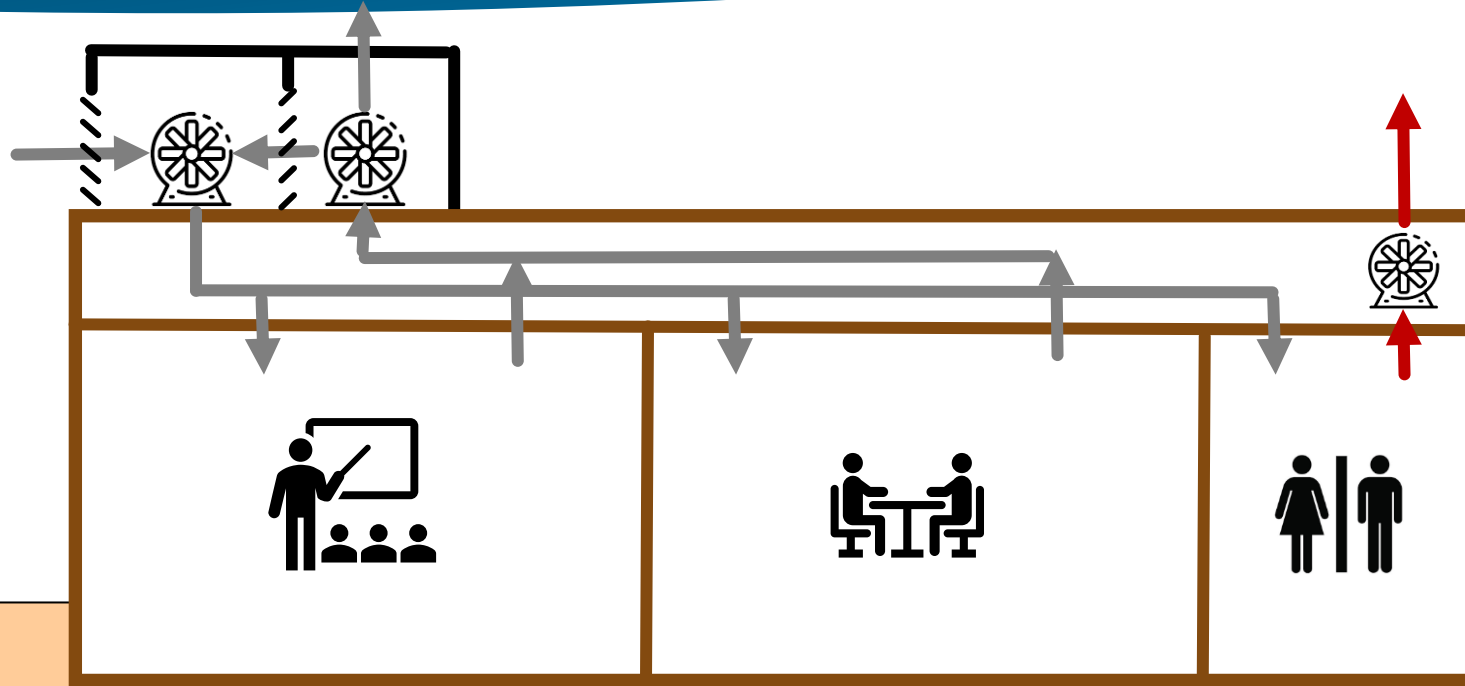


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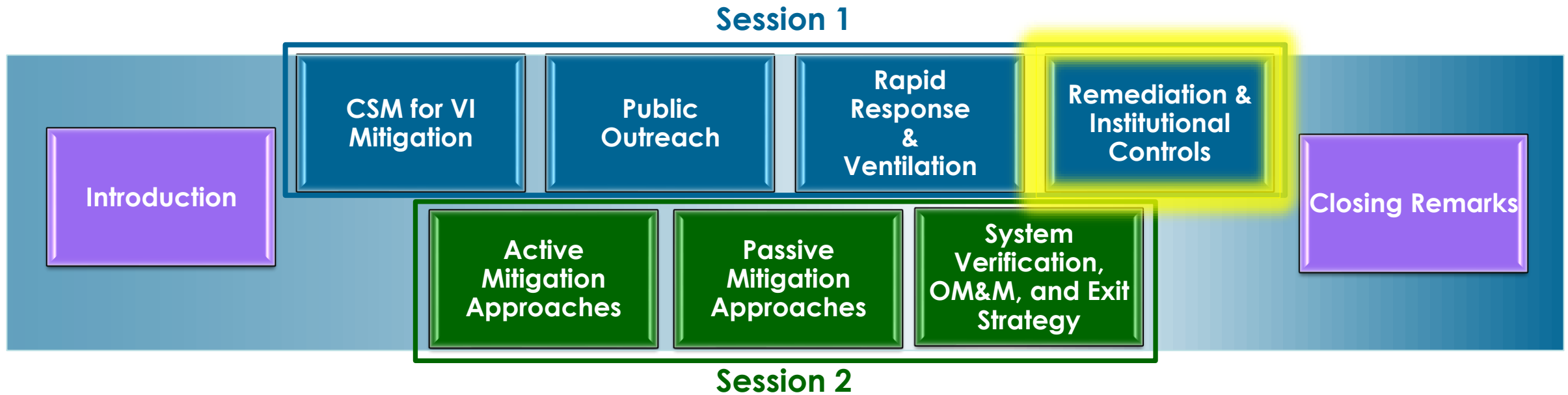
Some indoor air is directly exhausted from the building via exhaust fans



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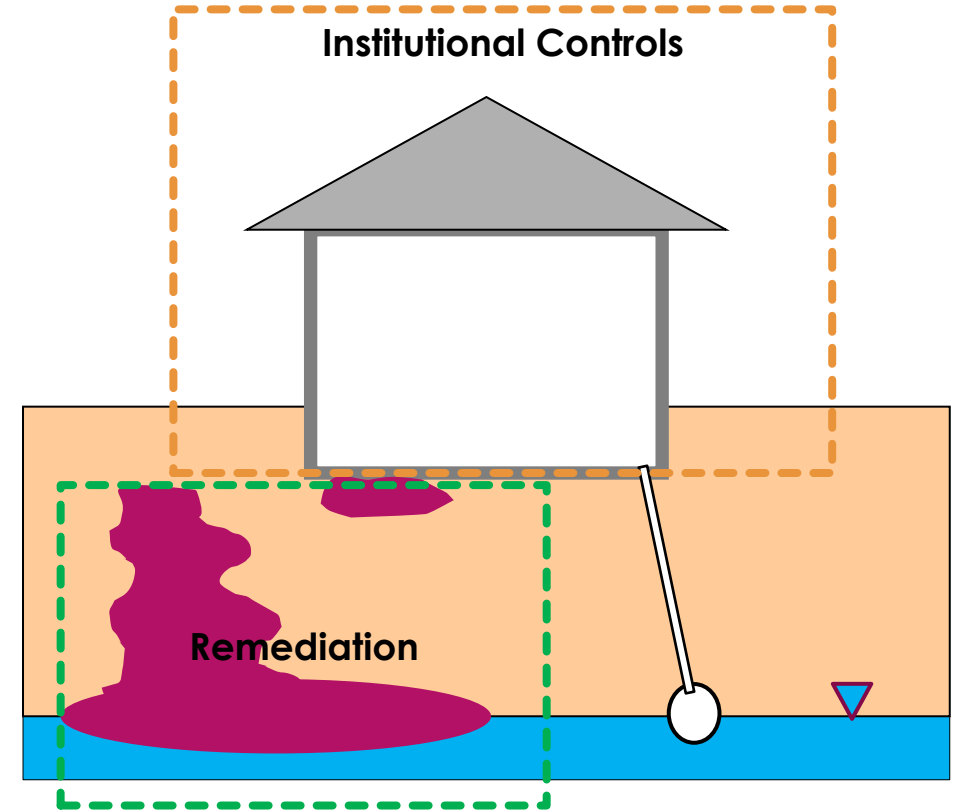
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ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS

# Environmental Remediation & Institutional Controls



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# Objectives of Module

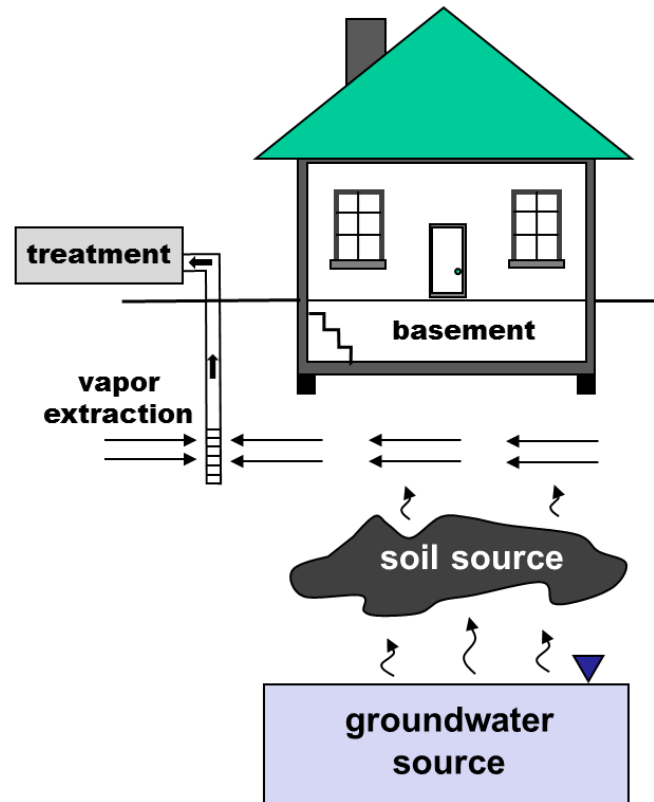
- ▶ Difference between remediation and mitigation
- ▶ Description of two soil vapor remediation methods that address vapor intrusion (VI)
- ▶ Introduction to institutional controls (IC)



# Remediation vs. Mitigation

## REMEDIATION

- ▶ Reduce mass in the source medium: soil, groundwater, or free phase
- ▶ Site-wide
- ▶ Longer-term installation, i.e., months



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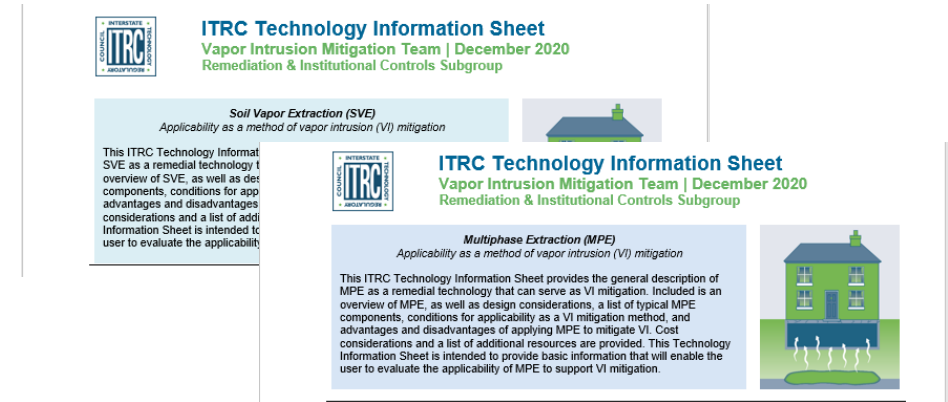
## MITIGATION

- ▶ Limit or prevent exposure at some point along the VI pathway
- ▶ Building-specific
- ▶ Shorter-term installation, i.e., weeks
- ▶ May also provide a remediation benefit

# Remediation as Mitigation

## Remediation Technologies for the Vadose Zone

- ▶ Targeted COCs: Hydrocarbon and chlorinated solvent vapors
  - ▶ Gas/vapor in the vadose zone, and exposure pathway drive the human health risk
  - ▶ Mitigation addresses the pathway, remediation can address both
  - ▶ Applicable remediation technologies: SVE and MPE



See SVE and MPE Tech Sheets.

<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/soil-vapor-extraction-sve-tech-sheet/>

<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/multiphase-extraction-mpe-tech-sheet/>

# Tech Sheet – Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE)

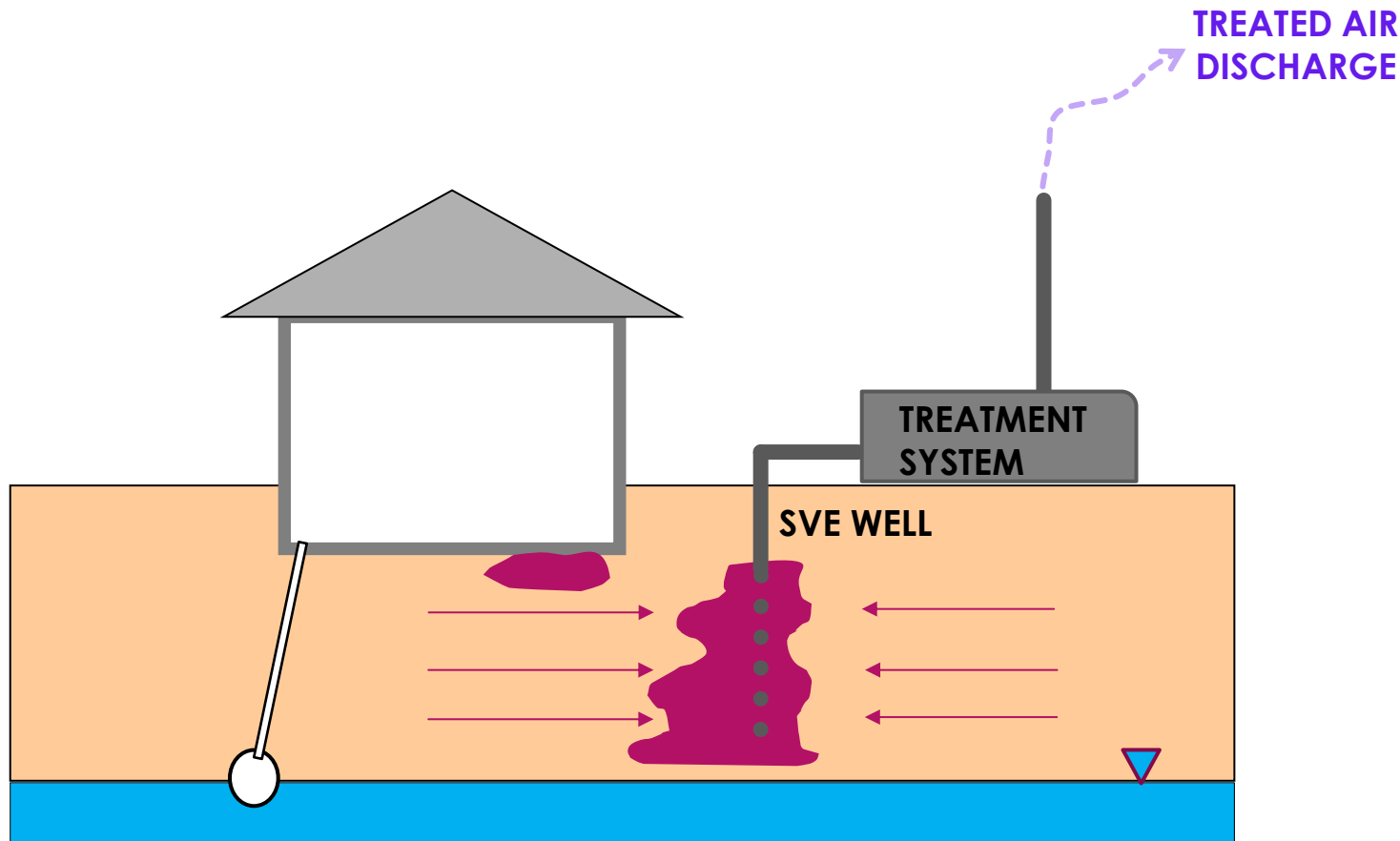


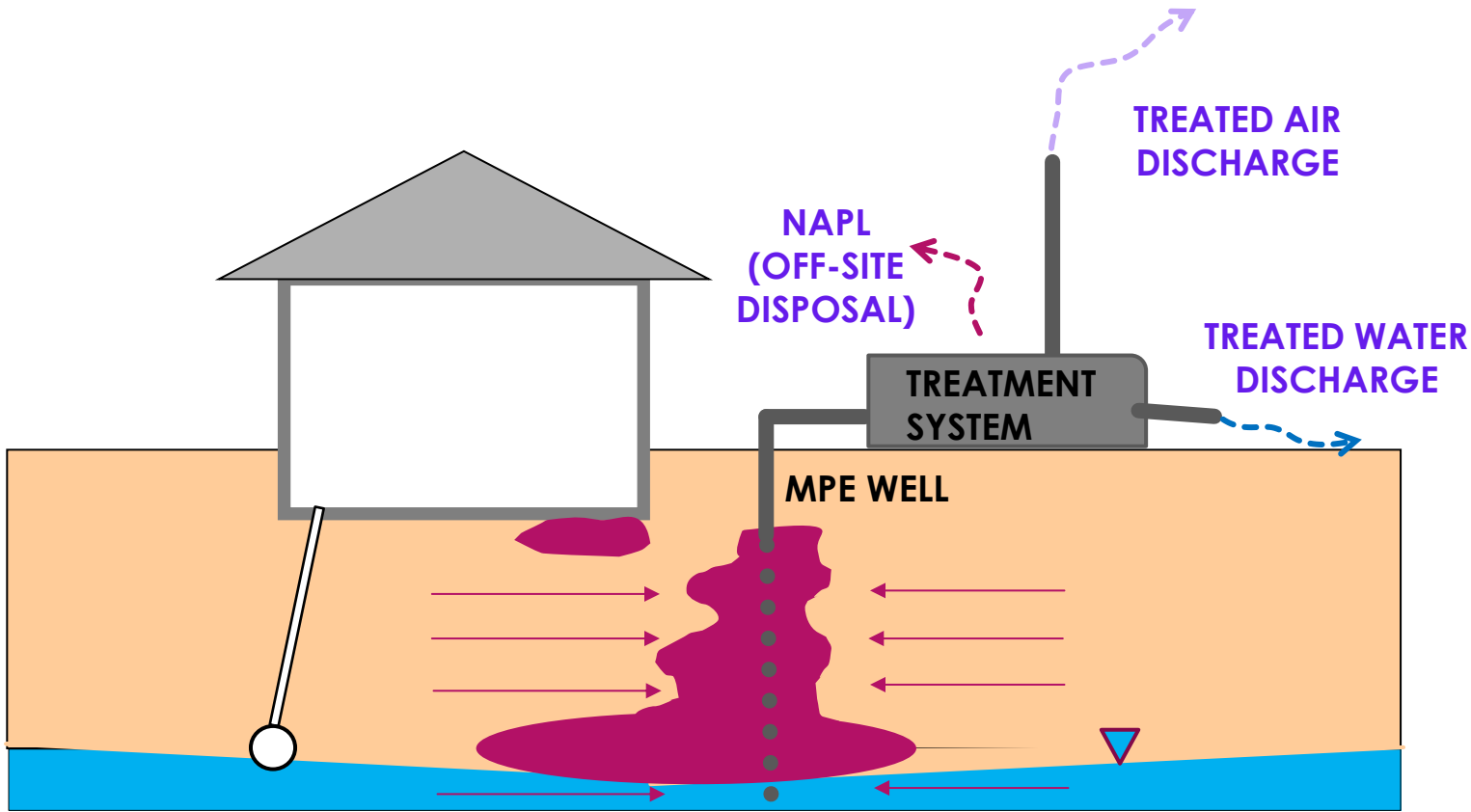
Figure 1 from the ITRC SVE Technology Information Sheet

- ▶ Targets only the vadose zone
- ▶ Intercepts soil vapors
- ▶ Creates sub-surface pressure gradient away from the building slab
- ▶ Performance typically evaluated based on current/planned site use

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# Tech Sheet – Multi-phase Extraction (MPE)



- ▶ Targets vadose zone *and* saturated zone
- ▶ Intercepts soil vapors and withdraws water/free product (if present)
- ▶ Performance not linked to vadose zone thickness

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Figure 1 from the ITRC MPE Technology Information Sheet

# Poll

Have you been involved with a site that has a deed restriction or land use control as part of VI mitigation strategy; if so, which? (check all that apply)

- A. Construction requirements
- B. Building type
- C. Occupancy
- D. Required active or passive vapor mitigation
- E. Restrictions on groundwater use
- F. Other



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# Tech Sheet – Institutional Controls (IC)



<https://vim-1.itrcweb.org/institutional-controls-ic-tech-sheet/>

Long-term measures that provide:

Protection from exposure to contaminants

Assurance that VI mitigation system will be maintained

Applied alone or in combination with other remedies

Source: ITRC Long Term Contaminant Management  
Using Institutional Controls Guidance

**Government controls:** Zoning ordinances, groundwater use or drilling limitations, land development regulations, etc.

**Proprietary controls:** Private agreement between landowner and outside party that “run with the land”

**Enforcement mechanisms:** Government agency-issued permits, administrative orders, etc.

**Informational devices:** Provide information about risks from site COCs

# Knowledge Check

When might you consider implementing ICs?

- A. Remediated site that includes a passive venting system
- B. Remediated site that includes an active venting system
- C. Potential future land development
- D. All of the above
- E. None of the above



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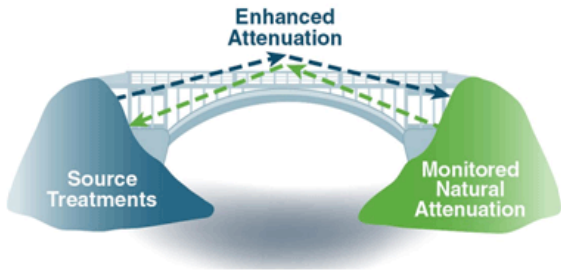
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# Additional ITRC Resources



“DNAPL Source Reduction: Facing the Challenge” ([DNAPLs-2, 2002](#))

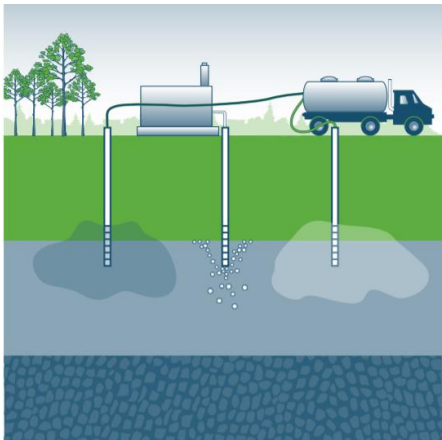
“Enhanced Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics” ([EACO-1, 2008](#))

“Enhanced In-Situ Bioremediation of Chlorinated Solvents in Groundwater” ([ISB-6, 1998](#))

“In-Situ Chemical Oxidation of Contaminated Soil & Groundwater” ([ISCO-2, 2005](#))

“Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals” ([LNAPL-2, 2009](#))

“Long Term Management Using Institutional Controls” ([IC-1, 2016](#))



# Thank you for attending!

## Questions

Email further questions on today's session to:  
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