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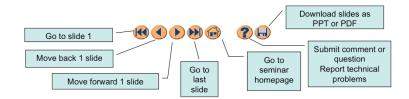
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Overview

- Making the Case: 3-D Visualization / Analysis in Superfund Remedial Action
- Case Study
 - Introduction to the Time Oil / Well 12A Superfund Site
 - Use of 3-D visualization / analysis to:
 - · Identify data gaps and controls on remediation
 - Optimize remedy implementation
- · Best Management Practices
- · Additional Resources

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Making the Case: Why 3-D, Why Now?

- Rapid acceleration of benefit and utility of visualization platforms in the environmental industry
- · Conceptual site models (CSMs) support decision making
 - Moving beyond conceptual "cartoons", pathway-receptor network diagram-based CSMs
 - Geo-referenced geologic, hydrogeologic, and analytical data facilitate resolution of technical challenges
- Reconstruction limits data "interpretation bias"
 - For information value, data must be interpreted, but interpretations can be incorrect or incomplete
- EPA renewed emphasis and new focus areas
 - Renewed emphasis on high quality characterization in support of remedy selection, design and optimization
 - New focus on more meaningful and effective community engagement

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Programmatic Remediation Costs

- Remediation can be an order of magnitude or more higher than other pipeline costs
 - 3-D can help in any stage
- Groundwater, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPLs) - particularly challenging for Superfund Program, reaching Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)
 - Small plume footprints intensive treatment can overwhelm matrix
 - Large plume footprints intensive treatment of entire footprint is not likely cost-effective
 - · Leaves combined remedies and active treatment zones / clean water flushing
 - Target compounds, age of release, and aquifer matrix structure are critical determinants of how easily MCLs can be achieved

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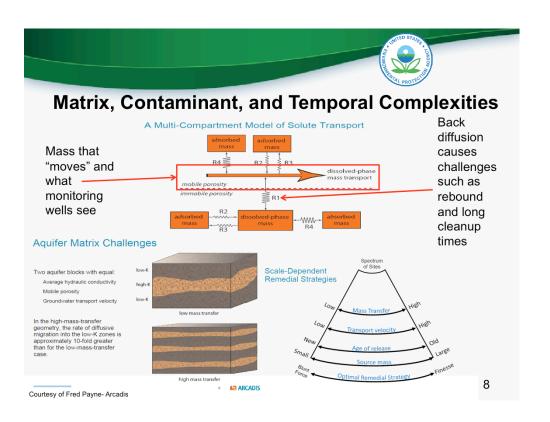
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- · Often attributable to competing CSMs
 - 3-D visualization / analysis helps us understand the "Rumsfeld Principle"
- Changing Project Managers (PMs), contractors, property owners
 - Variability often compromises quality of data and conclusions
 - 3-D visualization / analysis treats all data equally
- Data type and density versus resources and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
 - Analytical and direct sensing quality vs. spatial and temporal measurement density

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Challenge #2 - Social Aspects Can Complicate Technical Problems

- · Stakeholder / Community Engagement
 - How to convey technical information in a meaningful way to nontechnical audiences?
 - 2-D visualizations have limited capability to integrate chemical, geologic, and hydrogeologic information
 - Disconnected plan view and cross-sectional data subject to significant spatial extrapolation; thus potentially results in differing interpretation
 - Often large quantity of data but require careful consideration of performance metrics, trigger points, combined remedies
 - 3-D visualizations integrate multiple data types into unified representations

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How Effectively Can Stakeholders Understand Contaminant Distribution and Relevance With This 2-D Visualization?

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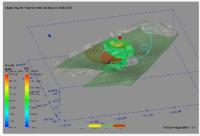
3-D Visualization of TCE Plume Escaping Groundwater Extraction Treatment System (GETS)

Provides easy understanding of threat to public well



12A Plume and GETS

TCE Plume Configuration and Extent is Controlled by Geology Control must be addressed in management strategies



12A Geology and Plume Morphology

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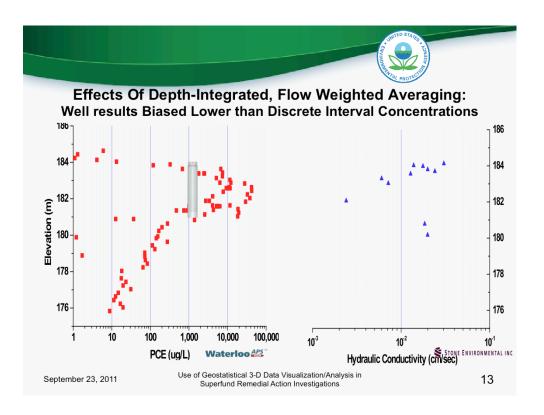
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Challenge #3 - Responsible Party Challenges

- Presence of inconvenient truths
 - Responsible Parties / Potentially Responsible Parties
 core business is not cleaning up contaminated sites
 - Must make business vs. strictly technical decisions
- Can't see the forest because of those pesky trees
 - Reviewers / regulators receive select data that can obscure reality or incur data overload that makes interpretation difficult
- Stakeholders don't always like what data reconstructions in 3-D visualization do to the CSM

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Types of Software for Environmental Data Visualization / Analysis

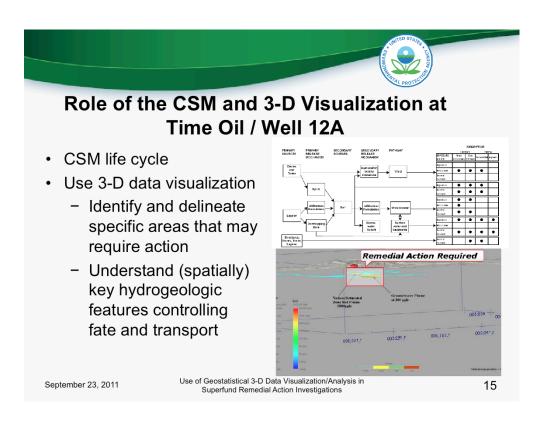
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
 - Examples Google Earth Pro, ArcGIS, RockWorks™
 - Map (2-D) view of information
 - Useful in looking at data distributions and details of some data sets
 - Doesn't allow analysis of data with depth or elevation changes
 - Prerequisite to running of most 3-D programs

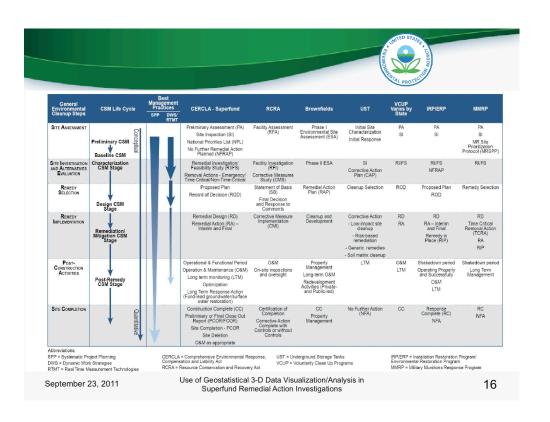
3-D & 4-D visualization / analysis programs

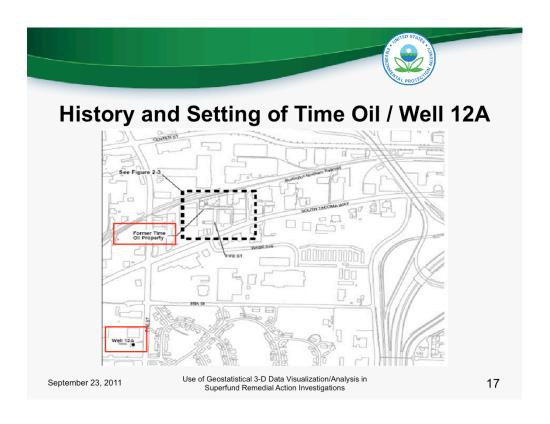
- Examples EarthVision®, EVS / MVS, GMS, RockWorks™, ArcGIS 3D analyst
- Allows analysis of environmental data as a function of space (3-D) / time (4-D)
 - e.g., hydrogeology, bedrock, vadose / saturated zone distributions, sampling protocols
 discrete intervals versus lengthy well screens, source to plume linkages
- Important differentiation in types of data analysis produced by different programs
 - · Geostatistical versus subjective correlations
 - · Flexible (accepts all site data) versus fixed program structure

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History and Setting of Time Oil / Well 12A (Cont)



- In 1981, chlorinated organic solvents (TCE, PCE, DCE, PCA) were detected in groundwater at Well 12A
- EPA investigations linked the contamination found at Well 12A to the Time Oil site

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Well 12A Site Status Summary

- Record of Decisions (ROD) signed 1983
- ROD amendment 1985
- ROD modification 1987
- Five Year Reviews (FYRs) 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008
- Remediation System Evaluation (RSE) completed December 2001
- State operating the groundwater treatment plant since October 2005

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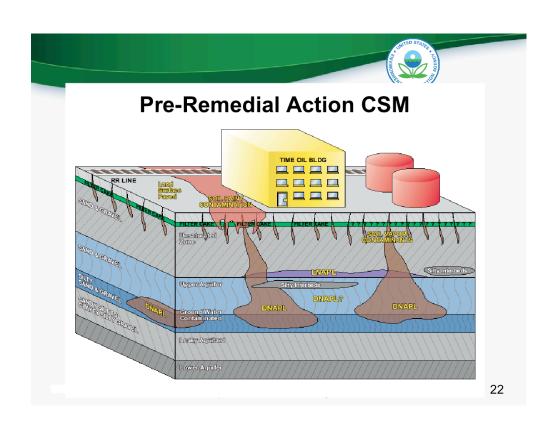


Well 12A Site Status Summary (Cont)

- Existing GETS is not providing capture of even the > 500 parts per billion (ppb) TCE plume
 - GETS designed to pump 500 gallons per minute (gpm) current < 100 gpm
- DNAPL and light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL) remain on site
- Areas of potential contamination have not been fully characterized
- City of Tacoma wells continue to be impacted by the Time Oil site (Well 12A) plume

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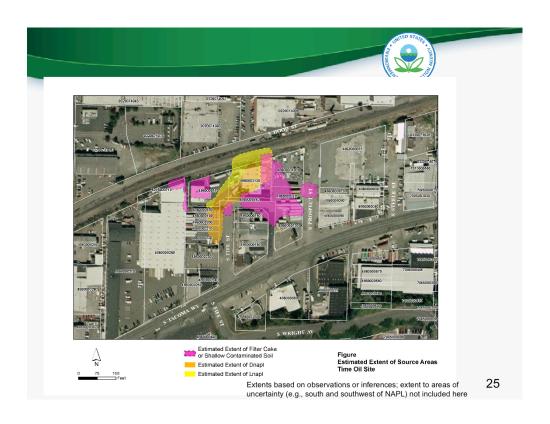
Remedial Action Summary

- Groundwater Extraction Treatment System (GETS)
 - 1988 2001: 550 million gallons of groundwater extracted / treated, removing 16,000 pounds VOCs
- Vapor Extraction System (VES)
 - 1993 1997: Removed 54,100 pounds VOCs
- Filter cake / contaminated soil removal
 - Burlington Northern Railroad excavated 1,200 cubic yards (cy) along rail line
 - VES construction / removed 5,000 cy of filter cake

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CSM Update After GETS, VES, Soil / Filter Cake Removal





Desired End State

- · Adequate use of robust source removal technologies
- Timely transition to cost-effective 'polishing' step(s)
- · Reduce / eliminate need for pump and treat
- Appropriate reliance on monitored natural attenuation (MNA)
- · Adaptive, flexible implementation
 - "Sources begin to reveal themselves as remediation progresses"

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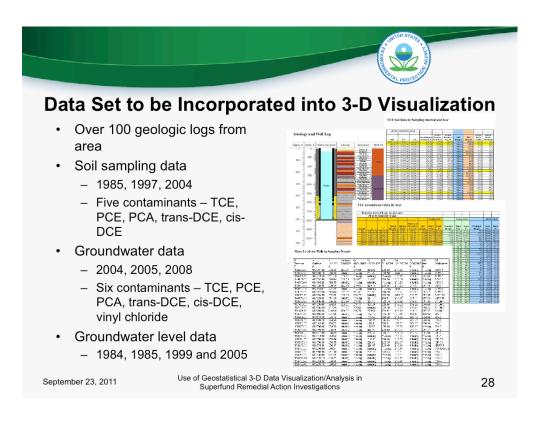


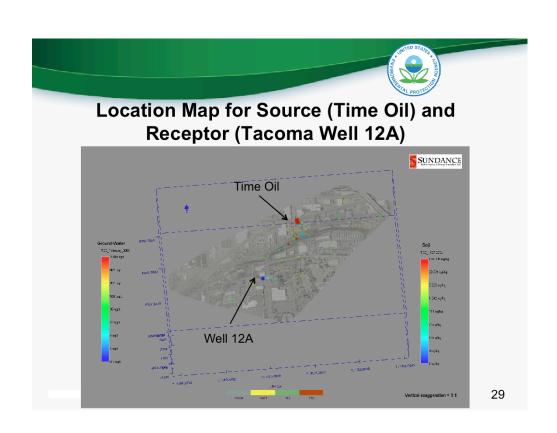
Path Forward

- Identify and transparently document Remedial Action Objectives
 - Realistic / measurable cleanup targets for source areas
 - Exposure Pathways
- Build the 3-D CSM for Visualization / Analysis
- · Evaluate CSM and identify data gaps
- · Perform field investigation to fill data gaps, if necessary
- · Achieve consensus on possible remedial alternatives
- Prepare Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) / Record of Decision (ROD) Amendment

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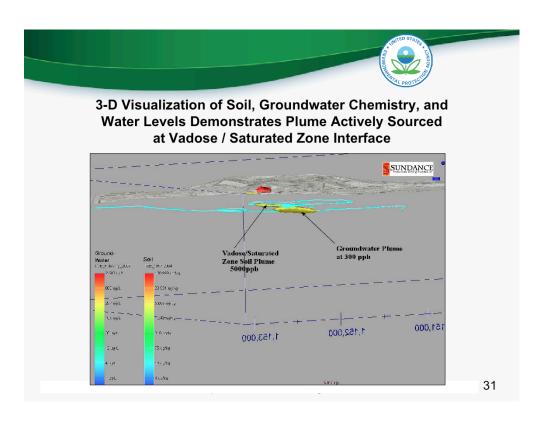


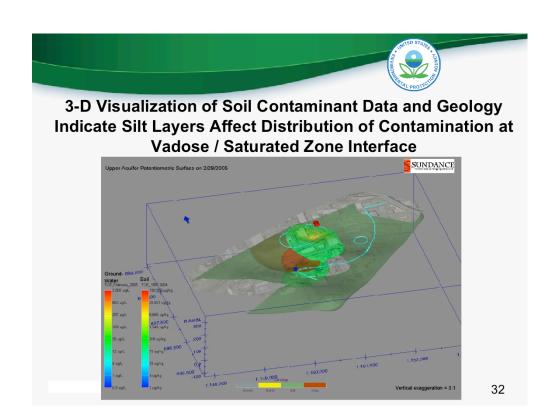
3-D Visualization of Contaminant and Water Level Data Showed TCE Groundwater Plume Escaping GETS

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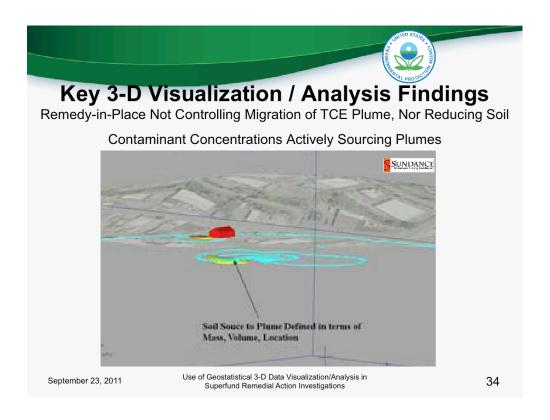
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Remedy-in-Place Not Controlling TCE Groundwater Plume

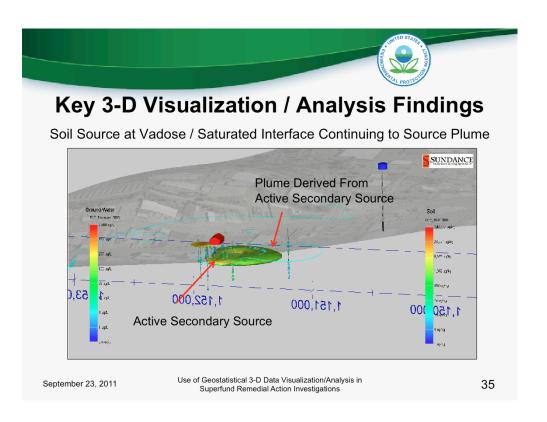
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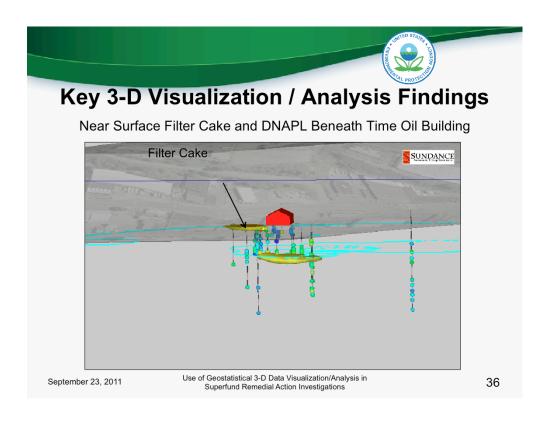
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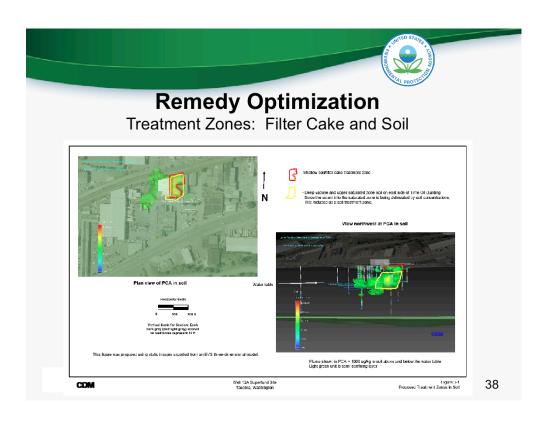
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Identified Initial Boundaries for Source Treatment to be
Addressed in the FFS

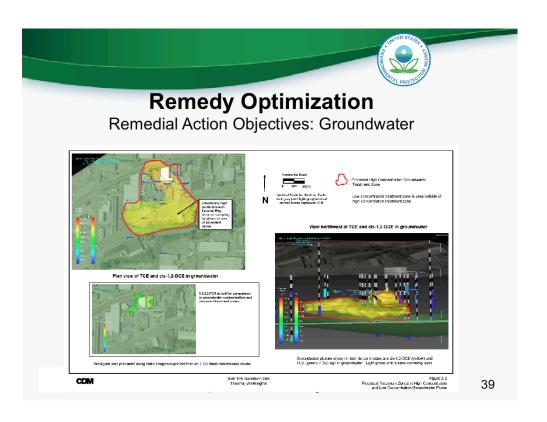
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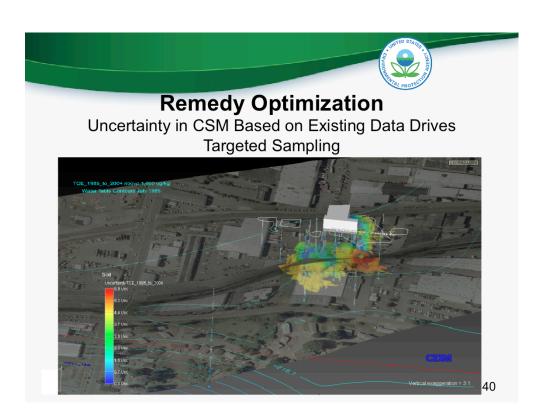
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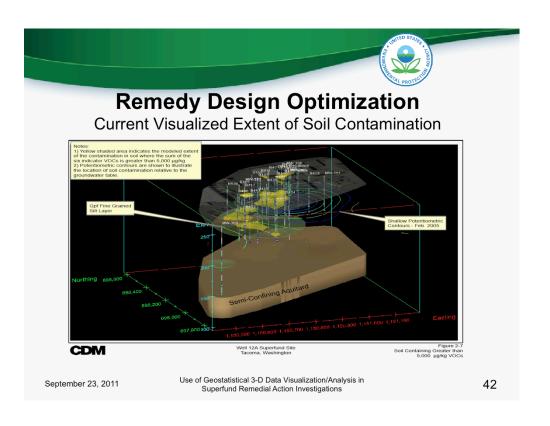
Remedy Optimization

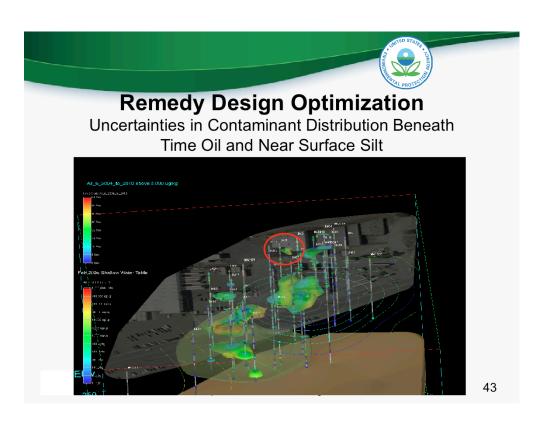
Remedial Design Investigation (RDI) Objectives

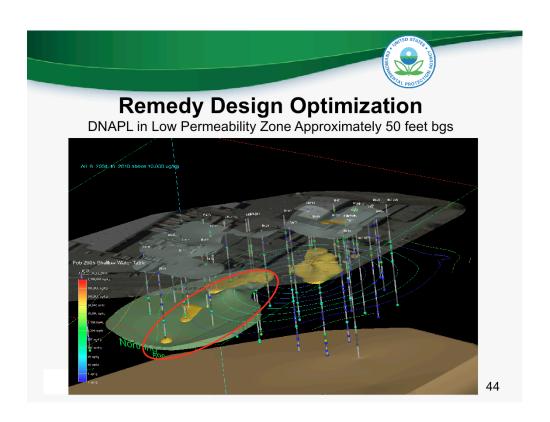
- Delineate the soil contamination extent in the vicinity of Time Oil building to reduce uncertainty in the CSM and support delineation of treatment zones
- Assess the need for remediation beneath the former Time Oil building
- Evaluate the total organic carbon (TOC)
- Investigate previously identified geophysical anomalies and potential subsurface

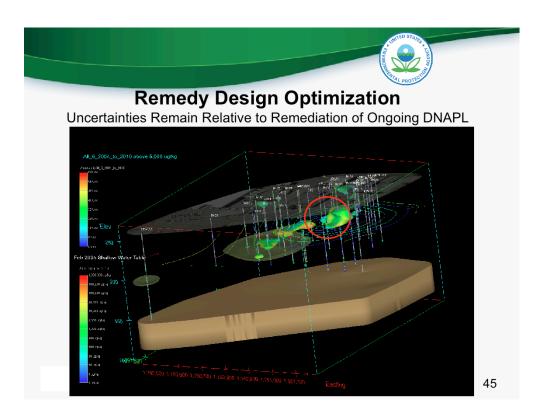
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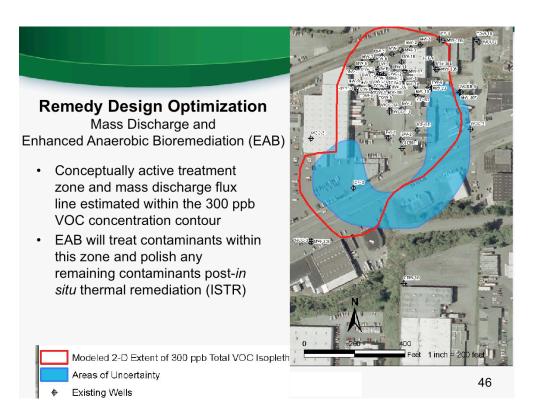
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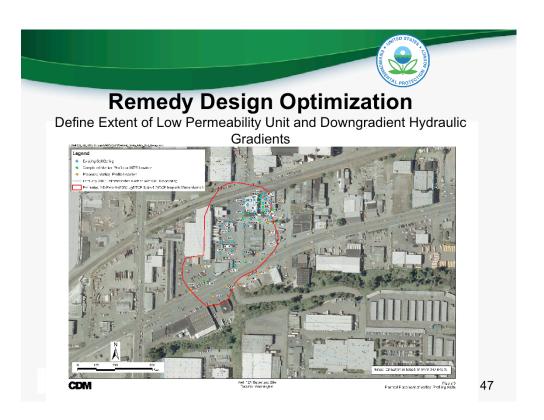














What's Next for 12A?

- Measure pre-RA baseline mass discharge for Well 12A source area
- Implement RA to achieve 90% mass discharge reduction goal
 - Excavation, ISTR, EAB
- Two post-RA mass discharge measurements planned
 - 1st ~18 months post-EAB
 - 2nd contingency if additional EAB needed to achieve RA objectives

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Best Practices for 3-D Visualization / Analysis

- · Maximize the use of existing data to produce Preliminary CSM
 - Identify data gaps for further inquiry
 - Evaluate interim or final remedy performance and opportunities for optimization
- Evolve the CSM during dynamic work strategy (DWS)-based investigations – reduce time, cost and uncertainty
- Integrated data visualizations 'The Whole Picture'
- · Build to address specific issues with room to grow
 - In our experience the biggest expense tends to be getting data into a usable format
 - Sampling reports for variable media, aquifer testing, groundwater modeling, RI/FS, RA, RD, remedy implementation, long term monitoring, etc.
 - Want hard data versus contractor interpretations

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Summary of Best Practices for 3-D Visualization / Analysis

- Step 1 Identify basic questions to answer with existing data
- Step 2 Identify the types of hard data needed to answer questions
- Step 3 Determine what component visualizations are needed
- Step 4 Sort and document hard data from interpretations
- Step 5 Import hard data into database format for building visualization components
- Step 6 Use GIS and 3-D data analysis to evaluate sample distributions in map format
- Step 7 Evaluate and ensure adequate distribution of geologic log data
- Step 8 Use actual (measured) data to ensure objective 3-D visualizations
- * Note Be aware of the principal of significant figures; not only for contaminant data; but also geology and hydrogeology

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Best Practices for 3-D Visualization / Analysis

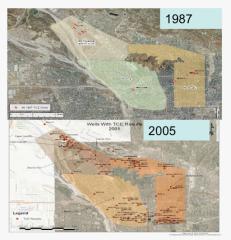
- Step 4: Sort and document hard data from interpretations
- Create a matrix for use in documenting data types and sources for reconstructions
 - Major documents
 - Databases

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Best Practices for 3-D Visualization / Analysis

- Step 6 Use GIS and 3-D data analysis to evaluate sample distributions in map format
 - Distributions must be sufficient for geostatistical analyses
 - Site-specific, driven by spatial scale
 - Typically, sampling dates with most extensive distribution of chemical data are used first for visualization
 - Quality of data must be considered
 - Temporal data must be timeequivalent



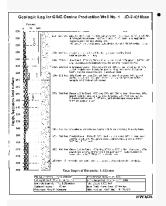
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Geologic Logs Can Vary Widely in Descriptive Terminology

Must use least descriptive terminology in establishing base geologic units for reconstructions



<u>Step 7</u> - Evaluate and ensure adequate distribution of geologic log data in GIS

- Use consistent lithologic classification scheme
- Use actual basement elevations versus depthnormalized
- Consider technology used to determine basement elevations

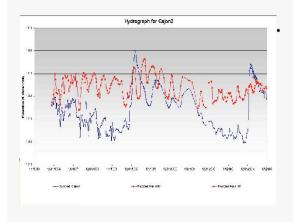
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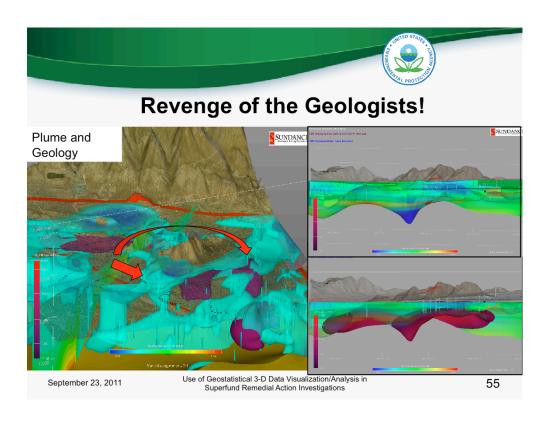
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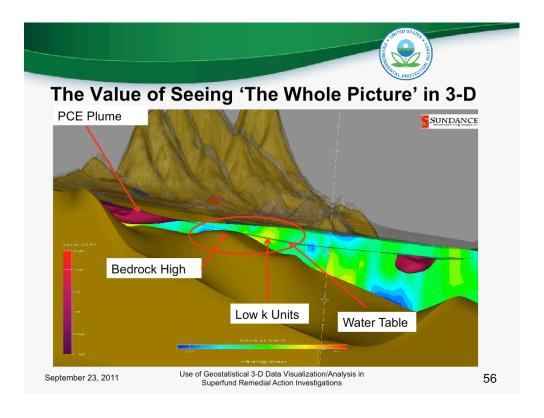


- Step 8 Use actual (measured) data to ensure objective reconstructions
- Example modeled groundwater level data includes interpretation and assumptions
- Wet/dry periods should be accounted for when evaluating chemical data

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3-D Visualization / Analysis – Not Just For Existing Data

- Can be used in dynamic field investigations, when processed in real-time they support
 - Evolution of CSM during data collection efforts
 - Selection of targeted "intelligent" samples to maximize information gain / minimize cost, uncertainty
 - Contaminant type, concentration, exposure pathway, and imminent versus non-imminent exposure risk
 - Sampling density evaluations how many is enough?
 - Reduce uncertainty / increase confidence can set limits
 - Confidence required is determined by stakeholders based on site conditions and risk
 - Geostatistical basis also provides optimum new locations

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Additional Support Considerations Planned in 2012

- Future webinars highlighting active 3-D visualization vs. static images
- · Documents / Outreach for SF RPMs
 - Continued training / presentations
 - Quality Control best practices, considerations for procedures / guidelines
 - Contracting strategies for 3-D visualization services
 - · Expectations for costs, deliverables, facilitating transfer
 - Updates to Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable (FRTR) Decision Support Tools matrix

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Summary and Benefits of 3-D Visualization / Analysis

- Move older sites to completion, facilitate transfer, illustrate Operational & Functional (O&F)
- · Optimize existing remedies / new designs
- Aid consideration of performance metrics, short / medium / long-term remediation goals
- Advantages
 - Simple images backed by large understandable databases with confidence calculations
 - Multiple independent data sets (lines of evidence)
 - · Agreement or divergence?

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