



# **In Situ Remediation Technologies and Site Reuse**

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The collage features the EPA logo at the top left. The main title is "Technology Innovation Program Technology Transfer Efforts". Below the title, there are several elements: an illustration of a man pointing at a screen while two others work at computers; a screenshot of the EPA website's "Clean-Up Information" page; a photograph of an excavator at a demolition site; a screenshot of the EPA website's "Welcome to EPA" page; a document titled "Innovative Treatment Technology Developer's Guide to Support Services (Fourth Edition)"; a document titled "Read Up to Understanding Innovative Technology Options for Brownfields Investigation and Cleanup, Second Edition"; a screenshot of a "Treatment Technologies for Site Cleanup Annual Status Report (Sixth Edition)"; a screenshot of a "Welcome to the Federal Remediation Tech" page with a bar chart; and an illustration of a man pointing at a screen with an audience.



## Why Innovate?

- Key drivers in contaminated site restoration:
  - » Cost
  - » Uncertainty
- Still a relatively young industry experiencing change in several areas, mainly:
  - » Technology innovation
  - » Advances in project management
  - » Shifting market drivers
- This presentation touches on each of these areas
  - » Snap shot of the drivers for innovation
  - » The Triad: Synthesizing practitioner experience in smart project management to reduce cost and uncertainty
  - » Technology innovation: Demand and supply side information
  - » Brownfield Technology & Redevelopment Support Center

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## Innovative Site Management Approaches & The Land Reuse Equation

### Purchase Costs + Redevelopment Costs

- Transaction costs
- Site prep
- Construction
- Development
- Taxes/admin.
- Marketing
- Etc., etc., etc.

vs.



### Clean Value

- Revenues
- Resale/asset value
- Social/political



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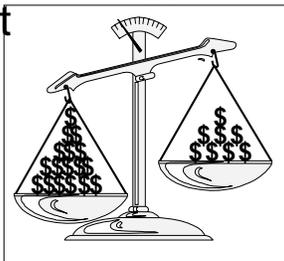
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- Assessment
- Cleanup
- Liability issues

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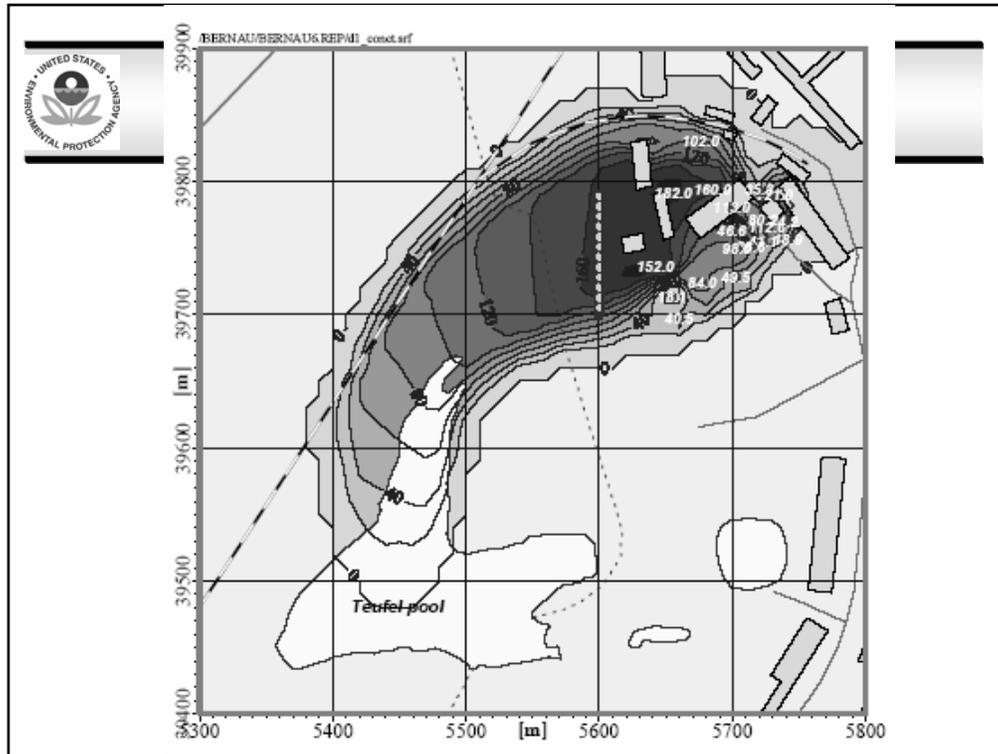
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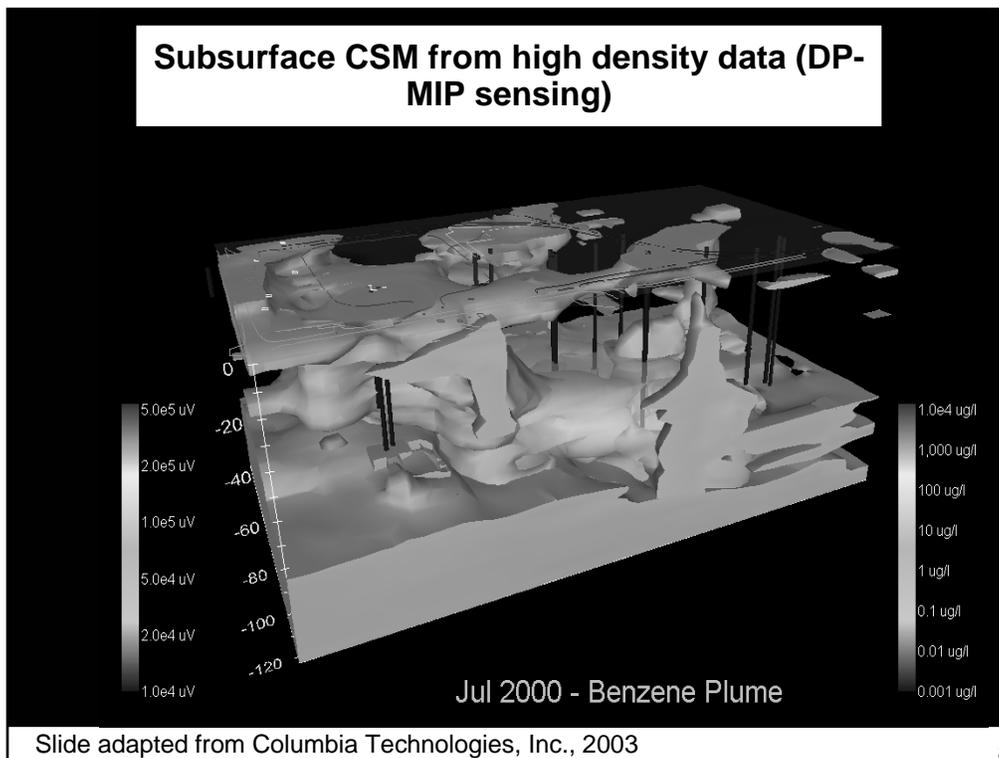
## Real-Time Analytical and Sampling Technologies

- Field analytical, rapid sampling, mobile labs, quick turnaround off-site all allow real-time or near real time analysis
- Rapid turnaround results support dynamic decision making
- Lower costs of field methods support increased density (address sampling uncertainty)
- Field results guide confirmation (address analytical uncertainty)
- Decision support software can help organize and process data, plan field activities

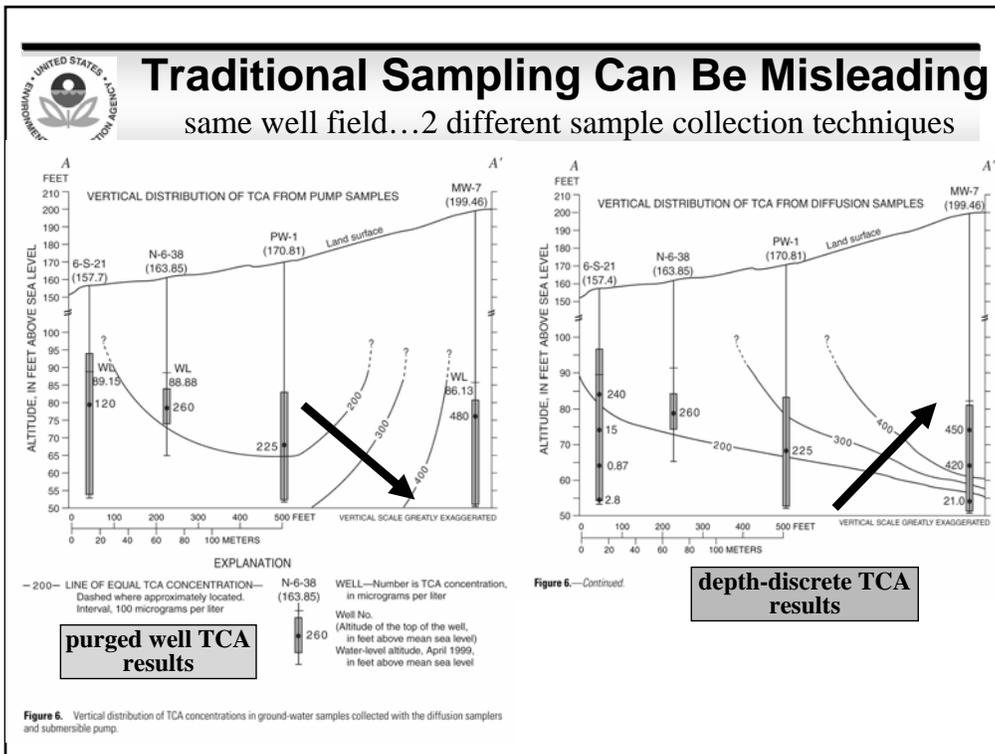


Common representation/depiction of a contaminant plume (TCE in this instance)

We are used to taking widely spaced samples and modeling groundwater plumes like this.

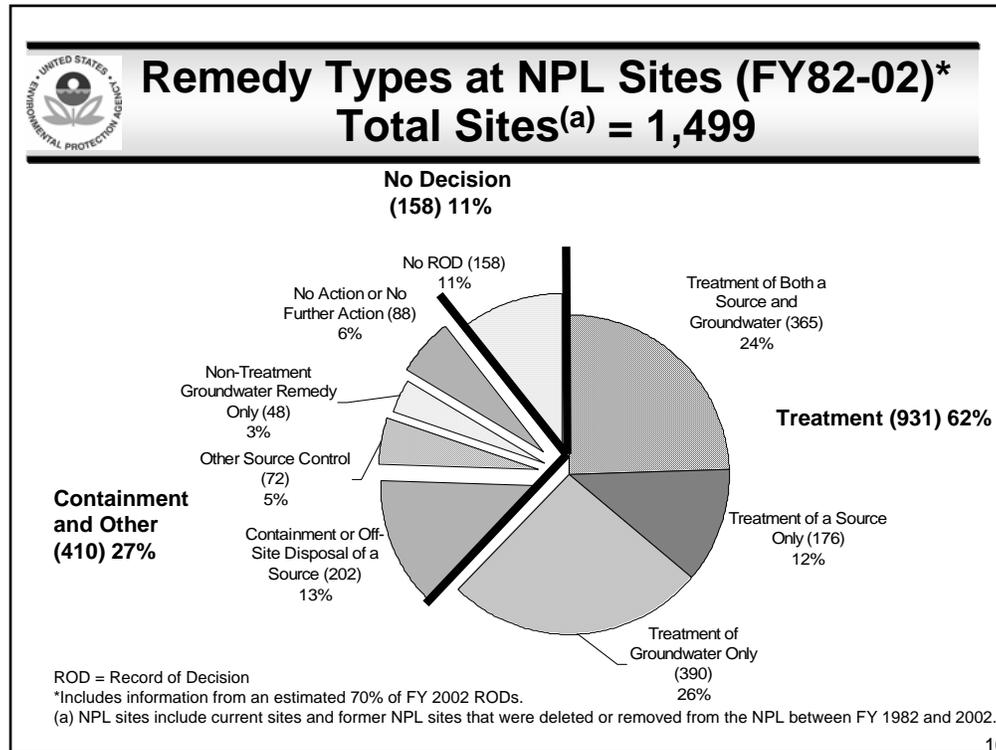


What the MIP technology is capable of in the hands of a sophisticated user.



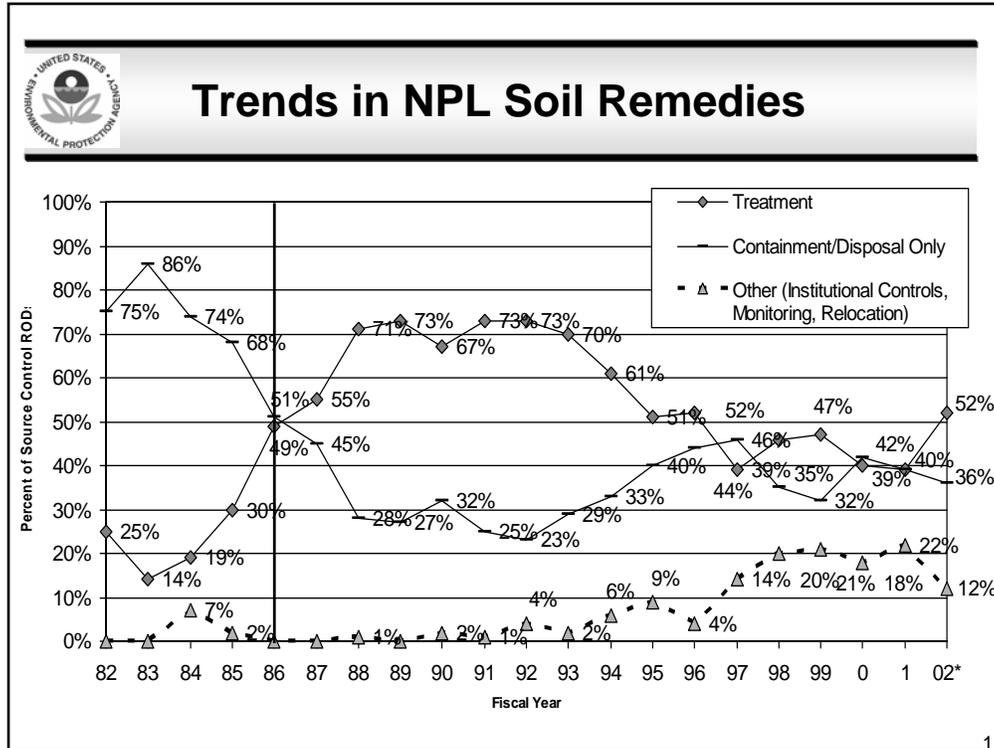
Huffman, R.L. (2002) Comparison of Passive Diffusion Bag Samplers and Submersible Pump Sampling Methods for Monitoring Volatile Organic Compounds in Ground Water at Area 6, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington. U.S. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 02-4203. Available on-line at <http://water.usgs.gov/pubs/wri/wri024203/>

CSM based on traditional sampling is very different from CSM based on more detailed, spatially accurate sampling that preserves the integrity of vertical stratification.

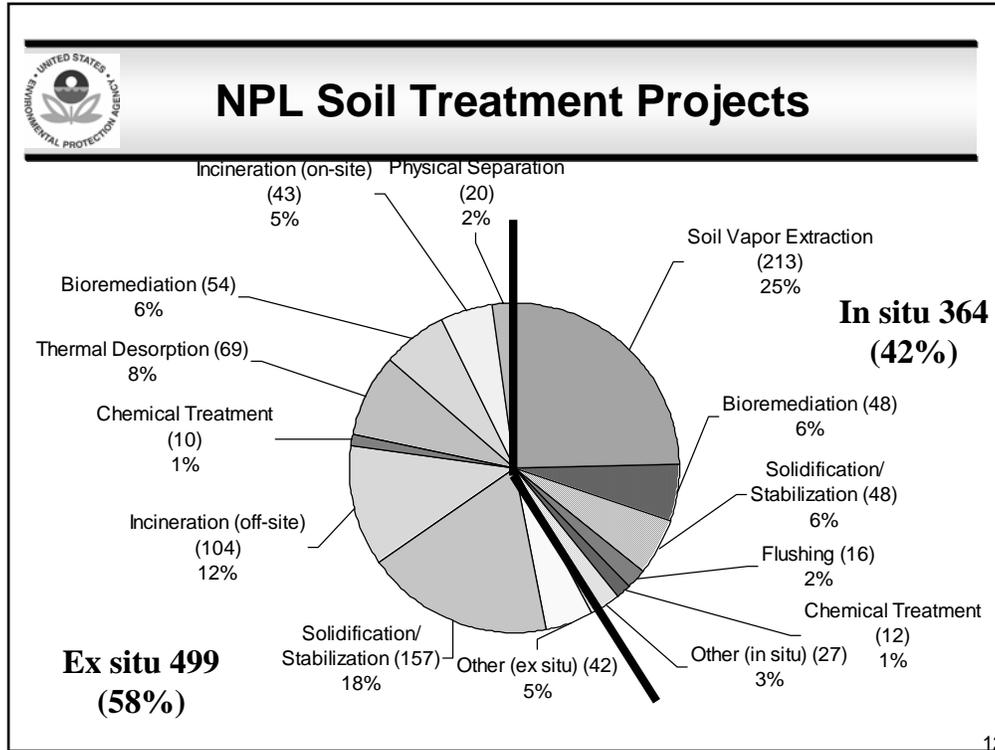


- Some 62% of sites have treatment as part of the remedy
- At 24% of sites both soil and groundwater are being treated
- 13% have selected containment but not treatment. Some of the “off’site disposal” may include treatment, but it is not counted as such due to lack of supporting data. Additionally, removal actions may have taken place at these sites, but are not counted either due to limitations in the available information.
- Only 8% have selected only non-treatment and non-containment remedies, such as institutional controls or alternative water supply

This slide shows information on a site basis, and presents a snapshot of the current state of Superfund remedial actions. The remedies shown for treatment are actual remedy types implemented or currently planned. Treatment remedies that have been changed to another remedy type are not shown.



- The percent of source control RODs selecting treatment climbed to 52% in 2002
- Treatment and containment RODs have held steady at about 40% each between 1997 and 2001
- 2002 saw a drop in RODs selecting “other” remedies, mainly IC’s, as the sole remedy
- 31% of the newly selected treatment remedies are innovative technologies (Bioremediation, chemical treatment, phytoremediation, etc.)
- Cumulatively, 50% of source control RODs have selected treatment

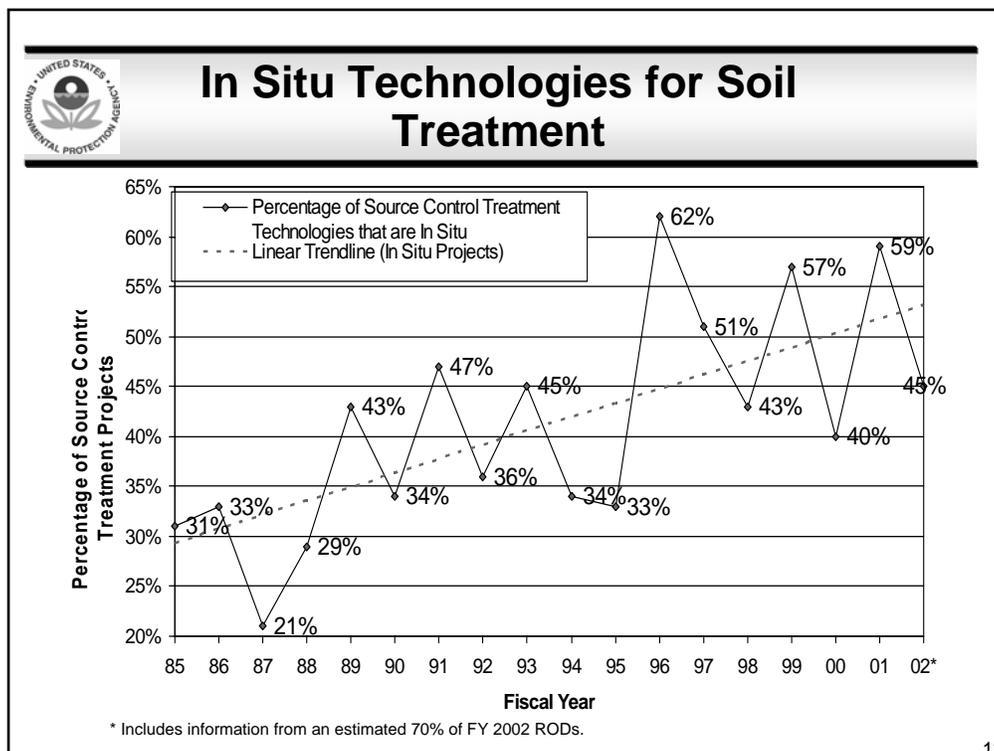


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Most Innovative

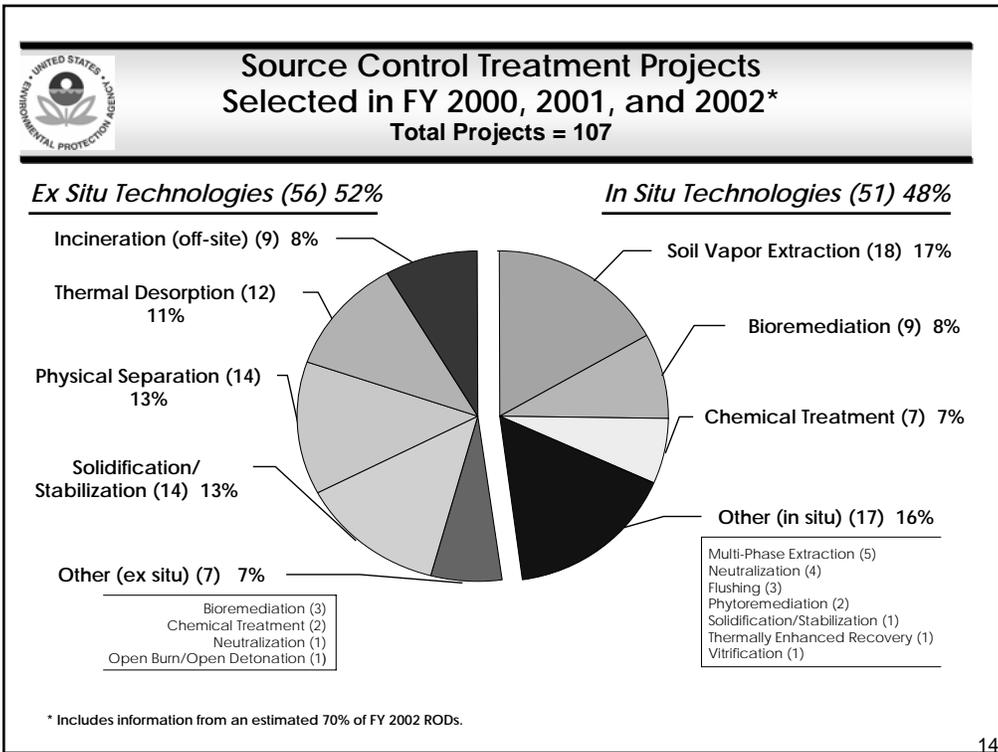
Soil vapor extraction (213 projects, 25%)	Chemical treatment (12 projects, 1%)
Solidification/ stabilization (157 projects, 18%)	Phytoremediation (6 projects, <1%)
Incineration (104 projects, 12%)	Thermally enhanced recovery (8 projects, 1%)
Bioremediation (102 projects, 12%)	Multi-phase extraction (8 projects, 1%)
Thermal desorption (69 projects, 8%)	Flushing (16 projects, 2%)

- Two of the most commonly selected remedies, SVE and thermal desorption, were once considered “innovative” technologies.
- SVE is used most frequently for volatile organics, S/S is used most frequently for metals
- Incineration, bioremediation, and thermal desorption are used to treat organics
- Chemical treatment, thermally enhanced recovery, and flushing are being used more frequently to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds and DNAPLs. There is currently some disagreement in the literature about whether chemical treatment is effective for DNAPLs or only for soil and dissolved-phase contaminants
- Phytoremediation is being used more frequently as a low-cost alternative to more aggressive technologies
- Multi-phase extraction is used most often to treat sites with LNAPLs (BTEX, petroleum hydrocarbons)



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- 124 soil treatment projects have been selected since the last report (17 older projects were deleted)
- Figure 2.6 represents source control remedies, NOT groundwater remedies (covered in following slides)
- In situ remedies often address complex contamination problems such as contamination under buildings, deep underground, or over large extensions, in addition frequent cost advantages

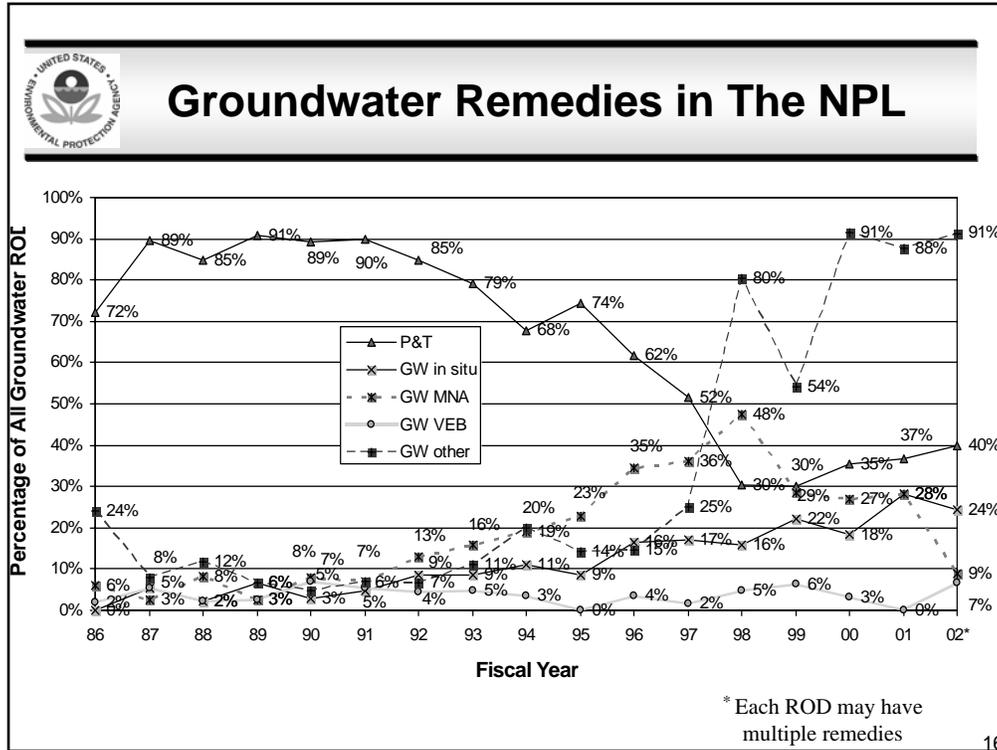




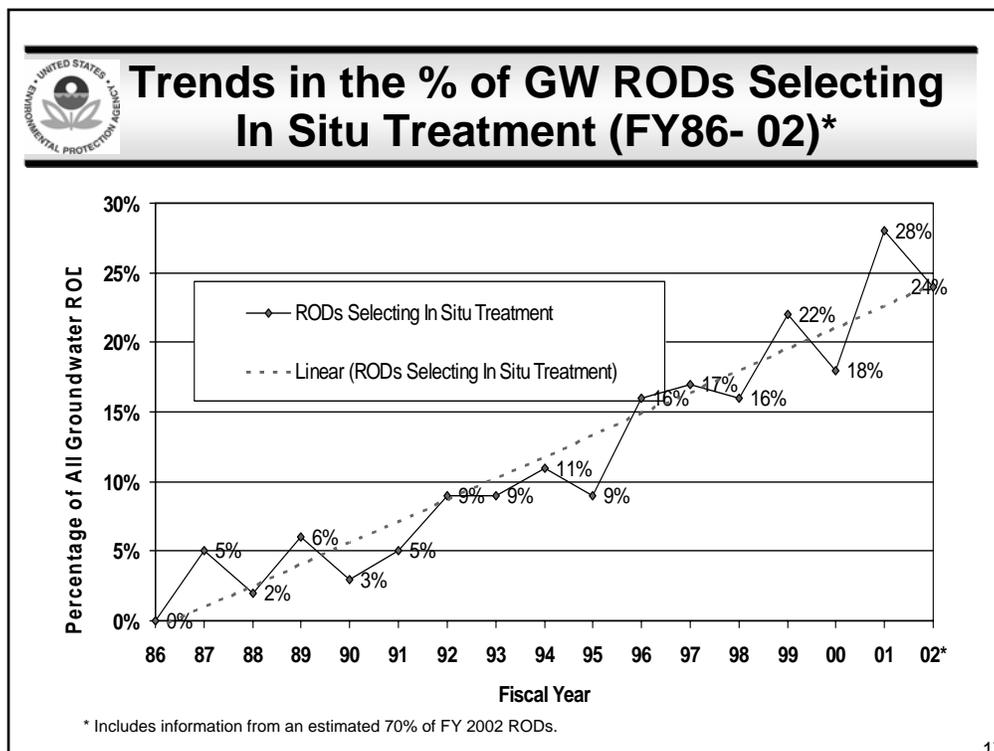
## Groundwater Remedies

### **We've broken the P&T "monopoly"**

- » In situ remedies are more mature, diverse and specific
  - In 1991, 5% in situ GW remedies; in 2002, 24%
- » Time, experience, and technology are allowing us to optimize the pumping, treating, and monitoring components of long term P&T systems.
- » As with source control, we are using a "rich" mix of remedies, with a more robust tool box to address each scenario



- P&T has declined as the sole remedy in RODs from 83% in 1991 to 27% in 2002
- In recent years, Groundwater RODs have a richer mix of remedies than in early years of the program
- “Other” remedies, mainly Institutional Controls, were selected in 91% of RODs in 2002, up from 20% averages before 1997
- In 2002 56% of GW RODs had some form of treatment
- Cumulatively, 73% of GW RODs have selected groundwater treatment

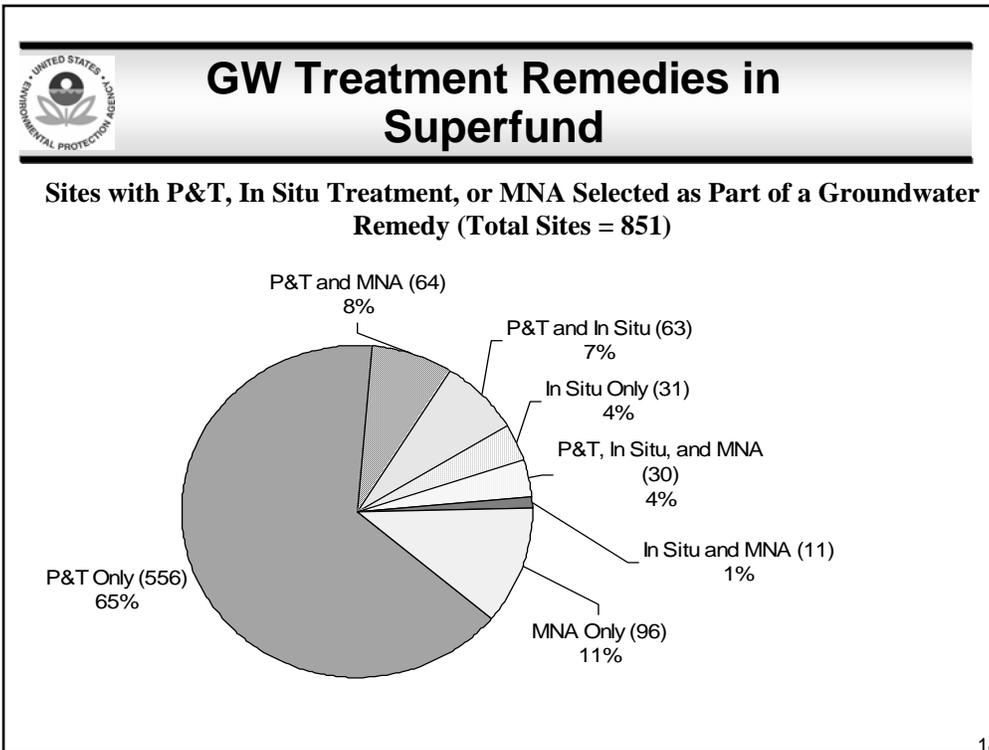


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- In situ treatment has been experiencing a healthy growth, and stood at 24% of all GW RODs in 2002

Most common In situ Groundwater treatment technologies

- Air sparging
- Bioremediation
- Chemical treatment
- Permeable reactive barriers
- In-well air stripping





## Becoming "Main Stream"; In Situ Groundwater Treatment Remedies Selected in 2000 -- 2002\* N= 66

<i>Technology</i>	<i>Number of New Projects</i>
Bioremediation	21
Chemical Treatment	15
Air Sparging	10
Permeable Reactive Barrier	7
Multi-Phase Extraction	4
In-Well Air Stripping	3
Phytoremediation	3
Flushing	2
In Situ Thermal Treatment	1



## In Situ Treatment Technologies Groundwater

- Established
  - » Air Sparging (fuels, organics)
  - » Bioslurping (fuels, organics)
  - » Enhanced Bioremediation (organics, fuels)
  - » Multiphase Extraction (fuels, organics)

### ***Permeable Reactive Barriers (metals, organics)***

- Emerging
  - » Chemical oxidation (fuels, organics)
  - » Electrokinetics (metals)
  - » Phytoremediation (organics)
  - » Recirculating Wells (fuels, organics)
  - » Steam stripping (fuels, organics)



## EPA REACH IT System

- Meant to be a screening tool to identify potentially applicable innovative technologies and vendors
- Open online database released in 1998
- Combined VISITT, VendorFACTs, & ITT systems into a web-based, searchable system ([www.epareachit.org](http://www.epareachit.org))
- Remediation And Characterization Innovative Technologies
- Ongoing updates and periodic streamlining efforts



## Characterization/Monitoring Technologies Listed In EPA REACH IT

Acoustic Wave Chemical Sensors	Ion Mobility Spectroscopy
Air Measurement (Weather Measurement Technologies Excluded)	Laser-induced Fluorescence
Air/Gas Sampling Technologies	Magnetometry
Analytical Detectors (Stand Alone Only)	Mass Spectroscopy (may include GC/MS)
Analytical Traps	Multimedia Sampling
Borehole	Non-Specific Screening Tests
Chemical Reaction-Based Indicators (Colorimetric)	Physical Characterization
Chromatography	Resistivity/Conductivity
Direct-push	Seismic Reflection/Refraction
Downhole Sensors-Vadose Zone	Software
Electrochemical-based Detectors	Soil Gas Analyzer Systems
Electromagnetic	Soil Sampling Technologies
Fiber Optic Chemical Sensors	Solid Phase Extraction
Fourier-Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy	Spectroscopy
Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption	Thermal Desorption (Characterization)
Ground Penetrating Radar	Water Monitoring Technology
Immunoassays	Water Sampling Technologies
Infrared Monitors	X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzers

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 <b>Remediation Technologies Listed In EPA REACH IT</b>	
Acid Extraction	Flushing (in situ)
Adsorption (in situ)	Fracturing - Hydraulic
Air Sparging (in situ) - Groundwater	Fracturing - Pneumatic
Bioremediation (in situ) - Lagoon	In Situ Thermal Treatment
Bioremediation (ex situ) - Biopiles	In Well Air Stripping
Bioremediation (ex situ) - Composting	Magnetic Separation
Bioremediation (ex situ) - Land Treatment	Materials Handling/Physical Separation
Bioremediation (ex situ) - Slurry Phase	Mechanical Soil Aeration
Bioremediation (ex situ) - Solid Phase	Multi-Phase Extraction
Bioremediation (in situ) - Biosparging	Off-Gas Treatment
Bioremediation (in situ) - GW	Permeable Reactive Barrier
Bioventing	Phytoremediation
Chemical Immobilization	Pump and Treat
Chemical Treatment - Groundwater	Pyrolysis
Dechlorination	Soil Vapor Extraction
Decontamination of Debris	Soil Washing
Delivery/Extraction Systems	Solidification/Stabilization
Chemical Treatment - Oxidation/Reduction	Solvent Extraction
Electrical Separation/Electrokinetics	Thermal Desorption (ex situ)
	Vitrification

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#### Vendor data

287 vendors

437 technologies

702 vendor projects using remediation technologies

#### EPA-verified data

1,811 projects at Superfund sites using remediation technologies  
(ASR Data)

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EPA REACH IT, sponsored by EPA's Office of Superfund Remediation Technology Innovation (OSRTI), is a system that lets environmental professionals use the Internet to search, view, download, and print information about innovative remediation and characterization technologies.

**Remediation Technologies**

- 289 technology vendors
- 456 technologies
- 668 vendor projects
- 1,811 Superfund projects

**Characterization Technologies**

- 161 technology vendors
- 243 technologies
- 186 vendor projects

**Search Options**

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**Spotlight**

- 124 DNAPL treatment sites
- 47 DNAPL characterization technologies
- 25 in situ thermal treatment vendors
- 8 New technologies added in the last 6 months
- 14 Technologies updated in the last 6 months

**Most Common Searches**

**Top five technologies queried last month**

- [Chemical Treatment - Oxidation/Reduction](#)
- [Thermal Desorption](#)
- [Bioremediation \(in situ\) - Groundwater](#)
- [Phytoremediation](#)
- [Solidification/Stabilization](#)

**Top five contaminant groups queried last month**

- [Heavy Metals](#)
- [BTEX](#)
- [PCBs](#)
- [Halogenated Volatiles](#)
- [Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons \(PAHs\)](#)



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Remediation And Characterization Innovative Technologies

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Analytical Detectors (Stand Alone Only)  
Analytical Traps  
Bio-uptake Sampling  
Borehole

**Scals**   
Full Scale  
Pilot Scale

**Contaminant Group**   
Acetonitrile (organic cyanide)  
Asbestos  
BDD/COD  
Bedrock Stratigraphy  
Benzene-toluene-ethylbenzene-xylene (BTEX)  
Buried Ferrous Materials  
Buried Non Ferrous Materials

**Contaminant**   
1,1,1-Trichloroethane  
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane  
1,1,2-Trichloroethane  
1,1-Dichloroethane  
1,1-Dichloroethylene (DCE)  
1,2,3,4-Tetrachlorodibenzo-dioxin (TCDD)  
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene

**Media**   
Air particulates and aerosols  
Air vapors  
Aqueous sample (ex situ)  
Debris (buildings, structures, or equipment)  
Dense nonaqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) [in situ]  
Fractured rock  
Groundwater (ex situ)

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**SUMMARY:**    56 Vendors                  67 Technologies                  Downloadable Spreadsheets

                  101 Vendor Source Sites    23 EPA Source Sites   

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**SEARCH CRITERIA:**     (Media = "Dense nonaqueous phase liquids (DNAPL) (in situ)")

Click on a checkbox to delete a search criteria.

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               Include both EPA-supplied and vendor-supplied data

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Click on a vendor, technology, or site to view detailed information.

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	<a href="#">Bioremediation (in situ) - Groundwater-Pneumatic Fracturing Extraction (PFE)</a>	<a href="#">Electroplating Industrial Site</a> <a href="#">Former Manufacturing Facility</a> <a href="#">Military Base</a>
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**Verification Program Information**

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EPA Project Manager: *Information not available* SITE Document Number(s): *Information not available*

This technology is being tested, or has been tested, in EPA SITE Demonstration Program.

Other Verification Program.

**Description of Technology:**  
Describes the treatment process device or technology, including scientific principles on which the technology is based; key treatment steps; unique and innovative features; whether full-scale system is/will be batch, continuous, or semicontinuous; and whether the technology is above ground or in situ. Pneumatic Fracturing Extraction (PFE), a process developed jointly by Accutech Remedial Systems, Inc. (ARS) and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), is designed to treat in situ contamination located within geologic formations with low permeability. The patented process has been demonstrated at numerous sites to significantly increase subsurface permeability and hydraulic conductivity, as well as contaminant mass removal and fluid recovery. PFE applies controlled bursts of high pressure air into a well through a proprietary pneumatic injection system. When the downhole pressure exceeds the in situ stresses of the formation, channels or fractures are created propagating from the fracture well. Each pneumatic injection is completed within 20 seconds. Using the proprietary "HQ" injector, injections can be accomplished at several discrete intervals of the formation within the same borehole. These intervals are chosen based upon geologic characteristics observed during well installation. Once the permeability of the formation is increased, contaminants in either the vapor phase, dissolved phase, or NAPL phase can be removed more efficiently and from a much larger surface area than is naturally feasible.

As the technology has developed, PFE has been used in conjunction with the following in situ remediation technologies: soil vapor extraction, dual vapor extraction, bioremediation, bioventing, hot-gas injection, free product recovery, ground water pump and treat systems, and infiltration gallery enhancement for treated ground water. Process equipment has also been modified to inject either a fluid or reactive iron powder during operations to enhance bioremediation, in situ vitrification technologies or in situ chemical treatment technologies.

**Technology Limitations:**  
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**Permeable Reactive Barriers for Inorganic and Radionuclide Contamination**  
This document was prepared by Kate Bronstein, a National Network of Environmental Management studies grantee, under a fellowship from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This paper is meant to be an updated reference for project managers, engineers, students, and others interested in a review of case studies of the instances where permeable reactive barriers have been used to remediate sites contaminated with inorganics and radionuclides. This paper mainly focuses on case studies, but a brief overview is given on topics such as: treatment media types, reactive processes, site characterization, configuration, and the nature of contamination.  
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