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Multifunctional Amendments and Site Characterization Effectively Manage Back Diffusion from a Fractured Sandstone Aquifer



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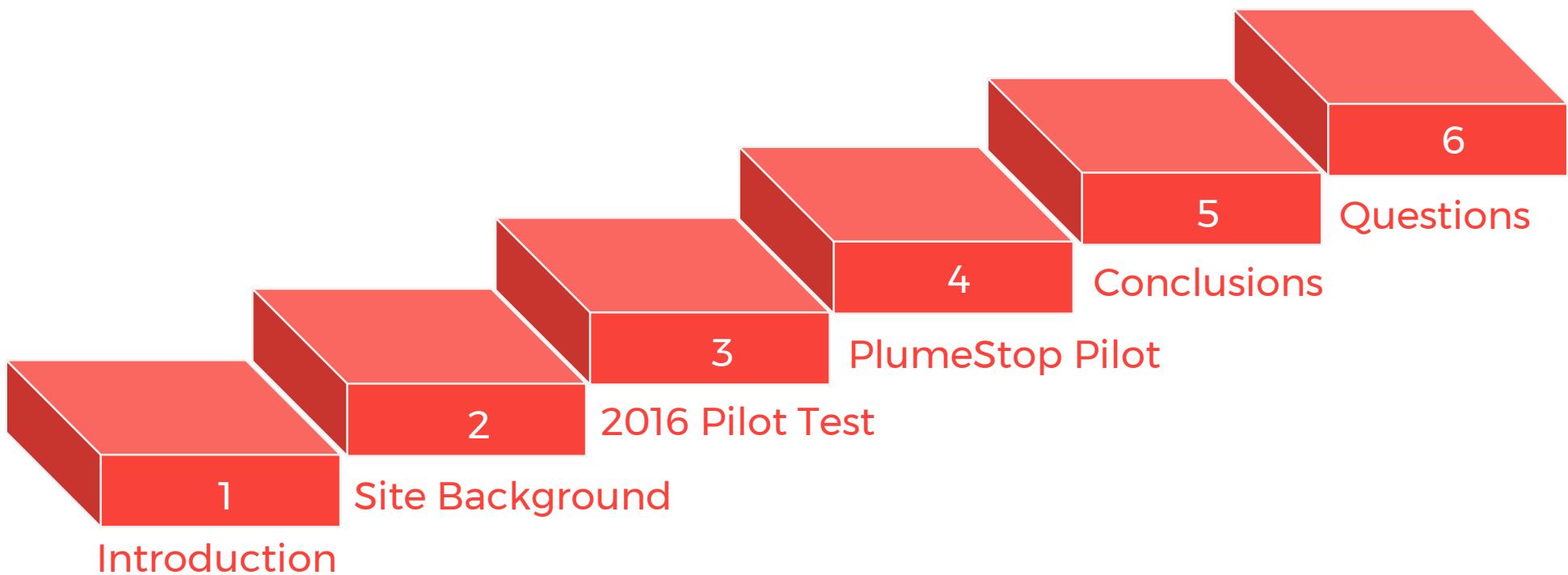
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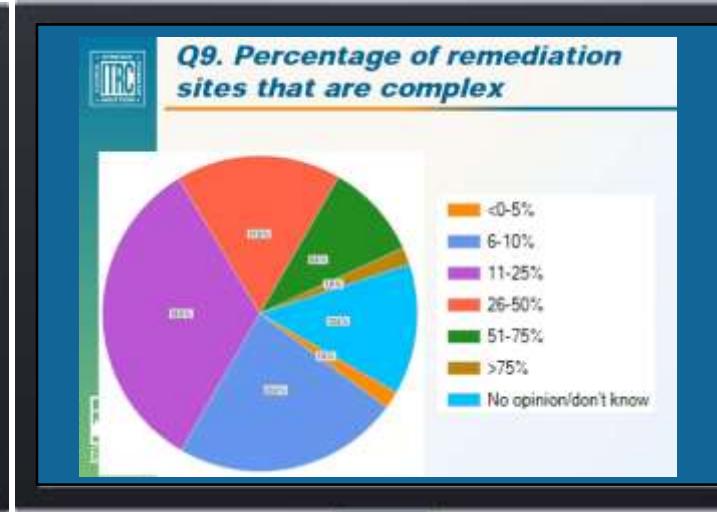
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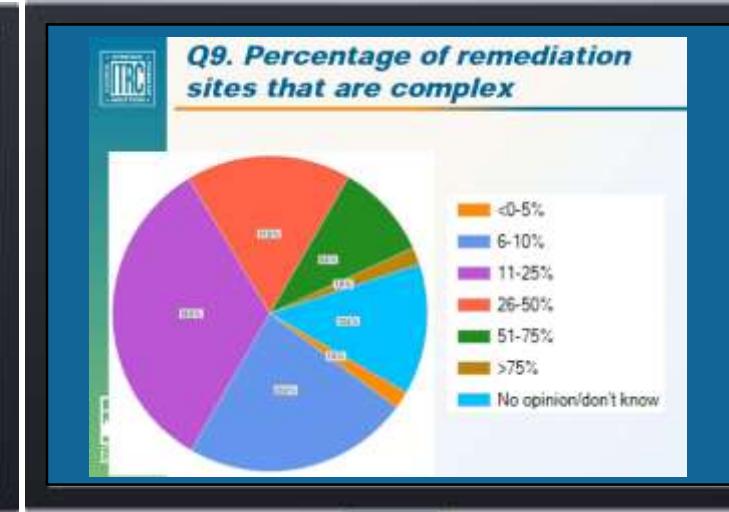
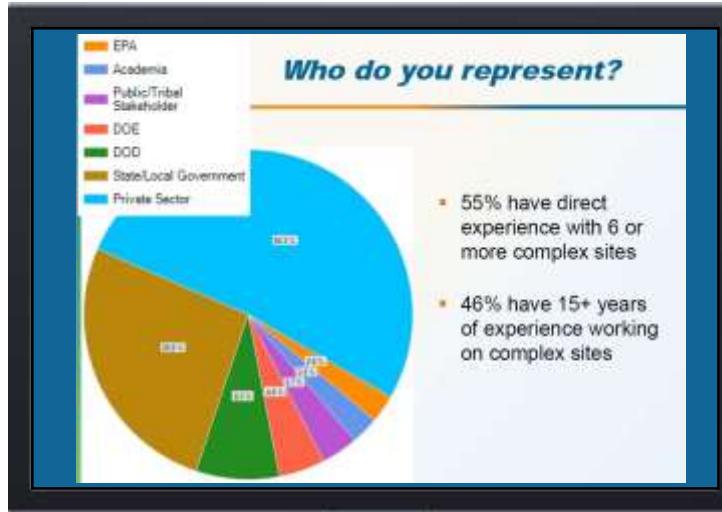
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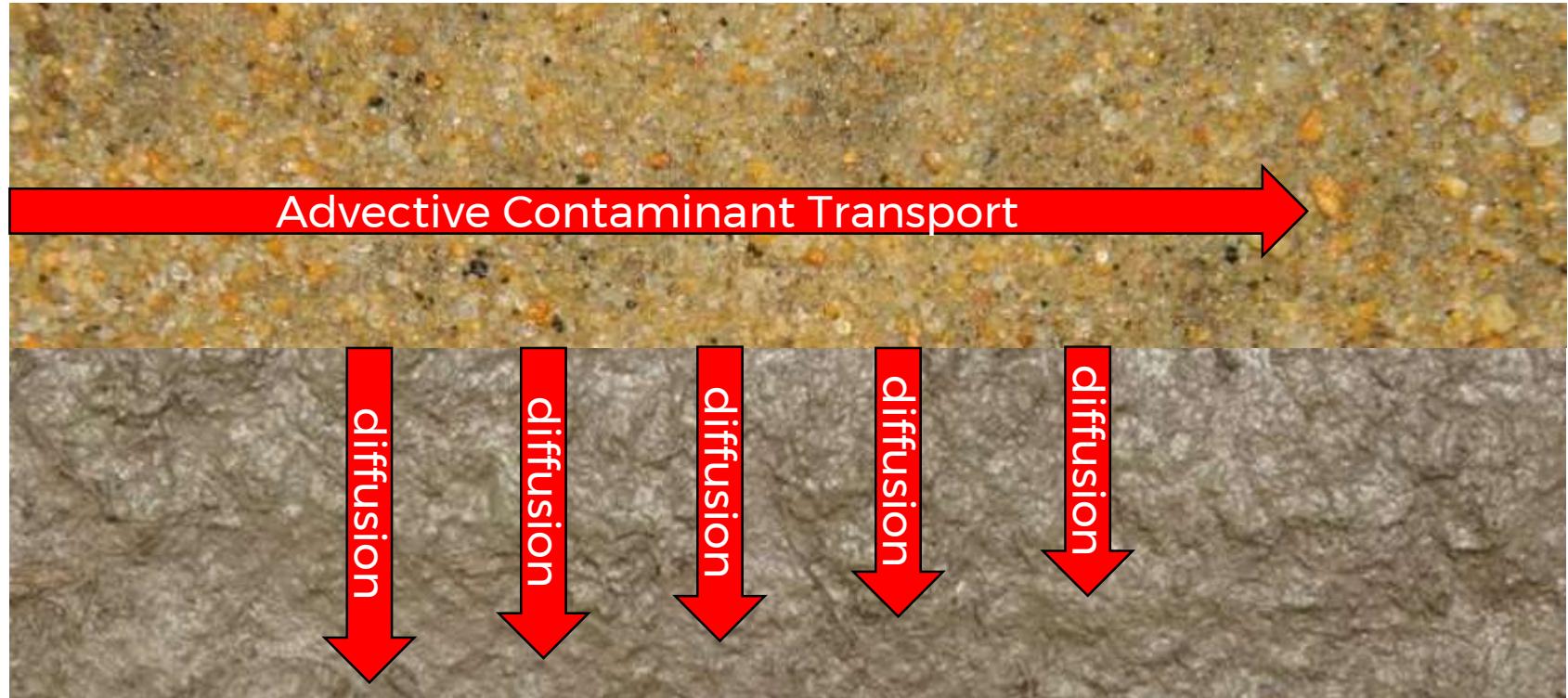
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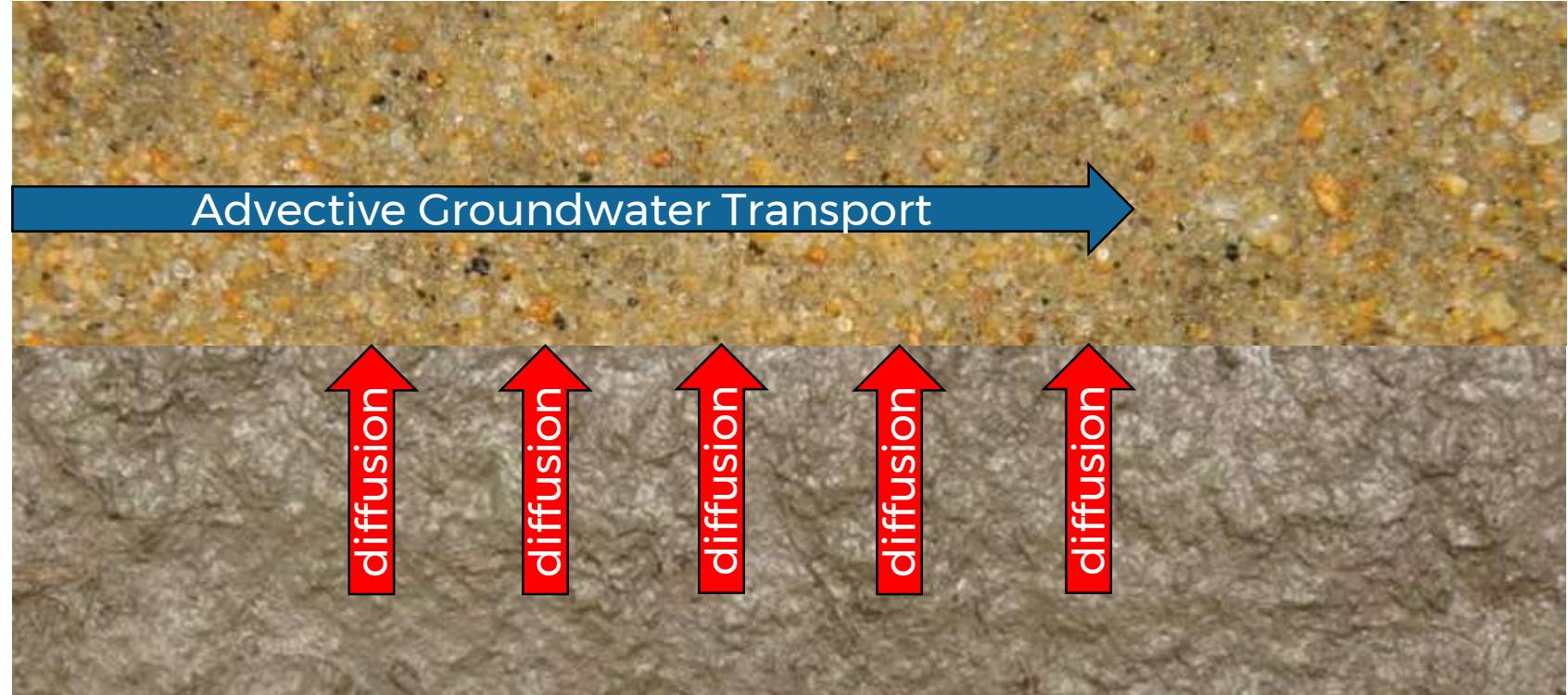


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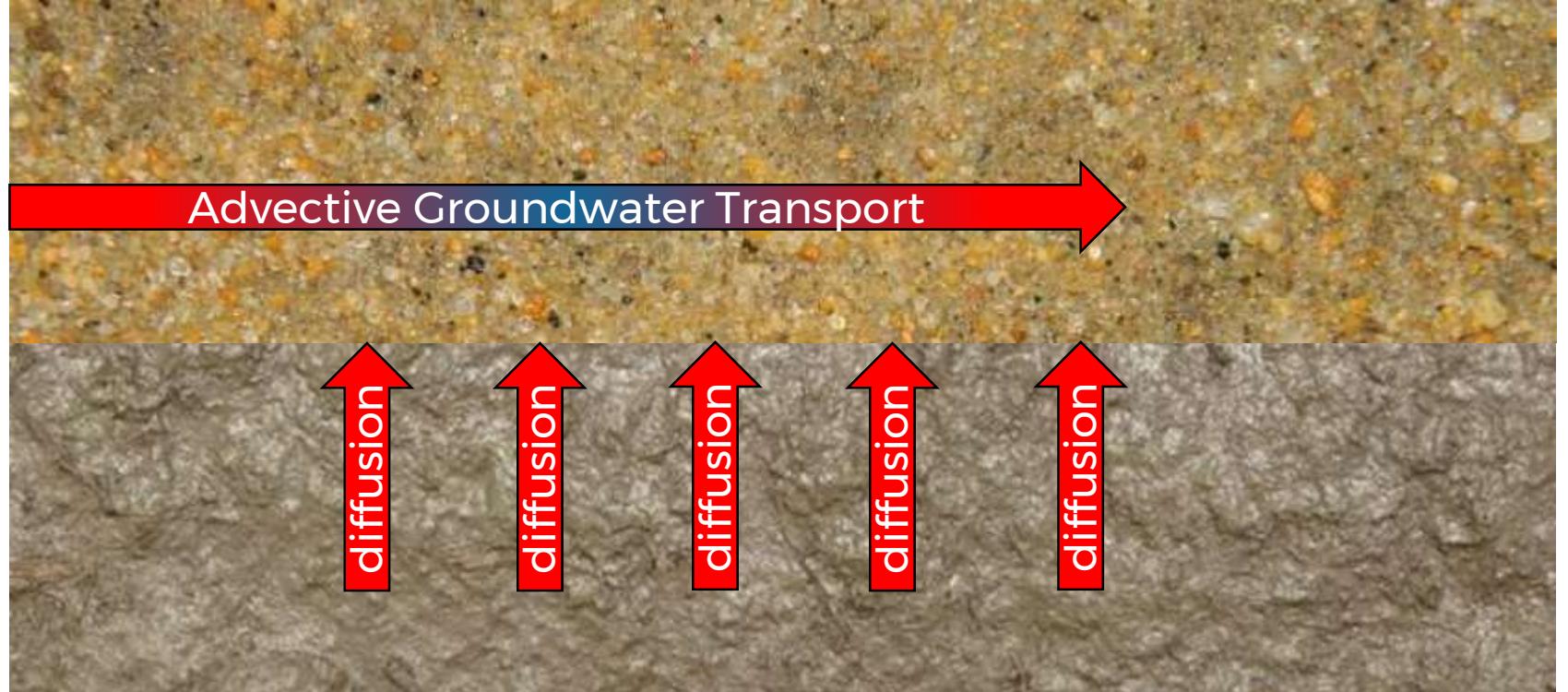


Back Diffusion

Remediate Transmissive Zones



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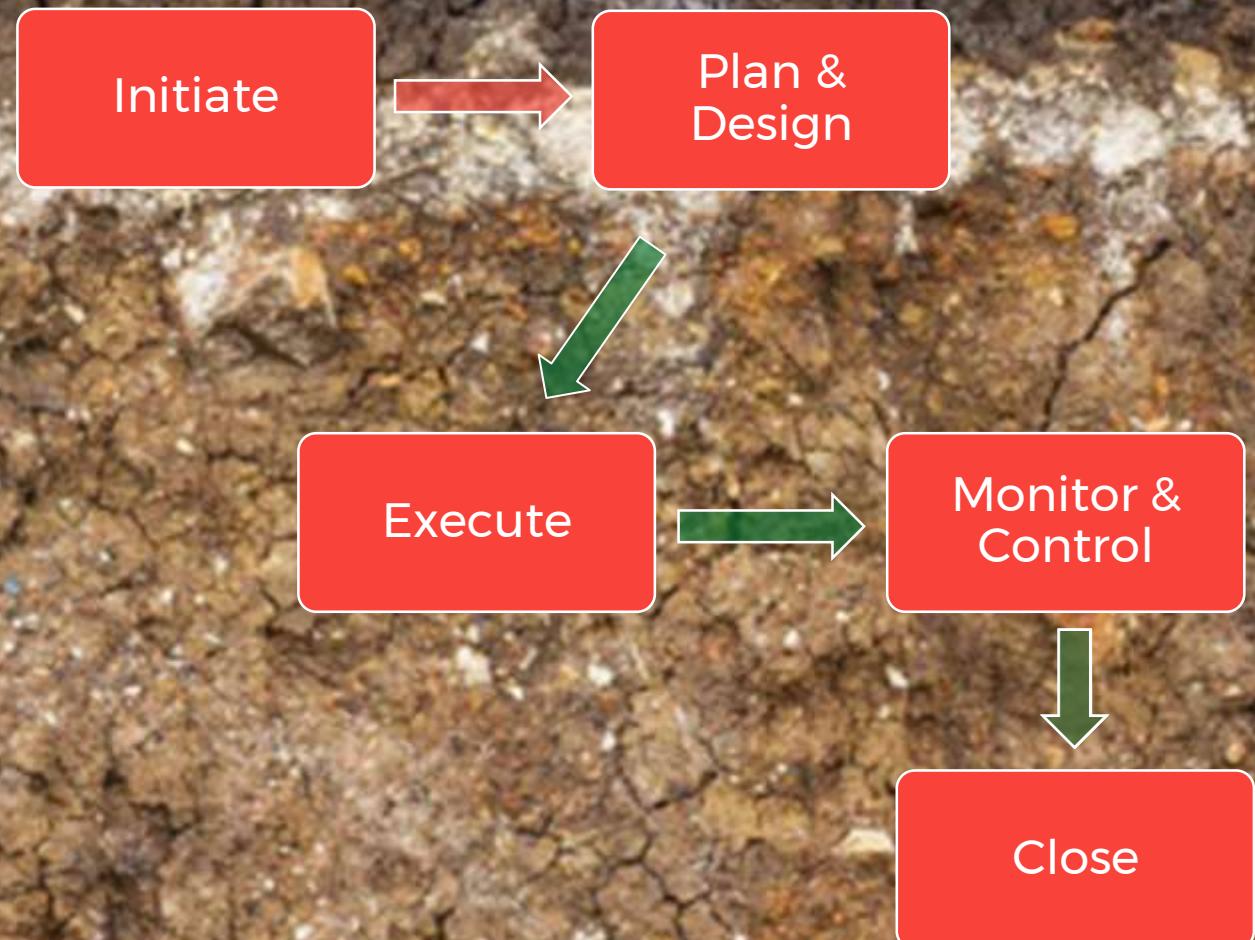
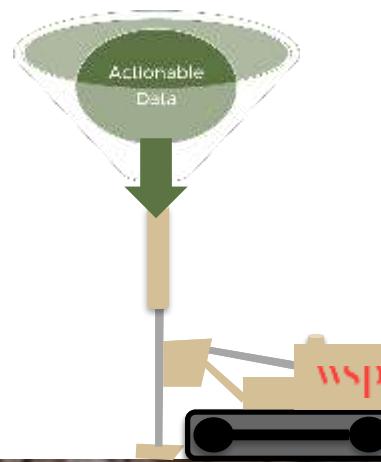


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Managing Complex Sites



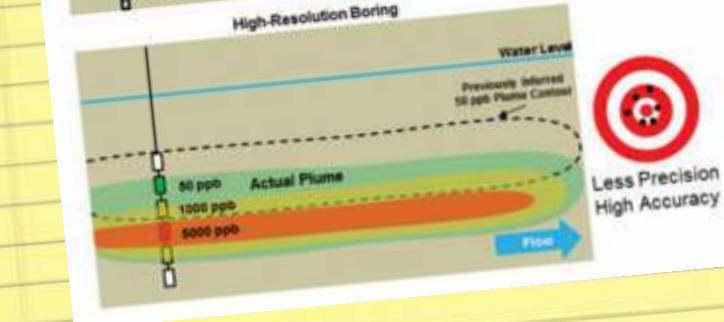
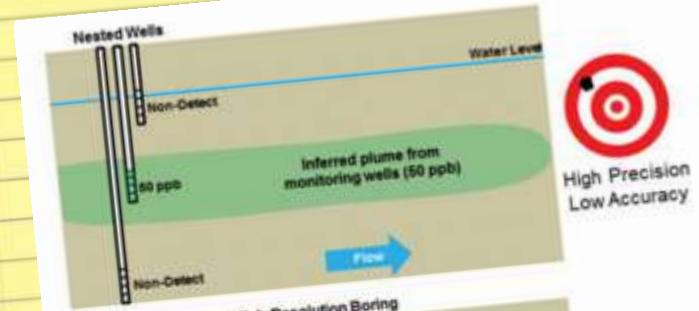
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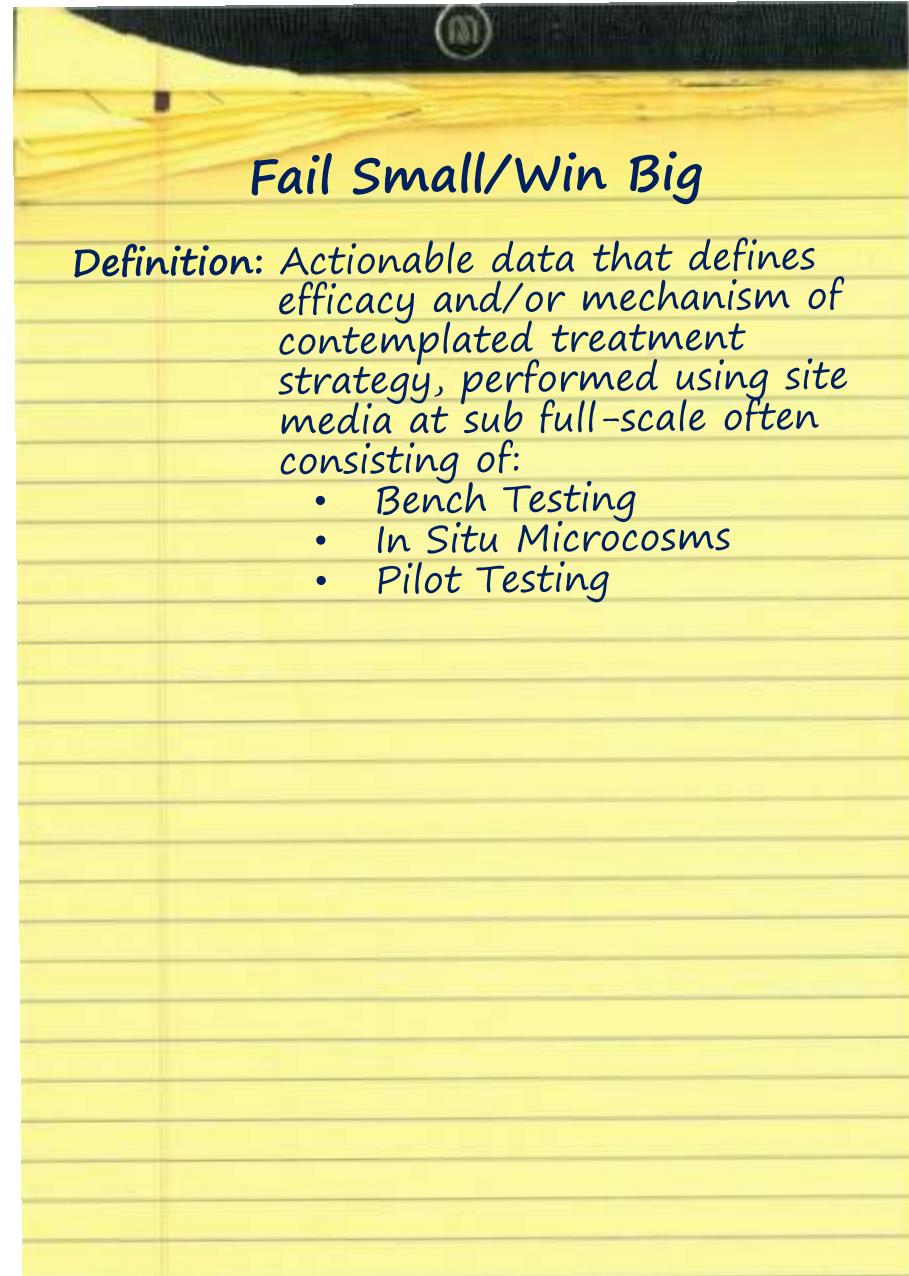
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Definition: Any data collection activity specifically planned to define project direction

Example: Sutherson et al (2015)



Actionable Data



Site Background

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Site: Arkansas



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2016 Pilot Test: Bioremediation +
Biogeochemical
Reductive
Dechlorination

2017 Pilot Test: PlumeStop +
Bioremediation

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Site Background

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Manufacturing facility since 1961

- Gas values
- Metals processing – melt/re-melt, die casting, tapping
- Solvents, degreasers, cutting oils

Contaminants

- TCE ($\geq 10,000 \mu\text{g/l}$)
- 1,1,1-TCA ($\geq 250 \mu\text{g/l}$)
- Some daughters

Site Characteristics

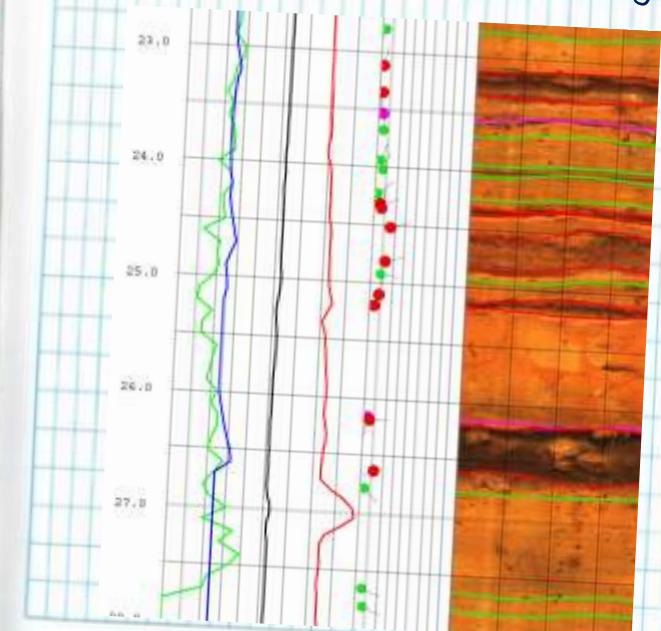
- Source on top of hill
- Dissolved plume extends $\approx 1500 \text{ ft}$ to a gaining stream

Remediation/Mitigation

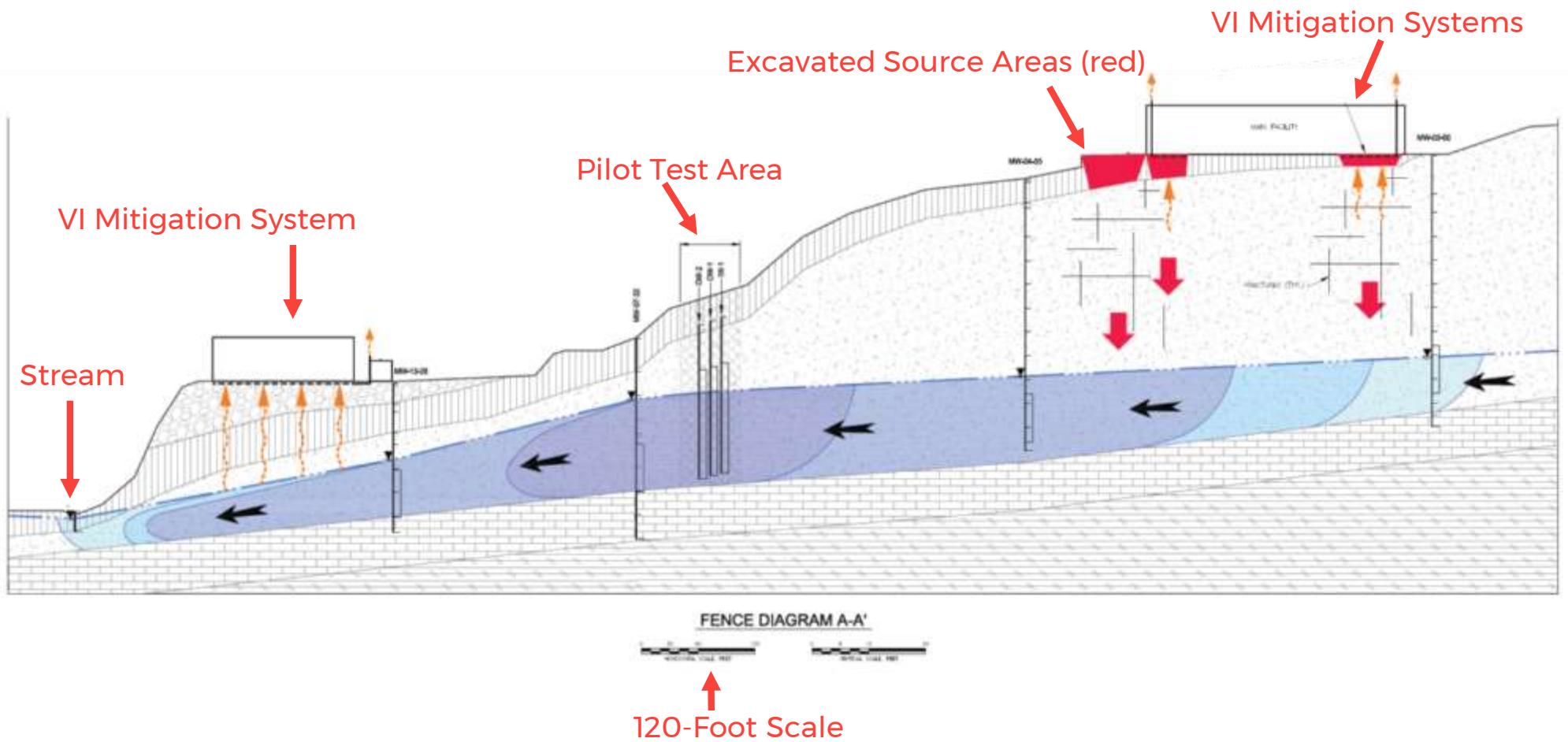
- Vadose zone excavated
- VI intrusion mitigation

Fractured Sandstone Matrix

- Relatively high primary porosity
- High flow fractures (secondary porosity)
- Back diffusion from primary matrix likely



Site Background



Pre-Design Studies



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MEMO

TO: Arkansas Project Team

FROM: Michael Brown, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: Pre-Design Studies

DATE: January 10, 2016

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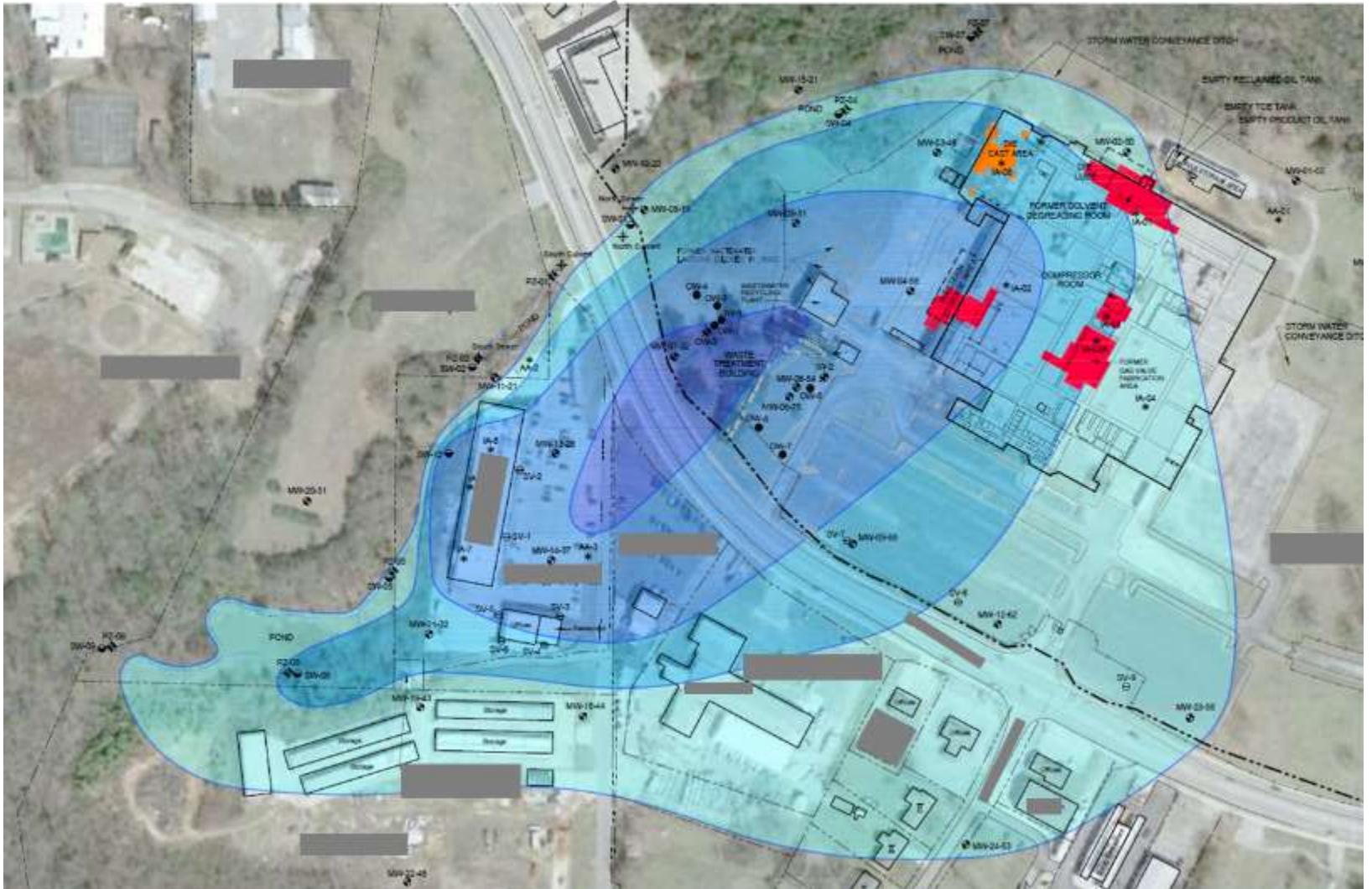
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- Install more wells
- Perform a PlumeStop Pilot Test
- 3-month performance monitoring

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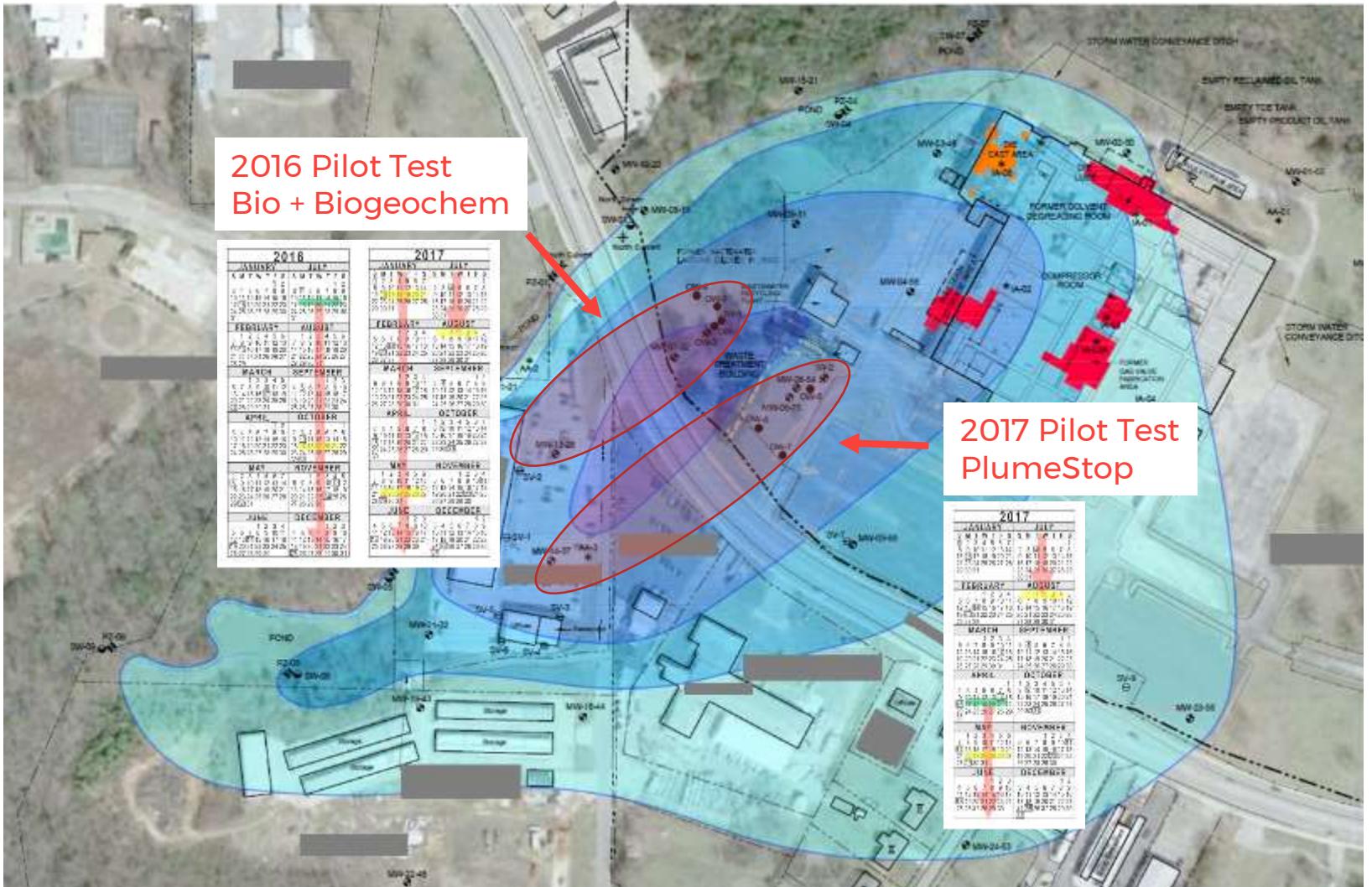
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2016 Pilot Test Goals



Site-Specific Characteristics of Ideal Amendment

- Applicable for site contaminants
- Easy to deliver through limited aperture size fractures
- Long lasting to manage back diffusion from sandstone

2016 Pilot Test Goals

Amendment Assessment Matrix

amendment	y/n	note
PlumeStop		Following Technology
Oxidant	no	limited longevity
ZVI plus bio	no	limited ROI clog fractures divert plume
nano- ZVI	no	Agglomeration?
bio	Yes but	Lots of buts
Biogeochemical Reduction	Yes but	Lots of buts
Bio + biogeochem	Yes	Lots of beneficial synergies

Biogeochemical Reduction

Biogeochemical Reductive Transformation
a.k.a.

- biogeochemical transformation
- Biogeochemical reductive dechlorination (BiRD)

Has been used to remediate chlorinated VOCs and other compounds for about 10 years

It involves abiotic reduction by reactive iron minerals – similar to ZVI. These ferrous iron-containing minerals include:

Mackinawite
 Pyrite
 Magnetite
 Green rust

Can be a mechanism of MNA

Biogeochemical Reduction

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Engineering Biogenic Iron Sulfide

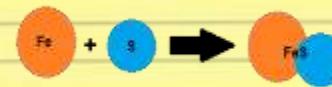
(1) Iron Reduction

$$\text{Fe}^{3+} + \text{organic matter} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$$

(2) Sulfate Reduction

$$\text{SO}_4^{2-} + \text{organic matter} \rightarrow \text{S}^{2-} + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$$

(3) Iron Sulfide Precipitation

$$\text{HS}^- + \text{Fe}^{2+} \rightarrow \text{FeS} + \text{H}^+$$


Addition of sulfate to form FeS to treat chlorinated VOCs is a Patented Process:

- Kennedy - US Patent Off. #6,884,352 B1
- Contact Jim Studer of InfraSur
 - jstuder@InfraSUR-LLC.com
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Synergies

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Biotic and Fe-based Abiotic Reductive Pathways are Compatible & Complementary

- Ferric iron inhibition disproven
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 - Iron reducers supply vitamin B12
- Some reduced minerals are not very reactive with dichloroethene – biodegradation can manage
- Generally, fermentable donors have a higher delivery efficiency than zero valent iron (ZVI), which results in a greater radius of influence (ROI)
- Lower redox potentials
- Minimize surface pacification
- Extend treatment longevity and manage rebound

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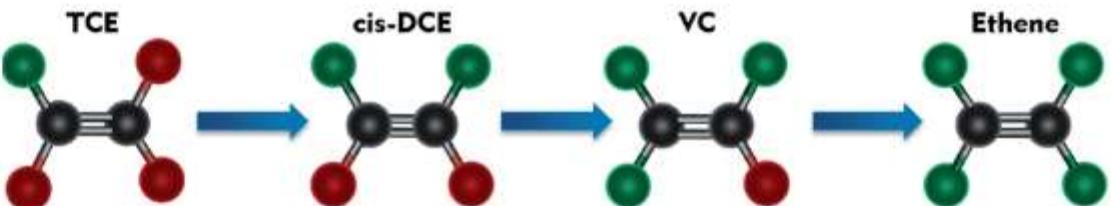
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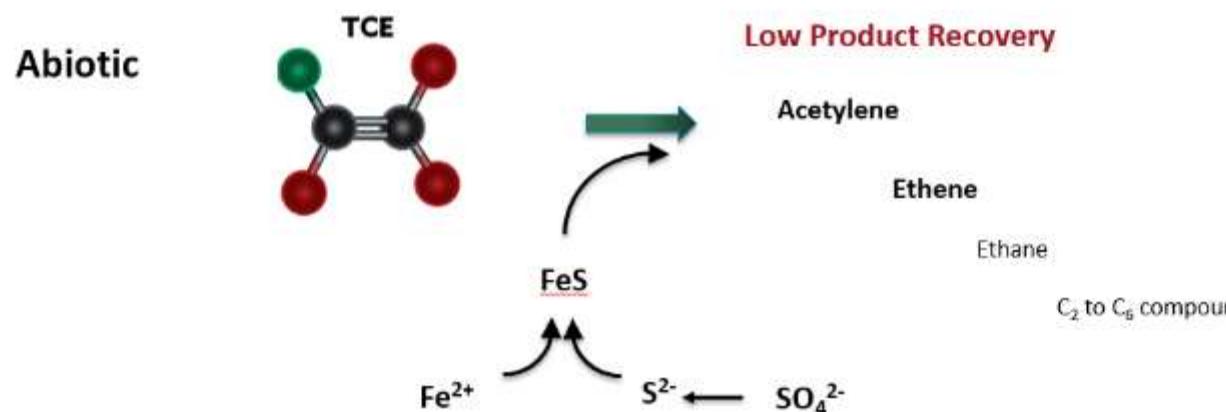
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Biotic and Abiotic Degradation

Biotic Reductive Dechlorination



Abiotic



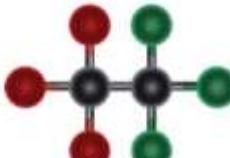
TCA Degradation Pathways

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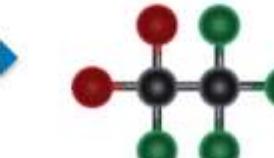
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Biotic Reductive Dechlorination

1,1,1-TCA



1,1-DCA

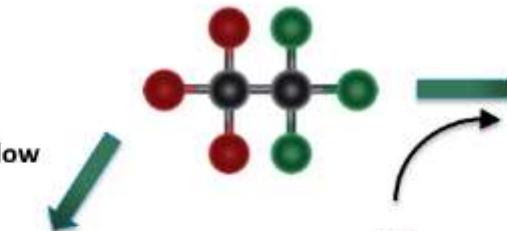


CA



Abiotic

1,1,1-TCA



Slow

1,1-DCE + Acetic Acid

Low Product Recovery

1,1-DCA

Ethene

2-butyne

Fe²⁺

FeS

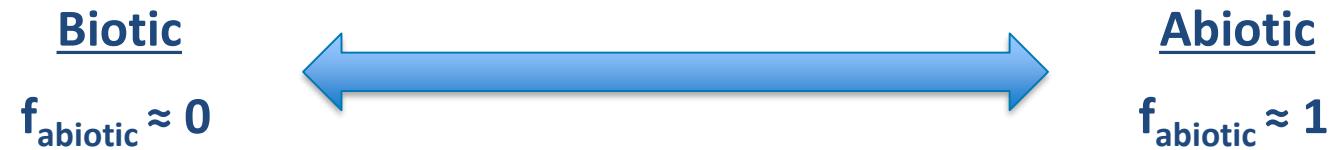
S²⁻SO₄²⁻

Degradation Mechanism Identification

$$f_{\text{abiotic}} = \frac{\Sigma \text{VOC}_{t0} - \Sigma \text{VOC}_{t1}}{\Sigma \text{VOC}_{t0}}$$

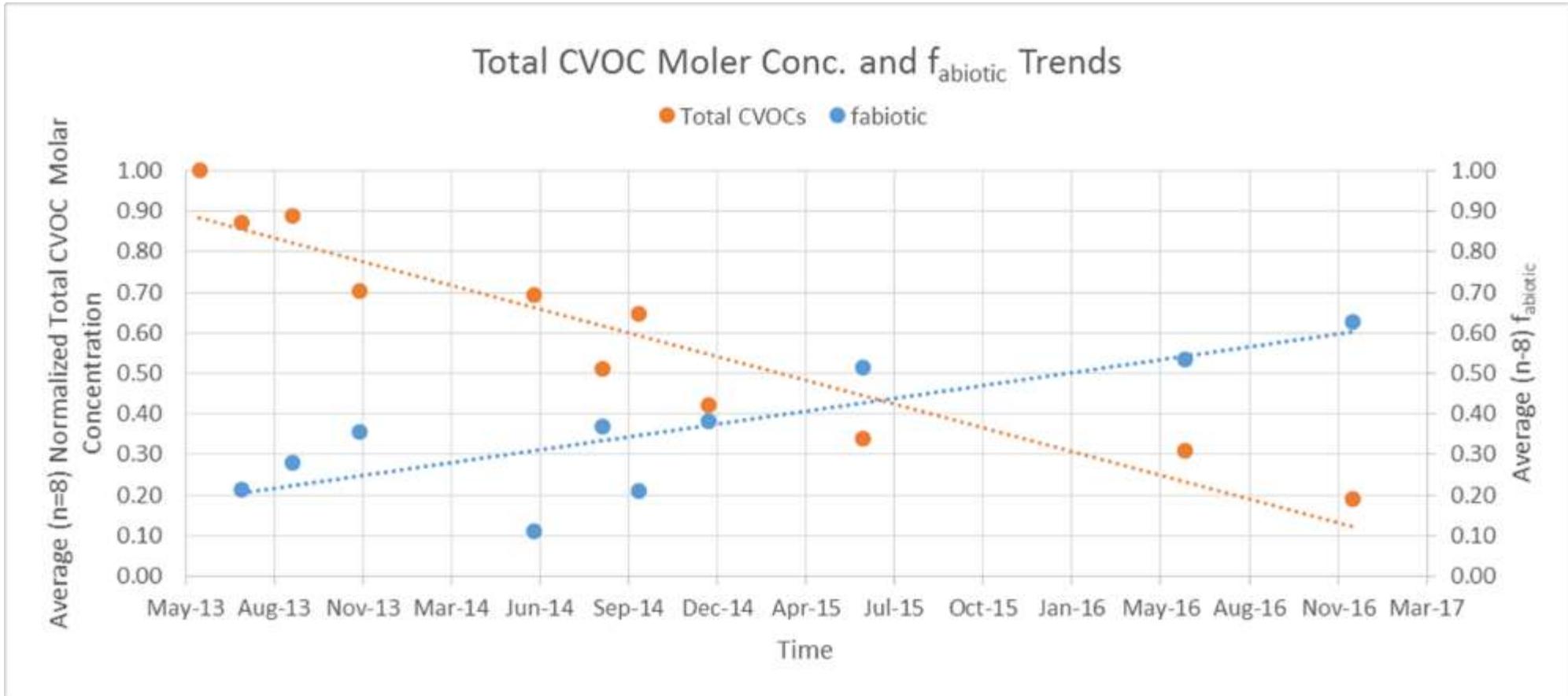
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where $\Sigma \text{VOC}_t = \text{TCE} + \text{DCE} + \text{VC} + \text{Ethene} + \text{Ethane}$



Degradation Mechanism Identification

(3.5 years of data from a Bedrock Treatment Site in Missouri)



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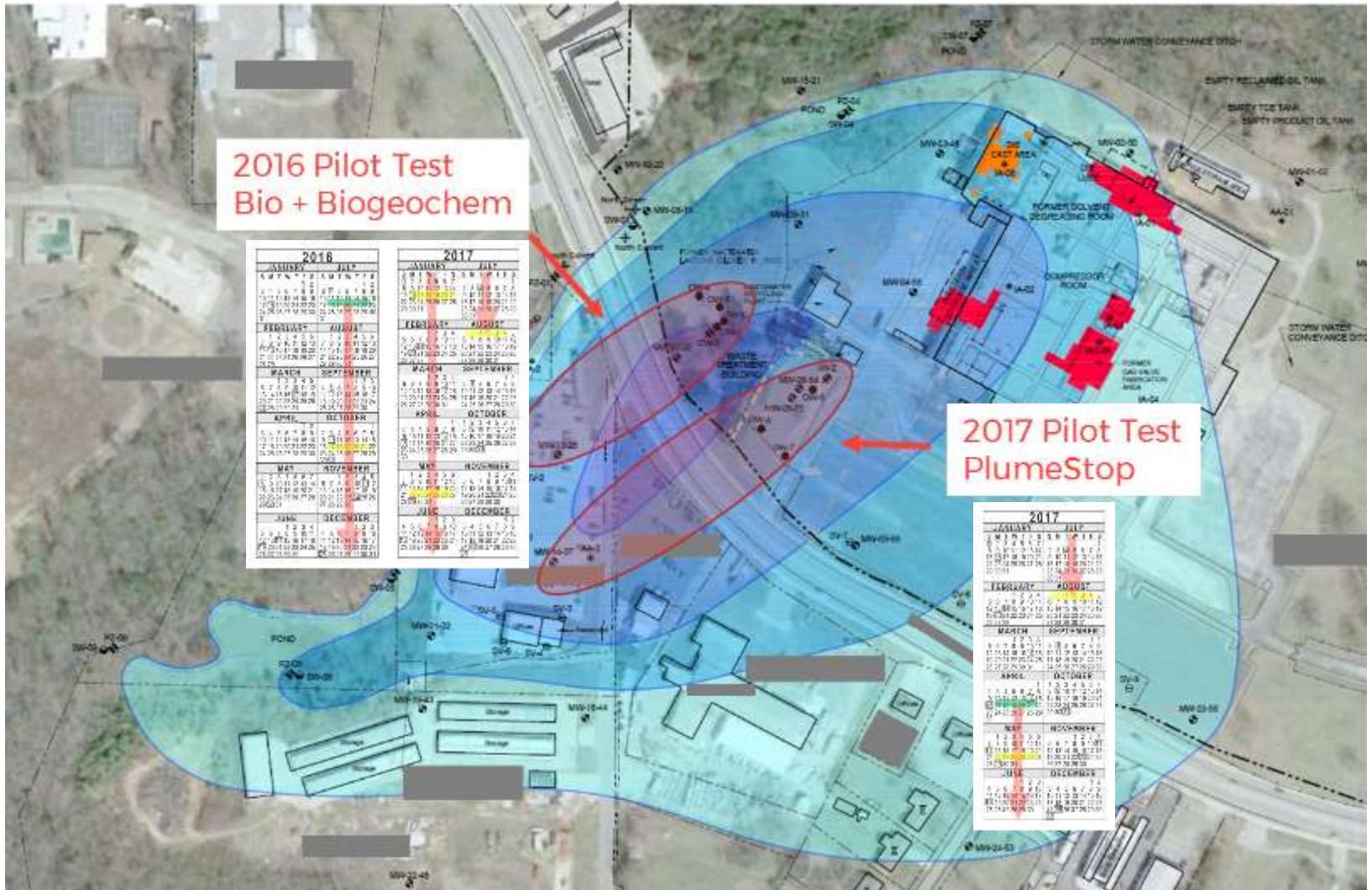
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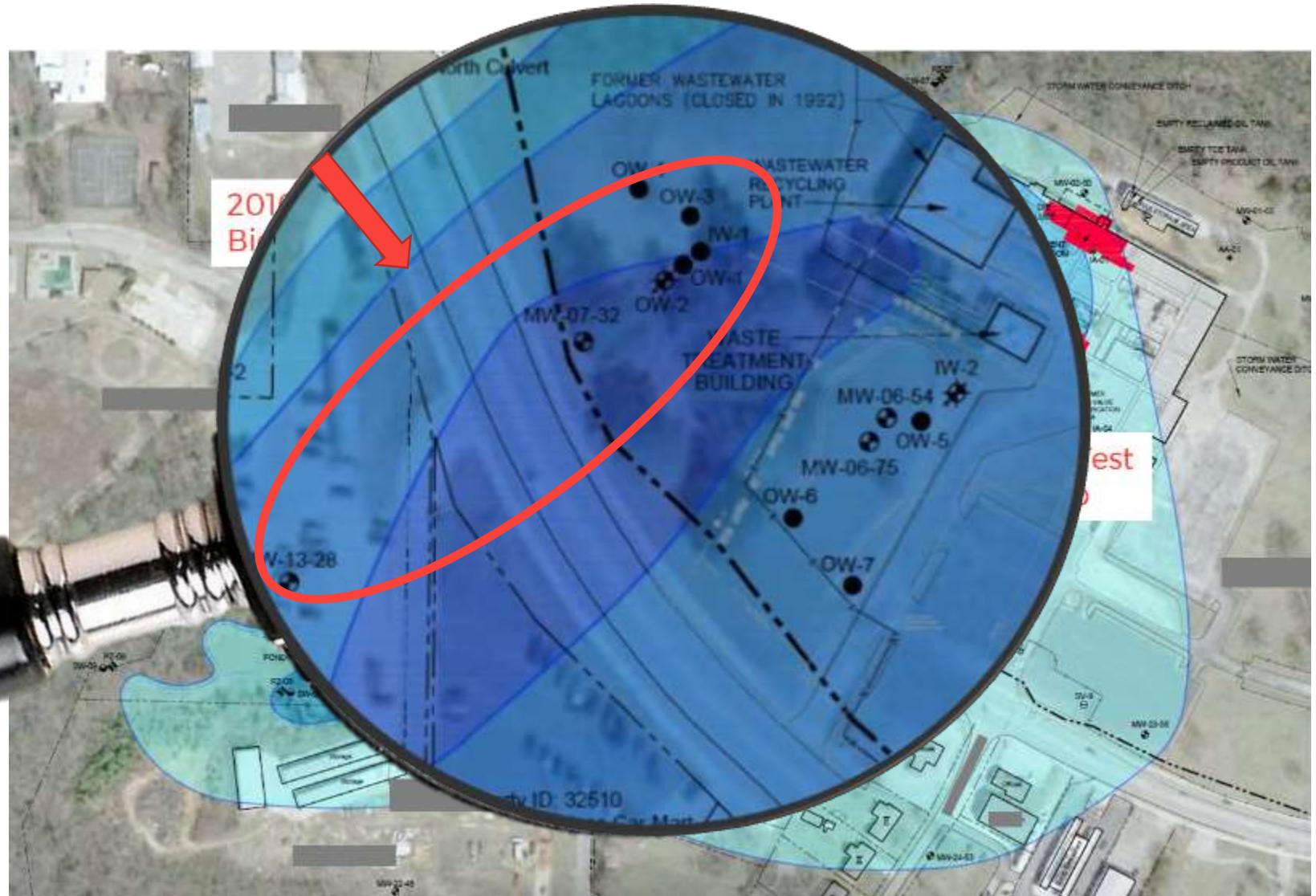
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2016 Pilot Test Layout

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2016 Pilot Test Layout



2016 Pilot Test Amendment

Amendment Design Assumptions

Treatment Area Characteristics:

- ROI: 80 ft
- Saturated Thickness: 15 feet
- Fracture Aperture: 2.7%
- Mobile Porosity: 0.7%

Amendments (5,000 gal)

- Sulfate
- CRS (Fe^{2+} , fermentable C)
- HRC Primer (fermentable C)
- 3DMe (fermentable C)
- Sodium Bicarbonate (buffer)
- Micro Nutrients (N, P)
- BDI Plus

Tracer

- Eosine was added immediately before the injection
- Fluorescein was added immediately after the injection

Delivery

- Average 5 gpm
- No issues

Performance Monitoring Plan

(baseline plus four quarterly sampling events)

Chemical

- VOCs
 - Parents
 - Daughters
- Dissolved Gases
 - Ethene
 - Acetylene
- DOC
- Tracer dyes

Geochemical

- Field Measurements
 - ORP, DO
 - pH
 - Etc.
- Nitrate
- Ferrous Iron
- Manganese
- Sulfate & Sulfide
- Methane
- Alkalinity

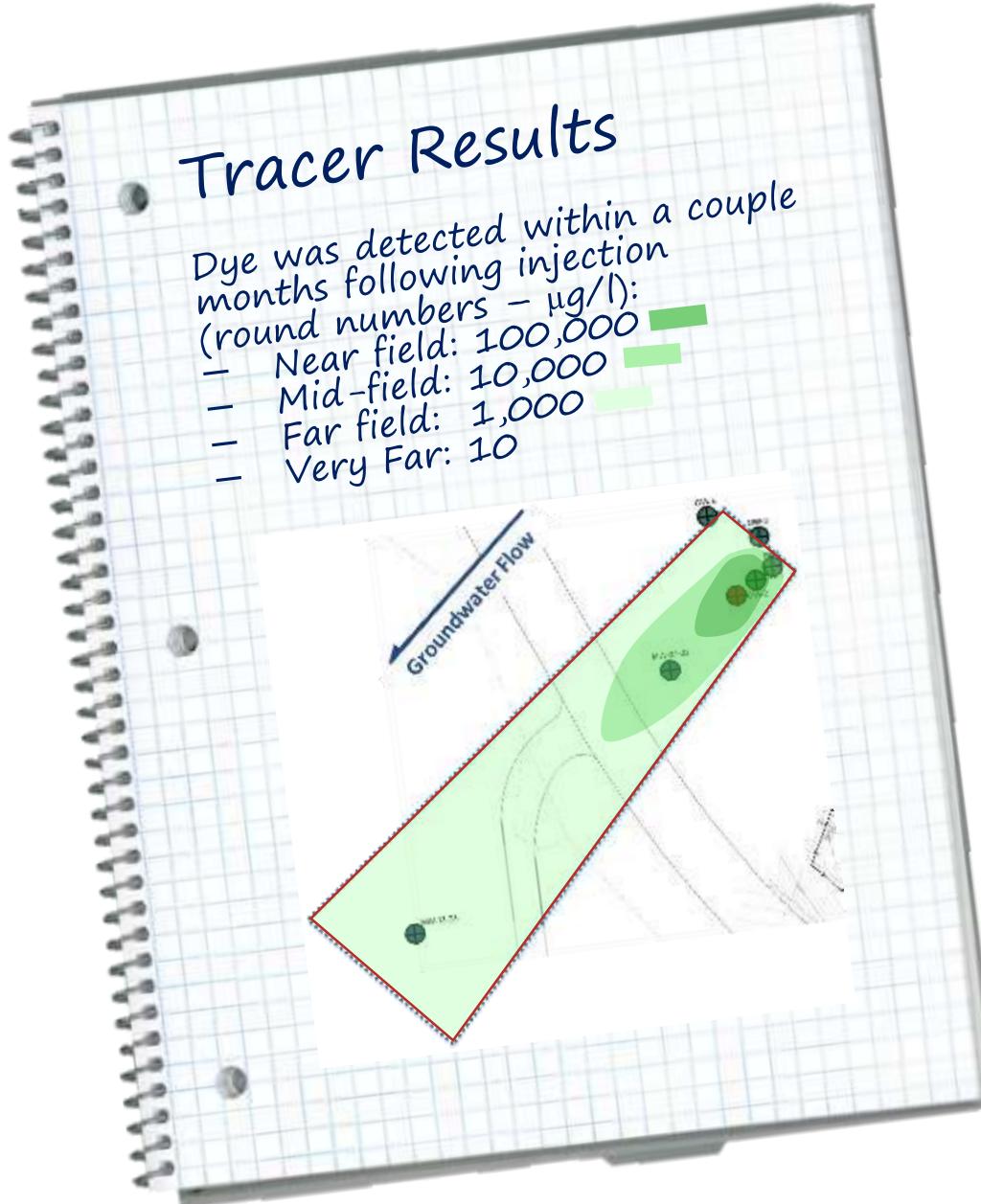
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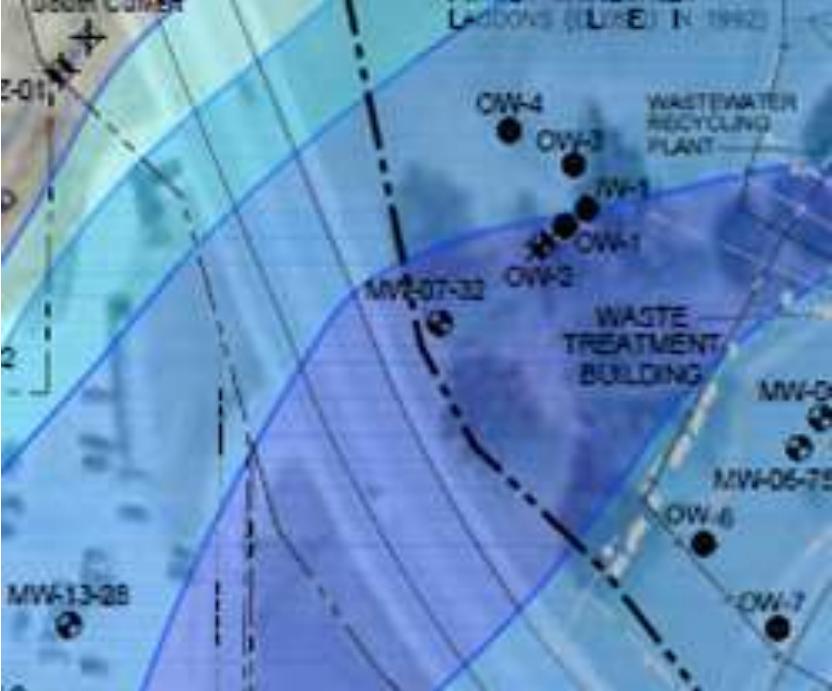
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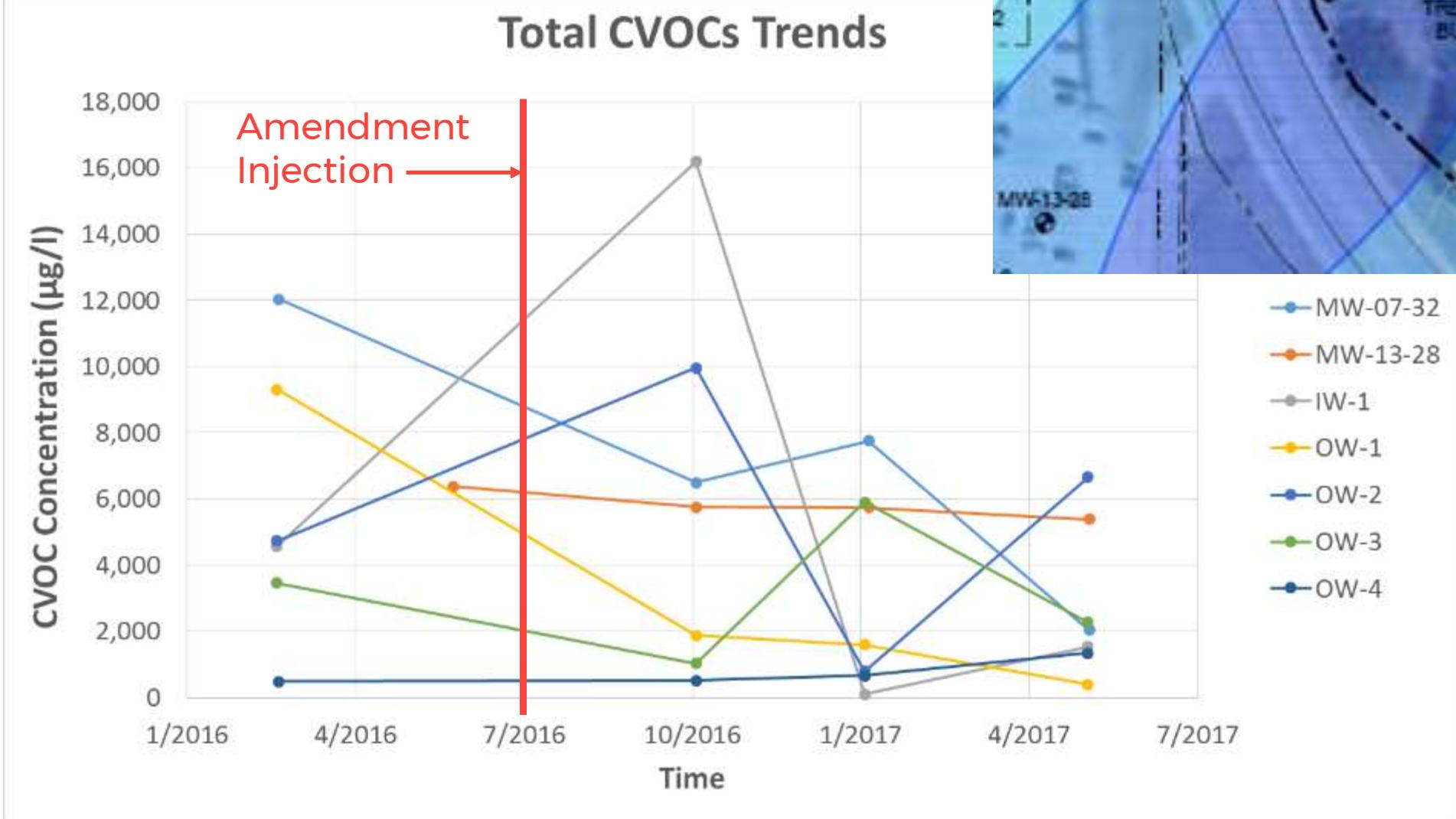
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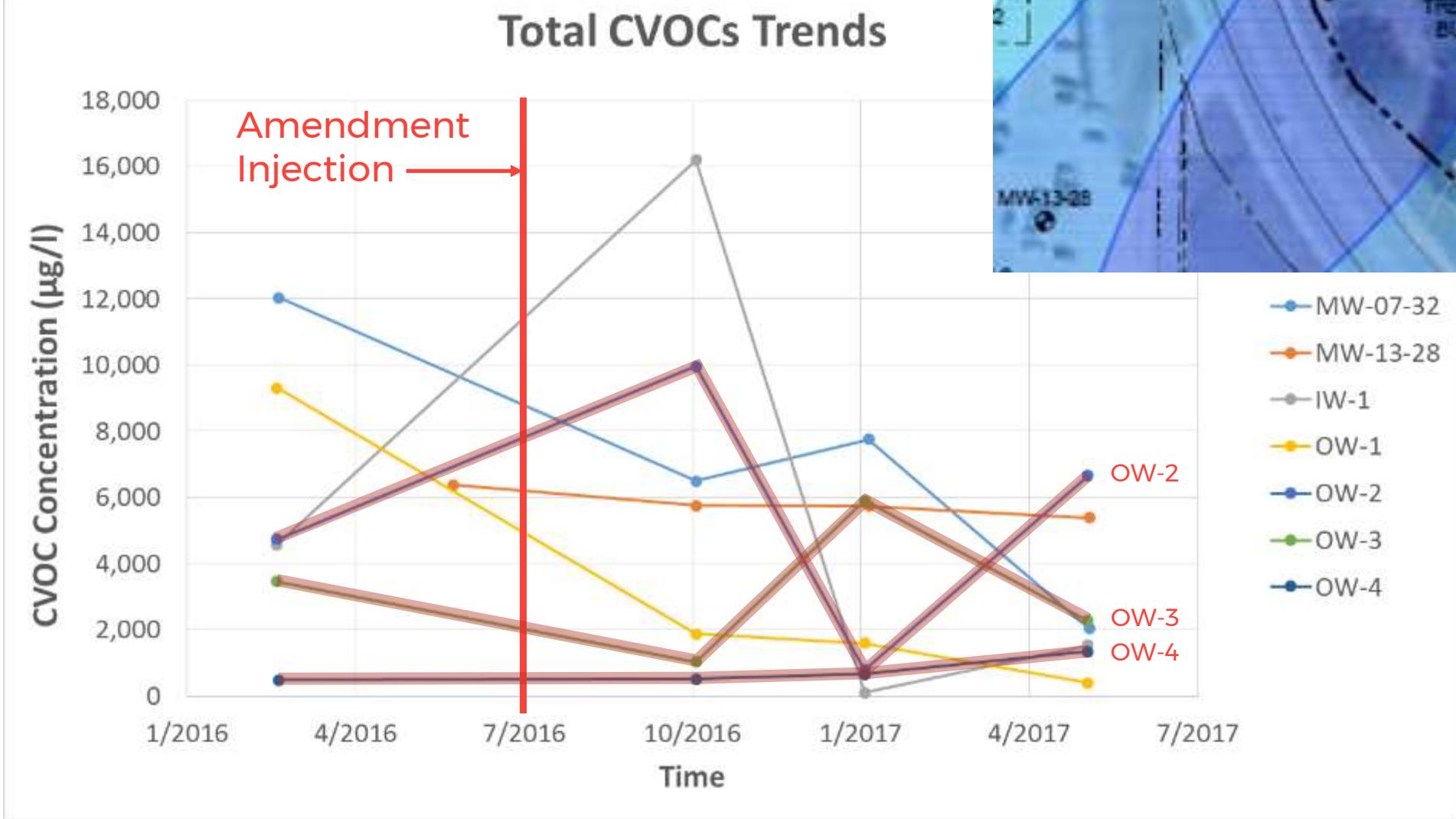
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	Well: Gradient Orientation: Distance:	OW-2 up inj	OW-1 up 20 ft	IW-1 up 30 ft	OW-3 cross 50 ft	OW-4 cross 65 ft	MW-07-32 down 80 ft	MW-13-28 down 320 ft
<u>Parameter</u>								
Field Parameters								
pH (standard units)		green	green	green	green	green	green	green
Specific Conductance ($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$)		yellow	yellow	white	white	yellow	green	yellow
DO (mg/l)		red	green	red	red	red	yellow	red
ORP (mV)		yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	green	red
Inorganics (mg/l)								
Nitrate		green	green	green	green	green	green	red
Sulfate		green	green	green	green	green	green	red
Sulfide		green	white	white	white	white	white	red
Divalent Manganese		white	white	white	white	white	white	white
Ferrous Iron		white	white	white	white	white	white	white
Alkalinity (mg CaCO_3/l)		green	green	green	green	green	green	yellow
DOC (mg/l)		green	green	green	yellow	green	yellow	yellow

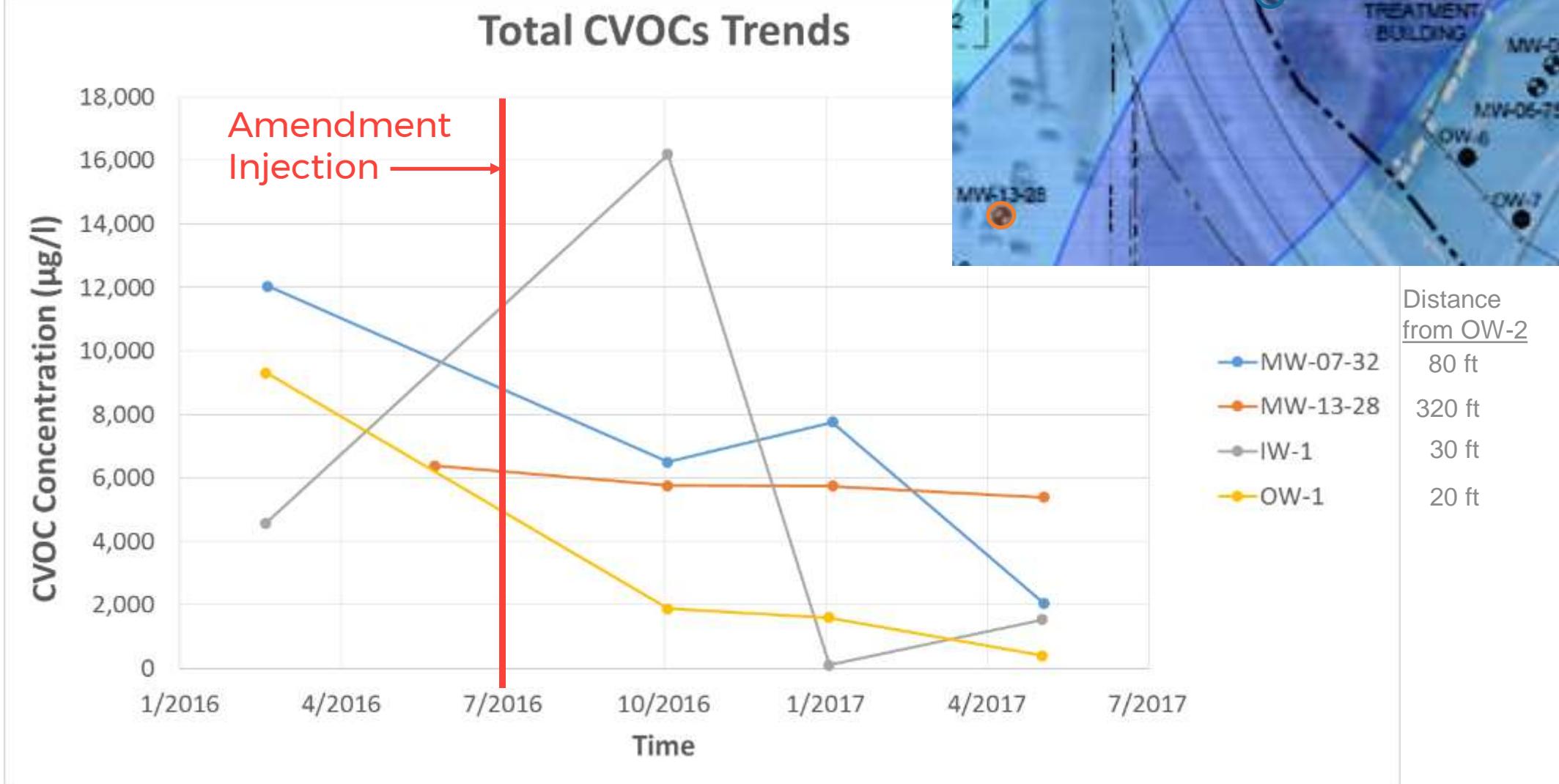
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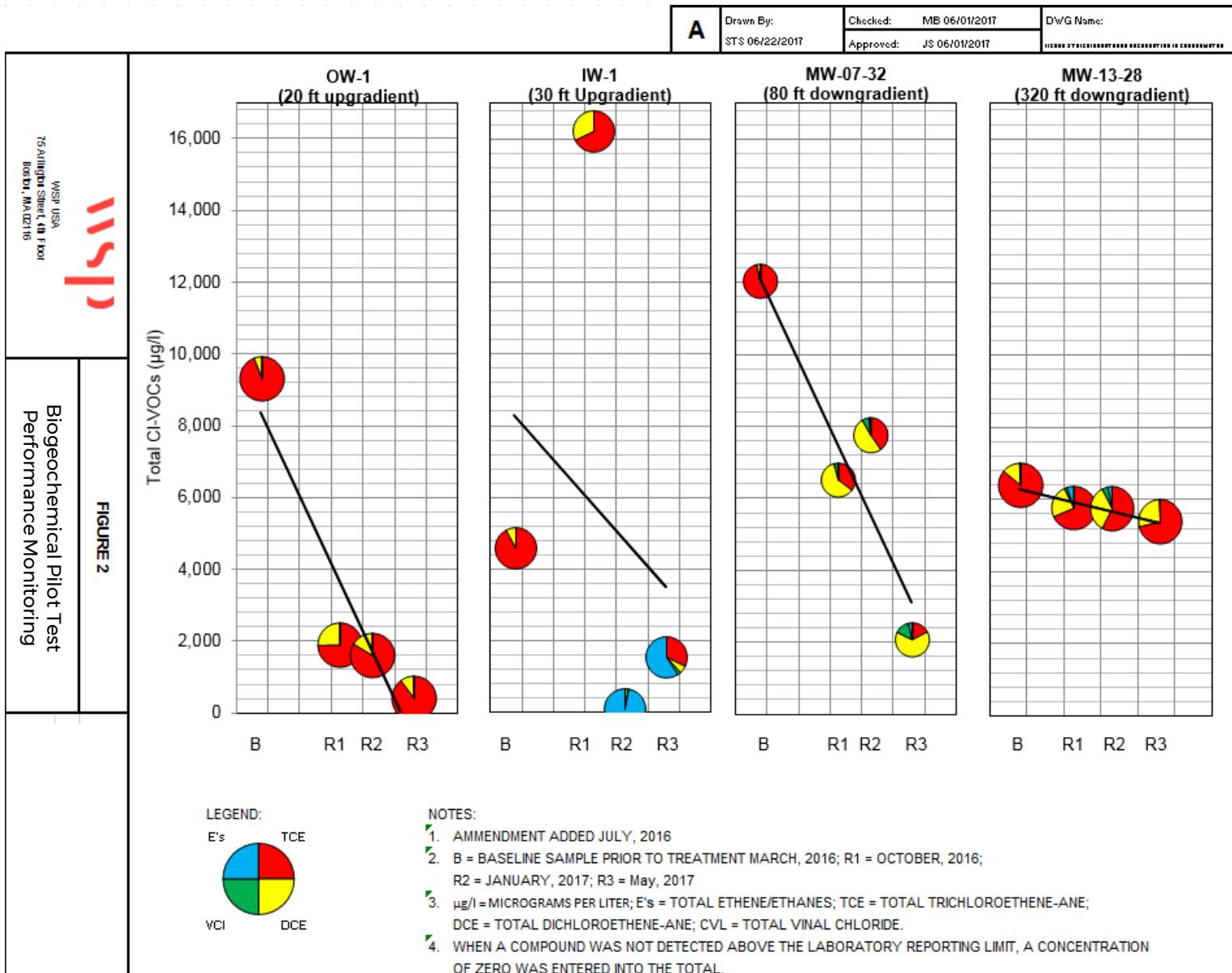
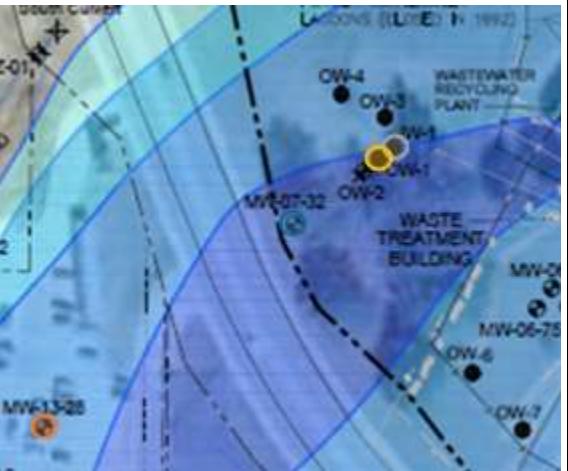
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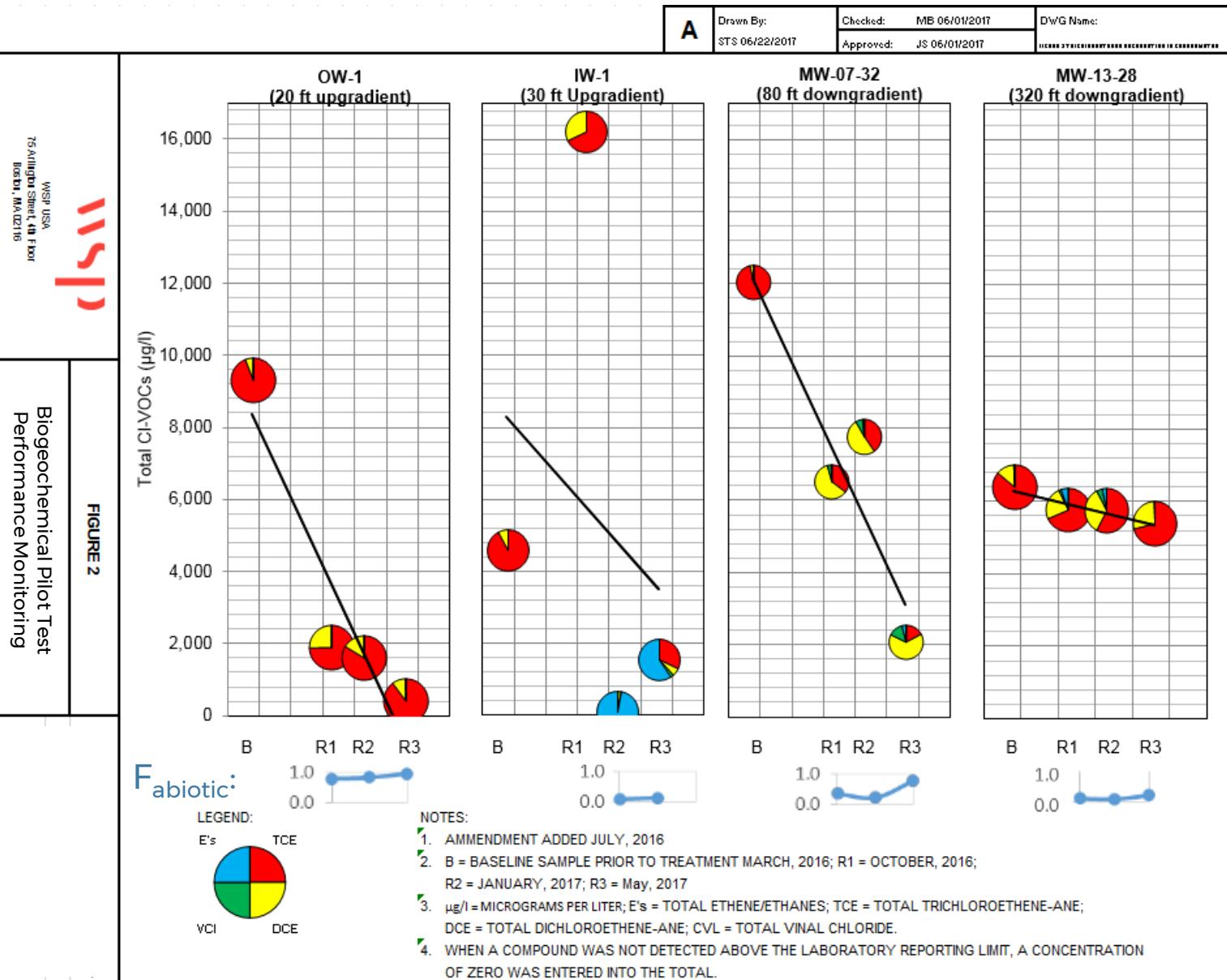
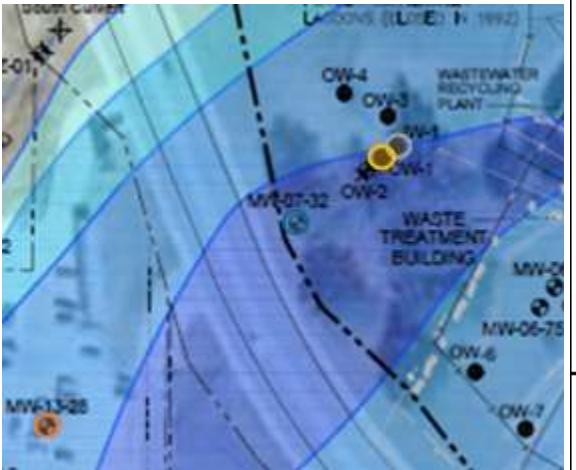


Mole Fractions



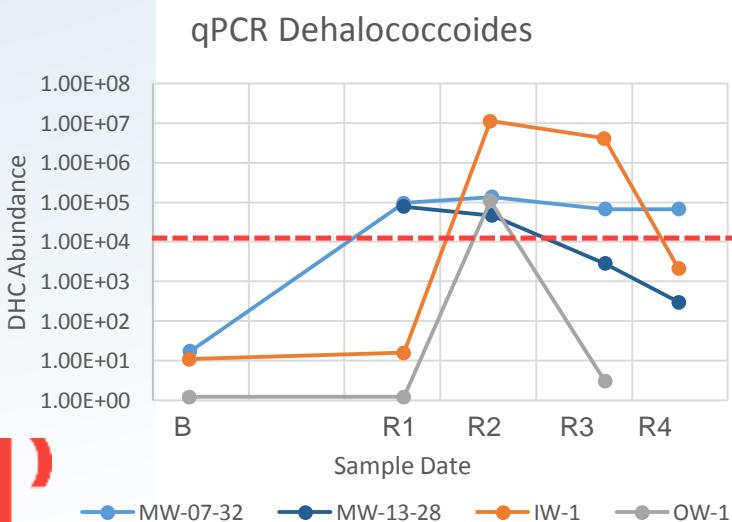
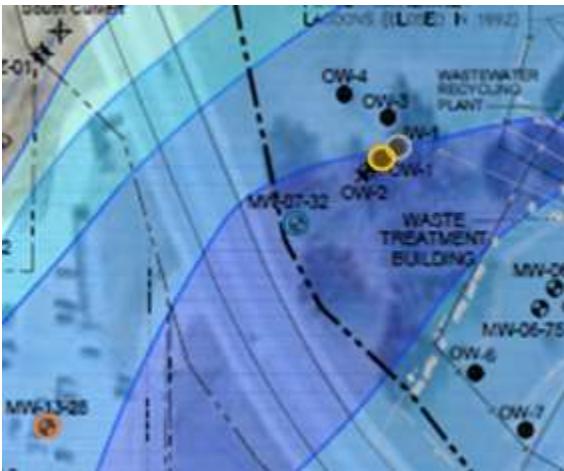
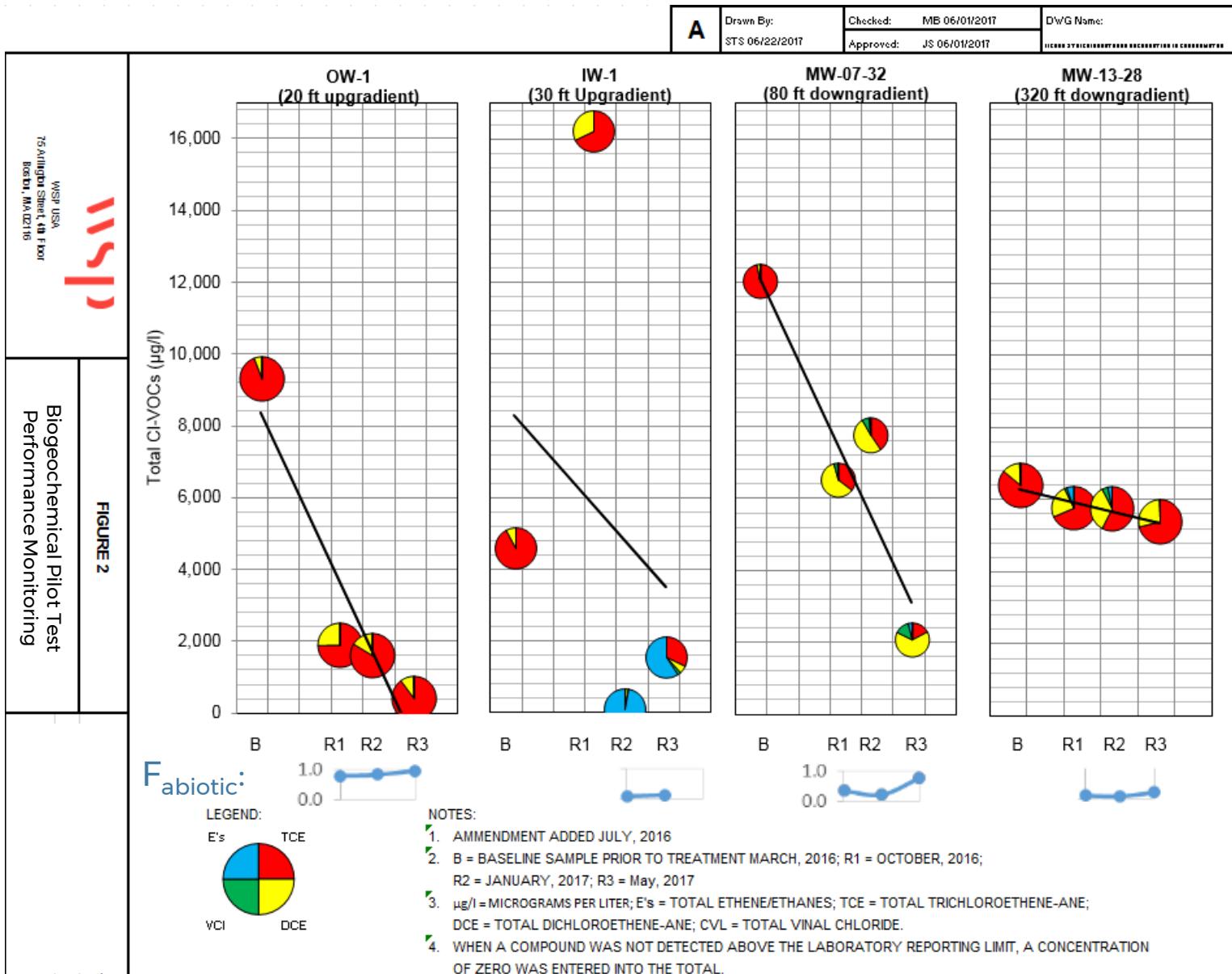
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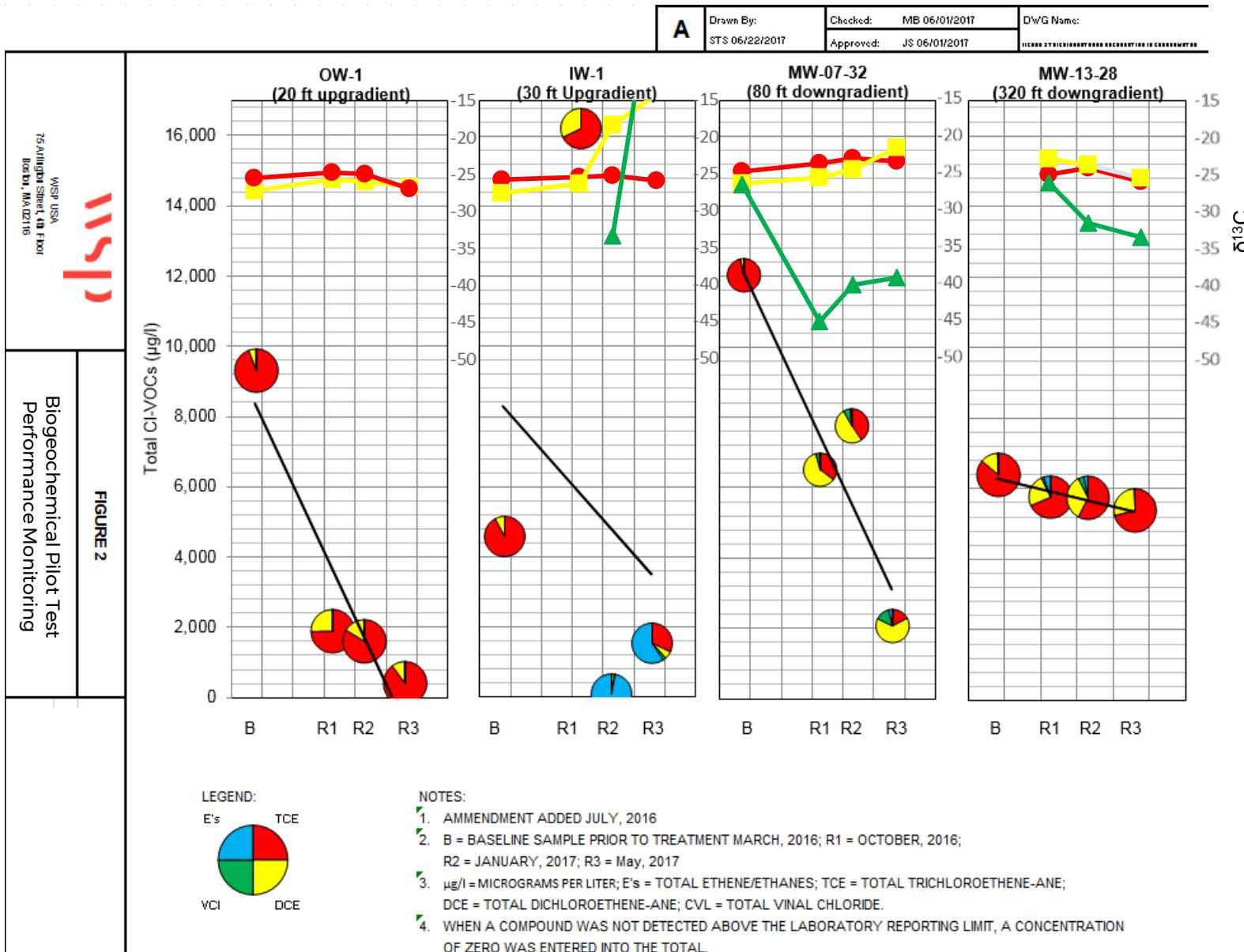
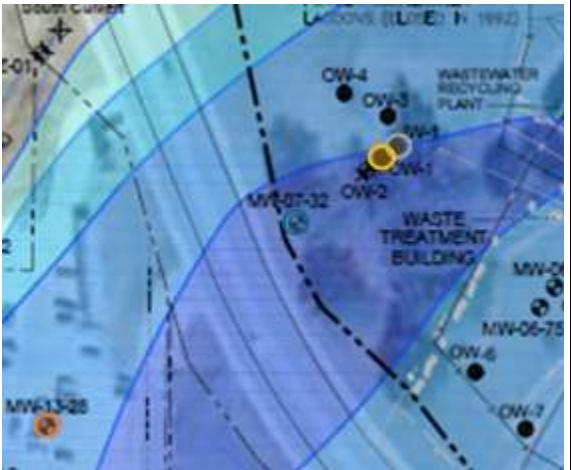
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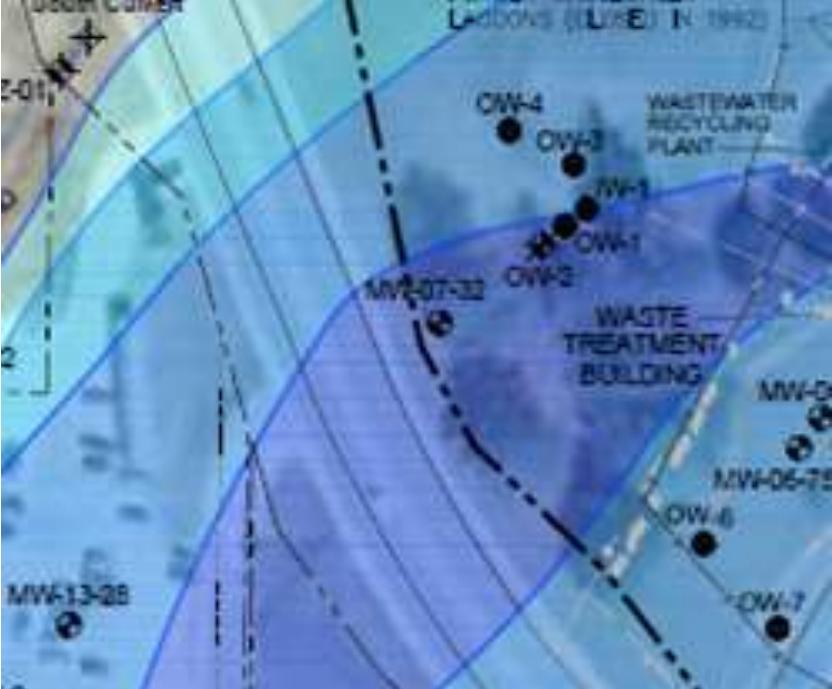
qPCR

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2016 Pilot Test - Summary



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	Well: OW-1	IW-1	MW-07-32	MW-13-28	OW-3	OW-4
Gradient Orientation:	up	up	down	down	cross/up	cross/up
Distance:	20 ft	30 ft	80 ft	320 ft	50	65
Delivery						
Dye						
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CVOC Trends						
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F _{abiotic}	abiotic	biotic	mix	biotic		

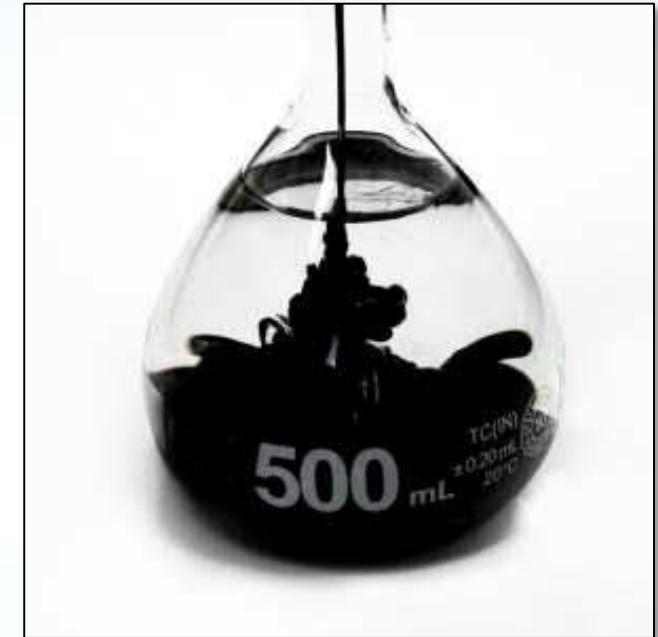
PlumeStop Pilot Test



The Reagent – what it is



- A highly dispersive, injectable **sorbent** and **microbial growth matrix**
- Colloidal activated carbon (1 – 2 µm)
 - Size of a bacterium – suspends as ‘liquid’
 - Huge surface area – extremely fast sorption
- Proprietary anti-clumping / distribution supporting surface treatment (patent applied for)
 - **Core innovation**
 - Enables wide-area, low-pressure distribution through the soil matrix without clogging



Subsurface Distribution

Liquid Activated Carbon
(LAC™)

- 1" diameter glass columns
- Sandy soil with 11% silt/clay
- Gravity feed



Powdered Activated Carbon
(PAC)

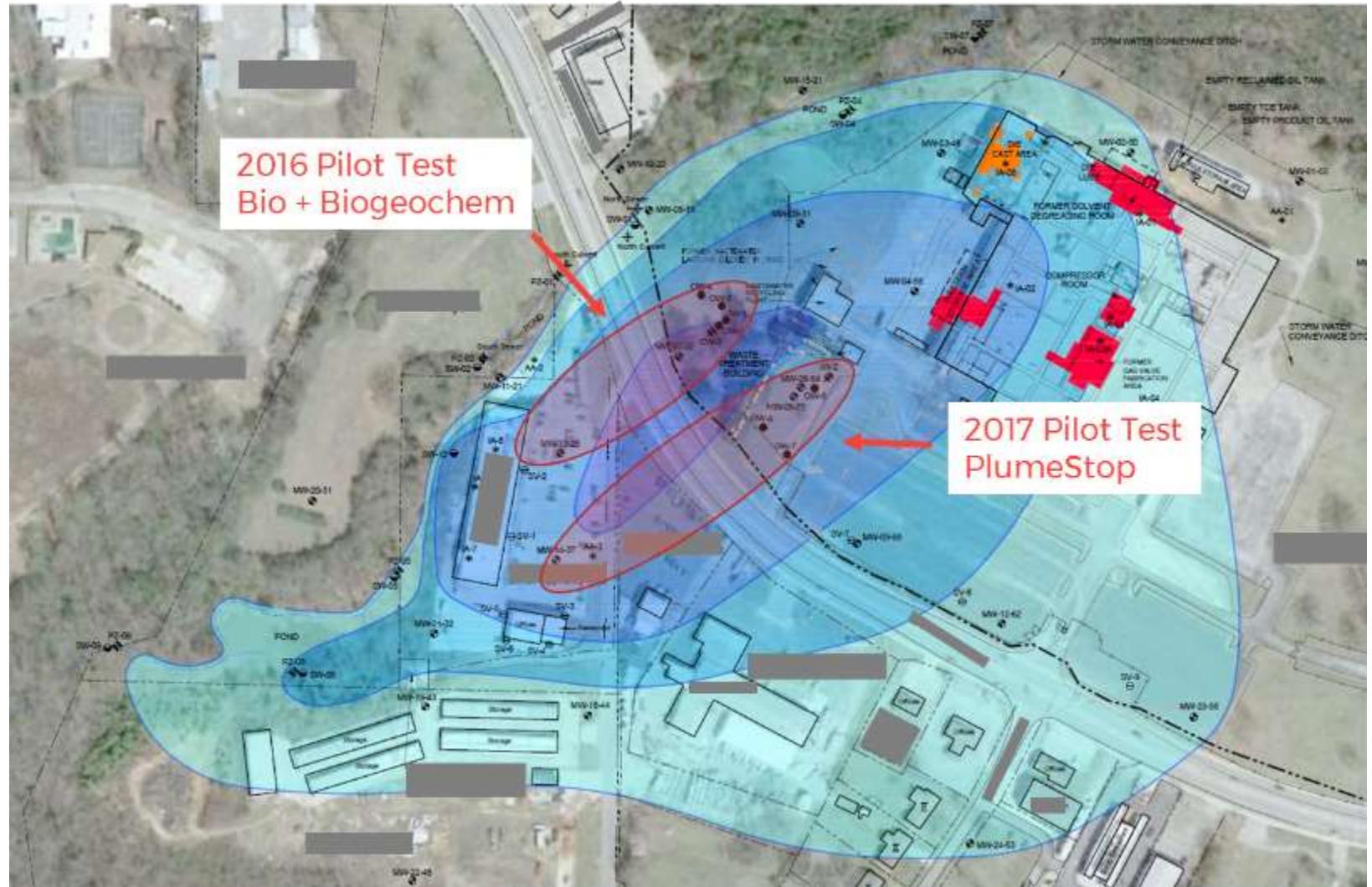
Liquid Activated Carbon
(LAC™)

Powdered Activated Carbon
(PAC)

Time Lapse = 12 minutes



PlumeStop Pilot Test Layout



PlumeStop Pilot Layout

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PlumeStop Amendment

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Amendment Design Assumptions

Treatment Area Characteristics:

- Use same assumptions as 2016 biogeochemical + bio pilot test
- 5,000 gallons of amendments

Amendments (5,000 gal)

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- HRC Primer (fermentable C)
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Crushed Sandstone Core *In Situ* Microcosms

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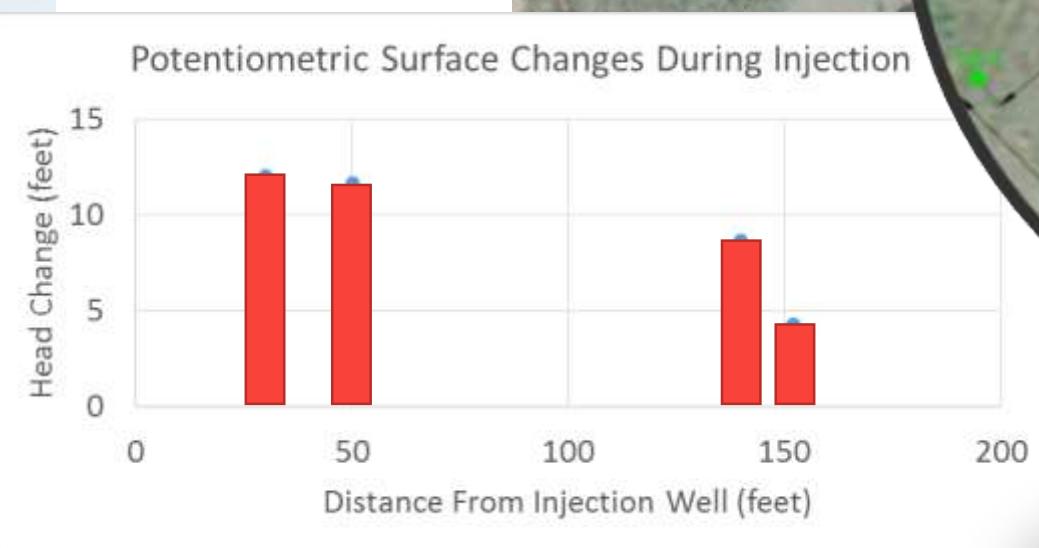
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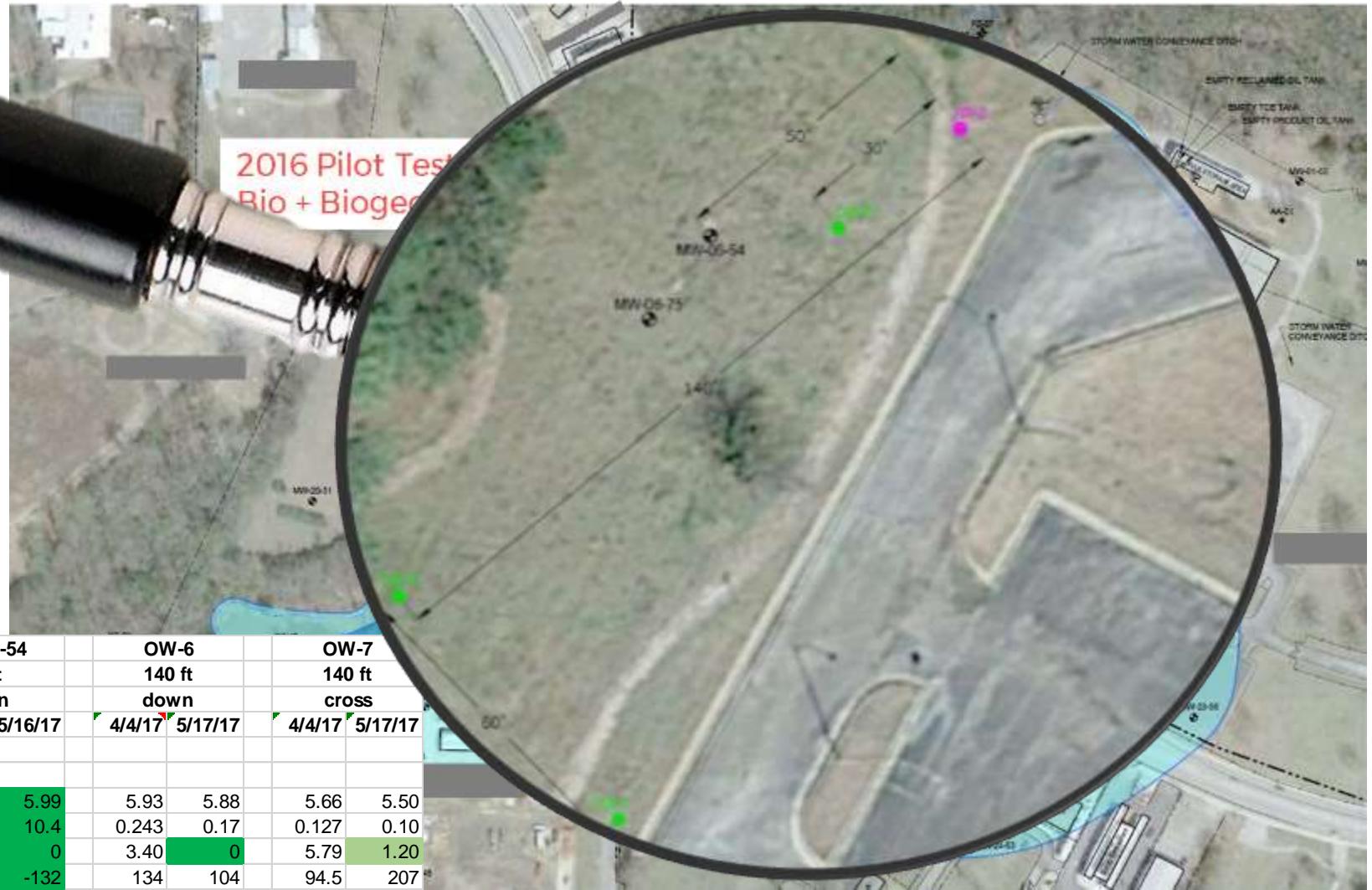
Potentiometric Surface Changes During Injection

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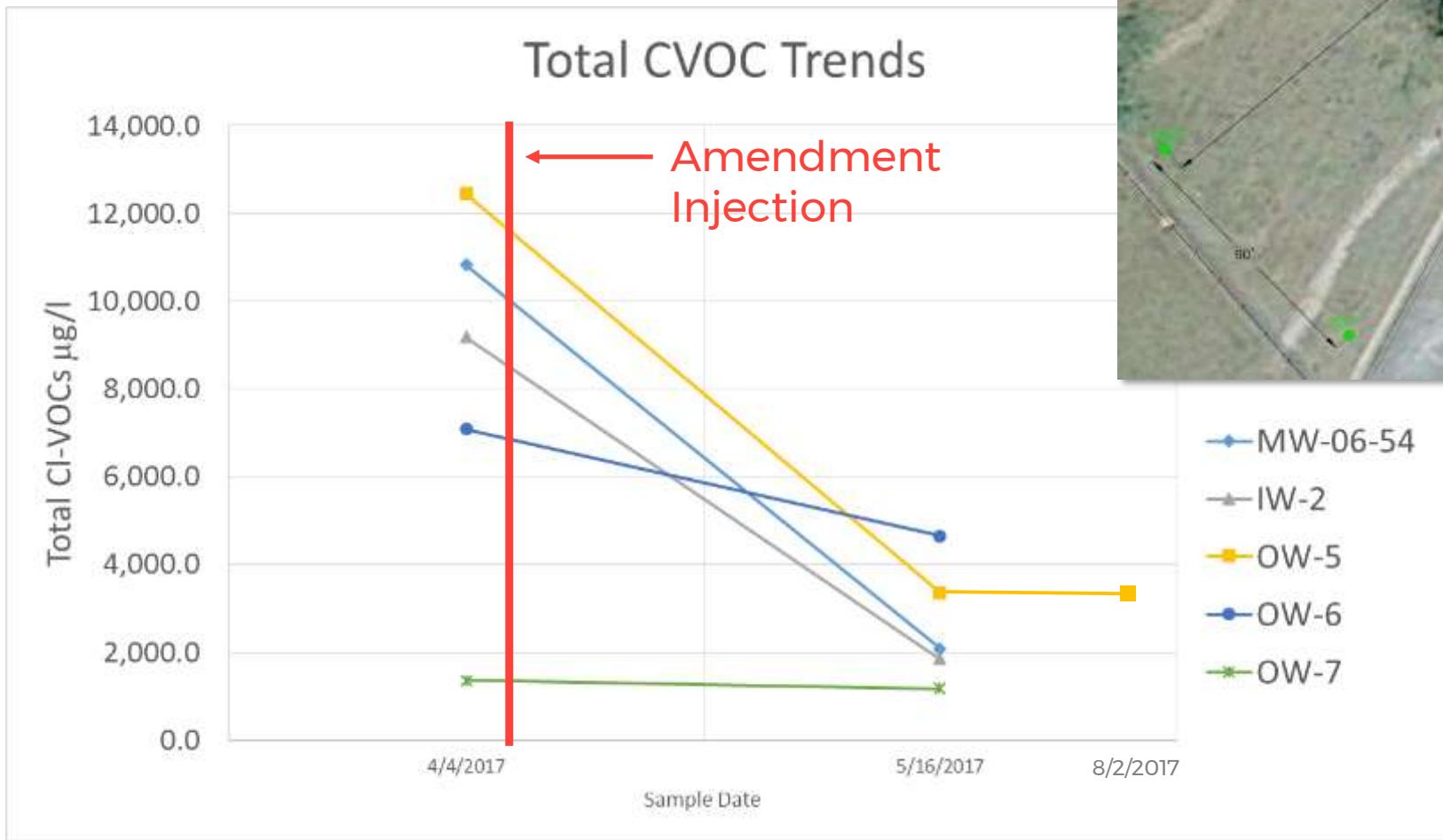
Geochemistry Shifts

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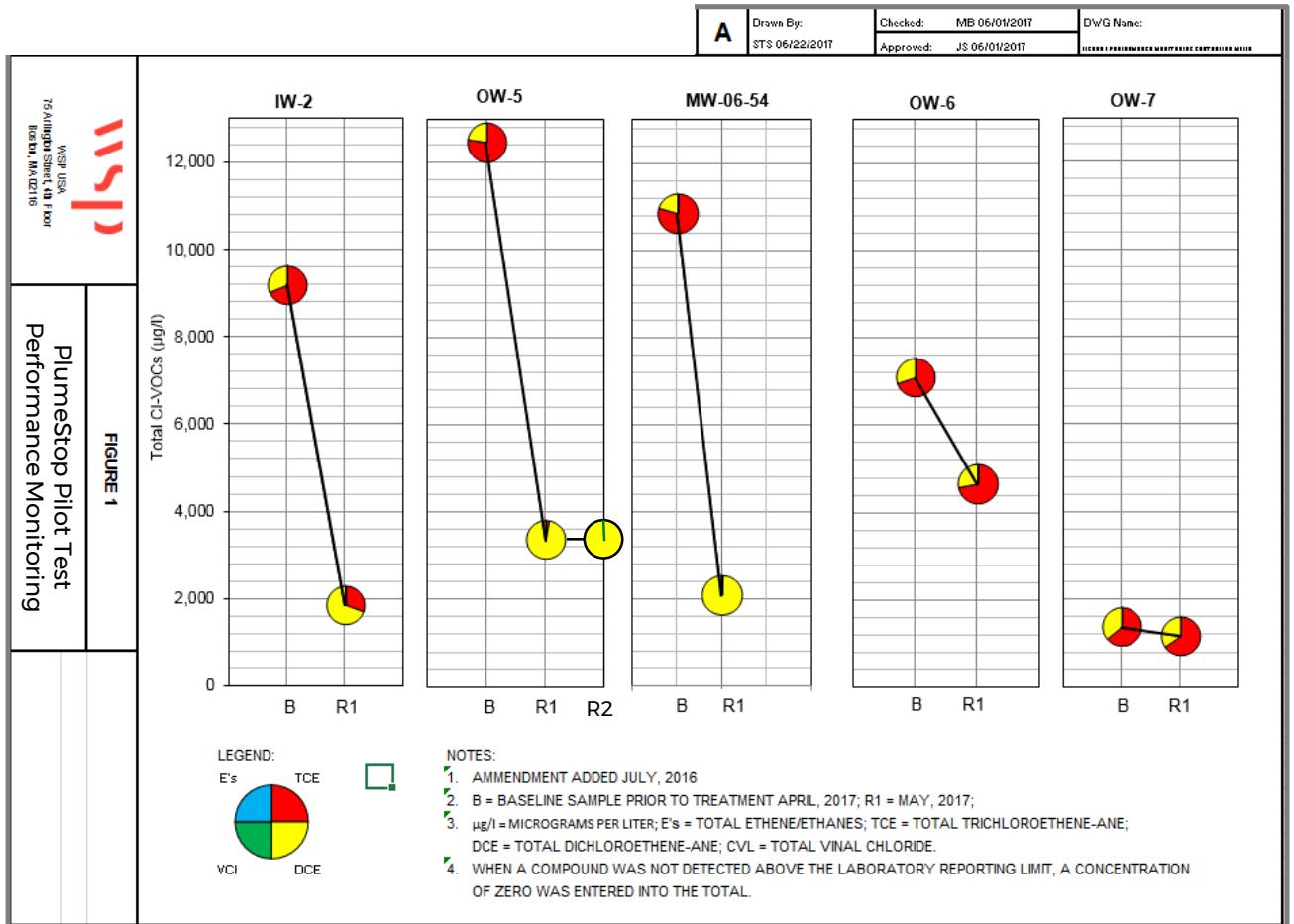
CVOCs

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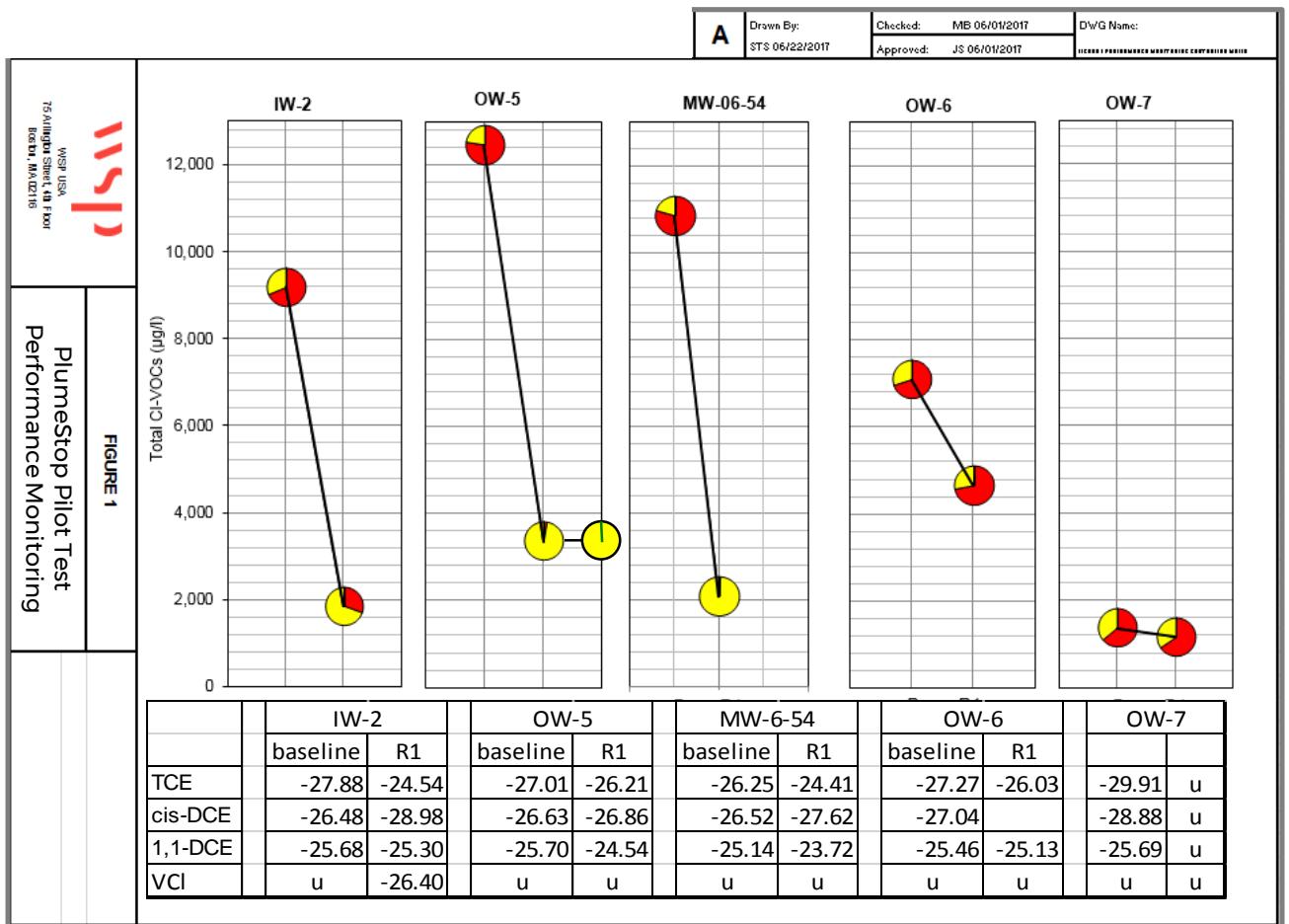
Mole Fraction

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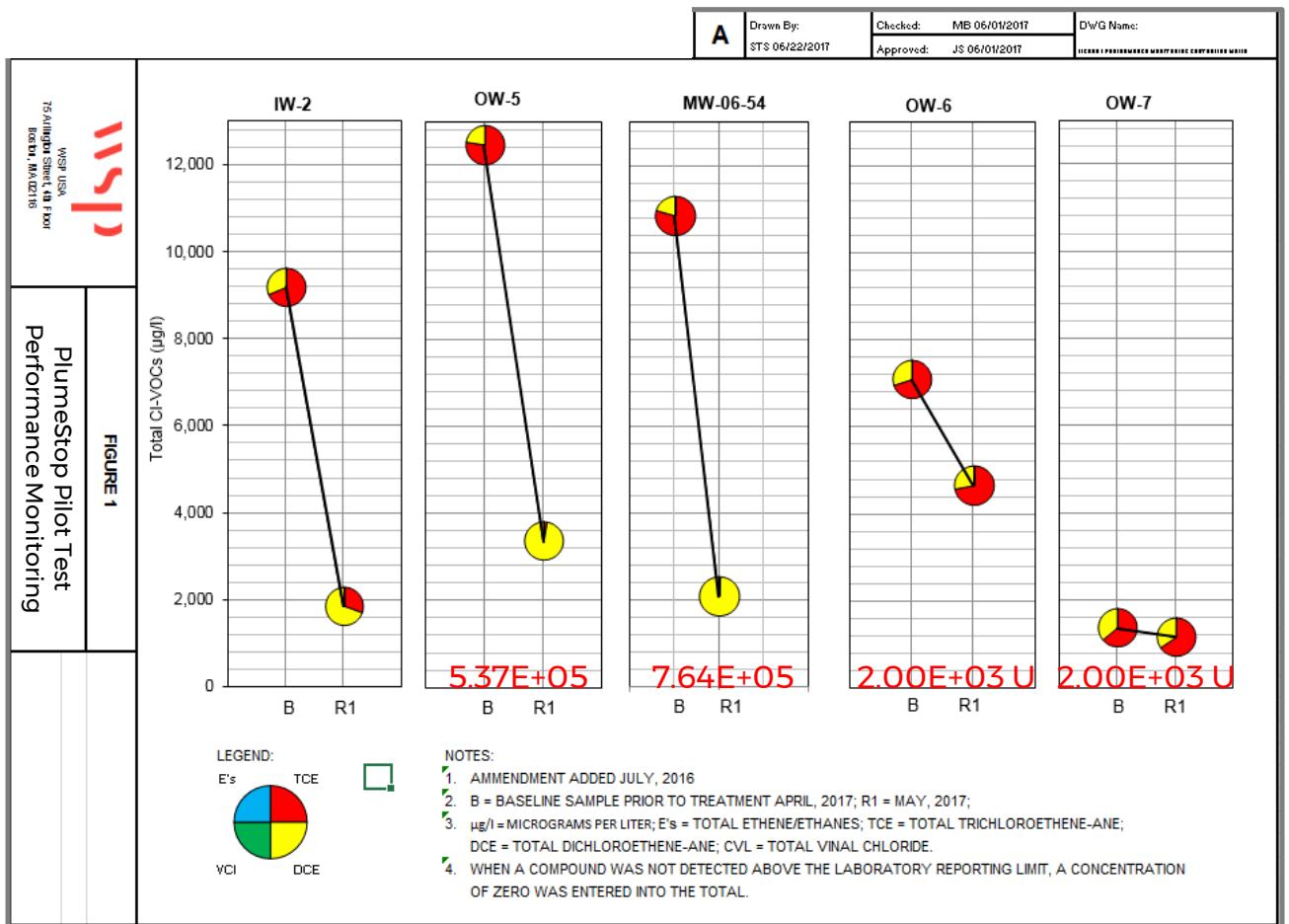
Mole Fraction With CSIA

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Mole Fraction With qPCR for DHC

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← qPCR (cells/g)
Collected from ISMs
Pre-treatment qPCR groundwater data = ND

End Products

- Dissolved gas data was collected from the ISMs
- A headspace method was used to quantify ethene in the crushed sandstone matrix
- The data are being assessed
- We know that ethene and ethane are present and
- The amount of ethene increased significantly from the May samples to the August samples

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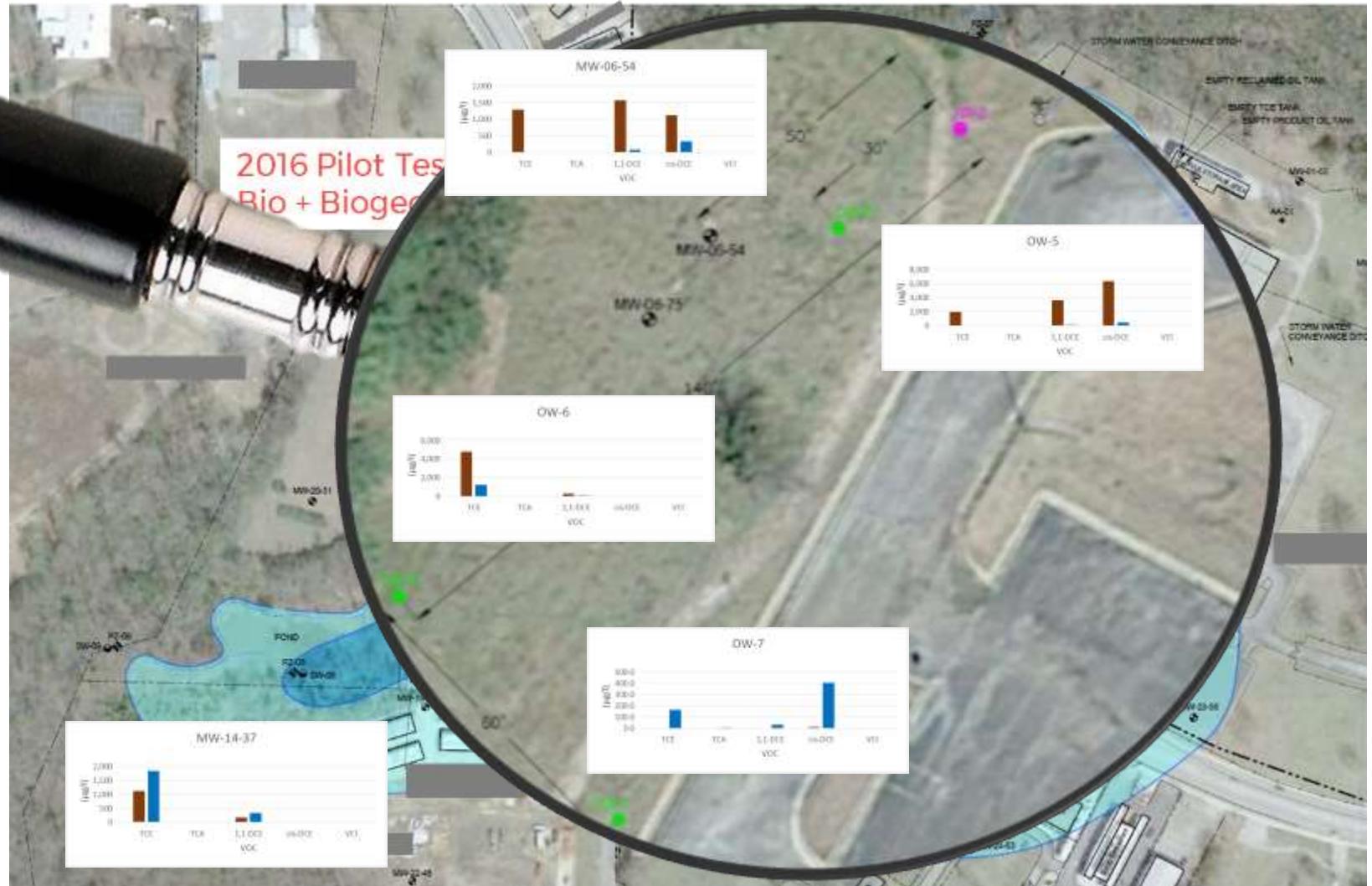


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multiplied ISM
percent moisture by
groundwater VOC
concentrations

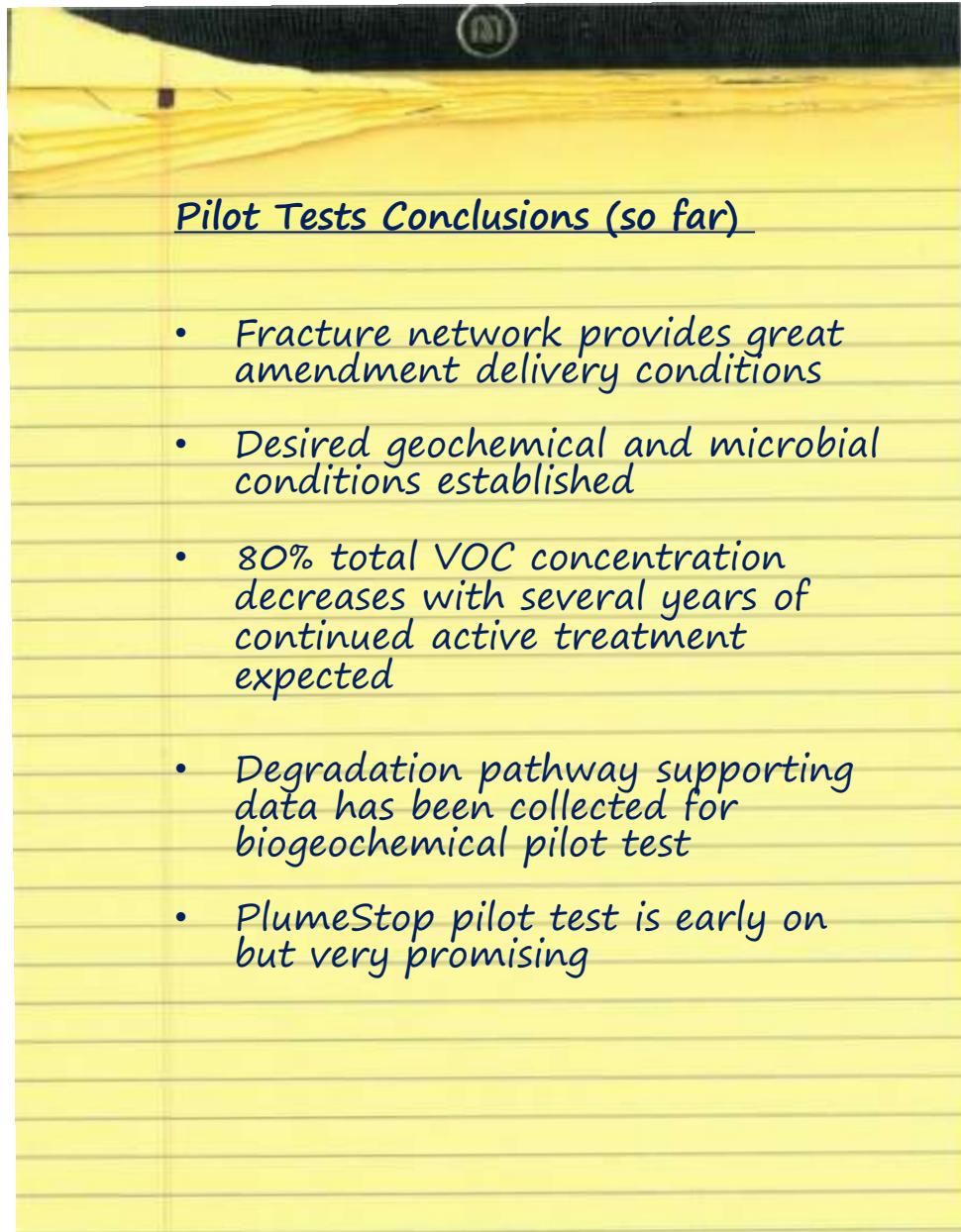
- VOC in ISM
- VOCs in Soil Moisture



PlumeStop Pilot Conclusion



Conclusions



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Greener Cleanups: EPA Spreadsheets for Environmental Footprint Analysis - August 2014

Environmental Footprint Summary									
Core Element	Metric		Unit of Measure	Footprint					
				InSitu Treatment	Pump and Treat				
Materials & Waste	M&W-1	Refined materials used on-site	Tons	0	4				
	M&W-5	On-site hazardous waste disposed of off-site	Tons	10	10				
Water (used on-site)	W-1	Public water use	MG	1	0.0				
Energy	E-1	Total energy used (on-site and off-Site)	MMBtu	770	29,365				
	E-4	On-site grid electricity use	MWh	0	2,200.0				
Air	A-1	On-site NOx, SOx, and PM emissions	Pounds	158	431				
	A-3	Total NOx, SOx, and PM emissions	Pounds	1,011	32,396				
	A-3A	Total NOx emissions	Pounds	696	8,513				
	A-3B	Total SOx emissions	Pounds	267	23,692				
	A-3C	Total PM emissions	Pounds	48	191				
	A-4	Total HAP emissions	Pounds	8	740				
	A-5	Total greenhouse gas emissions	Tons CO2e*	62	1,803				
Land & Ecosystems									
* Total greenhouse gases emissions (in CO2e) include consideration of CO2, CH4, and N2O (Nitrous oxide) emissions.									
"MMBtu" = millions of Btus									
"MG" = millions of gallons									
"CO2e" = carbon dioxide equivalents of global warming potential									
"MWh" = megawatt hours (i.e., thousands of kilowatt-hours or millions of Watt-hours)									
"Tons" = short tons (2,000 pounds)									
			Notes:						
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P&T: 20 wells, AS, GAC • In Situ: 20 wells • O&M: 20 years, 5 injections 						



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