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## Real World Integration of Real Time Data Sets

**REAL-TIME DATA COLLECTION & INTERPRETATION FOR  
BETTER DECISION-MAKING**

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# Introduction

## ➤ S2C2 – Who we are.

- Company focuses on Streamlined Site Characterization
- S2C2 has been performing these services for over 10 years
- Over 20-Year History of Site Characterization using real-time data

# Real Time Data

## ➤ Direct-Sensing Tools

- Electrical Conductivity Probe
- Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)
- Fuel Fluorescent Detector (FFD)

## ➤ Mobile Laboratory

- GC/MS Methods:
  - Volatiles
  - Semi-Volatiles
  - PCBs, Pesticides, TPH
- Metals by XRF

## ➤ Other Real Time Technologies

- Geophysical surveys
- PID
- Global Positioning System

## ➤ Data Visualization



Collaborative Data

# Choosing the right tool for real-time data

## Overburden

- Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)
  - BTEX : Dissolved phase
  - CVOCs: Source Area & Dissolved
- Fuel Fluorescent Detector (FFD)
  - Hydrocarbons: Residual and Free Product
  - Not Dissolved phase
- Electrical Conductivity (EC)
  - Soil Lithology
  - Historic Fill
  - Preferential Pathways/Targeting sample Intervals
- Mobile Laboratory
  - SVOC – PAHs, Pesticides, PCBs
  - VOCs Below MIP detection limits and Speciation
  - Metals - XRF

## Bedrock

- Mobile Laboratory
  - Rock Coring w/ packer testing
- Flute Liners
- Downhole Geophysical

# Characterization of Historic Fill Using Electrical Conductivity (EC) and a Hand Held XRF

## Background:

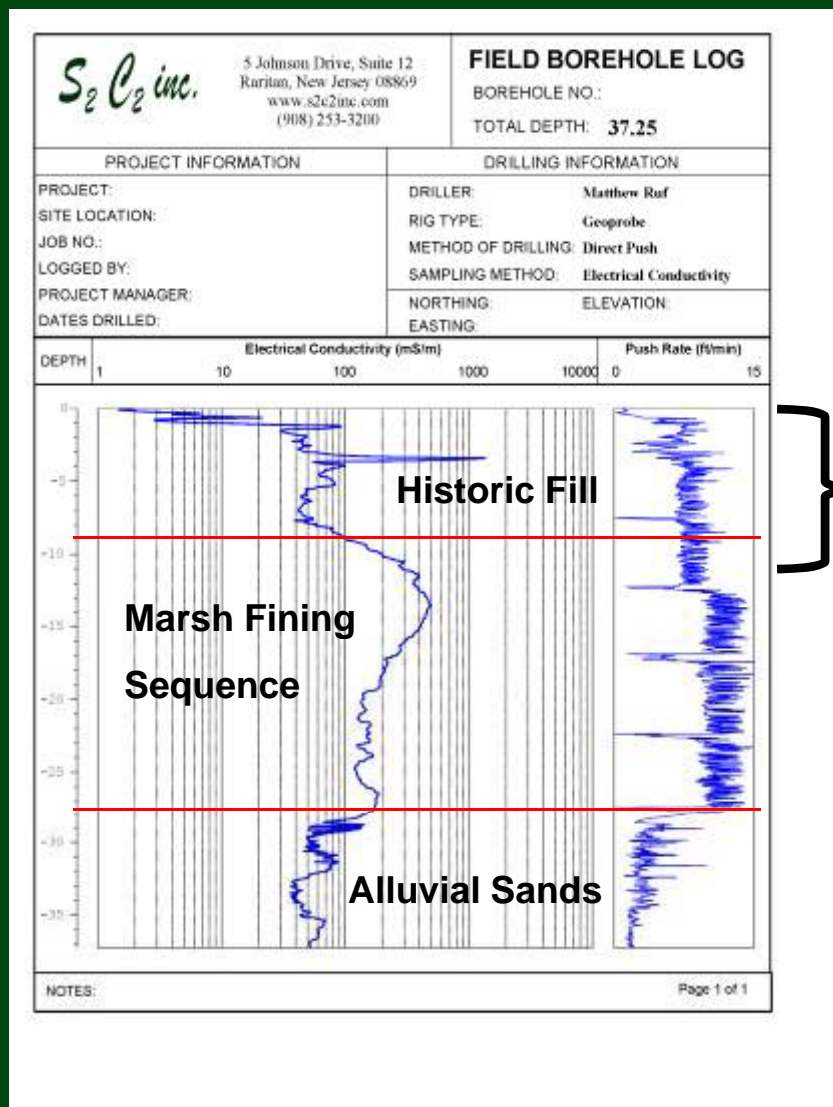
- Multiple acre former industrial site
- Historic Fill extended to a depth of 15' bgs. with high levels of metals
- Water table 5' bgs.
- Remedy "Hotspot " removal

## Problem:

- Characterization of Fill material difficult using traditional techniques

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# Solution



## XRF Sample (2-2.5 ft)

Cr - 185 mg/kg

Cu - 371 mg/kg

Zn - 799 mg/kg

Pb - 612 mg/kg

As - ND

## XRF Sample (4-4.5 ft)

Cr - 83,643 mg/kg

Cu - 52 mg/kg

Zn - 5,095 mg/kg

Pb - 562 mg/kg

As - ND

## XRF Sample (9.5-10 ft)

Cr - 150 mg/kg

Cu - ND

Zn - 187 mg/kg

Pb - 143 mg/kg

As - ND

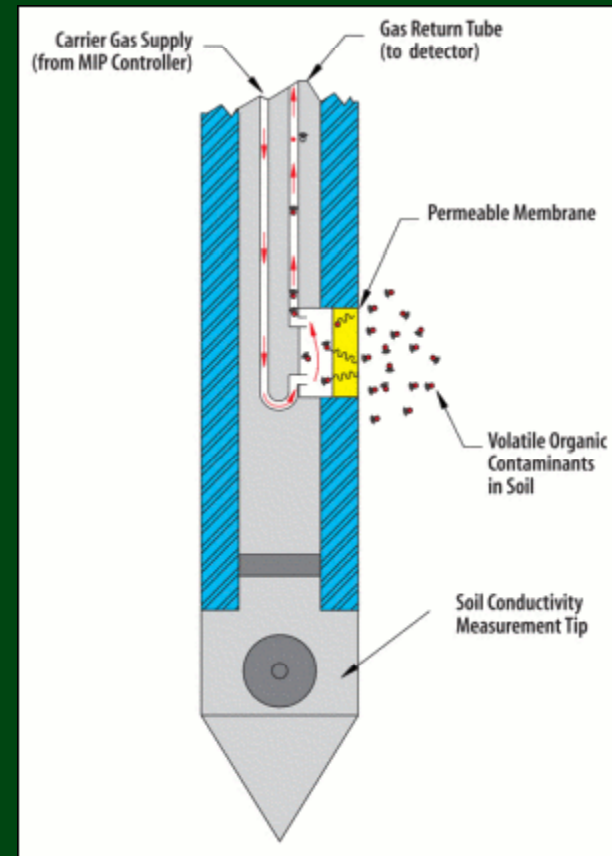
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## Why was real time data important for this site?

- Accurately determining the extent of Historic Fill
- Target sampling interval
- Generate a detailed model of Metals impacts in relationship with lithology
- Decrease size of impacted “hotspots” -which decreased remediation costs

# Membrane Interface Probe

- Screening tool with semi-quantitative capabilities.
- Simultaneous chemical and lithologic data.
- Diffusion occurs by concentration gradient from formation to carrier gas.
- Detectors are configured for expected contaminants .
  - PID (BTEX compounds)
  - ECD/ELCD/XSD (Chlorinated Specific)
  - FID (Straight chain hydrocarbons)
- Must follow [ASTM D7352-07](#) Standard Practice for MIP!!
- [Geoprobe MIP Service Specialist](#)





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## Characterization of a PCE source area using a MIP

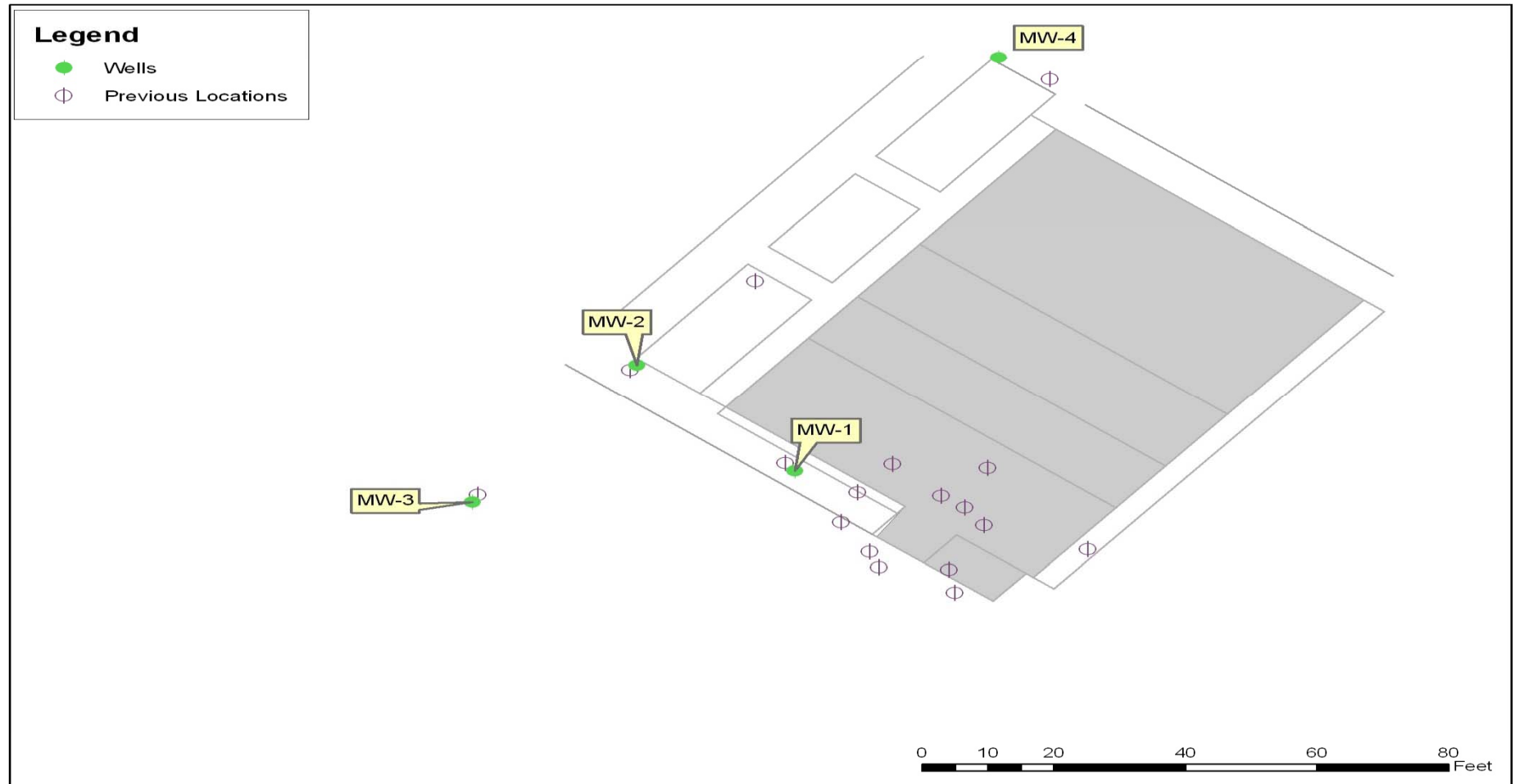
### Background:

- Active “green” dry cleaning facility in a small strip mall.
- Water table approximately 7’bgs.
- Well set from 4 to 14’ bgs.
- Phase I revealed a broken underground pipe that was thought to be the source.
- Prior to MIP Investigation 2-3 days of traditional sampling and analysis was performed, 4 well were installed and sample
- Estimated cost to date for the investigation 25-30k

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# Case Study

## Map of previous work done at the site



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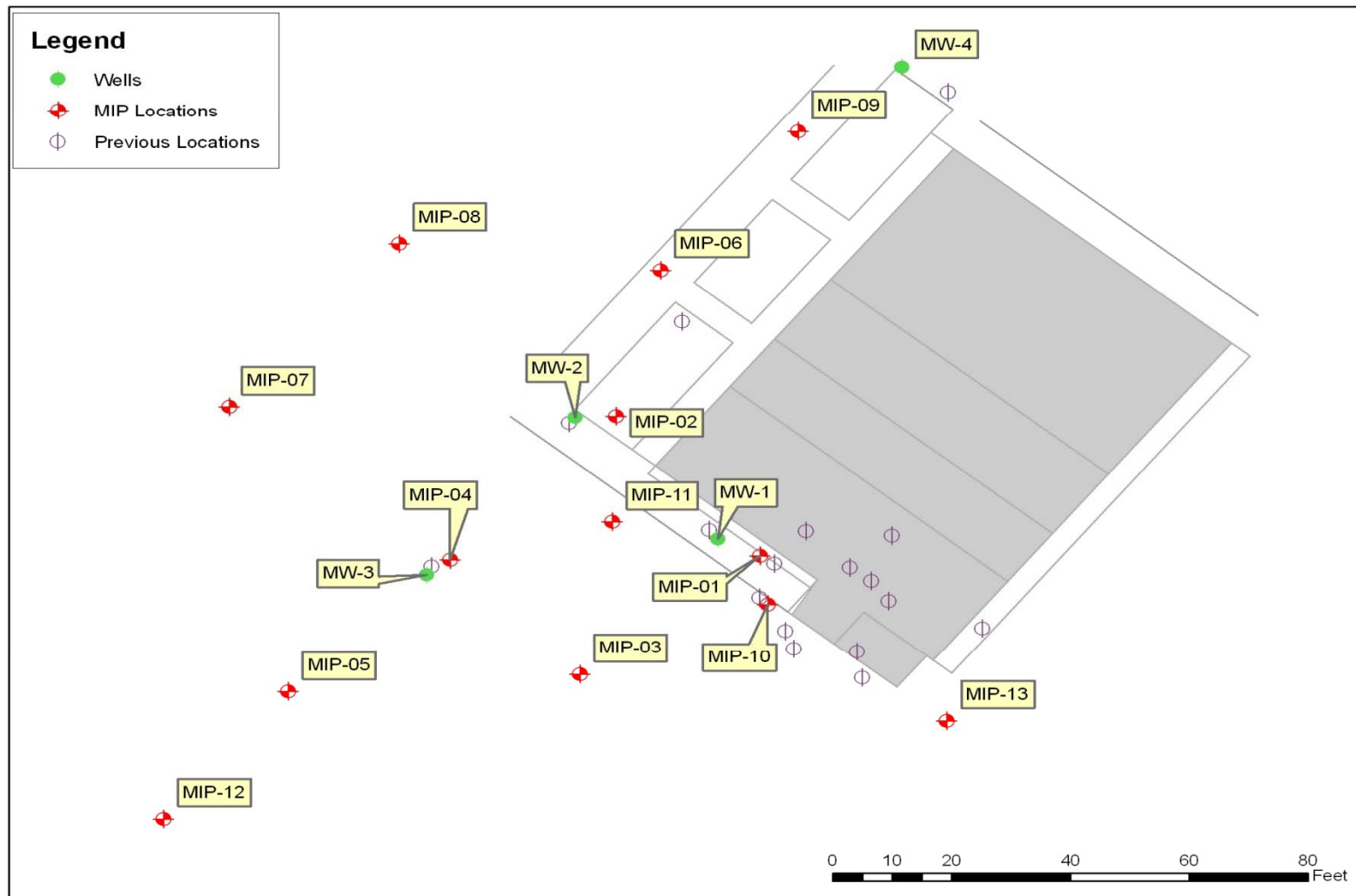
# Initial MIP Location at Suspected Source Area

<i>S<sub>2</sub> C<sub>2</sub> inc.</i>		5 Johnson Drive, Suite 12 Raritan, New Jersey 08869 www.s2c2inc.com (908) 253-3200		<b>FIELD BOREHOLE LOG</b>	
				BOREHOLE NO.: <b>MIP-01</b>	
				TOTAL DEPTH: <b>25.15</b>	
PROJECT INFORMATION			DRILLING INFORMATION		
PROJECT:			DRILLER:	Matthew Ruf	
SITE LOCATION:			RIG TYPE:	Geoprobe 6620DT	
JOB NO.:			METHOD OF DRILLING:	Direct Push	
LOGGED BY:			SAMPLING METHOD:	Membrane Interface Probe	
PROJECT MANAGER:			NORTHING:	ELEVATION: 36.5	
DATES DRILLED:			EASTING:		
DEPTH	CONDUCTIVITY (mS/m)	PUSH RATE	TEMP. (C)	MIP - PID (uV)	MIP - XSD (uV)
0	200	0	135	1e3 1e4 1e5 1e6 1e7 1e8	1e3 1e4 1e5 1e6 1e7 1e8
0					
-5					
-10					
-15					
-20					
-25					
NOTES: Pre-Test: 0.2e6 for 1ppm TCE; Post-Test: 0.2e6 for 1ppm TCE					
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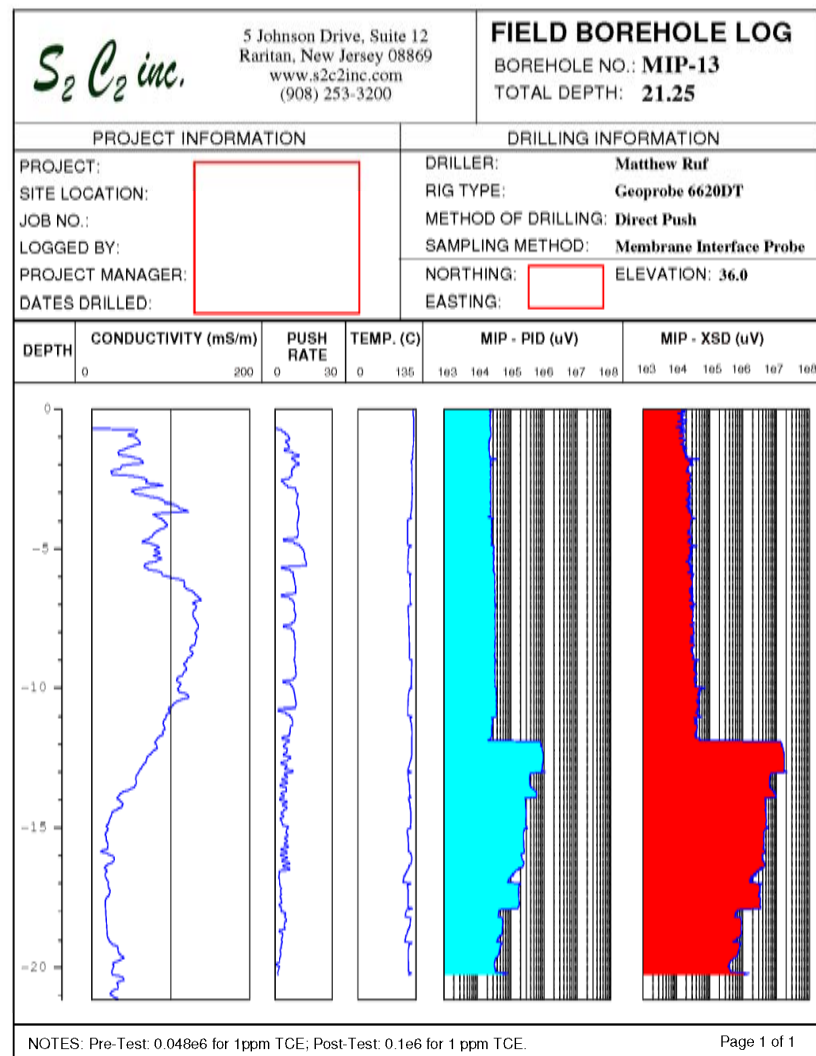
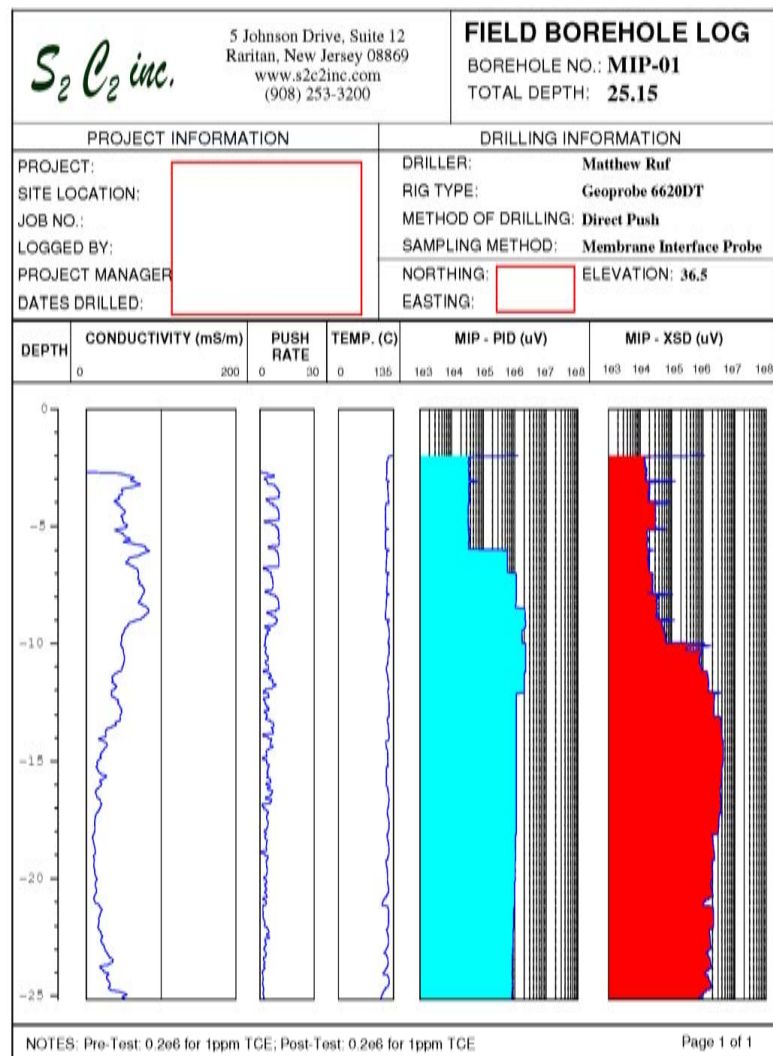
## Case Study 2

### Map of completed MIP locations at the site



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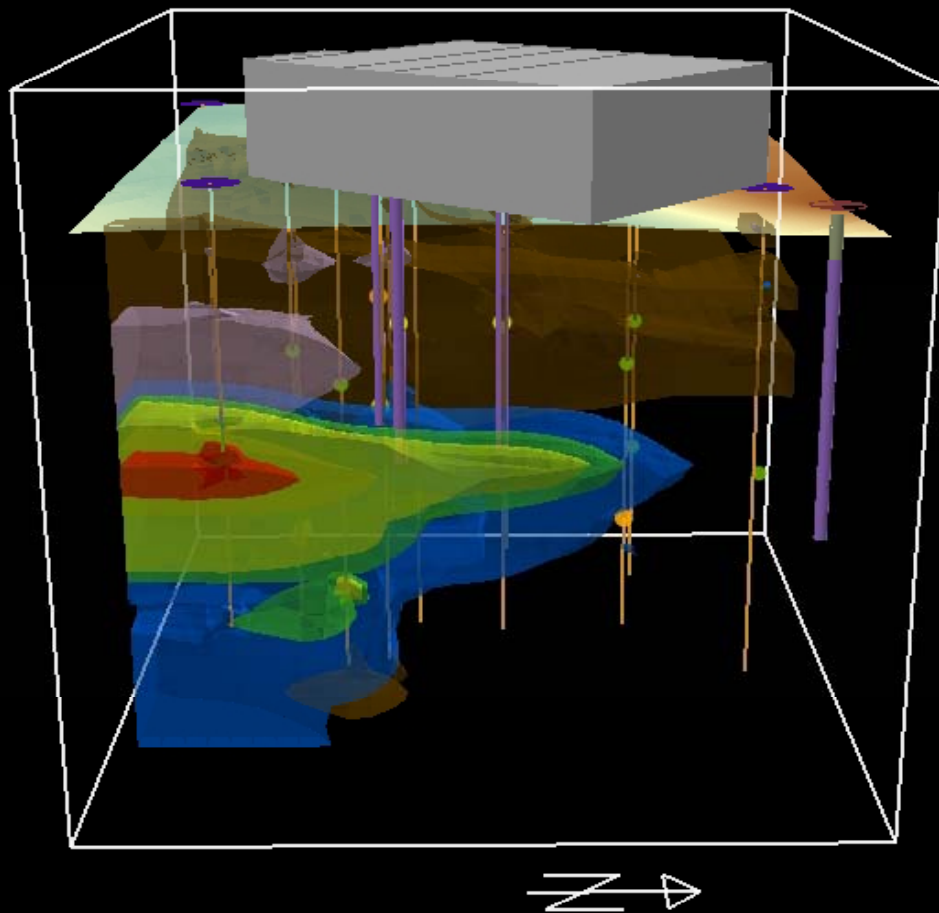
# *S<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub> inc.* Initial CSM & Final CSM Source Areas



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## Current PCE Model



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## Project Results

- Initially focused on delineation of dissolved phase
- More delineation is now required
- Well depth and location are now wrong
- Total cost before MIP investigation > \$25,000
- Cost of MIP investigation with analysis < \$ 15,000

## When to use the MIP

- Define Lithology & Total VOCs Simultaneously
  - Initial investigation tool at new sites
  - Delineation down to 150 ppb total VOCs
  - Source Area delineation (10 vs. 100 ppm)
  - Prior to remediation to target impacted zones
  - Prior to placement of wells (location & depth)

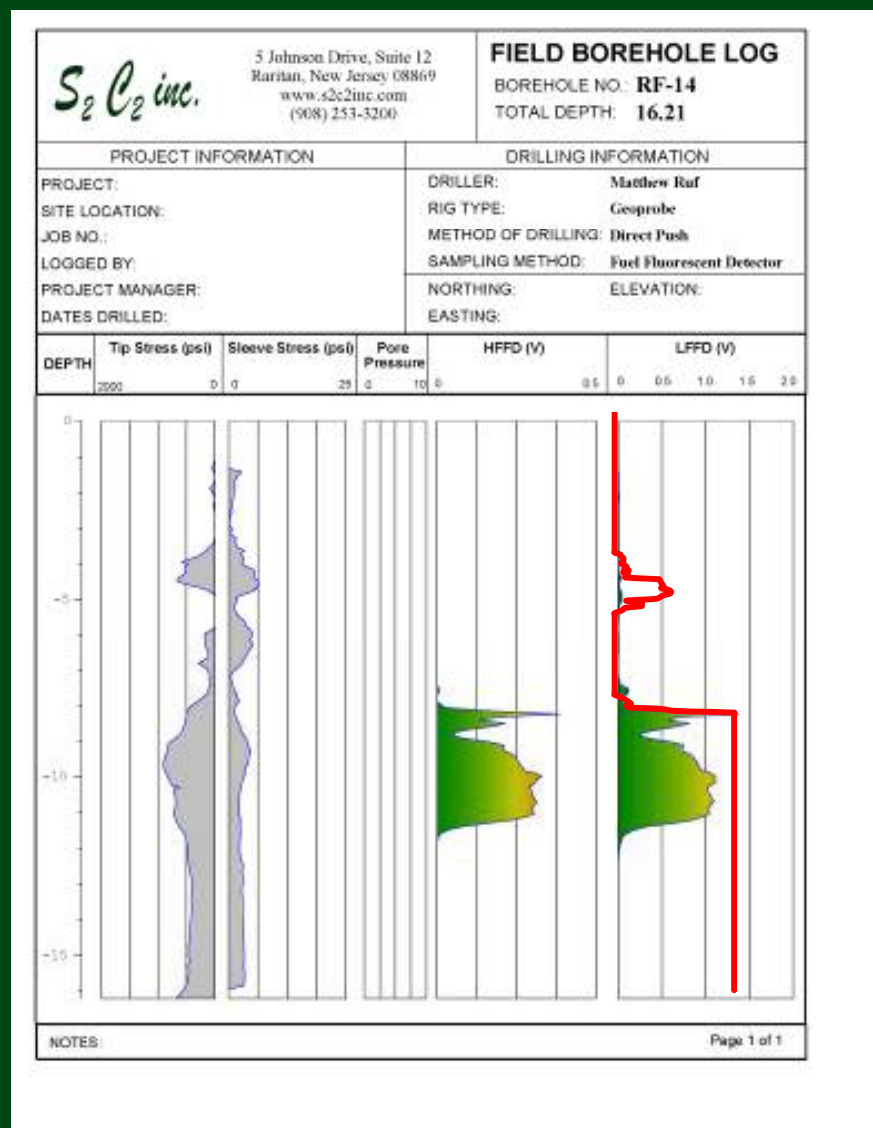


# Fuel Fluorescent Detector (FFD)

- Dual Downhole Fuel Fluorescent Detector (FFD) detects the fluorescence produced by aromatic hydrocarbons when excited by an ultraviolet (UV) light source.
- The FFD probe is coupled with Cone Penetrometer Technology (CPT) which gives a simultaneous read-out of lithology.
- Continuous, real-time data generated during the push allows for rapid delineation of Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPLs) in the subsurface.



# FFD Output



## When to Use FFD

### ➤ Define Lithology & Delineate Free or Residual Product

- Targeted investigation tool for hydrocarbon impacts
- Free product delineation
- Prior to remediation to target impacted zones
- Placement of wells

## Project Summary – Brownfields Site

### ➤ Initial Characterization

- Minor CVOC impacts and free-phase diesel in a number of wells
- Wells on the site were installed to bisect water table, not set in context to geologic units.
- Public Entity purchased property - \$500,000 put in escrow

### ➤ Problem:

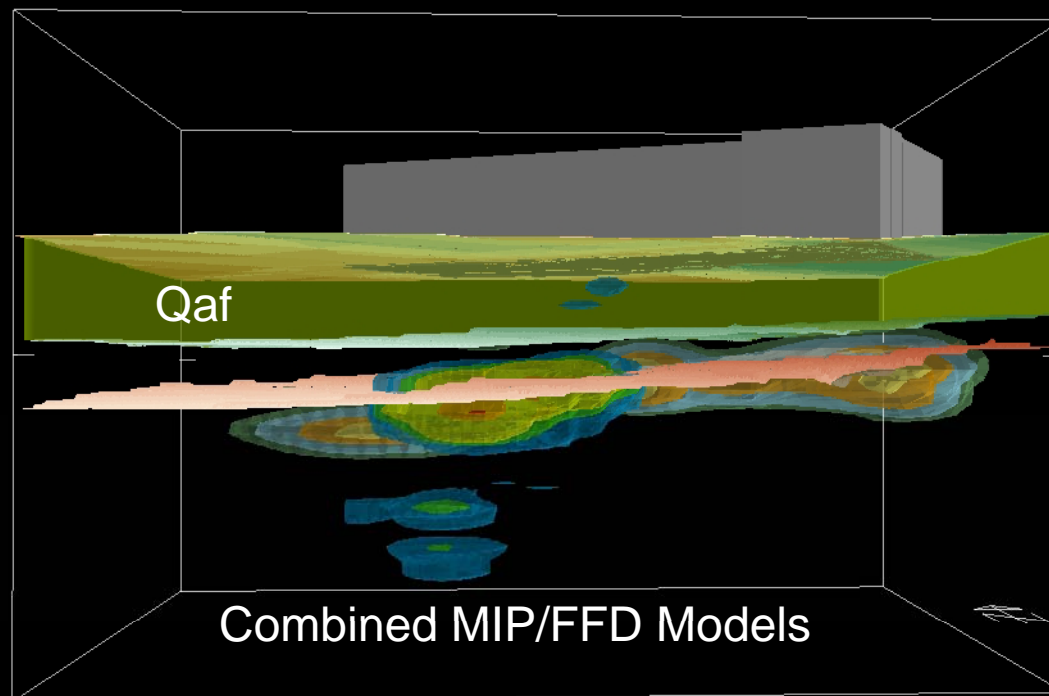
- Project manager wasn't convinced that the initial characterization was correct

# Solution

- Dynamic Work Strategy
  - 12 electrical conductivity pushes
  - 36 Fuel Fluorescent Detector (FFD) pushes
  - 46 Membrane Interface Probe (MIP) pushes
  - 10 - Soil and groundwater Category I laboratory samples
- Data incorporated into a project database and modeled in GIS.
- Final 3D-model was used to evaluate volumes of LNAPL and CVOC impacted soil at the site for Remediation Cost Estimates.

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## Results

- Lithology Rapidly Characterized using EC
  - Determined 3 distinct geologic units
  - Well installed without regard to these units
- MIP determined that Chlorinated impacts were minor and were associated with unknown subsurface structure.
- FFD revealed diesel impacts underestimated
- Amount set aside in escrow insufficient for remediating the site

## Tips for successful collection of real-time data

- Education
  - Training Seminars
  - Geoprobe's Website
  - Triad Website
  - Vendor's Website
- Include your subcontractors into the project from the beginning
  - Direct-Sensing operators are not drillers
- Strong Systematic Planning
  - Setup good lines of communication and establish project-specific goals upfront
- Pick the proper tool for the job

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# Questions?

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