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# Connecticut PCB Case Study

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## Site Background

- Manufacturing facility
- Building dates from 1930's
- Numerous additions over time
- 23 Acres + ~150,000 s.f. building
- Rural setting, no public water



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## Environmental Conditions

- Regional topography slopes to south
- Site underlain by stratified drift and till
- Groundwater 5 to 45 feet below ground
- Bedrock - 0 to 60 feet below grade
- Groundwater - class GA



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## PCB Area 1 Release History

- PCB heat transfer oil used 1968 to 1972
- PCB Oil leaked from pump seals in basement onto and through concrete floor
- Discovered during routine PCB compliance inspection by CT DEP in 1993
- PCBs concentrations in soil below basement up to 38,000 mg/kg
- Impacted unconsolidated materials and shallow bedrock
- DEP and EPA enforcement actions



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## Heat Transfer Pumps



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## PCB Area 1 Soil Remediation

- Self implementing option – 40 CFR 761.61(a) - excavation option selected
- Structurally reinforced building
- Removed impacted concrete, soil and weathered rock
- Dewatering necessary below groundwater
- Backfilled and restored basement floor



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## Temporary Structural Reinforcement



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## Area 1 Excavation



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## Area 1 Excavation (cont.)



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## Bedrock Removal with Pneumatic Hammer



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## Area 1 Soil Remediation Summary

- ~ 1,000 Tons of PCB soil and concrete removed
- Soil meets RSR I/C DEC of 10 mg/kg – ELUR required
- PCBs remain locally in bedrock near foundation (10 to 260 mg/Kg)



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## Groundwater Conditions

- Extensive MW network (>50 wells)
- PCBs documented in unconsolidated deposits and shallow weathered bedrock
- Upward head from deep bedrock
- No PCBs detected in on-site high capacity Bedrock production well.
  - Located approximately 160 feet from source
  - Continued sampling on an annual basis



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## Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation



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## Groundwater Conditions (cont)

- Potable wells in area have been sampled on regular basis
  - No PCBs have been detected.
  - Two locations continue to be sampled on a annual basis
- Long, narrow plume
- Leading edge of plume approximately 800 feet downgradient from source



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## Continued Remedial Action

- Continuing groundwater monitoring program
- Implementation of Groundwater Remedial Action Plan - Pump & treat is the selected remedial approach
  - Two recovery wells, carbon treatment
  - System start up - January 2011



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# Groundwater P&T System



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