# Forensic Fingerprinting Petroleum Contaminants using



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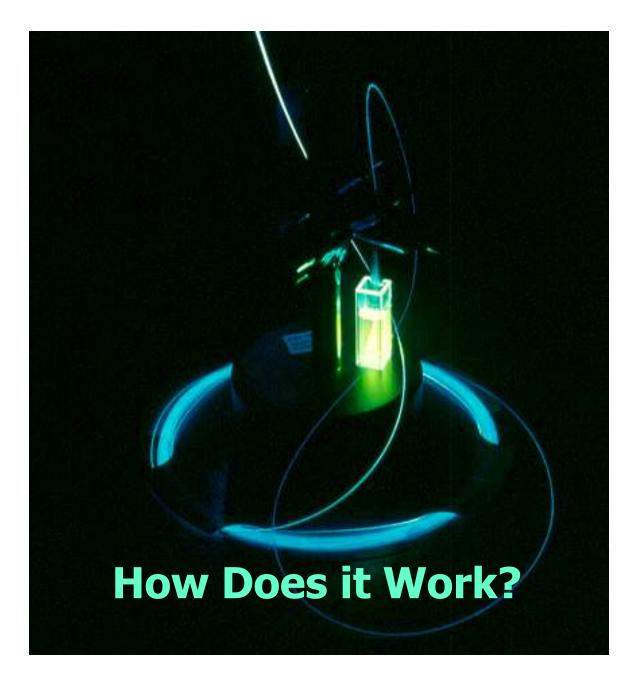
**Technical Session (Frio): Environmental Forensics for Petroleum Hydrocarbons** 

Thursday, November 14th 8:50AM – 9:15AM





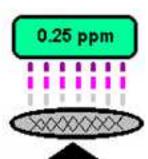
### What is Ultraviolet Fluorescence?



## **Inside a Fixed Wavelength Fluorometer**



Photomultiplier Detector



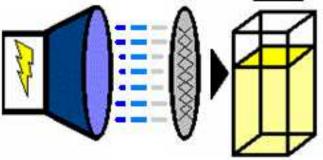
Emission
Optical Filter



**UV Lamp** 



Energizes molecules at 254 nm



Excitation Optical Filter



**Glass Cuvette** 



Contains sample extract or calibration standard

## **UVF Detects Aromatic Hydrocarbons**

## **BTEX Compounds:**

Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene & Xylenes + other Monoaromatics

**C6 to C10 Volatile Petroleum or Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons** 

Carbon weight equals the number of C atoms per molecule.

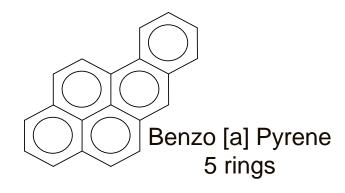
### **PAH Compounds:**

Polycyclic or Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbons

Semi to Non-Volatile Compounds in the C10 to C40+ Diesel and Oil Hydrocarbon Range



Naphthalene 2-rings



### **What Fluoresces**

- **√** Gasoline
- ✓ Jet Fuel
- ✓ Kerosene
- **✓** Diesel Fuel
- ✓ Home Heating Oil, No 2. Fuel Oil
- ✓ Heavy Fuel Oil, No. 6 Fuel Oil
- **✓** Motor Oils
- **√** Waste Oils
- ✓ Lubricating Oils
- **✓** Cutting Oils
- **√** Transformer Oil
- ✓ Hydraulic Fluid
- **√** Gas Condensates
- ✓ Drilling Muds & Drilling Fluids
- **✓** Crude Oils
- ✓ Bitumen, Tar Sands
- ✓ Creosote,
- **✓** Coal Tars, Coal Ash

#### And What Doesn't

Fluorescence does not detect straight chain, aliphatic hydrocarbons:

- **✓** PCE, TCE, dry cleaning solvents
- **✓** Other SVOC chlorinated solvents
- ✓ Methanol or Hexane used with UVF



#### **Popular UVF Applications**

- Soil excavation and cleanup
- Site AssessmentsRemediation & Treatment
- UST Fuel Sites



- Oil Refineries, Pipelines
- Power Plants, MGP Sites
- Military Sites, Airports
- Natural Disasters, Oil Spills
- Oil & Gas Production

## Portable Analyzers Available:



#### Petroleum Hydrocarbon Solutions



Weight & Dimensions: 13 lbs (5.9 Kg); 11" x 9" x 8" (28 cm x 23 cm x 21 cm). Power Requirements: External power supply, 100-120 VAC, Max. 30 watts. Operating Temperature: 45°F to 95°F; 7°C to 36°C. Principle of Operation Ultraviolet fluorescence spectrophotometer. Factory-installed photomultiplier tube (PMT). Lamp: Mercury vapor lamp included with analyzer (approx 10,000 Hr life expectancy). Replacement/spare lamps are available. Min. Detection Limits: Varies depending on Sitelab Calibration Kit used; GRO 0.5 ppm, EDRO 0.1 ppm, PAHs 0.05 ppm and TPH-Oil 0.5 ppm. 16 x 2 character LCD (3.9" x 0.9"; 9.8 cm x 2.2 cm). 100% ASCII format through a 9-pin RS-232 serial cable at 9600 Data Output: baud. USB adapter available, Part No. 3100-USB, sold separately. Menu driven microprocessor-controlled. CD-ROM with software Software: included for computer connection. Microsoft compatible. Filter Cylinder Accommodates up to eight 25 mm (1-inch) round optical filters (up to 4 excitation and 4 emission filters). Includes cuvette adapter and two glass cuvettes. Replacement/ Covettes spare cuvettes are available. Readout Direct concentration (in ppm or ppb) or raw fluorescence. Calibration: Multi-point calibration for direct concentration measurement. Reads and subtracts blank using methanol or hexane solvents. Blank Warranty: One-year warranty, parts and labor. CE, UL and C-UL. ISO 9001 manufacturing. Made in USA. Approvals

## UVF 3100

#### CONTAMINANTS

Ideal for gasoline, jet fuel, diesel fuel, heating oils, lubricating oils, crude oils, gas condensates, creosote, coal tars, coal ash and many other types of petroleum hydrocarbons.

#### QUICK RESULTS

Test soil, sediment or water samples in just 5 minutes using Sitelab test kits with solvent extraction.

#### ACCURACY

Correlates well to regulatory lab GC methods performed by certified laboratories. Ranked highest in U.S. EPA's "THI in Soil" evaluation study. Publication No. EPA/600/R-01/080

#### FINGERPRINTING

Test BTEX and PAHs for forensic applications to determine the type or age of petroleum on your site.





Sitelab's UVF-3100A and UVF-3100D models include a field case with all the tools needed to perform tests.

The analyzer is fitted with optical fifters sensitive to the gasoline range, diesel and oil range and Target PAH ranges. Sitelab's GRO, EDRO and PAH Calibration Kits provide fast, accurate measurement with quality control.

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#### Petroleum Hydrocarbon Solutions



#### INSTRUMENT SPECIFICATIONS

Weight & Dimensions:	13.9 oz (0.4 Kg); 1.75" x 3.5" x 7.25" (4.5 cm x 8.9 cm x 18.4 cm).	
Power Requirements:	Four AAA batteries. Batteries good for approx, 1,000+ readings.	
Operating Temperature:	45°F to 95°F; 7°C to 36°C.	
Principle of Operation:	Hand-held ultraviolet fluorescence spectrophotometer.	
Detector:	Factory-installed photomultiplier sensor.	
Lamp:	Light Emitting Diode (LED).	
Min. Detection Limits:	Varies depending on Sitelab Calibration Kit used; TPH-Oil 5 ppm, Heavy PAHs 25 ppb.	
Display:	16 x 2 character LCD (2.5" x 0.6"; 6 cm x 1.5 cm); ppm or ppb units	
Data Output:	Not available. Record results manually.	
Automatic Power Down:	After 3 minutes of inactivity.	
Optical Filters:	Includes two sets of factory-installed excitation and emission	
	filters; use Channel A optics for Sitelab applications.	
Cuvettes:	Uses disposable 8 mm round glass cuvettes. Cuvettes are	
	included with Sitelab sample extraction kits and calibration kits.	
Calibration:	Single-point and blank.	
Blank:	Reads and subtracts blank using methanol or hexane solvents.	
ResponseTime:	5 Seconds.	
Diagnostics:	Displays percent fluorescence sensitivity of calibration and blank	
Alarms:	Low battery, circuit failure, high blank.	
Warranty:	One-year warranty, parts and labor.	
Approvals:	CE, UL and C-UL. ISO 9001 manufacturing. Made in USA.	



#### CONTAMINANTS

Test samples for TPH with heavy fuel oils, waste oils or crude oils. Test for PAHs in old, weathered fuel oils, creosotes, coal tars and coal ash.

#### QUICK RESULTS

Test soil, sediment or water samples in just 5 minutes using Sitelab test kits with solvent extraction.



#### **ACCURACY**

When used with Sitelab Calibration Kits, TPH-Oil results correlate well to EPA's 1644 gravimetric method. PAH results correlate well to EPA's 8270 method as sum of PAH compounds.



#### EASY TO USE

The equipment is simple to operate. Sitelab's TD-500D model includes a field case with all the tools needed to



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## **Popular Calibration Kits Available**



GRO: Gasoline Range Hydrocarbons (BTEX) Product No. CAL-025. Use with Slot B Optics



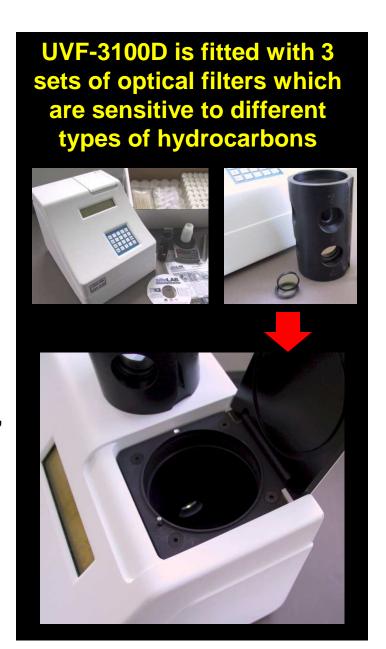
EDRO: Extended Diesel Range
Hydrocarbons
Product No. CAL-042
Use with Slot A Optics



PAHs: Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbons
Product No. CAL-060
Use with Slot A Optics for "Total PAHs"
or Slot D Optics for "Target PAHs"



TD-500D Analyzer: Heavy PAHs
Product No. CAL-061
Contains same PAHs used in
UVF-3100 PAH calibration kit





## **Sample Extraction Kits Available...**

## Test procedure is easy, results in 5 minutes!



1. Weigh Soil



4. Dilute Extract



2. Add Solvent



5. Pour into Cuvette

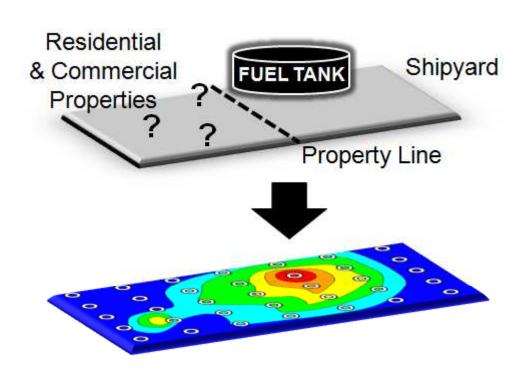


3. Filter Extract



6. Test Sample

## **Example of a Contaminated Petroleum Site**



Site assessment is performed to investigate or remediate a property. Lab testing is required.

Field screening data is used to delineate the vertical and horizontal spread of contamination.

Off-site certified laboratories are more expensive and turnaround time takes 1 to 2 weeks.







# **UVF vs. Photo-Ionization Detectors at Gasoline Site**

#### **Concentrations in ppm (mg/Kg)**

	Soil	UVF-3100	Jar Headspace	PID vs. UVF?
	Depth:	GRO results	PID Results	Correlation
Certified Lab GC Result	2' 3' 5' 7' 8' 11' 2,700 14' 15' 16' 18' 19'	ND <1 1,010 7 2,690 400 3,037 9 4 5 175 600	1 6 320 10,000 8 115 435 28 63 590 1,010	Good Low! High! Fair Low! Low! High! Fair High! Fair Good

PID was calibrated to isobutylene and performed by an experienced operator



# Sitelab Ranked Highest by U.S. EPA for TPH in Soil Evaluation Study

#### **Accuracy**

Percentage of Spike Samples within 50% to Lab GC Results

#### **Method Detection Limit**

Compared to Lab GC Result of 6.3 ppm

Sitelab Corporation UVF-3100 - Fluorescence	<b>72</b> %	3.4 ppm
Horiba Instruments, Inc. OCMA-350 - Infrared (IR)	50%	15.2 ppm
Chemetrics, Inc. RemediAid – Fiedel Crafts Reaction	on <sup>48%</sup>	60 ppm
Wilks Enterprise, Inc. Infracal TOG - Infrared	48%	76 ppm
Dexsil Corporation Petroflag - Emulsion Turbidity	21%	20 ppm
Strategic Diagnostics, Inc. Ensys - Immunoassay	Inconclusive	Inconclusive

# **Hydrocarbon Fingerprinting**





## **UVF Fingerprinting Applications**

The proportions or ratios of GRO and PAHs detected in a sample is used to identify the age or type of petroleum



1. Test for GRO (BTEX)

Calibrate UVF-3100D using Sitelab's GRO Calibration Kit on Slot B optics.



2. Test for Total PAHs

Rotate optical filter cylinder to Slot A. Recalibrate analyzer using Sitelab's PAH calibration kit.



3. Test for Target PAHs

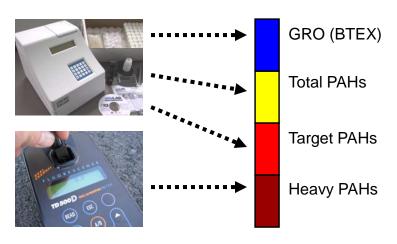
Rotate optics to Slot D and retest sample. PAH calibrators respond the same, new calibration not necessary.

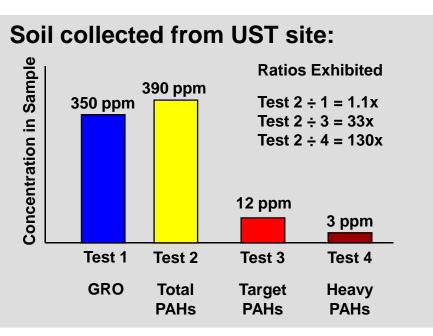


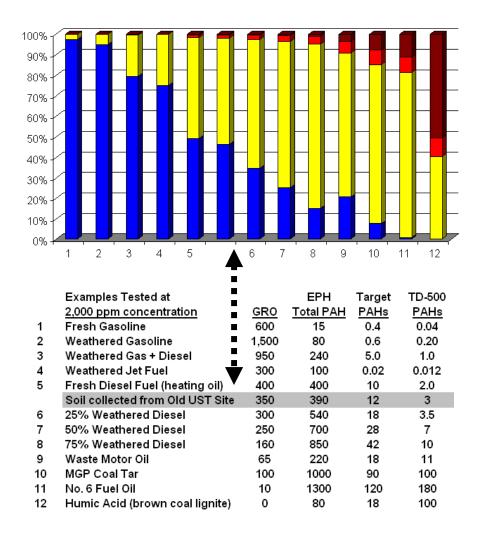
4. Test for Heavy PAHs (Optional)

For additional forensic analysis, test samples a 4<sup>th</sup> time with TD-500D for PAHs.

# Test for GRO and PAHs... Compare "Signatures" to Other Contaminants







Ratios are similar to fresh diesel fuel!

## **Fingerprinting NAPL Plume at Refinery Site**

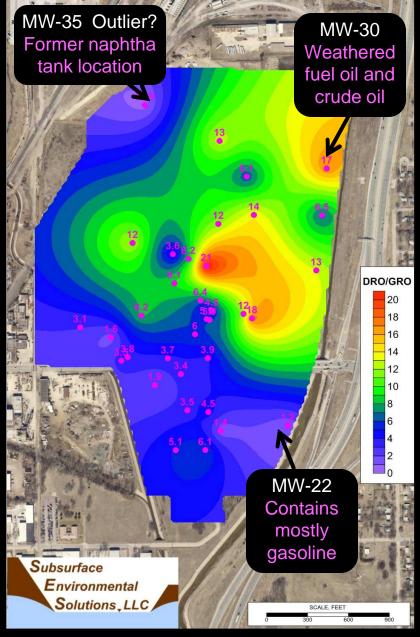
Sitelab UVF-3100 response testing oil samples collected from 35 monitoring wells measured at 10 ppm concentrations:





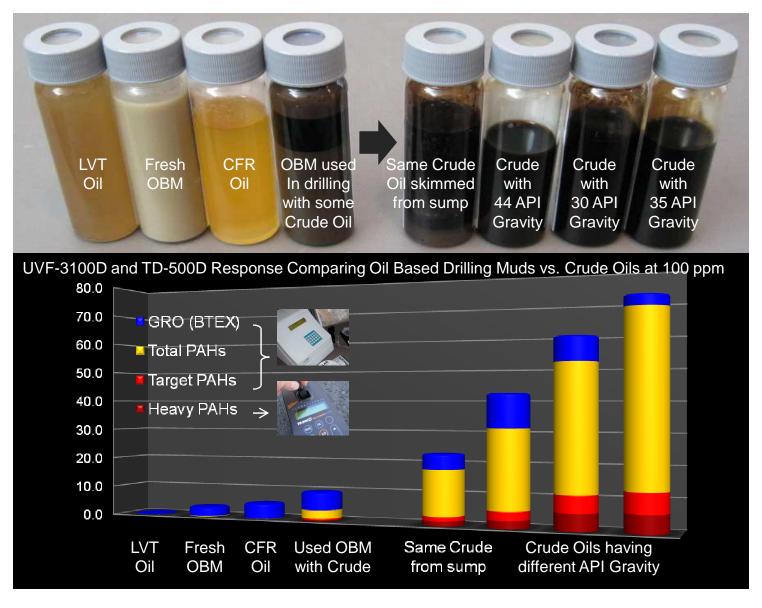


Examples at 10 ppm	GRO Response	DRO Response	DRO/GRO Ratios
MW-22	1.52 ppm	1.80 ppm	1.2
MW-30	0.73 ppm	12.5 ppm	17
MW-35	0.32 ppm	0.18 ppm	0.6

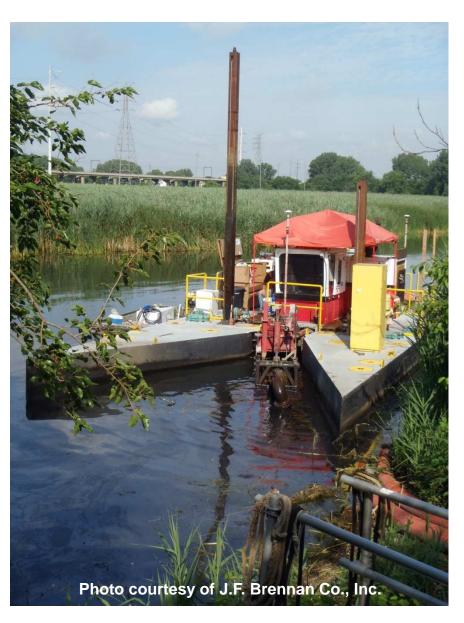




# Discrimination Between Crude Oil & Oil-Based Drilling Muds

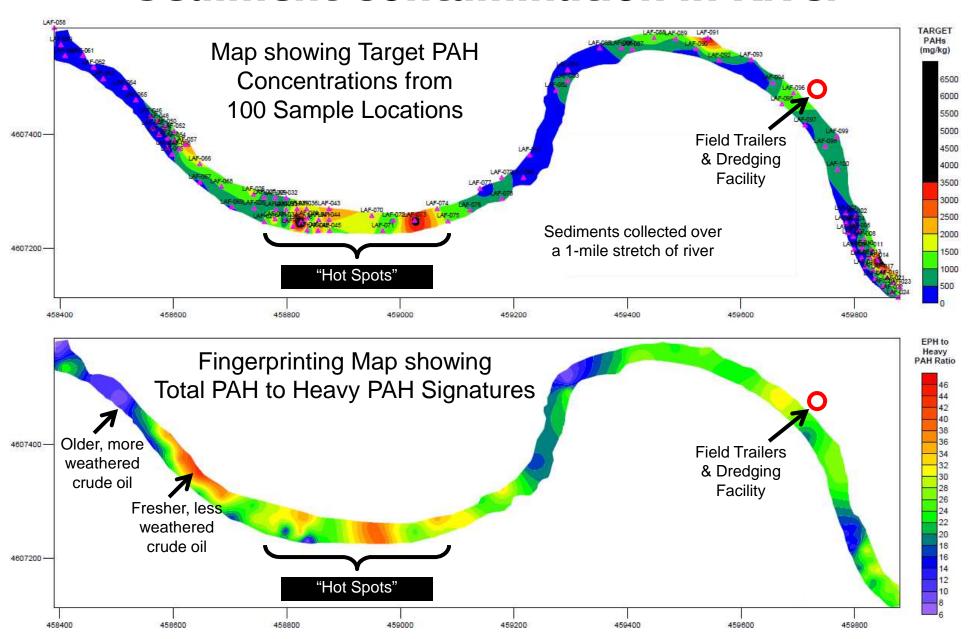


# Field Screening PAHs in Sediments: West Branch Grand Calumet River



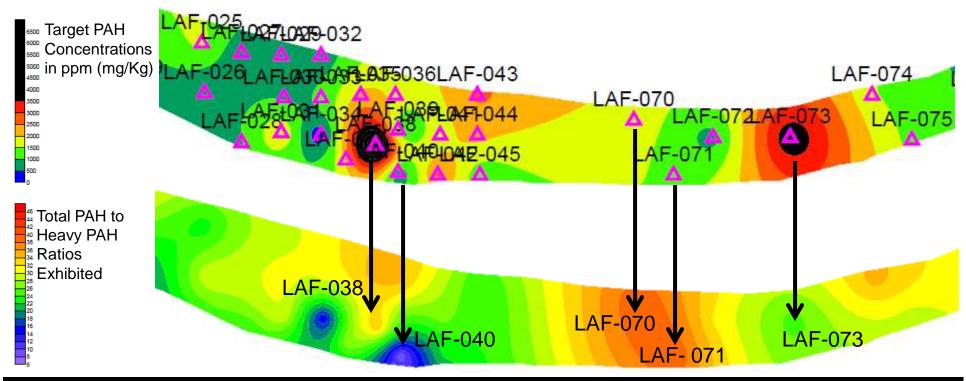
- ✓ Post-Dredge site in Hammond, Indiana, located near Lake Michigan
- **✓** Client: Battelle Memorial Institute
- ✓ Battelle collected 100 sediment samples by boat using push cores
- ✓ Sitelab's test equipment was setup in back of U-Haul truck on-site
- ✓ Sediments were screened for residual contamination. Data used by Battelle & U.S. EPA to determine which locations require further attention as part of cap monitoring plan.

#### **Sediment Contamination in River**



Maps by Subsurface Environmental Solutions, LLC, created with Surfer software using Sitelab data and GPS coordinates

## **Close up of Sediment "Hot Spots"**

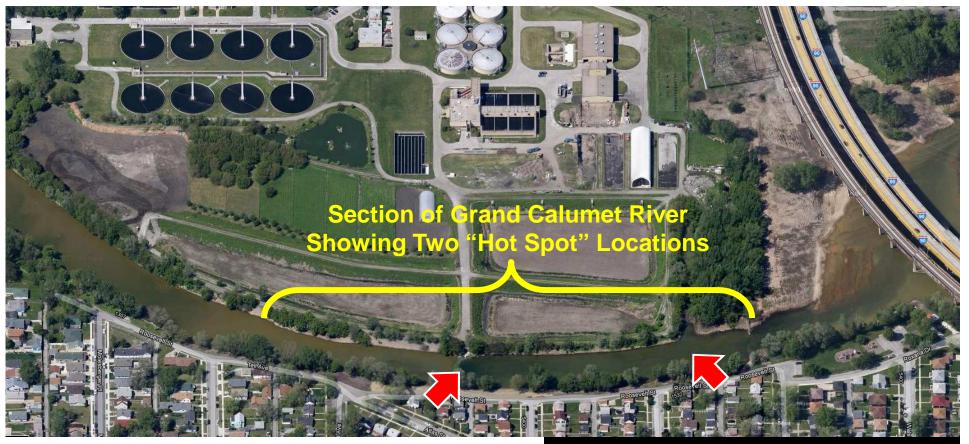


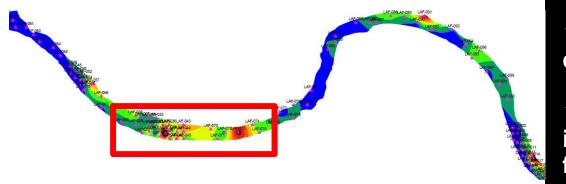
<b>Examples showing PAH results and ratios</b>	
"Signatures" look similar to crude oil!	

Sample ID	Total PAHs	Target PAHs	Heavy PAHs
LAF 038	75,900 ppm	6,240 ppm	2,260 ppm
LAF 040	5,940 ppm	590 ppm	696 ppm
LAF 070	19,840 ppm	1,860 ppm	500 ppm
LAF 071	17,000 ppm	1,420 ppm	426 ppm
LAF 073	42,600 ppm	4,000 ppm	1,700 ppm

Total PAH to	Total PAH to
Target PAH	Heavy PAH
Ratios	Ratios
12x	34x
10x	9x
11x	40x
12x	40x
11x	25x

## **Costs & Benefits using UVF?**





- √ 400 test results in 4 days for cost of \$9,500.
- ✓ Source of contamination identified as crude oil using fingerprinting data

### **End of Presentation... Thank You**





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