

Practical Application of LNAPL Transmissivity – Case Study

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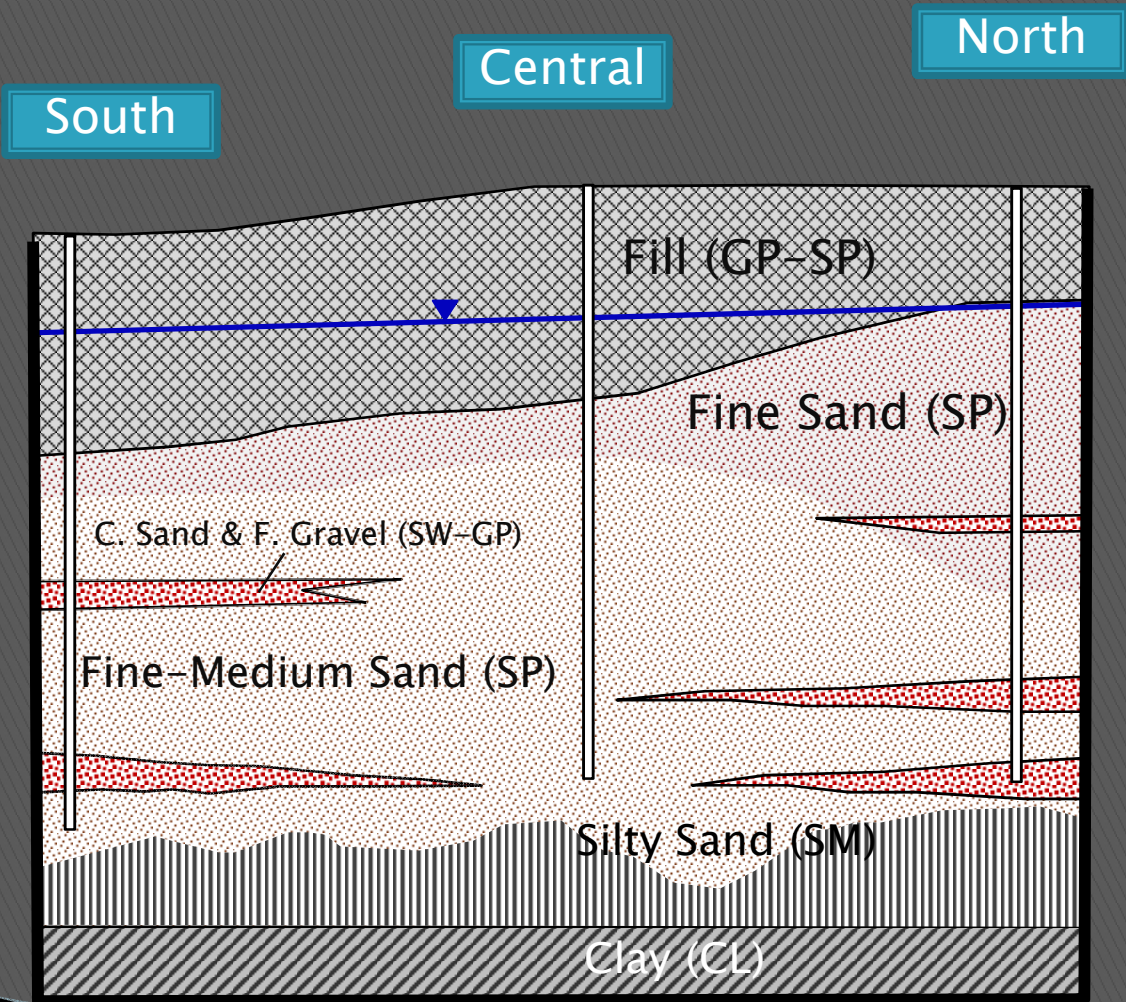


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Petroleum Above Ground Storage Tank Fields



Site Geology



2 to 6 ft of coarse fill with Slag & debris

*Water table at 2 to 8 ft bgs
With seasonal fluctuations*

22 to 30 ft of medium to fine dune sand with occasional coarse sand & gravel stringers – unit grades downward to a fine silty sand

70 ft of laustrine clay & Glacial till

Site Background

- ▶ Site Hydrogeology
 - Groundwater Table 0 to 16 feet bgs
 - Flow Direction -Northwest
 - Gradient - 0.006 feet/foot
- ▶ Light Nonaqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL)
 - Present in 54 of 131 existing monitoring wells
 - Apparent thickness ranges from 0.01 to 6.08 feet



LNAPL Type - North Field

2011: Middle Distillate

1998: HVN
2011: Middle Distillate

1997: DAN

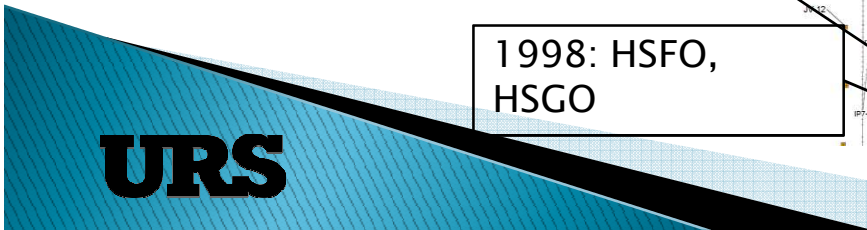
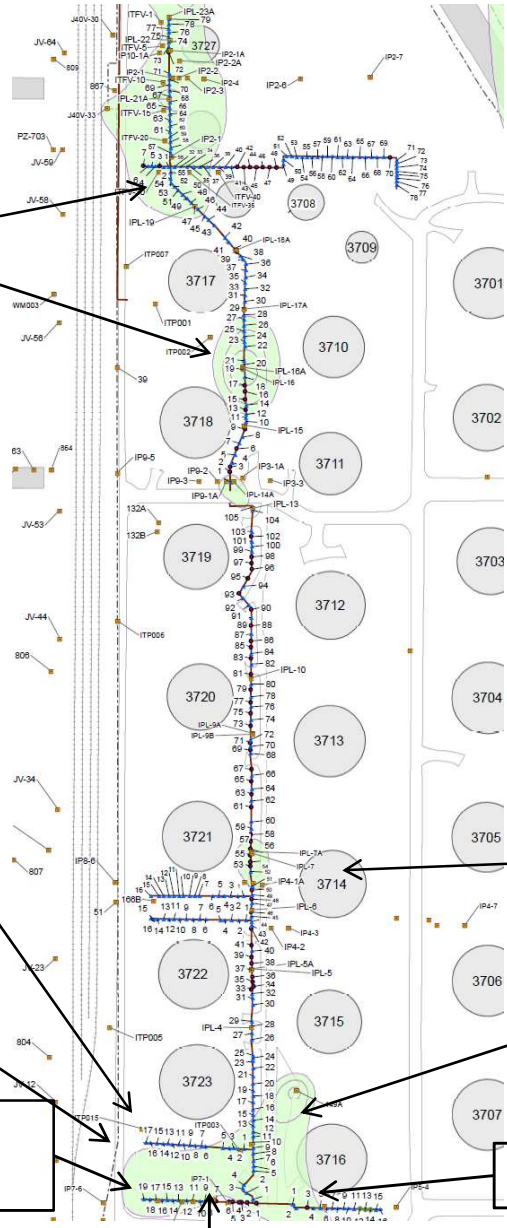
1998: HSFO, HSGO

1998: Naphtha
2011: Crude Oil w/
Gasoline

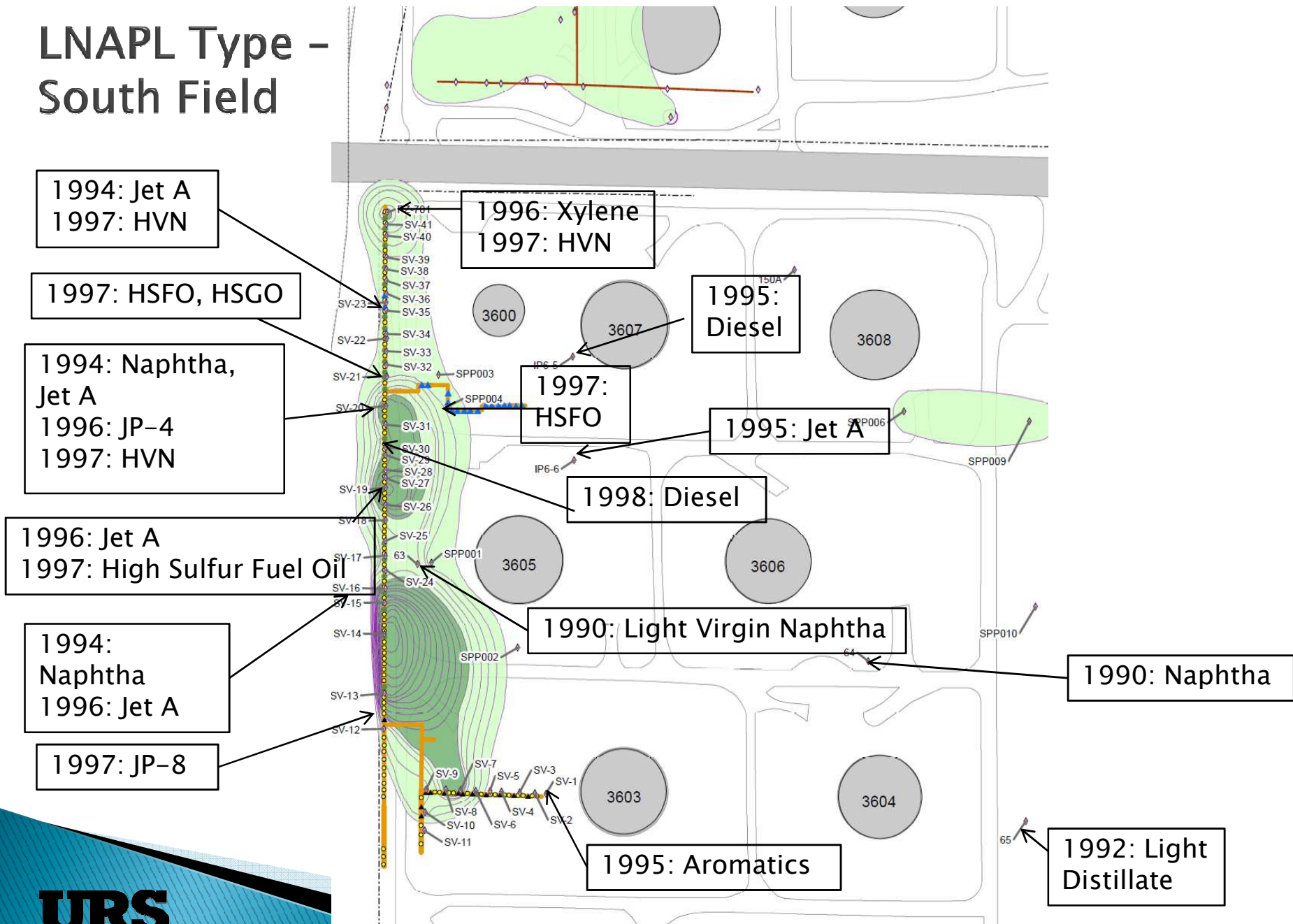
1990 and 2011: Crude Oil w/
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1994: Naphtha

1994: Diesel



LNAPL Type - South Field



Interim Remediation Systems

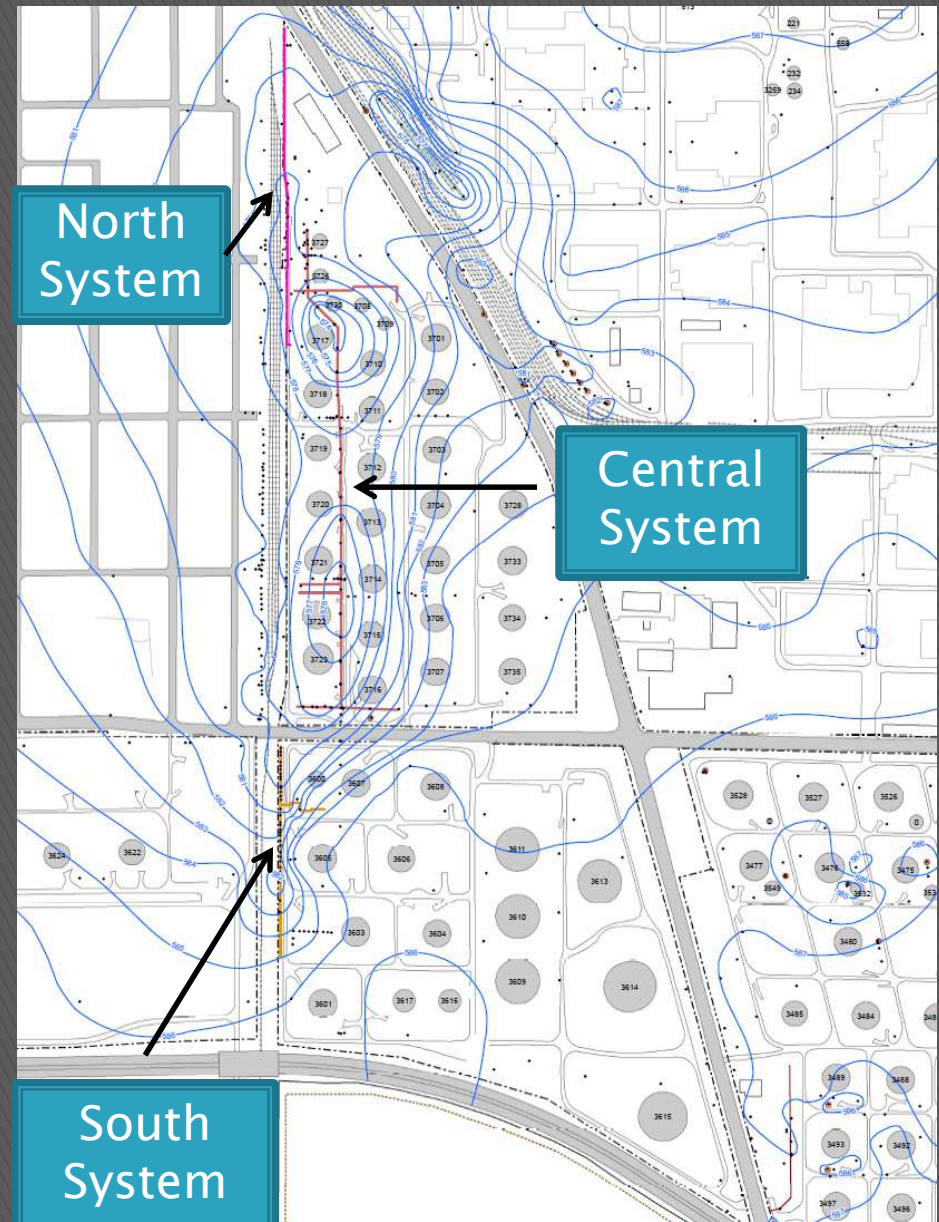
- ▶ Three Well Point Systems with Product Skimming Hose (PSH) Wells
- ▶ Final Effluent to On-Site WWTF
- ▶ Vapors processed via Thermal Oxidizer



Well Point and PSH Systems

System Operations

- ▶ 407 Wellpoints
- ▶ 318 PSHs
- ▶ Flow Rate:
 - 60- 220 gpm
- ▶ Oil/Water Recovery Ratio:
 - 0 to Film
- ▶ Gradient Monitoring
 - Via Monthly Transducer Data



Remediation Objectives

- ▶ Agreed Order Compliance
 - Inward Hydraulic Gradient
 - LNAPL Containment
 - LNAPL Recovery
- ▶ Risk Mitigation
- ▶ Current Systems Performance Optimization
- ▶ Appropriate Remediation Technology Selection and Optimization

Project Goals

- ▶ LNAPL Management Using a Risk-Based Approach (Modeled after ITRC)
 - LNAPL Characterization and Delineation
 - Develop Comprehensive Conceptual Site Model (CSM)
 - Develop Future Remedy to Meet Objectives
- ▶ Evaluate Interim Remediation System Performance
 - Determine if effective and efficient in meeting Remediation Objectives
 - Analyze LNAPL characterization data from existing PSHs and monitoring wells to target optimization efforts



LNAPL Transmissivity

- ▶ Tn as driver for operations of current interim remediation system
- ▶ Tn as one line of evidence for a future remedy selection via the ITRC risk based approach



LNAPL Transmissivity

- ▶ Field Testing Methods
 - Baildown Testing
 - Manual Skim Testing
 - Oil/Water Ratio Testing



LNAPL Transmissivity Results

▶ T_n ft²/day



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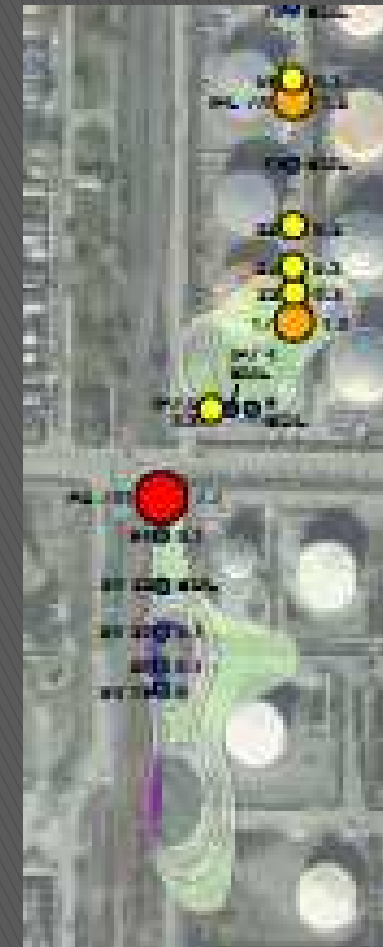
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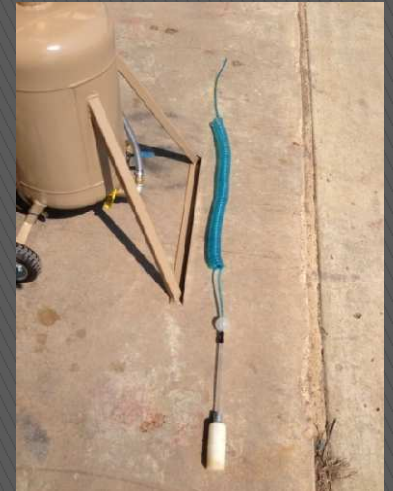


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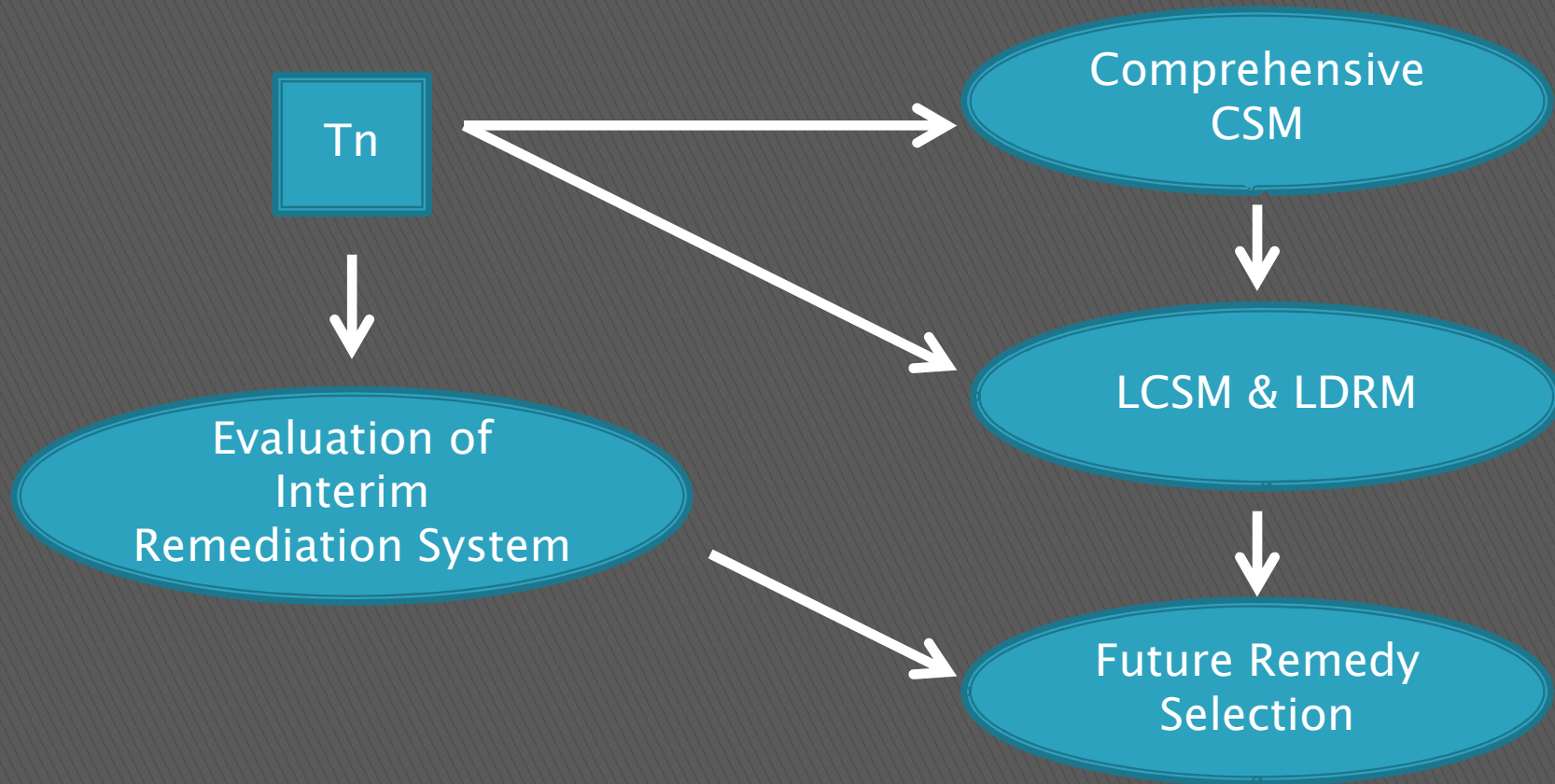


Remediation System Optimization

- ▶ System Modifications
- ▶ Gradient Monitoring
- ▶ Well Point Tuning
- ▶ Increase LNAPL Recovery

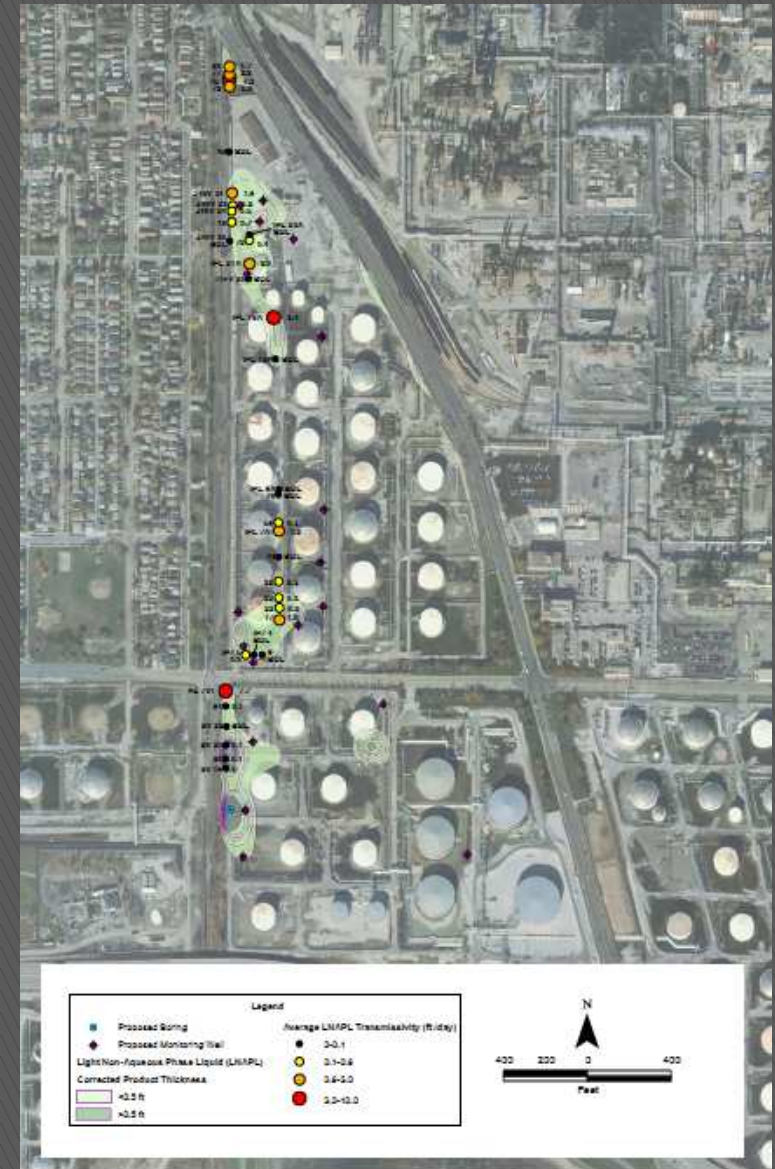


LNAPL Management



LNAPL Characterization

- ▶ LNAPL Source Delineation and Characterization
 - Additional boreholes/MWs to vertically and horizontally characterize the LNAPL
 - TPH Profiling
 - LNAPL Saturations in Soil Cores
 - Physical and Chemical LNAPL Properties
- ▶ LNAPL Natural Depletion Processes
 - CO₂ Flux and Temperature Profiling
- ▶ Dissolved-Phase Groundwater Sampling



Remedy Selection Decision Document

- ▶ Use the Risk-Based ITRC Approach for LNAPL Technology Screening
 - Remedial Objective
 - Remediation Goal
 - Performance Metrics
- ▶ LNAPL Remedial Technologies
 - Multiphase Extraction
 - Bioslurping/EFR
 - Recovery Wells
 - French Drains
 - Passive/Reactive Treatment Walls
 - Air Sparging/Soil Vapor Extraction
 - Upgrade of the Current Well Point System
- ▶ Not all technologies considered can be implemented as stand-alone options

