Horizontal Air Sparge Wells Remediate Contamination Without Affecting Critical Operations

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Site Background

- The site is a bulk storage terminal that supplies jet fuel to the nearby Orlando International Airport. The facility operates 24/7 and fuel service to the airport could not be interrupted.
- Groundwater contamination had spread below terminal's office building, parking lot, fuel dispensing racks, and part of the highway adjacent the facility.
- Installing an elaborate network of vertical wells and an piping trenches was simply not possible without disrupting business operations and losing millions of dollars a day.
- Horizontal remediation wells became the remedy of choice to minimize disruption to ongoing activities and to access contaminated areas beneath structures.



Location Map



International Airport

Site Location

Subsurface Conditions

- Several lithographic units were present beneath the site.
 0 to 15 feet bgs dark brown, fine grained sand
 15 to 35 feet bgs light gray, silty sand
 35 to 55 feet bgs greenish gray clay
- Depth to water was approximately 8 to 10 feet bgs.
- The target zone was impacted water above the clay unit.







Remedial Design

- Seven air-sparge wells were designed to cover the extent of groundwater contamination based on a flow rate of 0.5 scfm/lineal foot of well screen and a calculated zone of influence of 20 feet.
- The wells were spaced on 30-feet centers to provide overlapping zones of influence.
- Well lengths ranged from 400ft 640ft. Screened intervals also varied depending on the length of the well and position within the impacted groundwater plume.
- 3in HDPE pipe and screen was installed.
- The screen was specially designed to distribute airflow and pressure evenly throughout the screened intervals.
- Target depth for the wells was 35-feet bgs.



Remediation System Piping and Layout





Bore Path



Remedial Design Cont.

- The 7 wells were installed from a common starting point where they subsequently plumbed into the on-site remediation system
- 3,800 linear feet of remediation piping in total- all without affecting the flow of tanker trucks in and out of the facility
- Only 15 ft of trenching, a feat not possible with a vertical system



Well Screen Demonstration Prior to Installation



Conclusion

- Horizontal Remediation Wells will not only save the responsible part a fortune in operation and quarterly monitoring costs, but also saved them millions of dollars a day by keeping business operations running during install
- By using horizontal wells, there was better access to the plume and far more screen contact
- HRWs= Rapid Results!



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