Contrasts in LNAPL Risk Factors for Different Petroleum Products

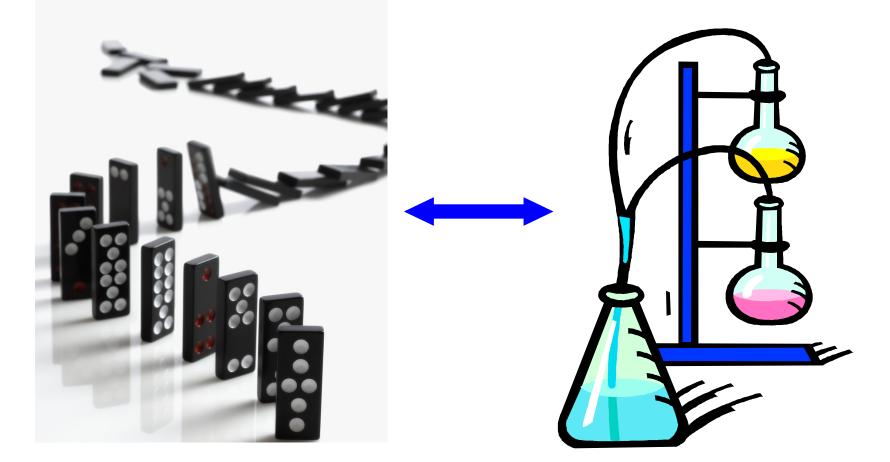
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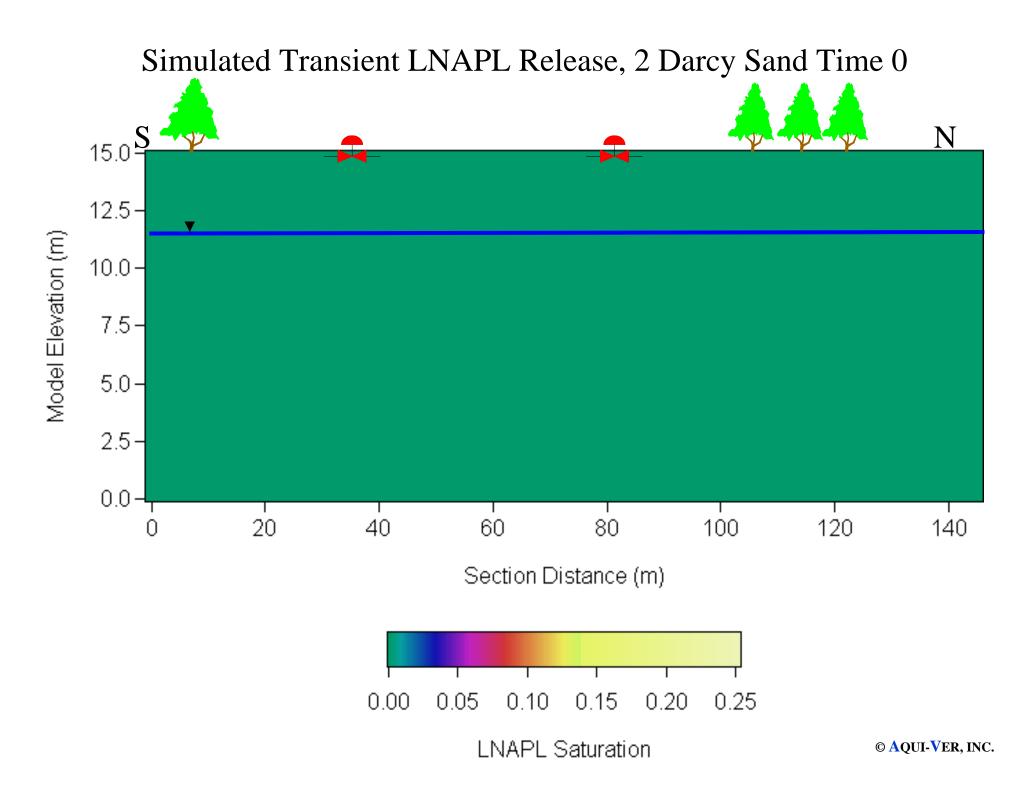


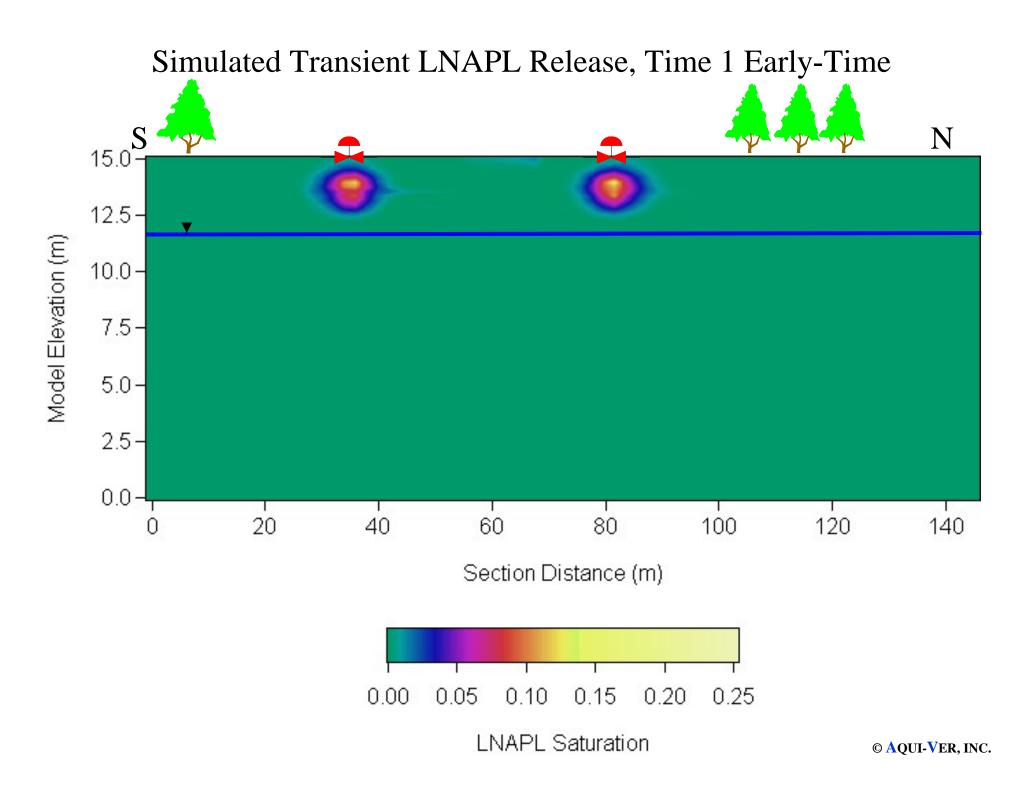
Two Key Components - Both Important

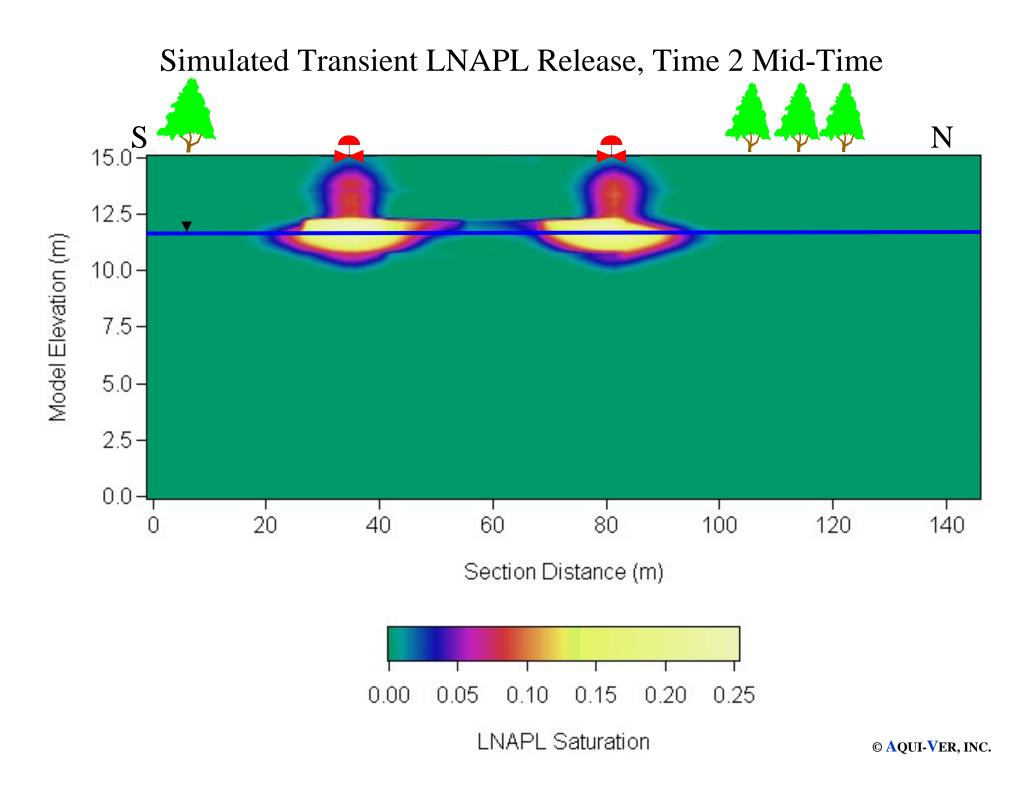
Physics of Release

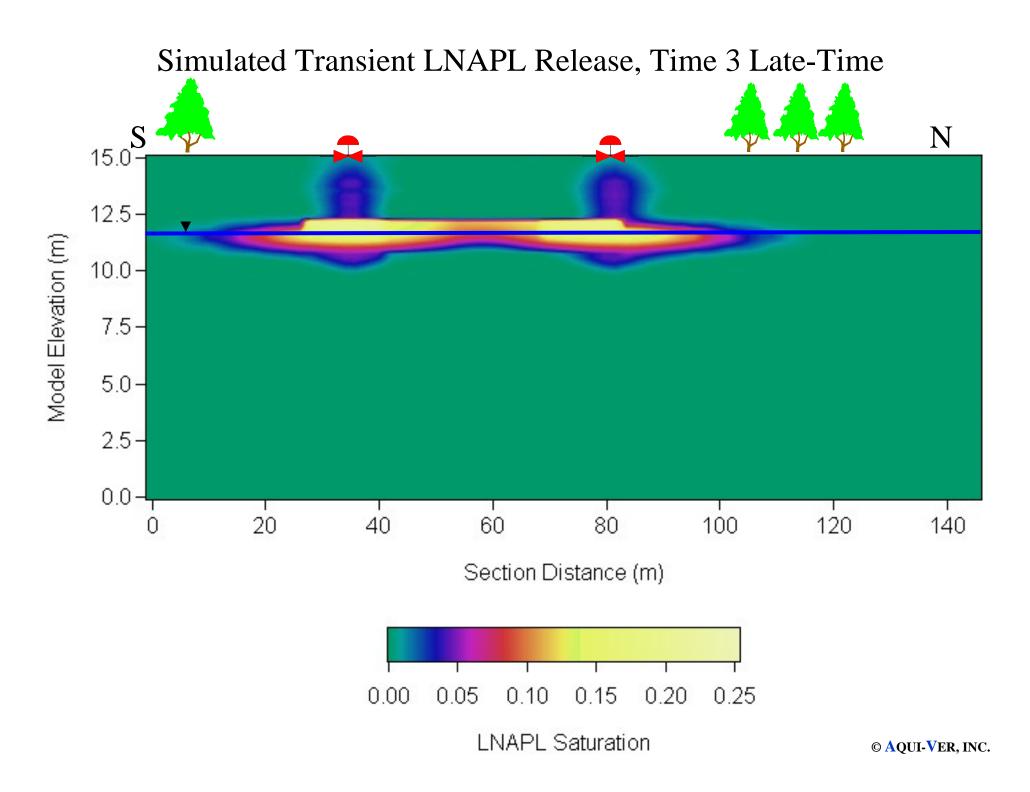
Chemistry of Release



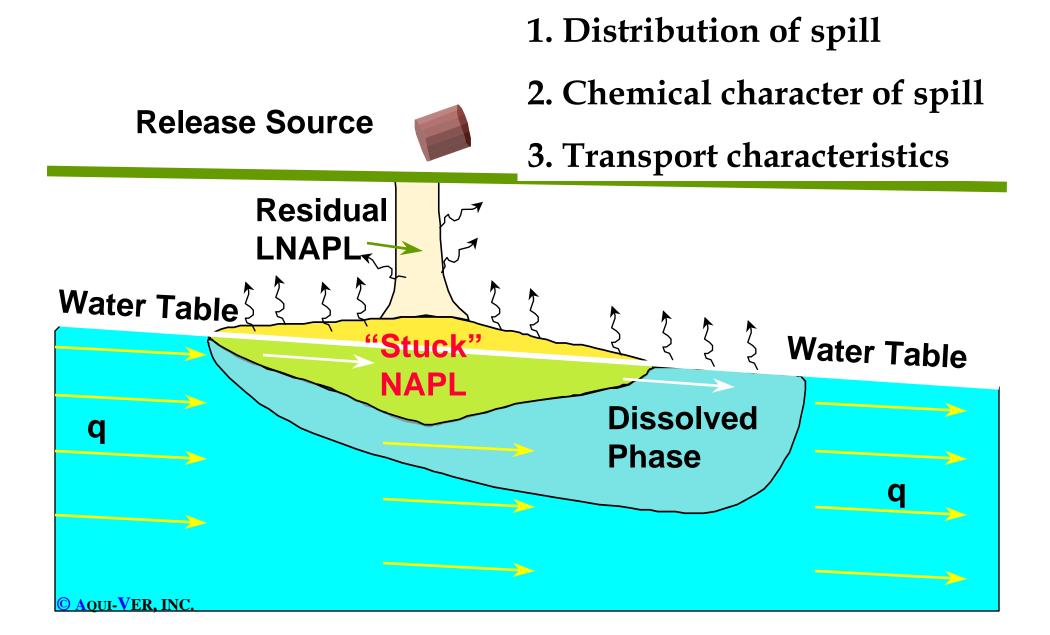








The Range of Impacts Depend on the LNAPL



Oil Products Vary Physically



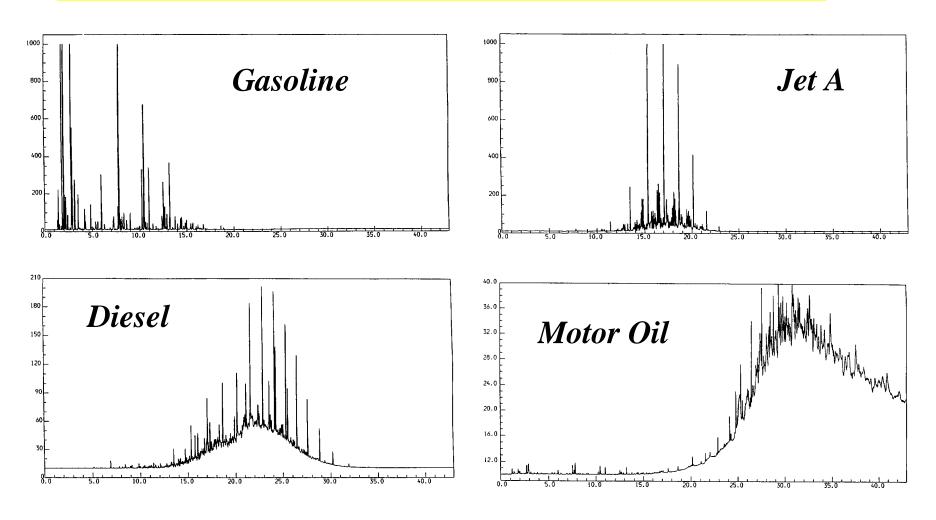
Light Oils



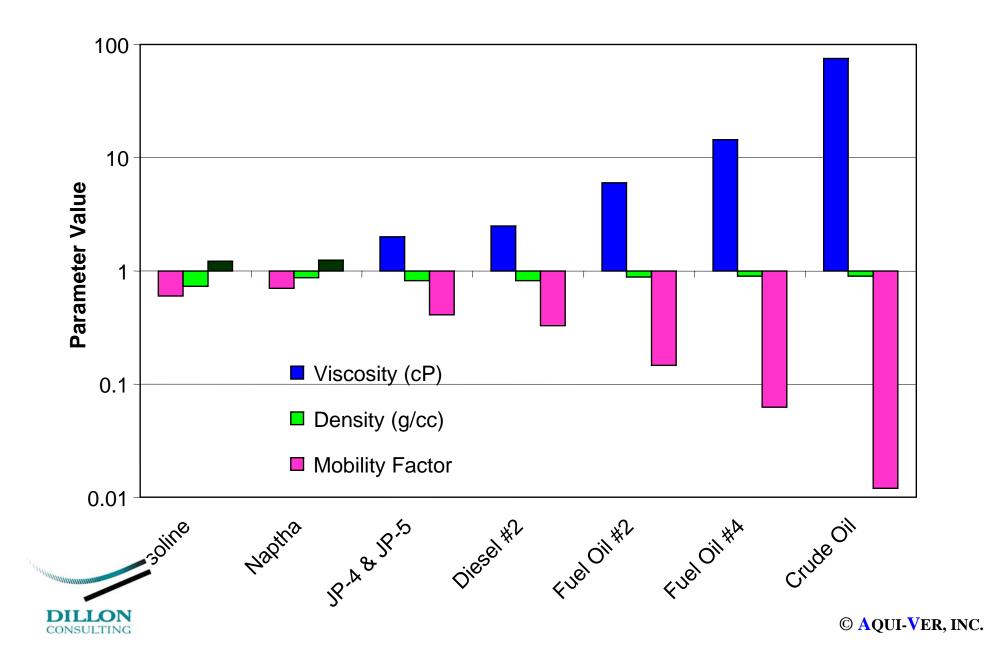
Heavy Fuel & Crude Oils



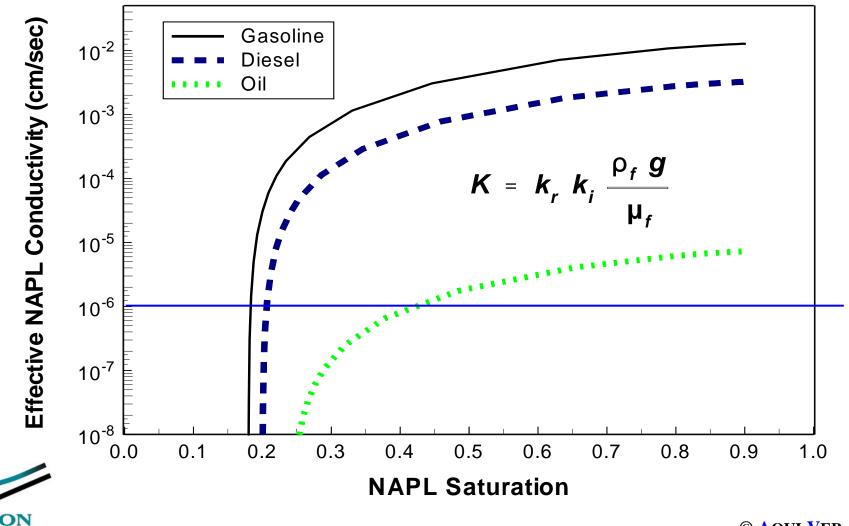
Each Have Differing Chemistry





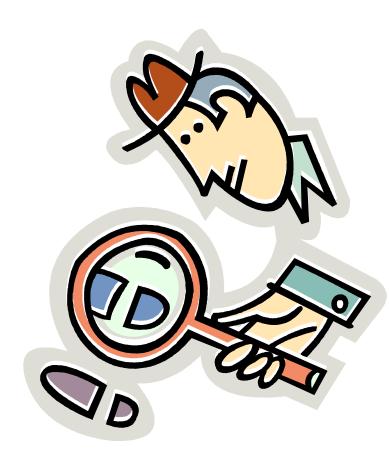


Effective NAPL Conductivity



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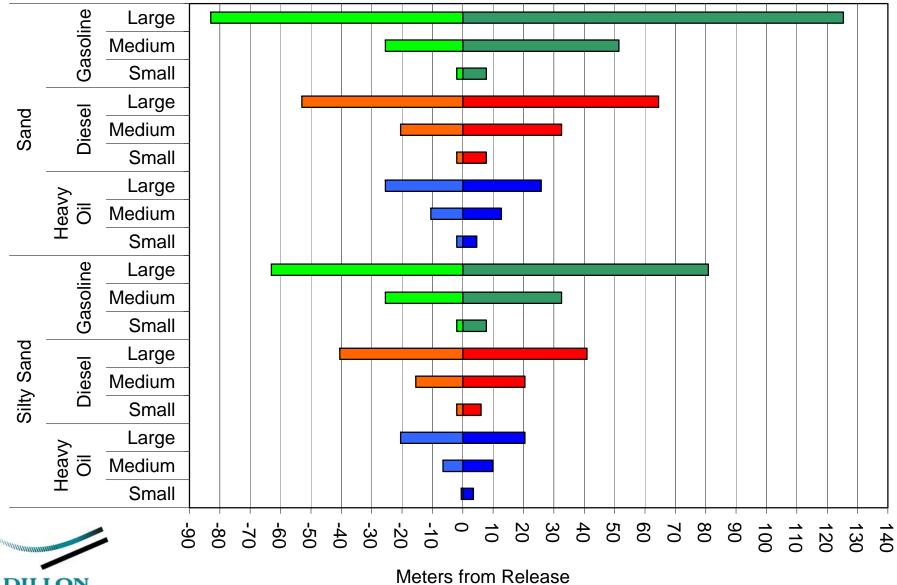
What the Heck Does All that Mean?



- Each product will behave differently
 - Physically & chemically
- Each has a different relevance
 - Different fate & transport
 - Different receptor implications
 - Different cleanup implications
- But, NAPL is often treated uniformly
 - From a reaction point of view
 - Remove it from the ground
 - And expectations tend to be uniform
- All that is out of step with realities
 - Physical & chemical



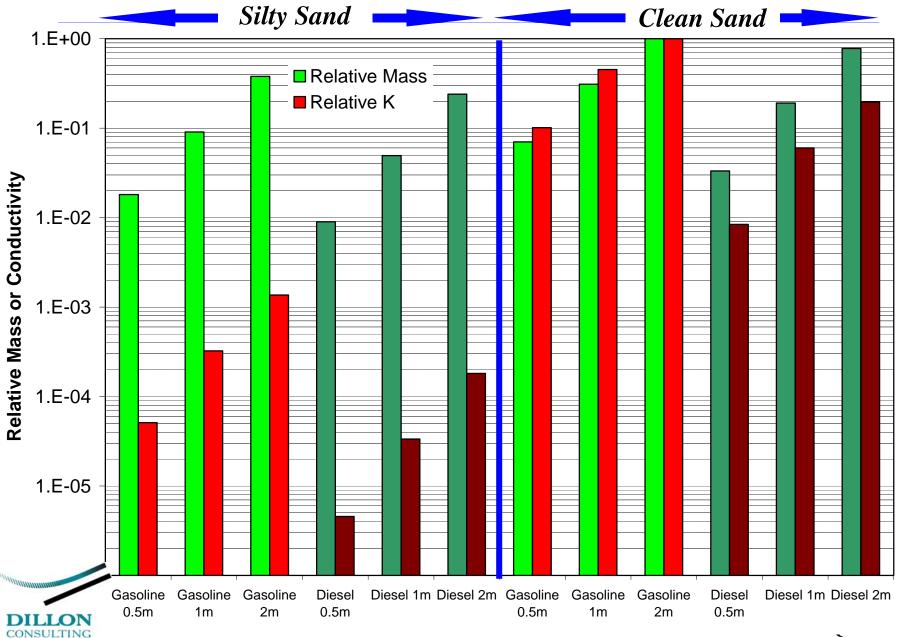
Comparative Lateral LNAPL Migration *(converse is true for vertical migration)*



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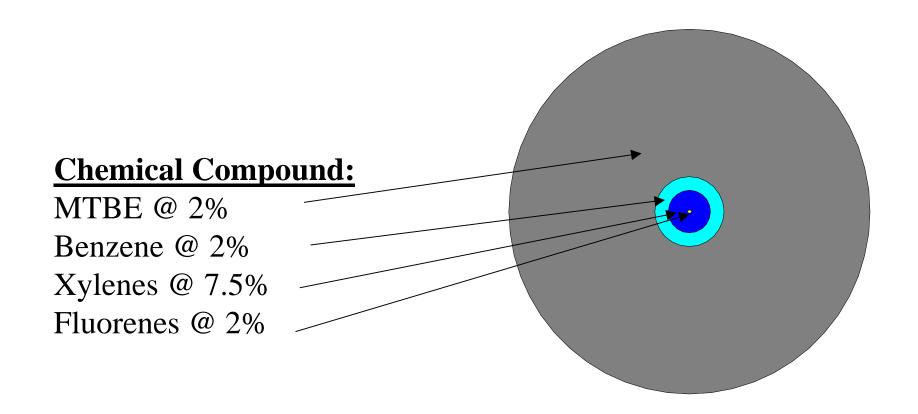
Relative Mobility & Mass Comparison



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Chemistry Contrasts & Flux Magnitude

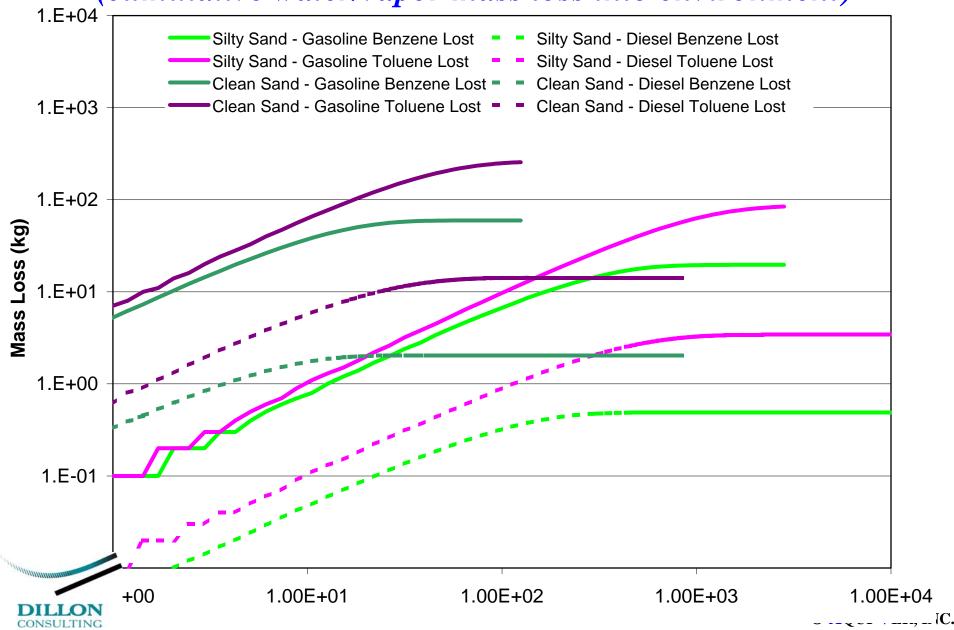
(for same LNAPL & geologic conditions)





Mass Loss Comparisons

(cumulative water/vapor mass loss into environment)



How Does All that Stack Up?



- Heavier oils are far less risk
 - Though light oils may also pose no risk
- Gasoline is much more mobile
 - ~10x more than diesel
 - $\sim 100s 1000s$ times more than heavier oils
- Fuel oils present much lower mass fluxes
 - Less loading to the environment
 - 100s to many 1000s times less risk
- In total, these contrasts are on different playing fields
 - Why is our management on the same one?



LNAPL Management Considerations



- Tend to focus on LNAPL mobility evaluations
 - Weight of evidence
 - Residual saturations
 - Site specific mobility calculations
 - Inherent mobility (bail-down & tech evaluations)
- LNAPL plumes stabilize with time as saturations decrease
- Residual LNAPL as secondary source
 - Dissolved Phase / Vapor Phase
- Incorporate risk-based principles
 - risk magnitude / risk longevity
 - Risk reduction



Business Considerations







- LNAPL liability issues (ex. SOX)
 - Financial statements
 - Third party disclosure
- Establish LNAPL liability management policy
 - How to define?
 - Environmental approach (tier 1, 2, 3)
 - Accounting approach
- Demonstrate LNAPL liabilities are under control
 - How to measure ?
- Manage ongoing LNAPL assessment/remediation
 - Portfolio approach
 - Reduction in overall liability
 - Fiscally sustainable and responsible

Enhanced LNAPL Management Strategy



- Characterize site(s) to delineate extend of LNAPL (and associated) impacts
 - including LNAPL chemistry
- Confirm stability of LNAPL plumes and associated impacts
 - Technically defensible
 - Identify trans-boundary and receptor/pathway concerns
- Evaluate and rank LNAPL site(s) on a risk basis
 - Strategic portfolio management
 - Be aware of other drivers (real estate)
- Manage Expenditures
 - Focus on high risk/high liability sites
 - Cash flow and annual budget considerations
 - External and internal economic factors



LNAPL Summary

- Physical properties of product are directly related to hydrocarbon mobility and related risk factors
 - True for all 'phases' of impact
 - Ex. Gasoline greater concern than Diesel
- Strategic management of LNAPL sites incorporating riskbased approaches direct remedial/management effort to greatest risk/liability reduction
 - Maximize effective \$\$
- Critical to distinguish between product types when evaluating and managing LNAPL sites.

