

INJECTION METHODS OPTIMIZE IN-SITU REMEDIAL EFFICACY

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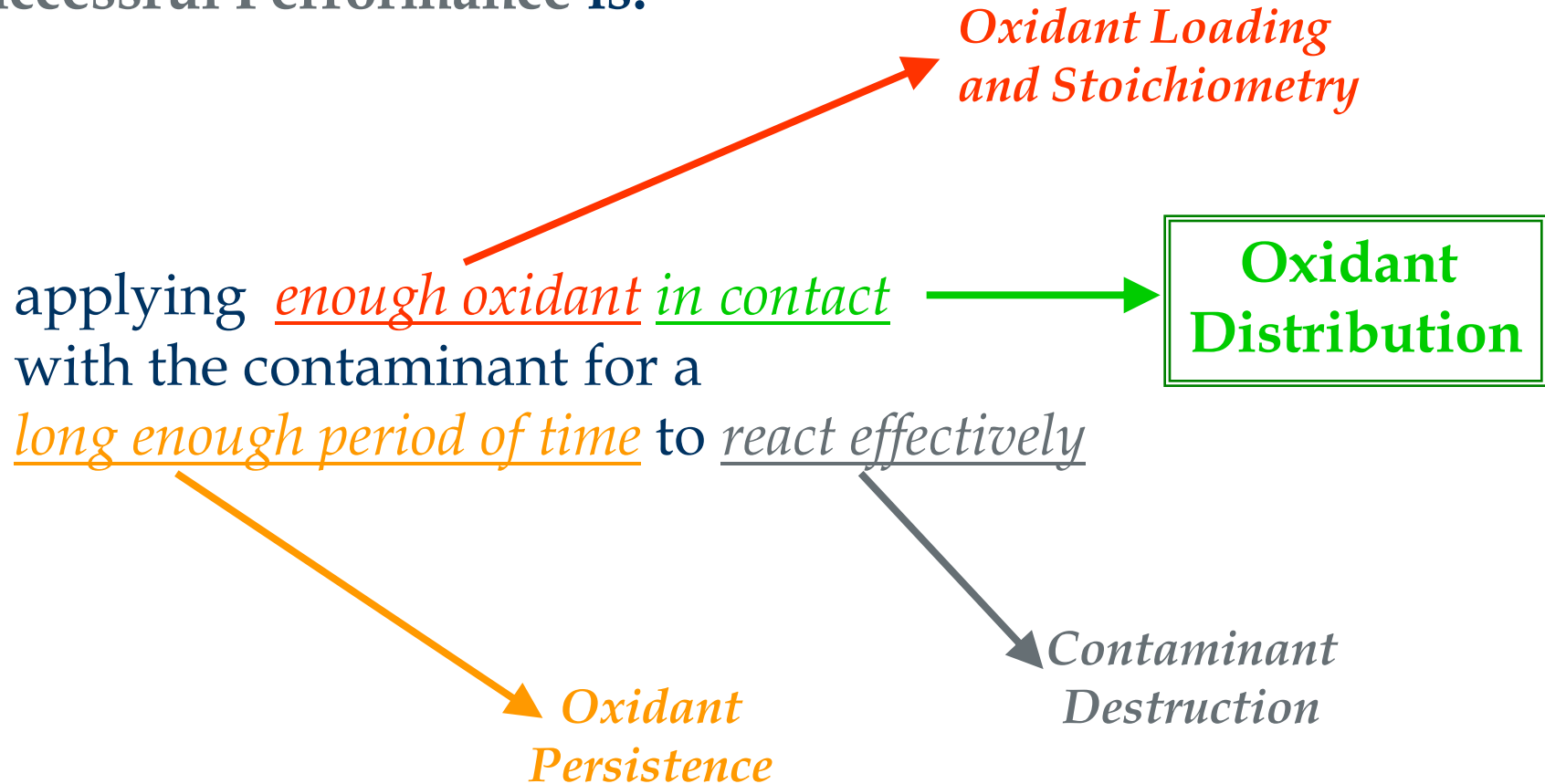
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Injection Premise

Successful Performance is:



Delivery Mechanisms

Presentation will simplify design and focus solely upon delivery, not many of the other important design aspects including:

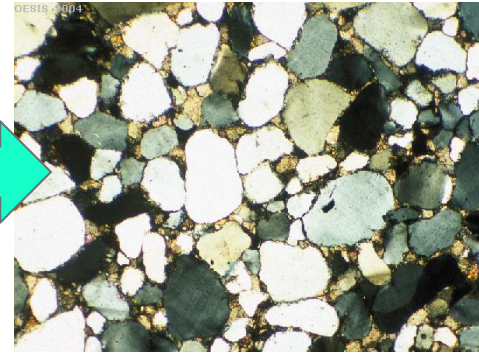
- ❑ Oxidant - choice, applicability, activation, concentration
- ❑ Site specific design issues – lithology, groundwater hydraulics, access, sensitive receptors, target mass location
- ❑ Optimization strategies – surfactants, coupling, controlled release

While the above factors are important, focus upon “big picture” of delivery

Recognizing...

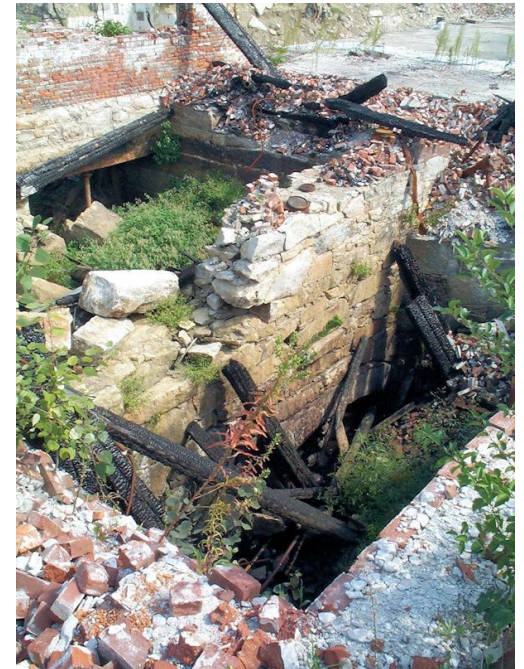
Nature ultimately controls delivery (unless it is destroyed):

- ❑ Strata deposited by natural process for millennia
- ❑ Strata has natural fabric and directionality (heterogeneity)
- ❑ Strata is heterogeneous on multiple scales –
 - ❑ *Morphologic – lack of vertical and lateral continuity*
 - ❑ *Macroscopic – visual heterogeneity*
 - ❑ *Microscopic – non-visual (and often controlling)*



Recognizing...

- Physical (contaminant-specific) properties – density, solubility, diffusion, retardation, degradation, polarity
- Effect of man-made alterations – compaction, excavation/construction, hydraulics



Delivery Methods



Energy Input and Short-Term Cost



Time Required and Long Term Cost



Delivery Methods

<i>"Passive"</i>	<i>"Active"</i> In-Situ	<i>"Destructive"</i> In-Situ	<i>Increasing Disruption</i> ↓
<p>Encapsulation</p> <p>Flow through</p> <p>Constant head</p> <p>Push-Pull</p>	<p>Existing Wells</p> <p>Temporary Wells</p> <p>Recirculation</p> <p><i>Pore dilation</i></p> <p><i>Electrokinetics</i></p> <p>Thermal Methods</p>	<p>Excavation / Engineering</p> <p>Media Fracturing</p> <p>Soil Mixing</p>	

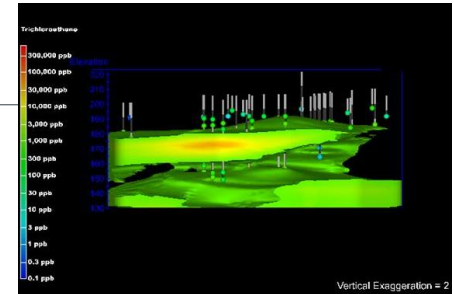
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Time Required and Long Term Cost



Selection of Delivery Mechanisms



Variety of approaches exist, each with advantages and limitations – no “silver bullet”

Complex set of inter-related factors, including (partial list):

- ❑ Cost – labor, subcontractor, materials, time, footprint
- ❑ Amendment – hazard, physical properties (e.g., viscosity, reactivity, corrosivity, stability, activation), concentration, volume, pressure, kinetics
- ❑ Site limitations – access, geology, utilities, sensitive receptors (e.g., lakes, streams and/or wetlands), work restrictions (hours, temperature, vibration, stray current)
- ❑ Target – mass, phase, dimensions, treatability, availability
- ❑ (Un) Certainty – degree of characterization, conceptual model

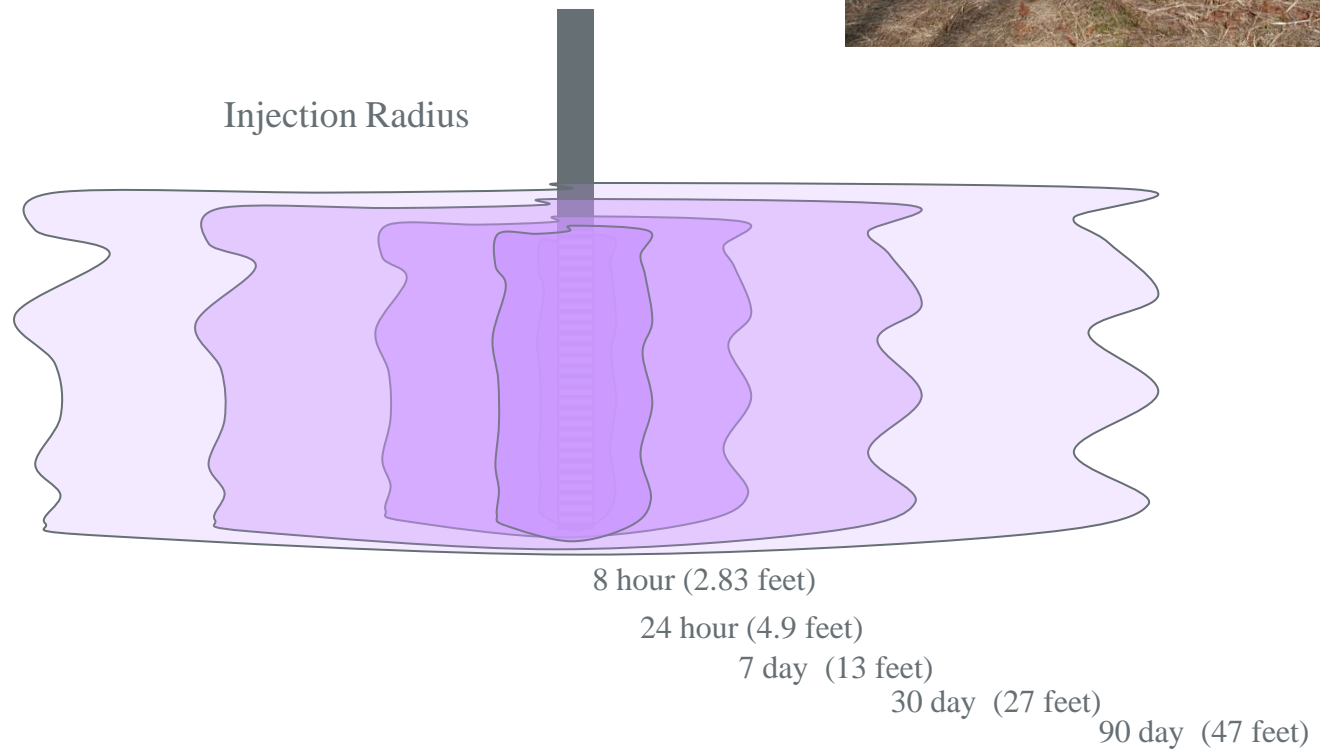
Selection of Delivery Mechanisms

So How Do We Select Mechanism?

- ❑ Experience – previous experience in similar conditions
- ❑ Risk Aversion – certainty and variability
- ❑ Efficacy – anticipated short-term/long-term cost, timeline and perceived effectiveness
- ❑ Site limitations – structures, hours, ownership, Site conditions, location, aesthetics, Client-specific requirements
- ❑ Contract – performance guarantee, treatment goal, closure goal
- ❑ Health and Safety

“Passive” Delivery Methods

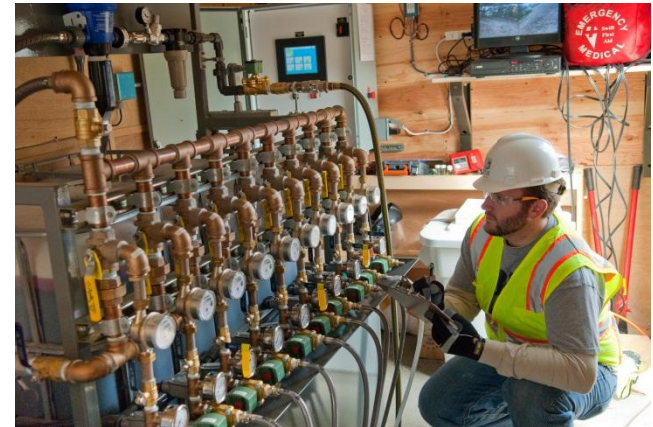
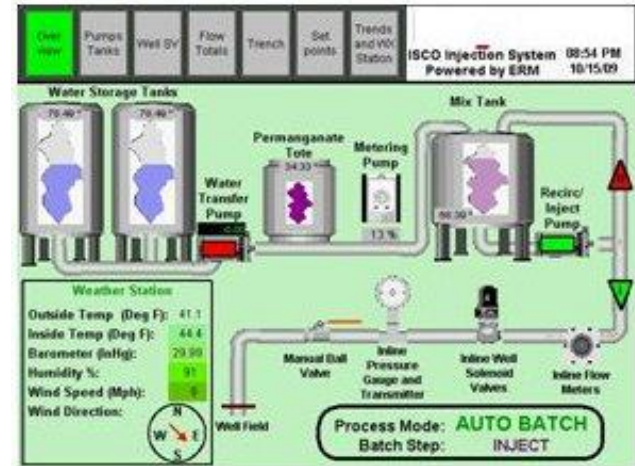
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“Passive” Delivery Methods

Allow unimpeded natural processes

- ❑ Constant head
- ❑ Gravity feed, low pressure
- ❑ Automated
- ❑ Solar powered



“Active” In-Situ Delivery Methods

Maximize Site Conditions



Single well/point



Pore Dilation
“Pressure Pulse”

“Active” In-Situ Delivery Methods

Maximize Site conditions

- Multiple locations
- Increased pressure
- Variable Concentrations
- Bottom/up or Top/down
- Injections of 30,00 gallons per day

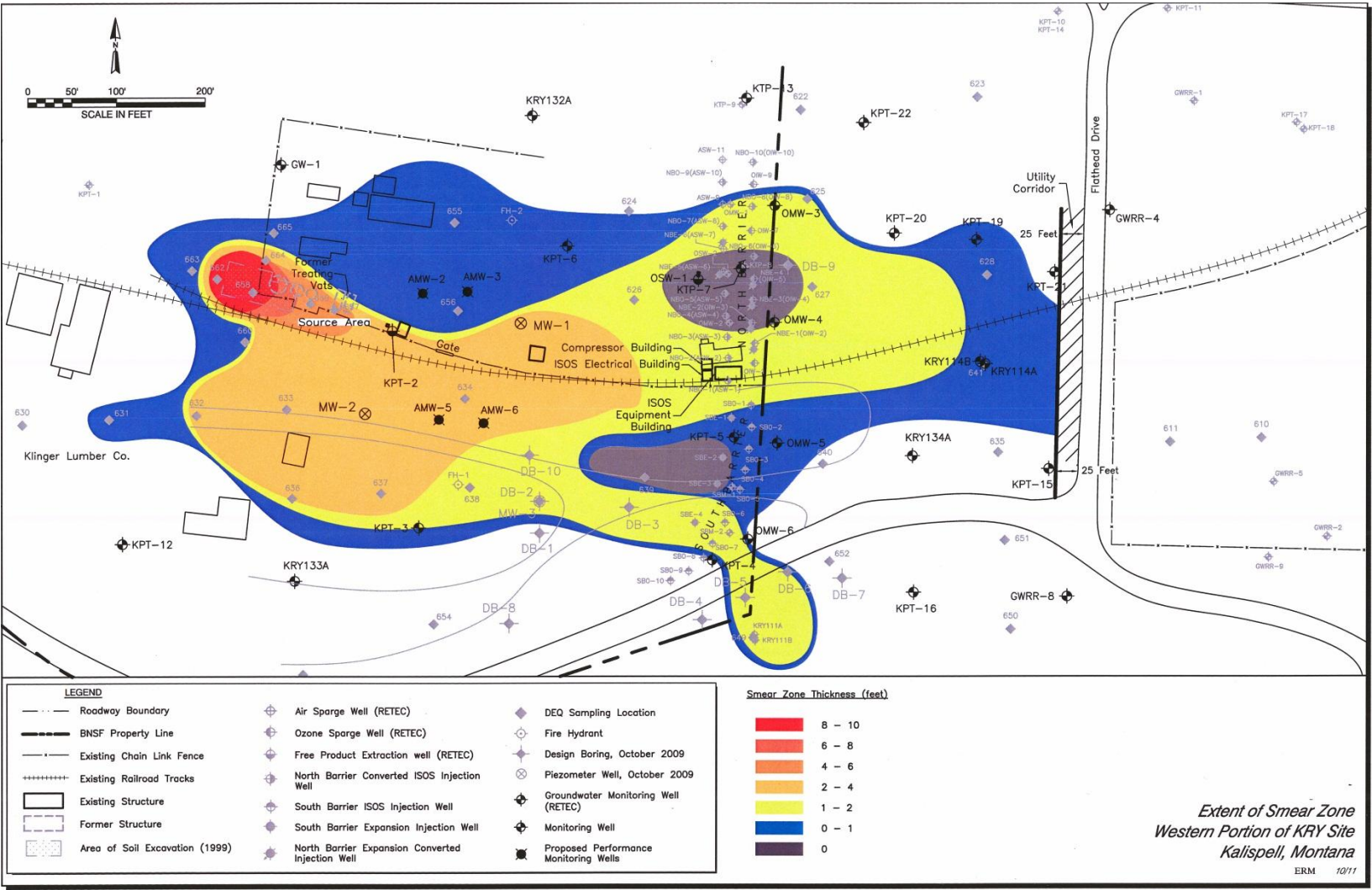


Chemical Mixing Facilities

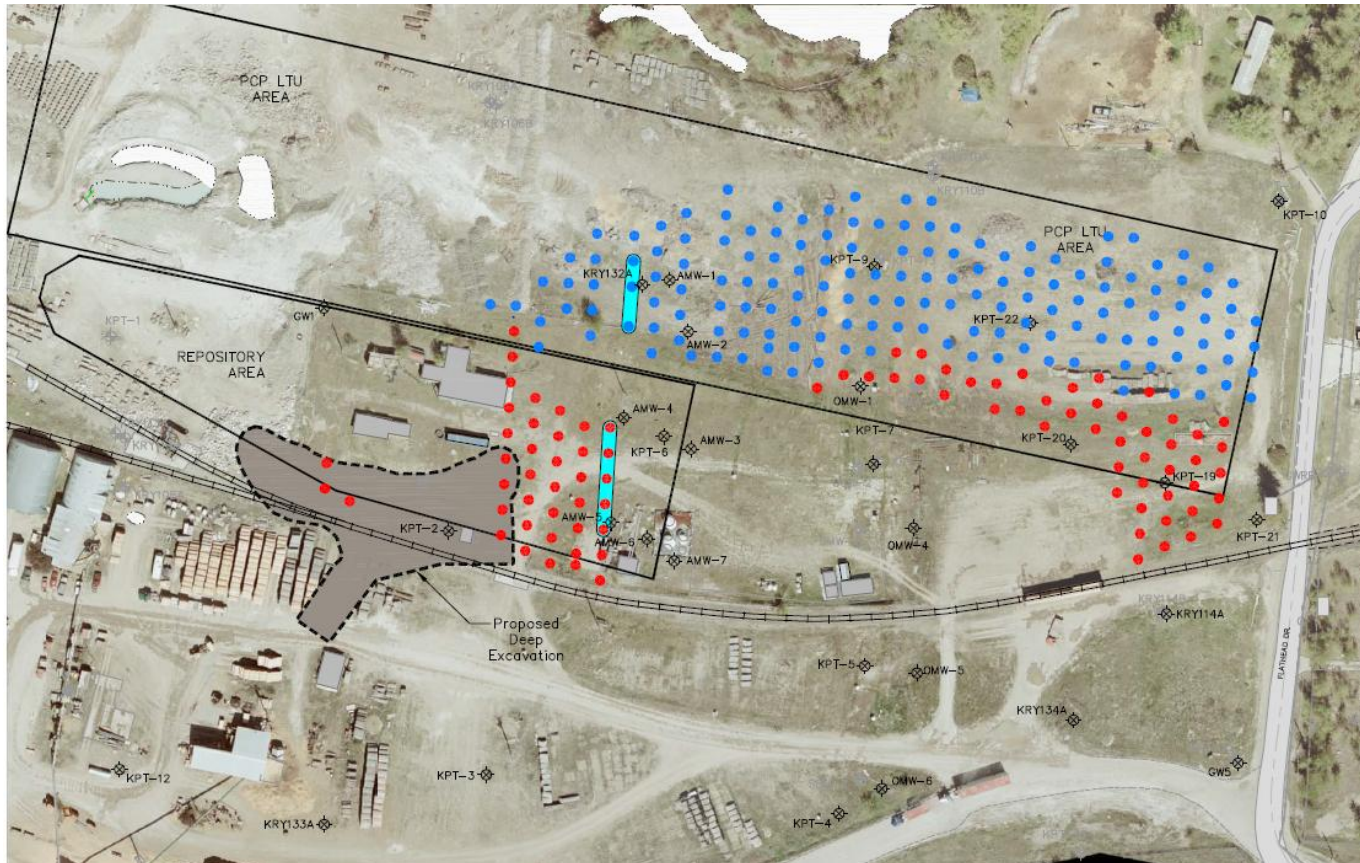


Multiple wells/points

Smear Zone Extent - Former Wood Treating Site

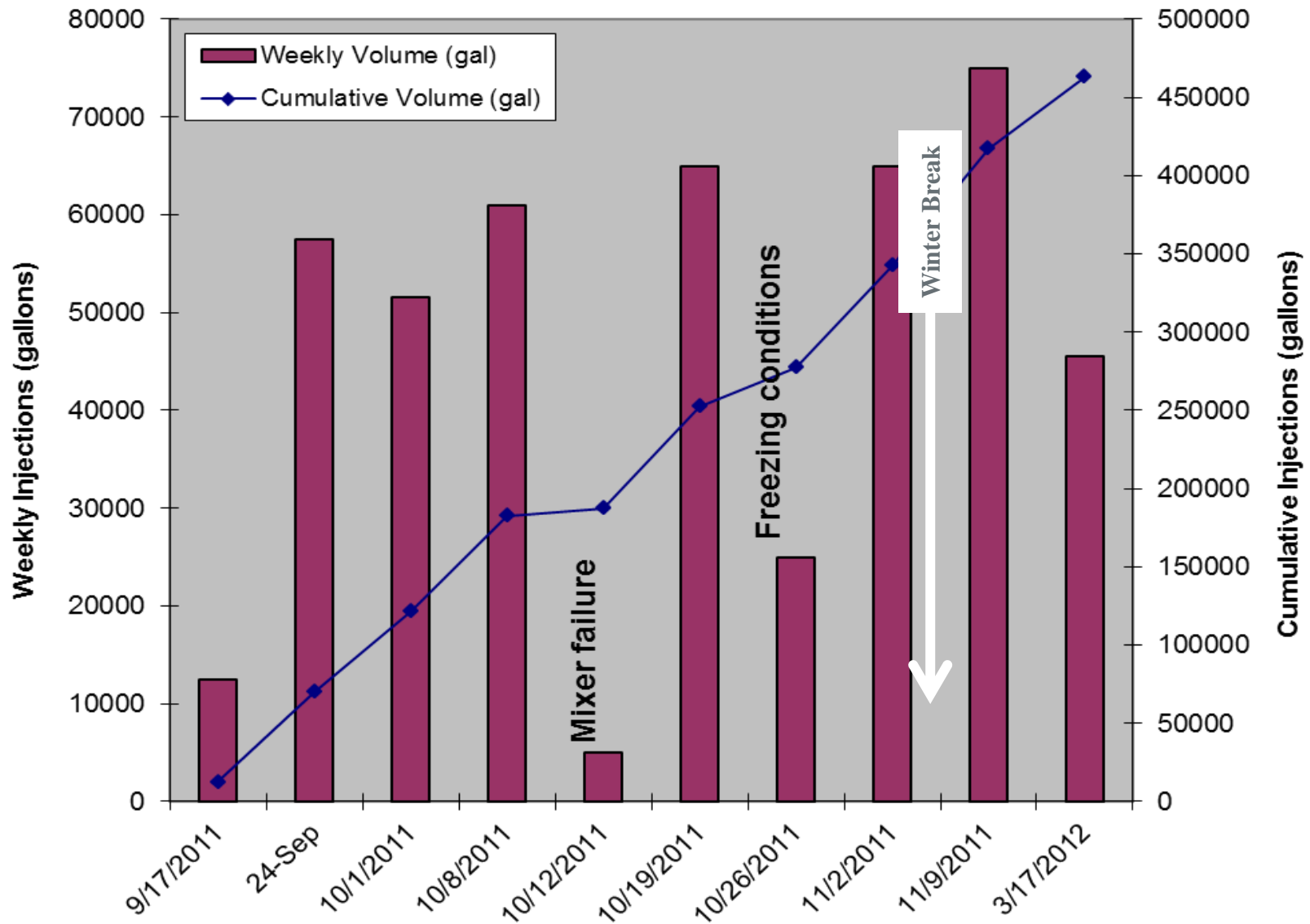


Phase 1 Injections - September to November 2011

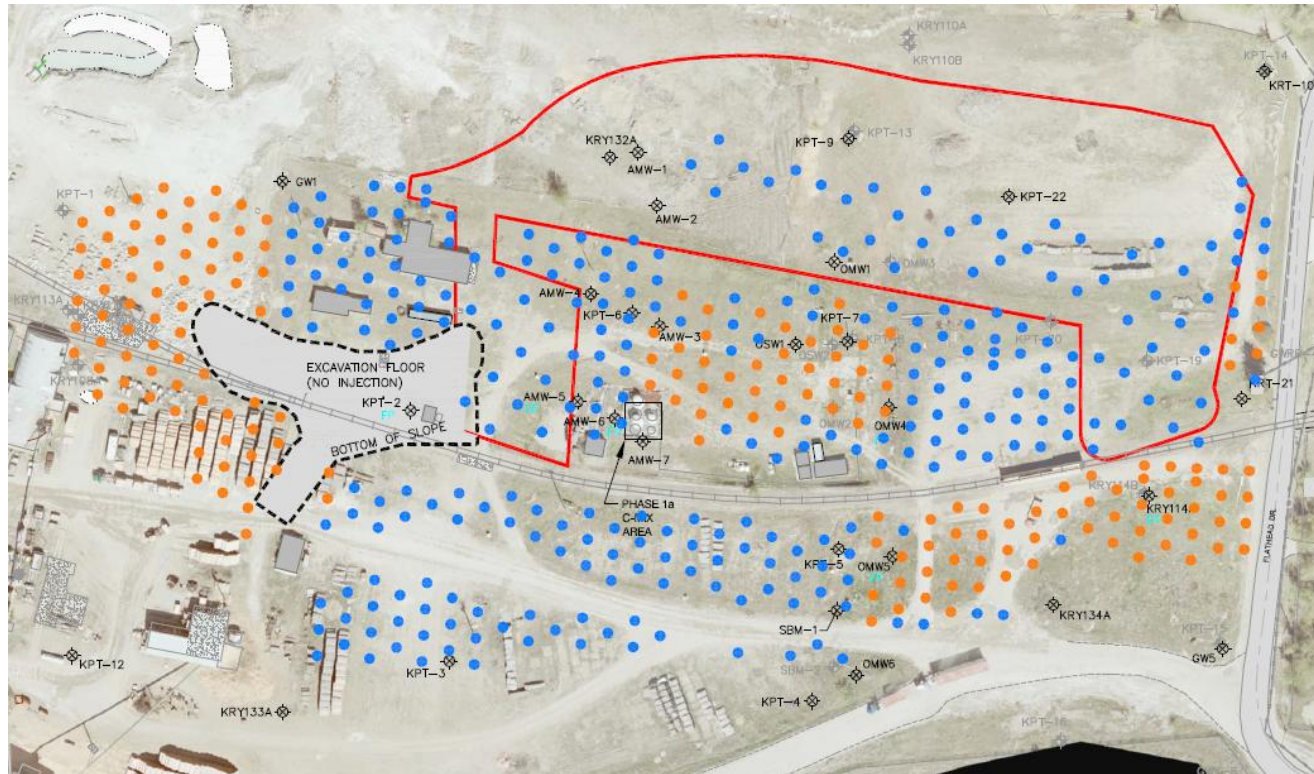


- Two intervals applied to dissolved phase (blue)
- Three intervals applied to smear zone (red)
- 243 injections completed (6.4 points, 12,400 gal./day)

Cumulative Volume of ASP Injected in 2011

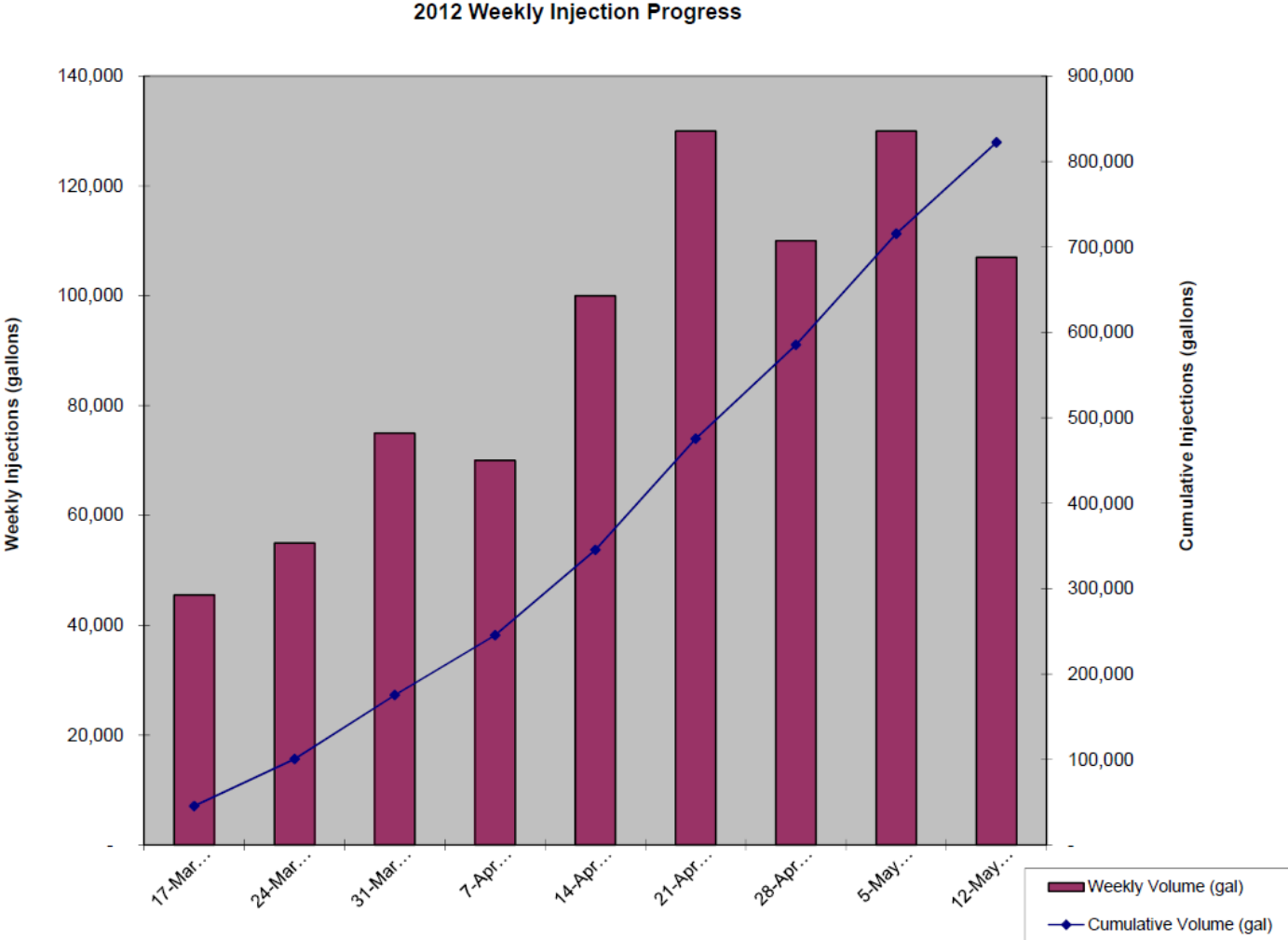


Phase 1a Injections March to May 2012



- Reapplied base-activated persulfate to smear zone (hotspot injections – 60 points).
- Targeted smear zone in vicinity of D/F repository, soil staging area, retention ponds, rock washing area and contractor area – 399 points.
- Increased application of sodium-hydroxide activator (blue is 3:1 and orange is 5:1 molar ratio).

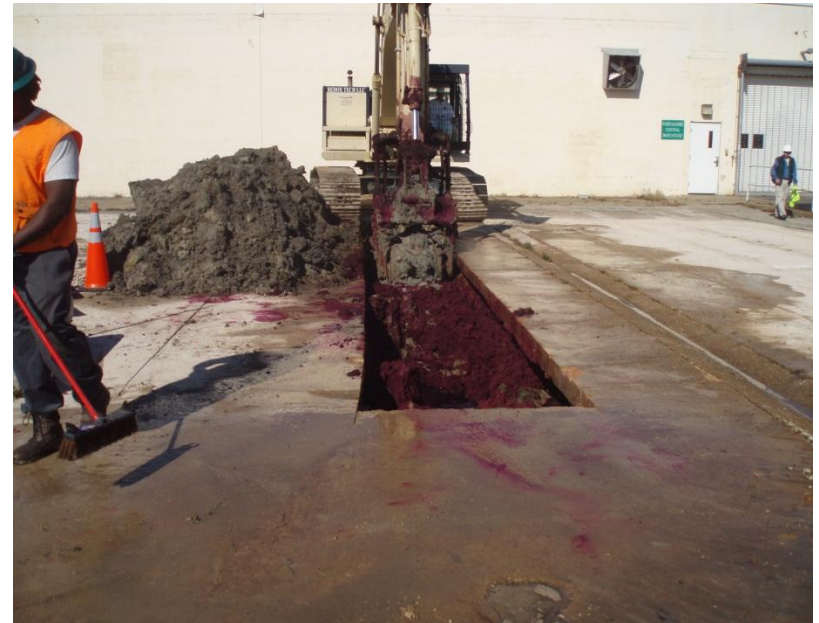
Cumulative Volume of ASP Injected in 2012



“Destructive” In-Situ Delivery Methods

In Situ Lang Tool Mixing

- ❑ *Improves contact in heterogeneous soils*
- ❑ *Improves vadose zone application of liquid oxidants*
- ❑ *Applicable to depths of 18 feet*



“Destructive” In-Situ Delivery Methods

Large Auger In Situ Mixing



Evaluation of Delivery Mechanisms

During Injection – Indirect Measurement Tools

Groundwater

- ❑ Indicator parameters – pressure, head, physical parameters (pH, conductivity, ORP, temp. turbidity), color, concentration

Soil

- ❑ Surficial breakout – surface, low or wet areas
- ❑ Tilt meters

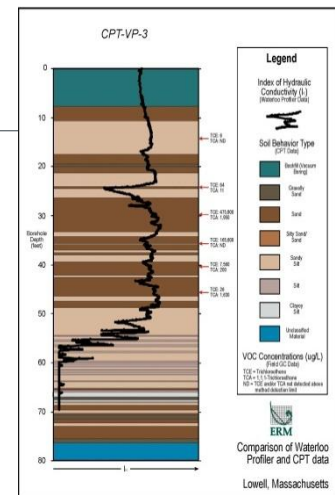
Other

- ❑ Utilities – sewer, building foundations and man-made preferential flow zones (preferential backfill)

If you are not looking for them, indirect measures provide no value

Evaluation of Delivery Mechanisms

After Injection – Direct Measurement



Groundwater

- Contaminant Concentrations
- Indicator parameters - physical/chemical/biological, color

Soil / Rock

- Direct inspection – soil sampling, test pitting, coring
- Indirect inspection - geophysical logging

Vapor

- Operational Monitoring – SVE / sub slab, GoreSorber™

Avoid “over interpretation” of potentially suspect data

Questions?

