

# Demolition of the Former Dartmouth Refinery

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# Background

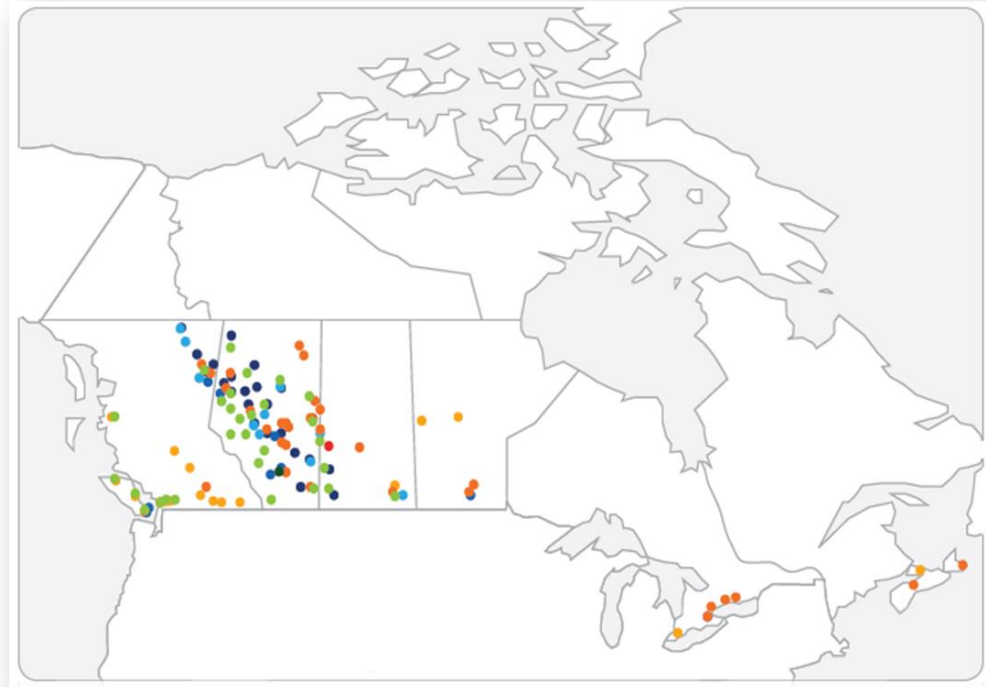
# Who we are – Imperial

- Extensive global experience
- Imperial/ExxonMobil Global Demolition Centre of Excellence
- Imperial and ExxonMobil have executed many demolition projects throughout the world
  - Canada
  - United States
  - Australia
  - Germany
  - Italy
  - France



# Who we are – Tervita

- Tervita Environmental Services is an industry leader in Remediation, Demolition and Environmental Construction Services leveraging the largest waste management infrastructure in Canada to service oil and gas, industrial and government clients.
- Major Demolition Projects Include
  - Mildred Lake Mine Replacement
  - Giant Mine Roaster Decontamination and Dismantlement
  - Kitimat Industrial Facility





# Site Background

- Refinery overview
  - Located in Dartmouth, NS
  - Start of operations - 1918
  - Refinery shut down - 2013
  - Refining capacity – 88 KBD
  - Property area – ~700 acres
- Marine Terminal operated by Canadian Fuels Operations (CFO)
- Surplus areas transferred to ES in Q4 2014
- Neighbors/surrounding land use
  - Water bodies: marine and freshwater
  - Residential: 210 houses within 100 m
  - Commercial/Industrial
    - Superior Propane, CN Rail
    - Shearwater – military base and airstrip





# Project Overview

# Project Scope





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# Project Objectives

## **“Nobody gets hurt”**

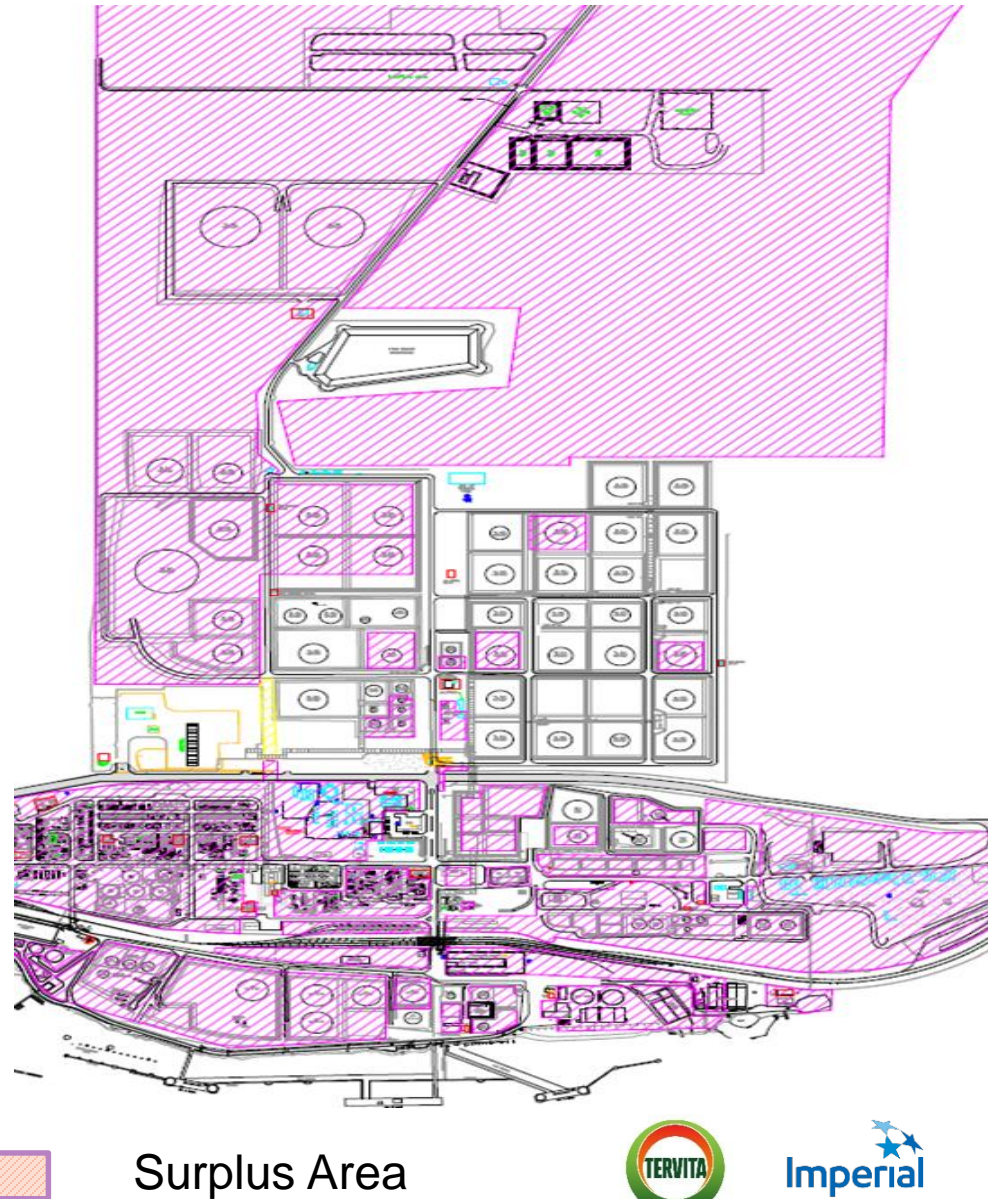
- Minimize disruption to the surrounding community
- Regulatory compliance
- Timely execution of project scope
- Project Safety Credos
  - “Machine before human”
  - “Own your zone”
  - “Clarify, Simplify, Focus”
  - “It’s not mean to intervene”





# Scope of Work Highlights

- Project Timeline
  - Q4 2015- Q4 2017
- Site is divided into :
  - 8 areas (Block 1 to 8)
  - ~ 85 sub-areas
- ~37,000 metric tons of steel
- ~18,000 m<sup>3</sup> of residual hazardous and non hazardous material
- Extensive asbestos abatement
- 73 tanks (spherical, concrete, steel, etc.)





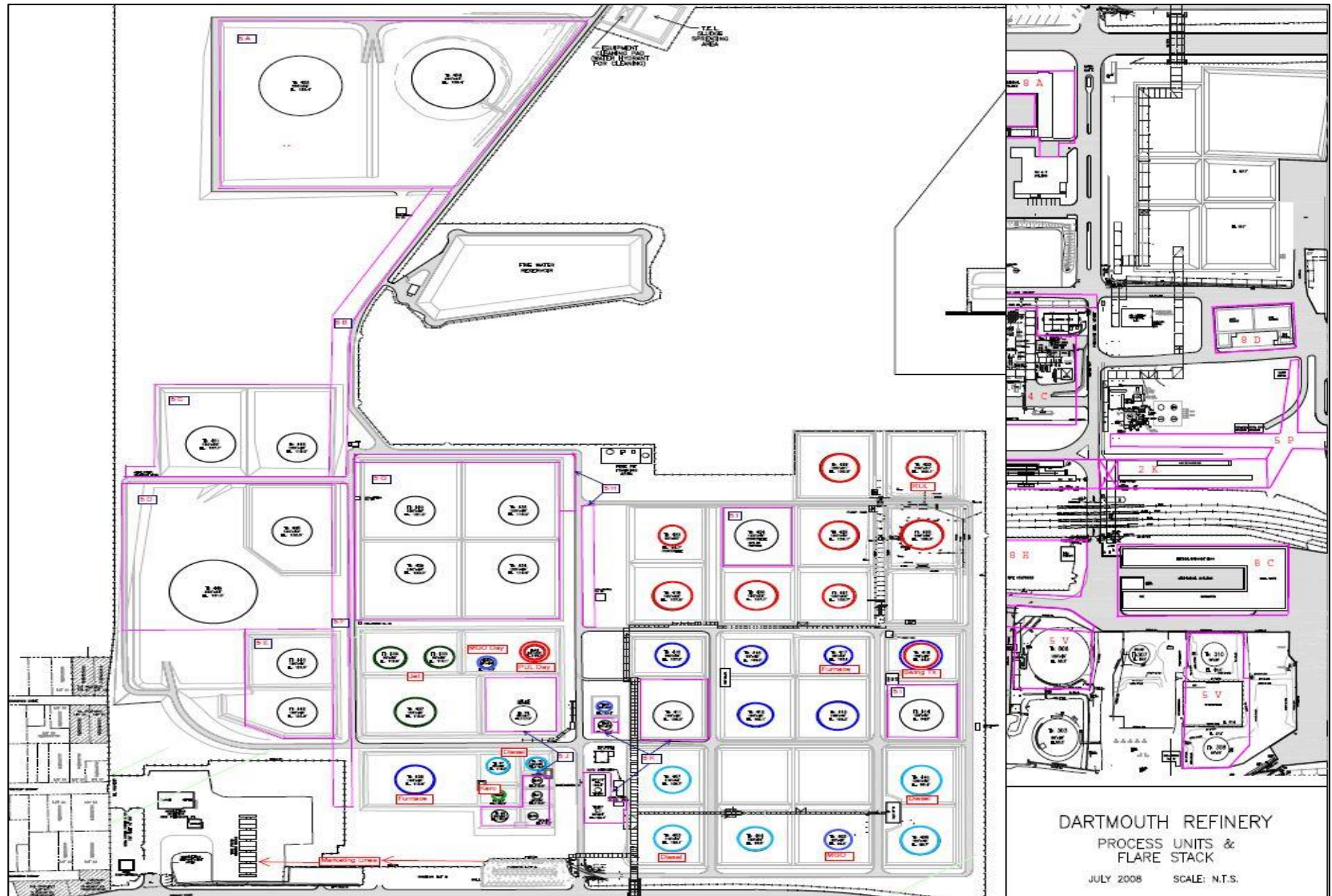
# High Level Approach

# Where...How...do you begin?



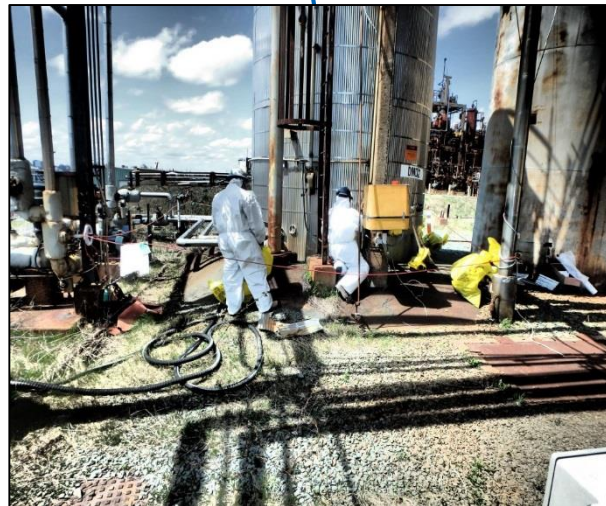
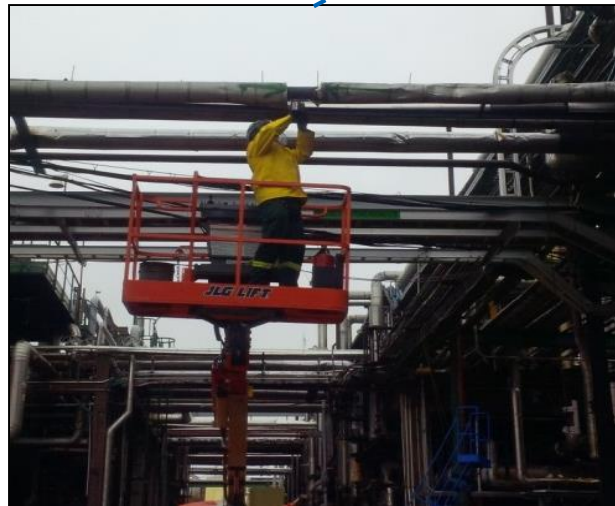
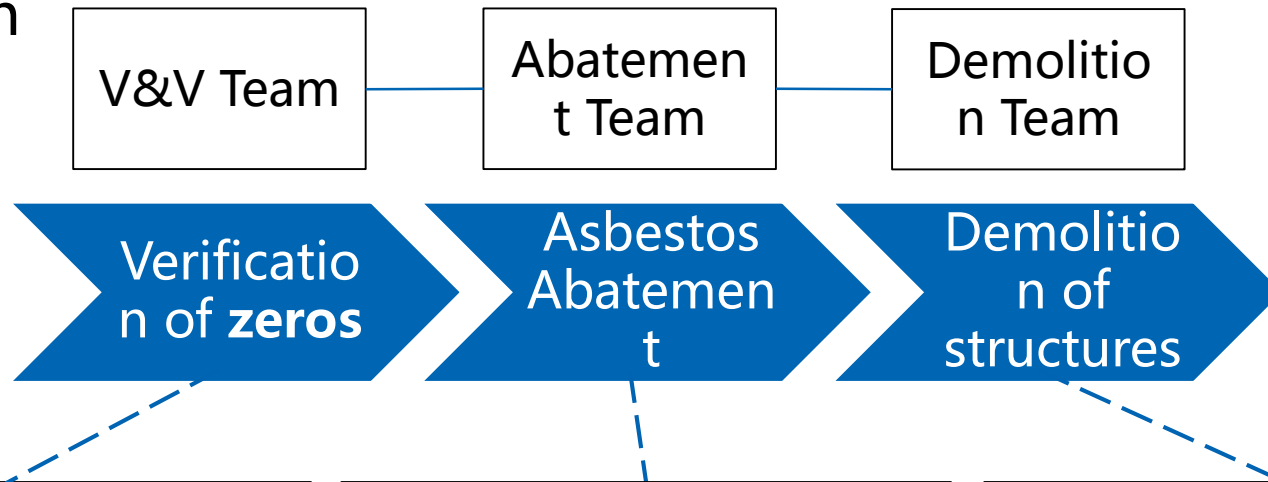


# Site Division, Block Definition



# High Level Approach

**3 phase** approach: Verification and Validation, Asbestos Abatement, Demolition





# Demolition Summary



# High Level Timeline

**Sept 2015**

Contract awarded to Tervita

**Sept-Nov 2015**

Pre-planning activities

**Nov 2015**

Mobilization and start of demolition activities

**Nov 2015 - Present**

Progressive demolition of in-scope areas and debris removal

**Dec 2017**

Demolition completion and demobilization



# A day on-site...

- Workforce consists of 70-80 workers
- 80% of the workforce is local
- Workforce consists of five major contracting organizations
- Extensive safety planning, documentation, and engagement





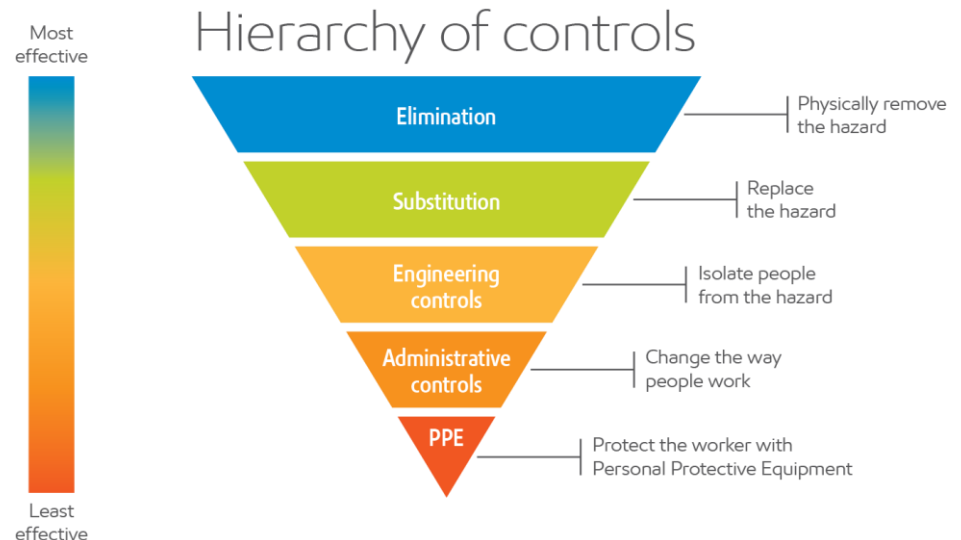
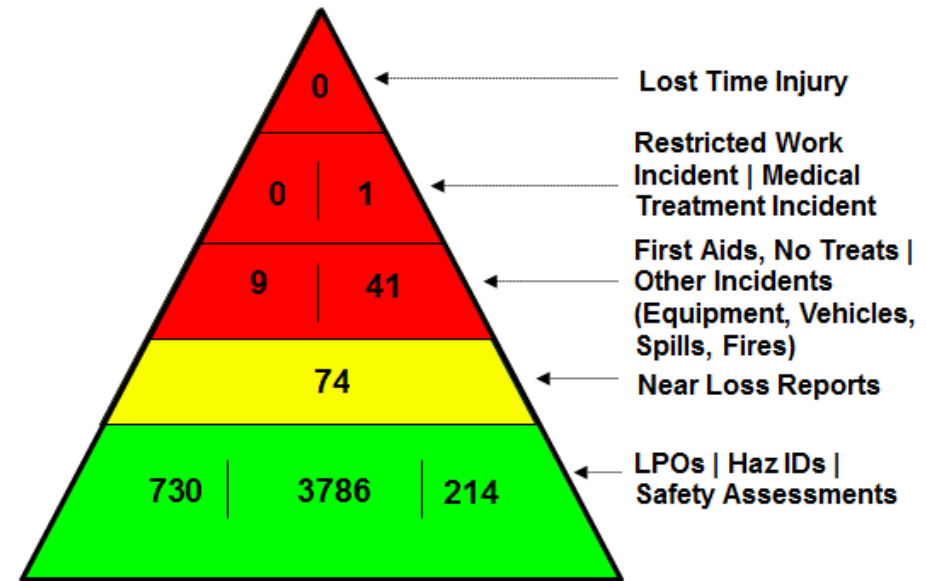
# Heavy Machinery

- Up to 15 excavators/skid steers/rock trucks
- Up to 3-5 vacuum trucks
- Water trucks and other dust suppression activities executed daily
- Specialty demolition excavator attachments
- Extensive controls that restrict access to



# Safety Summary

- Work Hours: ~300,000 LTD
- 80-90 people on-site daily at peak
- Zero recordable spills/regulatory violations
- Strong focus on machine/human interface (HEEZ/ADZ), zone control, hand protection and JSAs
- 74 Work Execution Plans
- <sup>20</sup> 65 JSAs



# Milestones Achieved

- Cleaning and removal of > **70** Tanks
  - Higher complexity
  - Steel EFR, Spherical, and concrete tanks
- Successful execution of **72** controlled drops
- ~37,000T of steel processed and shipped
  - ~400 railcars
- ~ 18,000m<sup>3</sup> of liquid waste disposed
- ~23,000T of construction debris
- ~1,500T of asbestos abated



**Critical Lift** – Stack Removal



**Preparation of Steel** – Processing

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# Challenging Scope



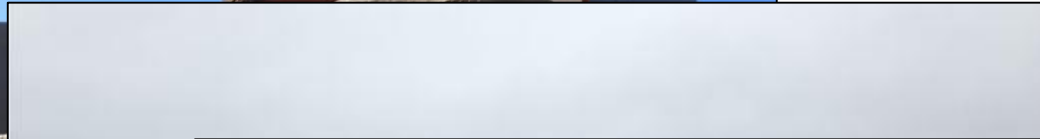
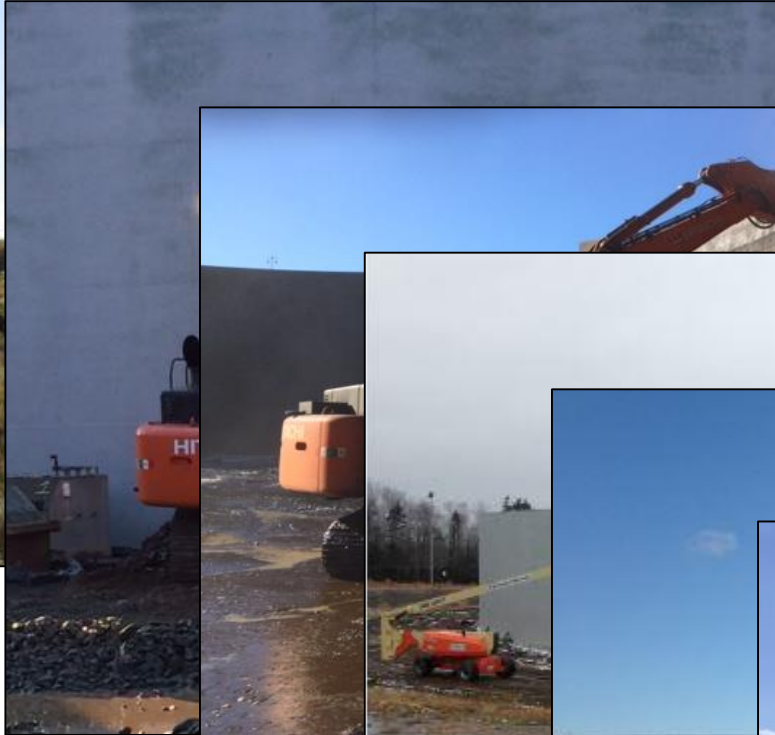
# Tanks...73 Removed

- All types
  - IFRs, EFRs, Hard shell
  - Spherical Tanks
  - Concrete Tanks
- All sizes and contents
  - 10,000 to 900,000 bbl
  - Diameters of 5 – 250 feet
  - Contained crude, sludge, refined
- Different methodologies:
  - Shearing
  - Torching





# Tanks 453-454



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- Drive excavator in
- Collect remaining storage
- Clean tank
- Torch walls

# Concrete Tanks





# Brick Stack

- 150 feet, structurally compromised
- Methodologies considered
  - Engineered drop via blasting
  - Top down mechanical via cricket unit
  - Top down mechanical via crane
  - Ultra-high reach excavator
  - Engineered drop via cable pull





# Drops...72

- 72 drops: towers, furnaces, stacks





# Process Plant

- Extensive network
- Major for
- Multiple





# Process Plant Demolition



# Engineered Drops – D202





# Engineered Drops – T102





# Processing Steel







# Lessons Learned

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- Lesson
- Recommendation

- Regulatory approval received <1 month before execution
- Ensure **all regulatory approvals** and demolition permits are received ahead of time to avoid potential delays and large financial implications
- Major ACM equipment vulnerable to deteriorate
- **Abate deteriorating ACM** during decommissioning stages
- Many different color systems between business units
- Have a **color code system** for the different states of remaining surplus equipment. Implement within site orientation.
- Third party expert consultant conducting QA/QC confirming abatement completion allowed for a transparent removal and straightforward process
- Have the consultant who conducted the HAZMAT assessment on-site for **QA/QC** purposes → Full circle



# Lessons Learned

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- Leaks can occur from improperly decommissioned lines
  - Identify every line, cross reference P&IDs, drill all low points, and use a level when uncertain. Implement **spill mitigation** control measures
- Residual product easier to pump out during warmer weather
  - Recover product during summer months to **reduce waste** removal costs in both tanks and lines
- ACM suspect materials encountered during demolition were at times treated as ACM and shipped to expedite process
  - Be prepared to abate during short duration jobs when **ACM suspect** materials are unexpectedly encountered.
- Successful relationship with community resulted in smooth execution
  - Ensure to have a pre-established schedule for **community meetings**, and plans to deal with any **inquiries** in **effective** manner.





# Project Completion



## Post Demolition

- Active terminal
- Continued terminal optimization
- Environmental site assessment activities
- No plans for future development
- Annual community meetings
- Continue to play an active role in the community



# Post Demolition





# Process Plant – Before and After





# Marine Area – Before and After





# East Tankfield – Before and After



# New Tenants



