ASSESSMENT OF PETROLEUM HYDROCARBONS IN A REMOTE AND ECO-SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT USING LASER INDUCED FLUORESCENCE (LIF) AND A LOW IMPACT MOBILE DRILL RIG (LIMB DRIG)

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SABLE ISLAND

- Canada's furthest offshore
- island
- Environment:
 - Dynamic coastal dunes
 - Fresh water lakes and aquifer Ecologically unique & important

Four centuries of Human Use 1801 - Canada's first life saving station 2013 – National Park Reserve



LEGACY IMPACTS



SITE CHALLENGES

Remote Site

Safety, Environment, Community, Logistics, Costs

Ecologically Sensitive
Fragile flora, highly dynamic environment
National Park Reserve





HRSC – Definition

USEPA, 2013

"High-resolution site characterization (HRSC) strategies and techniques use scaleappropriate measurements and sample density to define contaminant distributions, and the physical context in which they reside, with **greater certainty**, supporting **faster and more effective site cleanup**."



GREATER CERTAINTY





HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS STEP?

Managing uncertainty:

- Conventional sampling approach
- Paradigm shift via HRSC technologies
 - Marked increase in representativeness

Importance of representativeness

"... 70 to 90 percent of data variability was caused by "natural," inplace variability, with only 10 to 30 percent of variability being contributed by the rest of the data generation process..." (USEPA, 1991 from Crumbling et al., 2003)

COST & TIME SAVINGS - High ROI

Conventional



HRSC



(After Crumbling, et al., 2001)

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REPRESENTATIVENESS



Technologies

CSD 712



LIF – Laser Induced Fluorescence

- Utilizes in-situ fluorescence spectroscopy to locate Free Phase
 Petroleum Hydrocarbons.
- [©] Dakota Technologies UVOST, TarGOST, Dye LIF.



Operation is based on two principles: Fluorescence – PAHs NAPL & PAH partitioning









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LIMB DRIG – PHASE I







LIMB DRIG – PHASE II

Add dynamic component

- ~10,000 lbs of down force
- Hammer capable I 20 Ibs
- Fits into a hockey bag! Assembled and delivered by hand



FIELD TESTING

Successful field trial completed May 12, 2016



Hand assembled







Integrated with LIF









DEPLOYMENT

Seven days – five active
 29 LIF + EC logs
 11 hand augured bores
 18 analytical samples





RESULTS





RESULTS



BTEX, Fractional, PAHs
BTexe samples to LIF logs
Correlation
Practically difficult to achieve
Qualitative vs. Quantitative





SITE CONCEPTUALIZATION



HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT

Rapid Assessment – low cost/low impact – one mob.

Spatially Representative & Contextual Information
 Communication – related to specific COCs, visualizations

ACTIONABLE INFORMATION

NEXT STEPS

Incorporation into risk assessment & management strategy

Additional HRSC: Freshwater Aquifer Delineation

LIMB DRIG 2.0: Power addition

QUESTIONS?

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