

Post-Remediation High Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC) Maile Gee, P.G. Engineering Geologist Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

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# OVERVIEW



#### **Site Characterization**

#### **Methods and Tools**

- Standard Site Characterization
- High Resolution Characterization

### **Case Study**

- Site History
- Assessment Challenges
- Site Timeline
- Remediation Phases
- Post-Remediation HRSC
- Next Steps
- Considerations and Costs
- Resources



# METHODS AND TOOLS

# Water Boards

- STANDARD SITE CHARACTERIZATION METHODS
  - HOLLOW STEM AUGER BORINGS
  - SOIL SAMPLES EVERY 5 OR 10 FEET
  - GROUNDWATER WELL INSTALLATION
  - DATA LIMITED BY SCREENED INTERVALS AND
    WELL PLACEMENT









- STANDARD SITE CHARACTERIZATION
  - LIMITED DATA SETS WITH LOWER RESOLUTION
  - INCOMPLETE DELINEATION OF
    CONTAMINANTS
    - SOIL, SOIL VAPOR, GROUNDWATER
  - LACK OF UNDERSTANDING OF SITE GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY
    - IMPROPERLY PLACED OR SCREENED WELLS
  - INCOMPLETE CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL (CSM)
  - REMEDIAL DESIGNS
    - INCORRECT TREATMENT ZONES
    - REMEDY EFFECTIVENESS COMPROMISED



### TECHNOLOGIES OVERVIEW

- HIGH RESOLUTION CHARACTERIZATION
  - HIGH DATA DENSITY
  - QUALITATIVE AND QUANTITATIVE
- DIRECT SENSING TOOLS
  - MEMBRANE-INTERFACE PROBES (MIP)
  - HYDRAULIC PROFILING TOOL (HPT)







### METHODS AND TOOLS

### **GEOPHYSICS TOOLS**

- NATURAL GAMMA LOGGING
- OPTICAL TELEVIEWER
- ELECTRICAL RESISTIVITY

#### REMOTE SENSING TOOLS

• SATELLITES, DRONES





# CASE STUDY

### SITE HISTORY



- PREVIOUS USE OF PROPERTY
  - CIRCUIT BOARD MANUFACTURING
- CONTAMINANTS OF CONCERN (COC)
  - TRICHLOROETHENE (TCE)
  - METALS
- DENSE NON-AQUEOUS PHASE LIQUIDS (DNAPL)
  FOUND IN SOIL
- DOWNGRADIENT COMMINGLED PLUME
  - OTHER RESPONSIBLE PARTY (RP) WAS AN AEROSPACE MANUFACTURING FACILITY
- MULTIPLE WATER BEARING ZONES









### Multiple Properties and Buildings



Property owners

Access agreements Property Transfers



Utilities and public rights-of-way



Potential Re-development







Facility Demolished Excavation of Impacted Soils Solid Potassium Permanganate Sodium Permanganate Injections		Regio Actio Requ Grou	Regional Board No-Further Action Letter for Site Required Off-Site Groundwater Investigation			
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0	Off-Site Groundwater Monitoring			Multiple Investigations at Off- Site properties					
	Disagreements between RPs for downgradient plume			Commingled VOC plume delineation by both RPs					
2009									
2007-2009				2009-2016					
	Regional Bo Investigation Ord			rd Issued er to Both RPs					













# ON-SITE REMEDIATION PHASES



- GROUNDWATER PUMP AND TREAT SYSTEM
- DUAL-PHASE EXTRACTION PILOT TEST
- EXCAVATION
  - METALS AND TCE IMPACTED SOILS (TD  $\sim$  31 FT. BGS)
  - SOLID POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE
    BACKFILL
- SODIUM PERMANGANATE INJECTIONS
- LESSONS LEARNED
  - SITE CSM WAS INCOMPLETE
  - REMEDIAL DESIGNS DID NOT REMOVE
    SOURCE AREA COMPLETELY
  - TCE IMPACTED GROUNDWATER STILL MIGRATING OFF-SITE

### POST-REMEDIATION HRSC



Investigation Included 34 MIP/HPT Borings

- Electron capture detector (ECD)
- Halogen specific detector (XSD)
- Flame ionization detector (FID)
- Photoionization detector (PID)

### 27 Soil Borings

- Continuous coring for lithology
- Soil samples to confirm MIP responses
- Hydropunch<sup>™</sup> grab groundwater samples
- 8 borings in excavation footprint



# POST-REMEDIATION HRSC



Hydrophobic Dye Testing of Soil and Groundwater Samples

- Oil Red O and/or Sudan IV dyes
- DNAPL not detected

Environmental Visualization Software

- Geologic interpretation
- Hydraulic conductivity (K) interpretation
- XSD detector responses

















### NEXT STEPS



Enhanced Bioremediation Pilot Test 2020

Install transects of multi-depth groundwater wells on Site and on the adjacent property

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Investigate the deeper water bearing zone

Complete VI Assessments

Update CSM

Interim Remedial Action Plan







Areas tentatively targeted for well installations during the next phase of investigation



PH-30 X Groundwater monitoring well destroyed



- <1.0 Not detected at or above the laboratory reporting limit shown
- NS Not sampled

D 75 150 Approximate Scale in Feet



## HRSC CAN REDUCE REMEDIATION TIME AND COST





### TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES



Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization Tools

- 2015 Guidance document
- <u>https://www.itrcweb.org/guidance/ListDocuments?topicID=5&subTopicID=10</u>

#### ITRC Implementing Advanced Site Characterization Tools

- Nov. 2019 Guidance Document
- Training videos in development
- Evening Workshop at AEHS Conference on March 18, 2020
- <u>https://www.itrcweb.org/team/public?teamid=79</u>

#### Clu-in.org Website

• <u>https://cluin.org/characterization/technologies/hrsc/hrscintro.cfm</u>