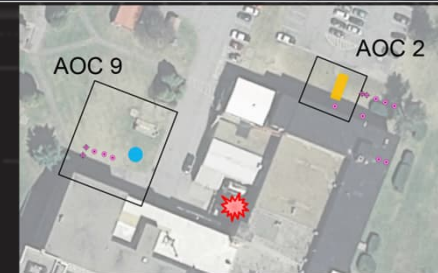
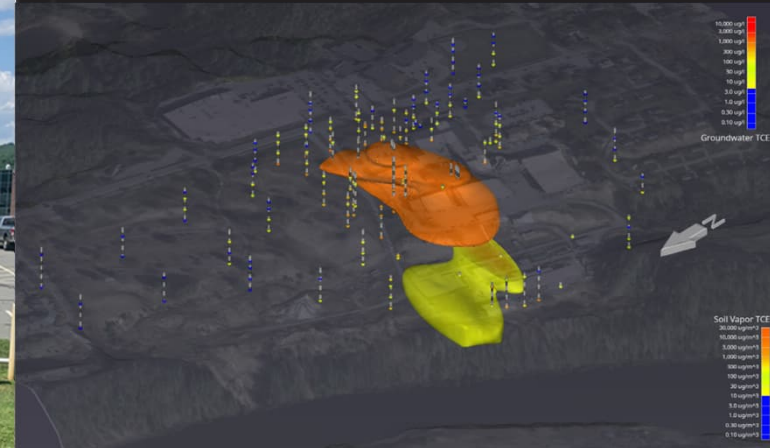


# COLD REGIONS RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING LABORATORY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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Manager  
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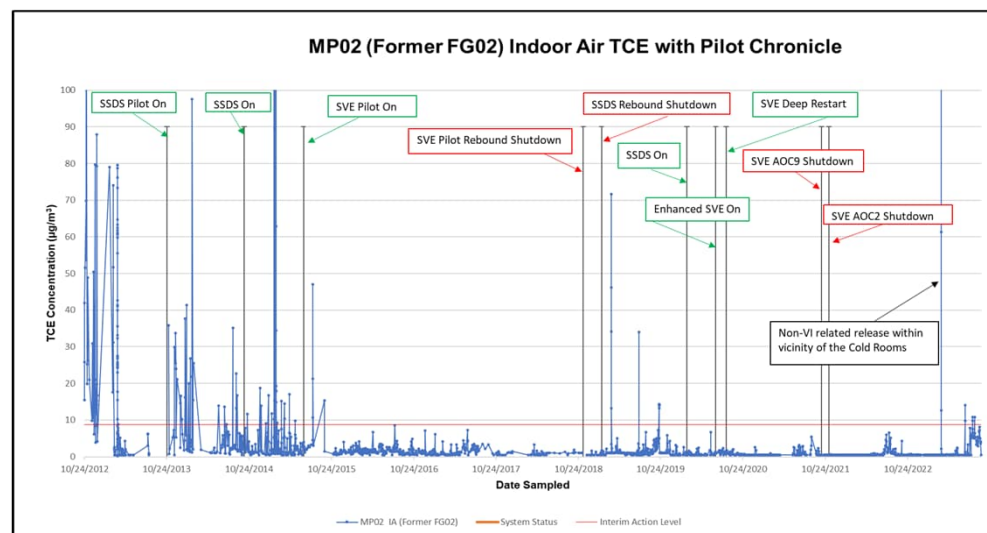
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# **AGENDA** U.S. ARMY

- Introductions
- Review/Approve September 2023 Meeting Minutes
- On-Site Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Investigation Status
- Connecticut River Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study Report Status
- Groundwater Management Zone Sampling
- Groundwater Treatment Plant Design Status
- Conceptual Model Update Site and CT River
- Remedial Systems Update
- Upcoming Work This Quarter
- Adjourn





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# INTRODUCTIONS

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## Members

- Christopher Kane, RAB Chair and USACE Project Manager
- Kristine McDevitt, Community Member
- Bree Carlson, Member Representing Dartmouth
- Roelof Versteeg, Community Member
- Deputy Chief/Fire Marshal Michael Gilbert, Member Representing Town of Hanover
- Tony Daigle, Member Representing SAU 70

## Regulatory Agencies

- Drew Hoffman, NHDES POC
- Richard Spiese, VTDEC POC

## Support

- Laurie Haines-Eklund, USAEC Team Lead
- Amy Rosenstein, USACE Risk Assessor
- Dan Groher, USACE Engineer
- Dr. Steve Potts, USACE Geologist
- Dr. Jennifer Apell, USACE Chemist
- Terry Harwood, ERDC-CRREL IRP Manager
- Dr. Jay Clausen, ERDC-CRREL Deputy IRP Manager
- James Wieck, GZA/Dartmouth
- Scott Calkin, WSP PM
- Wolfgang Calicchio, WSP Chemist
- Amy Quintin, WSP Risk Assessor
- Ryan Ordnung, WSP Hydrogeologist
- Jack Besse, WSP Engineer







# ON-SITE CERCLA INVESTIGATION STATUS



## Next Steps:

### 1. Resolve NHDES Feasibility Study comments regarding Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)

- Discussions ongoing
- NHDES is reviewing draft USACE responses
- May result in an Addendum to the Final Feasibility Study

### 2. Once resolved Proposed Plan and Decision Documents will follow thereafter

- Provides public and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on selected remedy(s) per CERCLA.
- Provides formal record and rationale for the selected remedy(s) and commits parties to the remedy(s).

### 3. Groundwater Treatment Plant 100% Design has been tabled to keep in line with the CERCLA Process

- Design will be completed after the Decision Document is finalized.
- Extraction well design/pilot ongoing to optimize eventual treatment design





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# CONNECTICUT RIVER REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT

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In Draft Final Status – Vermont DEC approved the report to issue as final in July 2023.

USACE is currently addressing NHDES comments and will have a meeting scheduled with them in late January-February timeframe to discuss.

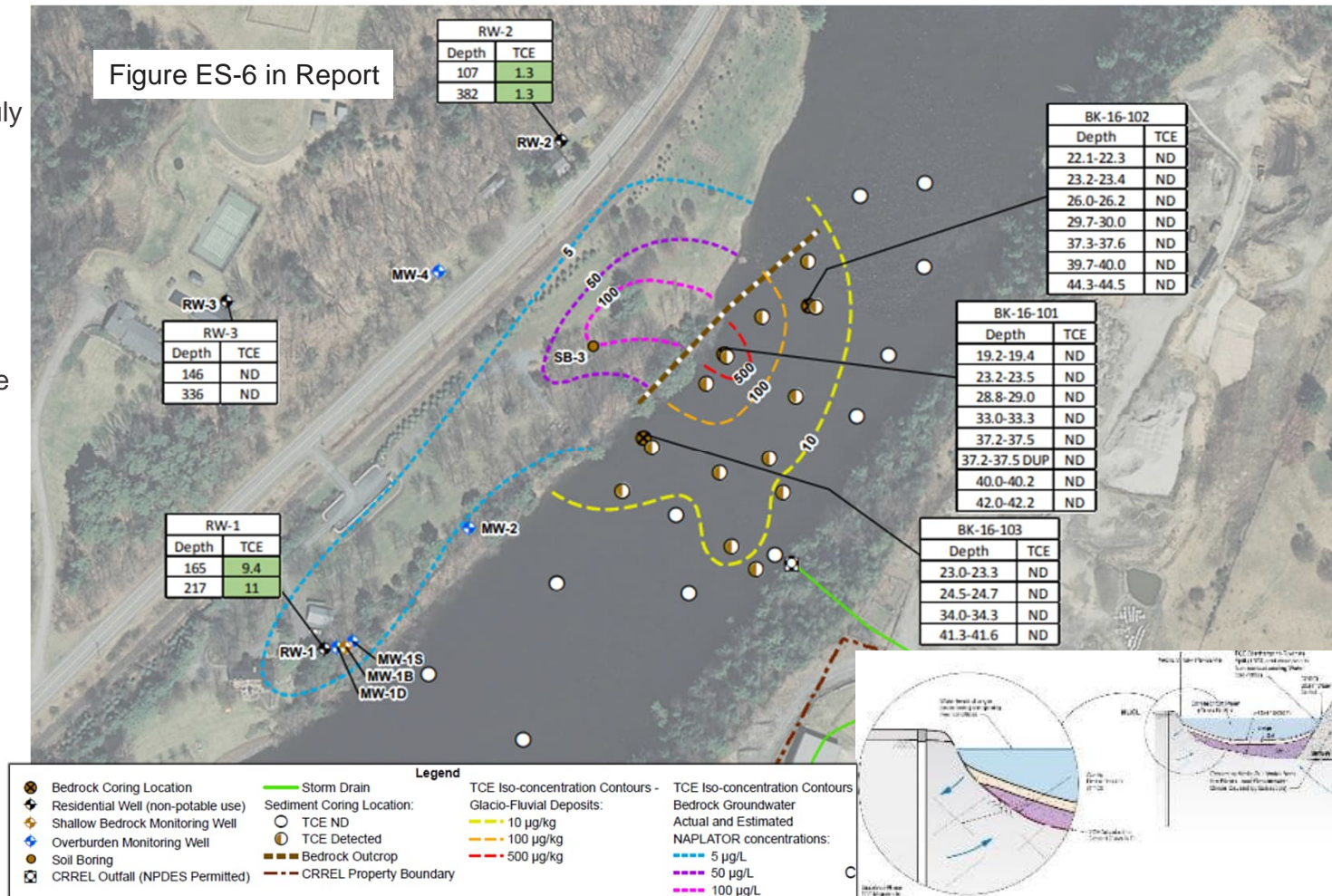
Once NHDES comments are resolved the document will be finalized.

Results for surface water and sediment show no significant risk to ecological or human receptors.

Results for groundwater wells in Vermont (not currently in use as supplied by municipal water) show potential for hypothetical risk at one well if the groundwater were to be used for potable purposes in the future.

A Draft Feasibility Study is under Corps review.

Figure ES-6 in Report







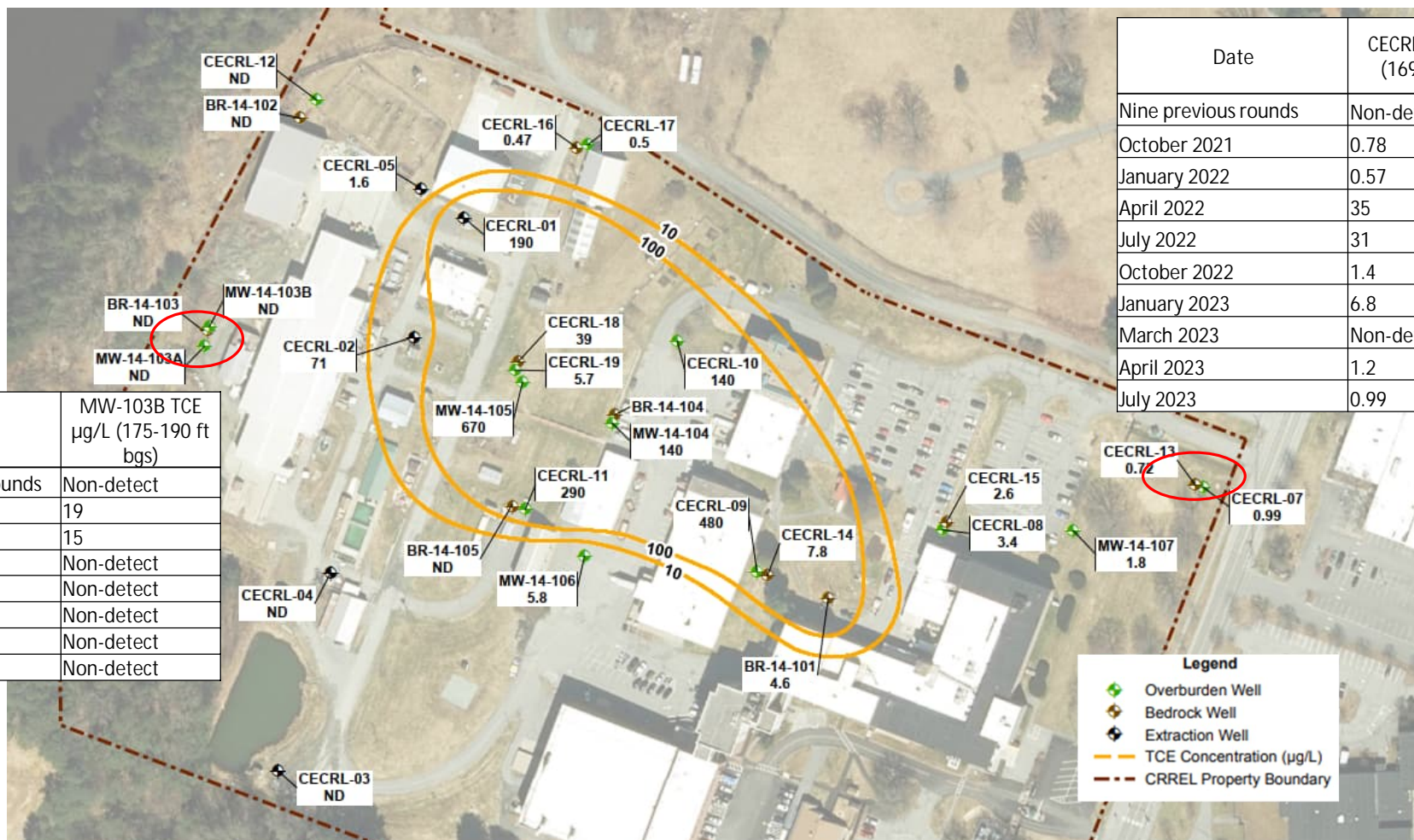
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# GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ZONE SAMPLING

## JULY 2023



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Date	MW-103B TCE µg/L (175-190 ft bgs)
Twenty previous rounds	Non-detect
January 2022	19
April 2022	15
July 2022	Non-detect
October 2022	Non-detect
January 2023	Non-detect
April 2023	Non-detect
July 2023	Non-detect

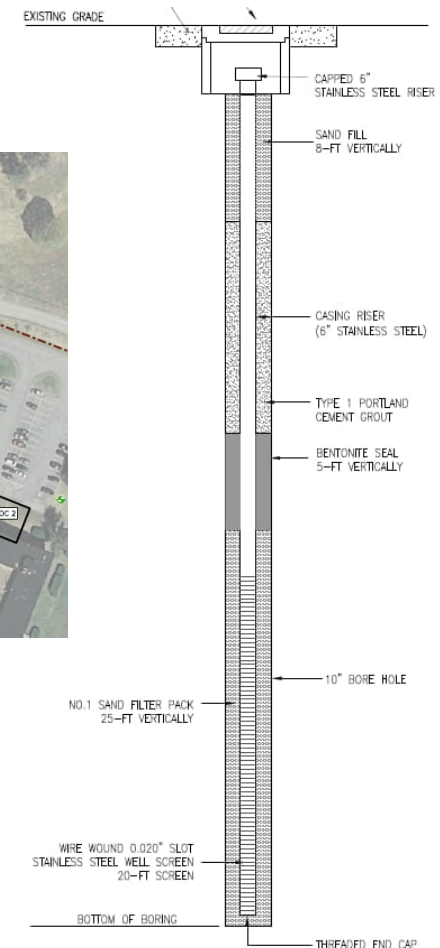
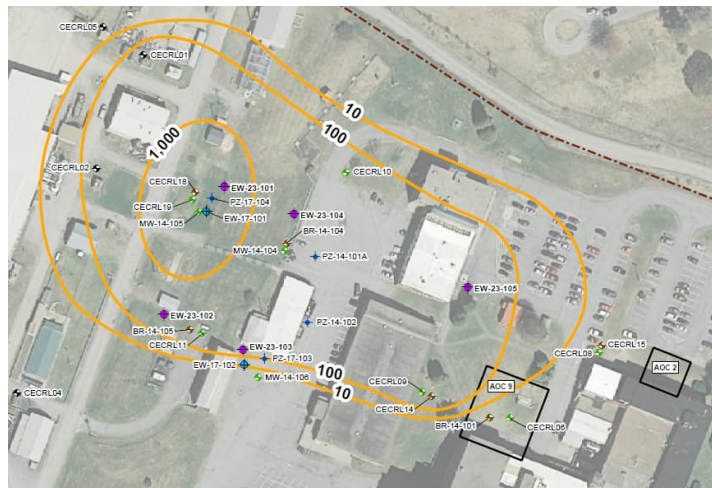
Date	CECRL-07 TCE µg/L (169-179 ft bgs)
Nine previous rounds	Non-detect
October 2021	0.78
January 2022	0.57
April 2022	35
July 2022	31
October 2022	1.4
January 2023	6.8
March 2023	Non-detect
April 2023	1.2
July 2023	0.99



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# GROUNDWATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN STATUS

- Treatment plant design on hold pending completion of the ROD.
- Pilot extraction well design commenced January 2023, Draft Final Well Design was submitted to USACE for approval.
- Anticipate installing and operating pilot wells to deepen understanding of aquifer characteristics and demonstrate capacity to limit migration of TCE to production wells as a 2025 activity.





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## HISTORY/BACKGROUND



TCE used as an industrial chemical from 1960 – 1987

TCE first detected in groundwater in 1990

Water Treatment Plant constructed in 1994

TCE Vapors first detected in 2010

- Indoor air sampling began

USACE involvement began in 2011

- Sampling intensified to determine extent of TCE in indoor air
- Soil Vapor Extraction Pilot from May 2014 to Present
- Remedial Investigation Report completed June 2018
- Final Feasibility Study Report completed January 2021






Current indoor air sampling conducted during the work week in the Main Lab and intermittently in other CRREL buildings.

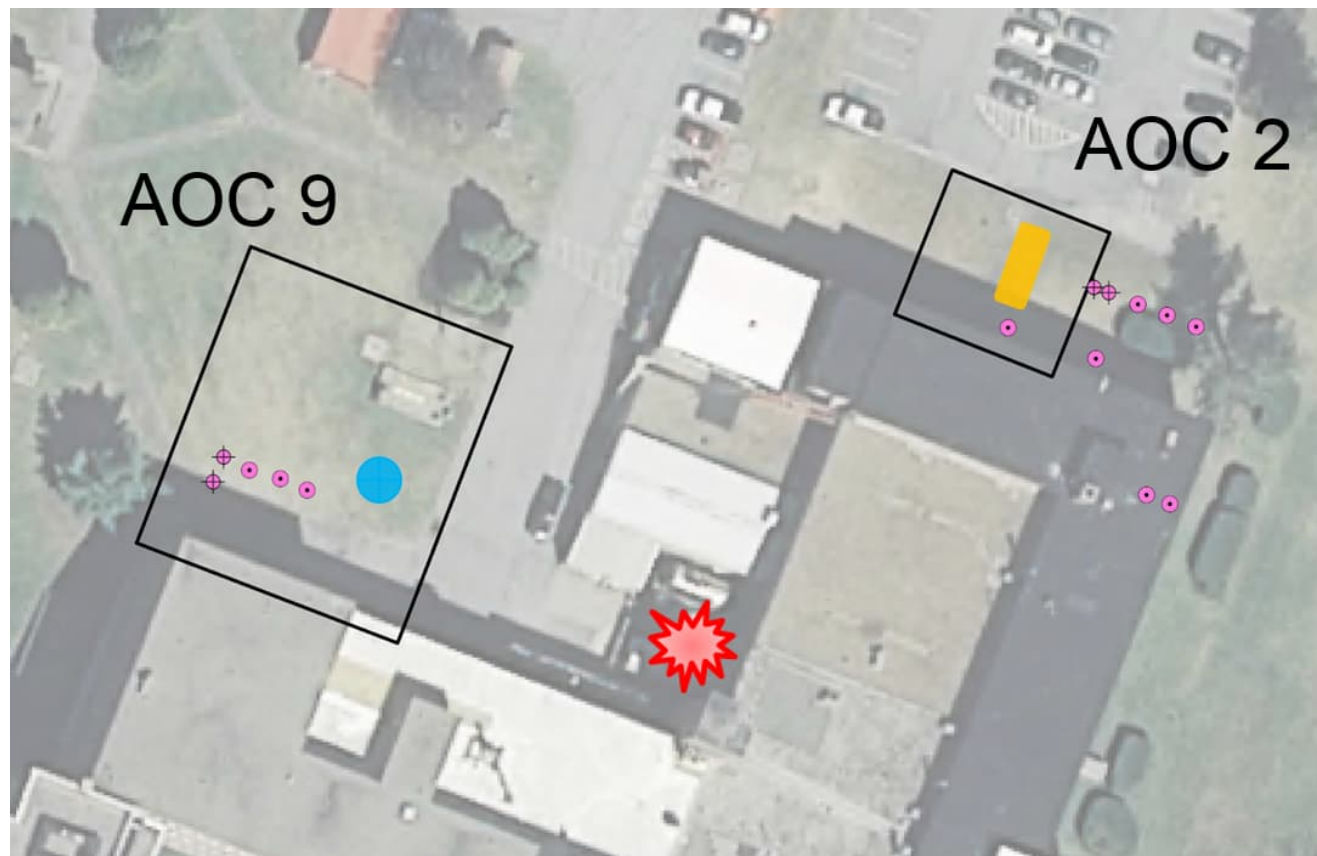
Currently reviewing the indoor air monitoring plan with input of NHDES to ensure worker safety and sampling efficiency.





# PRIMARY AREAS OF CONCERN (AOCS) FOR TRICHLOROETHENE (TCE)

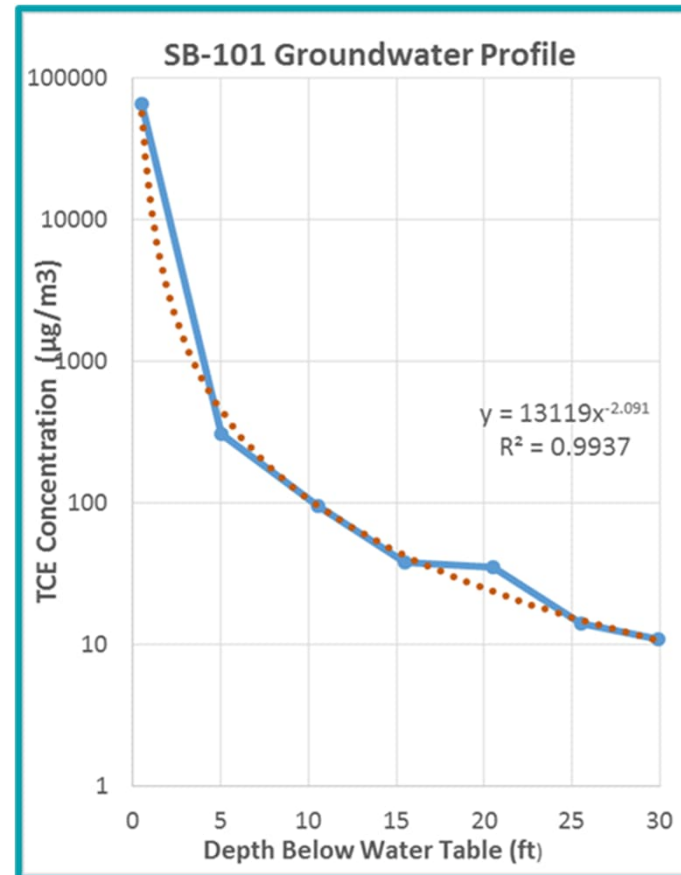
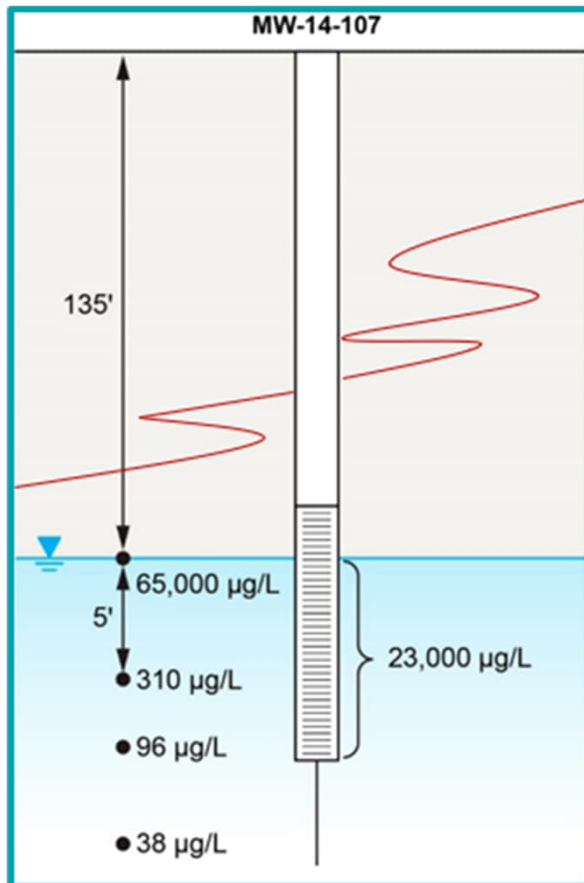
-  Underground Storage Tank
-  Ice Well
-  Soil Vapor Monitoring Well
-  Soil Vapor Extraction Well
-  Aboveground Storage Tank Deflagration





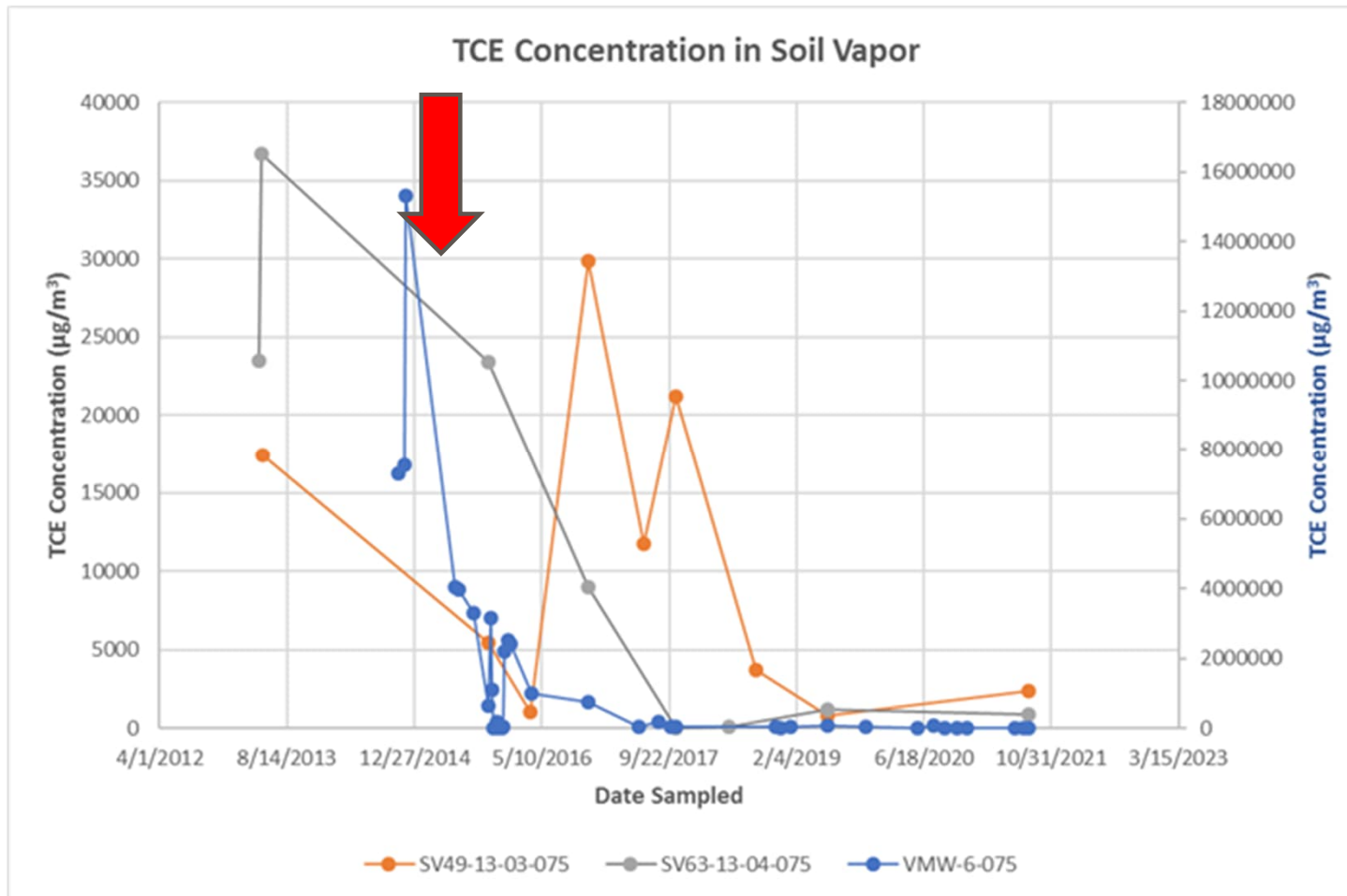
# SOIL GAS PLUME GENERATES THE GROUNDWATER PLUME

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# SVE REMOVED ~3,600 KILOGRAMS OF TCE FROM SOIL GAS







# CSM OVERVIEW USING EVS





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# ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD UPDATE

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The Administrative Record is available for review:

- CRREL library (hard copies) and
- Howe Library in Hanover (digital copies)
  - Includes all final reports
  - See the information desk to access the files

January 2024:

- 7 documents added
- 2023 up to present including:
  - groundwater reports
  - workplan



# UPCOMING WORK

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## Indoor Air

- Continued HAPSITE® monitoring of the Main Lab, FERF, and LMO as well as other CRREL buildings
- Routine sampling of sub-slab depressurization systems
- Healthmate filter changout anticipated in January/February
- Evaluate Vaporsafe™ air monitoring system for installation in Spring/Summer 2024 to supplement indoor air monitoring on the Main Lab 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Plenum Study approach and work plan for Spring/Summer 2024

## Groundwater

- Monitor GMZ boundary wells, next sampling scheduled for April 2024
- Finalized pilot groundwater extraction well design

## Soil Gas

- Finalize Synoptic Soil Gas/Rebound August 2023 Report
- Draft Soil Vapor Extraction Pilot Test Report
- Rebound sampling in Summer 2024
- SVE Pilot Re-Start pending funding/new contract

## CRREL RI/FS/Proposed Plan/Decision Document

- Resolve NHDES Feasibility Study Comments
- Draft Proposed Plan and Decision Document

## Connecticut River RI/FS

- Prepare Final RI incorporating NHDES Comments
- Submit Draft Feasibility Study after the RI is finalized for USACE Review
- Next Steps-Draft Proposed Plan and Decision Document

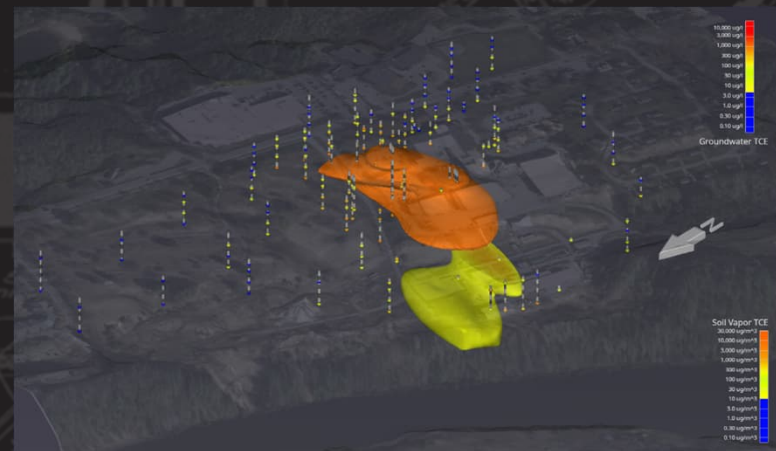




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