

Overview of NAPL and Groundwater Programs

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Groundwater Management Area (GMA) Map







Generalized Groundwater Flow Diagram





Generalized Groundwater Flow Map for GMA-1





Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (NAPLs)

- <u>Definition</u>: Hydrocarbon Liquids (Commonly Called Oils) That Do Not Readily Mix With or Dissolve in Water (Non-Aqueous).
- Dense NAPLs (DNAPLs) Tend to Sink in Water.
- Light NAPLs (LNAPLs) Tend to Float on Water.





NAPLs at the GE - Housatonic River Site

- Pyranol: Mixture of PCBs (Aroclors 1254 or 1260) with Trichlorobenzene. Acts as a DNAPL.
- Aroclor 1260: PCB oil. Acts as a DNAPL.
- 10C Insulating Oil: Petroleum distillate (mineral oil). Acts as an LNAPL.
- Coal Tar: Manufactured Gas Plant sludge and liquids. Acts as an LNAPL or DNAPL.





NAPL Conceptual Diagram





Approximate Extent of LNAPL & DNAPL – Spring 2001







Approximate Extent of LNAPL at Unkamet Brook Area





NAPL Performance Standards

- No Discharge of NAPL to Surface Water or Sediments Around or Under Barriers.
- Eliminate NAPL from Wells Near River and Lake Banks.
- Reduce NAPL in all Wells to Minimize Potential NAPL Migration to Surface Water and Help Achieve Groundwater Standards.
- Demonstrate that NAPL Near Buildings Doesn't Adversely Affect Indoor Air Quality.





Sheetpile Containment Barrier & NAPL Recovery Well







Summary of GMA-1 NAPL Recovery by GE





Groundwater Treatment Plant and Recovery Well 64-R





NAPL Remediation Animation, 1986 - 2000















































Groundwater Quality Standards Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)

- MCP GW-2 Standards Do not Exceed GW-2 Concentrations in Compliance Wells Near Buildings to Prevent Adverse Effects to Indoor Air Quality.
- MCP GW-3 Standards Do not Exceed GW-3 Concentrations in Monitoring Wells to Protect Surface Water from Contaminated Groundwater Discharge.





MCP Groundwater Quality Standards - Example Table

Analyte	GW-2 Standard (ppm)	GW-3 Standard (ppm)
Total PCBs	Not Applicable	0.0003
Chlorobenzene	1	0.5
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	10	0.5
Trichloroethene (TCE)	0.3	20
Naphthalene	6	6





GW-2 & GW-3 Compliance Wells





Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation & Sampling







Groundwater Monitoring Program

Baseline Groundwater Monitoring Program

- Designed to Establish Current Conditions
- Quarterly Water Level Monitoring
- Semi-annual Groundwater Quality Sampling for Two Years

Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring Program

- Designed to Verify Attainment of Standards Over Time
- Program Specifics to be Determined After Baseline Program is Completed
- Monitoring/Sampling to be Conducted at Intervals of No More Than 2 Years.





Groundwater Sampling/Testing Team







GMA-1 & GMA-5 Compliance Wells







GMA-2 & GMA-4 Compliance Wells







GMA-3 Compliance Wells







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Overview of Groundwater Treatment Facility Operations

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Operational Overview

- Facility built in 1991. Operates 24/7.
- Treatment of twelve groundwater recovery wells (90-180 gpm)
- Approximately 50-60 million gallons of recovery well groundwater processed per year. (East St. Area 1 & 2, Lyman Street)
- Maximum operational flow design 600 gpm.
- Estimated filter cake processing capacity ~240 cu/ft/day.

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64G Groundwater Treatment Facility



64G GWTF Process Overview

- Designed to remove PCB's and other Appendix IX constituents. (e.g. VOC's, SVOC's) from groundwater.
- Removed groundwater pumped to influent tank, then distribution tank for pH adjustment.
- Polymer addition to promote flocculation of solids.
- Gravity flow through inclined plate clarifiers followed by continuous backwash sand filtration.
- Final removal/polishing through liquid phase activated carbon (four 20,000 lbs units in series 80,000 lbs total).
- Solids pumped from clarifiers to decant tanks, followed by filter press dewatering.
- Filter cake disposed at regulated landfill.

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350 gpm Inclined Plate Clarifier



300 gpm Continuous Backwash Sand Filter



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GAC Feed Pumps



20,000 lb LPCA Unit



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Inclined Plate Clarifier Sludge Hopper



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Filter Press

Sludge Decant Tank



