## **Five-Year Review Report**

Fourth Five-Year Review Report for Brio Refining Superfund Site Harris County, Texas

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## **List of Acronyms**

AER Annual Effectiveness Report

ARAR Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement

BSTF Brio Site Task Force

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

1,2-DCA 1,2-Dichloroethane

DNAPL Dense Non-aqueous Phase Liquid

DOP Dixie Oil Processors

EA Endangerment Assessment

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

FFSZ Fifty-Foot Sand Zone

FML Flexible Membrane Liner

ICP Institutional Control Plan

LNAPL Light Non-aqueous Phase Liquid

MCL Maximum Contaminant Level

MCU Middle Clay Unit

MNA Monitored Natural Attenuation

MOM Maintenance, Operations, and Monitoring

NCP National Contingency Plan

NPL National Priorities List

NRDA Natural Resources Damages Assessment

NSCZ Numerous Sand Channel Zone

O&M Operation and Maintenance

RA Remedial Action

RAO Remedial Action Objective

RD Remedial Design

RI/FS Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study

ROD	Record of Decision
RPM	Remedial Project Manager
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
1,1,2-TCA	1,1,2-Trichloroethane
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
VOC	Volatile Organic Compound

## **Executive Summary**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has conducted the fourth five-year review of the remedial action (RA) implemented at the Brio Refining Superfund Site (Site), located in Harris County, Texas. The purpose of this fourth five-year review was to determine whether the selected remedy for the Site continues to protect human health and the environment. This review was conducted from November 2012 to January 2013, and its findings and conclusions are documented in this report. RA construction activities were completed in April 2004, and the Third Five-Year Review Report was completed in April 2008; this established the fourth five-year review period of 2008 to 2013.

Located in Harris County, Texas, the Brio Refining Site was used as a chemical re-processing and refining facility from the 1950's to 1982. In general, processing activities consisted of reclamation of petrochemicals from various source materials, most of which were residues, tank bottoms, and tars of other processes performed at off-Site locations. The Site was placed on the National Priorities List (NPL) on March 31, 1989.

Following numerous investigations, studies, and Site activities, a Record of Decision (ROD) was issued on March 31, 1988, which selected the following remedial actions (RAs): incineration of pit residuals, removal of surface contamination, channel improvements to Mud Gully, demobilization of remaining process equipment and removal of debris on the Site, removal of dense non-aqueous phase liquids (DNAPL), and pump and treat for groundwater in the Numerous Sand Channel Zone (NSCZ). A consent decree was entered in April 1991 between the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Brio Site Task Force (BSTF) for implementation of the ROD. Major Site contaminants identified included styrene tars, vinyl chloride, chlorinated solvent residues, metallic catalyst, and fuel oil residues.

After the remedial design was performed and approved by the EPA in July 1993, exceedances of fence line air quality standards during excavation of pit materials led to work stoppage. An amended ROD was signed by the EPA on July 2, 1997, which selected a containment remedy to replace on-Site incineration. The elements of the amended remedy included a vertical barrier wall, Site cover system, groundwater flow control, air monitoring, long-term groundwater monitoring, and channel improvements to Mud Gully. Construction of the amended remedy began in July 2000 and was completed in April 2004. Since mid-2004, the Site has been in the post-closure phase. Following successful demonstrations of the remedy effectiveness, deletion of the Brio Refining Superfund Site from the NPL became effective on December 28, 2006.

The trigger for this review was the April 25, 2008, signature date of the Third Five-Year Review. The five-year review for the Site included a review of relevant documents, including the Amended ROD; the Maintenance, Operations and Maintenance Plan; the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Annual Effectiveness Reports; and the Fifty-Foot Sand Zone (FFSZ) Groundwater Investigation. As part of the Fourth Five-Year Review, the EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) conducted an inspection of the Site on December 13, 2012. Interviews were conducted with key citizens who have the possibility of being impacted by the Brio Site. No major issues regarding the Site were identified during the interviews.

The assessment of this Fourth Five-Year Review found that the remedy remains protective and consistent with the remedial action objectives (RAOs) of this response action. Groundwater gradient control of the NSCZ plume is being maintained by the on-Site groundwater/DNAPL recovery and treatment system. Air, cover gas collection, and surface water quality are all within compliance levels. Continued monitoring will be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the

remedy.

The ROD requires that Site control be maintained through the use of fencing and the imposition of deed notices and restrictions. The BSTF currently controls the Site with Site perimeter fencing and locked gates. The expected long-term maintenance and operations at the Site will involve a continual Site presence. The Institutional Control Plan (ICP), dated February 2, 2006, documents that deed notices and deed restrictions were executed on the Site. During this review period, certified copies of the filed deed notices and restrictions were obtained from the Harris County Clerk's Office.

#### Issues

At this time, one issue identified during the five-year review is groundwater quality in the second transmissive zone, termed the Fifty Foot-Sand Zone (FFSZ), which was in compliance over the fiveyear review period with the exception of one of five on-Site FFSZ monitoring wells. In Well BMW-3B, 1,2-dichloroethane and vinyl chloride were detected above the MCLs. In accordance with the Site operating plan requirements, the BSTF proposed and implemented actions consisting of: (1) increasing the monitoring frequency at the affected FFSZ well, (2) conducting an on-Site FFSZ groundwater investigation, and (3) increasing the pumping rates of the NSCZ recovery system. The results of the water quality monitoring indicated a peaking and then decreasing constituent concentration trend during this review period. The results of the on-Site FFSZ groundwater investigation indicated that: (1) groundwater is slowly moving east towards unoccupied property with no known FFSZ wells within a half mile of the Site, (2) an off-Site FFSZ groundwater investigation is warranted (requiring property access agreements), and (3) the FFSZ groundwater has favorable characteristics for naturally degrading the detected constituents. This issue will continue to be evaluated. Other issues identified as part of this review are: minor soil cover repair should be performed; with no prior requirement for operational performance monitoring, objectives and a scope of work for the operational performance monitoring are needed; and obsolete south plume monitoring wells should be abandoned.

## **Actions Needed**

It is recommended that the following actions be taken: (1) conduct an off-Site FFSZ groundwater delineation investigation; (2) assess monitored natural attenuation (MNA) and other options as potential response measures for Site constituents in the FFSZ; (3) investigate existence of FFSZ wells located east of the Brio Site; (4) continue with increased pumping rates at the Pit J-NSCZ groundwater recovery system to maintain upward gradient per Maintenance, Operations and Monitoring (MOM)-specified goals; and (5) sample wells BMW-3B and BMW-18B and analyze for drinking water volatiles quarterly until EPA approves a return to annual sampling. In addition, minor soil cover repair should be performed by importing clay soil and repairing the cover to design specifications; a work plan should be prepared specifying the objectives and scope of the operational performance monitoring; and a work plan should be prepared for the proper plugging and abandonment of obsolete south plume monitoring wells.

## **Determinations**

The remedy for the Brio Refining Superfund Site is operating as designed and is protective of human health and the environment in the short term, and is expected to be protective of human health and the environment upon completion if the recommendations and follow-up actions identified in this five-year review are addressed. The RA has removed exposure pathways that could have resulted in unacceptable risks by preventing exposure of human receptor populations to contaminated air, soils or groundwater. Long-term protectiveness of the RA will be achieved by continued monitoring of air, groundwater, and surface water to assess the effectiveness of the

Site controls. The affected FFSZ groundwater is currently an issue under investigation and will be evaluated during the next five-year review period.

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## Five Year Review Summary Form

SITE IDENTIFICATION

Site Name: Brio Refining Superfund Site

**EPA ID:** TXD980625453

Region: 6 State: TX City/County: Harris

SITE STATUS

NPL Status: Deleted

Multiple OUs? Has the site achieved construction completion?

No Yes

**REVIEW STATUS** 

Lead agency: EPA

Author name (Federal or State Project Manager): Gary G. Miller

Author affiliation: Remedial Project Manager

**Review period:** 5/13/2008 – 12/31/2012

Date of site inspection: 12/13/2012

Type of review: Statutory

Review number: 4

Triggering action date: 4/25/2008

Due date (five years after triggering action date): 4/25/2013

## Five-Year Review Summary Form (continued)

## Issues/Recommendations

OU(s) without Issues/Recommendations Identified in the Five-Year Review:

None

Issues and Reco	mmendations Identifi	ed in the Five-Year	Review:		
OU(s): #1	Issue Category: Monitoring				
	Issue: Affected FFSZ Groundwater: Well BMW-3B 1,2-dichloroethane and vinyl chloride above MCLs. Well BMW-18B drinking water volatile detections below MCLs.				
	investigation, (2) As options as potential Investigate existence increased pumping maintain upward graspecified goals, and	ssess monitored natural response measure of FFSZ wells locate at the Pit J-NSC adient per Maintenan (5) sample wells BM	Site FFSZ groundwateral attenuation (MNA) es for Site constituent ted east of the Brio Site groundwater recover, Operations and MIW-3B and BMW-18	s in the FFSZ, (3) te, (4) Continue with ery system to lonitoring (MOM)- B and analyze for	
Affect Current Protectiveness	Affect Future Protectiveness	Implementing Party	Oversight Party	Milestone Date	
No	Yes	PRP	EPA	12/31/2013	
OU(s): #1	Issue Category: Operations and Maintenance				
	Issue: Minor cover soil repair.				
Recommendation: Import clay soil and repair cover to design specifications.					
Affect Current Protectiveness	Affect Future Protectiveness	Implementing Party	Oversight Party	Milestone Date	
No	No	PRP	EPA	12/31/13	
OU(s): #1	Issue Category: Re	emedy Performance			
(-,,	Issue: No requirement for operational performance monitoring.				
Recommendation: Prepare a work plan specifying the objectives and work.					
Affect Current Protectiveness	Affect Future Protectiveness	Implementing Party	Oversight Party	Milestone Date	
No	No	PRP	EPA	9/31/2013	
OU(s): #1	Issue Category: Operations and Maintenance				
- (-,	Issue: South plume monitoring well abandonment				
	Recommendation: Prepare a work plan for proper plugging and abandonment of obsolete south plume monitoring wells.				

Affect Current Protectiveness	Affect Future Protectiveness	Implementing Party	Oversight Party	Milestone Date
No	No	PRP	EPA	9/31/2013
Protectiveness Statement(s)				

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Operable Unit:Protectiveness Determination:Addendum Due#1Short-term Protective(if applicable):None
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## Protectiveness Statement:

The remedy for the Brio Refining Superfund Site is operating as designed and is protective of human health and the environment in the short term, and is expected to be protective of human health and the environment upon completion if the recommendations and follow-up actions identified in this five-year review are addressed. The remedial action has removed exposure pathways that could have resulted in unacceptable risks by preventing exposure of human receptor populations to contaminated air, soils or groundwater. Long-term protectiveness of the remedial action will be verified achieved by continued monitoring of air, groundwater, and surface water to assess the effectiveness of the Site controls. The affected FFSZ groundwater is currently an issue under investigation and will be evaluated during the next five-year review period.

## Sitewide Protectiveness Statement (if applicable)

Protectiveness Determination:	Addendum Due Date (if applicable):
Short-term Protective	None

#### Protectiveness Statement

As part of the Fourth Five-Year Review, the EPA and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) conducted an inspection of the Site on December 13, 2012, and determined that the implemented remedial action is functioning as intended and remains protective of human health and the environment in the short-term. The remedial action has removed exposure pathways that could have resulted in unacceptable risks by preventing exposure of human receptor populations to contaminated air, soils or groundwater. Long-term protectiveness of the remedial action will be verified achieved by continued monitoring of air, groundwater, and surface water to assess the effectiveness of the Site controls. The affected FFSZ groundwater is currently an issue under investigation and will be evaluated during the next five-year review period.

## Brio Refining Superfund Site Harris County, Texas Fourth Five-Year Review Report

## I. Introduction

The purpose of a five-year review is to evaluate the implementation and performance of the selected remedy in order to determine if the remedy is or will be protective of human health and the environment. Since this will be the fourth five-year review, it will determine if the remedy continues to be protective of human health and the environment. The methods, findings, and conclusions of reviews are documented in five-year review reports. In addition, five-year review reports identify issues found during the review, if any, and identify recommendations to address them.

The Agency is preparing this Five-Year Review Report pursuant to CERCLA § 121 and the National Contingency Plan (NCP). CERCLA § 121 states:

If the President selects a remedial action that results in any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site, the President shall review such remedial action no less often than each five years after the initiation of such remedial action to assure that human health and the environment are being protected by the remedial action being implemented. In addition, if upon such review it is the judgment of the President that action is appropriate at such site in accordance with section [104] or [106], the President shall take or require such action. The President shall report to the Congress a list of facilities for which such review is required, the results of all such reviews, and any actions taken as a result of such reviews.

The Agency interpreted this requirement further in the NCP; 40 CFR § 300.430(f)(4)(ii) states:

If a remedial action is selected that results in hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remaining at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, the lead agency shall review such action no less often than every five years after the initiation of the selected remedial action.

The BSTF, under the direction of the EPA, Region 6, conducted this Fourth Five-Year Review of the remedy implemented at the Brio Refining Superfund Site in Harris County, Texas. This review was conducted from November 2012 through January 2013. This report documents the results of the review.

The triggering action for this statutory review is the completion of the Third Five-Year Review on April 25, 2008. The five-year review is required due to the fact that hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain at the Site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure.

## II. Site Chronology

**Table 1 - Chronology of Site Events** 

Event	Date
Chemical Reprocessing and Refining Activities at the Site	1950's – 1982
Removal Activities - Placement of Pit Cover	1985
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) complete	3/1988
Record of Decision Signed	3/31/1988
Final Listing on EPA National Priorities List	3/1989
Start of On-Site Construction for Building/Structures Demolition and	
Decontamination (1 <sup>st</sup> phase of Site Remedial Action and date that triggers a five-year review)	6/29/1989
Facility dismantlement completed	12/1989
Consent Decree Finalizing Settlement for Responsible Party Performance of Remedy Entered by Federal Court	4/04/1991
EPA approval of Remedial Design	7/1993
ROD Amendment Issued by EPA, Changing from On-Site Incineration to Containment	7/2/1997
First Five-Year Review (Type Ia)	1/8/1998
Consent Decree Amended to Include Modified Remedy	3/5/1999
Start of On-Site Construction for Modified Remedy	7/11/2000
Completion of Brio North Soil Bentonite Barrier Wall	11/2/2000
Completion of Brio South Soil Bentonite Barrier Wall	12/6/2000
Completion of Sheet Pile Wall on Brio North	10/10/2001
Completion of Brio South Cover System	2/21/2002
Completion of Sheet Pile Wall Crossing Dixie Farm Road	5/5/2002
Second Five-Year Review	5/13/2003
Completion of Mud Gully Improvements	6/13/2003
Completion of Brio North Cover System	10/2003
Completion of Groundwater/DNAPL Recovery System	4/9/2004
Remedial Action Completion Report	12/16/2004
First Annual Effectiveness Report	9/1/2005
Completion of Gas Treatment System	11/16/2005
Final Inspection (EPA & TCEQ)	4/20/2006
Final Close Out Report (signed)	5/26/2006
Second Annual Effectiveness Report	11/8/2006
Deletion from National Priorities List	12/28/2006
Third Annual Effectiveness Report	7/18/2007
Third Five-Year Review Report	4/25/2008
Fourth Annual Effectiveness Report	7/8/2009
Phase I Fifty-Foot Sand Zone (FFSZ) Groundwater Investigation Report	1/14/2011
Maintenance, Operations, and Monitoring Plan, February 2004 with Revisions through January 2011 (Rev. 4)	1/31/2011

Event	Date
Phase 2 FFSZ Groundwater Investigation Work Plan	6/29/2011
Fifth Annual Effectiveness Report	2/15/2012
Sixth Annual Effectiveness Report	2/15/2012

## III. Background

## **Physical Characteristics**

The Brio Site is located almost 20 miles south of Houston, Texas, and occupies approximately 58 acres (acs). The Site is divided by Dixie Farm Road, with Brio North being historically used for storage purposes and Brio South being primarily used for processing activities. A neighboring residential subdivision (Southbend, now vacant) was located along and north of the northern boundary of Brio North. Mud Gully, a flood control ditch and local tributary of Clear Creek, runs along the western boundary of the Brio Site. Figure 1 in Attachment 1 shows the general location of the Brio Site. Figure 2 in Attachment 1 illustrates the Site layout.

The Brio Site is located within the Pleistocene Deltaic Plain of the Brazos River, known as the Alameda Delta. The Site is underlain with Pleistocene and Pliocene deposits to a depth of approximately 2,400 feet (ft.).

A generalized geologic cross-section is presented in Figure 3 of Attachment 1. The NSCZ and the FFSZ are the two water-bearing units investigated at the Brio Site. The upper water bearing zone, the NSCZ, lies below the Upper Clay Unit and is comprised of interbedded sands and silty clays. The NSCZ is generally encountered from 14 to 32 ft. below ground surface (bgs) and has a low well yield. The thickness of the NSCZ varies from less than 10 ft. to over 20 ft. The groundwater in the NSCZ typically flows toward and discharges to Mud Gully to the west.

The FFSZ is separated from the NSCZ by the Middle Clay Unit (MCU), a confining layer ranging in thickness from 8 to 20 ft. Ranging in thickness from 35 to 45 ft., the FFSZ is generally encountered between 52 and 61 ft. bgs and has a reasonably high well yield. Groundwater in the FFSZ flows in an eastwardly direction at rates on the order of 10 to 50 ft. per year.

#### Land and Resource Use

In general, processing activities consisted of reclamation of petrochemicals from various source materials, most of which were residues, tank bottoms, and tars of other processes performed at off-Site locations. Spanning the period of 1957 to 1982, processing operations included regeneration of copper catalysts; recovery of ethylbenzene from styrene tars, chemicals from vinyl chloride bottoms, phenol heavy ends, chlorinated hydrocarbons, cresylic acid and ethylene glycol; and the production of ethylbenzene, toluene, aromatic solvents, styrene pitch, cresylic acid, sodium sulfide, sodium cresyllite, fuel oil, cumene, diesel fuel,

residual oil, naphtha, kerosene and jet fuel. Most of the feedstock materials for processing at Brio were stored in on-Site pits, many of which were located on Brio North. However, disposal areas were located on both the Brio North and Brio South Sites. All of the pits were closed during Site operations, which ceased in December 1982. The EPA placed the Site on the NPL on March 31, 1989.

Current land use of the surrounding area includes residential development, a college, a hospital, and commercial development to the northeast. The area to the east includes residential development, a convenience store that sells fuel, and an active oil field. A buffer of undeveloped properties exists to the north, west and south of the Site. Mud Gully separates Brio North from the northern part of the Dixie Oil Processors (DOP) Superfund site; Brio South and the southern part of the DOP site are adjacent. The property to the south of the Site has been used for the establishment of a wetland habitat and preservation of forest habitat as part of a Natural Resource Restoration Project implemented by the BSTF in conjunction with several state and federal agencies. Residential development is evident approximately 0.75 miles to the west of the Site, and approximately 0.1 miles to the east of the Site.

## **History of Contamination**

Numerous investigations, studies, and Site activities have been performed at the Brio Site in efforts to determine the location of the former storage pits and the nature and extent of contamination. The investigations found that the majority of the contamination at the Site is located within the former storage pit areas. The pits were constructed within the uppermost geologic unit designated the Upper Clay Unit. This unit occurs across the entire Site and ranges in depth from 14 to 32 ft. bgs.

Following the Site investigations, the EPA issued a ROD on March 31, 1988, that selected on-Site incineration of pit residuals, removal of surface contamination, channel improvements to Mud Gully, demobilization of remaining process equipment and removal of debris from the Site, removal of DNAPL, and pump and treat for groundwater in the NSCZ. The ROD addressed all potential threats to human health and the environment at the Site as a single operable unit, including groundwater contamination. A consent decree was entered in April 1991 between the EPA and BSTF for implementation of the ROD.

A remedial design was performed by the BSTF and approved by the EPA in July 1993. Demolition of the majority of the remaining process equipment was completed prior to mobilization of the incinerator.

A rotary kiln incinerator and support equipment were mobilized to the Site following the demolition work. Temporary enclosures were erected over the pits requiring remediation in order to contain emissions during excavation. The incinerator began clean burn operations with imported off-Site material. Excavation began at Pit R on Brio South for shakedown operations and to stockpile material for the trial burn. Emission problems during excavation led to a "stop work" order until appropriate emission control equipment could be installed. Before additional controls could be installed, a force majeure claim by the BSTF was submitted, which eventually resulted in the decision by the EPA to allow the dismantling of the incinerator. The incinerator and support equipment were demobilized by December 1994.

An amended ROD was signed by the EPA on July 2, 1997. As the preferred remedial alternative to incineration, the amended ROD selected a containment system with elements including: vertical barrier wall, Site cover, groundwater flow control, air monitoring, long-term groundwater monitoring, and channel improvements to Mud Gully. Construction of the amended remedy began in July 2000 and was completed in April 2004.

Following successful demonstrations of the remedy's effectiveness, deletion of the Brio Refining Superfund Site from the NPL became effective December 28, 2006.

## **Basis for Taking Action**

The three primary affected media at the Site include groundwater, surface soils, and subsurface soils. The extent of affected soils and groundwater has been defined through previous investigations and studies. The principle contaminants of concern at the Site are organic compounds and chlorinated solvent compounds. Some of the notable contaminants include the following:

1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)	1,2-Dichloroethane (1,2-DCA)
1,2-Dichloroethene	1,1-Dichloroethene
1,1-Dichloroethane	vinyl chloride
bis-(2-chloroethyl) ether	phenanthrene

An Endangerment Assessment (EA) was performed shortly after a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) was completed. The EA estimated the potential for adverse effects on human health and the environment from exposure to contaminants at the Site. The actual contaminant concentrations found on the Site were compared to the exposure from a concentration known to have an adverse impact. From the EA, it was determined that the Site potentially posed four major risks to human health and the environment. The identified pathways were:

- Direct (dermal) contact and ingestion of contaminated surface soils and sediments on the Site.
- Inhalation of contaminated dust and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the Site.
- Ingestion of contaminated groundwater from the FFSZ beneath the Site.
- Exposure of aquatic biota to NSCZ discharges of contaminated groundwater to Mud Gully.

## IV. Remedial Actions

## **Remedy Selection**

The original 1988 ROD included the following major elements:

Affected materials and soils - Affected materials and soils shall be treated using either incineration or biological treatment. This media is defined as all contaminated sludges and liquids and waste material found to exist above the action levels defined in the EA.

This media is largely found in the on-Site pits.

<u>Storage tanks, drums, and process equipment</u> - Remove tank contents, decontaminate tanks, and transport the tanks to an EPA-approved off-Site disposal facility.

Monitoring and control of migration pathways - Control exposure through ambient air, surface water, and groundwater pathways. Specifically, the ambient air should be monitored on a semi-annual basis and emissions should be controlled from treatment processes. Discharges to Mud Gully should be controlled and monitored. Groundwater pathways in the NSCZ and the FFSZ should be monitored and action taken if the action levels are exceeded.

## Summary of Work Performed during First Five-Year Review Period (1993-1998)

In June 1989, an Administrative Order on Consent was signed with a group of companies, referred to as the BSTF, to begin dismantlement of the process equipment on the Site. The facility dismantlement was completed in December 1989. Material present in the process equipment and tanks was consolidated into remaining tanks. Approximately 30 tanks were left on the Site that could potentially be used in the implementation of the bioremediation remedy. The process equipment and tanks were decontaminated and sent to an off-Site smelter for reclamation.

A consent decree with a scope of work to implement the remainder of the ROD was entered by the federal district court on April 4, 1991. The BSTF began implementation of a remedial design (RD) to address the scope of work. The BSTF chose to implement the incineration alternative in the ROD due to lack of competitive bids for the biological alternative.

A RD was approved by the EPA in July 1993 and addressed installation and operation of an incinerator to treat contaminated soils, sludges, and liquids above the action levels specified in the ROD. In addition, the RD addressed installation of a barrier well system to control groundwater migration in the NSCZ.

In May 1993, surface water discharges were found to be occurring in Mud Gully. Characterization of the water and sediments in Mud Gully and Clear Creek (downstream of Mud Gully) found that chlorinated VOCs were discharging from the Brio Site into the streams. A groundwater barrier well system was installed on the Brio Site in the area of Pit B in order to control the discharges of contaminated groundwater to Mud Gully. The surface water in Mud Gully and Clear Creek were sampled periodically to check compliance with the standards evaluated in the 1988 ROD. Over 12 million gallons (gals) of groundwater were extracted and treated between 1993 and 1998. In addition, the barrier well system removed approximately 30,000 gals of DNAPL from the NSCZ during the same time frame. The DNAPL was sent off-Site for incineration.

In December 1993, Site preparation work for the mobilization of the incinerator began. This work included removal of the majority of the remaining tanks from the initial dismantling operation. The tanks were cleaned and sent off-Site for smelting. Residual materials from the tanks were consolidated into Tank 402, the sole remaining tank on Brio South, or placed into roll-off boxes for subsequent treatment.

A rotary kiln incinerator and support equipment were mobilized to the Site following the demolition work. Temporary enclosures were erected over the pits requiring remediation in order to contain emissions during excavation. The incinerator began clean burn operations with imported off-Site material and excavation began at Pit R on Brio South for shakedown operations and to stockpile material for the trial burn. Emission problems during excavation led to a "stop work" order until appropriate emission control equipment could be installed. Before additional controls could be installed, a force majeure claim was submitted by the BSTF, which eventually resulted in the decision by the EPA to allow the dismantling of the incinerator. The incinerator and support equipment were demobilized by December 1994. After demobilization, operation of the groundwater treatment system and DNAPL recovery system also continued. Additionally, drums stockpiled since the inception of investigations, roll-off boxes containing affected material, and the contents of Tank 402 were sent off-Site for disposal at licensed facilities.

## Amended Record of Decision

A focused feasibility study was initiated to evaluate alternatives to the incineration remedy selected in 1988. An amended ROD was signed by the EPA on July 2, 1997. The RAOs developed for Site response actions include:

- Protection of the health and safety of the community, workers, and the environment during implementation of the remedy;
- Minimization, to the extent practicable, of disruption and inconvenience to the community during implementation of the remedy;
- Long-term, effective control of migration of leachable organic liquids from the source area;
- Long-term, effective control of off-Site migration of free-phase liquids or Site constituents moving through the groundwater, surface water, soil, or air pathways;
- Long-term, effective reduction of potential future risk to the community and the environment resulting from off-Site exposure to Site constituents by maintaining or achieving:
  - Target levels of public exposure to air emissions,
  - Target levels of affected soil (dermal contact and ingestion),
  - Control of off-Site transport of affected soils to acceptable levels,
  - Protection of existing aquatic life in Mud Gully, and
  - Target levels of organic constituents in the FFSZ within a reasonable time.

- Minimization of potential negative impact of natural disasters such as flooding, hurricanes, etc.; and
- Long-term, effective Site control and aesthetics.

The Amended ROD selected containment as the preferred remedial alternative. The elements of the containment remedy include:

<u>Vertical Barrier Wall</u> - A sub-grade barrier wall will be constructed to limit the potential for off-Site migration of contaminated groundwater in the NSCZ. The wall will be designed to encompass the Site and will be keyed into the MCU. The technique of construction will be established in the remedial design.

<u>Site Cover</u> - A composite cap will be constructed over the Site, extending to the limits of the barrier wall. The cap will include a gas collection layer, a flexible membrane liner (FML), compacted clay, and top soil to promote vegetative growth.

<u>Groundwater Flow Control</u> - A groundwater pumping system will be installed within the barrier wall to limit the migration of Site contaminants. Recovered groundwater will be treated and discharged to Mud Gully.

<u>Air Monitoring and Long-Term Groundwater Monitoring</u> - An air monitoring system will be maintained during the construction of the remedy to protect public health. The groundwater will be monitored in the FFSZ to ensure groundwater is below established Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs). The NSCZ groundwater outside the barrier wall will be monitored to demonstrate compliance with water quality criteria for Mud Gully.

<u>Mud Gully</u> - Similar to the original proposal, this option includes channel improvements to the gully, but also allows the option of relocation of the gully by Harris County.

<u>Common Components</u> - The containment remedy retains several components unmodified from the original remedy, which include addressing the following:

- Off-Site soil contamination: Off-Site contamination encountered during RI or RA will be removed to background levels;
- Debris and rubble: Inert debris and rubble from past operations to be consolidated and disposed;
- Wastewater treatment system: Capture and treatment of on-Site wastewater;
- Storage tanks and drums: Empty, decontaminate, and dispose of existing storage tanks and drums;
- Process equipment: Dismantle remaining process facility; and
- Site control: Permanent Site control and implementation of deed notices and restrictions.

## Remedy Implementation

Summary of Work Performed during Second Five-Year Review Period (1998-2003)
Construction of the RA pursuant to the Amended ROD began in July 2000 and was implemented in phases. The construction was managed by the BSTF and was conducted by various specialty contractors as required for each remedy component. The primary components of the construction completed during the Second Five-Year Review period were:

- Soil bentonite barrier wall,
- Sheet pile barrier wall, and
- Cover system on Brio South.

## Soil Bentonite Barrier Wall

Approximately 5,900 lineal ft. of slurry wall was constructed around the perimeter of the Site from September to December 2000. The slurry wall was constructed by excavating a 30-inch (in.) wide trench to a depth that seals the wall into the low-permeable MCU. The depth of the slurry wall ranged from approximately 35 to 50 ft. below ground surface. The stability of the excavation was maintained using a drilling mud fluid (slurry) that was prepared on-Site. Once the excavation achieved the proper depth, a backfill material (consisting of thoroughly mixed native soils and fresh slurry) was placed in the excavation. Once installed, the backfill material became the barrier wall and was tested to confirm that the constructed barrier wall achieved the required impermeability.

The EPA provided oversight of the construction. An interim completion report was issued by the BSTF to provide the construction quality assurance documentation. The interim report was incorporated by reference into the Remedial Action Completion Report dated December 16, 2004.

## Sheet Pile Barrier Wall

The sheet pile barrier wall was installed from July 2001 to December 2001. The wall is approximately 1,781 ft. long and varies in depth from 35 to 50 ft. bgs. The wall was installed to designed depths into the low permeable MCU. The sheet pile wall is composed of two sections:

- The main alignment is approximately 1,188 linear ft. and was installed on the Brio Site.
- The cofferdam alignment is approximately 593 linear ft., and was installed within the Mud Gully easement to contain an off-Site groundwater plume.

## Cover System (Brio South)

The construction of the cover system was divided into two components: Brio North and Brio South; the Brio South component was further divided as described below. The two areas are divided by Dixie Farm Road and separate borrow pit areas were developed in order to minimize truck traffic over the road. The Brio South cover was initiated first due to its smaller size. The Brio South cover system was constructed from May 2001 to February 2002. An

additional compacted clay layer was extended over a segment of the Dixie Oil Processors (DOP) South Site to provide controlled surface water runoff.

The Brio-South cover system components are as follows:

- Bedding Layer (varies in thickness),
- Gas Collection Layer,
- FML,
- Compacted Clay Layer (eighteen in.), and
- Vegetative cover

The Brio South cover system comprises approximately 11.7 acs, and was constructed to the limits of the soil-bentonite barrier wall on the east and south sides, to Dixie Farm Road right-of-way on the north side, and to DOP South on the west side.

The DOP South cover system components consist of a compacted clay layer of variable thickness, and a vegetative cover. The DOP South compacted clay cover encompasses approximately 3.8 acs. The compacted clay cover was constructed to the limits of the soil bentonite barrier wall on the south and west sides, and was tied-in with the Brio-South compacted clay layer on the east side, and to the Dixie Farm Road right-of-way on the north side. A vegetative cover was also installed over the DOP South cover system.

## Summary of Work Performed during the Third Five-Year Review Period (2003-2008)

Components of the RA completed during the Third Five-Year Review included:

- The Brio North cover system,
- Mud Gully improvements,
- Groundwater control systems, and
- Recordation of deed restrictions and notices.

## Cover System (Brio North)

The Brio North cover system was constructed from December 2001 to October 2003. As with the Brio South cover system, the Brio North cover system components are as follows:

- Bedding Layer (varies in thickness)
- Gas Collection Layer, and a FML,
- Compacted Clay Layer (eighteen in.), and
- Vegetative cover

The Brio North cover system comprises approximately 50.5 acs, and was constructed to the limits of the of the soil bentonite barrier wall on the east and north sides, to the Dixie Farm Road right-of-way on the south side, and to the sheet pile barrier wall on the west side. As is visible on Figure 2 in Attachment 1, the Brio North cover system was designed with three compartments to provide for control of surface runoff and to facilitate gas collection. Prior to

placement of the FML, one gas collection trench was excavated in the bedding layer of each compartment.

## Mud Gully Improvements

Under the jurisdiction of the Harris County Flood Control District, construction of Mud Gully improvements was performed from June 2002 to June 2003. The affected area of Mud Gully comprises a length of approximately 1,160 ft. between Brio North and DOP North. The construction activity consisted of:

- Clearing of trees and brushes along and within the improvement area,
- Reshaping channel surface to design elevation,
- Installing new drainage pipes, abandoning and retrofitting existing drainage pipes,
- Installing articulated concrete block,
- Restoring the DOP North property to its pre-construction condition, and
- Placing top soil layer and vegetative cover.

EPA provided oversight of the construction. An interim completion report was issued by the BSTF that provided the construction quality assurance documentation. The interim report was incorporated by reference into the Remedial Action Completion Report dated December 16, 2004.

## Groundwater Control Systems

Construction on the groundwater control system began in February 2001 and was completed in February 2004. The Groundwater Control System, also referred to as the Groundwater/DNAPL Recovery System, utilizes a pumping system to maintain an inward hydraulic gradient within the Brio Site barrier wall using wells within the NSCZ. Components of the recovery system include:

- A system of seventeen (17) groundwater recovery wells on the Brio North and Brio South Sites,
- A system of thirteen (13) DNAPL recovery wells on Brio North,
- Hub facilities to provide air pressure for the recovery well pumps and to separate groundwater, DNAPL, and light non-aqueous phase liquid (LNAPL).
- Pipeline system for the recovery and transfer of collected water to the treatment facility, and
- Vegetative cover.

#### Institutional Controls

Dated February 2, 2006, the ICP for the Brio Refining Superfund Site provides for institutional controls to reduce the risk to public health and the environment from potential hazards posed by the Site. The ICP was incorporated into the Maintenance, Operations, and Monitoring Plan (MOM) as Revision 2 in April 2006. The plan implementation tasks are listed as recordation of institutional control documents and monitoring of Site security.

Deed restrictions and notices have been filed at the Harris County Clerk's Office for the Site. During this review period, certified copies of each of the deed restriction and notices were obtained from the Harris County Clerk's Office. The certified copies are maintained at the Brio Site office.

Site personnel inspect the perimeter fencing, gates, and locks on a weekly basis, at a minimum, to evaluate compliance with institutional control documents.

## **Operations and Maintenance**

The BSTF operates an on-Site groundwater treatment plant to treat recovered NSCZ groundwater. The groundwater is treated in batches, held pending laboratory analysis for discharge parameters, and then discharged after confirmation that the discharge criteria have not been exceeded. Discharge criteria are listed in Attachment 3. The treatment plant is staffed with two operators and one maintenance worker.

At the treatment plant, groundwater produced from the groundwater and DNAPL recovery wells is collected in Tank T-212 prior to treatment. The water treatment consists of prefiltering, air stripping and final polishing using carbon filters. The treated groundwater is held in Tanks T-213A, -B, or -C, tested prior to disposal, and then the treated water is discharged to Mud Gully via an on-Site ditch or to the cover system to support the cover system vegetation. Exhaust gases produced from the air stripping process are passed through a resin filter system or activated carbon beds to scrub the gases of volatile components prior to release. Two parallel units of resin filters are available to permit regeneration of one unit while the other unit is in use and thus eliminate down time. The use of a resin bed system was discontinued in 2011 due to the unavailability of replacement parts for the system. The activated carbon bed system continues to provide pollution control for the water treatment system.

Annual treated groundwater discharge volumes (in gallons) for the Fourth Five-Year Review period were:

- 2008 3,358,036
- 2009 2,793,840
- 2010 3,317,004

- 2011 3,245,339
- 2012 2,647,575

Total for Review Period - 15,361,794 gals

Over 32-million gals of groundwater has been recovered and treated (1993 to 2012).

Starting in 2009, the BSTF increased groundwater pumping from the NSCZ in the Pit J

plume area to increase an existing upward hydraulic gradient between the NSCZ and FFSZ. This measure was performed to mitigate potential vertical constituent migration from the NSCZ plume to the FFSZ groundwater.

DNAPL and LNAPL collected from recovery system separators are collected in Tank T-218 at the treatment plant. When sufficient volumes are collected in T-218, the tank is emptied using a commercial tanker to transport the liquids to an approved disposal facility. DNAPL and LNAPL shipment volumes (in gallons) for the Fourth Five-Year Review period were:

- 2008 17,100
- 2009 14,970
- 2010 15,068

- 2011 11,374
- 2012 8,284

Total for Review Period - 66,796 gals

The cumulative volume of DNAPL and LNAPL (1993 to 2012) shipped from the Brio Site for disposal is approximately 230,820 gals.

As part of the cover system, the gas collection system is designed to intercept volatile emissions from the buried waste material. Each compartment has a gas collection layer that funnels intercepted gas to a surface vent. Each compartment vent connects to two carbon canisters in series. On a weekly basis, the canisters are monitored for gas emission break through. If break through levels are detected, then the leading canister is replaced with the end canister and a new canister is added as the end canister in the treatment series.

A review of gas collection canister data for the Fourth Five-Year Review period indicates that total annual canister replacement ranged from no replacements to four replacements. Certain canisters were replaced during this period because of rust deterioration of the canister and not due to gas emission break through.

During the 2008-2009 time period, a fire protection system was installed for Tank T-218. A registered fire protection engineer designed and oversaw the installation of the fire protection system. The system is comprised of an automatic tank foam suppression unit to address fire and/or fumes. A fire protection contractor inspects the system quarterly.

In February 2004, an operations and maintenance plan, designated the MOM Plan, was developed by the BSTF. The MOM Plan addresses inspection, maintenance, operations, and monitoring activities at the Site. The MOM Plan also contains listings of requirements for the Annual Effectiveness Report (AER) in Section 6.0. Section 7.0 of the MOM Plan incorporates by reference the Worker Health and Safety Plan, the Spill and Volatile Emissions Release Contingency Emergency Notification Plan, and the Community Relations Plan for the site. While the Community Relations Plan is included as an appendix to the MOM Plan, the other two plans are separate documents.

The MOM Plan, last updated as Revision 4 dated January 2011, added Appendix J for a Groundwater Recovery Performance Goal. Revision 1, dated December 2004, incorporated a new standard operating procedure (SOP) in Appendix C for Secondary Containment Fluid

Handling (SOP-10). Dated April 2006, Revision 2 added Appendix I containing an ICP. Revision 3, dated September 2006, added the Long-Term Gas Collection System Operations Plan.

The criteria used to evaluate treated water discharge, air, surface water, and groundwater monitoring are summarized from the MOM Plan and presented in Attachment 3.

Operating costs, presented in the table below, represent all expenditures at the Site during the Fourth Quarter Review period. The high cost incurred in 2010 and 2011 was largely due to the Phase 1 FFSZ groundwater investigation. The high cost incurred in 2012 was the result of: i) defending a Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA) property conservation easement from a proposed pipeline project, and ii) the rebuilding of two T-213 discharge holding tanks.

Table 2 - Annual System Operations/O&M Costs

Dates		Total Annual Cost
From	То	Total Annual Cost
1/1/2008	12/31/2008	\$757k
1/1/2009	12/31/2009	\$833k
1/1/2010	-12/31/2010	\$1.6 M
1/1/2011	12/31/2011	\$1.1 M
1/1/2012	12/31/2012	\$1.3M

## V. Progress since the Last Five-Year Review

This section reviews the protectiveness statement and issues and recommendations from the last five-year review (i.e., the third five-year review for the Brio Site). The status of the recommendations made in that report are also reviewed and discussed.

#### Protectiveness Statement from the Last Review

"Since the Second Five-Year Review, the EPA and TCEQ 'conducted a final inspection on April 20, 2006 and determined that the remedial action had been successfully executed' (Final Close Out Report, December 25, 2006). Installation of the remedial alternative has been completed. The action has removed exposure pathways that could have resulted in unacceptable risks by preventing exposure of human receptor populations to contaminated soils or groundwater. The implemented actions are functioning as intended and remain protective of human health and the environment.

Long-term protectiveness of the remedial action will be verified by continuing to monitor air, groundwater, and surface water to assess the effectiveness of the Site controls."

#### Status of Recommendations

The previous five-year review report stated that the remedy continues to be protective for the short and long-term. One issue was identified potentially requiring further evaluation. A summary of this issue and the actions taken at the Brio Site since the previous five-year review are given below:

Issue-"Increasing trend of contaminants in FFSZ. Detections reported from October 2006 and 2007 in wells BMW-3B and BMW-18B represent too few data points at the current time to determine if a trend exists. As required by the ROD two consecutive detections above the applicable MCL will trigger the generation of a report within 60 days. The report will evaluate the likely cause for the presence of the compound and propose relevant response actions. Since the MCL for 1,2-DCA of 5 ug/l was exceeded in BMW-3B (5.7 ug/l) in October 2007, the next result from this well will determine whether a report will be necessary".

Action- Groundwater monitoring at wells BMW-3B and BMW-18B was conducted on a more frequent basis beginning in May 2008 (i.e., several times annually instead of once annually). The BSTF prepared an FFSZ groundwater investigation work plan, dated October 8, 2009, implemented the investigation in 2010, and provided the findings in a report dated January 14, 2011. A summary of the FFSZ investigation and results are discussed in Section VI below under Data Review.

## VI. Five-Year Review Process

## **Administrative Components**

The BSTF and the TCEQ were notified of the initiation of the five-year review on October 24, 2012. The Fourth Five-Year Review team was led by Gary Miller of the EPA, Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Brio Site, with the assistance of the BSTF.

## **Community Involvement**

A notice was published in the Houston Chronicle and South Belt-Ellington Leader newspapers on November 15, 2012, stating that a five-year review was to be conducted for the Brio Refining Site. At the time of this report, no correspondence has been received by the EPA as a result of these published notices.

#### **Document Review**

This five-year review included a review of relevant documents. See Attachment 2 for documents reviewed for this report.

#### **Data Review**

The data review focused on an evaluation of the current groundwater, surface water, gas collection, and air monitoring data collected during this five-year review period. The sampling was conducted as outlined in the MOM Plan. Groundwater, DNAPL, cover gas collection, and surface water data contained in the submitted AERs (Fourth, Fifth and Sixth AERs) for the period April 2007 to March 2010 were reviewed for this evaluation. More current data (April 2010 to December 2012) was provided by the BSTF to supplement the reports.

## **NSCZ** Gradient Evaluation

A review of the NSCZ gradient control data indicates that the performance standard is being

met. The ROD requires that "an inward gradient shall be maintained within the barrier wall in areas of plume concentration." To monitor gradient control, piezometers have been installed in the NSCZ in eight (8) arrays parallel to the desired gradient direction as shown on Figures 4 and 5 in Attachment 1. To evaluate the gradient control performance of the groundwater recovery system, the gradient maps in the AERs and supplemental data were reviewed. The results are presented on Figure 6 of Attachment 1. As the figure indicates, gradient control was generally maintained throughout this review period. Periodic maintenance of the groundwater/DNAPL recovery system accounts for a small number of events when one or more arrays showed an outward gradient.

It should also be noted that the NSCZ groundwater plumes are contained by a subsurface soil-bentonite and sheet pile barrier wall that surrounds the Brio Site.

## FFSZ Groundwater Evaluation

The FFSZ groundwater quality beneath the Site is monitored at five locations, as shown in Figure 7 in Attachment 1. Groundwater quality at four of these wells remained within compliance levels. However, analysis of groundwater samples collected from monitoring well BMW-3B resulted in the detection of concentrations above compliance levels for Site constituents (1,2-DCA and vinyl chloride) during this review period (see Figure 8 in Attachment 1). In accordance with the MOM Plan requirements, a FFSZ groundwater investigation work plan (action plan), dated October 8, 2009, was prepared. This on-Site investigation was initiated in February 2010 and finalized with a report dated January 14, 2011. Seventeen borings/temporary sampling points were advanced and sampled at locations shown in Figure 9 in Attachment 1. Analysis of samples collected from 6 of the 17 borings/temporary sampling points resulted in the detection of Site constituents in the FFSZ groundwater above compliance levels as shown in Figure 9.

The Phase 1 report recommended a Phase 2 groundwater investigation to assess the potential off-Site presence of Brio Site constituents. The Phase 1 investigation collected monitored natural attenuation (MNA) data and tentatively concluded that MNA is a reasonable response measure for affected groundwater within the FFSZ. Other options will also be evaluated to address the groundwater within the FFSZ. The Phase 2 investigation will include a more comprehensive MNA evaluation to support the Phase 1 findings. In addition, the Phase 2 work will include the installation of a permanent FFSZ monitoring well cluster for long-term water quality monitoring.

The Phase 2 work is scheduled to be conducted during the next review period. Access agreements are currently being negotiated.

Since February 2009, enhanced NSCZ DNAPL and groundwater recovery has created a significant upward hydraulic gradient between the FFSZ and the NSCZ, thus minimizing the potential for downward migration of Site constituents from the NSCZ to the FFSZ. In December 2010, the MOM Plan was modified to include a criteria of seven to ten ft. of upward hydraulic head differential between the FFSZ and the NSCZ.

An area-wide well inventory survey was commissioned by the Brio Site to assess the potential for affected FFSZ groundwater to reach off-Site FFSZ wells. The results of the survey

indicated that there were no registered FFSZ wells located downgradient within 0.5 miles of the Brio Site. The RI/FS reported that FFSZ groundwater moves eastwardly at rates of approximately 10 to 50 ft. per year. For informational purposes, the local community's drinking water is served by a municipal utility district that gets water in part or whole from deep water wells (i.e., several hundred ft. or more below the FFSZ) located several miles upgradient of the Site.

## Surface Water Evaluation

A review of the quarterly surface water data concluded that the performance standards for Mud Gully and Clear Creek were met during this five-year review period. Graphs of those results are shown in Figures 10 through 13 of Attachment 1.

## **Air Monitoring Evaluation**

A review of the semi-annual Site-wide air data generated by the fence line air monitoring network indicates that compliance to the performance standard was met during this five-year review period.

## Compartmental Cover Gas Collection/Treatment Evaluation

A review of the gas collection/treatment data indicates that treatment carbon canisters were replaced whenever break through levels were detected or when canisters showed signs of rust deterioration. Several canister replacements per year were typical for this review period.

## **Site Inspection**

A Site inspection was conducted on December 13, 2012, to acquaint the participants with current Site conditions. Site visit participants included Gary Miller (EPA, Region 6), Fay Duke (TCEQ, Austin), Sherell Heidt (TCEQ, Region 12), Matthew Foresman (BSTF Site Coordinator), John Danna (BSTF Site Manager), Lawrence Engle (BSTF), Paul Clark (BSTF), Roger Pokluda (GSI Environmental), Stephanie Phillips (Celanese), and Brad Weaver (Celanese). The Site inspection checklist completed during the Site inspection is included as Attachment 4. Photo documentation of the visit is included in Attachment 5.

Overall, the team noted that the Site appeared to be well maintained with no apparent maintenance or operational problems.

## Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements Review

A review of applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) was conducted and the results are presented in Attachment 6.

#### Interviews

Interviews were conducted with key citizens who have the possibility of being impacted by the Brio Site. Mrs. Marie Flickinger is an area resident, the publisher of the local newspaper, Chairperson for the Brio Site Community Advisory Group, and sits on the Board of Trustees for the nearby community college. Mr. Chris Clark is the general manager of the Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District, which provides water, sewer, garbage, parks, police, emergency medical services, and fire protection to the residents near the Brio Site. Ms. Fay Duke is the TCEQ representative with responsibility for this Site. Details of these interviews are provided in Attachment 7. No major issues regarding the Site were identified during the interviews.

#### VII. Technical Assessment

Question A: Is the remedy functioning as intended by the decision documents?

The review of documents, sampling results, ARARs, risk assumptions, and the results of the Site inspection indicate that the remedy is functioning as intended by the amended ROD. Following the implementation of the remedy, all measures appear to be functioning as designed to control affected NSCZ groundwater gradients, treated groundwater discharges, and air emissions.

Maintenance activities (i.e., groundwater and LNAPL/DNAPL recovery, monitoring of the slurry wall and sheet piles; soil cover, vegetation, and Site perimeter, and cap mowing) will maintain the effectiveness of the remedy.

Monitoring activities are being conducted and are adequate to determine the protectiveness and effectiveness of the remedy. The monitoring program may be modified at any time to assess new protectiveness issues; for example, the monitoring frequency at the affected FFSZ well was increased in response to sampling data. Laboratory analytical methods were previously changed to lower the detection and quantification limits of constituents of interest.

The proper filing of deed restrictions and notices was verified at the Harris County Clerk's Office. Certified copies are maintained at the Brio Site office as part of the ICP. Perimeter fencing, signage, and appropriate locked gates continue to provide Site control measures.

Question B: Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives (RAOs) used at the time of the remedy selection still valid?

Since the development of the exposure assumptions, the area surrounding the Brio Site has changed dramatically. At the time of the RI, the Southbend Subdivision was located immediately adjacent to the north portion of the Site. The subdivision has since been abandoned and demolished, substantially reducing the potential receptors. However, a new subdivision named College Place was developed approximately .1 miles northeast of the Site. The new subdivision is located crosswind from the Site based on the prevailing wind direction in the area.

The cleanup levels used to establish the extent of the remedy are still valid.

# Question C: Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

During this review period, affected groundwater was detected at one of the five FFSZ on-Site monitoring wells. A Phase 1 work plan was prepared and implemented from February 2010 to January 2011. While affected FFSZ groundwater was detected at 6 of the 17 borings/temporary sampling points, it was also concluded that MNA may be a suitable remedy. A Phase 2 FFSZ investigation will be conducted in the next five-year review period and will assess the potential off-Site presence of Site constituents and the effectiveness of MNA, as a response measure, in the affected FFSZ areas.

## **Technical Assessment Summary**

According to the data reviewed, the Site inspection, and the interviews, the remedy is functioning as intended by the amended ROD. There have been no changes in the physical conditions of the Site that would affect the current protectiveness of the remedy. The affected FFSZ groundwater issue is currently under evaluation.

## VIII. Issues

Table 3 - Issues

Issue	Currently Affects Protectiveness (Y/N)	Affects Future Protectiveness (Y/N)
Affected FFSZ groundwater	N	Potential Issue
Minor cover soil repair	N	N
South plume operational performance monitoring	N	N
Unused South plume monitoring well abandonment	N	N

## IX. Recommendations and Follow-Up Actions

Table 4 - Recommendations and Follow-Up Actions

	Recommendations and		VAUARO		Affects Protectiveness? (Y/N) Current Future	
Issue	Recommendations/ Follow-up Actions	Party Responsible	Oversight Agency	Milestone Date		
Affected FFSZ Groundwater: Well BMW-3B 1,2- dichloroethane and vinyl chloride above MCLs. Well BMW-18B drinking water volatile detections below MCLs.	(1) Conduct an off-Site FFSZ groundwater delineation investigation, (2) Assess monitored natural attenuation (MNA) ) and other options as potential response measures for Site constituents in the FFSZ, (3) Investigate existence of FFSZ wells located east of the Brio Site, (4) Continue with increased pumping rates at the Pit J-NSCZ groundwater recovery system to maintain upward gradient per Maintenance, Operations and Monitoring (MOM)-specified goals, and (5) sample wells BMW-3B and BMW-18B and analyze for drinking water volatiles quarterly until EPA approves a return to annual sampling.	BSTF	EPA	12/31/2013	N	Potential Issue
Cover soil repair	Import clay soil and repair cover to design specifications.	BSTF	EPA	12/31/2013	N	N
South plume operational performance monitoring	Prepare a work plan specifying the objectives and scope of work.	BSTF	EPA	9/31/2013	N	N

South plume monitoring well abandonment	Prepare a work plan for plugging and abandonment of obsolete south plume monitoring wells.	BSTF	EPA	9/31/2013		N	
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## X. Protectiveness Statement(s)

As part of the Fourth Five-Year Review, the EPA and TCEQ conducted an inspection on December 13, 2012, and determined that the implemented RA is protective of human health and the environment in the short-term. The remedial action has removed exposure pathways that could have resulted in unacceptable risks by preventing exposure of human receptor populations to contaminated air, soils, and groundwater.

Long-term protectiveness of the RA will be achieved by continued monitoring of air, groundwater, and surface water to assess the effectiveness of the Site controls. The affected FFSZ groundwater is currently an issue under investigation and will be evaluated during the next five-year review period.

## XI. Next Review

The next five-year review for the Brio Refining Superfund Site is required five years from the date of signing this review.

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

**Figures** 

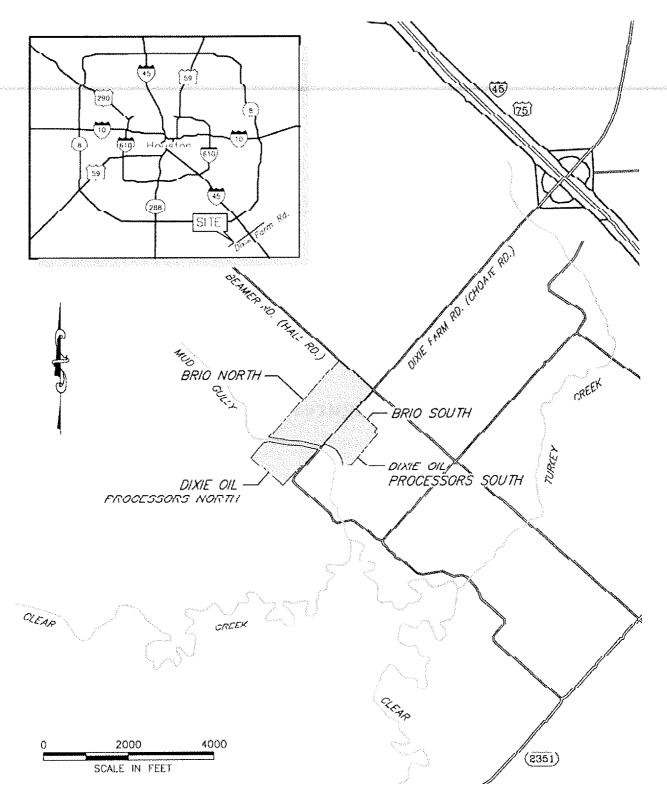
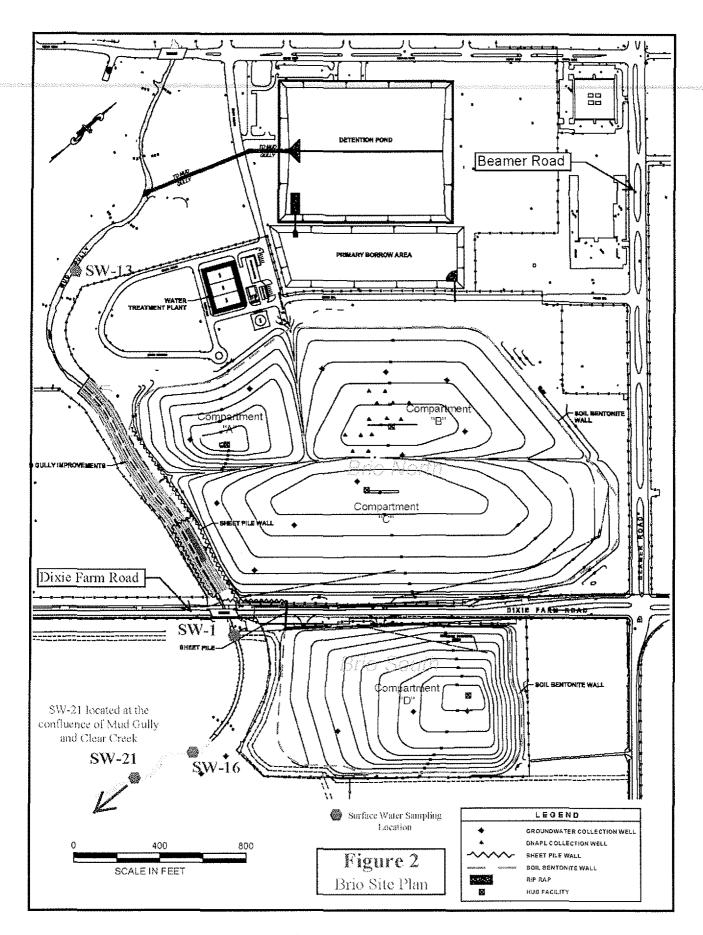
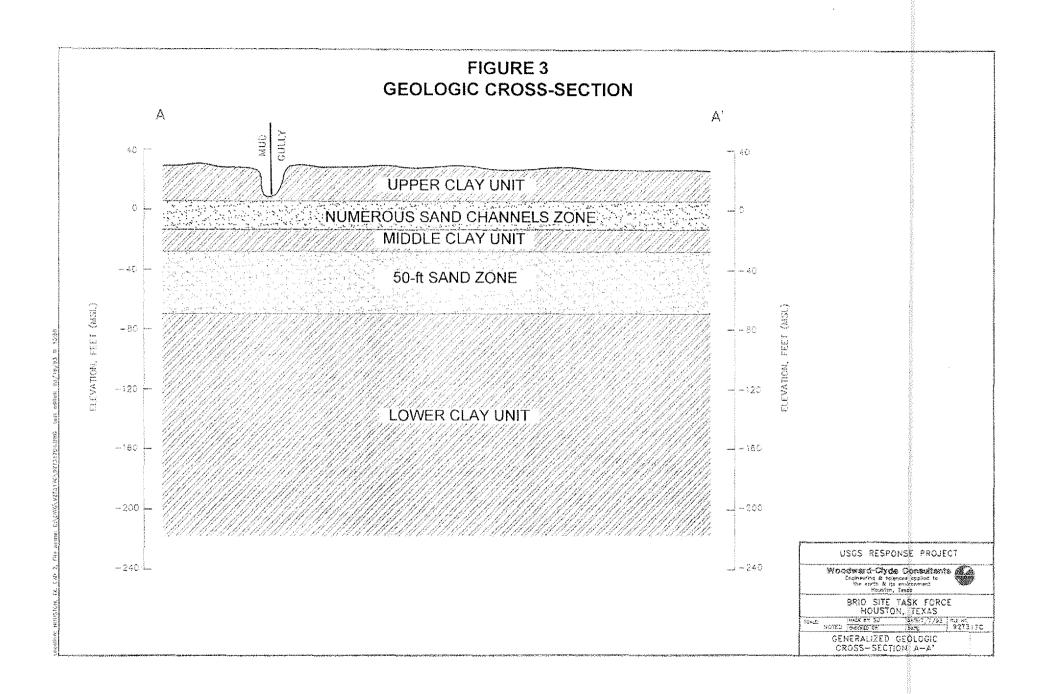
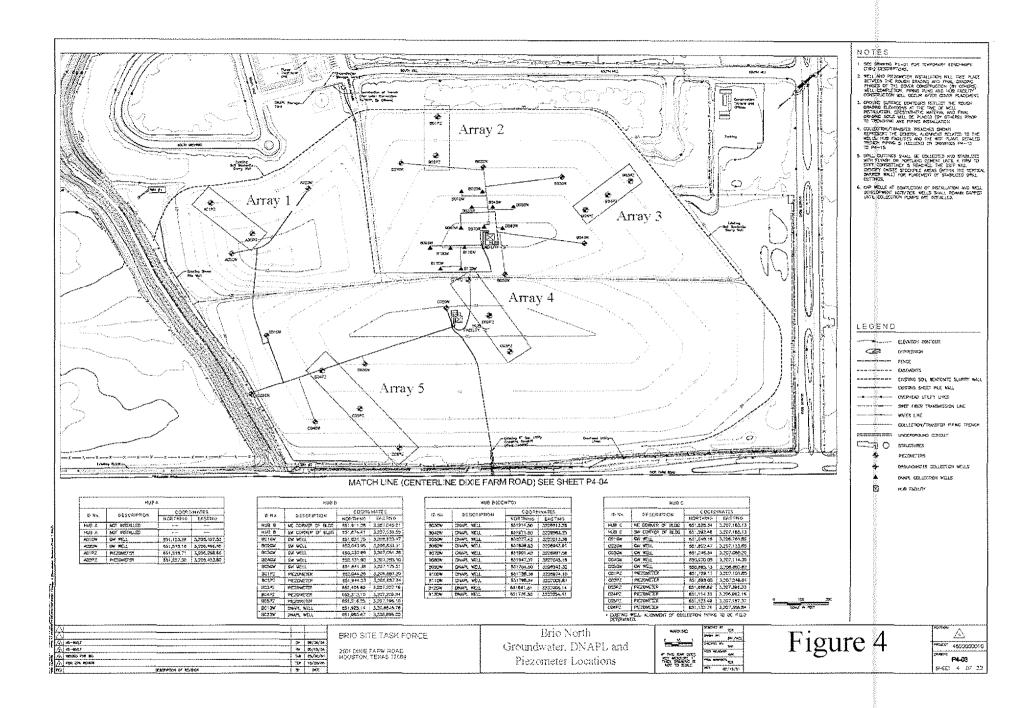


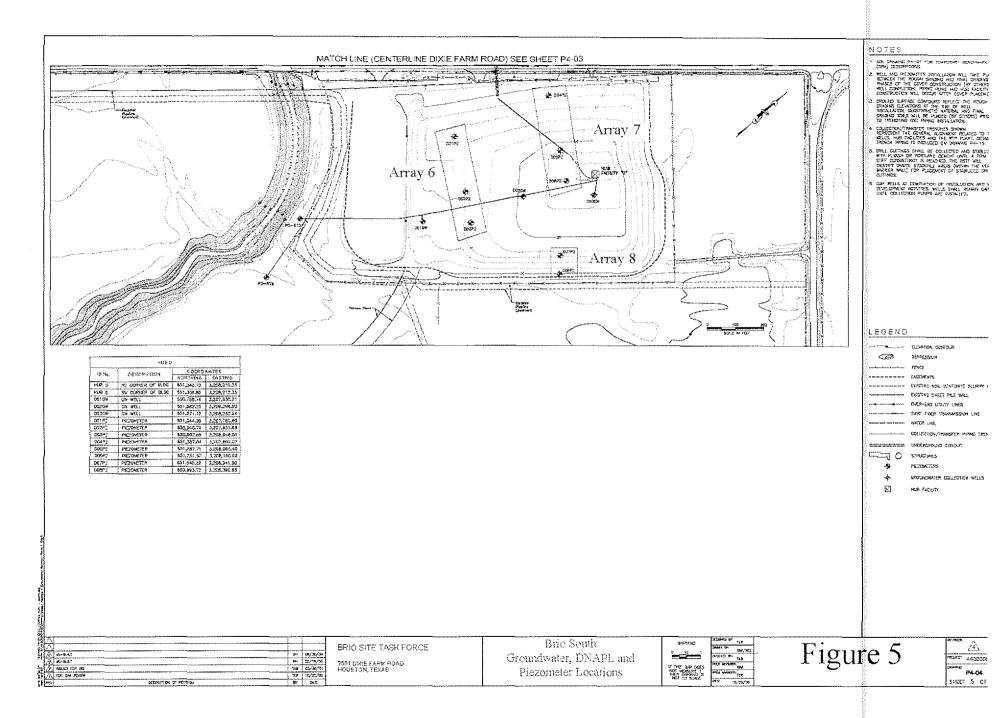
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Site Location

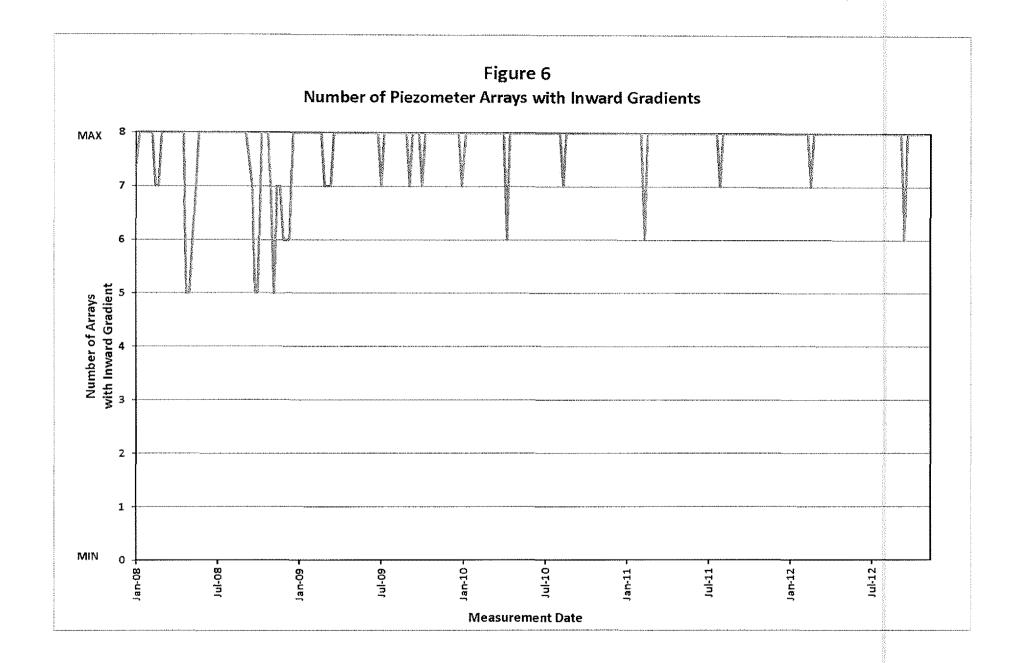


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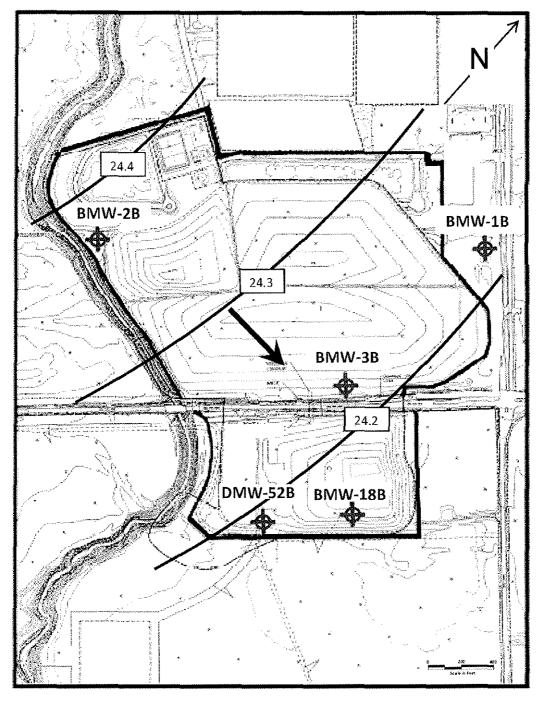




### Figure 7

#### **Brio Site**

### **FFSZ Monitoring Wells**





Approximate Location of FFSZ Monitoring Well



Approximate Potentiometric Surface Contour

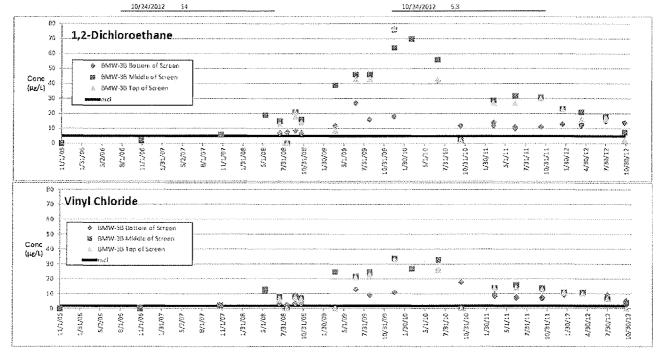
Groundwater contours were approximated using the average water level data measured Feb. 17, 2010 to May 12, 2010 at six permanent monitoring wells screened in the FFSZ.

Figure 8
Affected FFSZ Monitoring Well BMW-3B

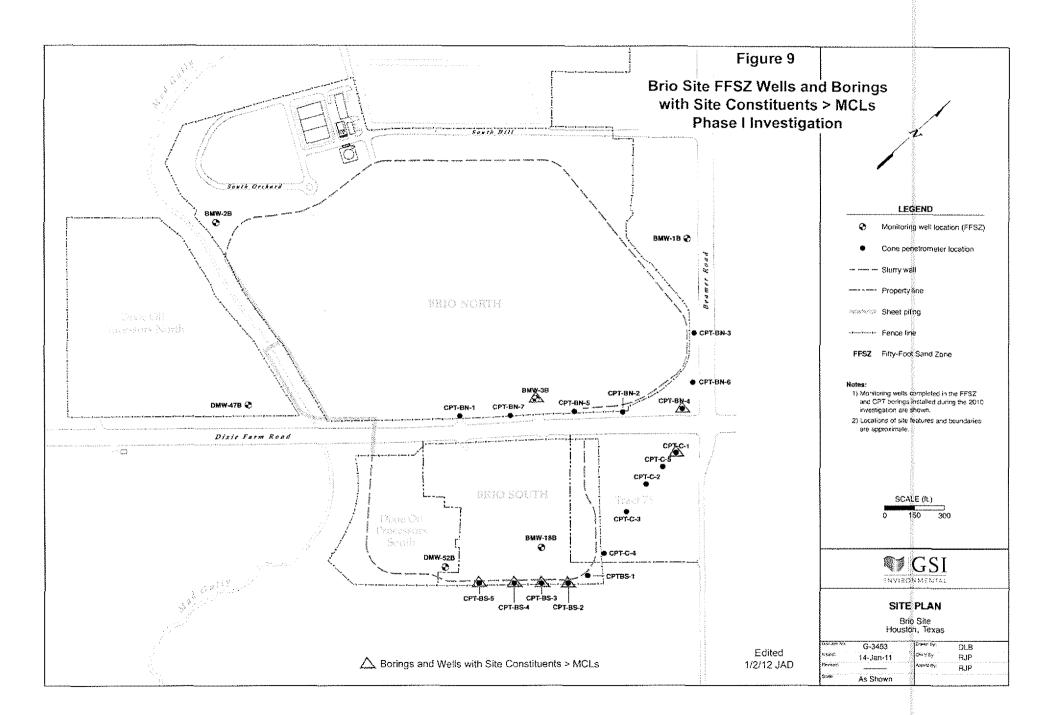
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7/17/2008	7.1	15	13	7/17/2008	3.6	7.7	6.5	
7/17/2008	7.0			7/17/2008	3.6			
8/19/2008	7.5	ND	ND	8/19/2608	2.7	ND	ND	
8/19/2008		ND		8/39/2008		ND		
9/25/2008	8.6	21	18	9/25/2608	3,6	8.7	7.4	
9/25/2008			21	9/25/2008			7.5	
10/22/2008	7	16	14	10/27/2008	3.5	7.1	6.4	
10/22/2008	7			10/22/2008				
3/24/2009	12	39	8.6	3/24/2009	ND	25	ND	
3/24/2009				3/24/2009				
5/25/2009	27	46	43	6/25/2009	13	22	21	
6/25/2009				6/25/2009				
8/27/2009	16	46	43	8/27/2009	9,1	25	23	
8/27/2009		46		8/27/2009		2/4		
12/16/2009	38	76	77	12/16/2009	11	34	23	
12/16/2009		64		12/16/2009		3.4		
3/4/2050		70		3/4/2010		27		
5/30/2010	42	56	43	6/30/2010	26	33	26	
8/30/2010				6/30/7010				
10/11/2010	12	2	2	10/11/2010	18	CM	MD	
10/11/2010			2.1	10/11/2010				
3/10/2011	12	29	2.7	3/10/2011	8.5	14	34	
3/10/2011	14			3/10/2011	9.8			
6/15/2011	11	32	27	6/15/2011	7.8	16	14	
6/15/2011	10			6/15/2011	7.1			
10/10/2013	13	31	30	10/10/2011	7.6	14	13	
10/10/2011	11			10/10/2011	7.0			
1/17/2012	13	23	23	1/17/2012	9.3	13	31	
1/17/2012		23	****	1/17/2012		11		
4/11/2012	13	21	16	4/11/2017	10	11	10	
4/11/2012	12			4/11/2012	10			
7/31/2012	15	18	16	7/31/2012	9.5	6.7	6.5	
7/31/2012			17	7/31/2012	··-	~~,	6.6	
10/24/2012	34	7.5	2.4	10/24/2012	5.4	3.9	ND	
10/24/2012	4.		*	10/24/2012	5.7	2.0	****	



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Figure 10
Surface Water Analytical Results: 1,1,2-TCA

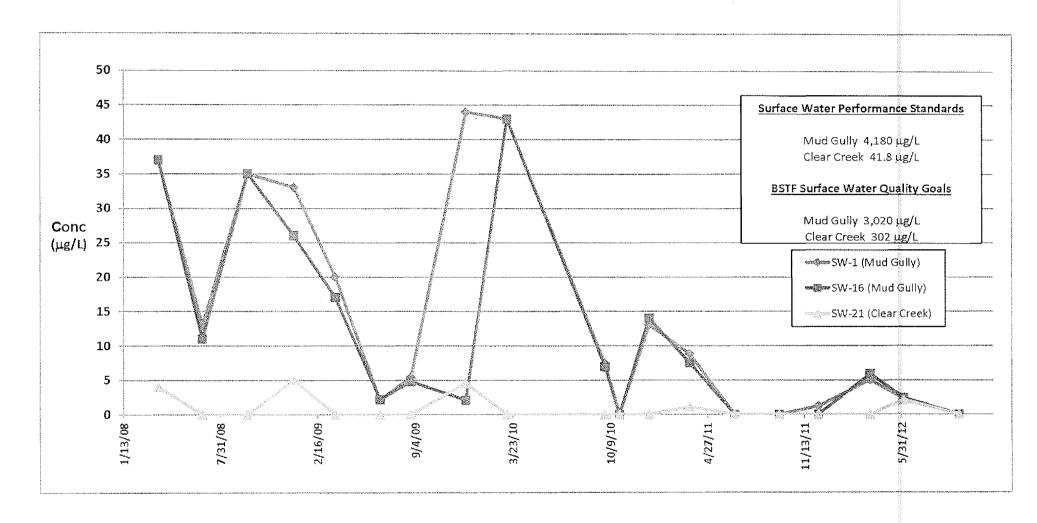


Figure 11
Surface Water Results: 1,1-DCE

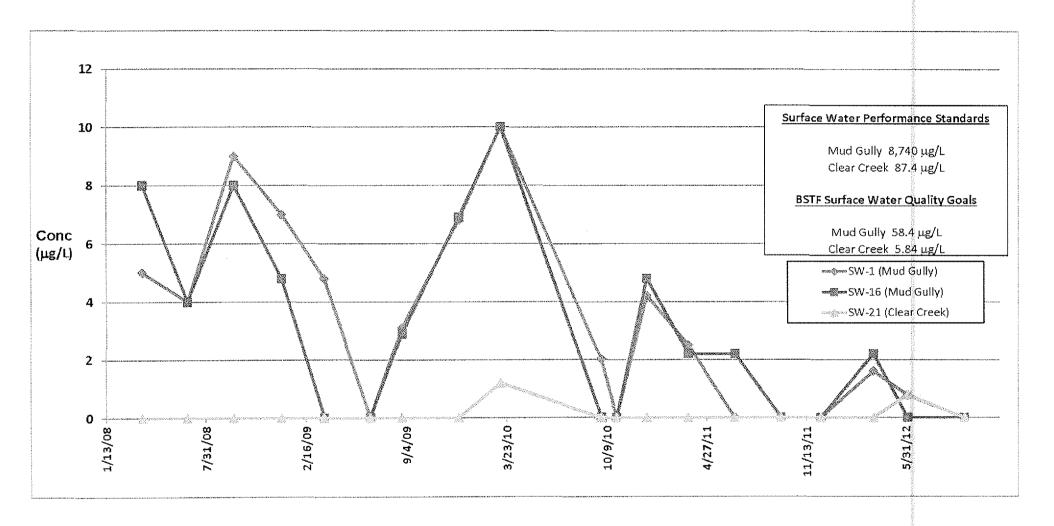


Figure 12
Surface Water: 1,2-DCA

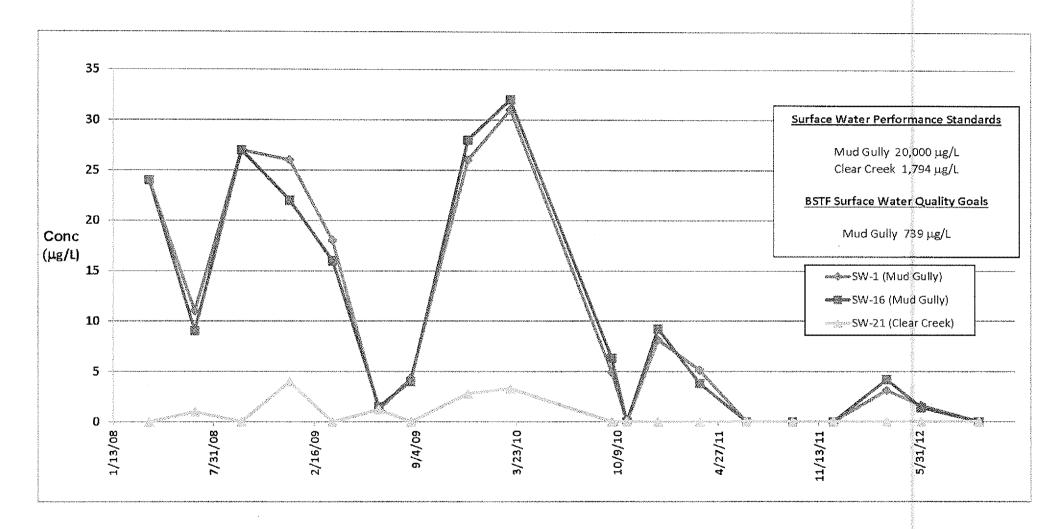
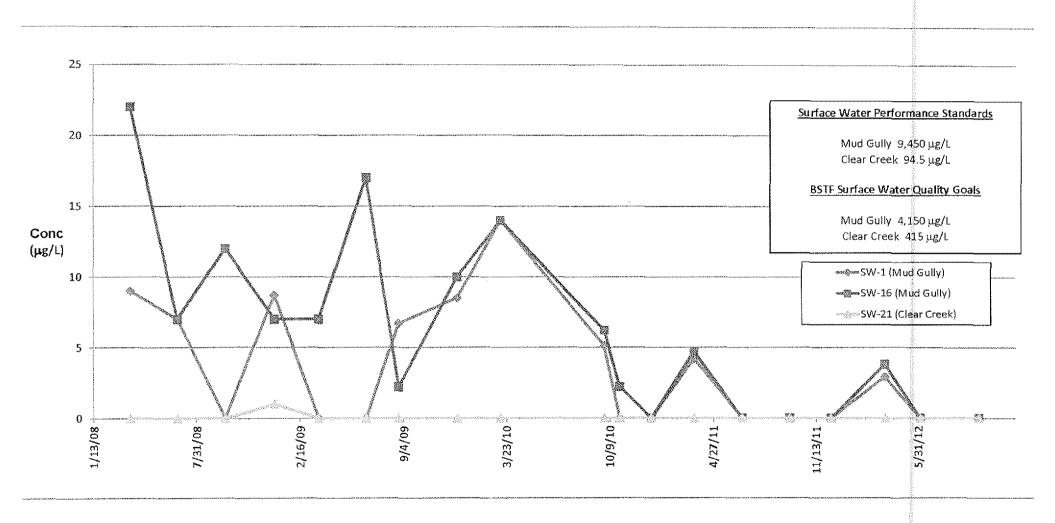


Figure 13
Surface Water: Vinyl Chloride



**List of Documents Reviewed** 

#### **Attachment 2**

#### List of Documents Reviewed

Brio Refining Site Amended Record of Decision, July 2, 1997

Brio Refining Site Third Five-Year Review Report, April 25, 2008

Brio Site Task Force Fourth Annual Effectiveness Report, July 8, 2009 (April 2007-March 2008)

Institutional Control Plan for the Brio Refining Superfund Site, April 2006

Brio Refining Site Maintenance, Operations, and Monitoring Plan, February 2004 (Rev. 4, January 31, 2011)

Brio Site Task Force Fifth Annual Effectiveness Report, February 15, 2012 (April 2008-March 2009)

Brio Site Task Force Sixth Annual Effectiveness Report, February 15, 2012 (April 2009-March 2010)

Phase I Fifty-Foot Sand Zone (FFSZ) Groundwater Investigation [Report], Brio Refining Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas, January 14, 2011

Phase II Fifty-Foot Sand Zone (FFSZ) Groundwater Investigation Work Plan, Brio Refining Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas, June 29, 2011

**Site Monitoring Criteria** 

#### TREATED WATER DISCHARGE CRITERIA (Table 2 of MOM Plan)

PARAMETER	DISCHARGE LIMIT (mg/l)	PQL (mg/l)	
General Chemistry			
pH	6.0-9.0 (no units)	n/a	
BOD	81	5	
COD	568	20	
Sulfur (Sulfide)	0.6	0.2	
Phosphorus	4	0.1	
Ammonia as N	23	4	
Oil and Grease	31	10	
Phenolics	0.7	0.2	
TSS	62	5	
Metals			
Copper	0.093	0.010	
Volatiles			
1, 1, 2-Trichloroethane	0.054	0.010	
1, 2-Dichloroethane	0.211	0.010	
Vinyl Chloride	0.268	0.010	
Methylene Chloride	0.089	0.010	
Semivolatiles			
Bis(2-chloroethyl)ether	0.757	0.020	
Total Carcinogenic PNAs <sup>1</sup>	0.350 (total)	0.020 (each)	
Total Noncarcinogenic PNAs <sup>2</sup>	0.470 (total)	0.020 (each)	

1.	Benzo(a)anthracene	2.	Acenaphthene
	Benzo(b)fluoranthene		Anthracene
	Benzo(k)fluoranthene		Pyrene
	Benzo(a)pyrene		Fluoranthene
	Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene		Fluorene
	Indeno(1,2,3,c,d)pyrene		Naphthalene
	Chrysene		Phenanthrene

# SURFACE WATER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND QUALITY GOALS (Table 4 of MOM Plan)

		R PERFORMANCE DARDS	BSTF SURFACE WATER QUALITY GOALS*		
Compound	Mud Gully (μg/ l)	Clear Creek (µg/ l)	Mud Gully (μg/ I)	Clear Creek	
1, 1, 2-Trichloroethane	4,180	41.8	3,020	302	
1, 2-Dichloroethane	20,000	1,794	739	73.9	
1, 1-Dichloroethene	8,740	87.4	58.4	5.84	
Vinyl Chloride	9,450	94.5	4,150	415	

<sup>\*</sup>These levels are based on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) surface water quality standards as adopted in August 2002, and based on calculations presented in the Texas Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program.

## FENCE LINE AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS (FLAAQS)

(Table 3C of MOM Plan)

COMPOUND	FLAAQS (24-HOUR AVERAGE-ppb)
Benzene	50
1, 2-Dichloroethane (Ethylene Dichloride)	200
Methylene Chloride	1,100
1, 1, 2-Trichloroethane	656
Vinyl Chloride	690

## NSCZ GROUNDWATER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS (Table 5 of MOM Plan)

PARAMETER	CRITERIA (mg/l)
1, 1, 2-Trichloroethane	4.18
1, 2-Dichloroethane	20.00
1, 1-Dichloroethene	8.74
Vinyl Chloride	9.45

# FFSZ GROUNDWATER DRINKING WATER LIST AND MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS (MCL) (Table 6 of MOM Plan)

DRINKING WATER	MCL
VOLATILE LIST	(μg/l)
Benzene	5
Carbon Tetrachloride	5
Chlorobenzene	100
1, 2-Dichlorobenzene (o-dichlorobenzene)	600
1, 4-Dichlorobenzene (p-dichlorobenzene)	75
1, 2-Dichloroèthane	5
1, 1-Dichloroethene	7
cis-1, 2-Dichloroethene	70
trans-1, 2-Dichloroethene	100
Methylene Chloride (Dichloromethane)	5
1, 2-Dichloropropane	5
Ethylbenzene	700
Styrene	100
Tetrachloroethene	5
Toluene	1,000
1, 2, 4-Trichlorobenzene	70
1, 1, 1-Trichloroethane	200
1, 1, 2-Trichloroethane	5
Trichloroethene	5
Vinyl Chloride	2
Xylenes (Total)	10,000
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) *	100

<sup>\*</sup> Total Trihalomethanes = Chloroform, Bromodichloromethane, Bromoform, and Dibromochloromethane

**Site Inspection Checklist** 

#### Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist

I. SITE INFORMATION						
Site name: Brio Refining Superfund Site	Date of inspection: December 13, 2012					
Location and Region: Harris Co., TX; Region 6	EPA ID: TXD980625453					
Agency, office, or company leading the five-year review: BSTF for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Weather/temperature: Sunny with a temperature in the 60's.					
Remedy Includes: (Check all that apply)						
Attachments: Image: Ima						
II. INTERVIEWS	(Check all that apply)					
1. O&M site manager  Name  Interviewed □ at site □ at office □ by phone Phore  Problems, suggestions; □ Report attached □	Title Date					
2. O&M staff  Name  Interviewed □ at site □ at office □ by phone	Title Date one no.					

3.	Local regulatory authorities and response ag office, police department, office of public healt deeds, or other city and county offices, etc.) Fi  Agency TCEQ	h or environmental hea Il in all that apply.	Ith, zoning offi	ce, recorder of
	Agency <u>TCEQ</u> Contact <u>Fay Duke Project Manager</u>	January 7, 2013	512-	-239-2443
	Name Title	Date	Phone no.	
	Problems; suggestions; 🗵 Report attached			
	Agency			
	ContactName	Title	Date	Phone no.
	Problems; suggestions; G Report attached		MANAGEM PAPA	
	Agency			
	ContactName	Title	Date	Phone no.
	Problems; suggestions; G Report attached			
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	Name Problems; suggestions; G Report attached	Title		
4.	Other interviews (optional) 🗵 Report attache			
	Chris Clark – Clear Brook City Municipal Utili	ty District		
	Marie Flickinger - South Belt-Ellington Leader Community Advisory Group (CAG)	News, San Jacinto Col	llege Board of I	Regents, Brio Site
Partic	cipants in site visit (12/13/12)			*****
	Gary Miller – USEPA			
······	John Danna-BSTF		,,	······
	Lawrence Engle-BSTF			
	Stephanie Phillips-Celanese (BSTF PRP)	***************************************		<del></del>
	Brad Weaver-Celanese (BSTF PRP)			
	Roger Pokluda-GSI Environmental (BSTF Con-	sultant)		······
	Fay Duke-TCEQ			·
	Sherell Heidt-TCEQ			
	Matthew Foresman-Monsanto (BSTF PRP Site	Coordinator)		····
	Paul Clark-BSTF			

	III. ON-SITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED (Check all that apply)								
	1.	O&M Documents  IN O&M manual  IN Rea	idily available	☑ Up to date	□ N/A				
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	2.	Site-Specific Health and Safety  Contingency plan/emergency r  Remarks	esponse plan	Readily available	Up to date	□ N/A			
	3.	O&M and OSHA Training Reco							
	4.	Permits and Service Agreements  ☐ Air discharge permit  ☐ Effluent discharge  ☐ Waste disposal, POTW  ☐ Other permits  Remarks Actions performed under	Readily a Readily a Readily a Readily a Readily a Readily a	vailable Up to descript Up to descri	to date X N/A to date X N/A to date X N/A to date X N/A achment 6 of the m	nain report.			
	5.	Gas Generation Records Remarks		Readily available	•	⊠ N/A			
	6.	Settlement Monument Records Remarks							
	7.	Groundwater Monitoring Recor				□ N/A			
	8.	Leachate Extraction Records Remarks		Readily available	☐ Up to date	<b>⊠</b> N/A			
	9.	Discharge Compliance Records 区 Air 区 Water (effluent) Remarks	X	Readily available Readily available	☑ Up to date ☑ Up to date	□ N/A □N/A			
	10.	Daily Access/Security Logs Remarks		Readily available	☑ Up to date	□ N/A			

	IV. O&M COSTS								
1.	O&M Organization  State in-house								
2.	O&M Cost Records  ☐ Readily available ☐ Up to date ☐ Funding mechanism/agreement in place (PRP Trust Agreement)  Original O&M cost estimate ☐ Breakdown attached								
	Total annual cost by year for review period if available  From 1/1/2008 To 12/31/2008 \$757k □ Breakdown attached From 1/1/2009 To 12/31/2009 \$833k □ Breakdown attached From 1/1/2010 To 12/31/2010 \$1.6M □ Breakdown attached From 1/1/2011 To 12/31/2011 \$1.1M □ Breakdown attached From 1/1/2012 To 12/31/2012 \$1.3M □ Breakdown attached								
	Total cost for review period								
	From <u>1/1/2008</u> To <u>12/31/2012</u> <u>\$5.6M</u>								
3.	Unanticipated or Unusually High O&M Costs During Review Period  Describe costs and reasons:  \$600k-Phase I FFSZ groundwater investigation during 2010 and 2011.  \$250k-Legal costs to prevent new pipeline on NRD conservation easement during 2011-2012.  \$50k-Repair two treated water holding tanks during 2012.								
	V. ACCESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS   ☐ Applicable ☐ N/A								
A.	Fencing								
1,	<ol> <li>Fencing damaged ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Gates secured ☐ N/A</li> <li>Remarks Fences well maintained. Gates secured and locked.</li> </ol>								
В.	Other Access Restrictions								
1.	Signs and other security measures ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A  Remarks Signs posted on main entrance and other access points. Additional measures implemented for security and deterrence of trespassers.								

C. Ins	titutional Controls (ICs)						
1,	Implementation and enterest Site conditions imply ICs	□ Yes □ Yes	⊠ No ⊠ No	□ N/A □ N/A			
	Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive by) Self reporting Frequency Daily informal and monthly formal inspections Responsible party/agency BSTF Contact John Danna Site Manager Name Title				2 281	-831-210	<u>7</u> Phone
	Name		Title	Date	no.		THORE
	Reporting is up-to-date Reports are verified by the	e lead agency			□ No □ No	□ N/A □ N/A	
	Specific requirements in Violations have been reproblems or suggest Inspection reports are available.	orted  stions: Report atta	iched	□ Yes	□ No	⊠ N/A	
2.	Adequacy Remarks Deed restriction Certified copies were obt		been executed for th	e entire Su			<u>3.</u>
D. Ger	ieral						
1.	Vandalism/trespassing Remarks				evident		
2.	Land use changes on sit Remarks						
3.	Land use changes off site 🗵 N/A Remarks						
		VI. GENERAL SIT	E CONDITIONS				
A. Roa	Applicable	□ N/A					
1.	Roads damaged Remarks	☐ Location shown on	site map 🗷 Roa	nds adequa	ıte	□ N/A	New Market

B.	Other Site Conditions
	Remarks
order order de la constantial del constantial de la constantial del constantial de la constantial de l	VII. LANDFILL COVERS ☑ Applicable ☐ N/A
A.	Landfill Surface
1.	Settlement (Low spots)
2.	Cracks       □ Location shown on site map       ☑ Cracking not evident         Lengths       Widths       Depths         Remarks
3.	Erosion ☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Erosion not evident  Areal extent ☐ Depth ☐  Remarks Minor erosion has been observed during routine inspections.
4.	Holes
5.	Vegetative Cover ☒ Grass ☒ Cover properly established ☒ No signs of stress ☐ Trees/Shrubs (indicate size and locations on a diagram) Remarks
6.	Alternative Cover (armored rock, concrete, etc.)
7.	Bulges ☐ Location shown on site map ☒ Bulges not evident  Areal extent ☐ Height ☐  Remarks ☐ Re
8.	Wet Areas/Water Damage       ☑ Wet areas/water damage not evident         ☐ Wet areas       ☐ Location shown on site map       Areal extent         ☐ Ponding       ☐ Location shown on site map       Areal extent         ☐ Seeps       ☐ Location shown on site map       Areal extent         ☐ Soft subgrade       ☐ Location shown on site map       Areal extent         Remarks       ☐ Remarks
9.	Slope Instability □ Slides □ Location shown on site map ☒ No evidence of slope instability  Areal extent  Remarks
В.	Benches

1. Flows Bypass Bench Remarks			☐ Location shown on site map		
2,	Bench Breached	☐ Location shown on si	te map	⊠ N/A or	
	Remarks		····	okay	
3.	Bench Overtopped Remarks	□Location shown on sit		☑ N/A or okay	
C. L		ion control mats, riprap, grout bags, ill allow the runoff water collected b	y the benche	es to move off of the landfill	
1.	Areal extent	□Location shown on site map Depth	🗷 No evi	dence of settlement	
2.	Material type	☐ Location shown on site map  Areal extent		<del>-</del>	
3.		☐ Location shown on site map  Depth		idence of erosion	
4.	Undercutting Areal extent Remarks	•		idence of undercutting	

5.	Size	Are	al extent	
6.	Excessive Vegetative Growth  ☑ No evidence of excessive growth  ☑ Vegetation in channels does not o  ☐ Location shown on site map  Remarks	bstruct flow Are	al extent	
D. Cov	ver Penetrations 🗵 Applicable 🤇	€ N/A		
1.	Gas Vents ☐ Active ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration ☐ N/A Remarks ☐	☑ Functioning	☐ Needs Maintenance	☑ Good condition
2.	Gas Monitoring Probes  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration Remarks Gas vents and carbon scrub	1	☐ Needs Maintenance	☐ Good condition 函 N/A
3.	Monitoring Wells (within surface ar  ☑ Properly secured/locked ☐ ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration  Remarks	স্থ্য Functioning	☐ Needs Maintenance	☑ Good condition ☐ N/A
4.	Leachate Extraction Wells  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetration Remarks	1	☐ Needs Maintenance	☐ Good condition ☑ N/A
5.	Settlement Monuments Remarks	☐ Located	☐ Routinely surveyed	⊠ N/A

E.	Gas Collection and Treatment	🗵 Appl	icable	□ N/A	
l.		Phermal desti Needs Mainte canisters		☐ Collection for reu	SC Copped distributive program distribution in distribution in principal and a reconsequence page to be selected a
2.	Gas Collection Wells, Manife  ☐ Good condition ☐ Remarks Four local collection	Needs Mainte	nance	r piping are used.	
3.	Gas Monitoring Facilities (e. ☐ Good condition ☐ Remarks	Needs Mainte	nance	XI N/A	
F.	Cover Drainage Layer	□ App	licable	⊠ N/A	
1.	Outlet Pipes Inspected Remarks	□ Func		⊠ N/A	
2.	Outlet Rock Inspected Remarks	□ Func		<b>⊠</b> N/A	
G.	Detention/Sedimentation Ponds	<b>⊠</b> App	licable	□ N/A	
1.	Siltation Areal extent ☐ Siltation not evident Remarks				⊠ N/A
2.	Erosion Areal extent Erosion not evident Remarks Detention ponds ow				Control District.
3.	Outlet Works Remarks	Functioning			
4.	Dam 🔲 I Remarks	Functioning	⊠ N/A		

	H. Retaining Walls		☐ Applicable	□ Applicable 区 N/A			
al francisco de la constante de transcribir de la constante de la constante de la constante de la constante de	1.	Rotational displacement_		Vertical displac	☐ Deformation not evident ement		
	2.	<b>Degradation</b> Remarks			☐ Degradation not evident		
	I. Perit	neter Ditches/Off-Site Dis	charge	■ Applicable	□ N/A		
	1.	Siltation	Depth_		ation not evident		
	2.	Vegetative Growth  Vegetation does not im Areal extent Remarks	pede flow Type		□ N/A		
	3.	Erosion Areal extent Remarks	Depth_		☑ Erosion not evident		
	4.	Discharge Structure Remarks					
		VIII. VER	TICAL BARRIE	R WALLS D	☑ Applicable □ N/A		
	1.	Settlement Areal extent Remarks	Depth_	***************************************	■ Settlement not evident		
	2.	Performance Monitoring  Performance not monitoring  Frequency  Head differential  Remarks	ored		□ Evidence of breaching		

	IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES   ☐ Applicable ☐ N/A
A. Gre	oundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines   Applicable   N/A
ari damennangaran	Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical  ☑ Good condition ☑ All required wells properly operating ☑ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A  Remarks
2.	Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances  Good condition Needs Maintenance  Remarks
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment  ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks
B. Suri	face Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines   Applicable   N/A
1,	Collection Structures, Pumps, and Electrical  ☐ Good condition ☐ Needs Maintenance  Remarks
2.	Surface Water Collection System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances  Good condition  Needs Maintenance  Remarks
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment  ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided  Remarks

С. Т	reatment System	🗷 Applicable	□ N/A	
1.	☑ Air stripping     ☑ Filters     ☑ Additive (e.g., chel     ☑ Others     ☑ Good condition     ☑ Sampling ports pro     ☑ Sampling/maintena     ☑ Equipment properly     ☑ Quantity of ground	ation agent, flocculen  Need perly marked and funce log displayed and y identified water treated annually water treated annually	water separation oon adsorbers  t)  Is Maintenance ctional	
2.		lood condition	y rated and functional)  Needs Maintenance	
3.		ood condition		nment
4.		lood condition	☐ Needs Maintenance	
5.	Chemicals and equi	ood condition (esp. rependent properly stored		□ Needs repair
6.	Monitoring Wells (pu 図 Properly secured/lo 図 All required wells le Remarks	cked 🗵 Func	tioning 🛛 Routinely sar s Maintenance	npled ☑ Good condition ☐ N/A
D. M	onitoring Data			
1.		ed on time vided and discussed v y email and phone fo	ISI Is of acceptable q with EPA and TCEQ durin r any issues requiring a reg	uality g quarterly meetings. EPA is culatory or community response.
2.	Monitoring data sugges  Signature  Groundwater plume		ned 🗆 Contaminant conc	entrations are declining

Đ.	Monitored Natural Attenuation
1.	Monitoring Wells (natural attenuation remedy)  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☒ N/A  Remarks FFSZ MNA assessment is currently underway.
Х.	OTHER REMEDIES
	If there are remedies applied at the site which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.
	DNAPL recovery using extraction wells targeting areas of highest DNAPL concentrations has successfully removed a large quantity of high-concentration liquid. Through December 2012, 230,820 gallons of recovered product have been sent off-site for thermal treatment.
	XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS
A.	Implementation of the Remedy
	Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed. Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emission, etc.).
	The overall goal of site operations is the containment of groundwater and air emissions from the site. The vertical barrier wall consisting of the soil bentonite wall and sheet pile wall prevents the downgradient lateral movement of contaminated groundwater. The natural horizontal barrier provided by the Middle Clay Unit, combined with a natural upward pressure differential and an artificial upward pressure differential provided by extracting the NSCZ groundwater, prevents or greatly inhibits the downward movement of contaminants. The flexible membrane layer of the cap system prevents the infiltration of surface water and the escape of volatile gases from the contaminated soil. During this inspection, it was assessed that the remedy remains protective, consistent with the remedial action objectives of the response action.
В.	Adequacy of O&M
	Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.
	Groundwater pumping and treatment is critical to the long-term effectiveness of the remedy.  Groundwater extraction controls the groundwater gradient at the site and provides support to the containment measures provided by the vertical barrier wall. Maintenance of the cover and perimeter surface ditches prevents infiltration of surface water into the containment area.

#### C. Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Problems

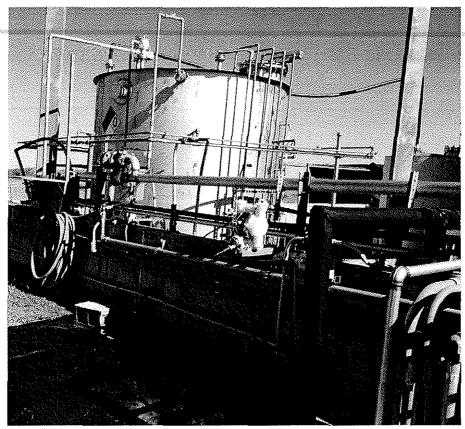
Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.

While the remedy remains protective, consistent with the remedial action objectives of the response action, the groundwater monitoring and an investigation conducted during the review period detected affected groundwater in the FFSZ. The groundwater investigation will continue into the next review period.

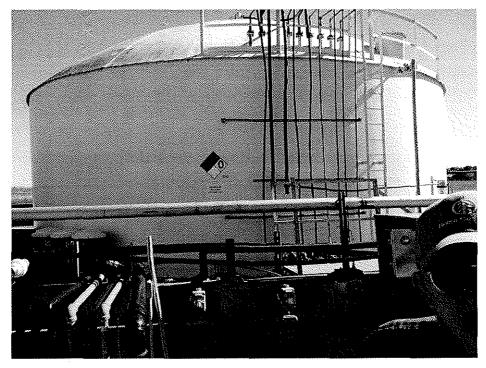
#### D. Opportunities for Optimization

Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy. No recommendations at this time.

**Photos** 



DNAPL Storage Tank T-218



Recovered Groundwater Storage Tank T-212



Treated Groundwater Storage Tanks T-213A and T-213B

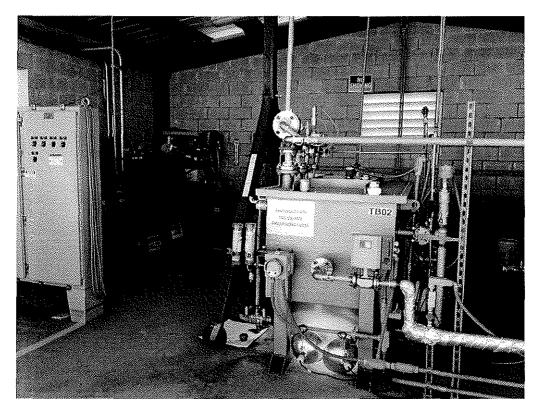


DNAPL Recovery Well B01-DW

Photos taken December 12, 2012



**Hub B Gas Collection System** 



Hub B Groundwater/DNAPL Separator



FFSZ Groundwater Monitoring Well BMW-3B



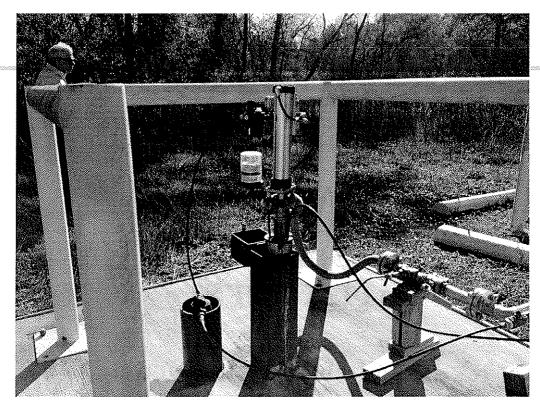
**Typical Piezometer Surface Completion with ID Pipe** 



Typical Piezometer Surface Completion with ID Pipe



**Typical Piezometer Surface Completion and Well Casing** 



South Plume Recovery Well PO-610R



Surface Water Letdown Structure from Perimeter Ditch to Mud Gully

Applicable, Relevant and Appropriate Regulations (ARARs)

**ATTACHMENT 6** 

#### Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)

Medium/Authority	ARAR	Status	Requirement Synopsis	Action to be Taken to Attain ARAR
Groundwater/Federal	Federal SDWA – Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs; 40 CFR §141.61)	Relevant and Appropriate	Federal standards (MCLs) have been adopted as enforceable standards for public drinking water systems. Appendix C of the 1988 ROD states that since the FFSZ is not likely to serve as a public water system, MCLs are not applicable but "may be considered relevant." MCLs are being used for evaluation of monitoring results.	cap system, in accordance with the MOM.  Conduct annual groundwater monitoring in the FFSZ in accordance with the MOM
Surface Water/State	Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, 30 TAC Chapter 307*  Amended ROD (EPA, 7/2/97)- Adopts Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, 30 TAC Chapter 307* as NSCZ groundwater standards.	Applicable	Surface water quality standards have been developed to be protective of an incidental fishery.	Contain contaminated groundwater plumes in accordance with the MOM.  Conduct quarterly monitoring of Mud Gully and Clear Creek in accordance with the MOM Plan to confirm compliance with established standards.
Air/Federal	Amended ROD (EPA, 7/2/97)- Federal limits established for Site to insure air quality does not contribute to air pollution; Statement of Work (Brio, 3/6/98) contained within the 1999 Amended Consent Decree; and MOM Plan, Rev. 4 (Brio, original submittal date February 2004).	Applicable	Fence Line Ambient Air Quality Standards (FLAAQS) and cover gas collection system standards have been established. Event- based protocols have been developed should a release to the environment occur.	Conduct ambient air and gas vent monitoring in accordance with the MOM to confirm compliance with established standards.

#### Notes:

- 1) Brio = Brio Site Task Force.
- 2) SDWA = Safe Drinking Water Act; ROD = Record of Decision; MOM Plan = Maintenance, Operations and Management Plan.
- 3) FFSZ = Fifty-Foot Sand Zone; NSCZ = Numerous Sand Channel Zone; DNAPL = Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid.

<sup>\*</sup>Note: The 30 TAC Chapter 307 standards that were in place at the time of the 1997 Amended ROD continue as standards as required by EPA. The standards were revised during the last review period and are used as surface water goals as required by EPA.

**Interview Record** 

The following is a list of individuals interviewed for this five-year review. See the attached contact records for a detailed summary of the interviews.

Name	Title/Position	Organization	Date
Mr. Chris Clark	General Manager	Clear Brook City MUD	1/2/13
Ms. Marie Flickinger	Publisher/Owner Chair Trustee	South Belt-Ellington Leader News Brio Community Advisory Group San Jacinto College South	1/4/13
Ms. Fay Duke	Project Manager	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	1/7/13

INTERVIEW RECORD							
Site Name: Brio Refining Superfund			EPA ID No.: TX	ID980625453			
Subject: Fourth Five-Year Review			Time: 10 a.m.	Date: 1/2/13			
Type: 区 Telephone Cocation of Visit:	•			utgoing			
Contact Made By:							
Name: Judi Martin Title: Commu		Organization: BSTF/JM Group		BSTF/JM			
	Individual	Contacted:					
Name: Mr. Chris Clark	Title: General Manager		Organization: Clear Brook City Municipal Utility District (MUD)				
Telephone No: 281-484-1562 Fax No: E-Mail Address:		s: 11911 Blackhawk p: Houston, TX 770					

#### **Summary Of Conversation**

Introduced the purpose of the Five-Year Review to Mr. Chris Clark and asked him several questions about its status and impact on the community. Mr. Clark said that the Brio Site is purely a historic situation and is cleaned up, tested regularly and does not impact the community. He said there is not much heard or seen about Brio and the average person does not know about it. He is not aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration. He is not aware of any events or incidents at the site, such as vandalism and trespassing. When asked if he felt well informed about the site's activities and progress, he responded that there is nothing to be informed about because the administration is "doing its job." Mr. Clark had no further comments or suggestions. He drives past the property daily and offered that it is out of sight and out of mind.

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Subject: Fourth Five-Year Review		Time: 10 a.m.	Date: 1/4/13				
Type:   Telephone  Location of Visit:	ner	Incoming Ou	itgoing				
Contact Made By:							
Name: Judi Martin Title: Communit		ty Relations Organization: BSTF/JM Group		STF/JM			
	Individual	Contacted:					
Name: Ms. Marie Flickinger	Organization: South Belt Ellington Leader Newspaper						
Telephone No: 281-481-5656 Fax No: E-Mail Address:		11555 Beamer Roa Houston, TX 7708					

#### **Summary Of Conversation**

Introduced the purpose of the five-year review. Ms. Flickinger offered her insights both by telephone and email. She believes the current operators are doing a good, conscientious job. Under the circumstances, she believes the remedy was the only choice. Still, after all these years she still supports the remedy. She said that in its current state, Brio does not have much effect on the community and she hopes it will remain as such. She offered that the only real concern during the past five years was caused by the media report indicating the site "was leaking". A comment which was thought by many to be putting toxics into the air, when actually was talking about movement 50+ feet underground. She is aware of some minor activities at the site, such as vandalism and trespassing, which were resolved. She supports the way things has been handled and does not feel there has been any serious situation that would give the community concern. Ms. Flickinger said she is informed about the site, and if anything were to incur, she believes she would be told. She would like more communication, even during the quiet times when there is nothing occurring at the site.

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		Contact 1	Made By:			
Name: Judi Martin Title: C		Title: Communit	nunity Relations Organ Group		ganization: BSTF/JM oup	
		Individual	Contacted:			
Name	: Ms. Fay Duke	Title: Project Ma	anager	TCEQ		
Telephone No: 512-239-2443 Fax No: E-Mail Address:			Street Address: 12100 Park 35 Circle City, State, Zip: Austin, TX 78753			
(Via E	Cmail)	Summary Of	Conversation			
1.	What is your overall impression of the project? (general sentiment)  The implemented remedy seems to be functioning well. The site is well maintained.					
2.	Have there been routine communications or activities (site visits, inspections, reporting activities, etc.) conducted by your office regarding the site? If so, please give purpose and results.  Other than attending the EPA quarterly progress meeting, there are no routine activities performed by TCEQ.					
3.	Have there been any complaints, violations, or other incidents related to the site requiring a response by your office? If so, please give details of the events and results of the responses. I am not aware of any problems requiring responses by TCEQ.					
4.	Do you feel well informed about the site's activities and progress? Yes.					
	Do you have any comments, suggestions, or recommendations regarding the site's management or operation?  No.					