



# Velsicol Chemical

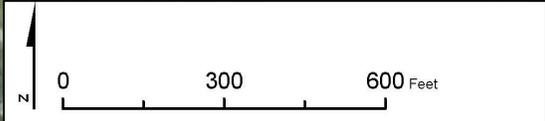
In-situ Thermal Treatment  
Lessons Learned

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**Legend**

- Velsicol Burn Pit - Remediation Boundary
- Remediation Boundaries - Area 1
- Remediation Boundaries - Area 2

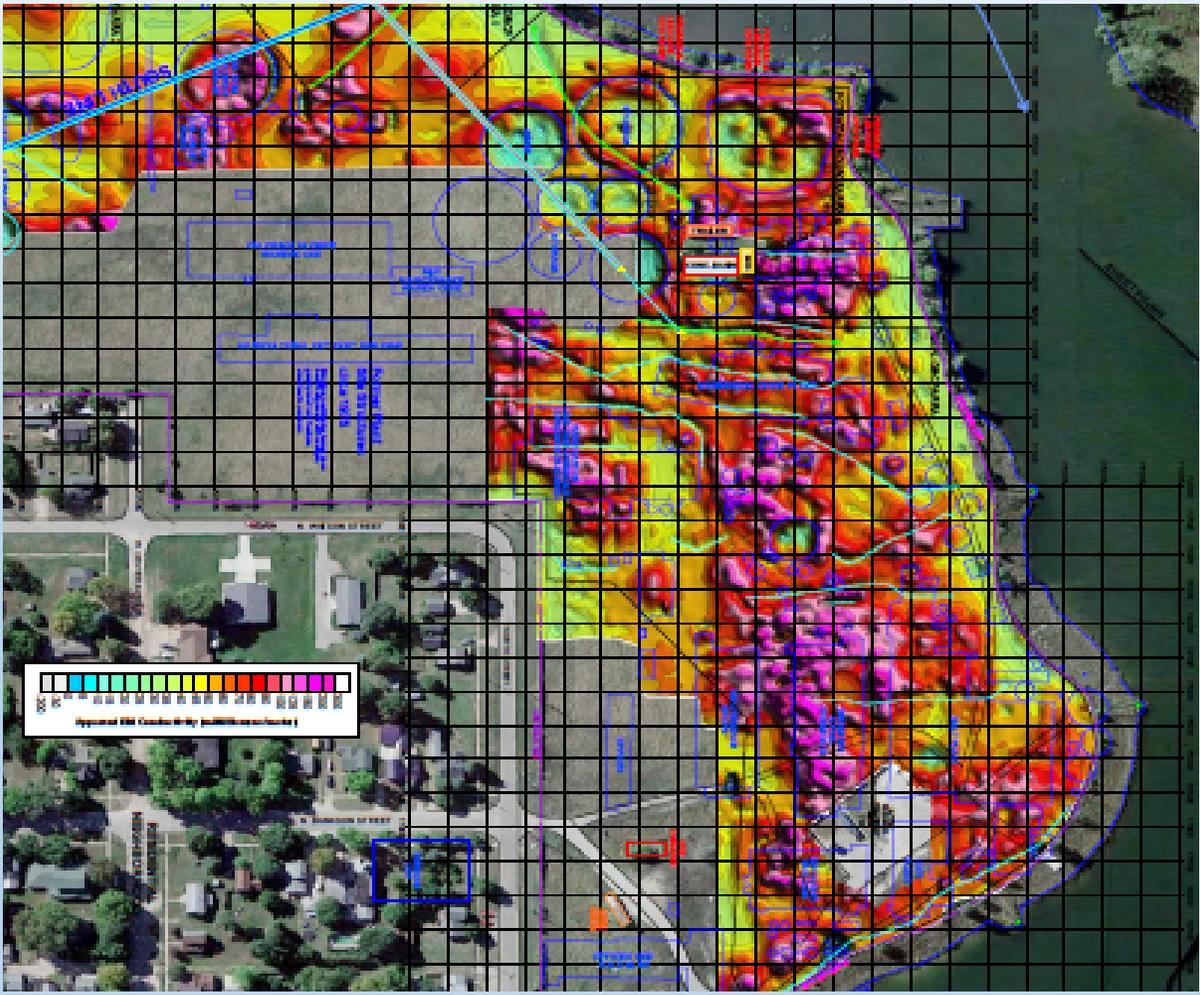


# Presence of Demolition Debris

1980 Demolition



2013-2014 Geophysical Survey



# Drilling Debris – Area 2



# Area 2 Facts

## Phase 1 (Area B)

- Over One-Acre
- 242 heaters into till (7 ft) with 12 to 15 ft spacing
- 52 MPEs and 52 shallow vapor phase extraction wells
- Estimated 240 days heating

## Phase 2 (Area A, C, D, E)

- Approximately two acres
- 325 heaters
- 70 MPEs and 70 shallow vapor phase extraction wells
- Estimated 228 days of heating

Completion scheduled for late summer/fall of 2021

# Area 2 – Subarea B



# Corrosion

Schedule 40 Piping (Pictured)  
to Schedule 80 Piping



Epoxy Coating Impellers



# More Than Expected NAPL Recovery



# Modifications to Water Treatment System



# Aesthetic Issues – Addition of Water Treatment Additives



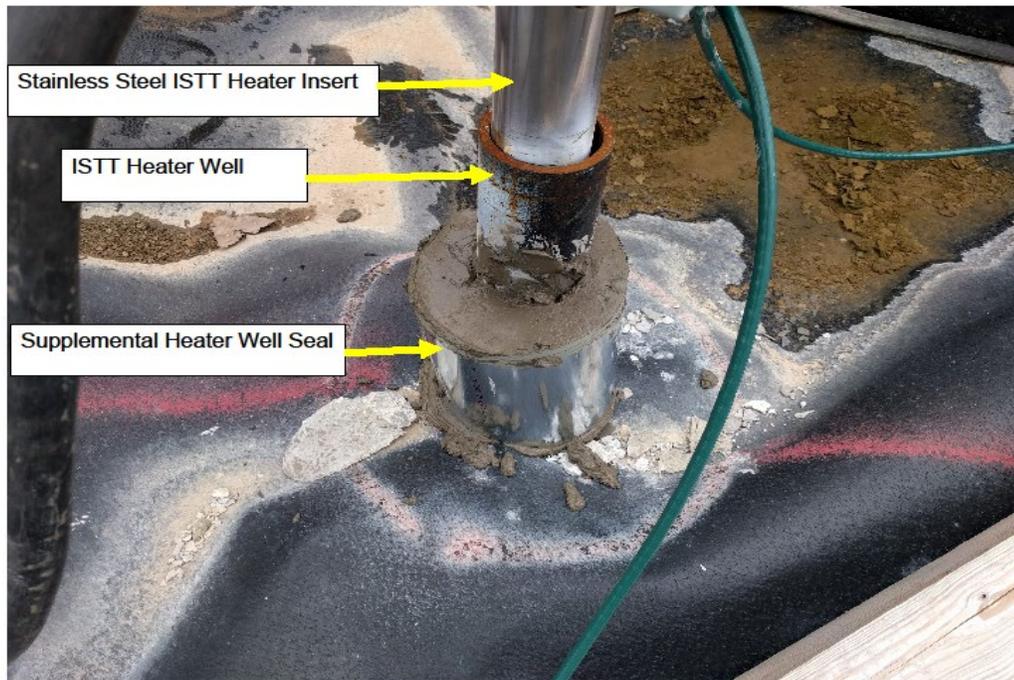
# Vapor Phase Redundancy



# Additional Shallow Vapor Extraction Wells



## Odors - Inspection/sealing of heaters



## Backup Generator



# Winter Protection for Water Treatment Plant



# Cleanup Summary



**More than 55,000 pounds  
contaminants removed**

Over twice estimated design mass.



**Energy 9,700,000 kWh**

Additional 25% promoting more  
robust treatment.  
Maintained target treatment zone  
temperature ~103 °C.



**Treated over 5,700,000  
gallons of contaminated  
groundwater**



**Air Monitoring Program**

Over 5,000 wellfield perimeter PID  
measurements with no detections.

Over 1,000 ambient air laboratory  
samples with no system related  
exceedances.



**Over 1 million data points  
monitoring system  
operation**

30,000 manually collected system  
operations data points.

1,000 system vapor PID samples.

400 wastewater and 160 vapor  
laboratory samples.