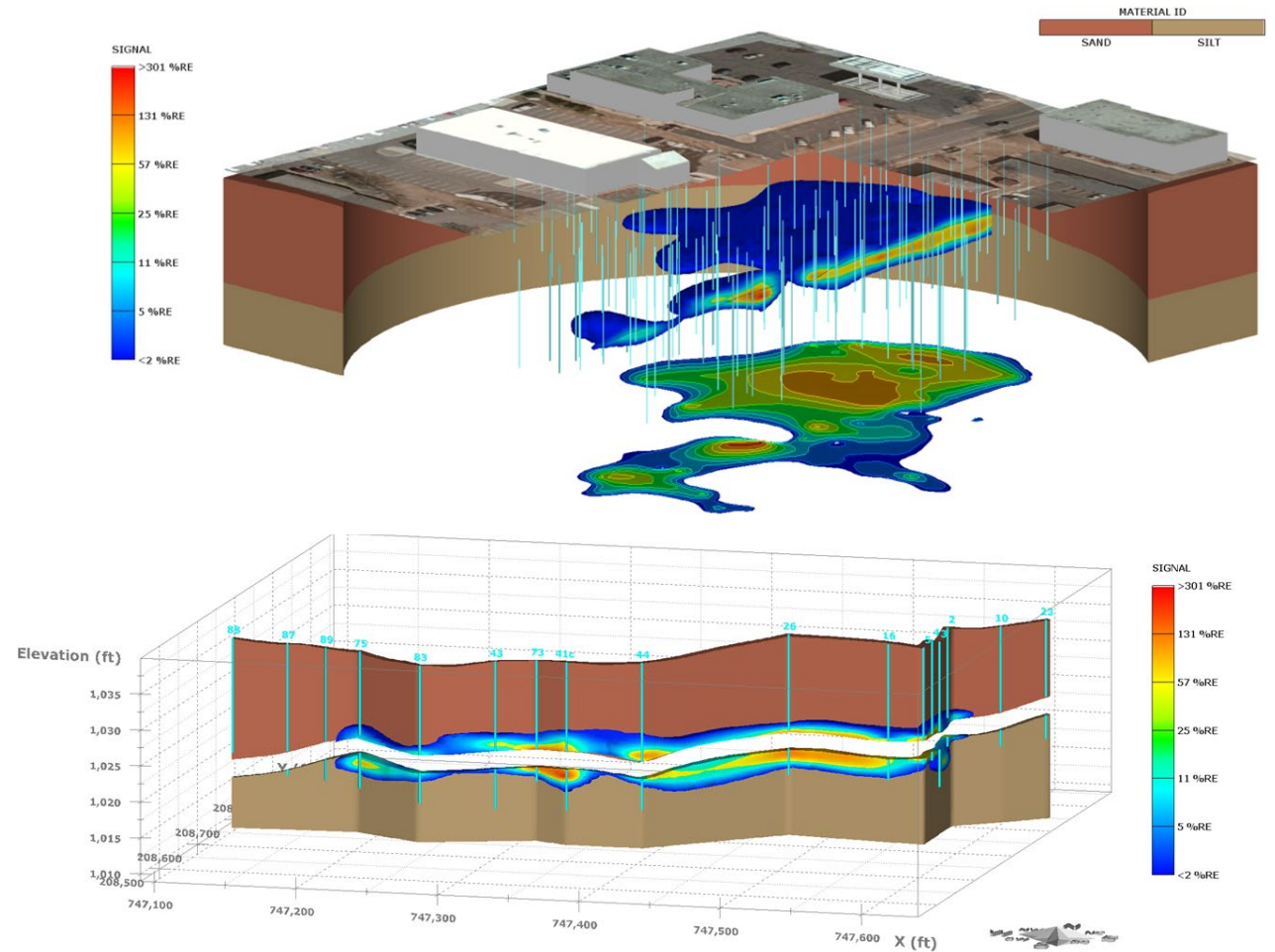


Implementing Advanced Site Characterization Tools

High-Resolution Site Characterization at Petroleum Release Sites

Introduction

- What are ASCTs & HRSC?
- Introduction to ASCTs for HRSC of Petroleum Releases
- HRSC – When & Where?
- Structuring a Successful HRSC Investigation
- Case Studies & Lessons Learned



Advanced Site Characterization Tools (ASCTs)

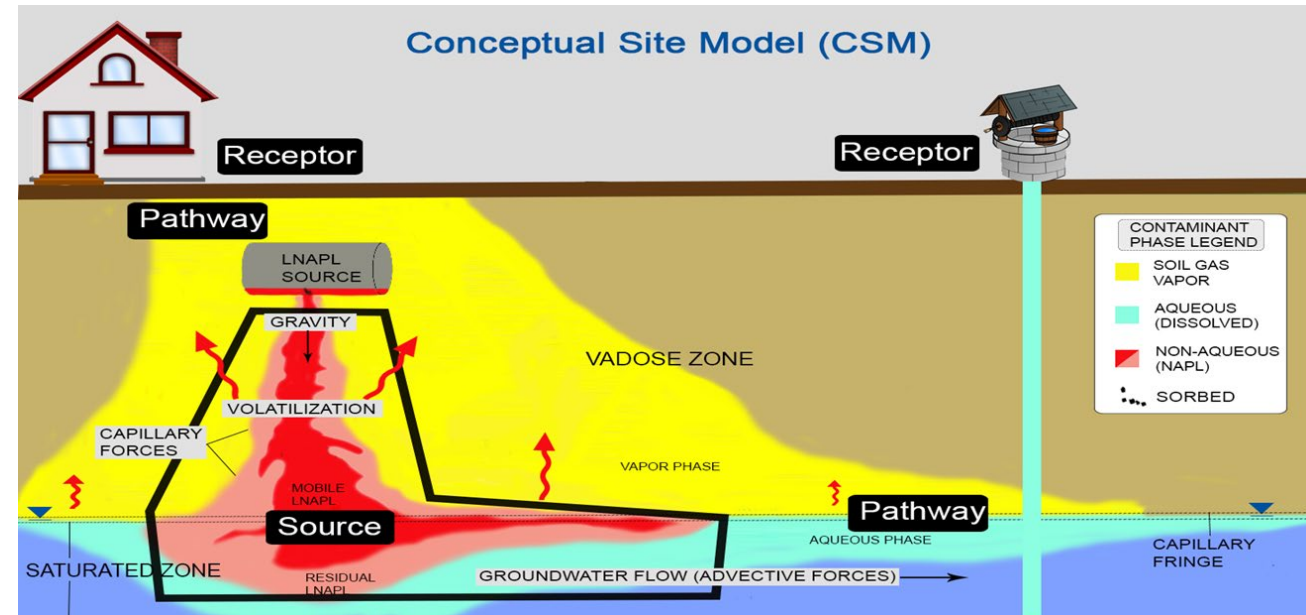
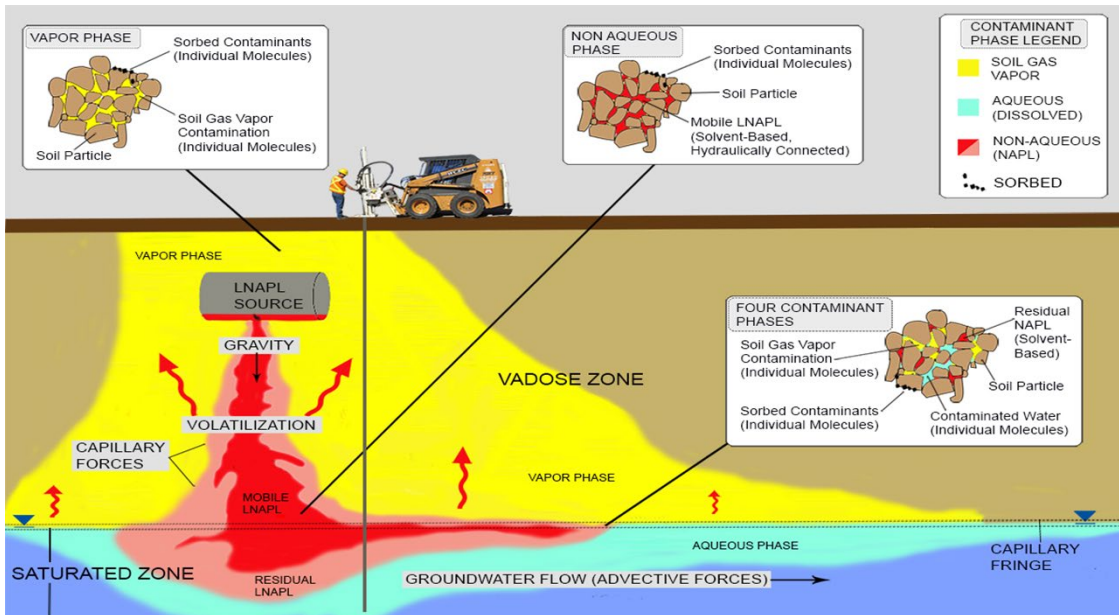
■ What are ASCTs?

- Incorporate direct sensing of the parameter of interest through direct contact or precise discrete sampling [ITRC, 2019]
- Provide scale-appropriate measurement and sample density to define contaminant distributions and the physical context in which they reside
- Allow for greater data density and enhance the practitioner's understanding of site-specific contaminant mass discharge and mass flux.
- This greater degree of certainty supports development of robust and reliable CSMs and faster and more effective site cleanup

High-Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC)

■ What is HRSC?

- Application of ASCTs for site investigation
- Real-time data used to intuitively progress the investigation
- HRSC typically includes 2D and 3D Data Visualizations of the CSM



High-Resolution Site Characterization (HRSC)

■ HRSC vs Traditional Site Characterization

High Resolution Site Characterization

- Produces a more detailed characterization of mass flux
- Reduce uncertainty through scale appropriate measurements
- Adaptive approach for single mobilization delineation
- Robust and reliable conceptual site models
- Develop right-sized, targeted remedies that focus on the mass that matters

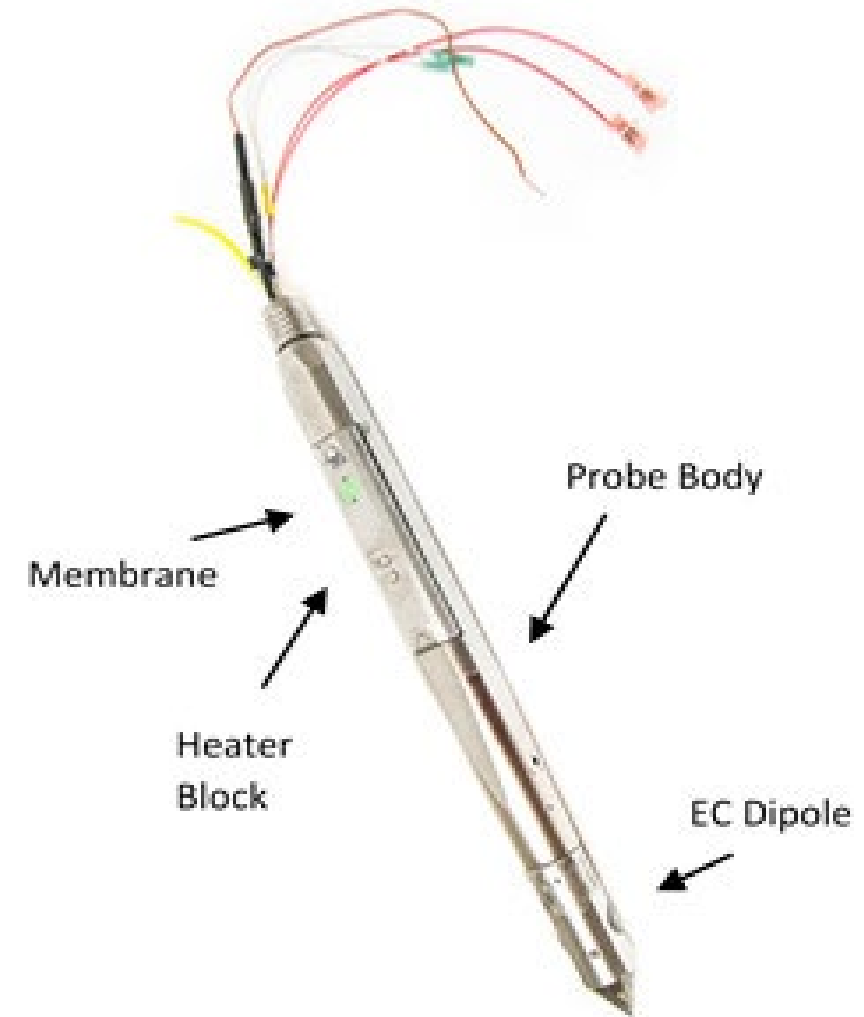
Traditional Site Characterization

- Iterative work plans
- Soil and groundwater sampling
- Geologic and hydrogeologic testing
- Time consuming analysis of data
- Reporting followed by additional field sampling to complete delineation
- Poor differentiation between contaminant phases
- Poor characterization of subsurface heterogeneities

- **Direct Sensing Tools**
 - **Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)**
 - **Optical Imaging Profiler (OIP-UV & OIP-G)**
 - **LIF Ultra-Violet & Tar-Specific Green Optical Screening Tools (UVOST & TarGOST)**
 - **Electrical Conductivity (EC)**
 - **Hydraulic Profiling Tool (HPT)**

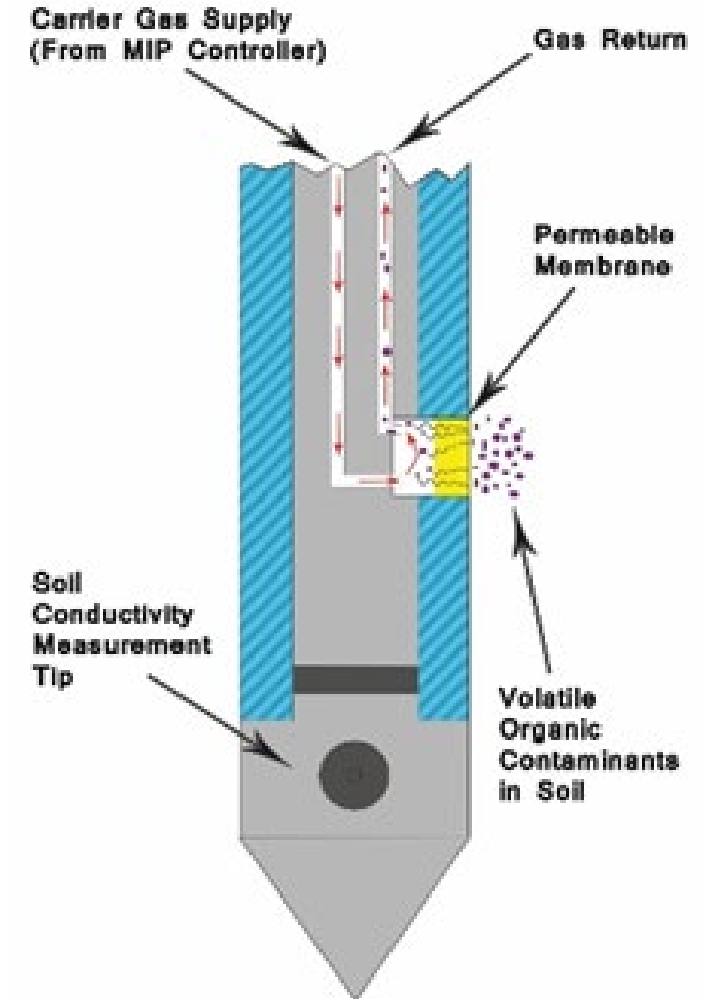
HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

- **Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)**
 - Screening tool used to log relative concentration of VOCs with depth
 - Steel probe equipped with a semi-permeable membrane
 - Trunk line pre-strung through the drill rods that connects the probe to carrier gas and uphole sensors
 - Deployed with either percussion driven direct push machines or push-only (CPT)



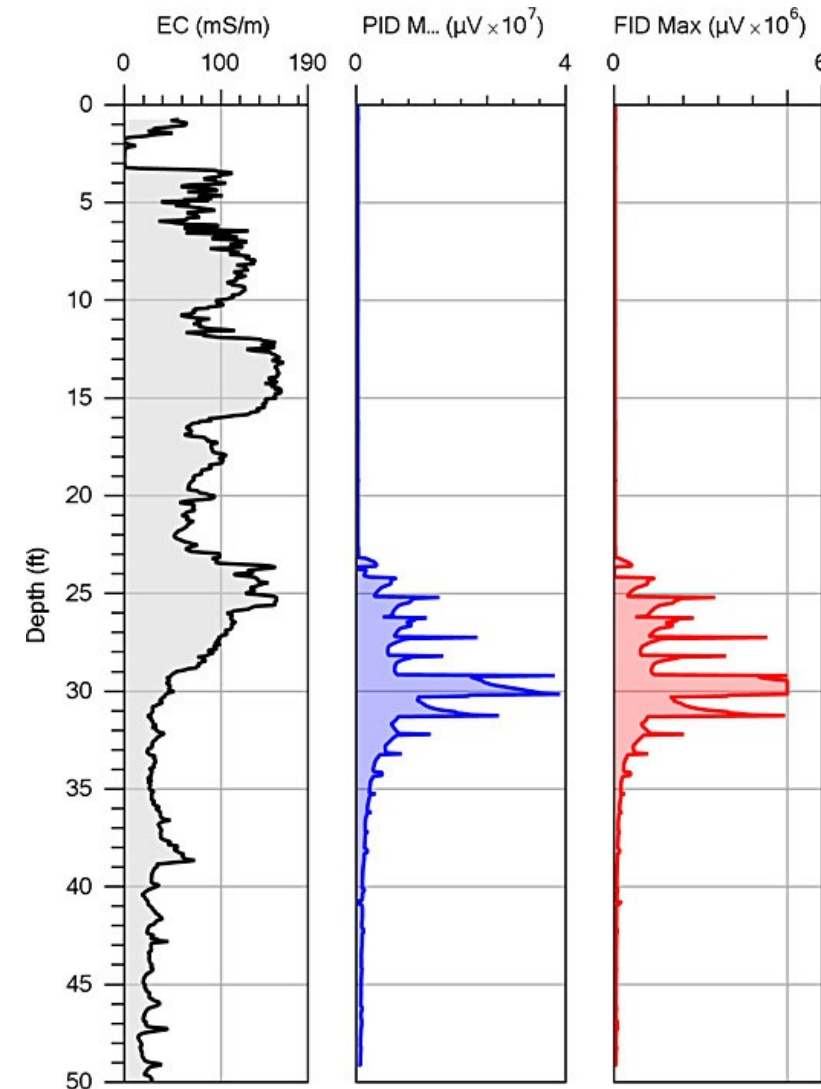
HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

- **Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)**
 - Probe is advanced at 1-foot intervals
 - Volatilization of contaminants enhanced by heating the media adjacent to the heating block
 - VOCs released from the formation cross the membrane and enter the carrier gas flow where they are carried uphole to the detectors (PID, FID, XSD).
 - Typically coupled with EC or HPT



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

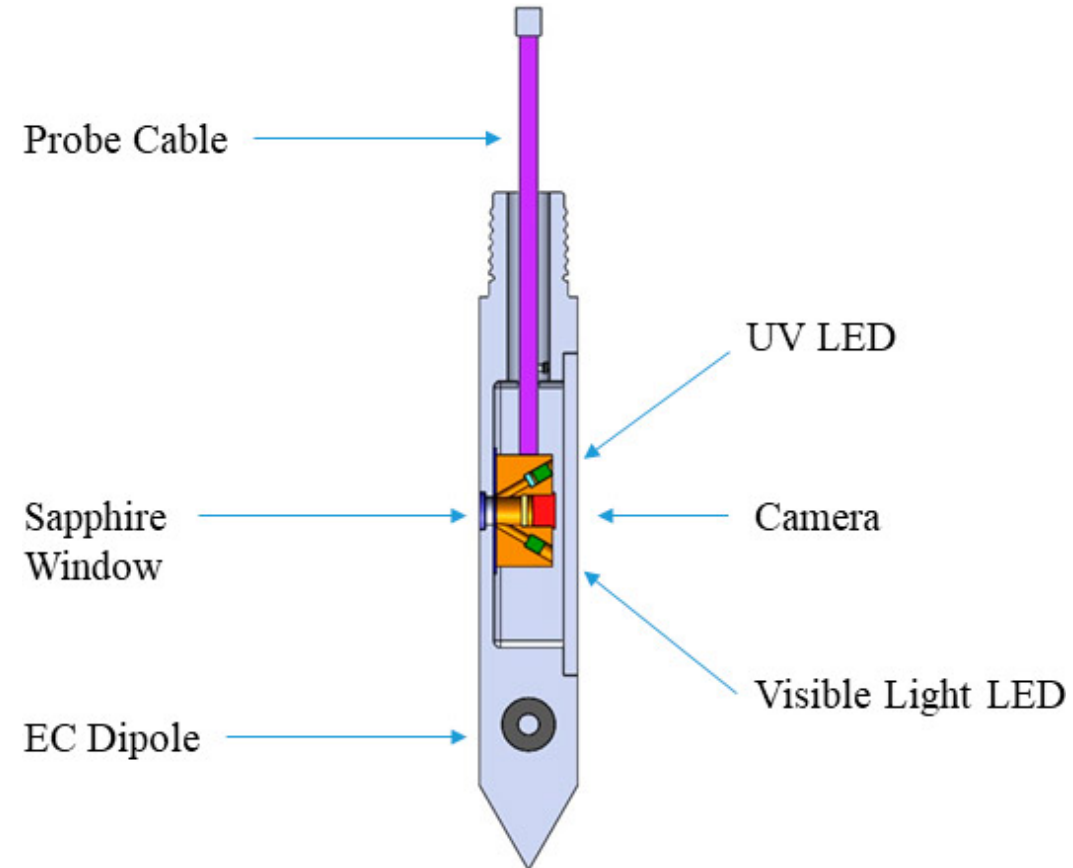
- **Membrane Interface Probe (MIP)**
 - Typical production rate of 100 to 300 feet per day
 - Grid layout with 30 foot initial spacing
 - Progress investigation “clean-to-dirty” to minimize system clean-up wait times
 - Confirmation soil and groundwater sampling recommended
 - Comparison of EC or HPT data to soil boring logs



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

■ Optical Imaging Profiler (OIP-UV)

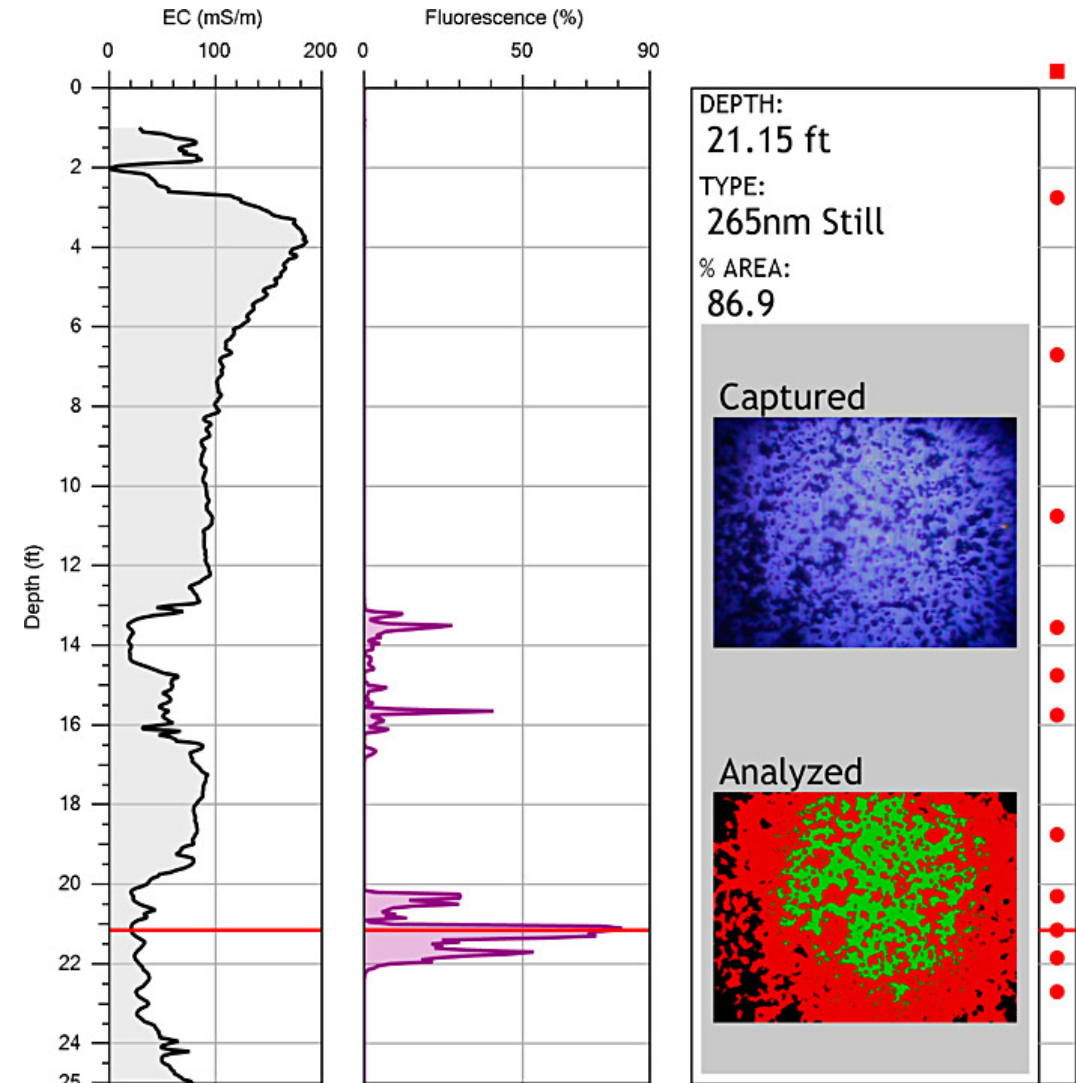
- Uses a combination of 275 nm UV LED, visible spectrum white light LED, and an integrated downhole camera
- Advanced via direct push percussion probing or push only (CPT) methods
- The camera captures images of fluorescence response at 30 frames/sec with one image saved for every 0.05 ft of probe advancement



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

Optical Imaging Profiler (OIP-UV)

- Can identify the presence and distribution of NAPL containing PAHs
- Logs display percent area of fluorescence of the captured image
- The average area illuminated (% fluorescence) per frame is calculated using multiple filtered frames from the 0.05 ft interval
- Response in the visible light spectrum only, blind to UV range fluorescence response

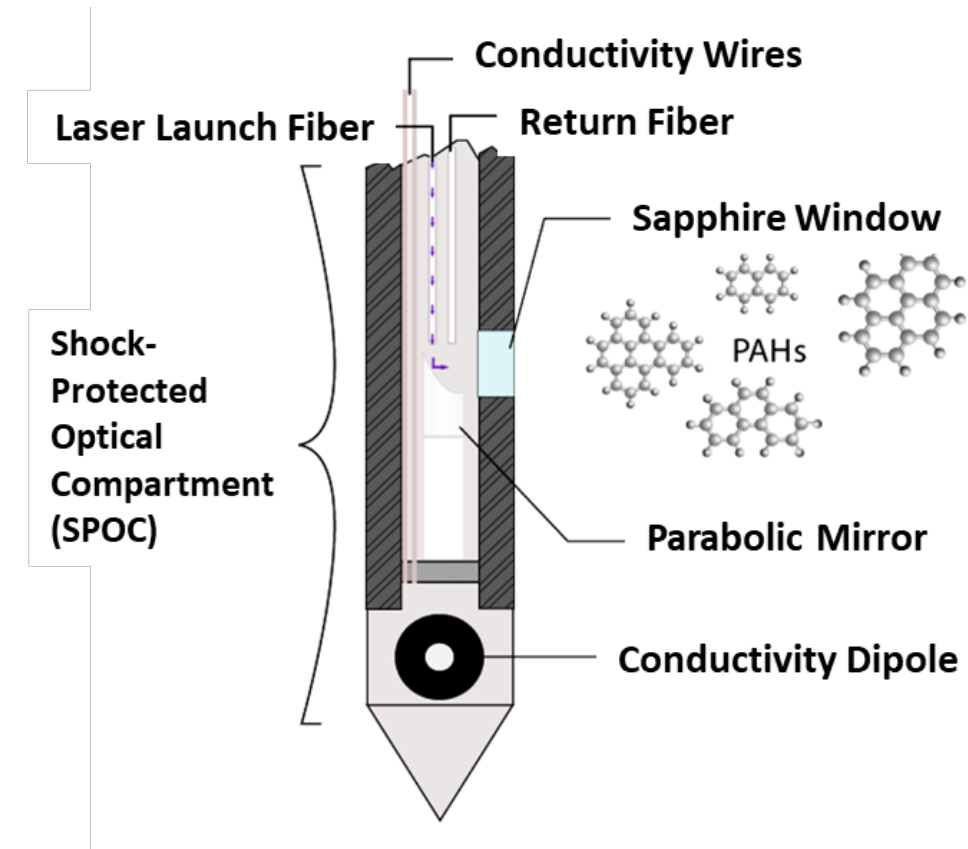


- **Optical Imaging Profiler (OIP-UV)**
 - Typical production rate of 150 to 300 feet per day
 - Grid layout with 30 foot initial spacing
 - Progress investigation “dirty-to-clean”
 - Confirmation soil and groundwater sampling recommended
 - Comparison of EC or HPT data to soil boring logs
 - Also available with a 520 nm green light LED (OIP-G) for detection of heavier NAPLs (creosote, coal-tars)
 - Does not differentiate product types

HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

■ Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)

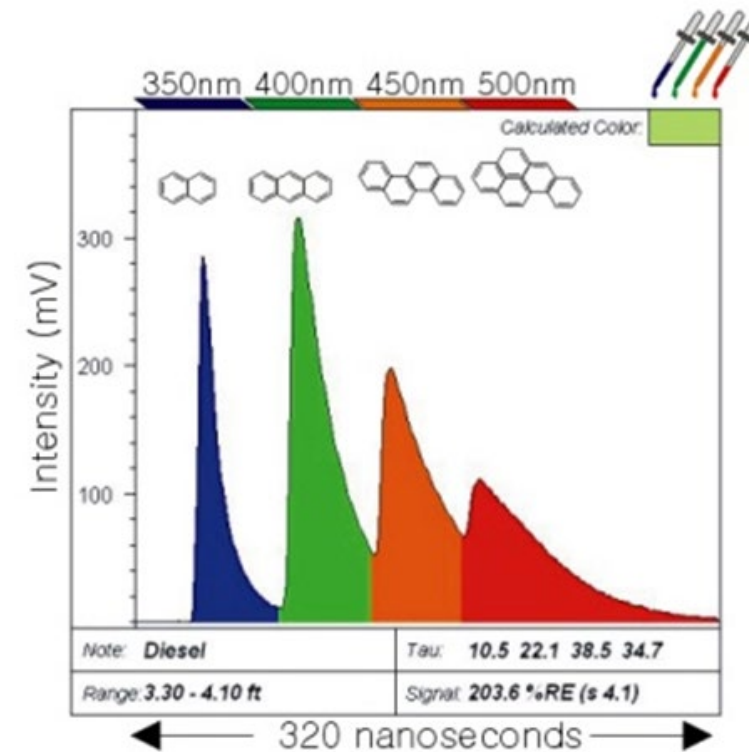
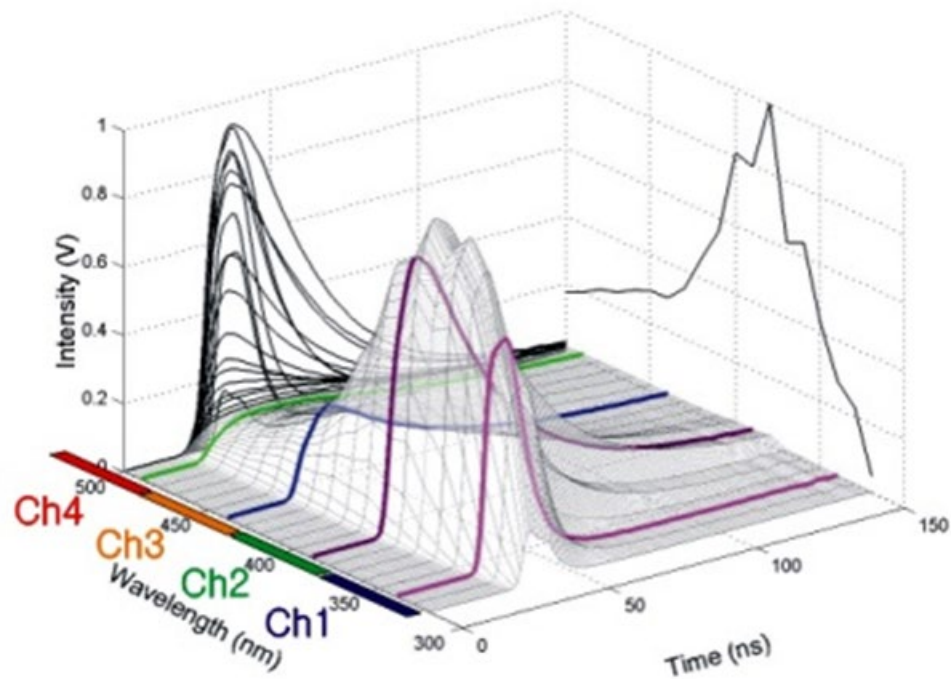
- Developed by Dakota Technologies in 1990's, widely known in the environmental industry as "LIF"
- LIF excitation of PAHs
- Direct sensing of mobile and residual LNAPL
- Provides real-time data of fluorescence response vs. depth



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

■ Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)

- OST translates fluorescence emission into a multi-wavelength waveform

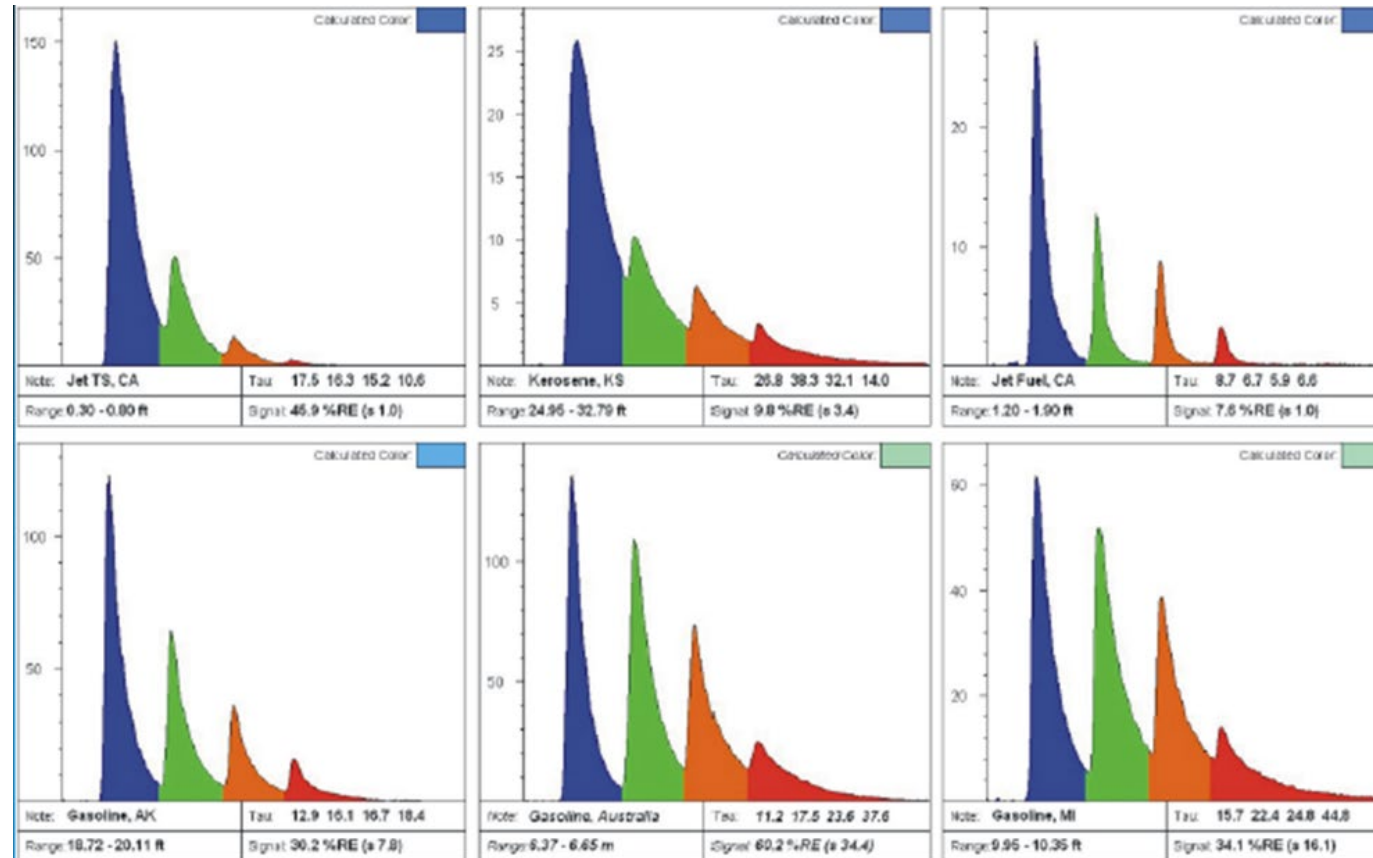


HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

- **Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)**
 - UOVST Output allows for differentiation of LNAPL types

Jet fuel /
kerosene

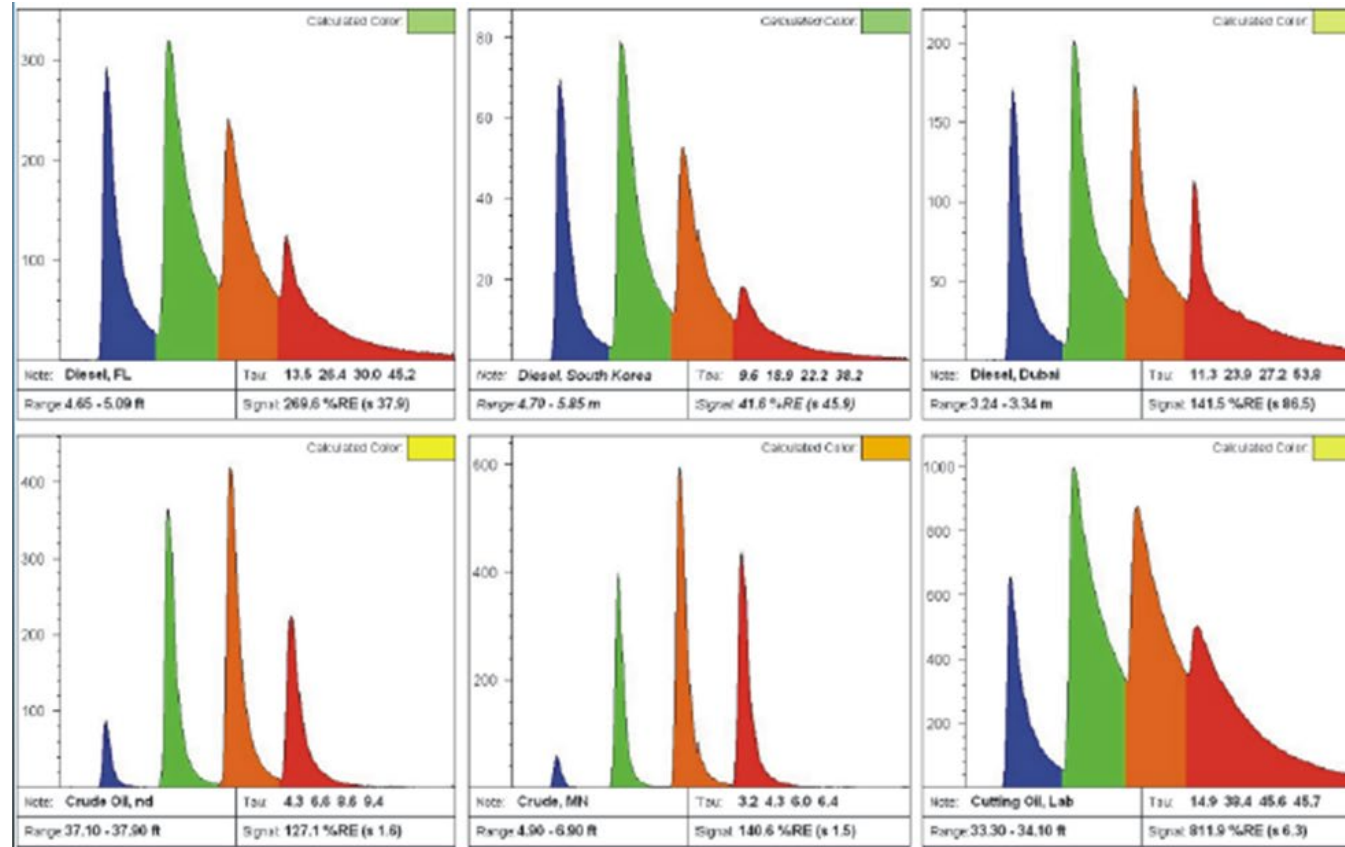
Gasoline



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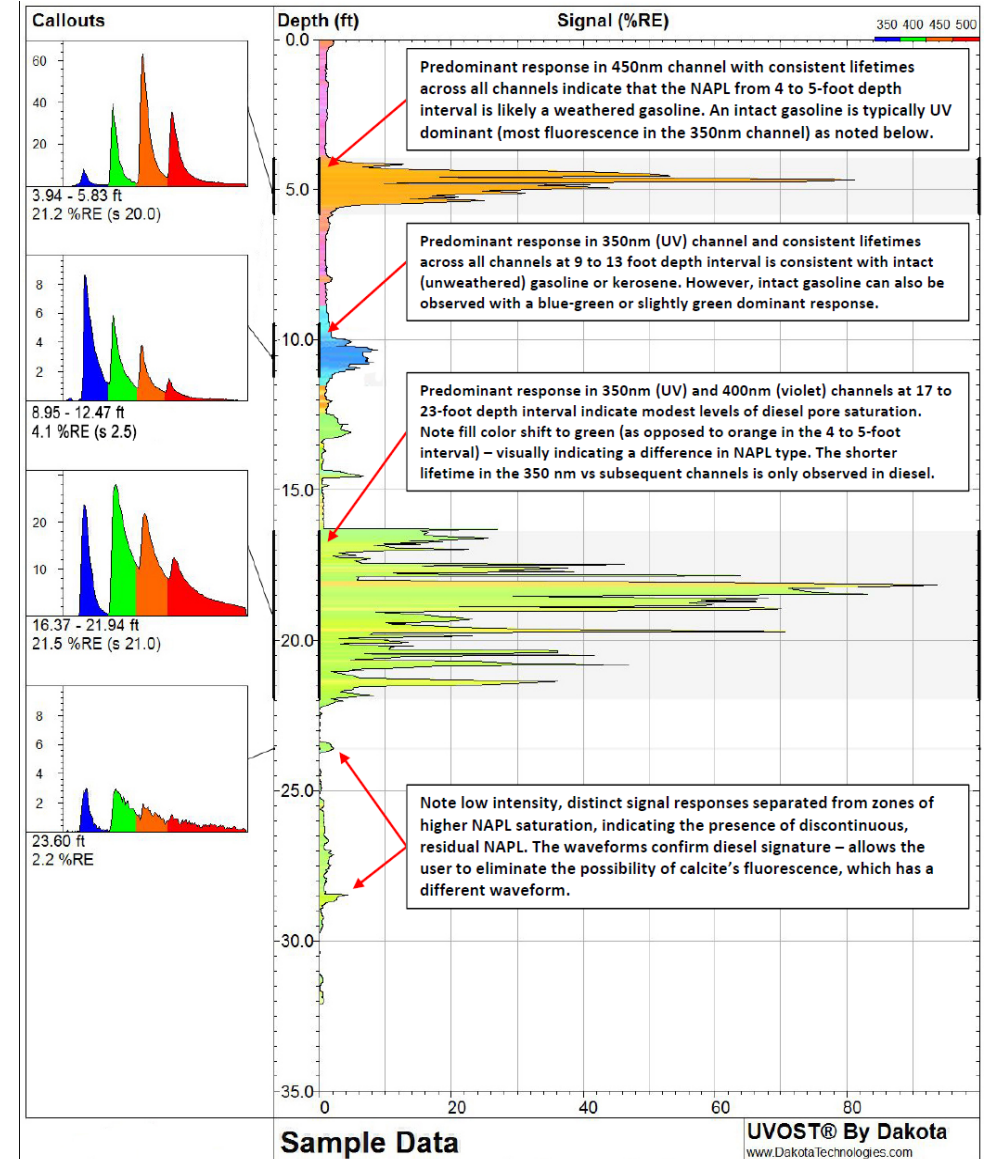
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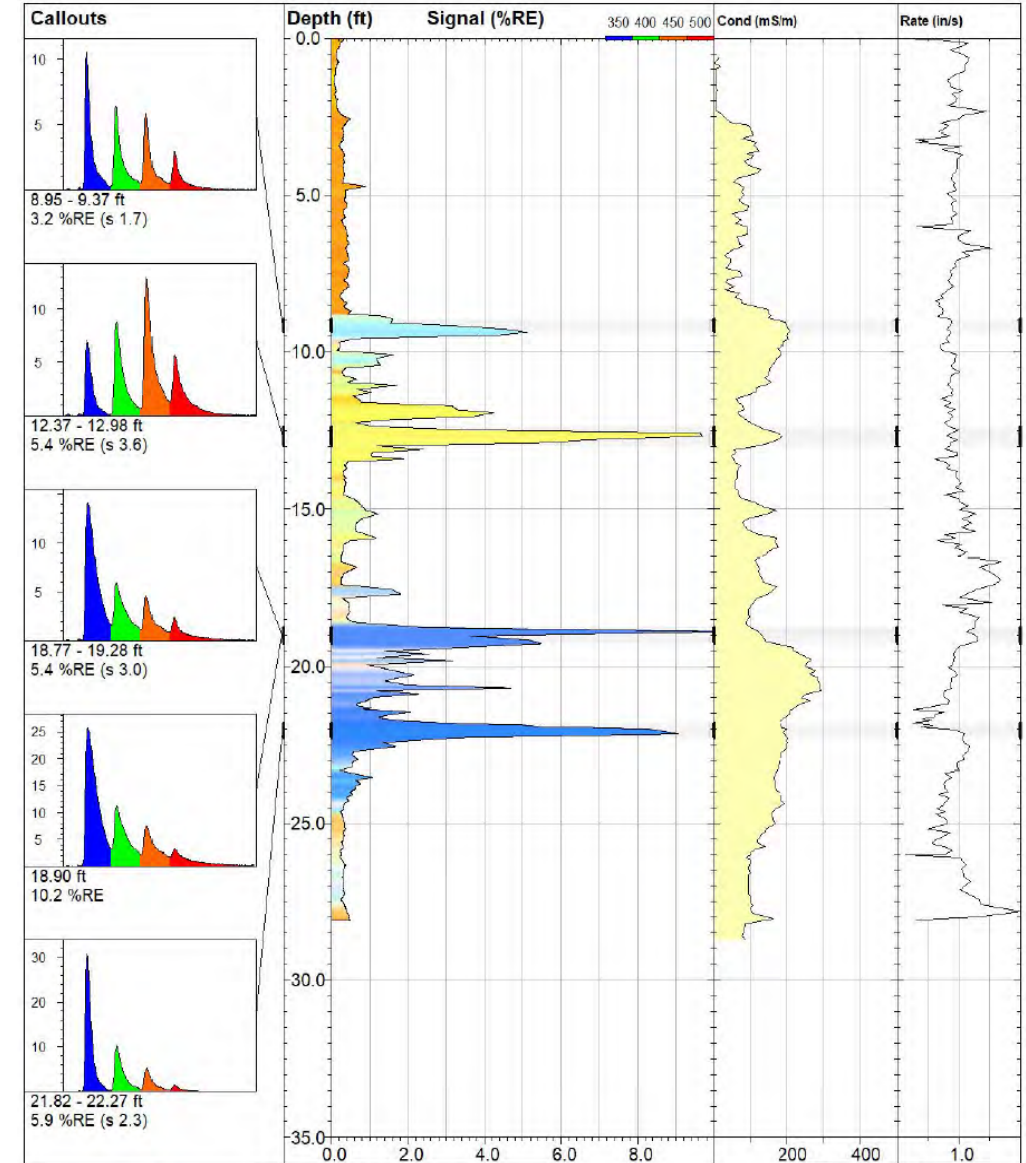
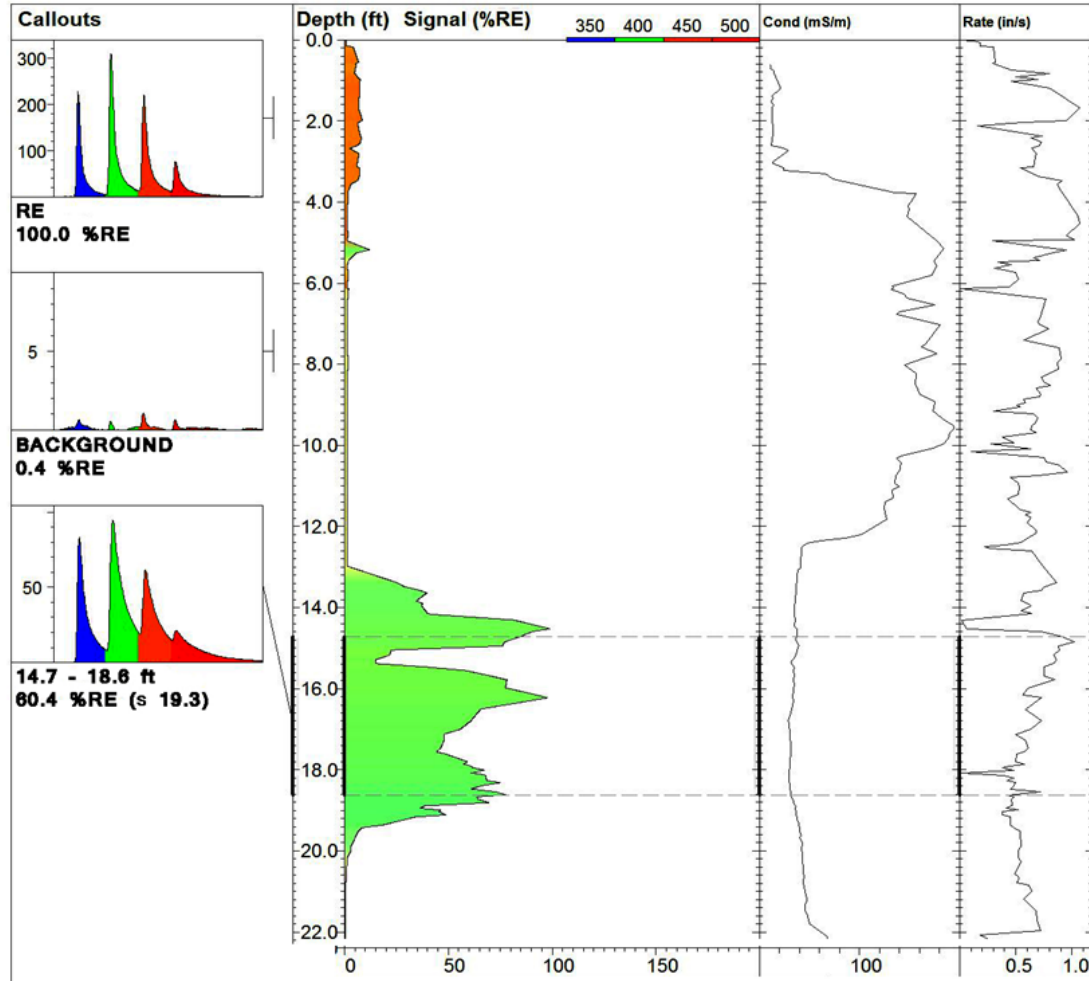
HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

- **Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)**
 - Differentiates product types in real-time
 - Fluorescence displayed in %RE
 - Coupled with EC dipole or HPT



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

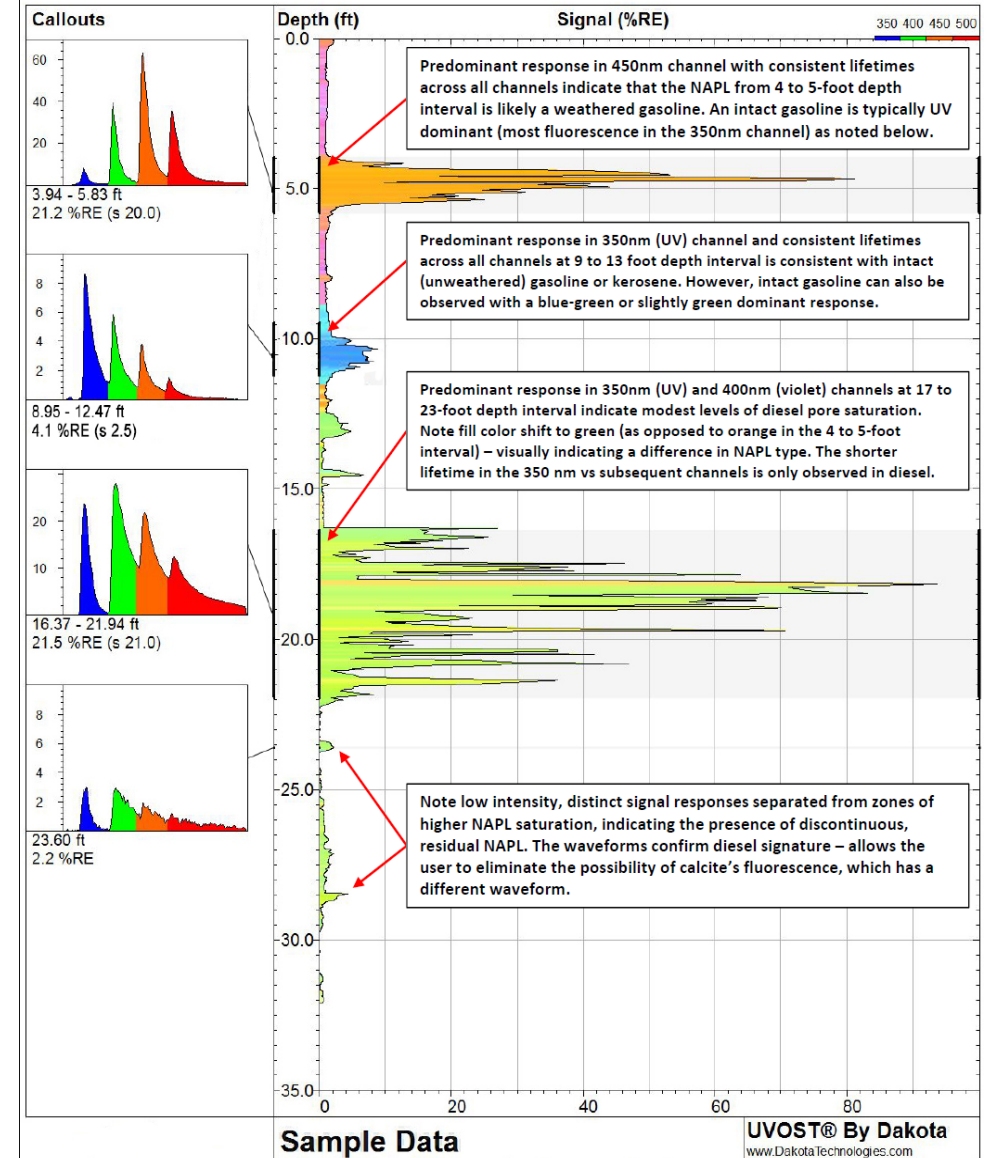
Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)



HRSC Tools for Petroleum Release Investigation

■ Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool (UVOST)

- Typical production – 200 to 400 ft per day
- Progress investigation “dirty-to-clean”
- Grid layout with 30 foot initial spacing
- Confirmation soil and groundwater sampling recommended

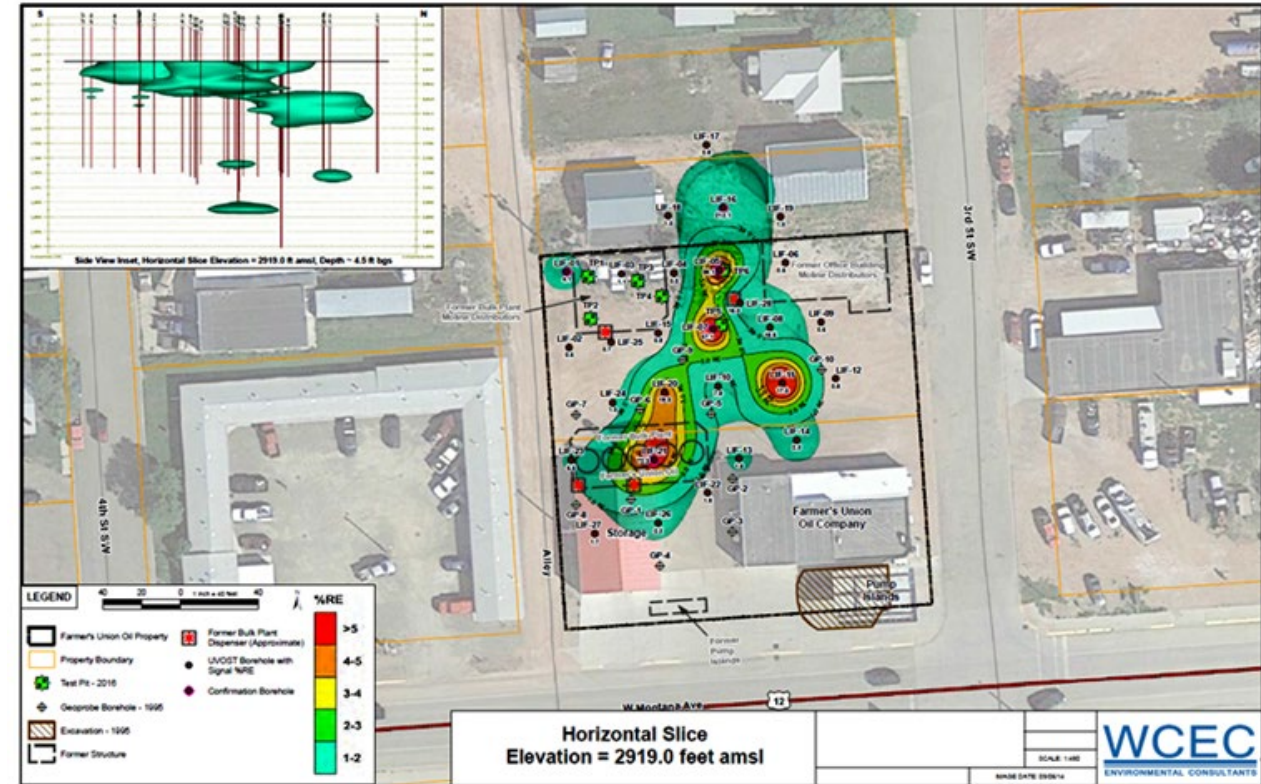


ASCT Summary

ASCT	Product Types	Lithology	Productivity (Ft / Day)	Limitations
MIP	VOCs	Direct push / hammerable only	100 - 200	High concentrations / LNAPL problematic. Limited distinction of product types.
OIP-UV	Light PAHs / LNAPLs	Direct push / hammerable only	150 - 300	Cannot differentiate product types. False positives from naturally occurring materials.
OIP-G	Heavy PAH / LNAPLS (creosote/coal tars)	Direct push / hammerable only	150 - 300	Cannot differentiate product types. False positives from naturally occurring materials.
UVOST	Light PAHs / LNAPLs	Direct push / hammerable only	200 - 400	False positives from naturally occurring materials.
TarGOST	Heavy PAH / LNAPLS (creosote/coal tars)	Direct push / hammerable only	200 - 400	False positives from naturally occurring materials.

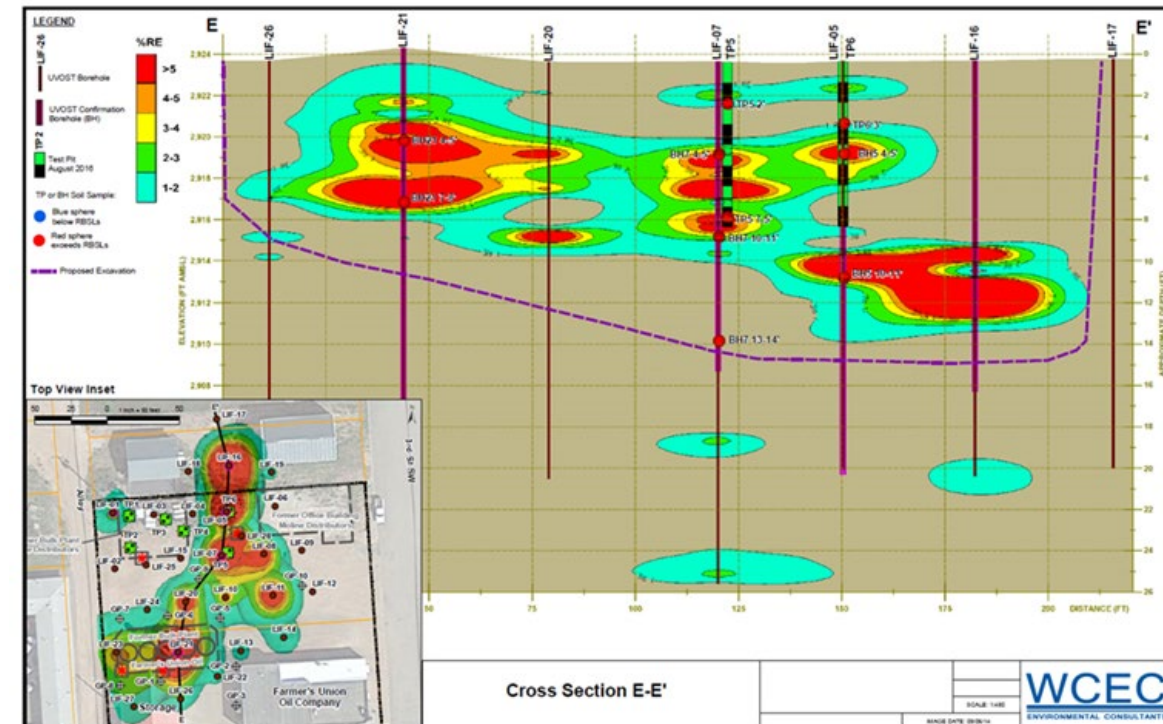
HRSC – When & Where?

- Initial RI at high-risk sites for rapid advancement of the CSM
- To alleviate CSM data gaps when receptors are threatened or impacted
- Informed Remedial Design
- *ITRC ASCT Selection Tool & ASCT Direct Sensing Checklist*



Structuring a Successful HRSC Investigation

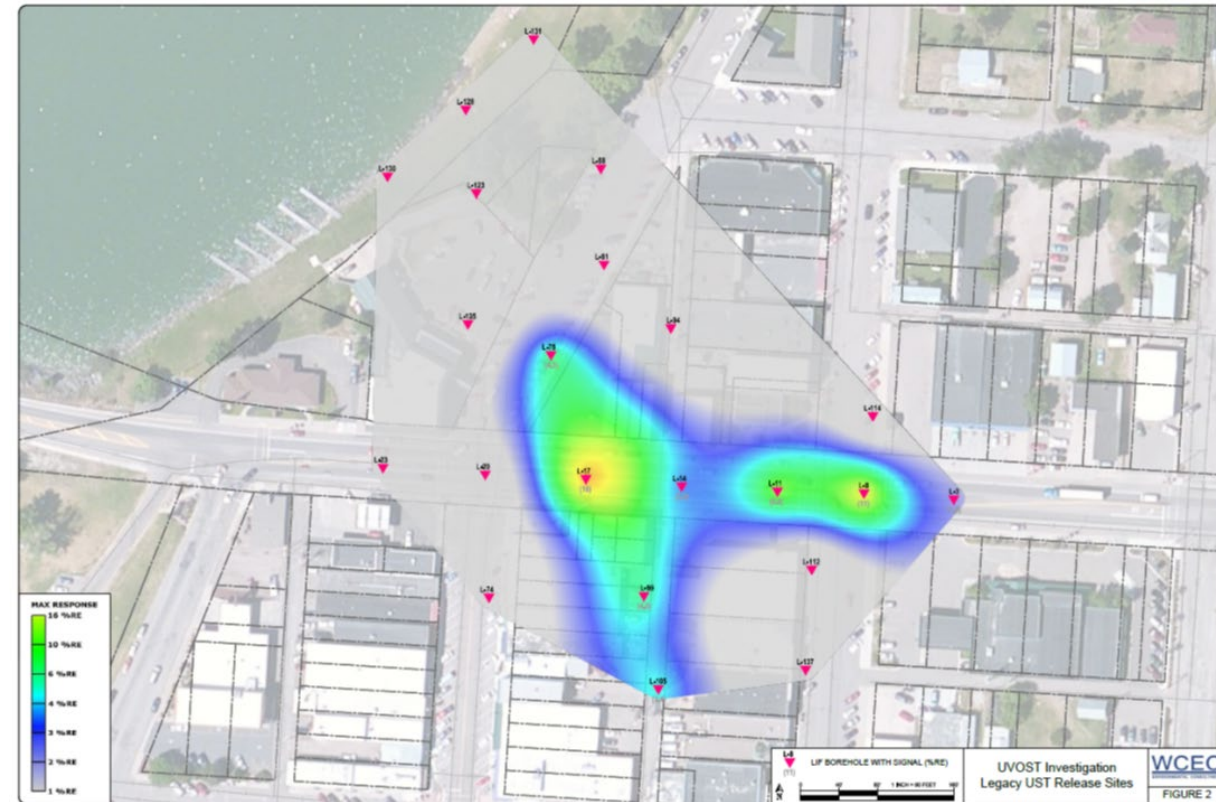
- **Goal of HRSC Investigation**
 - To define the extent and magnitude of horizontal and vertical contaminant distribution, particularly LNAPL distribution
- **HRSC Investigation Planning**
 - Discuss your project with the HRSC provider to assist with tool selection and investigation design
 - Learn the technology before going into the field
 - Be prepared to expand the investigation
 - Understand the data necessary for CSM visualization



Structuring a Successful HRSC Investigation

HRSC Investigation Basics:

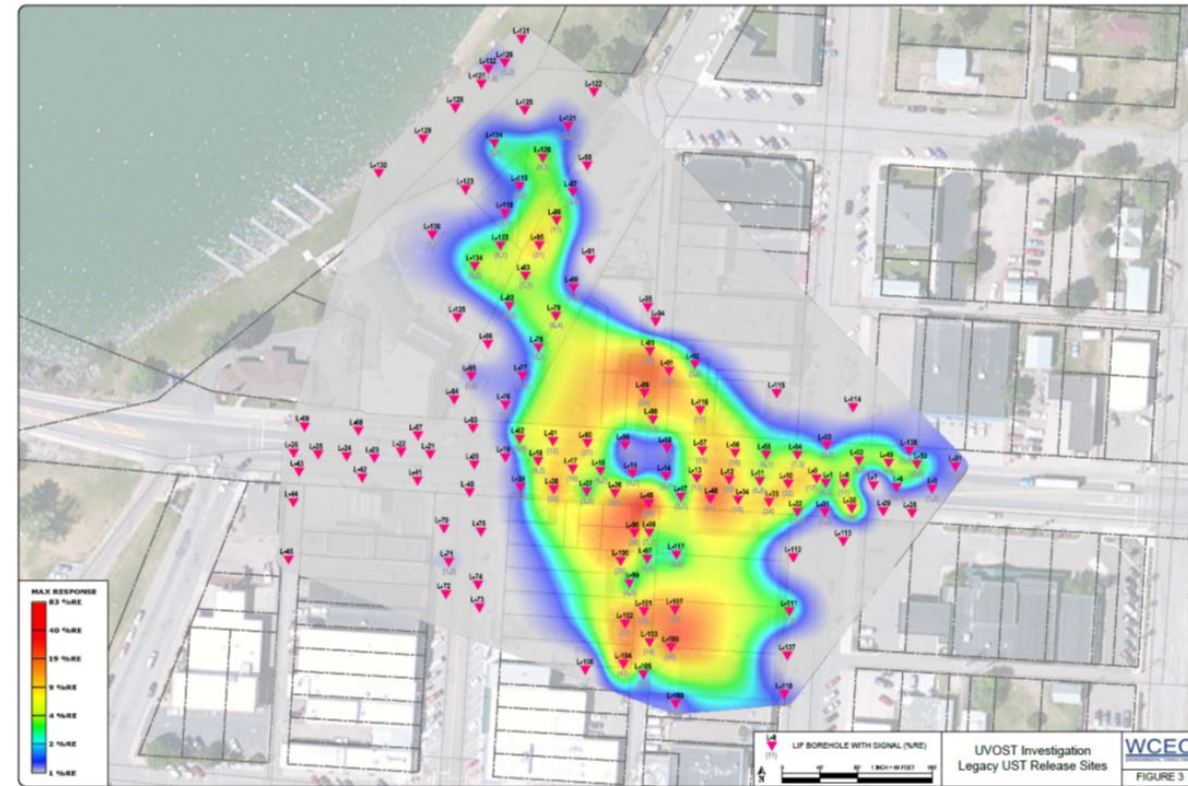
- Start with 30-foot grid spacing with borings extending to at least 10' below the groundwater surface
- Advance initial borings in areas known to have the highest impacts
- Use source area response and / or waveforms to help guide the investigation
- Maintain consistent terminal boring depths
- Use real time data to inform decision process and progress the investigation
- Define the horizontal and vertical boundaries. In-fill with additional borings for higher resolution data within the source area or LNAPL body.



Structuring a Successful HRSC Investigation

HRSC Investigation Basics:

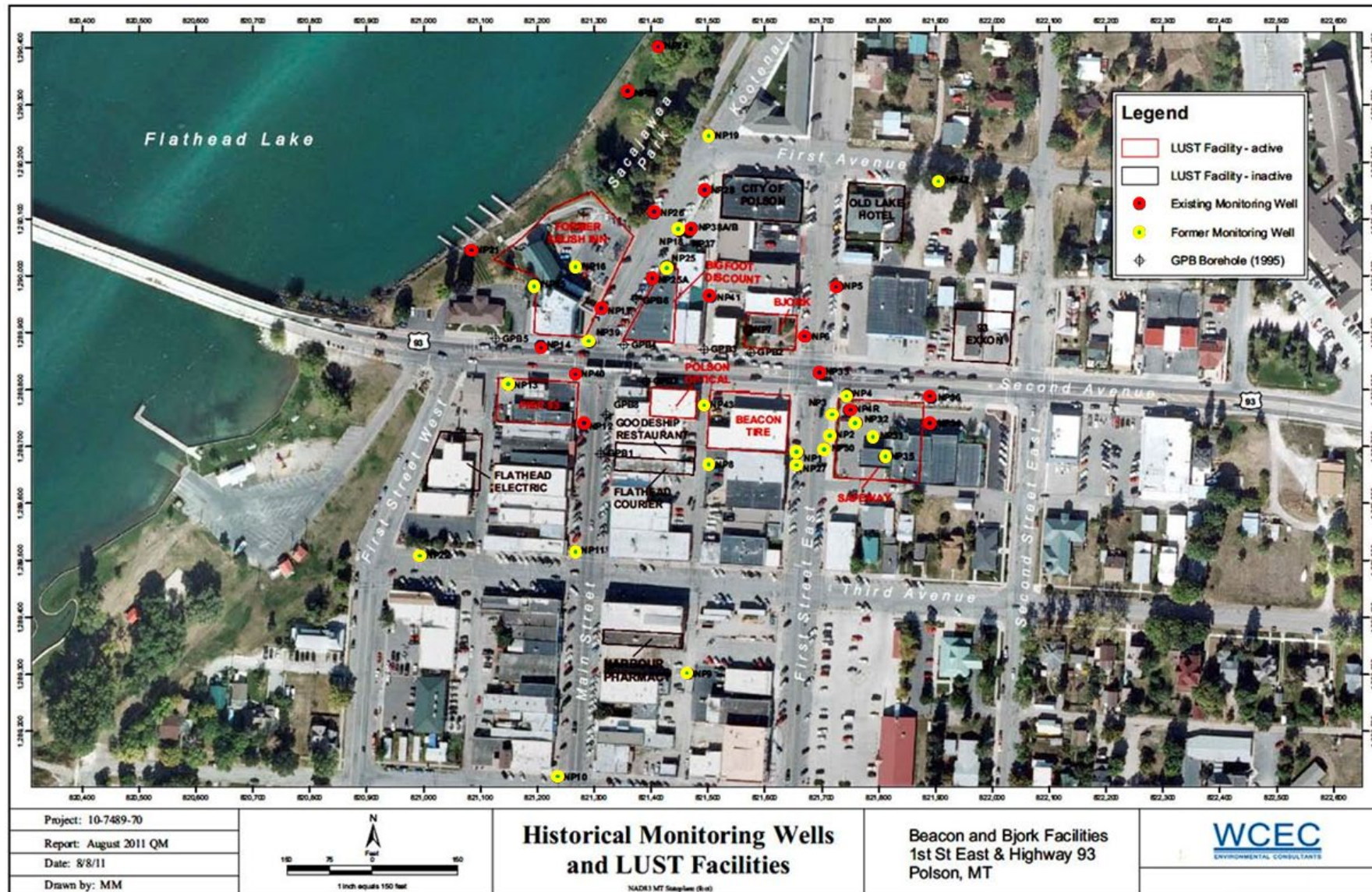
- **Non-Detects Are Your Friend!**
 - Non-detect borings or depth intervals allow for “bounding” of the plume and are critical in truly defining extent and magnitude.
- Correlate EC or HPT logs with continuous soil cores for lithology
- Accurately map the vertical and horizontal locations of each boring relative to site features (buildings, utilities, etc.)
- Collect a variety of correlative samples from each identified product type and from a range of response intensity
- Implement multiple HRSC tools “HRSC Toolkit” method



Project Background Information

- Legacy petroleum release site in downtown Polson, initial investigation in early 1990s
- 13 facilities with releases and individual PRP ownership
- Large undefined LNAPL plume, LNAPL present in various monitoring wells across the site
- Complex lithology consisting of fine-grained, varved lakebed sediments
- Sensitive surface water receptor (Flathead Lake)
- Various regulatory agencies including MTDEQ, City of Polson, Lake County, CSKT Tribe & USEPA

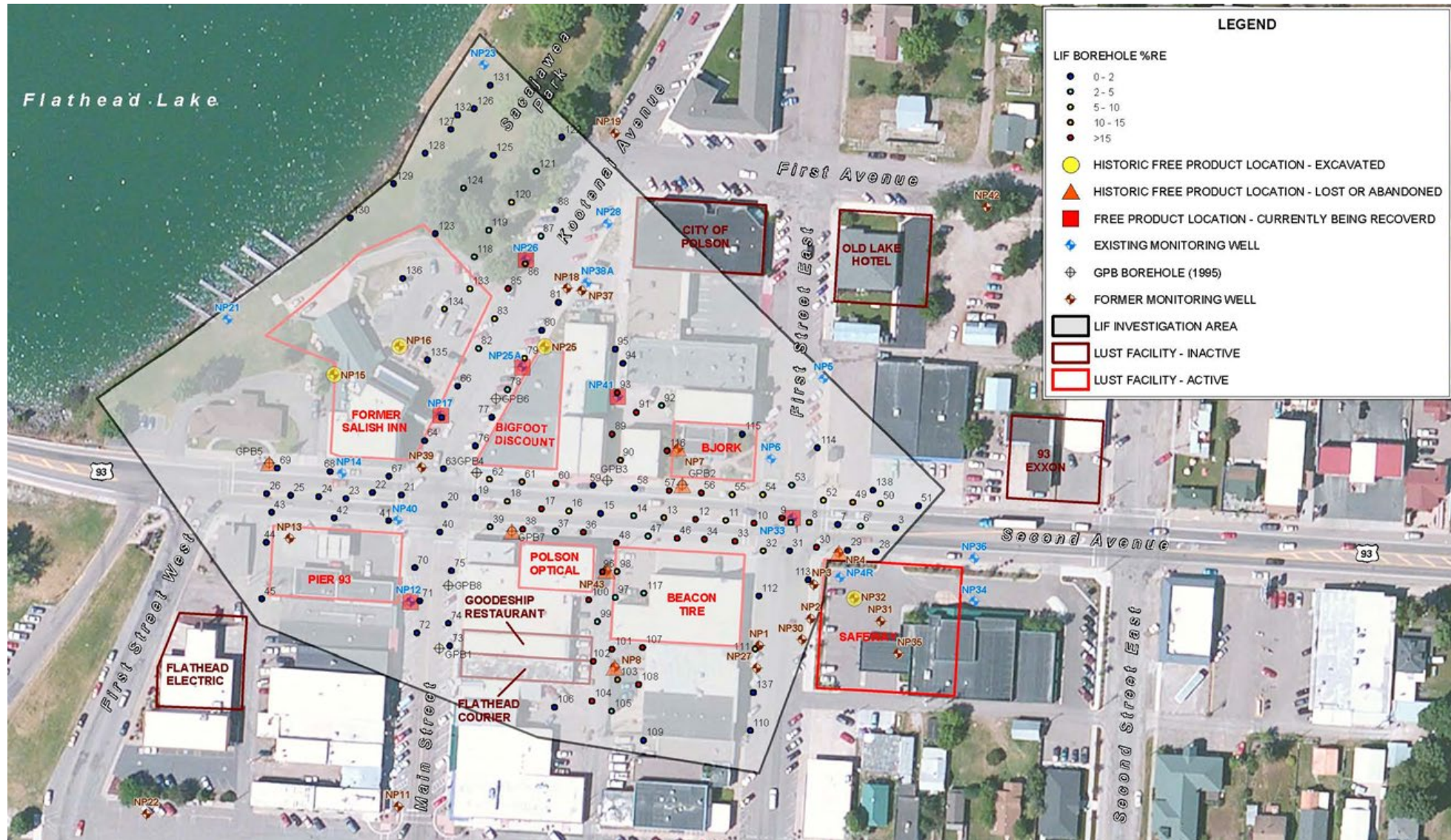
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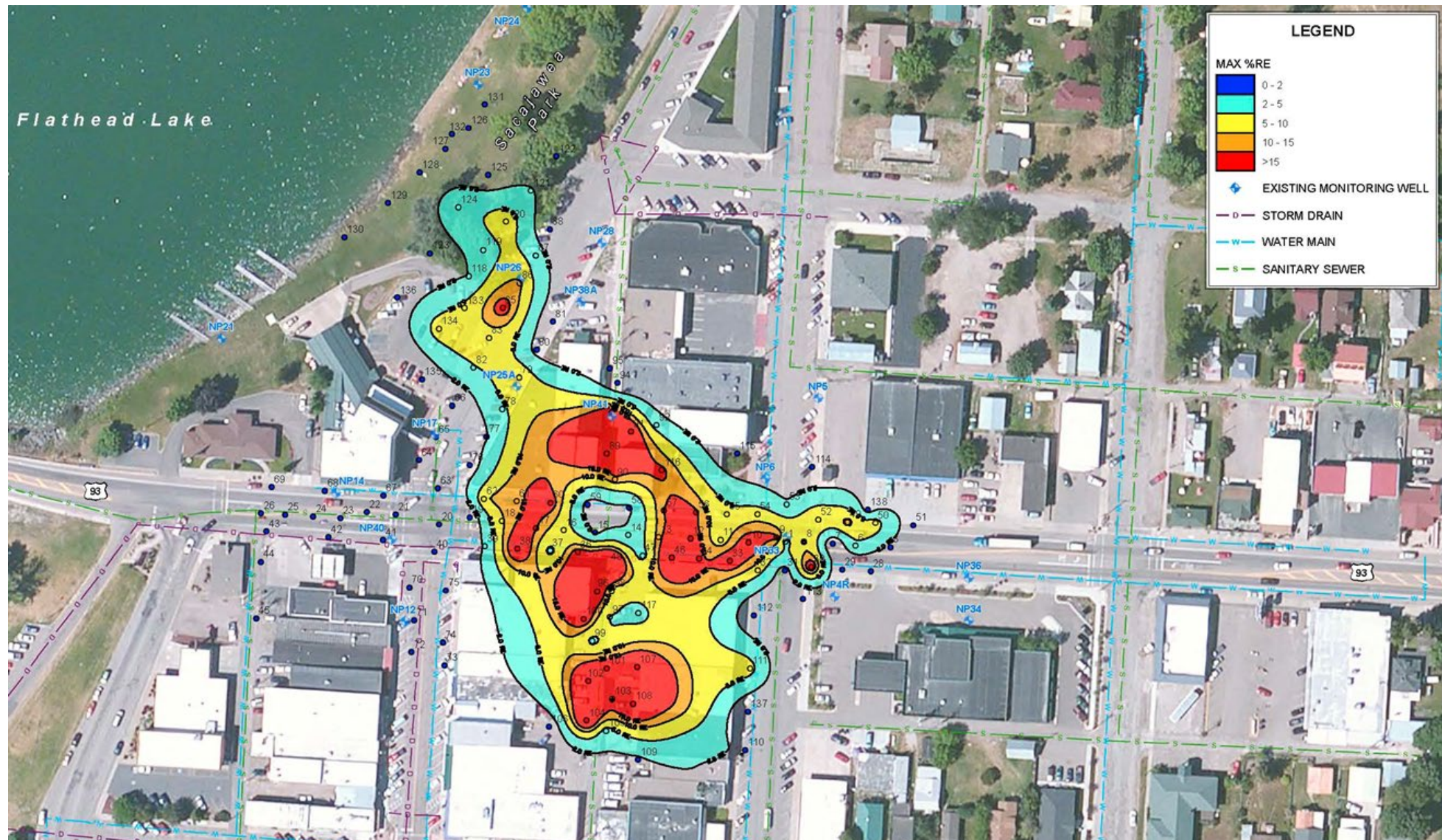
HRSC Investigation Details

- Investigation included 138 UVOST® borings completed over 10-day period
- Geospatial data points recorded for each boring using sub-decimeter GPS equipment
- Daily uploads of UVOST® response and GPS data
- UVOST® analyst provided daily 2D LNAPL isoconcentration maps as a tool to guide the investigation
- Depth of borings was correlated to high and low pool lake elevations

HRSC Investigation Case Study



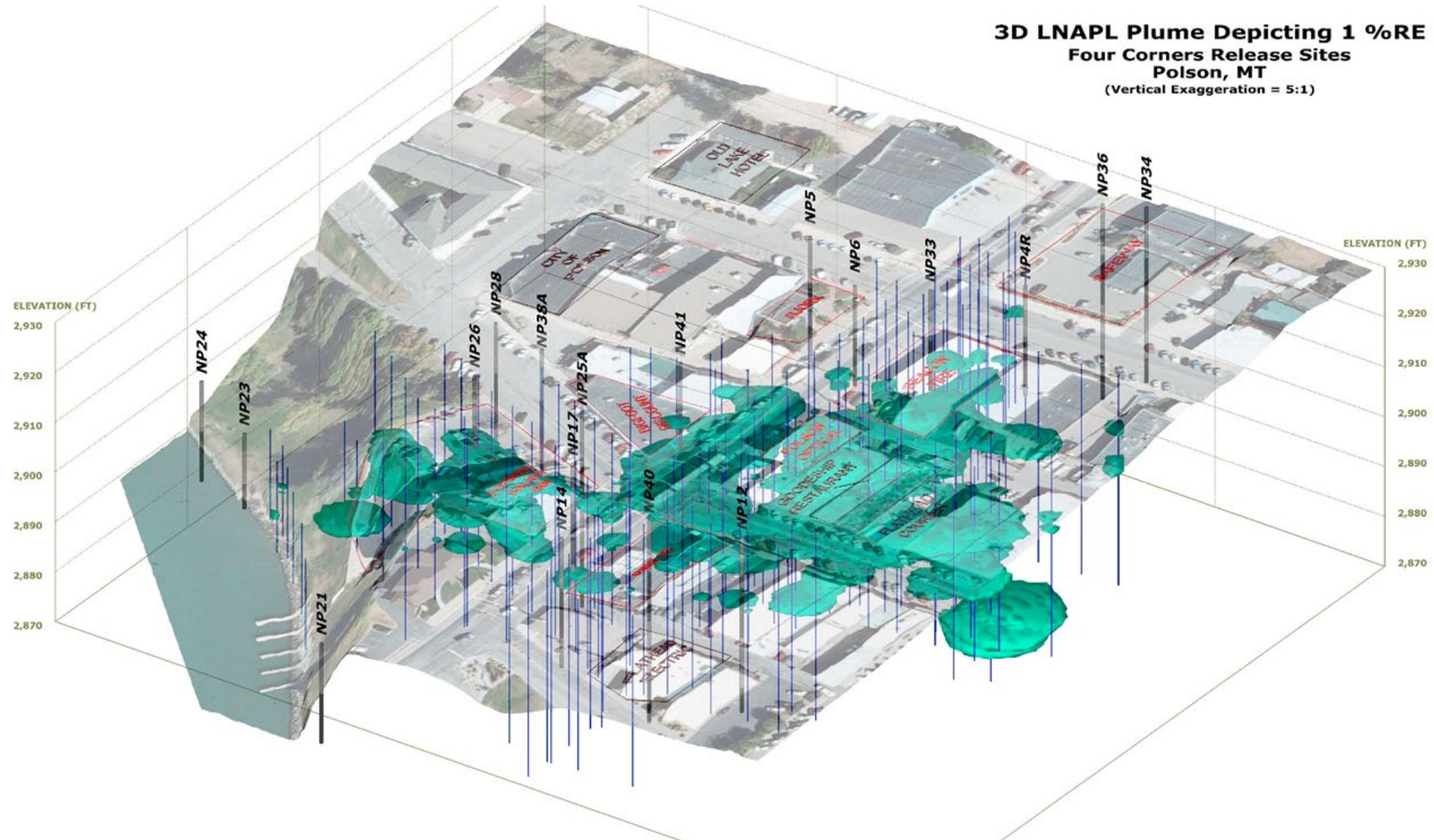
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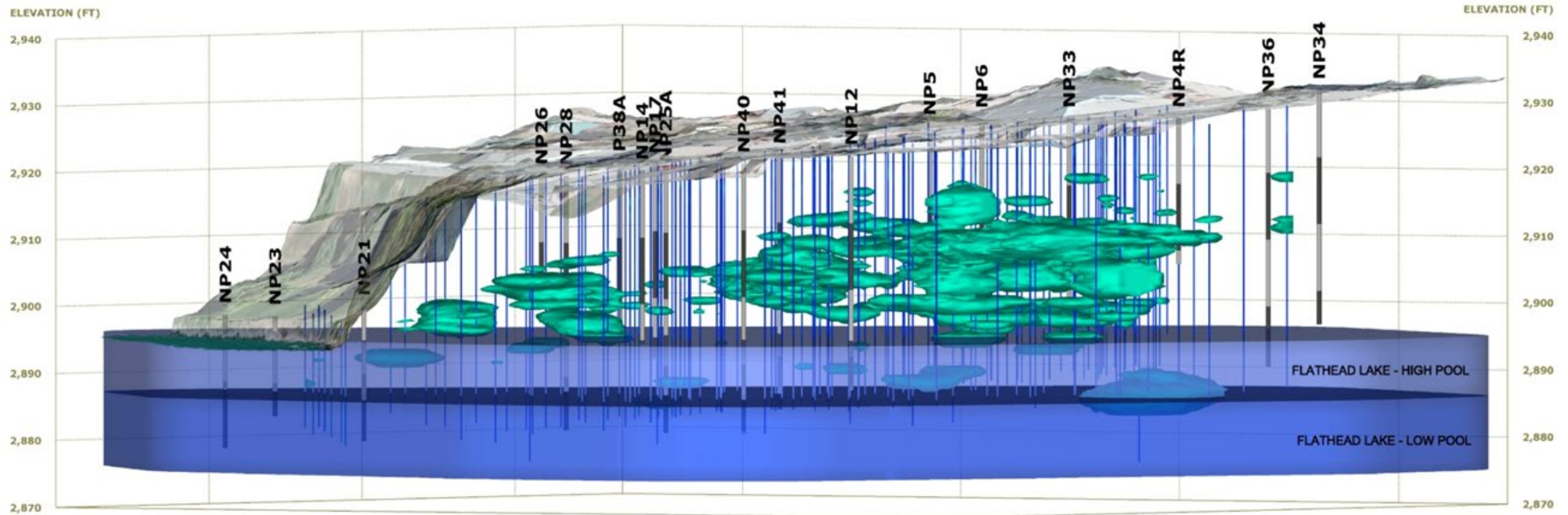


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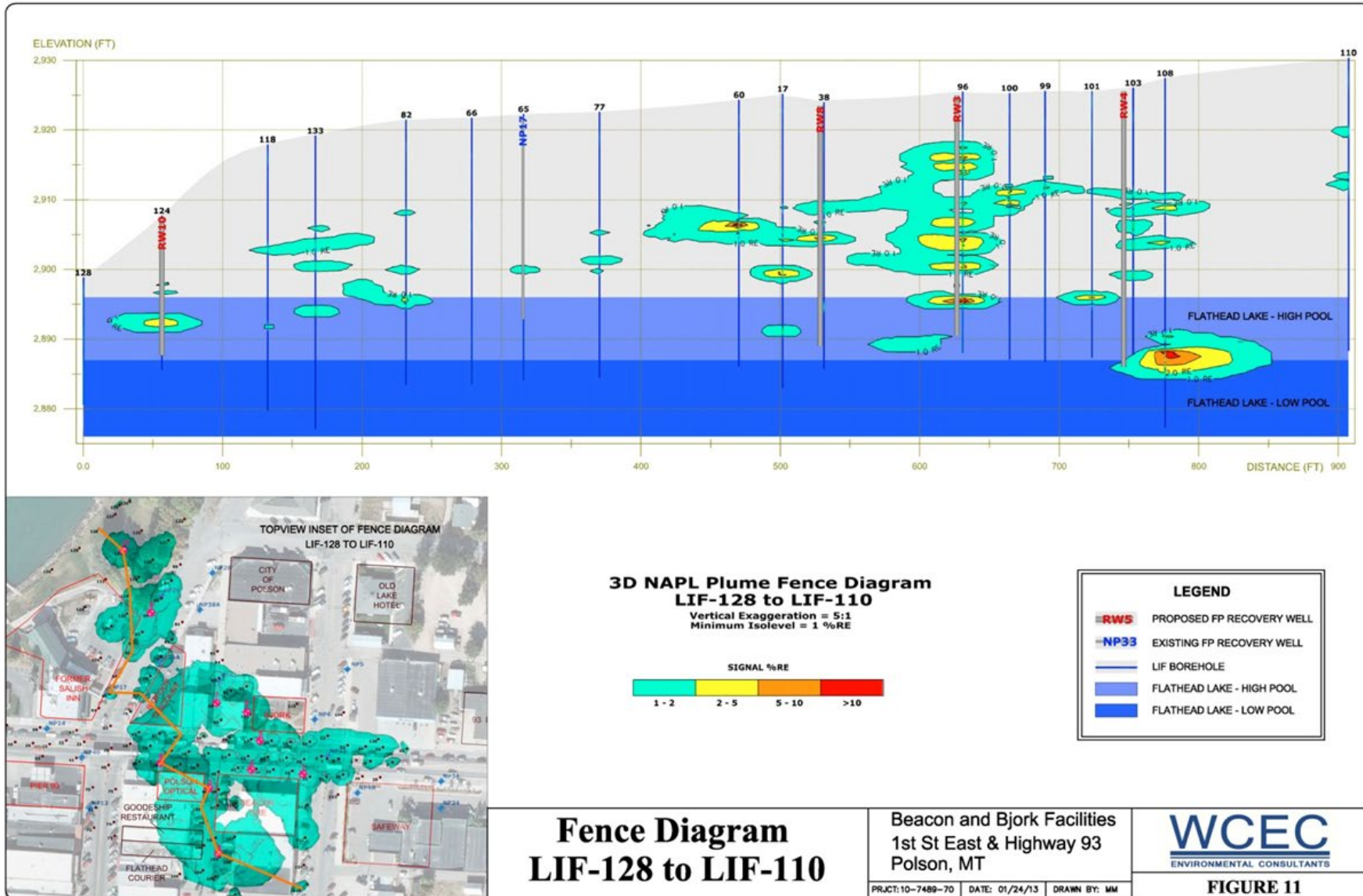


HRSC Investigation Case Study

3D LNAPL Plume Depicting 1 %RE
Four Corners Release Sites
Polson, MT
(Vertical Exaggeration = 5:1)



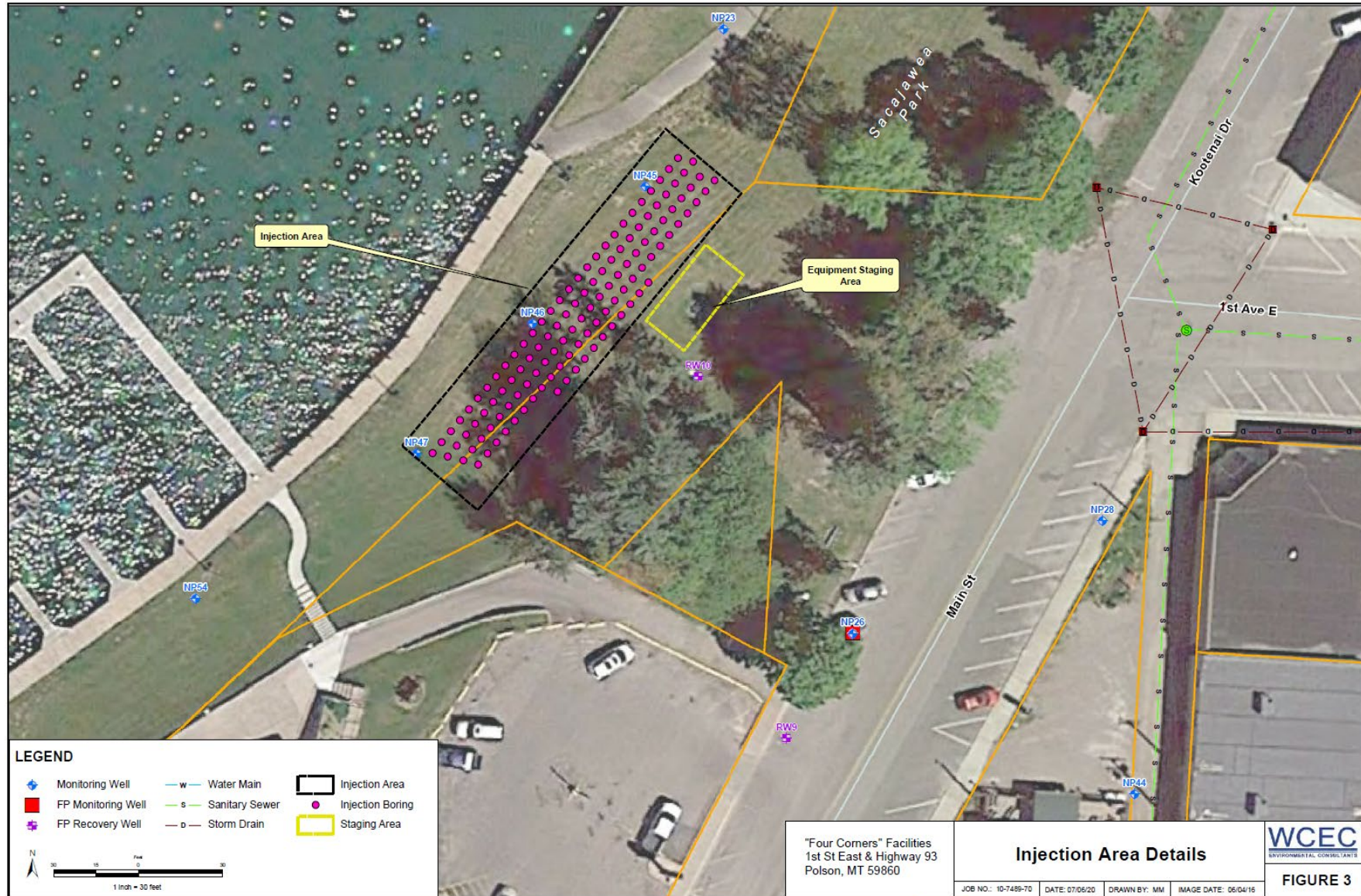
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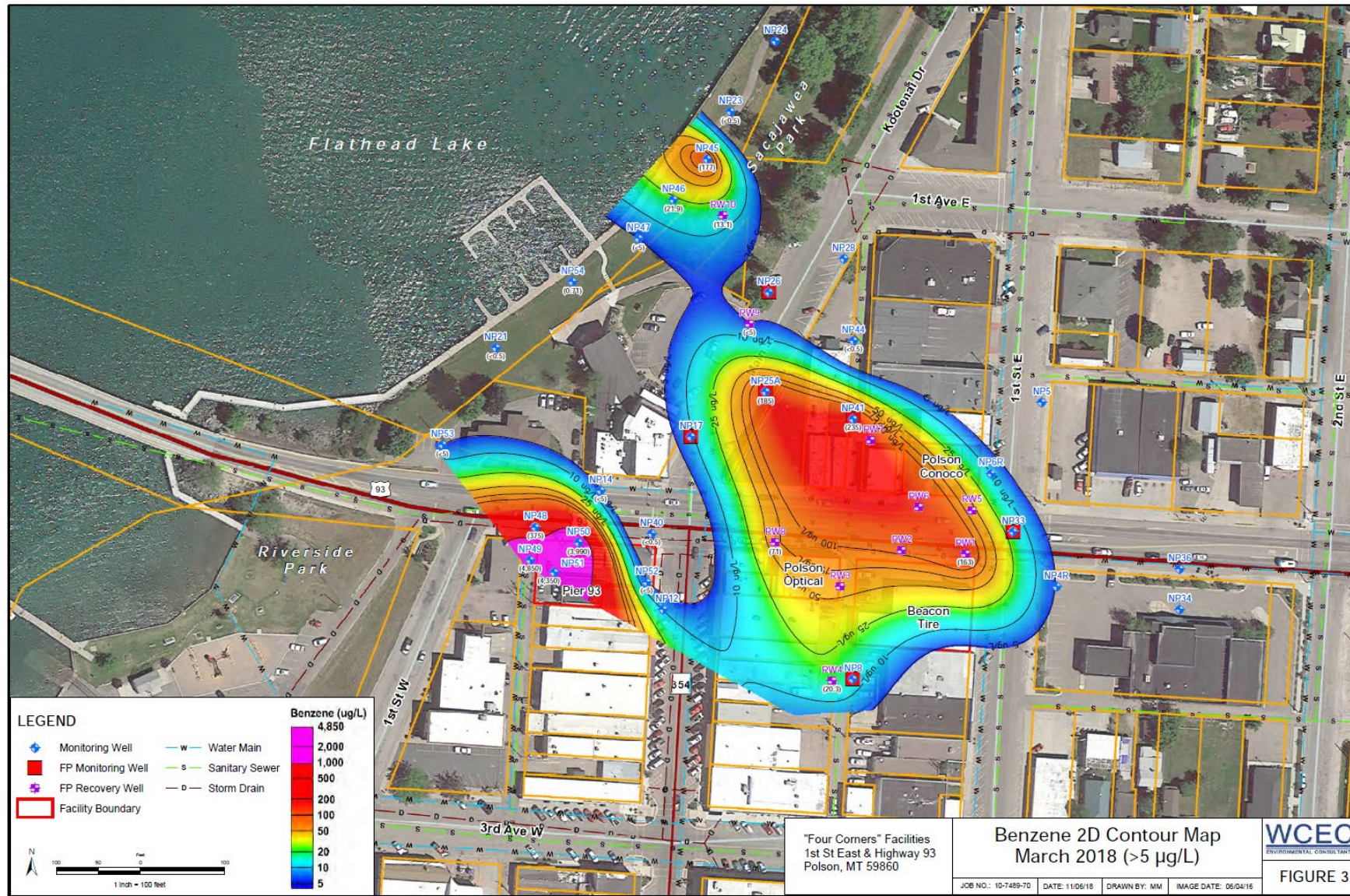
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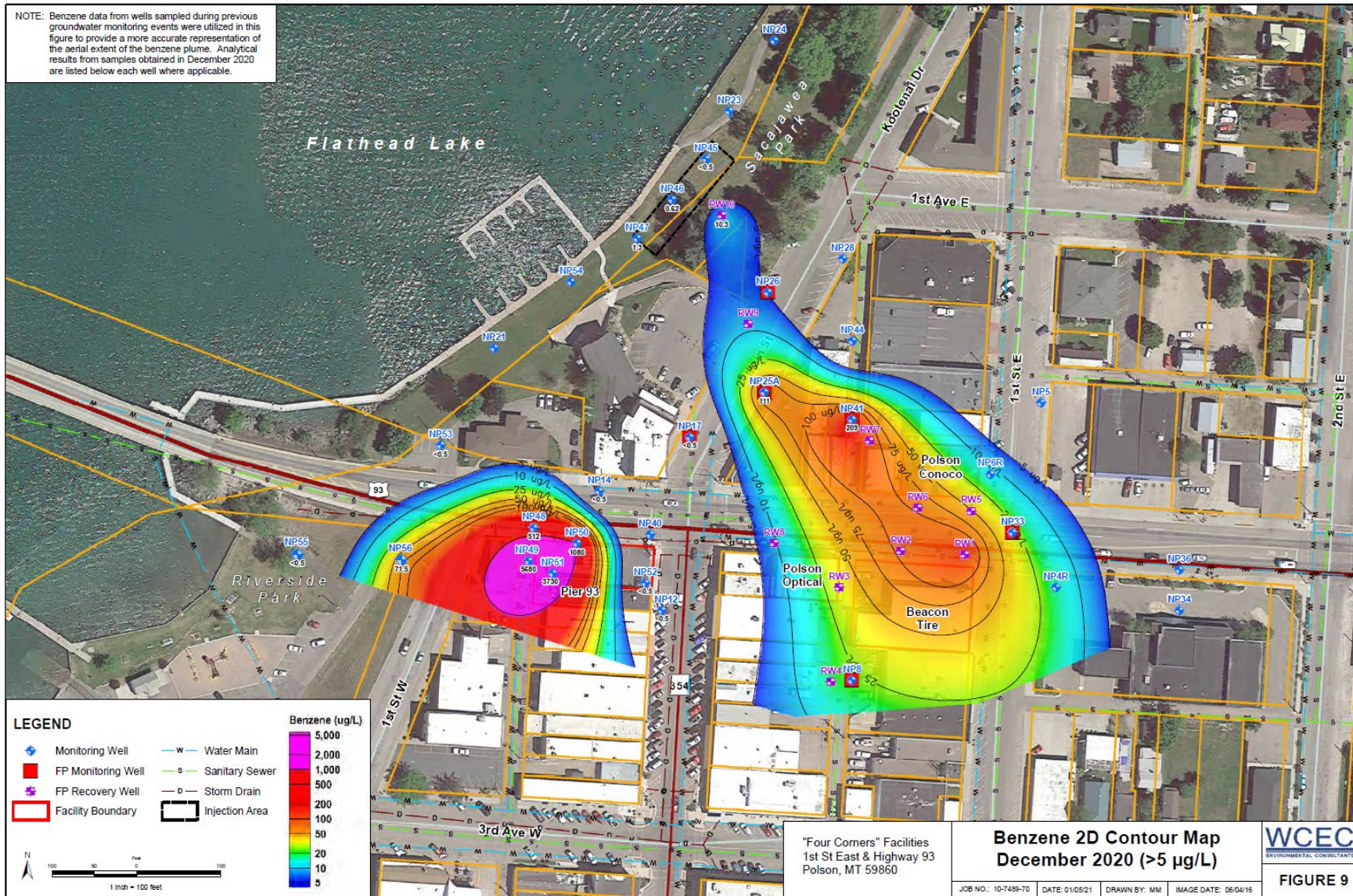
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HRSC Investigation Case Study

- Investigation successfully delineated horizontal and vertical extent of LNAPL plume allowing for targeted LNAPL recovery
- Completed in 10 field days with total cost of under \$100,000
- Previous investigations totaled over \$1MM and were not successful in delineating plume
- Greatly advanced the CSM through collection of detailed LNAPL distribution, geophysical (EC) and geospatial data
- Background information and thorough planning was key in understanding the HRSC data needed for CSM development
- Provided HRSC data for targeted remedial design

- **Questions?**

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