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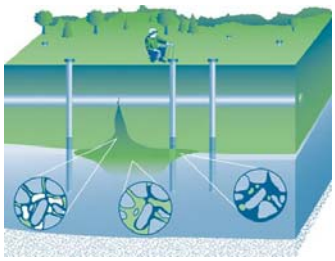
# ITRC's Internet-based Training Program

## LNAPL Training Part 3

## ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals



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Light non-aqueous phase liquids (LNAPLs) are organic liquids such as gasoline, diesel, and other petroleum hydrocarbon products that are immiscible with water and less dense than water. Understanding LNAPLs is important because they are present in the subsurface at thousands of remediation sites across the country and are often the sole reason why a site remains open. The spectrum of sites where LNAPL assessment and remediation efforts may take place include petroleum manufacturing and handling facilities such as refineries, bulk product terminals, gas stations, airports and military bases. LNAPLs in the subsurface can be a complex problem to address, and frequently prevent or delay regulatory closure (no further action) of remediation projects.

Over the past few decades, LNAPL remedial technologies have evolved from conventional pumping or hydraulic recovery systems to a variety of innovative, aggressive, and experimental technologies that address the mobile and residual LNAPL fractions, as well as volatile and dissolved-phase plumes. Thus, many different LNAPL remedial technologies with differing site and LNAPL applicabilities and capabilities are available to remediate LNAPL releases. This can make selection of a remedial technology daunting and inefficient. To foster informed remedial technology selection and appropriate technology application, the LNAPLs Team developed the ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance document, Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals (LNAPL-2, 2009). This document addresses seventeen LNAPL remedial technologies and provides a framework to streamline remedial technology evaluation and selection.

This training course is relevant for new and veteran regulators, environmental consultants, and technically-inclined site owners and public stakeholders. The training course is divided into three parts:
Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface - State of Science vs.. State of Practice
Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability - Improved Analysis
Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals

Part 3 uses the LNAPL conceptual site model (LCSM) approach to identify the LNAPL concerns or risks and set proper LNAPL remedial objectives and technology-specific remediation goals and performance metrics. The training course also provides an overview of the LNAPL remedial technology selection framework. The framework uses a series of tools to screen the seventeen remedial technologies based on site and LNAPL conditions and other important factors. LNAPL Training Part 1 and 2 are recommended pre-requisites for this Part 3 training course. Archives are available at http://cluin.org/live/archive.cfm?sort=title#itrc (note: courses are listed alphabetically, you will have to scroll down to find the course of interest).

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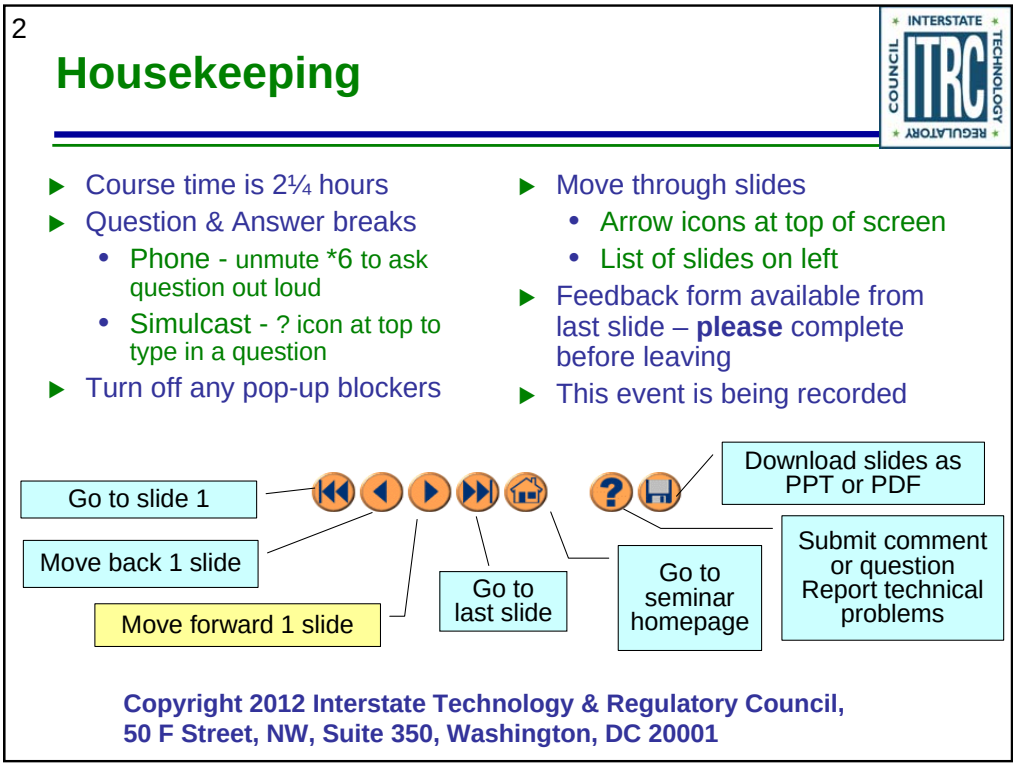


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- LNAPL 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface
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- LNAPL 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals
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## Training Overview

- Part 3 Internet-based training focus
- LNAPL remedial technology overview
- Remedial objective setting
- LNAPL remedial technology selection framework
- ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory guidance overview and use

•Today's training is the third and final part of the ITRC's LNAPL internet-based training series.

•Part 1 was titled: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface – State of Science vs. State of Practice.

•Part 2 was titled: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability – Improved Analysis – Do you know where the LNAPL is and can you recover it?

•Part 3 is titled: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals.

•Today's training will provide an overview of several LNAPL remedial technologies, guidance on setting remedial objectives, and guidance on selecting the most appropriate LNAPL remedial technology for your project.

•It will also provide an overview on the use of the ITRC Technical/Regulatory Guidance document.

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# ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance – Purpose

***Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals***

- Framework for implementing LNAPL remediation
- Framework for LNAPL remedial technology selection

- Applicable to any LNAPL site regardless of size or current/future use
- Hands on tools – guides to conclusions or critical questions or data needs

•Today's training focuses on the ITRC LNAPL Team's Technical and Regulatory Guidance document titled: "Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals" dated December 2009.

•The document provides guidance on an innovative approach to remedial technology selection, and for setting LNAPL remediation objectives and goals at the beginning of the process.

•The document provides a framework for LNAPL remedial technology selection.

•This is accomplished by knowing the types and capabilities of the various remedial technologies out there, as well as how to select one based on site-specific conditions.

•The document provides guidance for any size LNAPL site or current/future land uses.

•Above all, the document is a tool to guide you to remedial selection or to questions about additional data required to achieve project goals.

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## Goals & Issues for the Team

- Re-evaluate State regulatory LNAPL paradigms
- Objective-driven (begin with end in mind) remedial technology selection strategy, but objectives may or may not be risk-based
- Need good LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM)!
- Addressing "maximum extent practicable" important team goal – metric to determine when met
- Conveying science understanding, but maintaining tool-focused purpose

•During the development of the Guidance document, the LNAPL team examined the existing LNAPL regulatory issues and set goals for the message that we wanted the document to convey.

•The team wanted the document to provide information to State regulators about what they should pay special attention to.

•For example, what are the real "stumbling blocks" to implementing this technology?

•What can we expect from the various technologies?

•We needed to keep in mind the regulatory framework and address CFR 40's "removal of free product to the maximum extent practicable."

•And, how do we mesh science with the regulatory framework?

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## ITRC LNAPL Team

- ITRC LNAPL Team was formed in July 2007
- Collaborative effort involving:
  - 11 State Regulators from Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah and Wyoming
  - 2 stakeholders and academic representatives
  - 5 Federal Regulators from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
  - 25 Professionals from the petroleum industry and environmental consulting fields

•These entities collaborated in the development of a document and training that would be beneficial to each entity.

•The primary focus of the guidance document is to foster a better understanding of LNAPL properties in the subsurface and assist in the selection of an appropriate remedial technology to achieve project goals.

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## Why Focus on LNAPL?

- LNAPL is an issue at thousands of sites
- Perceived as significant environmental threat
- Technical and regulatory complexities
- 2008 ITRC LNAPLs Team State Survey – States requested training !
- Better understanding facilitates better decision making
- LNAPL policies and regulations frequently are not science-based, feasible, beneficial, or practicable
- Foster coupling of remedial objectives and goals with remedial technology selection
- Promote holistic consideration of LNAPL in the context of overall site corrective action objectives – address the "LNAPL disconnect in RBCA states"

•What is meant by the "LNAPL disconnect in RBCA States?"

•Its the regulatory paradigm that all LNAPL poses a "risk."

•That all LNAPL should be removed to arbitrary and impractical "free product thicknesses," regardless of actual risk.

•Isn't immobile/non-migrating LNAPL in soil just high soil concentrations?

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## ITRC LNAPL Team Approach

- Provide LNAPL "Basics" Internet-based training
  - Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface
  - Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability
  - Prerequisites for LNAPLs Part 3
- ITRC Technology Overview: *Evaluating Natural Source Zone Depletion at Sites with LNAPL* (LNAPL-1, 2009)
- ITRC Technical/Regulatory Guidance: *Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals* (LNAPL-2, 2009)
- Provide LNAPL Part 3 Internet-based training to foster understanding and use of the Technical Regulatory Guidance
- Provide LNAPL Classroom Training

•To understand the remedial technology selection process at LNAPL sites, you must have an understanding of subsurface LNAPL behaviour, LNAPL characterization, and LNAPL recovery.

•In 2009, the ITRC LNAPL team presented two Internet-based trainings that served as LNAPL basic training and are recommended prerequisites for the LNAPL Part 3 training.

•In April 2009, the team also issued a technical overview of evaluating LNAPL Natural Source Zone Depletion.

•This document provides a technical overview of natural source zone depletion for LNAPLs that can serve as an objective benchmark by which to compare the relative effectiveness of alternative remedial technologies.

•The team will also be developing an LNAPL classroom training to be provided in 2011.

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## Regulatory Context

- Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) – various definitions by the various States
- Decision-making frameworks
- Unclear and inconsistent methods for setting objectives
- Unclear and inconsistent terminology
- Science-based regulatory initiatives
- Non-degradation drivers

•As mentioned earlier, there is a disconnect regarding the state-of-the-science and the state-of-the-practice.

•By missing certain steps in evaluating LNAPL sites, many LNAPL remedial projects have failed to achieve may State remedial goals, for example, removal of free product to a 1/8-inch thickness in monitor wells.

•This is often due to insufficient LNAPL characterization, impracticable remedial objectives, and poorly designed (targeted) remedial strategies.

•However, even with the best made plans, LNAPL is very difficult to remediate once it gets into the subsurface soils.

•It is the ITRC LNAPL Team's philosophy that actual LNAPL concerns should be addressed, free product should be removed to the extent PRACTICAL (scientifically and technically feasible), long-term stewardship (Environmental Covenants/deed restriction) be instituted, and then the LNAPL site could be considered for a no further action status.

•LNAPLs can pose two general types of concerns: Saturation concerns and toxicity or risk concerns.

•State regulatory programs routinely address toxicity or risk concerns with science-based and technically comprehensive regulations, and soil and groundwater regulatory standards.

•State regulations, however, rarely address LNAPL saturation with a well-developed regulatory framework that realistically accounts for the current science.

•This guidance, therefore, attempts to bridge this gap by addressing LNAPL saturation as a basis for setting LNAPL objectives and remedial selection, but to be comprehensive, the framework also addresses toxicity and risk concerns.

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## LNAPL Concerns and Drivers

**LNAPL Concerns:**

- Explosive hazards
- Dissolved-phase concentration
- Vapor-phase concentration
- Direct contact or ingestion

**LNAPL driver:**

**LNAPL Composition**

- Mobility (spreads and creates new or increased risk)
- Visible aesthetics

**LNAPL Saturation**

**Regulatory driver:** "recover to maximum extent practicable" – State's interpretation?

•On the left of this slide, the LNAPL concerns are shown.

•These LNAPL concerns are related to two LNAPL Drivers: LNAPL Composition and LNAPL Saturation.

•A third LNAPL Driver is a regulatory driver: 40CFR Section 280.64 - "recover free product to the maximum extent practicable."

•The definition of recovery to the maximum extent practicable is established by the implementing agency, therefore, there are various interpretations of this regulation.

•One of the goals of this training is to help define what that can be.

•Recovery of free product to the maximum extent practicable is the first step in a typical remedial action.

•From there, what can we do to meet that regulatory driver from a more science-based approach?

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# LNAPL Remedial Technology Selection (Yesterday)

**Where are we?**

**Why are we here?**

**Will it work?**

**It might work, maybe not….???**

**Are we there yet?**

•With the various interpretations of “removal to the maximum extent practicable,” there is no clear guidance on how to adequately manage an LNAPL site.

•Because there is no clear path, one is often left with questioning what will work, how will it work, how long do we do it, and when are we done?

•In short, if we don’t have a clear understanding of regulations in the context of subsurface LNAPL behavior, how can we select an appropriate remedial technology?

•One is often left with trying several technologies, often in sequence, and still having 1/8-inch of LNAPL in monitor wells.

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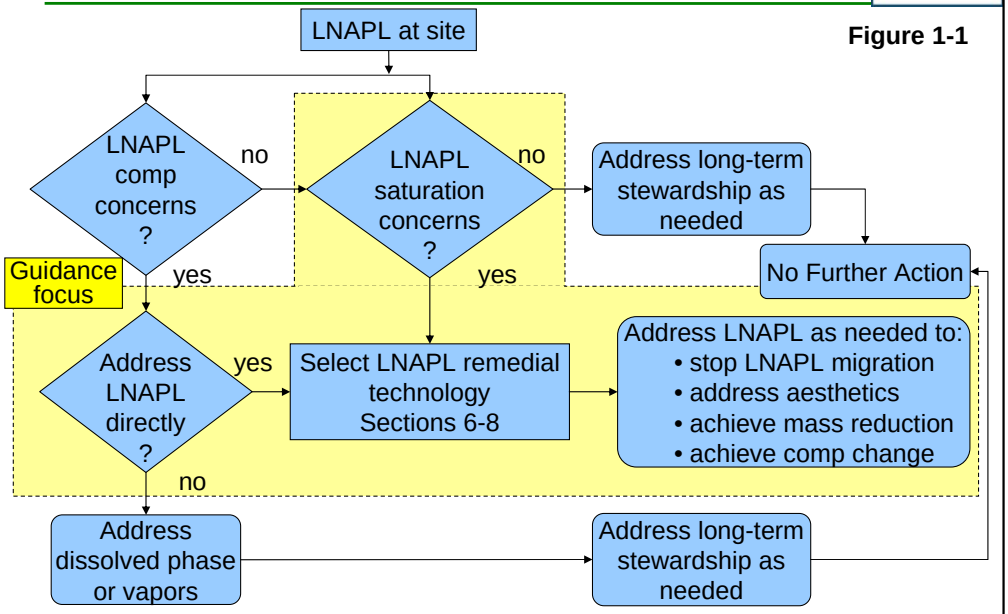
# ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance – Focus




•The focus of the ITRC LNAPL Technical/Regulatory guidance document is in the yellow box and focuses on the “LNAPL saturation concerns.”

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## ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance – Issues Addressed

- Promotes principles that facilitate timely and successful LNAPL remediation
  - Characterize the LNAPL site by preparing an LNAPL Conceptual Site Model
  - Establish achievable remedial objectives
  - Establish metrics for each remedial objective
  - Develop a remedial strategy to achieve the objectives
  - Hopefully, achieve an acceptable outcome
- Provides a framework to set LNAPL remedial objectives and match to goals/metrics for potentially applicable technologies
- Promotes technology understanding and applicability and aids in the selection of an appropriate remedial technology

•The ITRC LNAPL Technical/Regulatory Guidance document provides guidance on three main points.

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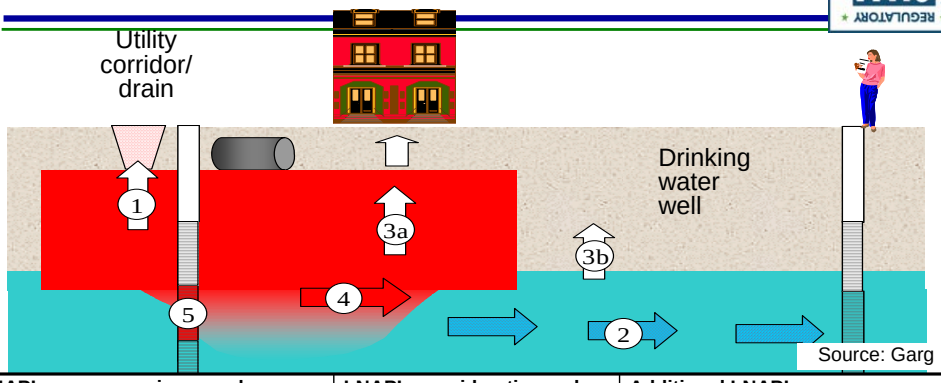
**Key Training Message:**

## Understand the LNAPL Concerns

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| LNAPL emergency issues when LNAPL in the ground | LNAPL considerations when LNAPL in the ground (evaluated using standard regulations) | Additional LNAPL considerations when LNAPL in wells (not evaluated using standard regulations) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Vapor accumulation in confined spaces causing explosive conditions<br>***Not shown*** - Direct LNAPL migration to surface water<br>***Not shown*** - Direct LNAPL migration to underground spaces | 2 Groundwater (dissolved phase)<br>3a LNAPL to vapor<br>3b Groundwater to vapor<br>***Not shown*** **-** Direct skin contact | 4 LNAPL potential mobility (offsite migration, e.g. to surface water, under houses)<br>5 LNAPL in well (aesthetic, reputation, regulatory) |
| LNAPL **Composition** | | LNAPL **Saturation** |

•The Tech/Reg divides LNAPL concerns into LNAPL composition concerns and LNAPL saturation concerns, as shown on the bottom of the slide.

•LNAPL composition concerns are associated with risk, such as the vapor intrusion risks and dissolved in groundwater risks (1-3b).

•These concerns can be mitigated by changing the LNAPL composition, i.e., removing the toxic and more mobile components from the LNAPL.

•LNAPL saturation concerns are associated with movement or migration of the LNAPL body (4-5).

•These concerns can be mitigated by removing LNAPL itself, reducing the LNAPL head and saturation, and stopping the migration of the LNAPL body.

•The Tech/Reg will guide you from the concerns to establishing remedial objectives for each concern.

•Each remedial objective may then have several technologies that are applicable.

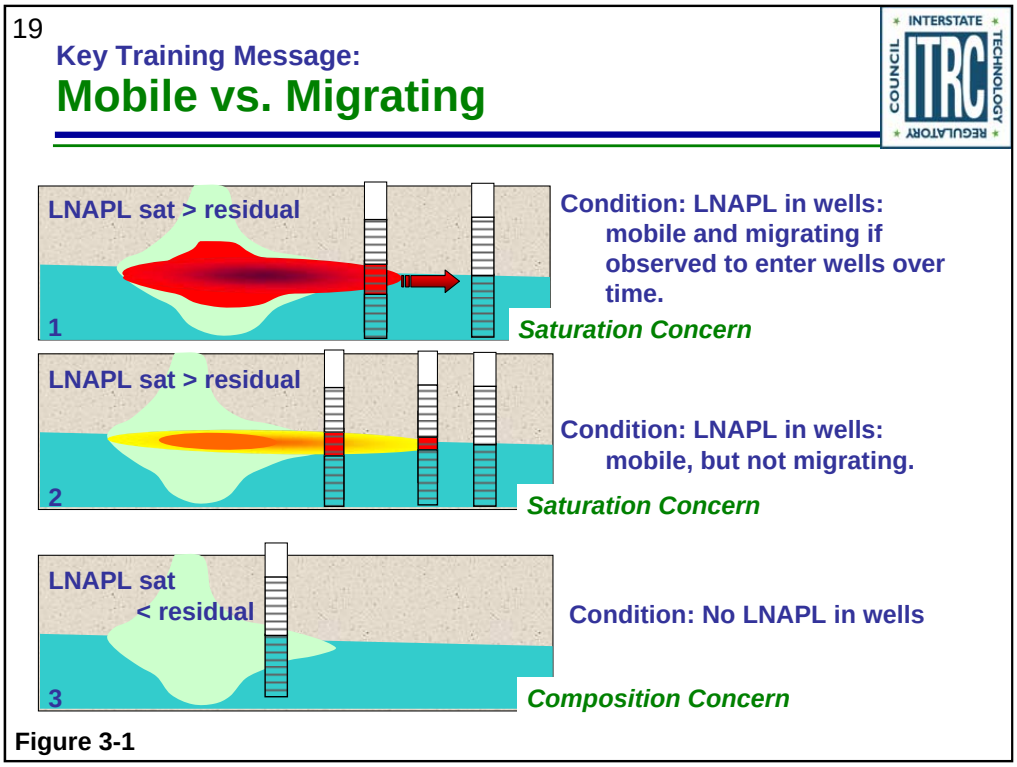

Figure 3-1

•Cross-section 1 shows a situation before the LNAPL release has been stopped.

•The LNAPL body is migrating due to the high saturation and LNAPL head.

•LNAPL will continue to migrate laterally until the release is stopped and the LNAPL head dissipates.

•Cross-section 2 shows a situation where the LNAPL release has been stopped and the LNAPL head has dissipated.

•LNAPL accumulates in a well installed in the LNAPL body, but he LNAPL is no longer migrating (spreading) laterally.

•Cross-section 3 shows a situation where LNAPL is at residual saturation.

•LNAPL will not accumulate in a well installed in the LNAPL body unless the water table drops and LNAPL trapped below the water table in the smear zone can move into the well.

•The first two cross-sections are focused on the migration and mobility of the LNAPL, both of which are saturation concerns.

•To address these concerns, the LNAPL remedial technology must reduce the LNAPL saturation.

•In contrast, the third cross-section shows LNAPL at less than residual saturation.

•The concern here is if the residual LNAPL is sourcing a dissolved or vapor-phase plume, in which case the remedial technology has to address the LNAPL composition, i.e., remove the soluble or volatile components of the residual LNAPL.

•We usually react to the presence of LNAPL in wells, but the LNAPL may not be migrating.

•Therefore, the composition concerns may be the more compelling issues, and those are typically addressed in the context of soil and groundwater cleanup levels.

•If you are concerned about LNAPL migration, you must reduce the LNAPL saturation and head, therefore, reducing LNAPL saturation is the remedial objective.

•If you are concerned about the LNAPL at less than residual saturation, you can only target its composition as a remedial objective.

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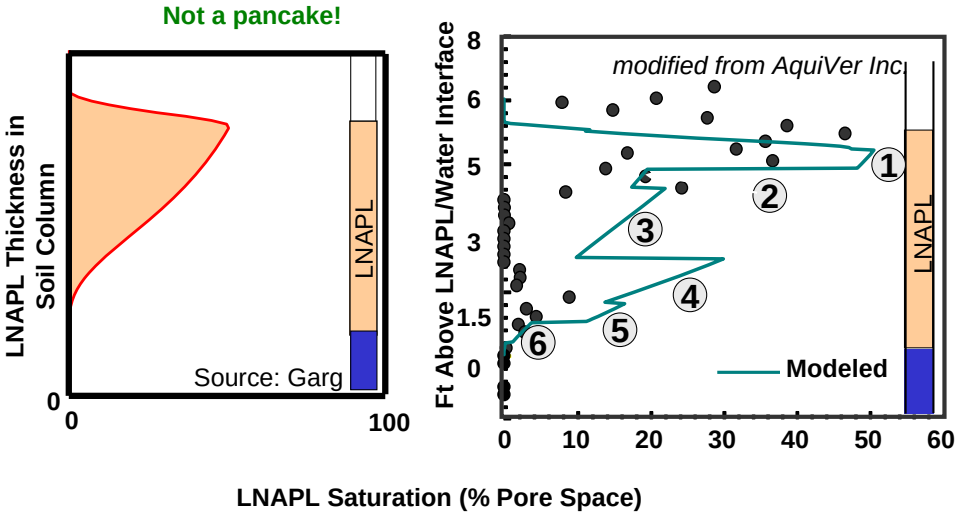
Key Training Message:

## Non-Uniform LNAPL Distribution

Not a pancake!




**Key Point: Complicates LNAPL recovery**

- LNAPL saturation varies within the soil column as shown on this slide.
- This complicates estimates of the amount of LNAPL in the ground and how much is recoverable.

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## Saturation Objective

| LNAPL Remedial Objective | LNAPL Concern Addressed | Remedial Solution |
|---|---|---|
| "Saturation Objective" | Primary: **Mobility** (spreads and creates new or increased risk)<br>Visual aesthetics | • Mass Recovery<br>• Mass control (stabilization) |

•If you are concerned with LNAPL migration to a receptor, your remedial objective is to reduce LNAPL saturation.

•You can reduce the LNAPL saturation by recovering enough LNAPL to reduce LNAPL saturation and LNAPL head.

## Composition Objective

| LNAPL Remedial Objective | LNAPL Concern Addressed | Remedial Solution |
|---|---|---|
| "Composition Objective" | **Risk** through vapors or dissolved plume | • Change LNAPL characteristics<br>• Cut off/treat pathway<br>• Reduce LNAPL mass (may be difficult to meet objective) |

•If you have risks from vapor intrusion or a dissolved phase plume emanating from the LNAPL body, you have a composition objective.

•You must select a remedial technology that removes the toxic, volatile, and soluble components of the LNAPL.

•Just pumping LNAPL out of the ground will not change the composition.

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# LNAPL Understanding is an Iterative Process

**LNAPL Characterization**

- LNAPL composition
- LNAPL saturation
- LNAPL location

**LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM)**

**LNAPL Management**

- Maximum extent practicable?
- Drivers: mobility and future risk
- Remedial objectives and end points
- Remedial action selection

•The key to understanding sites with LNAPL is development of a good Conceptual Site Model.

•This starts with site characterization and is an iterative process.

•A good LNAPL Conceptual Site Model will help determine the LNAPL remediation objectives and goals.

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## Training Overview

- Background: Part 3 Internet-based training focus
- LNAPL remedial technology overview
- Remedial objective setting
- LNAPL remedial technology selection framework – ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance overview and use

•To recap, we have looked over some of the key terms from the earlier Internet-based trainings as well as touched on some of the concepts in the Tech/Reg Guidance document.

•Next we are going to provide an overview of LNAPL remedial technologies.

•Eric Nichols of ARCADIS / Ian Hers of Golder Associates /will present the next section of this training.

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## Technology Introduction

17 LNAPL remedial technologies addressed:

- Excavation
- Physical containment
- In-situ soil mixing
- Natural source zone depletion (NSZD)
- Air sparging/soil vapor extraction (AS/SVE)
- LNAPL skimming
- Bioslurping/EFR
- Dual pump liquid extraction
- Multi-phase extraction, dual pump
- Multi-phase extraction, single pump
- Water/hot water flooding
- In situ chemical oxidation
- Surfactant- enhanced subsurface remediation
- Cosolvent flushing
- Steam/hot-air injection
- Radio frequency heating
- Three and six-phase electrical resistance heating

**Key Point: Who ya gonna call?**

This section of the training is an overview of the 17 LNAPL remedial technologies addressed in the Technical and Regulatory Guidance focusing on the concepts addressed in Section 5 of our Guidance. We'll review the primary mechanisms or basic ways in which these technologies work followed by a framework for evaluating key technology characteristics. Several case examples that introduce different remedial technologies are presented, and key concepts addressed in Parts 1 and 2 of the internet training are reviewed.

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## Linkage Between Primary Mechanism and Technology (Table 5-1)

LNAPL technology description and primary mechanism for remediation (details in Table 5-1)

1. LNAPL mass recovery
   - Excavation
   - LNAPL skimming
   - Dual pump liquid extraction
   - Multi-phase extraction (MPE)
   - Water flooding (inc. hot water flooding)
2. LNAPL phase change remediation
   - Natural source zone depletion (NSZD) - See ITRC LNAPL-1
   - Air sparging/soil vapor extraction (AS/SVE)
   - Bioslurping/enhanced fluid recovery
   - In-situ chemical oxidation

Section 5 of the Guidance begins with a brief technology description and primary mechanism for remediation, or in simple terms, how each of the 17 technologies work. There are four primary mechanism categories, two presented on this slide, and two on the next.

The first category is LNAPL mass recovery, which can range from simple technologies such as removal through excavation to more complex technologies such as multi-phase extraction or water flooding.

The second category is LNAPL phase change where through either natural or enhanced means, there is change in phase, for example, chemicals in LNAPL may partition into overlying soil gas.

The LNAPL team published a guidance document on natural source zone depletion that is available on the ITRC web page.

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## Linkage Between Primary Mechanism and Technology (continued)

3. LNAPL mass control
   - Physical containment (barrier wall, drain)
   - Stabilization (in situ soil mixing)
4. LNAPL phase change remediation and mass recovery
   - Surfactant-enhanced subsurface remediation
   - Co-solvent flushing
   - Steam/hot-air injection
   - Radio frequency, 3- & 6-phase electrical resistance heating

▶ Consider multiple treatment technologies ("trains")

**Dual pump liquid extraction** | **Air sparging/soil vapor extraction (AS/SVE)** | **Natural source zone depletion (NSZD)**

The third primary mechanism is LNAPL mass or mobility control. This remediation approach involves controlling the movement of LNAPL either through physical containment such as barrier wall or actually stabilizing the source LNAPL mass, through for example injecting bentonite or cement-like chemicals.

The fourth category is really a combination of phase change remediation and mass recovery, and involves more innovative and aggressive technologies, where injected agents such as surfactants or heat are used to enhance phase change, and also to enhance mass recovery.

When selecting technologies consider multiple treatment technologies or treatment trains. For example, you may begin with dual pump liquid extraction to remove free-phase LNAPL. Air sparging and soil vapor extraction may then be used to further remove LNAPL mass and potentially address vapor risks. The final treatment technology may be natural source zone depletion.

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## Linkage Between Remediation Objectives and Primary Mechanism

- "Saturation objective" – mass recovery
  - ***Reduce*** LNAPL saturation by recovering LNAPL mass
- "Composition objective" – primarily phase change remediation
  - ***Change*** LNAPL characteristics by phase change
- "Containment objective" – LNAPL mass control

The linkages between different remediation objectives and primary remediation mechanism is summarized.

The saturation objective would be achieved by recovering LNAPL mass, example being hydraulic recovery methods.

A composition or concentration objective would be achieved primarily through phase change remediation, an example being soil vapor extraction.

The containment objective is achieved through LNAPL mass control technologies, an example being stabilization.

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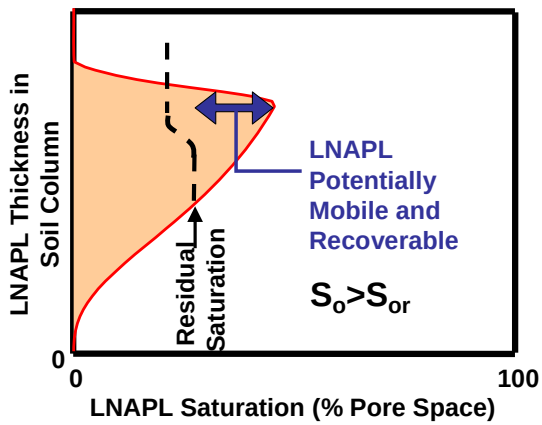
## Review – Potentially Mobile Fraction of the LNAPL Distribution (Training Part 1)




**Key Point: Saturation objective and reduction of mobility is only relevant when LNAPL saturation exceeds residual saturation**

A key point in Part 1 of the training relates to the conceptual model for LNAPL mobility. This is important since at many sites remediation technologies are targeted to address the saturation objective where mobility is the key concern.

LNAPL is only potentially mobile and recoverable when the saturation exceeds the residual saturation shown in the figure as the portion of the vertical LNAPL profile, or so-called shark fin, exceeds residual saturation.

To summarize, the saturation objective and reduction of mobility is only relevant when the LNAPL saturation exceeds the residual saturation.

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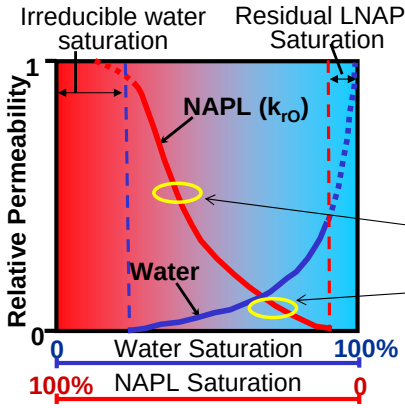
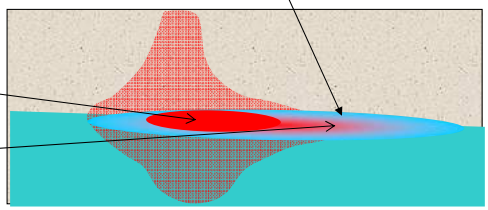
# Review – Two LNAPL Mobility Concepts (Training Part 1)




- Near body edge LNAPL saturation & thickness in a well is > 0, but stable if LNAPL Pressure < Pore Entry Pressure



- Saturations/relative permeability decreases away from LNAPL body core

Key Point: LNAPL in the body core may be potentially mobile ($S_o$>$S_{or}$), but LNAPL body often stable – this should be considered when making remedial decisions

Another important concept is that although the LNAPL saturation in the core of the plume may exceed the residual saturation, the overall footprint of the LNAPL body may be stable.

To summarize, the left figure conceptually illustrates how the relative permeability increases as a function of increasing LNAPL saturation. The right figure shows that LNAPL is potential mobile within the core of plume where saturations are high but near the periphery of the LNAPL body, the LNAPL saturations are lower and the capillary pressure is less than the pore entry pressure.

As a result, the overall footprint of the LNAPL body may be stable.

The key point is that although LNAPL in the core of the plume is potentially mobile, the LNAPL body will often be stable, especially in older source zones. The LNAPL body stability may be an important consideration when evaluating the need for LNAPL remediation measures.

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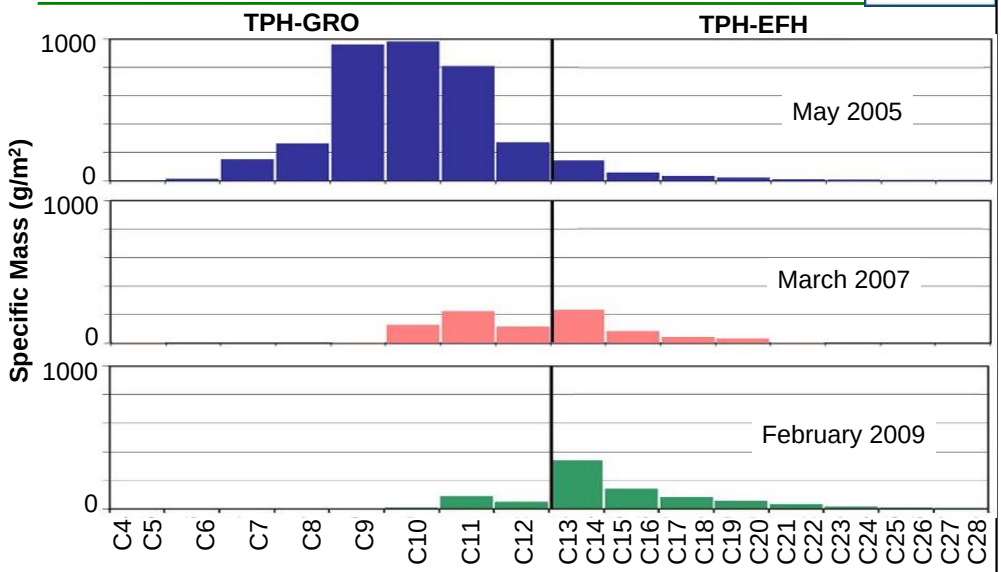
## Result of Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) Remediation – Composition Objective Illustrated




Source: R. Ahlers, ARCADIS

At this site, soil vapor extraction (SVE) remediation was effective for removing lighter-molecular-weight volatile hydrocarbons and thus achieving a composition objective. Time series soil sample collection and analysis was used to quantify the reduction of volatile hydrocarbons over time (May 2005 to February 2009). Because the impacts at this site were mainly gasoline-range hydrocarbons, SVE was also effective at achieving a mass-reduction objective.

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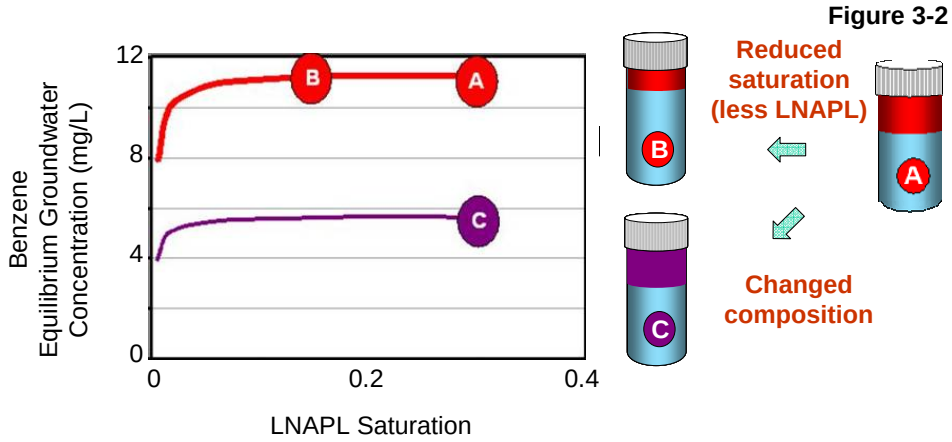
## Contrast Between Composition and Saturation Objectives




- Key Point: Dissolved or vapor concentration is dependent on change in composition (mole fraction) and not saturation (unless almost all LNAPL is removed)

The composition and saturation objectives are conceptually compared. The first scenario from A to B shows how a 50% reduction in saturation has little effect on the dissolved benzene concentration. In contrast a 50% reduction in the mole fraction of benzene from A to C has a corresponding 50% reduction in benzene concentration. The key point is that the dissolved benzene concentration is dependent on the change in composition and mole fraction. Research has shown that a reduction in saturation has little affect on the dissolved concentration unless almost all the LNAPL from a source zone is removed (e.g., see API LNAST model, publications by David Huntley)

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## Summary Characteristics of Remedial Technologies (Table 5-2)

- LNAPL remedial technologies
  - Are applicable to specific LNAPL and site conditions - pros, cons, applicable geology, applicable LNAPL type, LNAPL remedial objective, remedial timeframe (Table 5-2 factors)
  - Many modify or exploit a particular LNAPL characteristic (saturation, transmissivity, volatility, solubility, etc.)
  - Must be matched to LNAPL and site conditions
- Important to understand how different technologies are influenced by physics and other conditions
  - Let's review some key conditions!

In Table 5-2 of our guidance, all 17 technologies are summarized with respect to pros, cons, applicable geology, LNAPL remedial objective, and remedial timeframes. The remedial technologies all act differently and apply in different ways depending on LNAPL properties and site conditions. Many technologies also modify or exploit a particular LNAPL characteristic such as saturation or volatility. To summarize, it is important to understand how different technologies are influenced by physics and by site conditions, as illustrated in subsequent slides.

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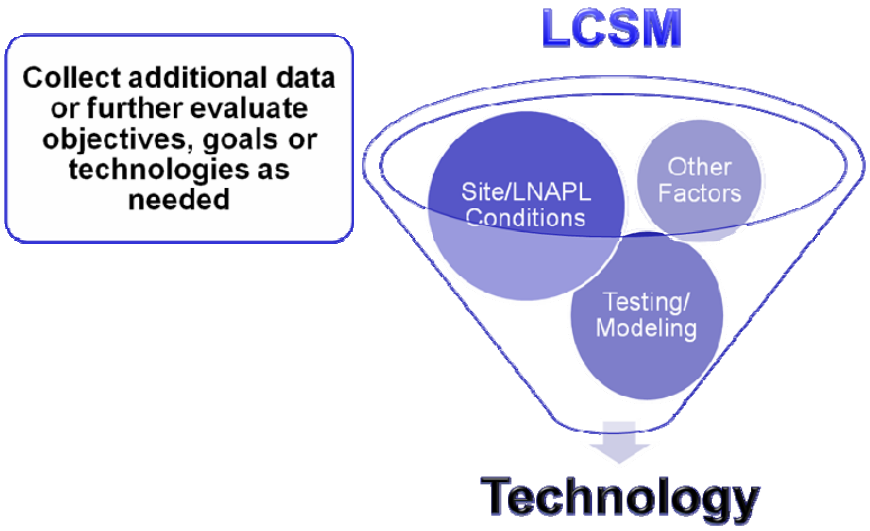
## The Technology Selection Process (Figure 5-1)




While the Site and LNAPL conditions as important factors for technology selection, there may be other considerations that influence the LNAPL conceptual site model and remedy selection, such as results of testing or modeling, bench or pilot scale tests, or other factors, including cost and liability concerns.

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## Key Considerations for Technologies

- Site Conditions
  - Grain size distribution
  - Depth below grade and access
  - Depth to water table
  - Unsaturated zone versus saturated zone
- LNAPL Conditions
  - Saturation
  - Composition (single chemical or multi-component mixture)
  - Volatility
  - Solubility
  - Viscosity
  - Interfacial tension
  - Biodegradation

Let's look at some example technologies within this general framework

Several key considerations for LNAPL technology evaluation are listed on this slide with respect to site and LNAPL conditions (see Table 5-2 and Appendix A of the Guidance). The relative importance of each consideration or factor listed will vary depending on the technology.

An example of how a site condition could affect a technology is that when the water table is deep, a technology such as multiphase extraction may become less efficient or become not feasible. An example of how a LNAPL condition could affect a technology is that hydraulic pumping rates will be faster for low viscosity product such as gasoline compared to a higher viscosity product such as diesel.

In subsequent slides, selected technologies are evaluated in greater detail through case examples discussed within this general framework.

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## Excavation – LNAPL Mass Recovery

- Key site conditions
  - Depth below grade, access
  - Depth to water table
  - Unsaturated vs. saturated zone
- Advantages include very short timeframe, complete mass removal where accessible
- Disadvantages include access restrictions, cost and de-watering below water table
- Sustainability may also be an issue (safety, carbon footprint)

The first technology illustrated excavation of LNAPL, which involves the mass recovery mechanism. This slide illustrates a site where the goal was to remove a LNAPL source zone through excavation.

At this site, the depth to LNAPL was greater than anticipated and the excavation required de-watering. The areal extent of contamination was also larger than anticipated. Fortunately at this site, there was good access which allowed for expansion of the excavation and removal of contamination. At some sites this will not be the case. This case study illustrates the importance of good site investigation data and a solid LNAPL conceptual site model.

The advantages of excavation include very short time frame and complete LNAPL removal, where accessible. Disadvantages include access restrictions, cost and de-watering below the water table. Sustainability may also be an issue for this technology, for example when a large volume of soil needs to removed and transported long distances to a disposal site. Emissions from vehicles and safety on-site and on-road may be other factors to consider.

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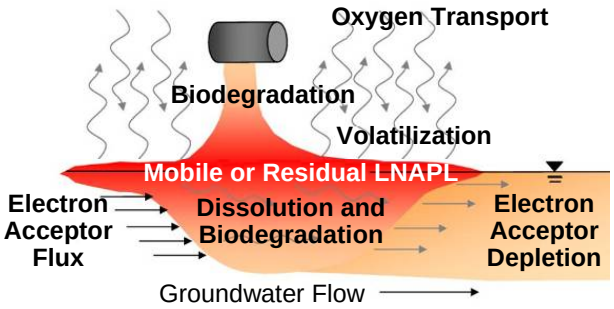
# Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD) – LNAPL Phase Change

- Key LNAPL conditions
  - Composition
  - Volatility
  - Solubility
  - Biodegradation




- Low intensity remedial solution
- Advantages include no disruption, low carbon footprint
- Disadvantages include very long time frame, may not meet saturation (mobility) or composition objective

**ITRC's Evaluating Natural Source Zone Depletion at Sites with LNAPL (LNAPL-1, 2009)**

Natural source zone depletion involves processes such as volatilization, dissolution and biodegradation. The relative importance of these processes will depend on the type of LNAPL. For example, the dissolution rate will be slow for heavier petroleum products such as diesel or oil since the solubility will be lower. Natural source zone depletion is a low intensity remedial solution and advantages include no disruption and low carbon footprint. The disadvantage is that it occurs slowly over very long time frames and may require long-term monitoring. This technology may also not meet saturation or composition objectives for a site in an acceptable timeframe.

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## Barrier Wall – LNAPL Mass Control

- Key site conditions
  - Grain size distribution
  - Depth below grade, access
  - Unsaturated vs. saturated zone
  - Depth to water table

- Advantages controls LNAPL and dissolved plume mobility
- Disadvantages long time frame monitoring, potentially costly remedial approach

LNAPL containment through construction of a barrier wall is intended to achieve LNAPL mass control. The case example presented in this slide shows the construction of a low permeability soil-bentonite wall to prevent the off-site movement of LNAPL. The photo to the right shows the trench under construction, which involves excavation and filling the trench with a slurry to keep it open, and then filling it with a soil-bentonite mixture. This trench was constructed to 20 to 30 feet depth and keyed into a confining layer (often bedrock, but in this case an aquitard). There are some examples of cut-off trenches being constructed to 60 or 70 feet depth below ground, although walls to such depths become relatively costly. An advantage of this technology is that it can provide effective control of LNAPL and dissolved plume mobility. A disadvantage is that the LNAPL is not treated, but managed inward of the containment wall. Construction of barrier walls can also be relatively costly.

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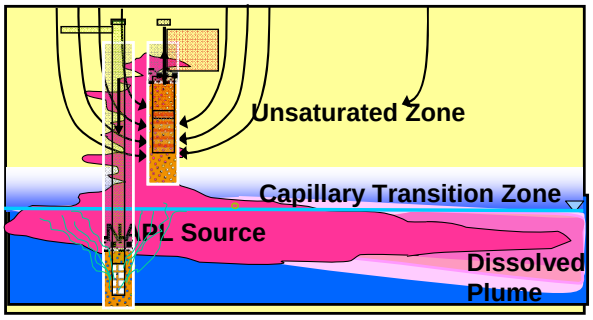
# Air Sparging/Soil Vapor Extraction (AS/SVE) – LNAPL Phase Change

- Key site conditions
  - Grain size distribution and permeability
  - Unsaturated zone vs. saturated zone
  - Water content
- Key LNAPL conditions
  - Composition
  - Volatility




- AS/SVE target LNAPL above & below water table, targets volatile compounds, more effective for coarse-grained soils
- Advantage is AS/SVE can be effective technology to address composition objective
- Disadvantage is less effective as mass removal technology

Air sparging and soil vapor extraction involves the LNAPL phase change mechanism. Above the water table, LNAPL is removed through soil vapor extraction, while below the water table air sparging removes LNAPL. Since soil vapor extraction relies on soil gas flow to remove hydrocarbon constituents that are volatilized, the permeability and the moisture content of the soil are important, since this will affect rate at which pore flushing and hydrocarbon removal will occur. The volatility of LNAPL is another important factor. Volatile products such as gasoline will be removed much faster than for example diesel, for which a significant fraction is non-volatile and will not be removed by soil vapor extraction. A potential advantage of air sparging and soil vapor extraction is that it may be effective in achieving a composition objective depending on site conditions, but it is a less efficient technology for LNAPL mass removal. This is particularly the case when there are significant quantities of free-product present, which is a scenario where other technologies such as hydraulic recovery could be used to initially target LNAPL mass recovery.

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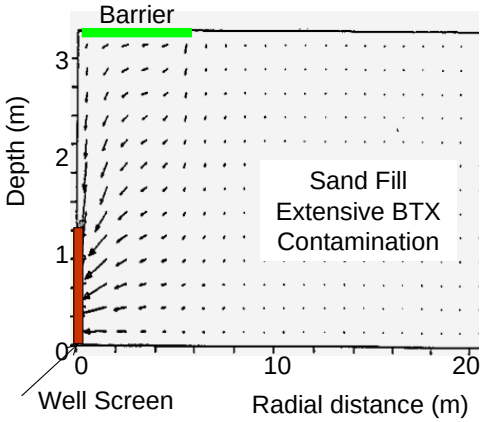
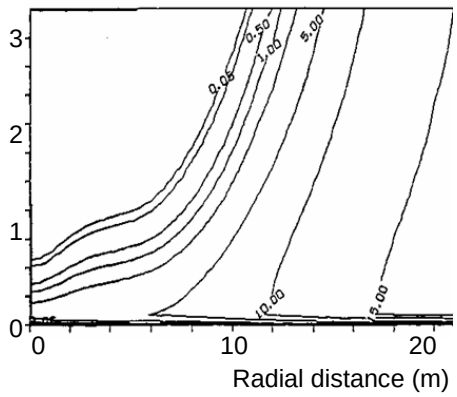
# Modeling of Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) Using Airflow/SVE Model

**Soil Gas Flow Vectors**




**Predicted Vapor Concentrations (mg/L) at 1 Year**




Key Point: Rate of soil gas pore flushings is key factor for remedial success

This slide illustrates how model-predictions using a numerical may be used to develop a better understanding of the mechanisms and limitations for soil vapor extraction. The site for which the model was applied was a former petrochemical plant with extensive benzene, toluene, and xylene contamination where soil vapor extraction was proposed to remove LNAPL mass above the water table. The model output shown in the left figure shows the soil gas velocity vectors, while the graph on the right shows the predicted vapor concentrations after one year of remediation. As shown, there is a roughly triangular area near the well where LNAPL has been removed. In contrast, there is residual LNAPL that remains deeper in soil where there is less soil gas flow. The model demonstrated that the rate of soil gas pore flushing is key for remedial success. Techniques for directing soil gas flow and expanding the radius of influence, such as the addition of surface barriers, can help further improve performance.

k = 12 Darcy
Q = 30 cfm
Pw = 60 inches

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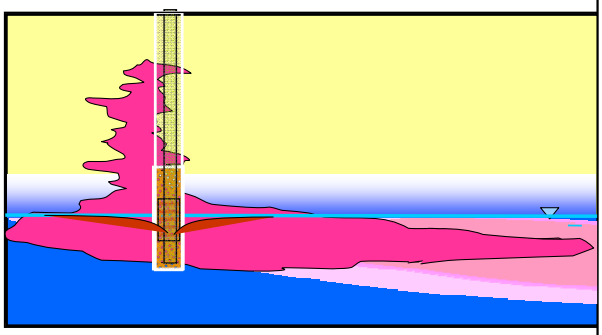
# Hydraulic Recovery Methods – LNAPL Mass Recovery

- Key site conditions
  - Grain size distribution
  - Depth below grade
- Key LNAPL conditions
  - Saturation
  - Viscosity
  - Interfacial tension



- Technologies target saturation objective often to address potential LNAPL mobility
- Advantages are potential significant LNAPL recovery, but will depend on technology – efficiency of low intensity methods (skimming) may be low compared to higher intensity methods such as multi-phase extraction
- Disadvantages include residuals management and cost

Hydraulic recovery or mass recovery can involve a range of technologies from low intensity methods such as skimming, where a pump is placed at the water/LNAPL interface in the well, to higher intensity methods such as multiphase extraction where the groundwater table is drawn down and where a vacuum is applied. One key site condition is grain size, which controls permeability and the rate at which LNAPL will move to the well. LNAPL viscosity is another parameter that affects the rate at which LNAPL will move to the well. The advantages and disadvantages will depend on the technology implemented. For example, skimming is a low cost technology, but will have a reduced radius of influence compared to multiphase extraction, for which there will be greater drawdown and consequently recovery. The disadvantages of multiphase extraction are greater cost and residuals management.

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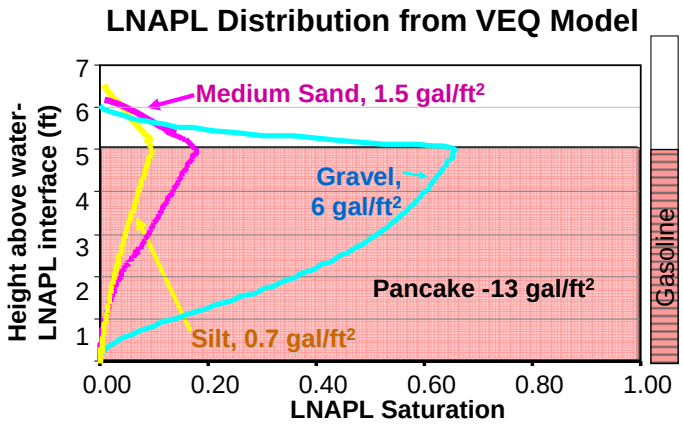
## Review – Before Designing Hydraulic Recovery Technologies Need to Understand LNAPL Distribution (Training Part 1)




Key Point: Model-predicted LNAPL specific volume depends on soil type and in-well thickness – Do you understand volume present and potentially recoverable?

Volume estimates for different soil types for a given LNAPL thickness in the well are shown in this figure. For the outdated pancake model, the volume is the LNAPL thickness in well x porosity, or 13 gal/ft2 for this example. Using the more up-to-date Vertical equilibrium model (VEQ), the LNAPL saturation distribution (shark fins) and volumes depend on grain size, and vary from 6 gal/ft$^2$ for gravel to 0.7 gal/ft$^2$ for silt.

Do you understand the volume of LNAPL that is potentially recoverable?

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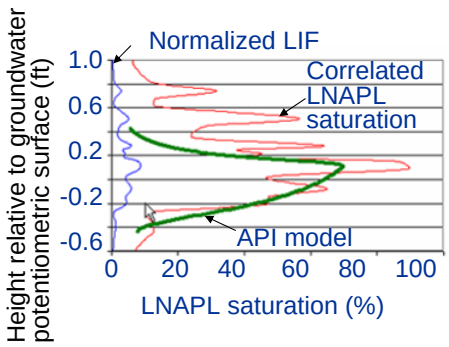
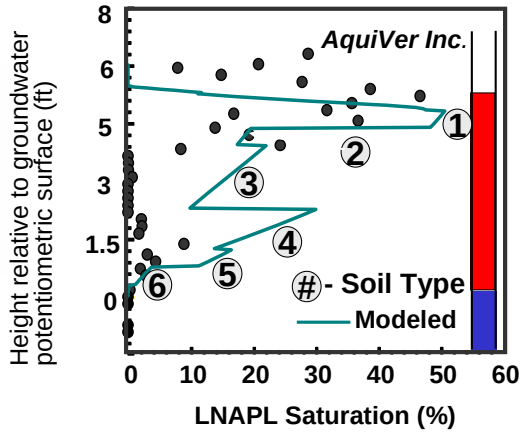
## Review – Evaluate Measurement Lines of Evidence in Addition to Model (Training Parts 1-2)

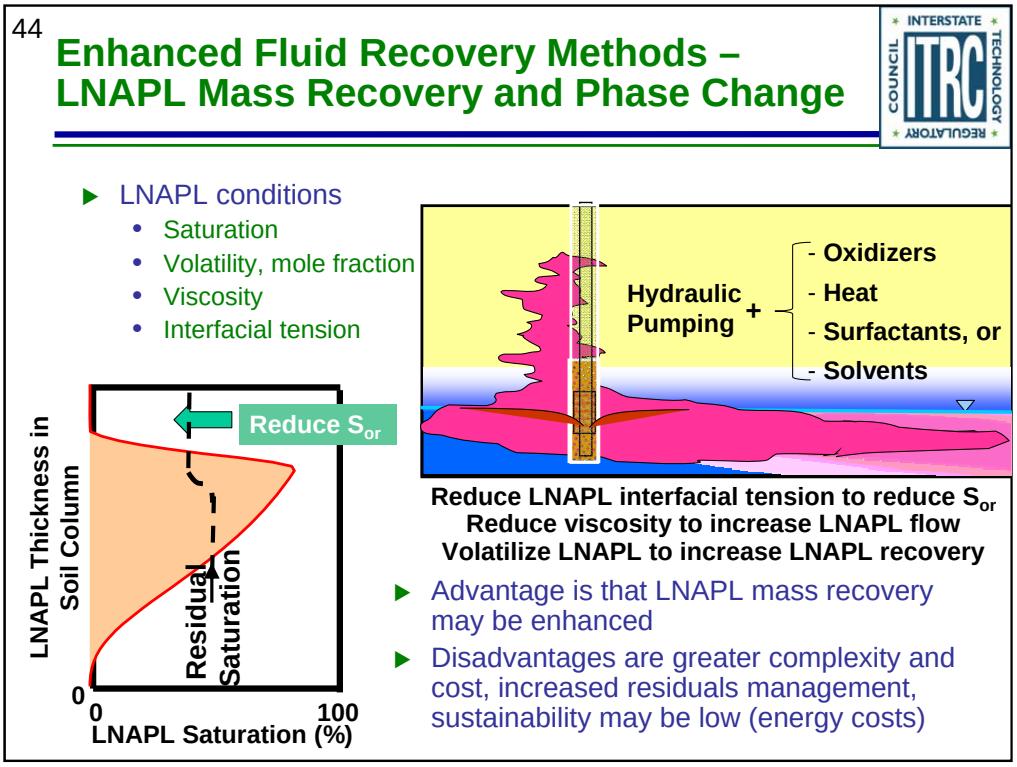



**Can correlate laser induced fluorescence (LIF) data with model predictions of LNAPL saturation**

**Can compare measured residual saturation with model predictions of LNAPL saturation**

The purpose of this slide is to highlight the variability in LNAPL distribution based on measurement. While the VEQ model shown on the previous slide can provide for useful predictions, the use of technologies such as laser induced fluorecence or LIF shown on the left graph or measurements of LNAPL saturation shown on the right graph can be used to obtain a better understanding of the vertical variability in LNAPL saturation. When such measurement data exists, it is important to compare model predictions to the VEQ model predictions. Depending on the results, it may be possible to develop correlations between model predictions and measurements. This type of analysis can be important when evaluating LNAPL recovery efforts.




Enhanced fluid recovery methods involve a combination of LNAPL mass recovery and phase change. Typically these technologies involve a combination of hydraulic pumping and technologies that change the nature of the LNAPL, such as the addition of oxidizers, heat, surfactants, or solvents. One strategy may be to reduce the residual saturation through addition of a surfactant, and therefore increase the recoverable LNAPL mass. As a reminder, we have shown the figure on the left showing the shark fin and how recoverable LNAPL increases as residual saturation is reduced. Another technology for increasing mass recovery is the addition of heat, which enhances the volatilization of LNAPL constituents.

An advantage of enhanced technologies is increased mass recovery, but limitations include greater technological complexity and cost, and also increased residuals management, for example, requirement to treat volatile emissions. For some technologies the energy inputs may be relatively high and therefore potentially less sustainable than less aggressive technologies, although the potential advantage of faster remediation timeframes would need to be considered as part of this evaluation.

ITRC has previously developed comprehensive guidance on in situ chemical oxidation that can be accessed on the ITRC website.

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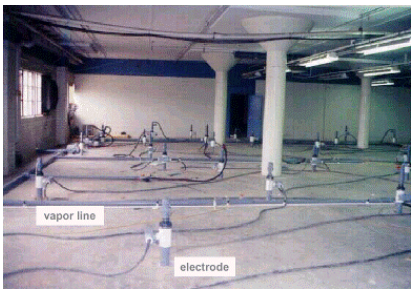
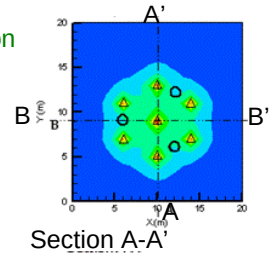
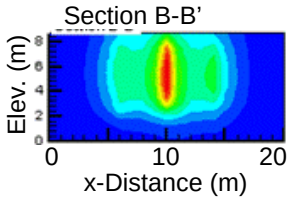
# Six Phase Heating – LNAPL Mass Recovery and Phase Change

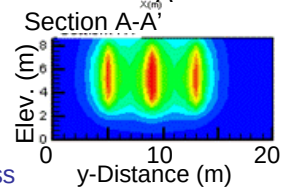
- Key LNAPL conditions
  - Saturation
  - Composition
  - Volatility
  - Solubility
  - Viscosity
  - Interfacial tension

LNAPL interfacial tensions are reduced resulting in increased LNAPL mass recovery, LNAPL constituents volatilized and removed through vapor extraction




***CompFlow Simulation Extraction with heating, 130 days***
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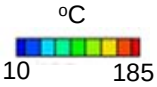


- Advantage enhanced LNAPL mass recovery and potentially faster remediation
- Disadvantages are greater complexity, increased residuals and higher energy cost – overall sustainability?

Six phase heating involves LNAPL mass recovery and phase change. Six phase heating is electrical resistance heating that applies electricity to the ground through electrodes, which is able to raise temperature to the boiling point of water. The middle array for six phase heating consists of a vapor extraction well, which is important for control and removal of volatilized constituents. A six phase heating array is shown in the photograph, while model predictions of heat modeling are shown on the right. Modeling may be important to help predict volatilization and optimize design. The key LNAPL conditions include saturation and composition, which could affect rate at which contaminants are being removed. If the goal is to mobilize LNAPL, properties such as viscosity and interfacial tension may be important.

An advantage of this technology is that LNAPL mass recovery may be enhanced and it is also a technology that works reasonably well in both coarse and fine-grained soils. Some disadvantages include greater complexity, higher energy cost and increased residuals management. The technology may be appropriate at sites with localized contamination areas where an aggressive technology can be used to quickly clean up the site.

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# Effects of Partial Mass Recovery of LNAPL Concentrations

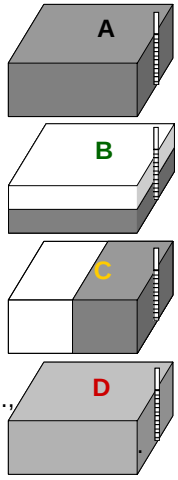
**Based on Figure 3-3**

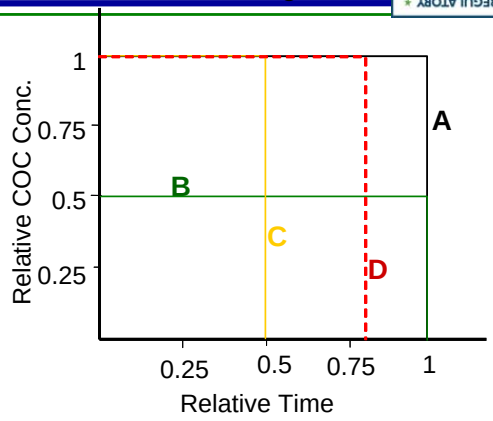
A: Base case (no remediation)

B: 50% LNAPL reduction (vertical)

C: 50% LNAPL reduction (in flow direction)

D: 20% reduction in LNAPL saturation (e.g., hydraulic recovery)




- Key Point: Know why you are recovering LNAPL mass. A saturation-objective focused technology will not likely achieve a composition objective

Source: S. Garg, Shell

The effect of partial LNAPL mass removal on the LNAPL constituent concentrations in a monitoring well positioned downgradient of the source zone and screened completely across the initial thickness of LNAPL impacts is shown. The LNAPL source zone is considered uniformly impacted. For these scenarios, it was assumed that there is no dispersion or biodegradation, and that dissolution is not mass-transfer limited (i.e., equilibrium dissolution).

**Case A:** This case is the base case, where no active remediation is performed. Here the constituent of concern dissolves into the groundwater until it is completely depleted from the LNAPL. The groundwater concentration and time to total depletion of the COC in the other cases are normalized to those for Case A. For example, a relative time of 0.5 indicates that the constituent will completely dissolve away in one-half the time when compared to Case A; similarly, a relative concentration of 0.5 indicates that the groundwater concentrations in the monitoring well defined above will be one-half of that in the base case.

**Case B:** Here the source has been partially cleaned up vertically, for example, by partial excavation to a certain depth. Here since the well is screened across the entire thickness of the original source zone, the concentration in the monitoring well is reduced by half due to dilution. However, since the source length is not changed, there is no effect on source longevity. Another example of this case could be cleanup of coarse-grained layers in an inter-bedded setting.

**Case C:** In this case the source has been partially removed in the direction of groundwater flow, for example, the upgradient half of the source has been excavated and other half is left, say due to lack of access. Here the groundwater concentrations in the monitoring wells are unchanged, but the longevity is reduced by half, because twice as many source pore volumes are flushed through the source in the same amount of time resulting in more rapid constituent depletion.

**Case D:** As is discussed earlier, the theoretical endpoint of hydraulic recovery is residual saturation. Case D represents a scenario where 20% of the LNAPL is removed via hydraulic recovery. With a 20% reduction in saturation, the concentration is unchanged, but relative time is reduced by approximately 20%.

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## Summary of LNAPL Remedial Technology Overview

- LNAPL technology description and primary mechanism for remediation (details in Table 5-1)
- Composition and saturation objectives
- Summary characteristics of remedial technologies (Table 5-2)
- Key considerations for technologies

Key physics points for each technology discussed.

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## Questions & Answers

- Background: Part 3 Internet-based training focus
- LNAPL remedial technology overview

**Question and Answer Break**

- Remedial objective setting
- LNAPL remedial technology selection framework – ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance overview and use

No associated notes.

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## Training Overview

- Background: Part 3 Internet-based training focus
- LNAPL remedial technology overview
- Remedial objective setting
- LNAPL remedial technology selection framework – ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance overview and use

No associated notes.

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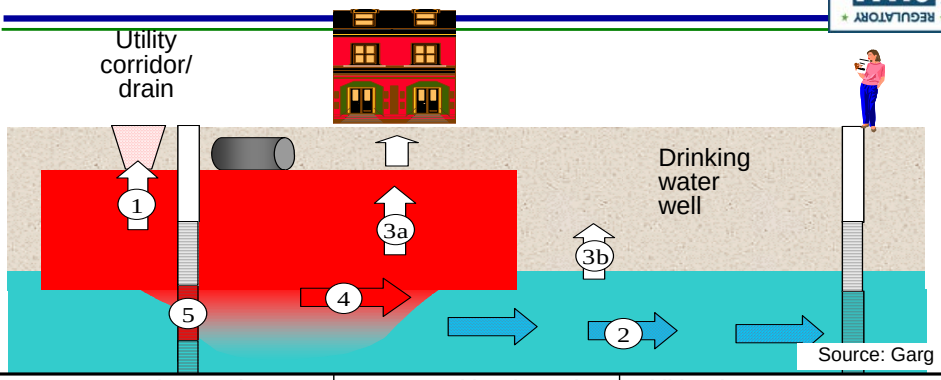
**Key Training Message:**

## Understand the LNAPL Concerns




Source: Garg

| LNAPL emergency issues when LNAPL in the ground | LNAPL considerations when LNAPL in the ground (evaluated using standard regulations) | Additional LNAPL considerations when LNAPL in wells (not evaluated using standard regulations) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 Vapor accumulation in confined spaces causing explosive conditions<br>***Not shown*** - Direct LNAPL migration to surface water<br>***Not shown*** - Direct LNAPL migration to underground spaces | 2 Groundwater (dissolved phase)<br>3a LNAPL to vapor<br>3b Groundwater to vapor<br>***Not shown*** **-** Direct skin contact | 4 LNAPL potential mobility (offsite migration, e.g. to surface water, under houses)<br>5 LNAPL in well (aesthetic, reputation, regulatory) |
| LNAPL **Composition** | | LNAPL **Saturation** |

- Begin with the end in mind.
- Understand the LNAPL concerns.
- Design a remedial system that will mitigate the concerns.
- For each LNAPL concern identified in the LCSM, there must be an remedial objective set for addressing it.
- If there are multiple concerns, then set multiple remedial objectives.
- These remedial objectives dictate what a remedial technology must achieve.
- If you're concerned about dissolved LNAPL constituents possibly impacting a drinking water well, address that.
- You don't need to focus on LNAPL migration when selecting/designing a remedial technology if the LNAPL is not migrating.

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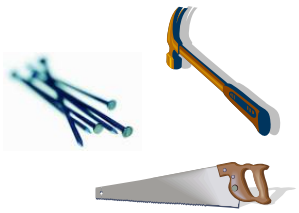
# LNAPL Concerns and Remedial Objective

**LNAPL Remedial Objective** → **LNAPL Remedial Technology**

**LNAPL Composition** → **Composition Remedy**
Phase-change technology

**LNAPL Saturation** → **Saturation Remedy**
Mass recovery
Mass control



**Key point:** **Select the right tool for the job!**

•After you have identified the concerns and the remedial objectives, then you will move to selection of an LNAPL remedial technology that addresses the LNAPL composition or saturation.

•The key point is that the Tech/Reg will help you select the right tool for the job.

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## Key Terms and Concepts

- LNAPL Remedial Objectives – Established to mitigate the LNAPL concerns
- LNAPL Remediation Goals – the Remedial Objectives stated in the context of a remedial technology
- Performance Metrics – measurements that demonstrate achievement or progress to achievement of the Remediation Goal

•Determine the LNAPL Remedial Objective to mitigate the LNAPL concern.

•For example, and LNAPL concern is that LNAPL is migrating.

•The Remedial Objective is to stop LNAPL migration.

•The Remediation Goal is to reduce LNAPL saturation and LNAPL head by removing LNAPL using skimming pumps.

•The Performance Metric is reduction of LNAPL transmissivity to a point where LNAPL is no longer migrating.

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## Example LNAPL Remedial Objectives

- Risk-based objectives
  - Reduce risk-level or hazard
  - Exposure pathway/LNAPL specific
- Non-risk objectives (examples)
  - Reduce LNAPL flux
  - Reduce source longevity
  - Reduce LNAPL mass or well thickness
  - Reduce LNAPL transmissivity
  - Abate LNAPL mobility
  - Corporate policy – liability/risk tolerance
- Regulatory driver: "recover to maximum extent practicable"
  - Different states have different interpretation

- **Potentially a different remedial strategy to target LNAPL saturation versus LNAPL composition drivers**
- **Evaluate whether applicable objective(s) are best addressed by reducing LNAPL saturation or by modifying the LNAPL composition**

•Here are some examples of other LNAPL Remedial Objectives.

•Risk-based and non-risk based, and regulatory drivers.

•You may have to use different remedial strategies to target LNAPL saturation and LNAPL composition concerns in a cost-effective way.

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# Key Terms and Concepts

## LNAPL Remedial Objective – Examples:

- Concern: LNAPL present in a well
  - Objective: recover LNAPL mass to the extent practicable
- Concern: LNAPL sourcing a dissolved plume
  - Objective: reduce soluble LNAPL fraction to meet groundwater quality standards at a compliance point or point of exposure
- Concern: LNAPL generating explosive conditions in a utility
  - Objective: reduce volatile LNAPL fraction to eliminate vapor accumulations in the utility

No associated notes.

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## Key Terms and Concepts

**Example Objective: recover LNAPL mass to the extent practicable:**

**<u>LNAPL Remediation Goal</u> – Examples**

- Goal: LNAPL removal to residual saturation
  - Technology Option 1: Dual-phase LNAPL recovery
- Goal: Complete LNAPL removal
  - Technology Option 2: Excavation of LNAPL impacted soil

No associated notes.

# Key Terms and Concepts

## Example Goal: LNAPL recovery approaching residual saturation

**Performance Metric – Examples**

- Endpoint: LNAPL Transmissivity decreased to practical limit of hydraulic recovery (0.1 to 0.8 $ft^2$/day)
  - Metric: LNAPL Transmissivity
- Endpoint: Stabilized dissolved-plume concentrations
  - Metric: Stable dissolved-plume
- Endpoint: >250 gals:1 gal
  - Metric: water/oil recovery ratio
- Endpoint: $100/gallon
  - Metric: Dollars per gallon
- Endpoint: LNAPL center of mass moves less than X ft
  - Metric: LNAPL source zone center of mass

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## Importance

- Principles to promote a successful LNAPL cleanup
  - Adequate LNAPL site characterization and LNAPL Conceptual Site Model
  - Identify LNAPL concerns
  - Establish achievable remedial objectives and remediation goals based on the concerns
  - Establish metrics to measure progress
  - Develop a remedial strategy to achieve the objectives
- Failure to complete any one of the steps may result in a failed or perpetual remedial attempt

No associated notes.

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## Training Overview

- Background: Part 3 Internet-based training focus
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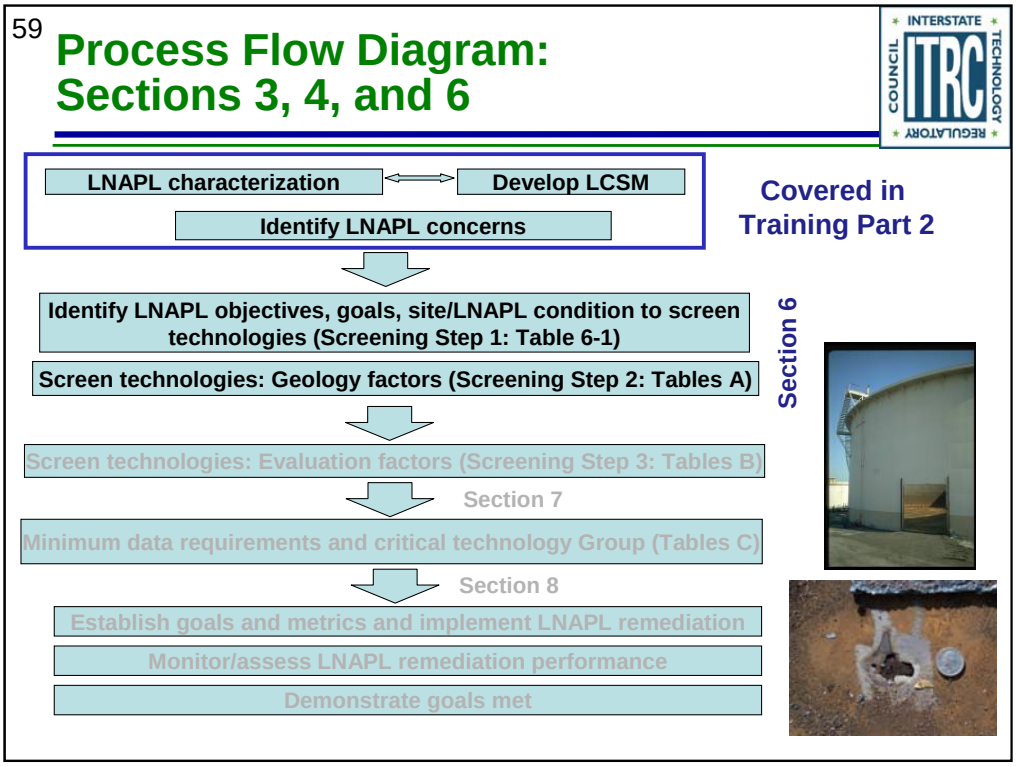
No associated notes.




This flow chart will be used throughout the presentation to remind everyone where we are in the associated ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals.

Graphic: AST with hole in floor found during routine turn around.

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# Process Flow Diagram: Sections 7 and 8

LNAPL characterization ⟷ Develop LCSM

Identify LNAPL concerns

Sections 3 and 4

Identify LNAPL objectives, goals, site/LNAPL condition to screen technologies (Screening Step 1: Table 6-1)

Screen technologies: Geology factors (Screening Step 2: Tables A)

Section 6

**Screen technologies: Evaluation factors (Screening Step 3: Tables B)** — **Section 7**

**Minimum data requirements and critical technology Group (Tables C)** — **Section 8**

**Establish goals and metrics and implement LNAPL remediation**

**Monitor/assess LNAPL remediation performance**

**Demonstrate goals met**

No associated notes.

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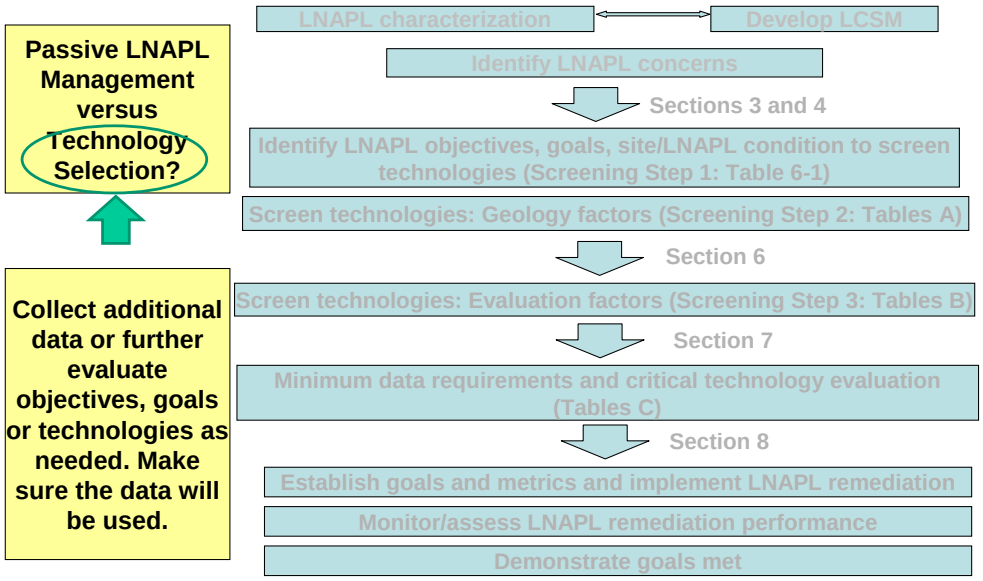
# Process Flow – Quick Aside!




Key Point: The ITRC Guidance focuses on active technology selection. There might be sites that are low risk, and are in a routine monitoring program where active remediation is not needed.

Also, at any step of technology selection, additional data might be needed to close characterization data gaps or help screen in or screen out a technology.

# Section 6 – Preliminary LNAPL Remedial Technology Screening

- Goal: 17 technologies to 5 or less
- 2-step process
  - **Step 1** – Table 6-1. Set remedial objectives, set goals, and metrics, then screen technologies according to site conditions
  - **Step 2** – Compare screened technologies against Geologic Factors in "A-series" tables in Appendix A to further refine list

Major Goal in Section 6 is to narrow the long list of technologies down to a shorter list.

It is a two step process, and we will begin with the first step.

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## Step 1, Table 6.1
# LNAPL Remedial Objectives

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

| LNAPL Remedial Objectives | LNAPL Remedial Goals | Technology Group | Example Performance Metrics | LNAPL Technology and LNAPL/Site Conditions |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reduce LNAPL saturation when LNAPL is above the residual range | Reduce recoverable LNAPL to extent practicable | LNAPL mass recovery | Asymptotic Tech limit or limited/ infrequent well thickness, decline curve analysis | -Dual Pump Liquid Extraction C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Multi-Phase Extraction (Dual Pump) C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Multi-Phase Extraction (Single Pump) C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Water Flooding C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-LNAPL Skimming F, C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Bioslurping/EFR F, C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Excavation F, C, U, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-NSZD F, C, U, S, HV, HS |

- Reduce LNAPL mass and further reduce mobility
- Terminate LNAPL body expansion
- Abate generation of toxic and/or vapor accumulations from LNAPL source
- Aesthetic LNAPL concern abated
  - Saturation objective
  - Composition objective

On the next five slides, we will go through Table 6-1 in the Guidance. At a site, a practitioner would also work this table from left to write to help narrow technologies.

Important: There is a lot of information in the ITRC Guidance. The presentation slides have less information, so the text can be large enough to be seen.

LNAPL Remedial Objectives: One example is shown above in the table. The other LNAPL Remedial Objectives from Table 6-1 are shown below at the left.

The graphic shows a LNAPL skimmer system, which could be used as a technology to address two LNAPL Remediation Objectives as indicated by the arrows.

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## Step 1, Table 6.1
# LNAPL Remedial Goals

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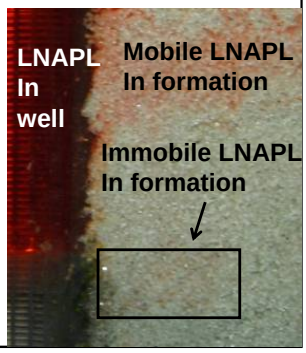
- Recover LNAPL to the maximum extent practicable
- Abate LNAPL body expansion
- Arrest LNAPL spreading by a physical barrier
- Abate toxic vapors
- Remove sufficient soluble mass fraction to reduce down gradient mass flux




LNAPL remedial goal is what the objective is supposed to accomplish. The table shows one example, the other examples from Table 6-1 are shown at the bottom left.

Graphic, Important!: This shows LNAPL in a sand tank at Colorado State University. LNAPL is shown (red liquid) in a stainless steel tank cut in half on the left. The LNAPL saturation profile can be seen in the upper right, and shows the fraction of LNAPL that might be recovered. On the bottom right, residual LNAPL is shown in the formation. When LNAPL is recovered, this residual LNAPL will still be in the formation contributing to a dissolved phase groundwater plume. So a mass recovery goal might not address a LNAPL concern based on a groundwater concentration, like an MCL.

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## Step 1, Table 6.1
# Technology Group

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

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- What is a technology group? A high level grouping that the technology achieves:
  - LNAPL mass recovery →
  - LNAPL mass control (containment) →
  - LNAPL compositional change

Technology group: Does a technology work by removing LNAPL, containing LNAPL or by compositionally changing it.

Graphic: Shows two technology groups. An LNAPL skimmer system is housed in the plastic structures for mass recovery, and a sheet pile wall is present for LNAPL containment.

## Step 1, Table 6.1
# Performance Metrics

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

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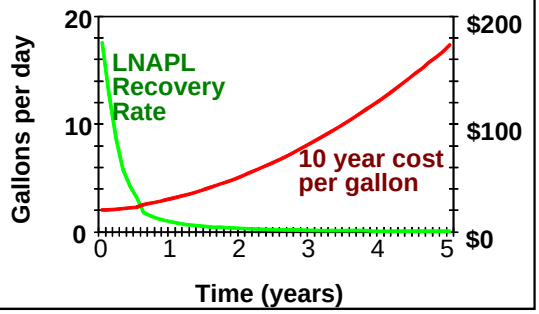
- Asymptotic recovery
- Water/oil ratio
- Dollars per gallon of LNAPL removed →
- Pounds of $CO_2$ generated per gallon of removed LNAPL




Example metrics are all about when a system has met its technological endpoint.

Examples from Table 6-1 are shown on the bottom left.

Graphic: Shows a $/gallon or LNAPL removed metric. As systems approach their endpoint, less LNAPL is recovered, while O&M costs may remain at a constant level, increasing the cost of LNAPL removing as measured as $/gallon.

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## Step 1, Table 6.1 LNAPL Technology and LNAPL/Site Conditions

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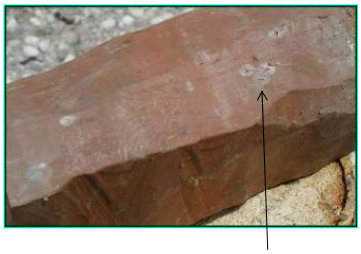
- A grouping of technologies can be further reduced based on
  - LNAPL type
    - LV- low Volatility, HV-High Volatility, HS-High Solubility, LS-Low Solubility
  - Geologic indicators
    - F-Fine grained soils, C-Coarse grained soils, V-vadose zone, S-Saturated zone



LNAPL Halos in Clay

The last column gives a little more site specific LNAPL and soil texture criteria to help screen the technologies.

Subscripts are shown on the bottom left.

Graphic: Clay from a soil core. LNAPL in halos. This soil is an “F,” fine grained soil.

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# Starting with Section 6: Step 2

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Sections 3 and 4

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**Screen technologies: Geology factors (Screening Step 2: Tables A)**

**Section 6**

Screen technologies: Evaluation factors (Screening Step 3: Tables B)

Section 7

Minimum data requirements and critical technology Group (Tables C)

Section 8

Establish goals and metrics and implement LNAPL remediation

Monitor/assess LNAPL remediation performance

Demonstrate goals met

Now we are in the second step of Section 6.0, looking at the A-Series tables to get more information on technologies based on site specific geologic information.

# Example: Skimming Table A-6.A

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Geologic factors | Saturated zone | Permeability | Soil permeability is proportional to recovery rate—higher LNAPL recovery and saturation reduction in higher permeabilities |

**Table A-6.A. Skimming**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Technology | Active LNAPL skimming | | Uses a single pump or hydrophobic belt (e.g., bladder pump, pneumatic pump, or belt skimmer) to extract LNAPL from a well at air/LNAPL interface under natural gradients. The available drawdown is limited based on the LNAPL thickness, the density difference between LNAPL and water, and the heterogeneity of the adjacent soil. LNAPL skimming typically induces a limited ROI of <25 feet in unconfined conditions. LNAPL skimming is effective for confined, unconfined, and perched LNAPL. |
| Remediation process | Physical mass recovery | Yes | Removes LNAPL at the groundwater surface; does not affect residual LNAPL mass. |
| | Phase change | No | LNAPL remains in liquid phase. |
| | In situ destruction | No | N/A |
| | Stabilization/binding | No | N/A |
| Objective applicability | LNAPL saturation | Yes | Active skimming drives LNAPL saturation towards residual saturation, decreasing LNAPL transmissivity and mobile LNAPL extent. |
| | | Example performance metrics | Direct analysis of soil to indicate changes in formation LNAPL saturations; LNAPL transmissivity reduction/ LNAPL conductivity reduction, LNAPL/water ratio, asymptotic recovery of LNAPL from a well. |
| | LNAPL composition | No | N/A—Skimming recovers LNAPL as a fluid and does not exploit volatilization or dissolution, so it does not lead to a compositional change. |
| | | Example performance metrics | N/A |
| Applicable LNAPL type | All LNAPL types; however, lower-viscosity LNAPL (0.5–1.5 $cP^2$) is much more recoverable than high-viscosity LNAPL (>5 $cP$). | | |
| Geologic factors | Unsaturated zone | Permeability | Technology not applicable to LNAPL in the unsaturated zone. |
| | | Grain size | |
| | | Heterogeneity | |
| | | Consolidation | |
| | Saturated zone | Permeability | Soil permeability is proportional to recovery rate—higher LNAPL recovery and saturation reduction in higher permeabilities. Permeability has significant effect on ROI of a skimming well. LNAPL permeability greater allows water table levels when saturations are higher (smear zone opened). |
| | | Grain size | Skimmers can be effective in all grain size distributions; can achieve lower residual saturation in coarser materials where capillary pressures are less. |
| | | Heterogeneity | Moderately sensitive to heterogeneity, affecting ROI; well screen location and pump depth can help overcome heterogeneities. |
| | | Consolidation | Not typically a factor. |
| Cost | Per well, the capital costs of skimming wells are low compared to other technologies; however, to achieve a remedial time frame similar to that of dual pump or total fluids extraction, a denser well spacing is required due to the small ROC and lower per-well rate of LNAPL removal. Skimming wells typically need to be operated longer than DPLE because they can have lower recovery rates achieved compared to other mass recovery technologies. | | |

Section 6: Step 2

Bottom Left: An example table (SKIMMING) from Appendix A.

Top: A zone in of information highlighted in red box.

Graphic: LNAPL skimmer

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## Section 7 in the Process

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Monitor/assess LNAPL remediation performance

Demonstrate goals met

Now we will move into Section 7, to look at site specific evaluation factors.

Graphic: We will talk about community concerns. Pictured is a blower. Noise from the blower could be a community concern

# Section 7 – LNAPL Technology Evaluation for the Short List

- Further evaluate technologies from Section 6 if more than one technology – or – **reevaluate goals**
- Review Table 7-1 to understand evaluation factors
- Select and rank top 5 factors in importance for site considerations
- Review “B-series” tables in Appendix A

No associated notes.

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# Section 7 – Example Evaluation Factors – Table 7-1

**Table 7-1. Evaluation Factors**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Remedial Time Frame** | **Defined** | The time frame by which the LNAPL remedial goal is to be met. The time frame may be a regulatory or non-regulatory evaluation factor. |
| | **Impact** | Holding all other variables the same, the shorter the time frame, the more aggressive the effort required, which increases costs. |

An example from Table 7-1.

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## Section 7 – Example Evaluation Factors – Table 7-1

- Remedial time frame
- Safety
- Waste stream generation and management
- Community concerns
- Carbon footprint/energy requirements
- Site restrictions
- LNAPL body size
- Cost
- Other

Each factor is **Defined** and its **Impact** is listed

The rest of the evaluation factors from Table 7-1.

# Example: Multi-Phase Extraction (Dual Pump) Table A-10.B

| Technology: | Multi-Phase Extraction (Dual Pump) | |
|---|---|---|
| Remedial Time Frame | Concern | Moderate |
| | Discussion | Medium. Higher viscosity LNAPL will take longer to remove. |
| Community Concerns | Concern | Moderate |
| | Discussion | Although equipment is usually out of sight, there is a potential for concerns with noise, potential odors, volatile emissions, aesthetic, and access issues. |

From Table 7-1, with several (or up to five) evaluation factors selected, more information to screen technologies against evaluation factors can be found in the B-series tables in Appendix A.

An example is shown above.

Graphic: MPE pilot test well head. PVC is the conduit to apply a vacuum. The narrow red line is a pump for LNAPL recovery. The thicker red line is attached to a pump for watertable depression.

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# Section 8: Minimum Data Requirements

LNAPL characterization ⟷ Develop LCSM

Identify LNAPL concerns

Sections 3 and 4

Identify LNAPL objectives, goals, site/LNAPL condition to screen technologies (Screening Step 1: Table 6-1)

Screen technologies: Geology factors (Screening Step 2: Tables A)

Section 6

Screen technologies: Evaluation factors (Screening Step 3: Tables B)

Section 7

**Minimum data requirements and critical technology group (Tables C)**

**Section 8**

Establish goals and metrics and implement LNAPL remediation

Monitor/assess LNAPL remediation performance

Demonstrate goals met

Now we will move into Section 8.

Graphic: Clay from boring log—this has to be known by Section 8, and a complex site with fine grained soils will need to be closely evaluated in Section 8.

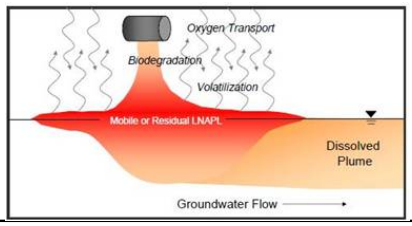
## Section 8 – Minimum Data Requirements and Critical Considerations for Technology Evaluation

- Table 8-1 is a summary table of the critical information
- Further evaluate considering bench or pilot test or field deployment information
- Use the “C-series” tables in Appendix A for the technologies remaining from Section 7
- If no technology can be determined, reevaluate the objectives or goals

No associated notes.

# Section 8 – Critical Criteria Table 8-1

| | Minimum data requirements | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **LNAPL Technology (Appendix A Table with further details)** | **Site Specific Data for Technology Evaluation** | **Bench Scale Testing** | **Pilot Testing** | **Full-Scale Design** |
| Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD) (A-4.C) | Qualitative and quantitative site evaluation data (ITRC 2009; Johnson et al. (2006) | Leaching and accelerated weathering tests (ITRC 2009 ; Johnson et al. 2006) | Quantitative evaluation data (ITRC 2009; Johnson et al., 2006) | Quantitative evaluation data and predictive modeling (ITRC 2009; Johnson et al., 2006) |




An example from Table 8-1 and the type of information shown.

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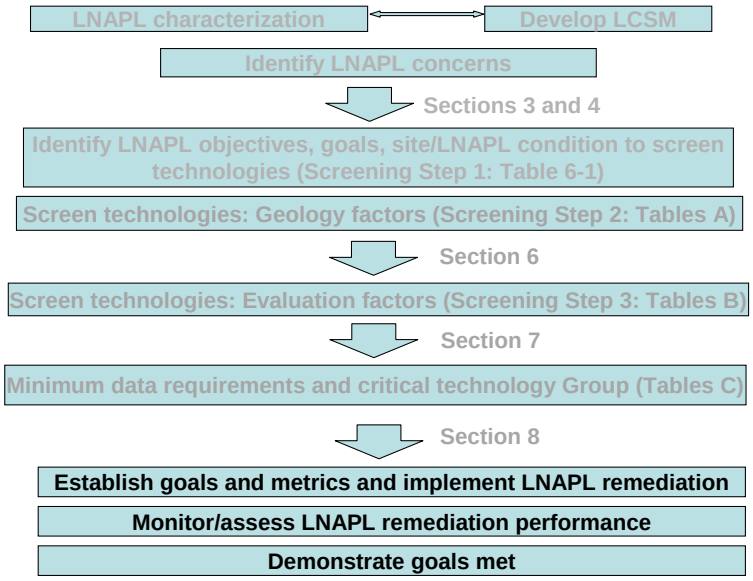
# Establish Goals, Implement, Monitor




So now we picked a technology. Time to establish goals (before system deployment) then monitor, and demonstrate that goals are met.

Next, we will go through a case example starting at LCSM building through technology selection.

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# Case Study: Former Midwestern Refinery

- Site history
- LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM) development
  - Characterize physical and chemical state of the LNAPL body
  - WHY? Facilitates understanding of the LNAPL conditions, site risks, and how best to remediate
- ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance application (starting from Section 6)
- Focus on LNAPL mass recovery
  - Other work done to show LNAPL stable using tracers, to quantify effects effective solubility and mass flux to groundwater, etc.

This is the outline for the case study.

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# Former Midwestern Refinery Site History

- Began refining in early 1900's
- Maximum capacity was 50,000 BBL/day (mid 1970s)
- Refinery was closed mid 1980s and has been decommissioned
- Approximately 1200 acres
- On-site waste water treatment (WWT)

Refinery property extent

This is a big site (~1200 acres), I also want to highlight what might be different at smaller sites. Throughout the case study, there will be a light green box with, "What about a service station?" I will describe how a smaller site or a more financially constrained site might go through the process as well.

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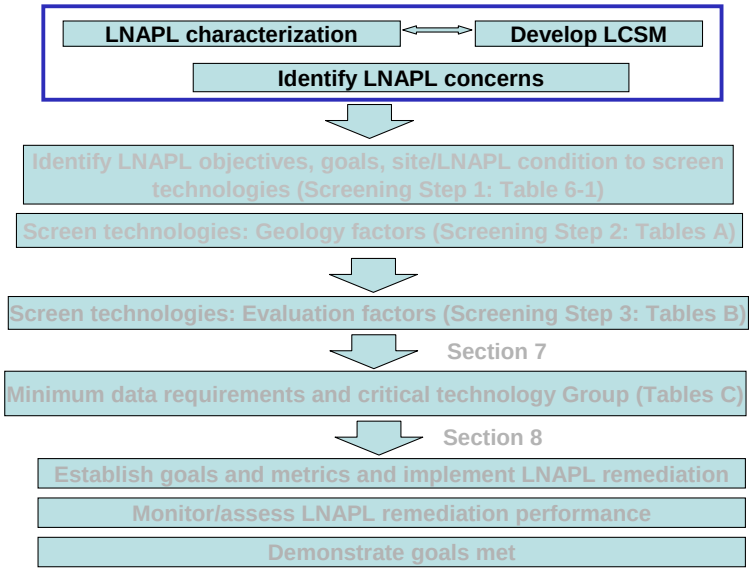
# Process Flow Diagram: Sections 3 and 4, The LCSM




Quick pass through slide, first step is LCSM building.

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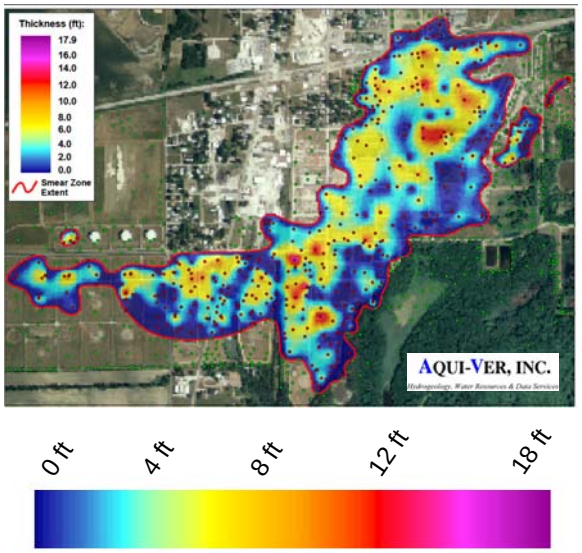
# Former Midwestern Refinery LCSM Development

- Smear zone delineation (X, Y, Z)
- Review of historic conventional data
  - Wells with LNAPL
  - Dissolved phase indicators
  - Soil sample and PID indicators from soil borings
- Approximately 200 acre footprint smear zone of varying thickness and impact

Smear Zone extent







Forensic data analysis led to a high resolution snapshot of the smear zone.

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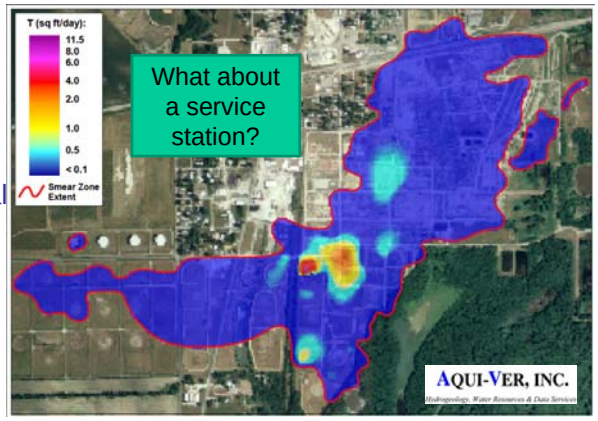
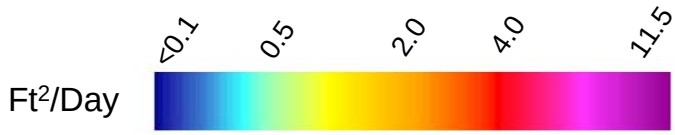
## Smear Zone Transmissivity (Property of Fluid, Aquifer Material, and LNAPL Formation Thickness)

- LNAPL baildown tests conducted in all wells with LNAPL
- Transmissivity was used to focus remedial efforts where LNAPL mass recovery had a high likelihood of success
- Area of transmissivity over **1 ft²/day** is 20 acres (of 200 acre smear zone)




No associated notes.

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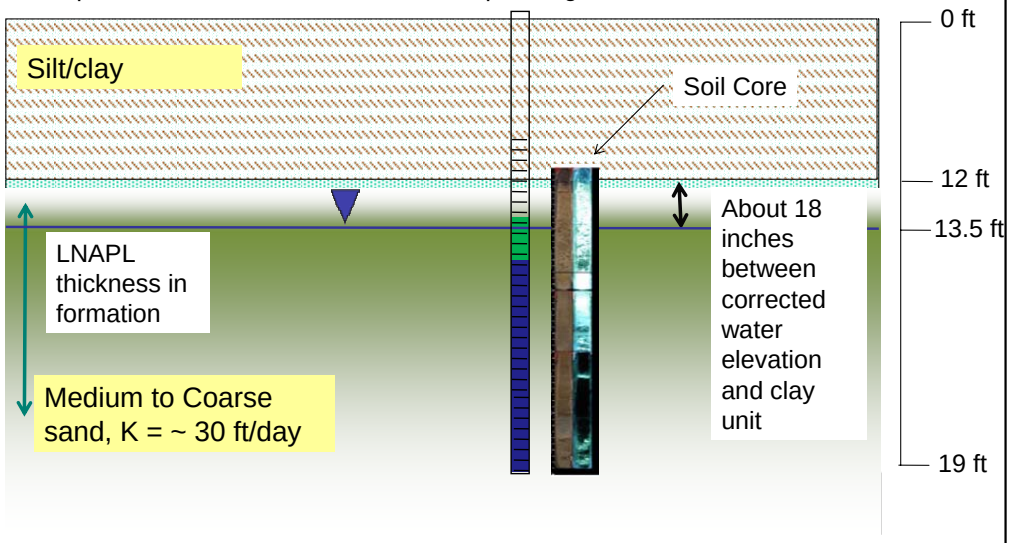
## Former Midwestern Refinery Generalized Cross-section for Pilot Test Areas

Aquifer is never confined, the below depicts high water conditions




Important: There is about 18 inches of unsaturated above the water table, but below the overlying surficial clay unit.

Soil core: from a petrophysical lab. The left side of the graphic shows the core photographed under natural light. The graphic on the right shows the core photographed under UV light. LNAPLs will fluoresce under UV light, the LNAPL saturation is related to the UV light. The higher the fluorescence the greater amount of LNAPL in the pore spaces. The “white” in the core is the area of highest LNAPL saturation.

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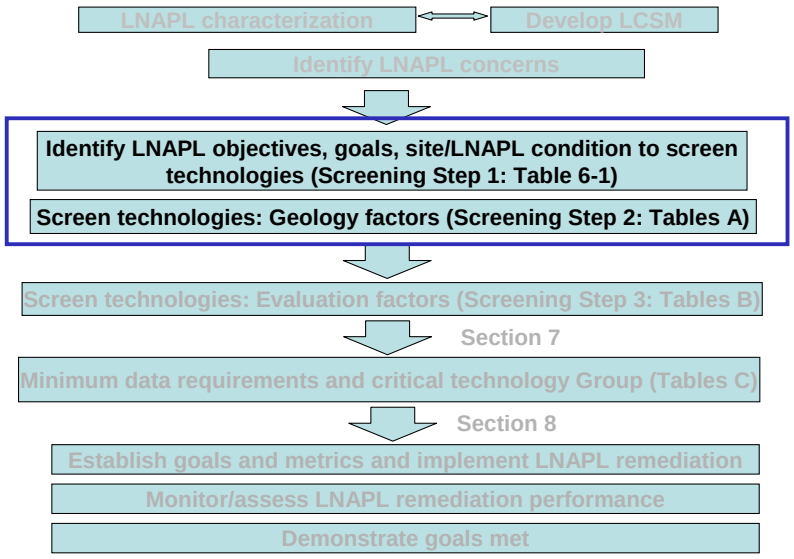
# Process Flow Diagram: Section 6 Preliminary Technology Screening




Quick slide, moving to Section 6.

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# Using Table 6.1 to Determine Technologies for Pilot Testing

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

| LNAPL Remedial Objective | LNAPL Remedial Goal | Technology Group | Example Performance Metrics | LNAPL Technology and LNAPL/Site Conditions |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Reduce LNAPL saturation when LNAPL is above the residual range | Reduce recoverable LNAPL to extent practicable | LNAPL mass recovery | Asymptotic Tech limit or limited/ infrequent well thickness, decline curve analysis | -Dual Pump Liquid Extraction C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Multi-Phase Extraction (Dual Pump) C, S, , LS, HV, HS<br>-Multi-Phase Extraction (Single Pump) C, S, , LS, HV, HS |

- So now, with basic LNAPL knowledge (Training Part 1), the LNAPL concern is based on science, and a LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM) was created (Training Part 2)
- Now the ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance will be used as a framework for LNAPL remedial technology

This site will focus on the above LNAPL Remedial Objective.

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# Goals for Pilot Testing

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

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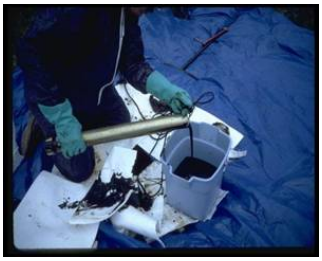
- Pilot testing will occur in 2 areas with similar in-well LNAPL thicknesses but different viscosities to:
  - Verify and refine parameters collected during the LCSM (transmissivity and hydraulic (water) conductivity)
  - Predict LNAPL recovery using LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM) (American Petroleum Institute, www.api.org)
  - Determine most efficient technology to meet goals



At the site, we decided to conduct a pilot test between Guidance Sections 6 and 7. We did this because any system deployed would be expensive enough such that time spent on a short term pilot test would greatly reduce uncertainty about remediation selection.

The pilot test will occur in 2 different areas, with similar in-well LNAPL thickness, but very different viscosities, and transmissivities.

Graphic: Baildown testing as part of characterization stage.

LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM) from American Petroleum Institute, www.api.org
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# Technologies Chosen from Table 6.1 and A Series Tables

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- Four technologies chosen and conducted in tandem:
  - LNAPL skimming
  - Enhanced fluid recovery (EFR)
  - Dual pump liquid extraction (DPLE)
  - Multi-phase extraction (dual pump)

What about a service station?

The four technologies chosen and the rest of Table 6-1 are shown.

Service Station: A pilot might not be conducted, or only one technology might be tested.

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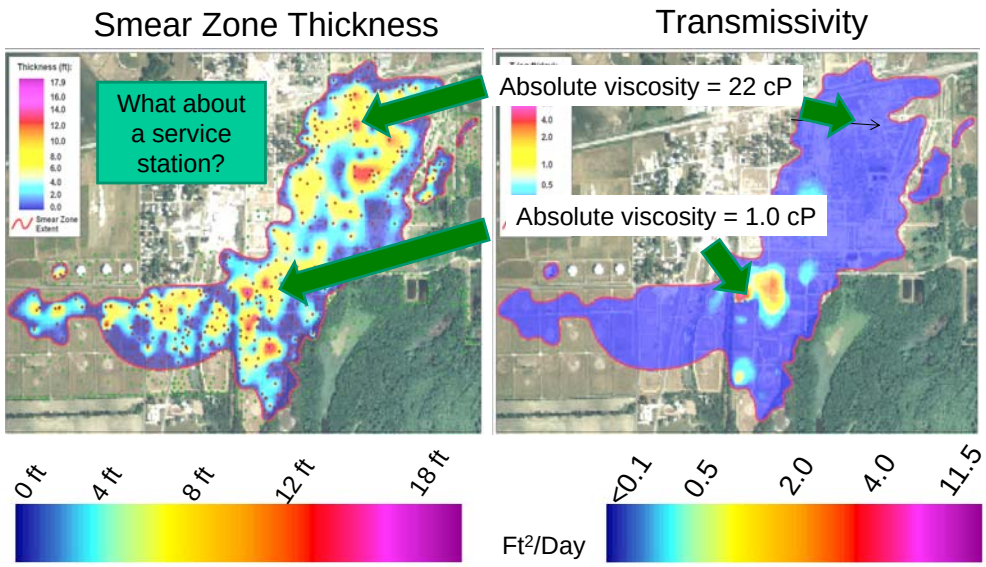
## Two Pilot Testing Locations: Similar in Well Thicknesses, High and Low Viscosity areas, LARGE Transmissivity Contrast!!!




So pilot test were conducted is in 2 areas, similar in-well thicknesses, but much different transmissivities. With only knowledge of the graphic on the right, resolution of LNAPL transmissivity is lost.

Service Station: Only one type of LNAPL, and only one area for pilot testing.

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# Why Were Some Technologies Screened Out?

**Table 6-1. Preliminary Screening Matrix**

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- **MPE Single Pump**: On-site waste water treatment (WWT) incompatible with NAPL/water stream
- **Water flooding**: Regulatory issues with injecting untreated groundwater
- **Bioslurping**: This site not focused on aerobic biodegradation
- **Other?**

No associated notes.

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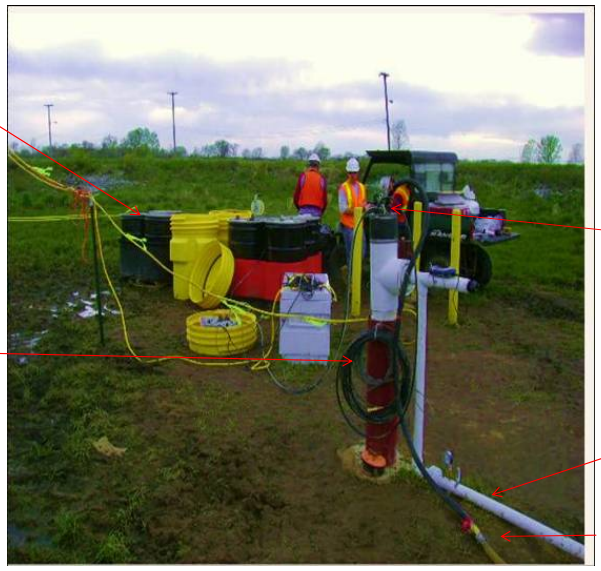
# Pilot Test Instrumentation and Additional Data Collection

- In each location a 6” stainless steel well is installed
  - Why: To avoid well screen inefficiencies due to small diameters and/or PVC swelling in contact with LNAPL
- Continuous soil cores are collected during
  - Why: To collect soil capillary parameters (van Genuchten and Brooks-Corey) for as inputs to models to predict total recovery
- 2” PVC monitoring wells at 5, 15, and 25 feet
  - Why: To calculate radius of influence (ROI) and radius of vacuum influence (ROVI) during pilot testing and refine hydraulic conductivity estimates

No associated notes.

# Pilot Test Set-up




Picture of Pilot Test Set-up.

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## Pilot Test Results in Gallons

**(test time: 72 hours of pseudo-steady state conditions)**

**No Additional Benefit**

| | LNAPL Skimming | Enhanced Fluid Recovery | Dual Pump Liquid Extraction | Multiphase Extraction (dual pump) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Low Viscosity Area (1 cP) | 40 | **40** | 600 | **600** |
| High Viscosity Area (22 cP) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

- Enhanced Fluid Recovery (EFR) and Multi-phase extraction (MPE) did not increase LNAPL recovery
- High viscosity area had NO LNAPL recovery despite > 5 feet of LNAPL in well at static conditions
- Pilot test demonstrated high viscosity (low transmissivity) areas not hydraulically recoverable.
- Hydraulic recovery focus shifted to areas with a transmissivity greater than 1 $ft^2$/day (20 acre area)

The vacuum enhanced technologies did not provide additional benefit.

The high viscosity area had NO LNAPL recovery. This shows it is infeasible to recover LNAPL here even though there is a large in-well thickness. This also verifies the baildown test result indicating a low transmissivity.

So, the focus is on skimming and DPLE in the low viscosity (high transmissivity area).

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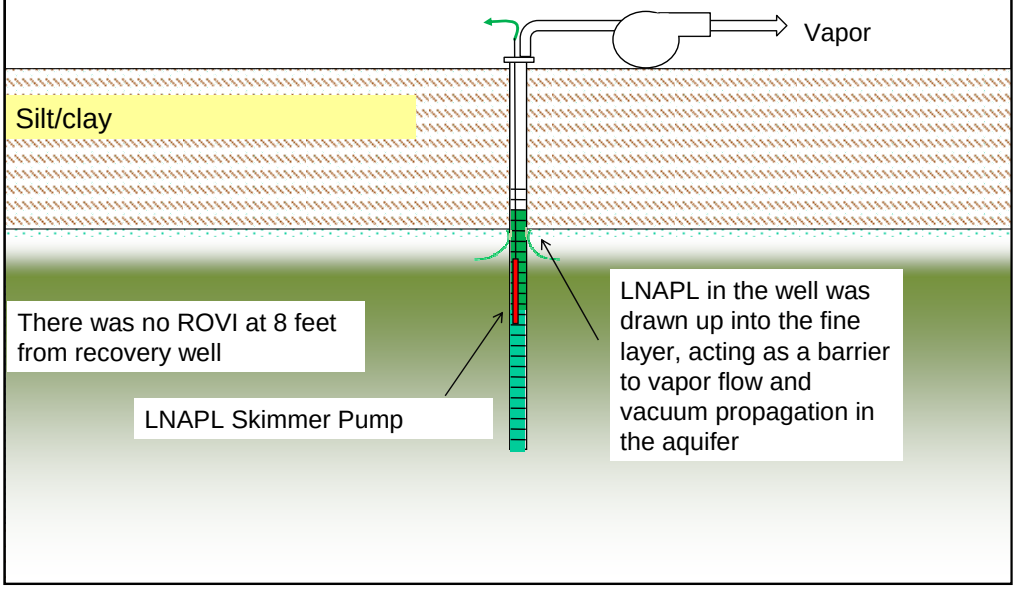
## Pilot testing EFR and MPE-dual pump
### Why no improvement with a vacuum applied?




Why the vacuum failed: Vacuum drew water above the sand/clay contact cutting of vacuum propagation.

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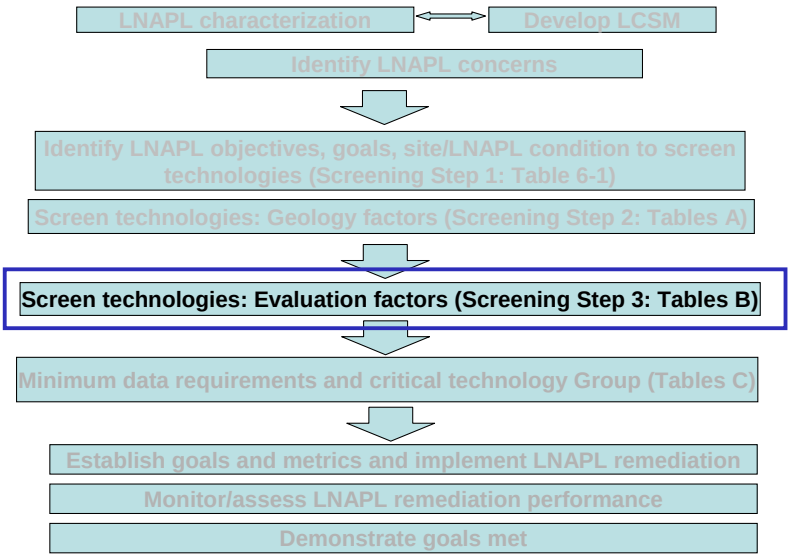
# Process Flow Diagram: Section 7 Technology Evaluation




Moving into Section 7 with 2 technologies.

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## Further Evaluating LNAPL Skimming and Dual Phase Liquid Extraction in Higher Transmissivity Area using Section 7 and B Series Tables

- **Remedial time frame**
- Safety
- **Waste stream generation and management**
- Community concerns
- Carbon footprint/energy requirements
- Site restrictions
- **LNAPL body size**
- **Cost**
- Other

Moving on to Section 7, the important evaluation factors are shown bolded above. Cost factors into the above three.

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## Evaluating LNAPL Skimming and Dual Pump Liquid Extraction in Higher Transmissivity Area using Section 7 and B Series Tables

| | | LNAPL Skimming | Dual Pump Liquid Extraction | Important Characteristics |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Remedial Time Frame | Concern | High | Moderate | Ties in directly to capital versus longer term O&M Costs. |
| | Discussion | Long to very long. Depends on soil type, LNAPL type, release size, footprint, and end point. | Medium. Depends on soil type, LNAPL type, release size, footprint, and end point. | |
| Waste Management | Concern | Low to moderate | Moderate | There is an existing Waste water treatment system, only costs is for only electricity |
| | Discussion | Recovered LNAPL requires treatment, disposal, and/or recycling. | Recovered LNAPL and groundwater water need to be properly disposed. Need wastewater treatment. | |
| LNAPL Body Size | Concern | Moderate to High | Low | There will be fewer but more expensive to operate DPE wells. |
| | Discussion | The size of the LNAPL body directly affects the cost. Skimming radius of influence effects the number of wells required to address the LNAPL Body. | Capable of remediating larger LNAPL bodies. Lithology and permeability determine the spacing between recovery wells.. | |

The next slides will be a side-by-side comparison of the three evaluation factors for the two technologies.

Remedial Time frame: DPLE will reach technical endpoint much faster.

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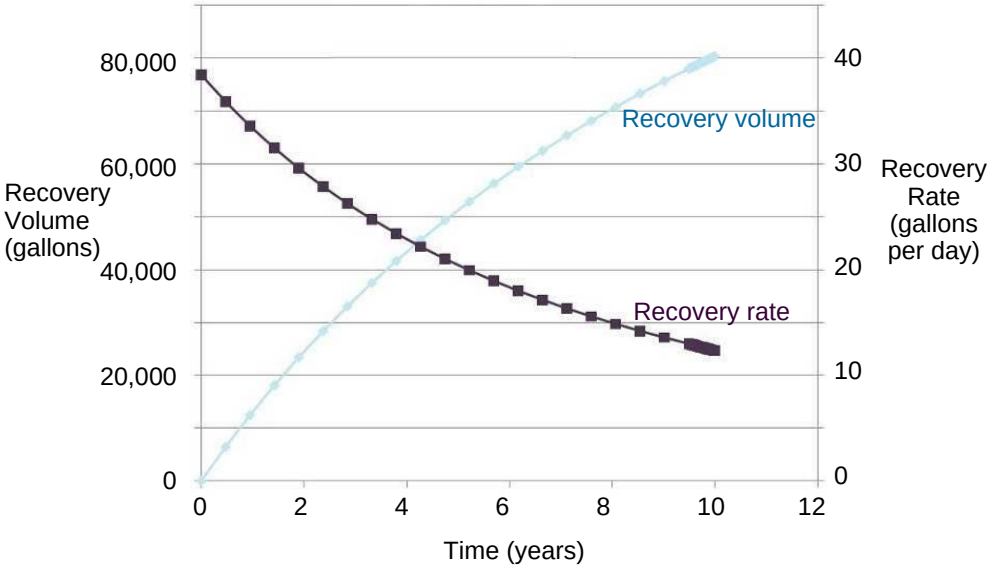
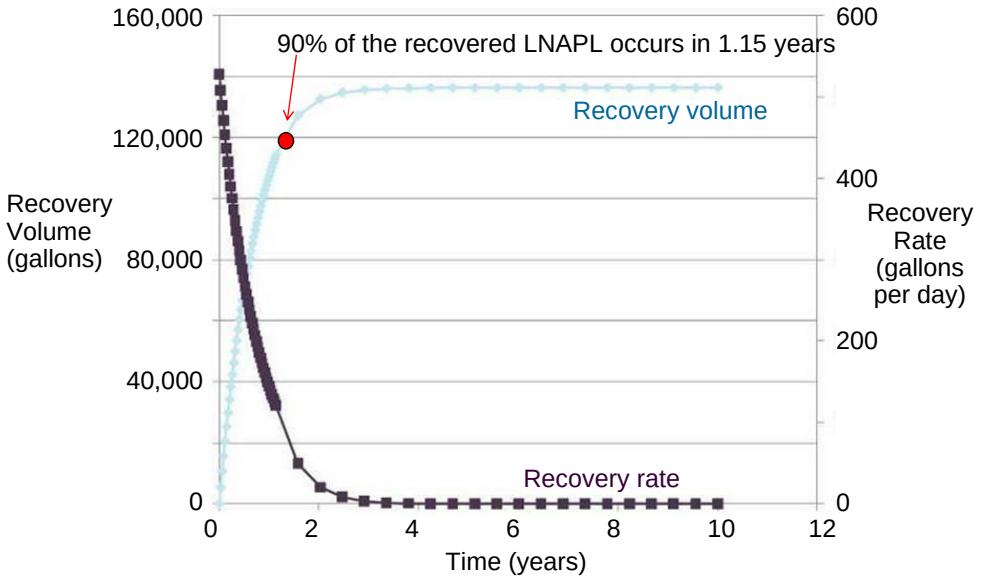
## Extrapolated Results Using API's LDRM: LNAPL Skimming: Not Yet Asymptotic After 10 years!




Skimming will occur for longer than ten years (LDRM model prediction)

# LDRM Dual Phase Liquid Extraction: Asymptotic After 1.15 years




DPLE will reach asymptotic recovery in less than 2 years (LDRM model).

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# Waste Management Between Skimming and Dual Phase Liquid Extraction

| | | LNAPL Skimming | Dual Pump Liquid Extraction | Important Characteristics |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | Discussion | The size of the LNAPL body directly affects the cost. Skimming radius of influence effects the number of wells required to address the LNAPL Body. | Capable of remediating larger LNAPL bodies. Lithology and permeability determine the spacing between recovery wells.. | |

Key point: On site WWTP. The extra water production (waste stream) can be easily and cheaply treated.

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# LNAPL Body Size Between Skimming and Dual Phase Liquid Extraction

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Key point: This is a big site, cost tradeoff between a lot of skimmer wells versus fewer DPLE wells

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## Further Evaluating LNAPL Skimming and DPE in Higher Transmissivity Area using Section 7 and B Series Tables

| | LNAPL Skimming | Dual Pump Liquid Extraction |
|---|---|---|
| **Remedial Time Frame** | | X |
| **Waste Management** | | X |
| **LNAPL Body Size** | X | X |

- For the refinery, DPLE looks to be superior to skimming.
- Let's double check this using Section 8 and the C-Series tables

DPLE wins:

Shorter time frame

Not a huge problem from water treatment

Large LNAPL body size

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## What about a SERVICE STATION???

| | LNAPL Skimming | Dual Pump Liquid Extraction |
|---|---|---|
| **Remedial Time Frame** | | X |
| **Waste Management** | X | |
| **LNAPL Body Size** | X | |

- A service station would likely have a smaller LNAPL body and greater difficulty in treating produced water (no convenient waste water treatment (WWT))

DPLE still has a more attractive time frame

Water might be difficult to treat due to size of service station, and discharge will have to be permitted.

Smaller LNAPL body might mean only 1 or 2 skimmer wells (compared to 1 DPLE well)

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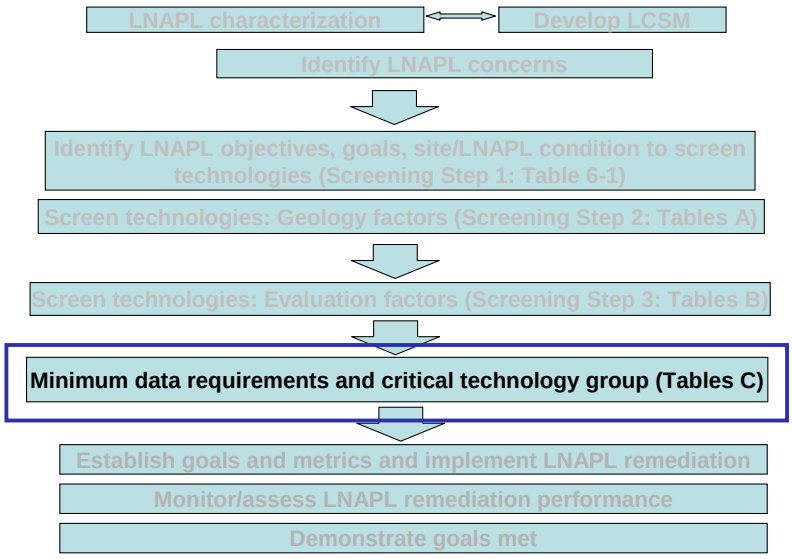
## Process Flow Diagram: Section 8 Minimum data and Critical Considerations




Moving through to Section 8, what else do we need to look out for.

# Section 8 – Critical Criteria For Dual Phase Liquid Extraction

**Table A-8.C. Technical implementation considerations for dual-pump liquid extraction**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Data requirements | Full-scale design | Number of extraction wells | Determine number of required DPLE wells necessary to achieve adequate zone of LNAPL recovery consistent with LNAPL site objective(s). |
| | | Groundwater ROC | Establish groundwater capture for different groundwater pumping rates. For continuous pumping systems, determine acceptable pumping rate that may be sustained without creating unacceptable drawdown. |
| | | LNAPL ROC | Establish LNAPL capture for different LNAPL pumping rates. For continuous pumping systems, determine acceptable pumping rate that may be sustained without creating unacceptable drawdown. |

- What else is in the C-Series Tables:
  - Site specific data for evaluation
  - Bench and Pilot Scale testing

This is the type of information found in the C-series tables. Highlighted is an example of ROC.

# Technology Selection Framework and Case Study Summary

- LNAPL Remediation is an iterative process
  - From identifying LNAPL concerns
  - To demonstration of meeting LNAPL goals
- Communication is key!

- ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance provides technology selection framework
- Case study shows how technology selection framework applies

No associated notes.

# Overall Training Summary

- Background information available
  - Training Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface
  - Training Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability
- Today's Training Part 3
  - LNAPL remedial technology overview
  - Remedial objective setting
  - LNAPL remedial technology selection framework
    - ITRC LNAPL Technical and Regulatory Guidance: *Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals* (LNAPL-2, 2009)
- LNAPLs Classroom Training
  - October 16-17, 2012 in Novi, Michigan (Detroit Area)
  - Register now from www.itrcweb.org under "Training"

No associated notes.

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# Thank You for Participating

- **2nd question and answer break**
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