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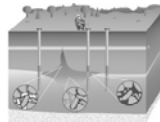
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LNAPL Training Part 2: **LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability – Improved Analysis**



Do you know where the LNAPL is and can you recover it?

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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. LNAPLs are important because they are present in the subsurface at thousands of remediation sites across the country, and are frequently the focus of assessment and remediation efforts. A sound LNAPL understanding is necessary to effectively characterize and assess LNAPL conditions and potential risks, as well as to evaluate potential remedial technologies or alternatives. Unfortunately, many environmental professionals have a faulty understanding of LNAPL conditions based on outdated paradigms.

The ITRC LNAPLs Team is providing Internet-based training to improve the general understanding of LNAPLs. Better understanding leads to better decision making. Additionally, this training provides a necessary technical foundation to foster effective use of the forthcoming ITRC LNAPLs Team Technical Regulatory Guidance Document: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals (to be published in 2009).

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 two parts:

LNAPL Training Part 1: An Improved Understanding of LNAPL Behavior in the Subsurface - State of Science vs. State of Practice - Part 1 explains how LNAPLs behave in the subsurface and examines what controls their behavior. Part 1 also explains what LNAPL data can tell you about the LNAPL and site conditions. Relevant and practical examples are used to illustrate key concepts.

LNAPL Training Part 2: LNAPL Characterization and Recoverability – Improved Analysis - Do you know where the LNAPL is and can you recover it? Part 2 addresses LNAPL characterization and site conceptual model development as well as LNAPL recovery evaluation and remedial considerations. Specifically, Part 2 discusses key LNAPL and site data, when and why those data may be important, and how to get those data. Part 2 also discusses how to evaluate LNAPL recoverability.

LNAPL Training Part 3: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals - 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.

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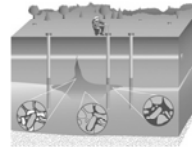
Derek W. Tomlinson P.E., P.Eng., BCEE, is a senior practitioner in environmental engineering and contaminant hydrogeology, and Principal with GEI Consultants based in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. He has more than 20 years of experience, specializing in development of strategies for managing non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPLs; both light, LNAPL, and dense, DNAPL). His graduate training at University of Waterloo used high-resolution characterization methods to understand multi-phase fluid transport within the subsurface during remediation. His technical expertise includes development of innovative site characterization methods for refinement of robust conceptual site models, which he has used in proper design, implementation, and operation of a range of in situ remediation technologies within porous media and fractured bedrock. He has worked at various types of sites under USEPA CERCLA and RCRA programs, nationally in several state and regional led and voluntary programs, and internationally. He has provided expert witness and testimony in matters related to NAPL releases and related contamination. Derek is actively involved in development of various standards, guidance documents, best-practices, internet-based and classroom workshops, and providing of training with respect to NAPLs. This work has been done with consensus based organizations of Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC) and ASTM International, as well as industry organizations of American Petroleum Institute (API), Contaminated Land: Applications in Real Environments (CL:AIRE), and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). Derek earned a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering in 1994 and a Master degree in 1999, both from the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. He is a professional engineer in Pennsylvania and Canada and a Board Certified Environmental Engineer (BCEE) in Hazardous Waste Management and Site Remediation..

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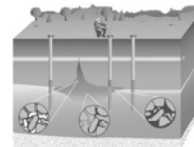
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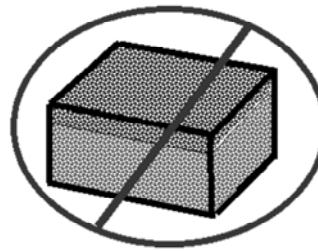
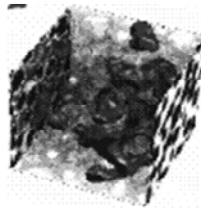
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Part 1 Summary of LNAPL Basics



- ▶ LNAPLs do not form a “pancake,” but are distributed in multi-phase vertical equilibrium.
- ▶ LNAPL saturations are not uniform, controlled by soil heterogeneity.
- ▶ Specific volume of LNAPL in soil: For a given LNAPL thickness in a monitor well, more in coarse-grained and less in fine-grained soils.
- ▶ As LNAPL saturation increases, relative permeability, and LNAPL migration potential increases.

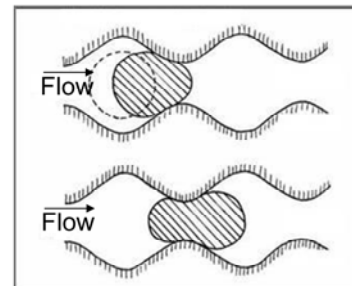


- In Part 1 of our training “Understanding LNAPL Behavior” or “LNAPL Basics,” we discussed some common misconceptions about LNAPL behavior in the subsurface.
- LNAPLs do not float on the capillary fringe or groundwater table in a uniform, highly-saturated, “pancake-like” layer, as shown on the right. Instead, LNAPLs are distributed above, at, and below the groundwater table at saturations that vary vertically and horizontally in the soil, as shown on the left.
- As shown on the left, LNAPL saturations are not uniform. They are controlled by product type, soil type, and soil heterogeneity. LNAPL and water coexist in the soil pore space in the saturated zone. LNAPL, water, and air coexist in the soil pore space in the vadose zone.
- For a given apparent LNAPL thickness in a monitor well, the volume of recoverable LNAPL is usually greater from a coarse-grained soil (gravel & sand) than from a fine-grained soil (silt & clay). Thinking about it in another way, in an area of uniformly distributed LNAPL volume, the areas with the greatest apparent thicknesses in monitor wells usually correspond to the finest-grained (lowest permeability) soils. Because of the large apparent LNAPL thicknesses, these areas are commonly targeted for placement of free product recovery wells. However, large apparent LNAPL thicknesses in monitor wells in fine-grained soils do not necessarily mean that you will be able to recover significant volumes of LNAPL.
- As LNAPL saturations increase, such as during the release, the potential for LNAPL to migrate horizontally increases. Conversely, as the LNAPL saturation decreases it is less mobile and more difficult to recover.
- Why do we care about all this?
- Because use of the “pancake” model not only leads to overestimates of the total volume of LNAPL in the subsurface, but more importantly, it leads to overestimates of the recoverable volume of LNAPL in the subsurface.
- An estimation of the volume of recoverable LNAPL in the subsurface is necessary to determine when you can turn off your remediation system.
- “Recoverable LNAPL” can also be defined by the soil type and remediation method used to recover it. For example, skimmers can effectively remove free product from coarse-grained soils, but fine-grained soils may require vacuum-enhanced recovery systems.

Part 1 Summary of LNAPL Basics (continued)



- ▶ Pressure exerted by LNAPL must exceed the displacement soil pore entry pressure for LNAPL to enter a water-filled soil pore.
- ▶ A measurable LNAPL thickness in a monitor well does not necessarily indicate that LNAPL is migrating.
- ▶ Part 1 - Basic principles of LNAPL distribution and mobility
- ▶ Part 2 - LNAPL characterization, Conceptual Site Model, and recovery evaluation



- In order for LNAPL to migrate horizontally, the LNAPL must overcome the soil pore entry pressure in the saturated zone and capillary fringe soils.
- As shown in the picture, movement of the LNAPL “blob” is impeded by smaller water-wet soil pores.
- A measurable thickness of LNAPL in a monitor well does not necessarily indicate that the LNAPL is migrating. In fact, most LNAPL plumes come to stable configurations shortly after the release is stopped.
- Part 1 of this training discussed the basic principles for LNAPL distribution and mobility.
- This part of the training will focus on LNAPL characterization, the LNAPL Conceptual Site Model, and evaluation of LNAPL recovery.

Purpose of Today's Training Event



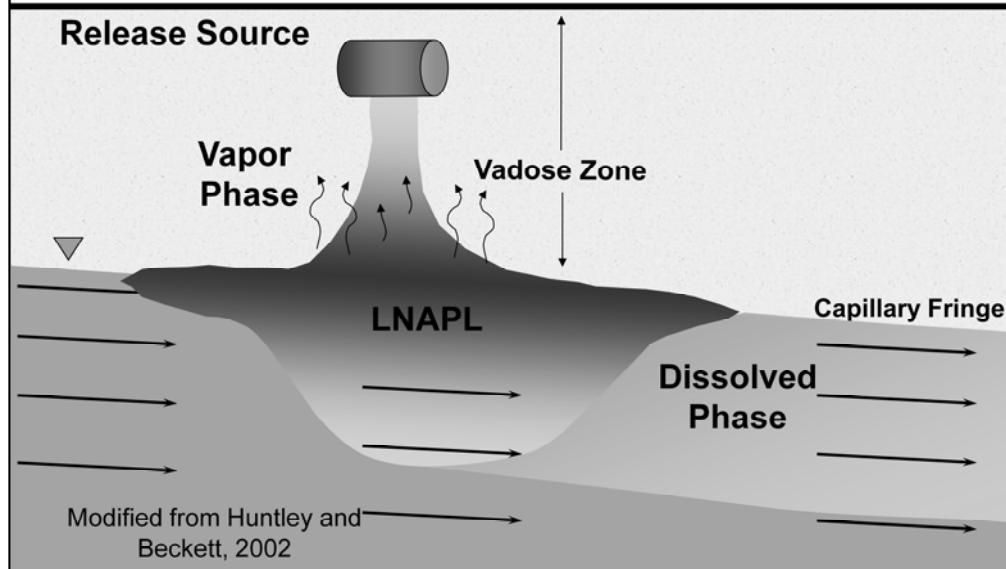
Better Understanding, Better Decisions

- ▶ Identify relevant LNAPL and site characterization data (what, how, why).
- ▶ Demonstrate use of Part 1 concepts in evaluating LNAPL recoverability.
- ▶ Discuss factors used to match remedial objectives with LNAPL remedial technologies.



- The purpose of today's training is to:
- Discuss LNAPL site characterization.
- Demonstrate how the concepts presented in the Part 1 training can be used to evaluate LNAPL recoverability.
- Discuss matching remedial technologies with remedial goals.

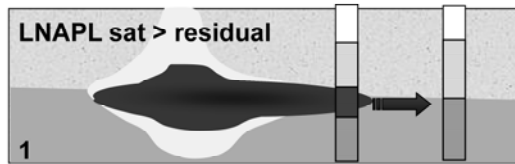
Simplified Subsurface LNAPL Processes



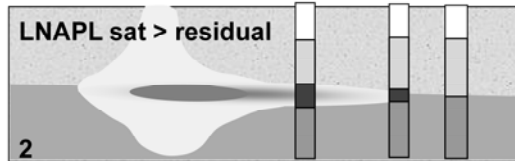
- This slide shows a cross-section of a typical LNAPL body, dissolved plume, and vapor cloud.
- The slide is from a publication by G.D. Beckett (Aqui-Ver) and David Huntley (San Diego State University). Beckett and Huntley have published many papers on LNAPL behavior in the subsurface and practical limits of LNAPL recovery.
- An LNAPL, such as gasoline, has leaked from an underground storage tank.
- The LNAPL has migrated down through the vadose zone soils to the groundwater table.
- The initial LNAPL release was large enough to create a smear zone below the water table. Historical water table fluctuations can also create smear zones below current water tables.
- The LNAPL body has moved out horizontally, radially - both upgradient and downgradient, in response to the initial LNAPL head or gradient. After the release is stopped, the LNAPL head dissipates and further expansion of the LNAPL body stops.
- The LNAPL body is still a source of contamination in the dissolved phase in groundwater and the vapor phase in the vadose zone soil gas.

The Three Basic LNAPL Site Scenarios

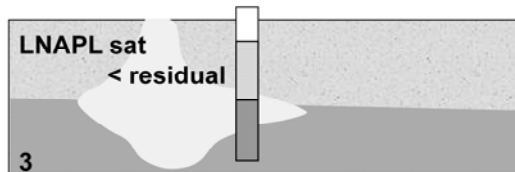
Covered in this training



Condition: LNAPL in wells,
mobile
Driver: LNAPL saturation



Condition: LNAPL in wells,
mobile, not migrating
Driver: LNAPL composition,
saturation



Condition: No LNAPL in wells
Driver: LNAPL composition

- This slide shows three LNAPL conditions and associated remedial drivers.

- Panel 1 shows a condition where the LNAPL body is still migrating due to LNAPL head and high LNAPL saturations in the soil. LNAPL can migrate horizontally if the soils are saturated with LNAPL and there is an LNAPL head driving force. This condition is present during the initial LNAPL release. The remedial driver is LNAPL saturation. Removal of LNAPL will decrease the LNAPL head and stop further migration.

- Panel 2 shows a condition somewhat later where there is LNAPL present in monitor wells, but the LNAPL is no longer migrating. This is the condition at which we find most of our LNAPL sites. LNAPL in the soil near the release is at high saturations, but there is no longer an LNAPL head driving force, so the LNAPL body is stable. The LNAPL remedial drivers are LNAPL saturation and composition. Removal of LNAPL will shorten the life of the dissolved and vapor plumes. Removal of the more volatile/soluble/toxic components of the LNAPL (such as benzene) can mitigate explosion hazard risks, vapor intrusion hazard risks, and dissolved BTEX hazard risks.

- Panel 3 shows a condition where there is no longer LNAPL present in monitor wells. The LNAPL in soil is at saturations less than “residual saturation.” “Residual saturation” is LNAPL that is left in the soil after all “free-draining” LNAPL has drained out. The remedial driver at this condition is LNAPL composition.

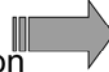
- This training will focus on Panels 1 and 2.

LNAPL Concerns and Drivers



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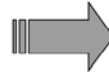
- ▶ Explosive hazards
- ▶ Dissolved-phase concentration
- ▶ Vapor-phase concentration
- ▶ Direct contact or ingestion



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?

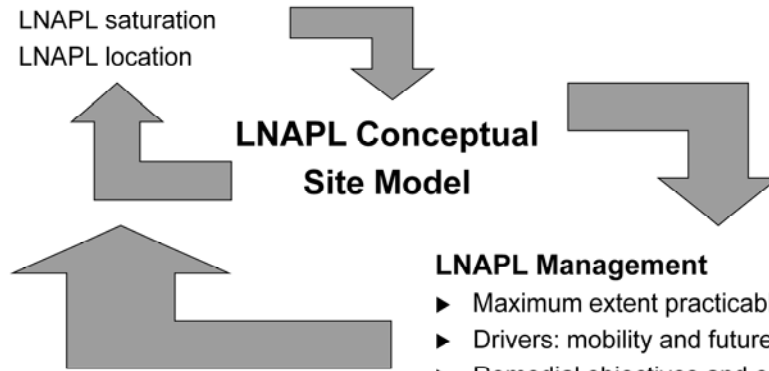
- This slide shows LNAPL concerns and remedial drivers.
- Removal of the more volatile/soluble/toxic components of the LNAPL (changing the LNAPL composition) will mitigate the LNAPL concerns shown on the left.
- Reducing the LNAPL saturation and LNAPL head will reduce the LNAPL mobility concern, which is mandated by EPA Regulation 40 CFR 280.64. This regulation states: “Remove free product to the maximum extent practicable, conduct free product removal in a manner that minimizes the spread of contamination into previously uncontaminated zones, and stop free product migration.” This regulation further states: “Use abatement of free product migration as a minimum objective for the design of a free product removal system.”
- Some States interpret this regulation to mean “remove free product to a 1/8 inch thickness in monitor wells,” or “remove free product to a sheen” or “remove all free product.”
- As we have discussed, removal of free product to these levels may not be possible or “practicable” depending on soil type and product type.
- In the 1996 EPA document: “How to Effectively Recover Free Product at Leaking Underground Storage Tank Sites” (EPA 510-R-96-001), the EPA stated that even under ideal conditions, engineered free product recovery systems will leave a significant proportion of LNAPL in the subsurface as an immobile residue.
- The purposes of this training are to educate consultants and regulators as to what is “practicable” when it comes to free product recovery and how to select a remediation technology based on the LNAPL concerns and drivers.

LNAPL Understanding is an Iterative Process



LNAPL Characterization

- ▶ LNAPL composition
- ▶ LNAPL saturation
- ▶ LNAPL location



LNAPL Conceptual Site Model

LNAPL Management

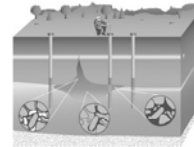
- ▶ Maximum extent practicable?
- ▶ Drivers: mobility and future risk
- ▶ Remedial objectives and end points
- ▶ Remedial action selection

- The key to effective LNAPL management is development of a good LNAPL Conceptual Site Model.
- The basis of a good LNAPL Conceptual Site Model is a good LNAPL site characterization.
- A good LNAPL site characterization will include information on:
 - the horizontal and vertical extent of the LNAPL body, dissolved plume, and vapor plume,
 - potential receptors in the area, such as drinking water wells, subsurface utilities, and buildings overlying the plume,
 - the LNAPL product type (gasoline, diesel, or oil) and composition (fresh gasoline or weathered gasoline),
 - soil types in the vadose zone and saturated zone,
 - other data, such as pilot tests, that are necessary to evaluate remedial options.
- A good LNAPL Conceptual Site Model will use all the information from the LNAPL site characterization and pilot testing to develop an LNAPL management strategy.
- LNAPL management is an iterative process that includes refining the LNAPL conceptual site model and remedial action as new data is collected.

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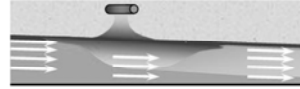


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•Introduce Derek Tomlinson.

LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM)



- ▶ Site characterization and management link
- ▶ Description and interpretation of physical and chemical state of the LNAPL body
- ▶ Facilitates understanding of the LNAPL conditions, site risks, and how best to remediate
- ▶ Scaled to the LNAPL impacts and associated issues that require management
- ▶ Iterative process to increase the understanding of the LNAPL body and site risks
- ▶ Sufficient when additional information likely would not lead to a different decision

What is an LCSM?

A description and interpretation of the physical and chemical state of the LNAPL body and is the site characterization and management link.

Why is an LCSM of value?

Facilitates understanding of the LNAPL conditions, site risks, and how best to remediate.

When is an LCSM adequate?

When the LCSM provides quality of understanding of the LNAPL body and site risks to support necessary decision making and additional information likely would not lead to a different decision. This is an iterative process.

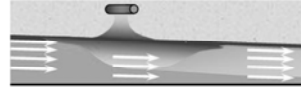
Level of effort?

Scaled to the LNAPL impacts and associated issues that require management

LNAPL Conceptual Site Model (LCSM)



- ▶ LCSM used to understand
 - Delineation (horizontal and vertical)
 - Age and Chemical/Physical Character
 - Volume
 - Mobility (or Stability)
 - Longevity
 - Recoverability
 - Source / Pathway / Receptors



LCSM used to help make management decisions

What does a LCSM cover?

Delineation (horizontal and vertical) – general geometry

Age and Chemical/Physical Character

Volume

Mobility (or stability) – i.e. fluxes

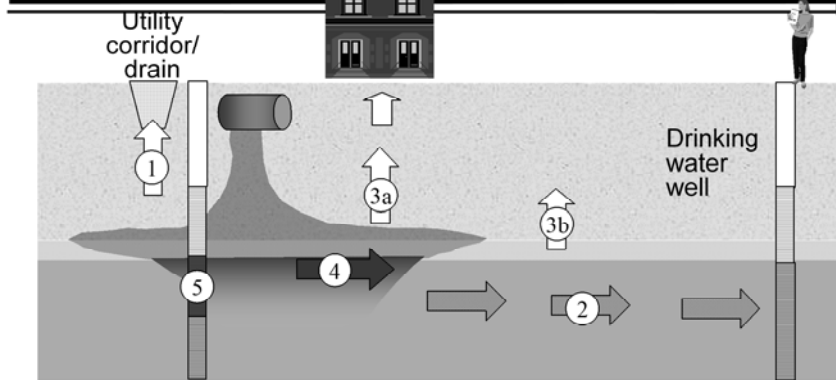
Longevity

Recoverability

Source / Pathway / Receptors

LCSM (Major) Components

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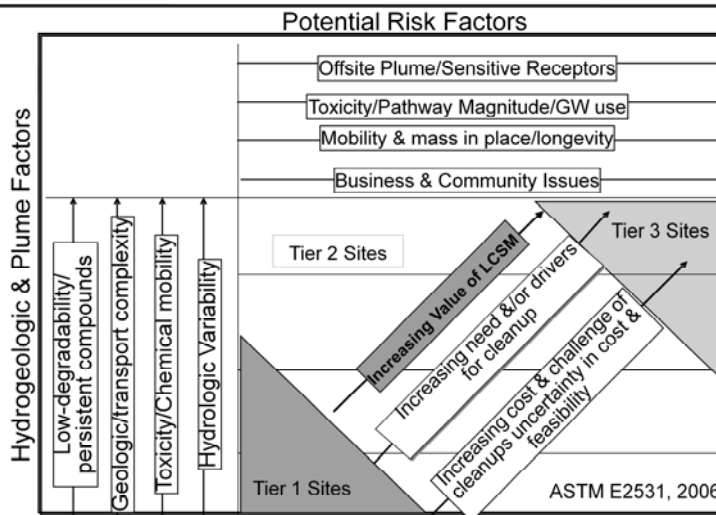


LNAPL emergency issues when LNAPL in the ground	LNAPL Risk when LNAPL in the ground (evaluated using RCBA)	Additional LNAPL Risks when LNAPL in wells (not evaluated using RCBA)
① Vapor accumulation in confined spaces causing explosive conditions Not shown - Direct LNAPL migration to surface water Not shown - Direct LNAPL migration to underground spaces	② Groundwater (dissolved phase) ③a LNAPL to vapor ③b Groundwater to vapor Not shown - Direct skin contact	④ LNAPL mobility (offsite migration, e.g. to surface water, under houses) ⑤ LNAPL in well (aesthetic, reputation, regulatory)

Ultimately want to understand the sources, pathways and receptors. As shown here we see a release of an underground storage tank and resulting LNAPL body. We have receptors and the risks associated with the LNAPL body could potentially pose emergency concerns such as utility corridors shown as 1, dissolved phase plumes impacting a drinking water well shown as 2, vapor concerns from both the LNAPL body and dissolved phase plumes shown as 3a and 3b, respectively. Other LNAPL risks associated with the LNAPL is the potential mobility from LNAPL within the LNAPL body or observed in wells shown as 4 and 5.

To provide the best management options for the given site, the professional should consider these components.

Factors Affecting LCSM Complexity



Example factors affecting LCSM Complexity. Note, this is an example only, the boundary between Tiers is subjective based on user judgment

The complexity and amount of detail necessary within the LCSM increase with the increased complexity of the hydrogeologic and plume conditions and the concern related to potential risks. Simply put the more complex the site conditions are to understand, and the more concern there are with sensitive receptors and other risks, there is more value on a very good LCSM to make the best management decision.

An example of this is shown here graphically from ASTM LCSM guide. But basically put the complexity and level of detail in the LCSM follows can follow a tiered approach. Developing a weight-of-evidence determination for the level of complexity needed in the LCSM.

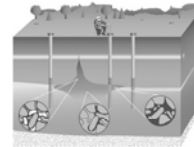
Factors that affect the complexity are shown in the above figure and in the ASTM guide:

- ASTM E2531 - Standard Guide for Development of Conceptual Site Models and Remediation Strategies for Light Nonaqueous-Phase Liquids Released to the Subsurface. Available from www.astm.org

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No associated notes.

LNAPL Site Characterization Building the LCSM



- ▶ Existing data
- ▶ Direct methods/conventional assessment
- ▶ Indirect methods
- ▶ Laboratory methods
- ▶ Database/empirical values

***Remember: Not all of these data
may be necessary***

Typically, when one is building the LCSM we are looking at existing data, as well as collection of new data. This data could be as simple as soil borings, groundwater and other direct / conventional methods, laboratory chemical and physical parameters, as well as other more innovative or “indirect” methods as well. Additionally, there are databases¹ and empirical values for sites available for the professional based on similar site soil types as well.

1. API - Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (LNAPL) Parameters Database and Guide for Data Retrieval (see www.api.org/lnapl)

Example LNAPL Indicators

1. Known LNAPL release
2. Observed LNAPL (for example, in wells or other discharges)
3. Visible LNAPL or other direct indicator in samples
4. Fluorescence response in LNAPL range
5. Near effective solubility or volatility limits in dissolved or vapor phases
6. Dissolved plume persistence and center-of mass stability
7. TPH concentrations in soil or groundwater indicative of LNAPL presence
8. Organic vapor analyzer (OVA) and other field observations
9. Field screening tests positive (for example, paint filter test, dye test, shake test)

Modified from: ASTM E2531 Table 1

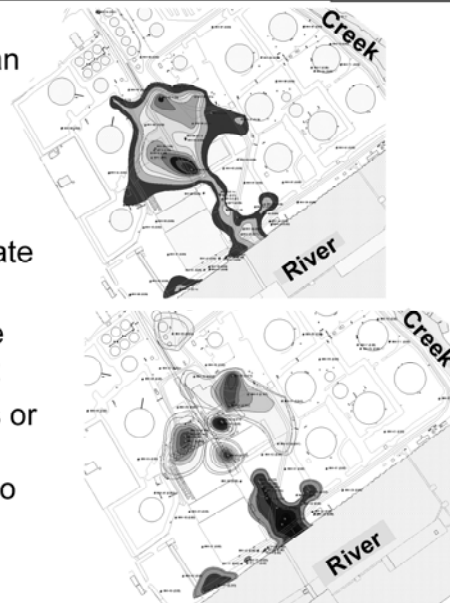
From ASTM E2531.

These are some example LNAPL indicators but by no means is this an exhaustive list and not all of these indicators need to be assessed at a given site. Some example indicators are:

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Considerations for Assessing LNAPL Presence Based on Observation

- ▶ Estimates of the source area can be based on observations in wells, boring logs, and other visual observations
 - Uncorrected observations should not be used to estimate the volume or recoverability
- ▶ Seasonal fluctuations should be accounted into this assessment
- ▶ Locations of seeps along banks or other vertical cuts aid in characterizing LNAPL impacts to surface water bodies



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•[CASE EXAMPLE] – site by river, top figure is a plot of observed LNAPL thicknesses in wells (i.e., apparent thickness). If one were to use these values/observations one would conclude that the LNAPL “upgradient” is connected to the River. However, as shown in the bottom image, the corrected using API models, observations of LNAPL vertical distributions with some innovative methods, and fingerprinting to discern LNAPL types, the picture is quite different and the LNAPL near the river is of immediate concern and the “upgradient” LNAPL self-contained

•As presented in Part 1, Seasonal fluctuations should be accounted into this assessment

•Locations of seeps along banks or other vertical cuts aid in characterizing LNAPL impacts to surface water bodies ← as shown in the example above.

Existing Soil Data



- ▶ Soil total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) data to approximate LNAPL saturation

$$S_{napl} = \frac{\rho_b \bullet TPH}{\rho_n n (10^6)}$$

- ▶ Information from existing boring logs used to characterize LNAPL source zone geometry
 - Stain, odor, organic vapor meter readings

S_{napl} = NAPL saturation (unitless)
 ρ_b = soil bulk density (g/cm³)
 TPH = total petroleum hydrocarbons (mg/kg)
 ρ_n = NAPL density (g/cm³)
 n = porosity

(Parker et al, 1994)

Existing soil data is typically readily available for most sites. However, most of this more historic data is typically in the form of total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPH) data. One way to estimate what the potential saturation of LNAPL within the subsurface is use of an equation developed by Parker, Waddill and Johnson in 1994, which was also presented in the Natural Attenuation text by Wiedemeier, Rifai, Newell and Wilson in 1999.

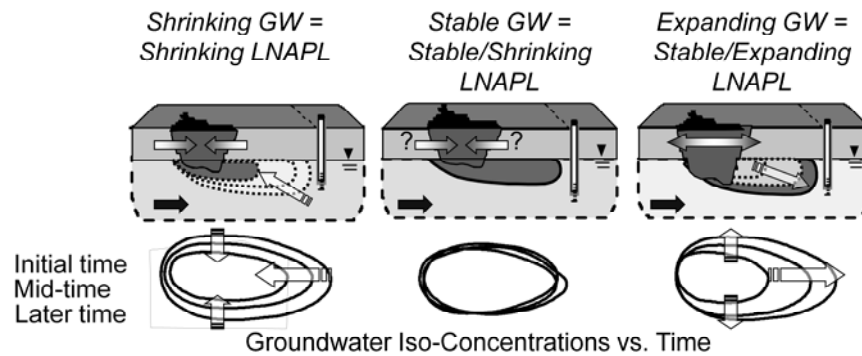
Typically, information exists from the logs as well but may not necessary be to the detail one would like for a LNAPL assessment.

•Parker, J.C., Waddill, D.W., and Johnson, J.A., 1994. UST Corrective Action Technologies: Engineering Design of Free Product Recovery Systems, prepared for Superfund Technology Demonstration Division, Risk Reduction Engineering Laboratory, Edison, NJ, Environmental Systems & Technologies, Inc., Blacksburg, VA, 77 pp.

•Wiedemeier, T.H., H.S. Rifai, C.J. Newell, and J.T. Wilson, 1999. Natural Attenuation of Fuels and Chlorinated Solvents in the Subsurface. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, NY, 617 pages. Equation on Page 77, equation 2.23.

Existing Groundwater Data

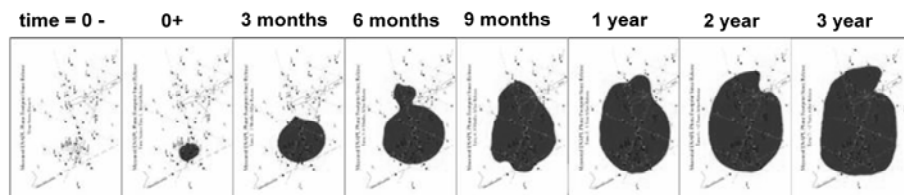
- ▶ Dissolved-phase plume maps
 - Characterize source area shape, size and depth
 - Assess if natural attenuation on-going
 - Shrinking/stable groundwater plume
= shrinking/stable LNAPL body



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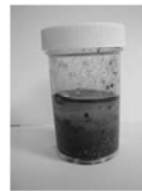
Existing LNAPL Data

- LNAPL thickness data over time
 - LNAPL saturation limits and vertical extent
 - Characteristics of the source zone
 - Confined or unconfined conditions
 - Lateral stability of LNAPL body



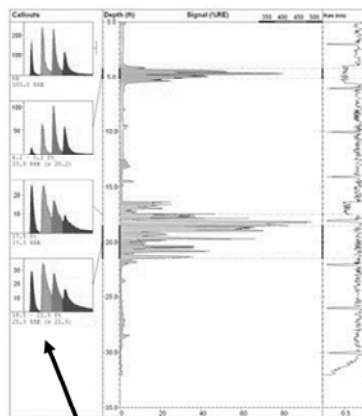
LNAPL thickness data over time

- LNAPL saturation limits and vertical extent
- Characteristics of the source zone, growing as shown in the early times from the Part 1 example
- Lateral stability of LNAPL body, becoming stable as shown in the example.
- Confined or unconfined conditions
 - as will be discussed in the Recoverability example later in this presentation.

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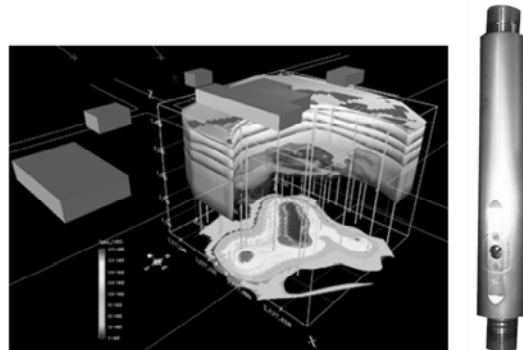
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Laser Induced Fluorescence (LIF)



**Waveform
Indicates General
Fuel Type**

- ▶ Different LNAPL products and different soils fluoresce differently
- ▶ Typically used in conjunction with Cone Penetrometer Testing (CPT)

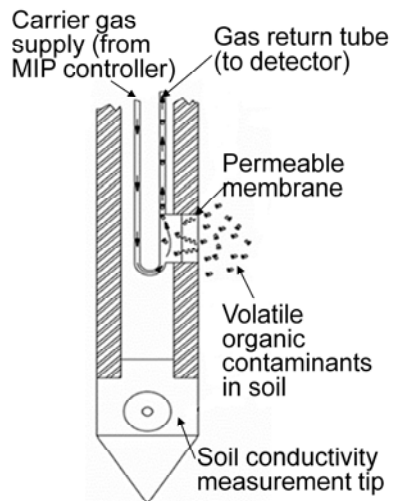


(courtesy Dakota Technologies)

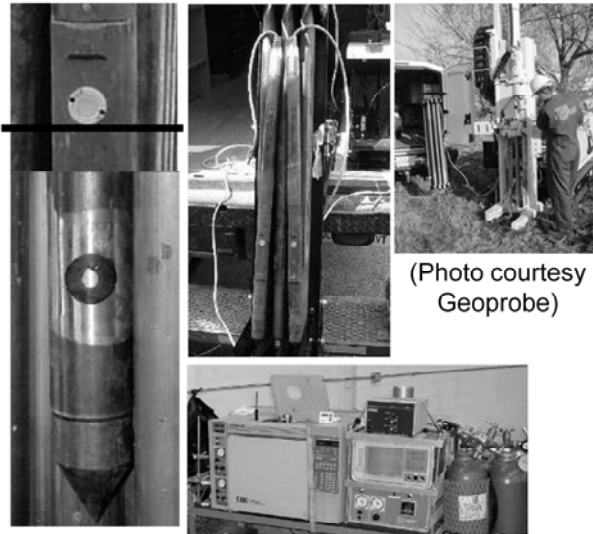
As noted, only molecules containing double bonds in the LNAPL phase will fluoresce. But we can use this to aid in understanding where is the LNAPL and qualitatively “how much” is there in the subsurface. Shown on the left is a typical LIF response output. In this example we see a perched zone in orange and a the typical response near the watertable with what we like to call the “shark fin”. Along the left of the figure is the waveform, and this can be used to aid in discerning different LNAPL types if they have been properly tuned/calibrated by the operator. An example of an output that can be generated is zone in the middle center image. A image of the tool is zone on right and this is typically paired with a CPT point at the based of the probe.

More information available at: <http://www.clu-in.org/char/technologies/lif.cfm>

Membrane Interface Probe (MIPs)



(image courtesy Geoprobe)



Membrane interface probe (MIP) is a semi-quantitative, field-screening device that can detect volatile organic compounds (VOC) in soil and sediment. Useful for identifying potential source zones in vadose zone. The negative of the tool with respect to LNAPL delineation is that it does not discern between sorbed phase, dissolved phase, or LNAPL.

Shown above is how the probe operates via a heating element that volatilizes the near membrane contaminants, a carrier gas within the probe (typically nitrogen) brings the VOCs to the GC/FID or GC/PID and other probes for measure (shown on bottom right). The probe is advanced via direct push (see top right) and the flights are strong with the gas tubing shown in the top center image.

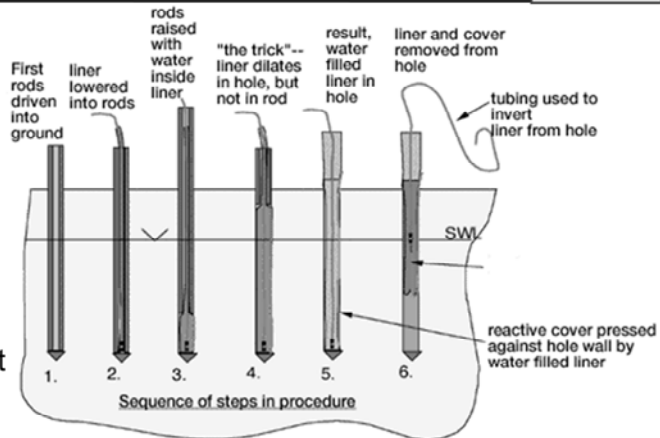
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Other Field Tests

► FLUTe

- Useful in fractured rock and clays to identify location of LNAPL
- Flexible color reactive liner that changes color in contact with NAPLs

► Others...



No associated notes.

Laboratory Analysis



- ▶ Common laboratory methods
 - Soil, groundwater and vapor concentrations
 - Basic soil properties (e.g., grain size, bulk density, distribution, moisture content)
- ▶ Specialized laboratory analysis packages have been developed to support LNAPL evaluations for more complex LCSM
 - Fluid properties
 - Pore fluid saturations and soil properties
 - Soil capillary properties
 - Residual saturation
 - Fingerprinting
- ▶ Specialized soil sampling and handling procedures



Preserving core using liquid nitrogen



Laboratory Analysis used to enhance LCSM

Soil, groundwater and vapor concentrations

Basic soil properties (e.g., grain size, bulk density, distribution, moisture content)

Specialized lab analysis packages have been developed to support LNAPL evaluations, primarily for modeling of LNAPL volumes and recoverability

Fluid properties

Pore fluid saturations and soil properties

Soil capillary properties (e.g., estimate van Genuchten / Brooks-Corey soil parameters)

Residual saturation

Fingerprinting

Specialized soil sampling and handling procedures

Specialized Laboratory Packages for LNAPL Characterization



	What	When and Why
► Fluids Properties Package - LNAPL and Water Pair	- Dynamic viscosity and fluid density at three temps, surface and interfacial tension for each fluid pair (LNAPL/water, LNAPL/air, and air/water). ρ_o, μ_o, ρ_w, μ_w, σ_{ao}, σ_{ow}, σ_{aw}	- Used for LNAPL recoverability evaluation - Empirical data exists and can be used as an estimate - Consider lab tests for unusual LNAPLs, LNAPL mixtures
► Pore Fluid Saturation Package	- Pore fluid saturations (NAPL and water) by Dean-Stark extraction; total porosity, air-filled porosity, grain density, dry bulk density, and moisture content. S_o, S_w, S_t, Φ	- Used for LNAPL recoverability evaluation - Pre and post-treatment testing to evaluate remedy effectiveness

There are labs that have standardized packages, and with these parameters the professional can use sophisticated models and calculations to better understand the potential recoverability, and what parameters need to be manipulated by the remediation technologies to enhance the physical and chemical parameters to meet the site's management objectives. For instance, surface tension and viscosity can be manipulated via heating of the subsurface, or through the use of surfactants. The benzene or composition within the gasoline could be removed via air sparging or other like stripping technologies as an example.

Fluid Properties Package:

- ρ_o = specific gravity of oil [typical units g/cm³]
- μ_o = dynamic viscosity of oil [typical units centipoise, centistokes, Pascal-second]
- ρ_w = specific gravity of water [typical units g/cm³]
- μ_w = dynamic viscosity of oil [typical units centipoise, centistokes, Pascal-second]
- σ_{ao} = surface tension of oil (i.e., interfacial tension of air and oil) [typical units dynes/cm]
- σ_{ow} = interfacial tension of oil and water [typical units dynes/cm]
- σ_{aw} = surface tension of water (i.e., interfacial tension of air and water) [typical units dynes/cm]

Pore Fluid Saturation Package

- S_o = oil saturation within pore space [%] or normalized to scale of 1.0 of pore space
- S_w = water saturation within pore space [%] or normalized to scale of 1.0 of pore space
- S_t = total saturation
- Φ = total porosity (measure of void space within total volume) [dimensionless]
- bulk soil density [typical units g/cm³]
- soil grain density [typical units g/cm³]

Details about test methods are available in these notes and from API 4711 and API 4760, at www.api.org/lnapl, we unfortunately do not have the time in this training to go into the details of the methods; however, future trainings are planned to cover this topic in greater detail, as well as the upcoming technical guidance document.

Methods for Determining Inputs to Environmental Petroleum Hydrocarbon Mobility and Recovery Models, API Publication 4711, July 2001

LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM), API Publication 4760, January 2007

Specialized Laboratory Packages for LNAPL Characterization (continued)



	What	When and Why
► Capillarity Package: Air/Water Drainage	- Air/Water Drainage Capillary Pressure Curve (air displacing water) with Air Permeability and Hydraulic Conductivity: includes fluid production vs. capillary pressure, total porosity, dry bulk density. S_{wr}, Φ, K_w, (M, α), (λ, P_d)	- Used for LNAPL recoverability evaluation - Provides data needed to estimate van Genuchten, and Brooks-Corey water retention curve (calculated from data)
► LNAPL Residual Saturation	- Centrifuge and/or water drive S_{or}	- Used for LNAPL recoverability evaluation - Define effectiveness limits of dual and multi-phase extraction

Capillarity Package: Air/Water Drainage

- S_{wr} = Irreducible water saturation
- Φ = porosity
- K_w = hydraulic conductivity of water
- Water retention curve models
 - Van Genuchten soil parameters:
 - M = van Genuchten fitting parameter [dimensionless]
 - α = van Genuchten fitting parameter [L^2/F]
 - Brooks-Corey soil parameters: λ , P_d
 - λ = lambda [dimensionless]
 - P_d = displacement pressure [F/L^2]

LNAPL Residual Saturation

- S_{or} = Irreducible oil saturation

van Genuchten References:

van Genuchten, M. Th. (1980), "A Closed-form Equation for Predicting the Hydraulic Conductivity of Unsaturated Soils." Soil Science Society of America, No. 44, pp. 892-898.

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Comparing/Converting Between Both Models Lenhard, R. J., J. C. Parker, and S. Mishra, 1989. On the Correspondence Between Brooks-Corey and Van Genuchten Models. *Journal of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering*, Vol. 115, No. 4, July/August 1989, pp. 744-751

Additional information regarding parameters:

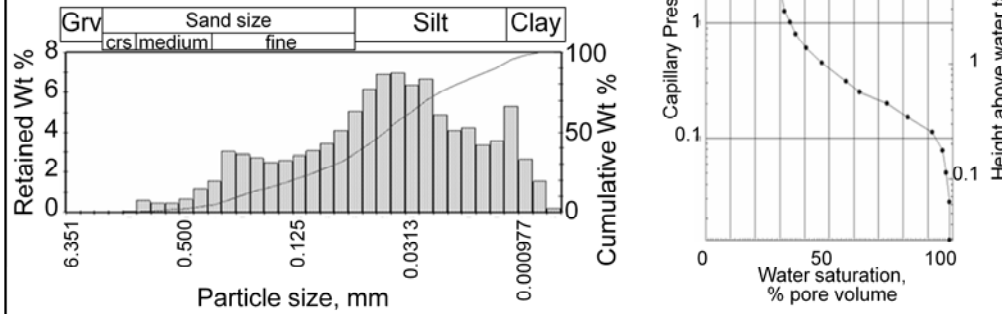
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Estimated/Empirical Values



- ▶ Define data needs based on assessment objectives
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Laboratory packages may not include everything required and may include data not required

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(e.g., API Parameter Database)

Shown on this figure is an example of a Grain Size distribution (left), and a water retention curve (right)

References at www.api.org/lnapl:

• **LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM)**

API Publication 4760

January 2007

• **API Interactive LNAPL Guide Version 2.0**

August 2004

Why Not Just Use Estimated Values?

- ▶ Estimated values versus laboratory measurements
 - Consider accuracy versus cost
 - Is reduction in uncertainty likely to impact management decision?
 - Not all information is needed for every site
- ▶ Typical process for characterization
 - Use estimated values and existing data first
 - Conduct sensitivity analysis
 - Site-specific analyses
 - Tiered data collection
 - More useful at complex sites based on geology, composition, risk, receptors

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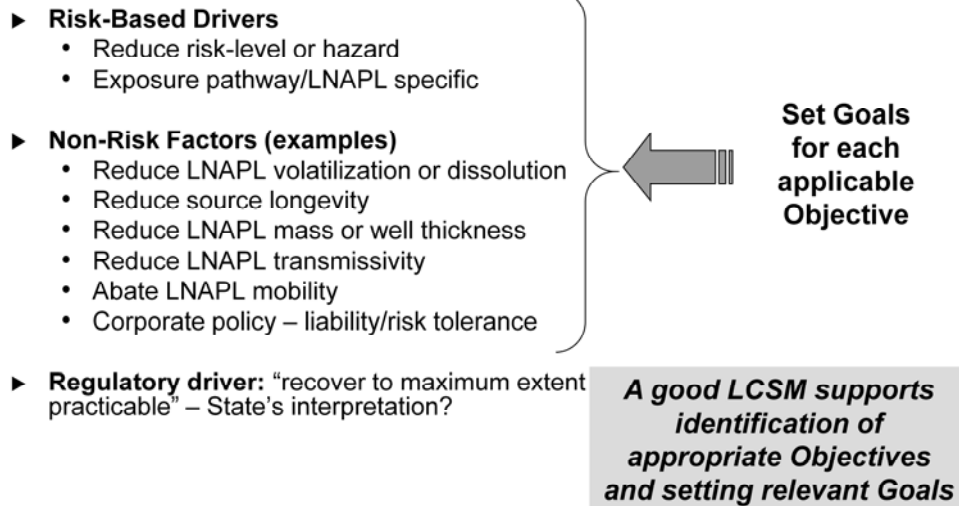
Summary of LCSM and LNAPL Characterization



- ▶ LCSM helps to understand LNAPL site conditions, risks, if/why a remedy is needed and supports management decisions
- ▶ Site characterization methods and comprehensiveness are a function of the complexity of the LNAPL site conditions
- ▶ LNAPL distribution is not as simple as we thought
 - Not distributed as a pancake
 - Vertical equilibrium
 - LNAPL saturation is not uniform

No associated notes.

Key to a Good LCSM



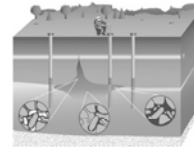
As was mentioned earlier, the LCSM is a site characterization and management link. Ultimately a good LCSM will support the identification of appropriate objectives and setting relevant goals for the site, which will aid in the management options for the site.

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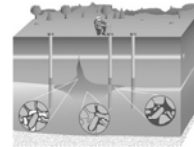


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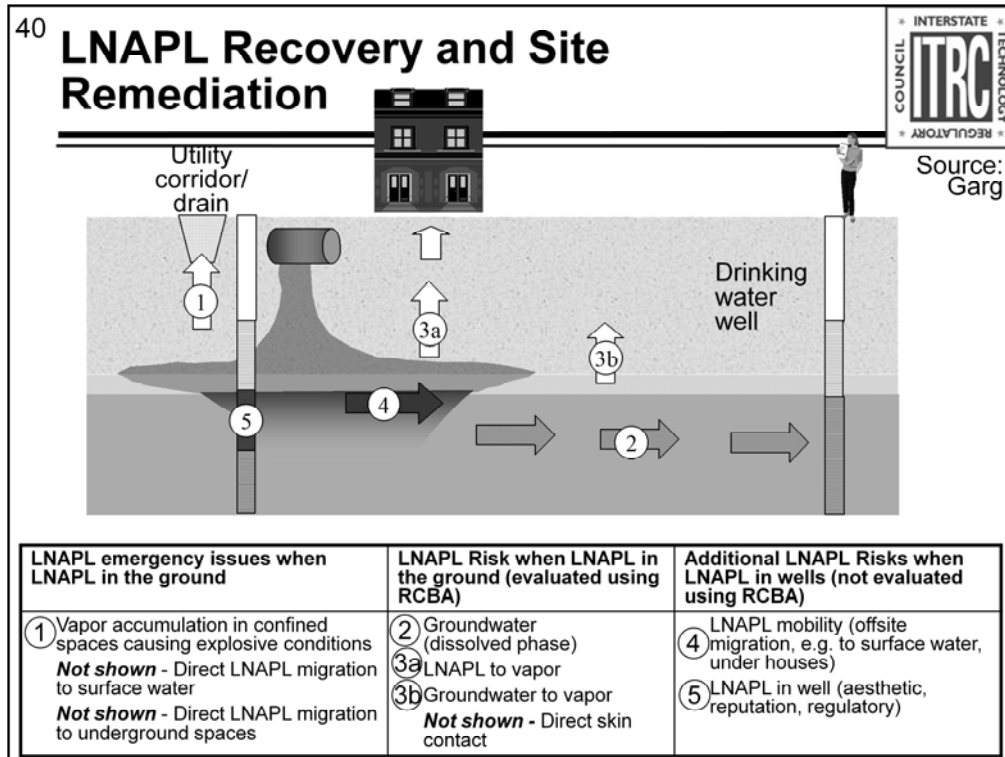
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Focus of talk and the hydraulic recovery evaluation is on the LNAPL body itself – represented here by numbers 4 and 5.

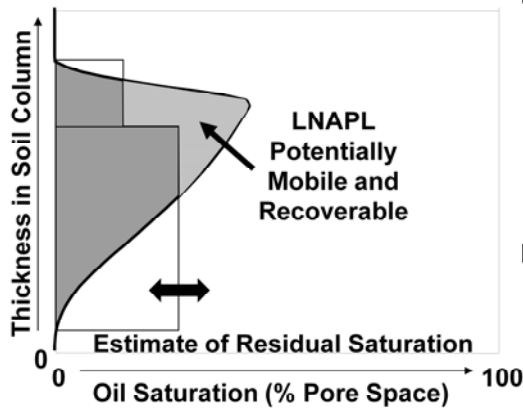
Both of these address the non-risk-based concerns of potential mobility and the aesthetic or regulatory concerns of LNAPL presence in a well.

Primary concern of both regulators and stakeholders....is the LNAPL moving?

Also represents one of the biggest misperceptions, that if there is LNAPL in a well, it is mobile and migrating and similarly recoverable.

Recoverability evaluation very important step in getting all parties on the same page with respect to understanding the LNAPL body and how to approach its remediation.

Potentially Recoverable LNAPL



- Modeled saturation profile
 - Accuracy model poor when complex geology or varying water table
 - Careful assessment versus actual field conditions critical
- Residual saturation
 - Variable through profile
 - Higher in saturated zone

Available tools include: API LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM) (API 4760) and API Interactive LNAPL Guide

So how much LNAPL is potentially recoverable?

Illustrate this using the theoretical saturation profile.

The potentially mobile and therefore recoverable LNAPL is that amount that exists above the residual saturation.

Residual saturation is illustrated as two values - for both above and below the water saturated zone.

Why Do We Need to Evaluate LNAPL Recoverability for LCSM



- ▶ Determine site wide recoverability distribution
 - Can interpolate transmissivity values to generate isopleths
- ▶ Determine if LNAPL can be recovered
 - In meaningful quantities
 - Sustained
- ▶ Determine where LNAPL can be recovered
- ▶ Assist with LNAPL recovery system management
 - Seasonal fluctuation may dictate that you only recover in certain period for example
- ▶ Determine when LNAPL recovery is complete

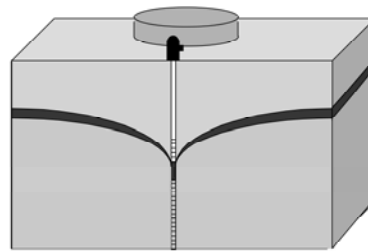
The objectives of recovery predictions are to design efficient free product recovery systems using trenches, skimmer wells and single and dual-pump wells, to provide estimates of recovery performance, to provide estimates of recovery time, and to provide a means of establishing practical endpoints. Over the next few slides, recovery predictions using analytical models will be described, so the relationship between the soil and fluid properties and the understanding developed earlier becomes clear.

Based on the complexities of LNAPL occurrence and behavior, and the misconceptions, LNAPL volumes and recovery are typically over-estimated.

Important point to remember, however, is that LNAPL recovery is limited and finite. As you recover the LNAPL, its saturation is being decreased, and therefore, its mobility and recoverability is diminishing.

Methods to Estimate Potential Recoverability

- ▶ Weight of evidence
- ▶ Field methods
 - Baildown tests
 - Pilot test technologies
- ▶ Desktop methods
 - Extrapolate existing system performance
 - Predictive models



Several ways to assess recoverability

Lines of Evidence to Assess Mobility



- ▶ LNAPL type
- ▶ LNAPL release date
- ▶ LNAPL release volume
- ▶ Soil type
- ▶ Plume stability

The weight of evidence approach can be very useful for evaluating mobility.

This topic is discussed in relatively new documents from the Massachusetts Licensed Site Professionals, as well as a recent guidance document from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and Natural Resources.

Wisconsin Department of Commerce & Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources *Assessment Guidance for Sites with Residual Weathered Product* (PUB-RR-787):

[http://prodoasext.dnr.wi.gov/inter1/pk_rr_doc_public\\$doc.QueryViewByKey?P_DOCUMENT_SEQ_NO=8990&Z_CHK=8923](http://prodoasext.dnr.wi.gov/inter1/pk_rr_doc_public$doc.QueryViewByKey?P_DOCUMENT_SEQ_NO=8990&Z_CHK=8923).

Massachusetts Licensed Site Professionals *LNAPLs and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan Part I*:

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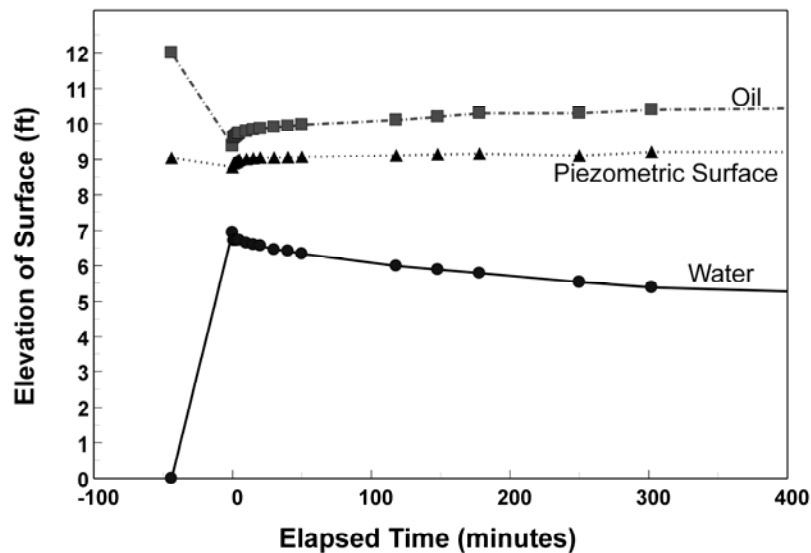
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A spill of heavier oil such as No. 6 fuel is a simple example, where we know that this material is not mobile under typical subsurface temperatures.

A known release date or volume are also very useful indicators for potential recoverability, as it is generally well understood that LNAPL spills spread out relatively quickly, and reach a point of stability within a short period of time.

Plume stability can be demonstrated fairly easily using historic monitoring data that has been collected consistently over time.

Field Method – LNAPL Baildown Test



A Field Measurement Method For LNAPL Conductivity/Recovery

Huntley, 2000

An LNAPL baildown test is performed and analyzed very similarly to a water baildown test but with some important differences. First, instead of the water being evacuated from the well, only the LNAPL is removed – in practice this is hard to do. We often try to do it with a vacuum truck rather than a bailer. Instead of only monitoring the water-air interface, both the water-LNAPL and LNAPL-air interfaces need to be monitored versus time. The figure shows a plot of such data.

There are two methods for analyzing the data. The first is that of Lundy and Zimmerman, and the second is that of Huntley. We typically use both and compare them to theory.

There are practical limitations to the test. First, there needs to be enough LNAPL in the well to measure and determine a change in thickness of LNAPL flow into the well. Second, the conductivity of the LNAPL needs to be great enough that the LNAPL flows back into the well. Thus, for high viscosity liquids (about 10 centipoise or higher) or low permeability soils, several days may be required for the LNAPL to flow into the well which could be a problem if the potentiometric surface also changes.

Similar to a typical slug test for determining soil hydraulic properties

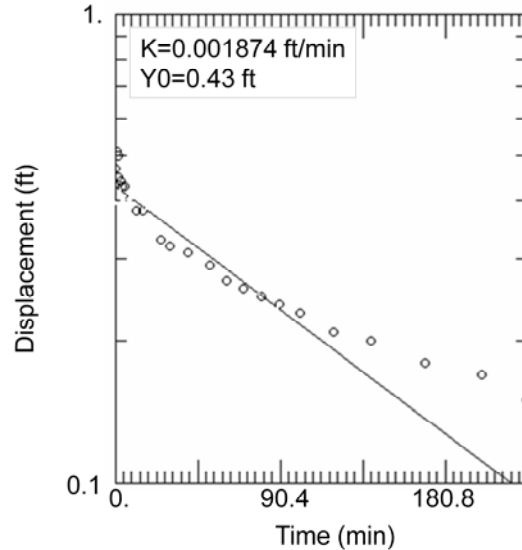
Baildown test involves rapidly removing LNAPL from the well while minimizing recovery or disturbance of the groundwater.

Although this is a short term test and quite simple, it can provide valuable information.

Field Method – Baildown Test Solution



LNAPL Baildown Test Example; MW-6



Beckett and
Lyverse, 2002

The baildown test can then be used to calculate the oil transmissivity.

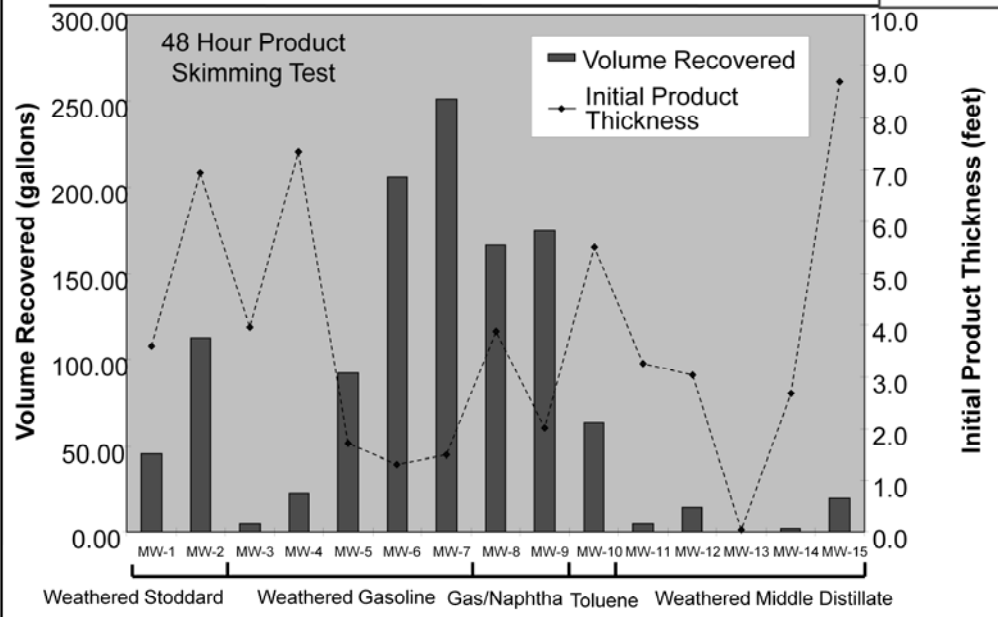
This solution has been described by David Huntley at San Diego State University.

The calculation of T from baildown tests is based on modifications of the familiar slug test solutions provided by Bower and Rice and Cooper-Jacobs, correcting for LNAPL fluid properties and multiple fluid phases in the system.

Very useful way to quantify LNAPL mobility.

Reference: A Protocol for Performing Field Tasks and Follow-up Analytical Evaluation for LNAPL Transmissivity Using Well Baildown Procedures, G.D. Beckett, AQUI-VER, Inc. and M.A. Lyverse, Chevron Texaco Energy Research and Technology Co., August 2002.

Field Methods – Pilot/Pumping Tests



Pilot tests provide some of the most valuable information regarding potential LNAPL recoverability, particularly for simpler sites where more complex modeling may not be warranted.

Similar to baildown tests, they can be used to quantify important parameters such as T.

Slide shows real data from a site with multiple varying product bodies over a fairly large area.

The bar chart summarizes the total volume of LNAPL recovered from each of several wells over a 48-hour skimming pilot test conducted in each well.

Total recovered volumes ranged from less than 10 gallons to over 250 gallons.

It must be noted that the total recovered volumes from the wells does not correlate with the initial product thickness in the wells

LNAPL Saturation / Transmissivity

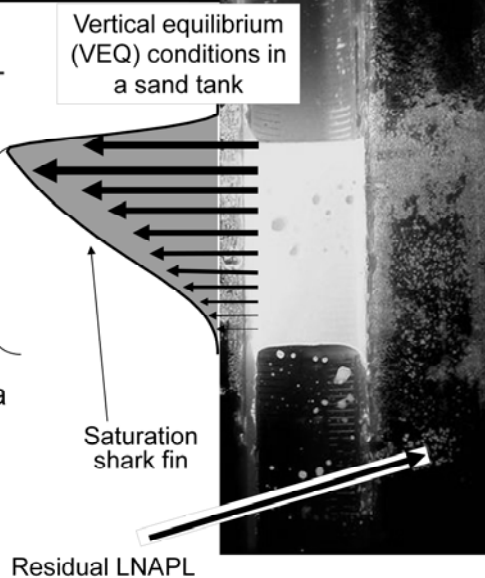
- ▶ The zone of highest LNAPL saturation has the highest LNAPL conductivity
- ▶ Low LNAPL saturation results in low LNAPL conductivity

LNAPL Transmissivity = Sum

$$T_o = K_o \cdot b_o$$

- ▶ Hydraulic recovery rate is proportional to transmissivity for a given technology
- ▶ Well thickness does not dictate relative recoverability

More information: ASTM Standard Guide for Estimation of LNAPL Transmissivity at <http://www.astm.org/Standards/E2856.htm>



The graphic at the right shows both a soil core and a monitoring well under ultraviolet light.

The LNAPL conditions in the soil and well fluoresce.

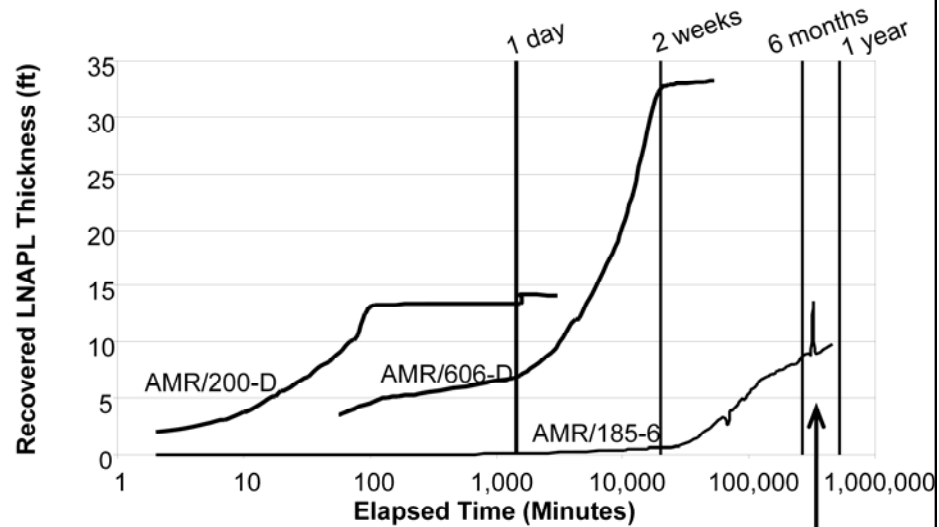
The typical LNAPL saturation profile illustrates saturation over the vertical interval.

Highest LNAPL saturation has highest conductivity.

Low saturation = low conductivity

Hydraulic recovery is proportional to T, and is not indicated accurately by LNAPL well thickness

LNAPL Thickness and Recovery Time



(Atlantic Richfield Corporation, 2008)

These next two slides provide an example using real site data.

Baildown test, but only shows recovered (rebounded) LNAPL thickness.

This first graph illustrates the results of baildown tests on three wells, each with a different initial LNAPL thickness.

These test results were used to calculate transmissivity for each well.

LNAPL Transmissivities and Thicknesses (in a Well)



Location	Approximate Gauged Thickness (ft)	Recovery Rate Based on Baildown Test Data		LNAPL Transmissivity (ft ² /day)
		LNAPL Skimming (GPD)	1 GPM - Water Enhanced Recovery (GPD)	
AMR/200-D	15	40	115	4
AMR/185-6	30	0.4	0.7	0.01
AMR/606-D	34	2	5.7	0.2

Key Points:

- ▶ LNAPL thickness is a poor indicator of LNAPL recoverability → thickness is too dependent on soil type, heterogeneity, water levels, LNAPL occurrence (confined, perched, unconfined), etc.
- ▶ Transmissivity (via baildown tests, pilot test, or existing recovery data) is a more direct measure of LNAPL recoverability that factors in soil type heterogeneity and water levels.

(Atlantic Richfield Corporation, 2008)

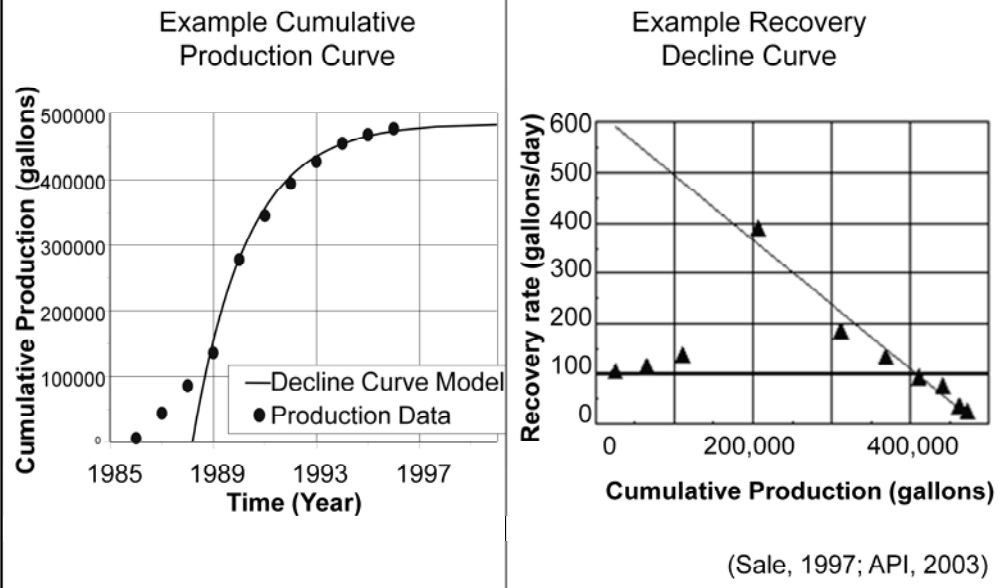
This slide shows a comparison of the data for the three wells tested on the previous slide.

This table provides transmissivity and recovery calculations for the wells on the previous slide. Note the well with the greatest LNAPL thickness (34 ft!) recovers much more slowly and has lower LNAPL recovery rates than the well with 15 ft of LNAPL thickness.

The well with the least thickness resulted in the best recovery rate; and the wells with much higher thicknesses resulted in much lower recovery.

The transmissivity values correlated well with the recovery rates.

Desktop Methods Extrapolate Existing System Performance



The next several slides present desktop methods to assess recoverability.

The first slide presents the decline curve analysis. This is a great way to extrapolate existing system performance data to predict total recoverability.

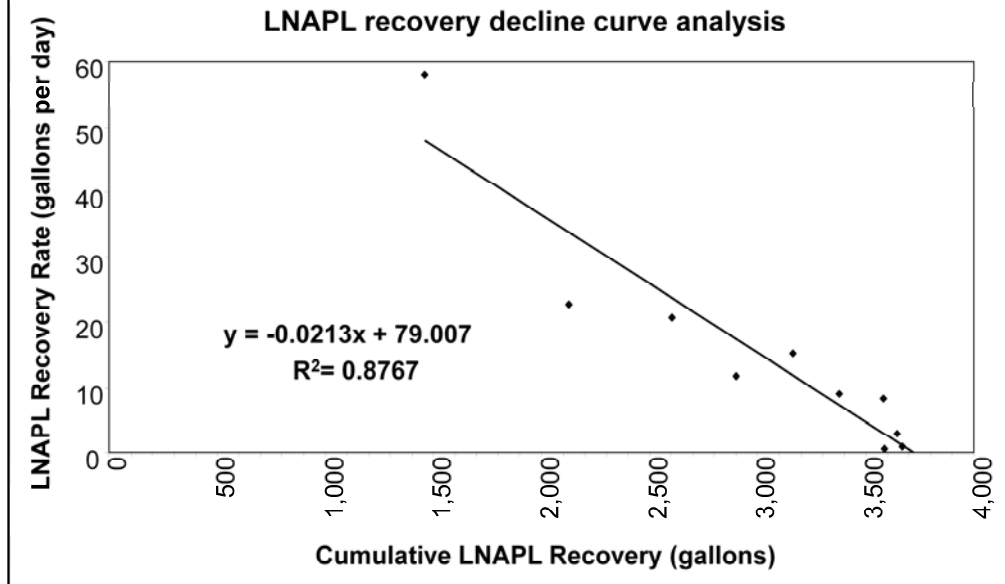
For mature and efficient recovery systems operated in a consistent mode – the declining recovery data will fit a straight line.

Extrapolation of the straight line to some practical recovery rate provides an estimate of total recoverable LNAPL.

The blue bars indicate daily recovery.

The cumulative recovery curve, shown in red, illustrates the typical asymptotic curve where continued system operation is having little benefit adding to the total cumulative recovery of approximately 3,700 gallons.

Desktop Methods Extrapolate Existing System Performance



This slide is showing the same site data as the previous slide, plotted using the decline curve.

The best fit line through the data, extrapolated to the x-axis or zero recovery rate, indicates the total maximum recoverable volume.

In this case, the extrapolation is very short as the system had already reached its practical limit, again at a total recovery of around 3,700 gallons.

Desktop Methods Predictive Models for LNAPL Recovery



- ▶ **Analytical models** (e.g., API LNAPL Distribution and Recovery Model (LDRM), and API Interactive LNAPL Guide)
 - 1-D analytical
 - Relatively easy to use and inexpensive
 - Good estimates (if properly applied)
 - API LNAPL parameters database

- ▶ **Numerical models** (e.g., ARMOS, BIOSLURP, MAGNAS3, MARS, MOTRANS, MOVER)
 - 2-D, 3-D; consider need!
 - Can be headaches and expensive
 - May be, but not necessarily, more accurate

Links to these API resources are provided in the end of this training.

American Petroleum Institute Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Resource Center:

<http://www.api.org/ehs/groundwater/lnapl/index.cfm>. The LNAPL Resource Center contains manuals, software and other technical material to help you address cleanup of free-phase petroleum hydrocarbons in the shallow subsurface.

Desktop Methods Predictive Models for LNAPL Recovery



- ▶ Models typically are based on vertical equilibrium (VEQ) model and utilize in well LNAPL thicknesses
- ▶ If there is recovery or transmissivity measurement data, can try to “calibrate” model to match recoveries
- ▶ Modeling may be appropriate on more complex sites, may be useful as what-if predictor to evaluate different scenarios
- ▶ Additional site specific data generally required as complexity of model increases

It is important to remember the underlying assumptions behind these model solutions.

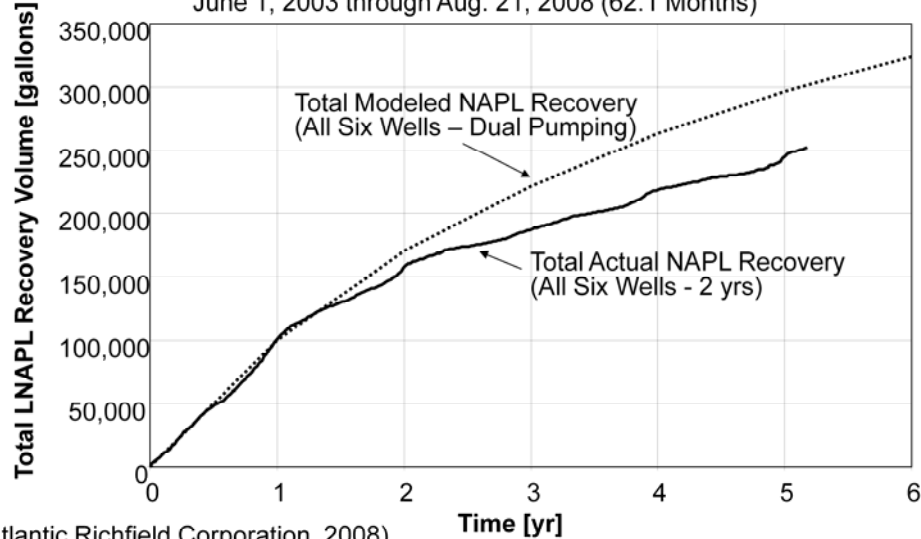
As you learned in the Part 1 training, these are typically based on the vertical equilibrium (VEQ) model and utilize in well LNAPL thickness for an unconfined aquifer.

These models are typically appropriate for more complex sites and can be very useful to predict and help assess different recovery scenarios.

LNAPL Recovery – Model Predicted and Actual (5.2 years)

Modeled vs. Actual LNAPL Recovery for the Lower Refinery Recovery Well System:

June 1, 2003 through Aug. 21, 2008 (62.1 Months)



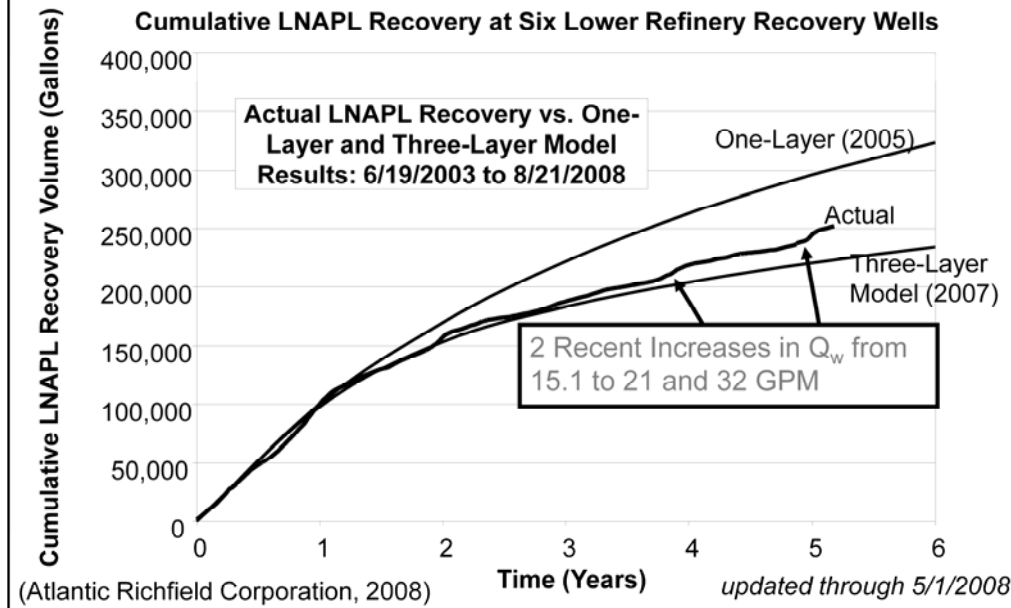
(Atlantic Richfield Corporation, 2008)

Using single layer API model.

This slide shows an example of a good model prediction of actual system recovery.

During system operation, it was found that nearby pumping conditions by others were varying substantially and therefore, affected the accuracy of the model predictions.

Updated Site Model with New 3 Layer Model (1.75 Years of Additional Recovery)



Using LDRM 3-layer model.

This slide illustrates the results of updated site modeling performed using a three layer model and additional years of recovery.

As shown by the updated orange model prediction, the three layer model was more representative and better matched the actual recovery system performance.

Predictive Models – Caution Warning



- ▶ What is the uncertainty in the predictive models?
 - Vertical equilibrium?
 - Hydrogeologic properties
 - Spatial and vertical heterogeneity
 - Geologic
 - Texture/capillary properties
 - Fluid properties
 - Residual saturation
 - Radii of capture and influence
 - Ideal versus real wells

Key Point: Many of these lead to overestimating volume and recovery rate, and underestimating time of recovery

The user must assess the uncertainty behind the modeled solutions.

Even when done very carefully, models should be considered approximations

Case Study: Recoverability Analysis Overview



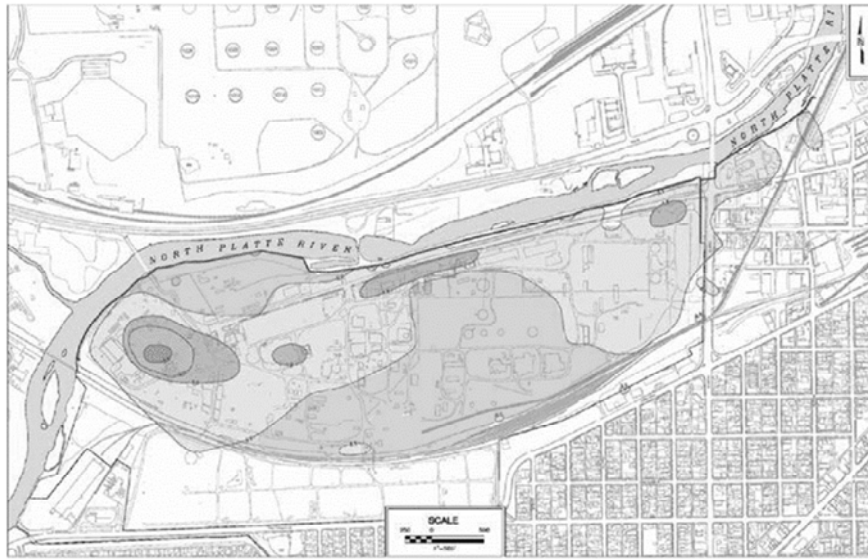
- ▶ Closed refinery RCRA site
 - 250 acres underlain by hydrocarbons
- ▶ 180 acres of LNAPL with potential to migrate (evaluate with modeling)
- ▶ Remedy decision: LNAPL recovery is required
 - Where LNAPL with the potential to migrate exists within 300 ft of downgradient boundary
 - Where LNAPL is a source of benzene to groundwater
- ▶ Hydraulic conductivities 240-350 feet/day
- ▶ DTW 8-12 feet
- ▶ Gasoline, diesel, lube oil, and composite
- ▶ Currently, 300,000 gallons per year of recovery

Case 4 is the development of a recovery plan for LNAPL at a closed refinery that has reuse potential. It is a RCRA site of 250 acres underlain by LNAPL some of which has a very low conductivity and some of it is at residual saturation. There are about 180 acres of LNAPL that may have the potential to migrate.

The question was how to define “potential to migrate”.

The Remedy Decision for the site is that LNAPL recovery is required when: LNAPL with the potential to migrate exists within 300 ft of downgradient boundary – the question is how to define “potential to migrate”. This will be explored using our new understanding. The other Remedy Decision is when LNAPL is a source of benzene to groundwater; this will not be explored here because the subject is beyond this training.

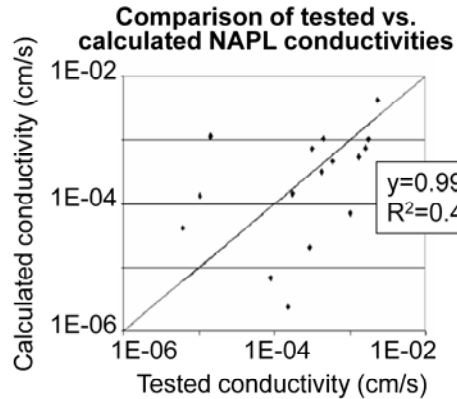
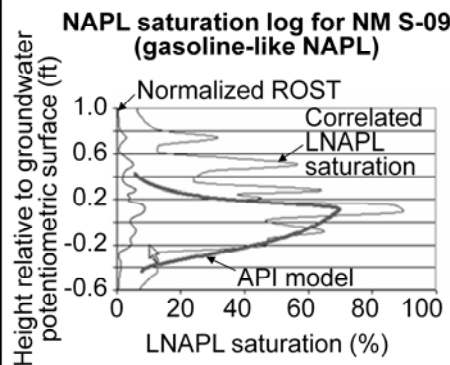
Case Study: Original LNAPL Distribution With Risk to Migrate



This figure depicts the areas that were suspected of containing LNAPL that had an ability to migrate. The different colors (yellowish and pinkish) are from different investigations and don't mean anything for this training. The receptor is the North Platte River.

Figure shows the site area initially suspected of having LNAPL with the potential to migrate.

Case Study: Data and Model Comparisons



- ▶ Correlate LIF, capillary data, and saturation with API spreadsheets
- ▶ Make saturation and conductivity predictions and validate versus field data

The analysis method used here was performed by Brubaker and others, and involved developing a corrected LNAPL saturation profile with depth by correlating saturation data from LIF/ROST, with saturation measurements from soil borings across the site.

This profile was then correlated with saturation curves calculated using the API spreadsheet. This data is shown in the figure on the left.

The saturation data was then used to make conductivity predictions vs. depth that were then validated with baildown tests.

The right figure shows the agreement that can be expected between calculated and baildown test-determined conductivities.

Scatter in data is due primarily to the varying distance between tested wells and the corresponding borings used for the calculated conductivities, however, overall the graph illustrates reasonable predictions.

Case Study: LNAPL Transmissivity Distribution



Blue = $>10^{-2}$ cm²/sec (2.5 acres) Teal = $>10^{-3}$ cm²/sec (23 acres)
Grey = $>10^{-4}$ cm²/sec (82 acres) Brown = $>10^{-5}$ cm²/sec (179 acres)

This map was generated to illustrate the distribution of LNAPL transmissivities calculated using the API spreadsheet.

Substantial area, approximately 179 acres, is represented by the low transmissivity values.

Case Study: Summary of Results



- ▶ LNAPL recovery will only be implemented within areas that contain benzene impacted LNAPL at an initial transmissivity greater than 10^{-4} cm²/sec
- ▶ Approximately 46 acres (180 acres previously)

In regulatory negotiation and incorporating the potential reuse of the site, the LNAPL recovery was only to be implemented within areas that contain benzene impacted LNAPL at an initial conductivity greater than 10^{-4} cm²/sec. This corresponds to 0.15 ft thickness with a gasoline type product and is approximately 46 acres whereas approximately 180 acres were previously thought to require recovery. This saves a substantial amount of resources for other beneficial uses.

LNAPL Recoverability Summary



- ▶ Transmissivity
 - Most universal (site and condition independent)
 - Estimated with recovery data or field testing on monitoring wells
 - Consistent across soil types (the transmissivity accounts for it)
 - Consistent between recovery technologies
 - Consistent between confined, unconfined or perched conditions
- ▶ Transmissivity provides a consistent measure of recoverability and impacts across different LNAPL plumes within one site or across multiple sites
- ▶ If LNAPL transmissivity high, recoverability is high

More information: ASTM Standard Guide for Estimation of LNAPL Transmissivity at <http://www.astm.org/Standards/E2856.htm>

No associated notes.

LNAPL Recoverability Summary



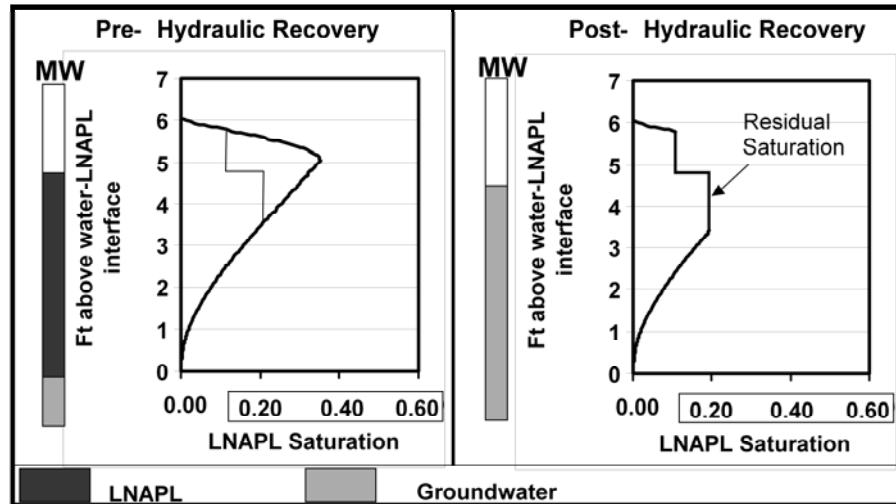
- ▶ LNAPL thickness
 - Inconsistent between hydraulic scenarios (unconfined, confined, etc.)
 - Inconsistent between soil types
- ▶ LNAPL recovery rate (presupposes have a recovery system, and a good one)
 - More robust metric than LNAPL thickness
 - Need recovery system or pilot test data
 - Operational variability and technology differences make it difficult to use across technologies and/or sites
 - Decline curve analysis very useful for long term predictions

The other typical metric used is LNAPL recovery rate. Recovery rate is a more robust metric than apparent LNAPL thickness. However due to a number of variables such as operational issues, potential confining conditions, and fluctuating water tables, recovery systems typically exhibit variability with regards to LNAPL recovery. This point will be illustrated in the example we'll go over.

LNAPL thickness is a poor indicator for recoverability, and in fact can be quite misleading.

By comparison, LNAPL transmissivity as a remediation metric factors out these variables, resulting in a metric that is dependent primarily on the relative level of free-phase LNAPL impacts.

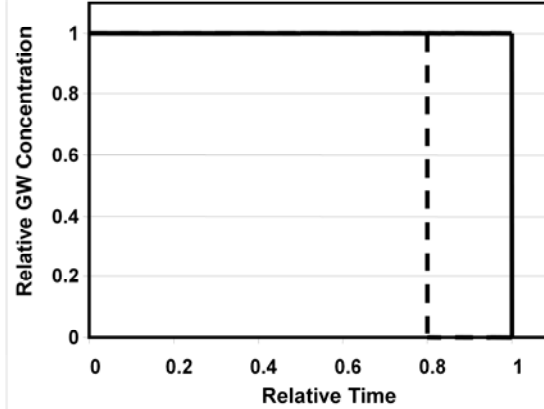
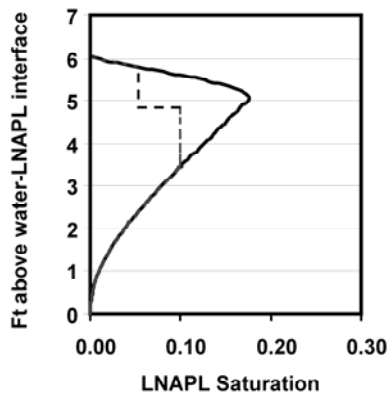
Hydraulic Recovery Limitations



illustrated in this modeled example, our monitoring well post-hydraulic recovery is shown without any LNAPL thickness.

It must be noted that this is not always the case, and that well thicknesses can occur following a practical end point to hydraulic recovery.

LNAPL Hydraulic Recovery: ...or *How Much* is Left Behind



LNAPL Amount

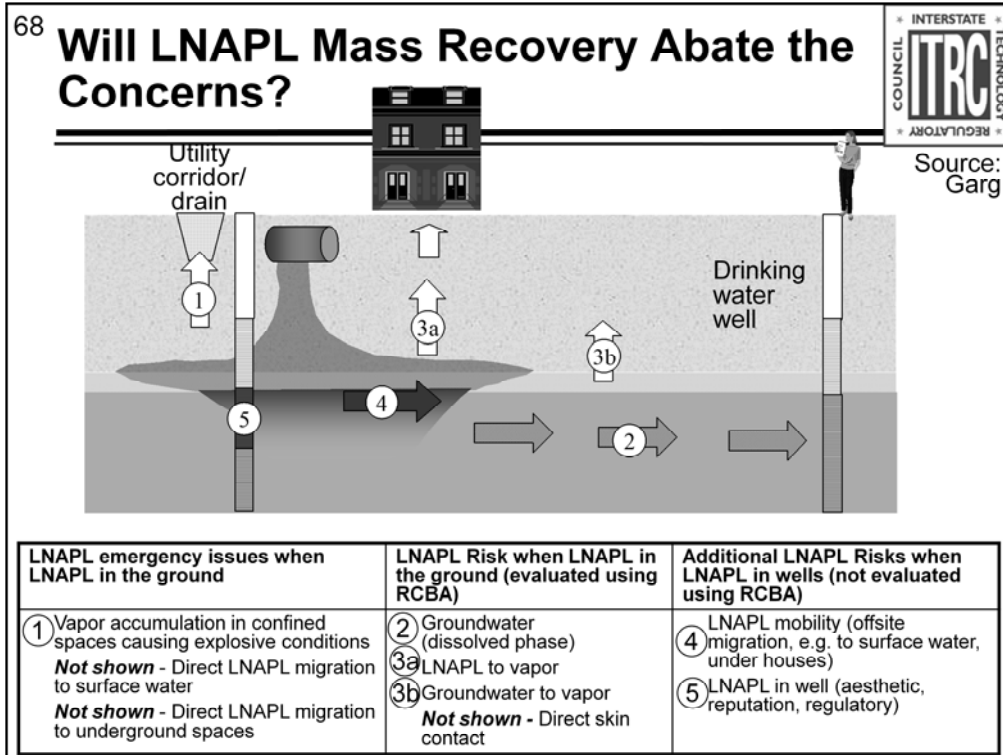
Benzene Concentration History

— No Remediation

- - - Post hydraulic Recovery

Important to understand potential risks associated with residual LNAPL left behind following recovery.

As illustrated in the figure on the right, removal of all recoverable LNAPL does not reduce the dissolved benzene concentration.



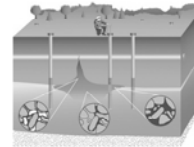
Will mass recovery of LNAPL abate the risks and concerns associated with the LNAPL?

And what are the appropriate remediation objectives for LNAPL?

LNAPL Training Part 2



- ▶ Introduction and Part 1 summary
- ▶ LNAPL conceptual site model
- ▶ LNAPL site characterization
- ▶ Q&A
- ▶ Hydraulic recovery evaluation and limits
- ➔ ▶ LNAPL remedial objectives and goals
- ▶ Introduction to LNAPL remedial technologies
- ▶ Q&A



Objectives, Goals and Performance Metrics



Objective:	A remedial objective to abate each LNAPL concern.
Goal:	A remediation goal for each LNAPL remedial objective.
Performance Metric:	A performance metric for each remediation goal.



Examples	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Objective	Stop LNAPL migration off site. (Saturation Objective)	Stop dissolved BTEX plume in groundwater from migrating off site. (Composition Objective)
Goal	Remove LNAPL by skimming to reduce LNAPL head and stop LNAPL migration.	Remove BTEX components in the LNAPL using air sparging & vapor extraction.
Metric	No LNAPL appearing in monitor wells on property line.	BTEX less than MCLs in monitor wells at downgradient property line.

• Now that we have characterized the site, developed an LNAPL conceptual site model, identified LNAPL concerns, and evaluated LNAPL recoverability, we need to establish remedial objectives, remediation goals, and performance metrics.

• For example:

- In Scenario 1, the LNAPL concern is LNAPL migrating off site. The remedial objective is to stop LNAPL migration. The remediation goal is to remove enough LNAPL using skimmers to reduce LNAPL head so that LNAPL migration is stopped. The performance metric is to have no LNAPL appear in monitor wells on the property line.
- In Scenario 2, the LNAPL concern is a dissolved BTEX plume migrating off site. The remedial objective is to stop the dissolved BTEX plume from migrating off site. The remediation goal is to remove the soluble and volatile components in the LNAPL to allow natural attenuation to abate the dissolved BTEX plume before it migrates off site. The performance metric is to have no dissolved BTEX detected in monitor wells on the downgradient property line.

• Establishing remedial objectives, remediation goals, and performance metrics up front is important.

• Slide 72.

The Importance of Establishing a Long-Term Vision and Goals



- ▶ Start with the end in mind
- ▶ Get stakeholders on the same page
- ▶ Get stakeholders to agree on what is realistically achievable
- ▶ Discuss remedial objectives and remediation goals
- ▶ Long-term vision may be revised if goals are later found not to be achievable
- ▶ EPA, March 2005, "A Decision-Making Framework for Cleanup of Sites Impacted with LNAPL" (EPA 542-R-04-011)



No associated notes.

LNAPL Remedial Objectives



- ▶ Risk-based composition objectives
 - Reduce risk-level or hazard
 - Exposure pathway/LNAPL specific
 - ▶ Non-risk saturation objectives
 - Reduce LNAPL flux
 - Reduce source longevity
 - Reduce LNAPL mass or well thickness
 - Reduce LNAPL transmissivity
 - Stop LNAPL migration
 - Corporate policy – liability/risk tolerance
 - ▶ Regulatory driver: “recover to maximum extent practicable”
 - Different states have different interpretation
- ▶ Different remedial strategy needed to target LNAPL composition versus LNAPL saturation objectives.
 - ▶ Evaluate whether remedial objectives are best addressed by changing LNAPL composition or reducing LNAPL saturation.

No associated notes.

Remediation Goals Provide the Measure of Performance



Remediation Goals:

- ▶ Restate the remedial objective in terms of an LNAPL remedial technology
- ▶ Establish endpoints at which active remediation systems can be shut down
- ▶ Match remediation goals to performance metrics to measure the progress of the remedial technology
- ▶ Site and project specific



No associated notes.

Control-based Objectives: Do they have a place in LNAPL Management?



Can LNAPL safely be left in place after the selected remedial technology has removed free product to the maximum extent practicable?

- ▶ May be acceptable under certain site conditions and property uses
- ▶ May be acceptable if there is no effective way to remove more LNAPL and no risks remain
- ▶ Can engineered or institutional controls be used?
- ▶ Have LUST sites received NFA letters at sites with LNAPL left in place?



- As we have discussed, removal of all LNAPL may be impossible at some sites.
- According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, RE NEWS, December 2002, about a dozen sites with residual free product are closed by DNR each year.
- In San Diego, California, the Department of Environmental Health has closed three LUST sites with residual free product (1997, 2005, and 2009).

Pioneering: Examples of Setting Objectives and Goals



- ▶ ITRC: Evaluating LNAPL Remedial Technologies for Achieving Project Goals (December 2009)
- ▶ ITRC: Evaluating Natural Source Zone Depletion at Sites with LNAPL (April 2009)
- ▶ Risk-Based NAPL Management, TCEQ RG-366/TRRP-32 (2008)
- ▶ Standard Guide for Development of Conceptual Site Models and Remediation Strategies for Light Nonaqueous-Phase Liquids Release to the Subsurface, ASTM E 2531-06 (2007)
- ▶ A Decision-Making Framework for Cleanup of Sites Impacted with Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids (LNAPL), USEPA OSWER 542-R-04-011 (2005)

ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials
OSWER – Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
TCEQ – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

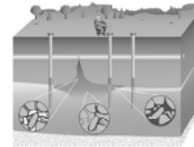


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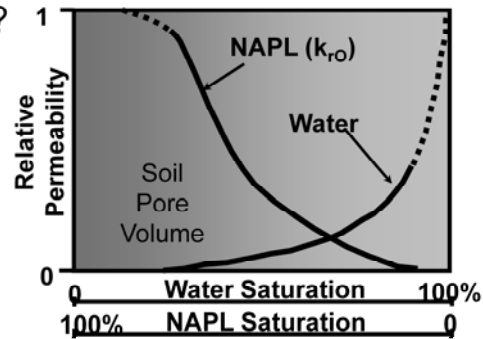
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- ▶ Q&A



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Choosing a Remedial Technology

- ▶ You now have an understanding of your site, you know what is recoverable (hydraulically) and you have goals and objectives in mind.
- ▶ What physical parameters will a remedial technology manipulate?
 - Composition
 - Saturation



•As the illustration shows, the relative permeability of LNAPL in soil decreases as the LNAPL saturation decreases. In other words, as more LNAPL is removed, the ability to keep removing LNAPL decreases.

LNAPL Composition



- ▶ LNAPL composition is modified by increasing rates of volatilization and dissolution from the LNAPL body – phase change from liquid to vapor phase or liquid to dissolved phase.
- ▶ Example technology
 - Vapor extraction in combination with:
 - Air sparging
 - Heating
 - Steam injection

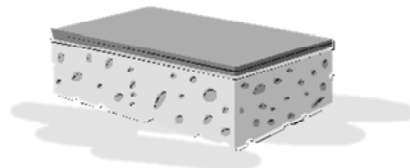


• Vapor extraction in combination with air sparging, in-situ heating (ERH), or steam injection removes the more volatile components from the LNAPL body.

LNAPL Saturation



- ▶ Reduce LNAPL saturation by bulk LNAPL mass removal via excavation or liquid recovery.
- ▶ LNAPL factors to manipulate:
 - LNAPL gradient – skimming, hydraulic recovery, water flood, high-vacuum extraction
 - LNAPL viscosity – heating, hot water flood
 - Interfacial tension – surfactant/co-solvent flushing
 - Wettability – surfactant/co-solvent flushing



•It takes an LNAPL head or gradient for LNAPL to overcome soil pore entry pressures and migrate horizontally.

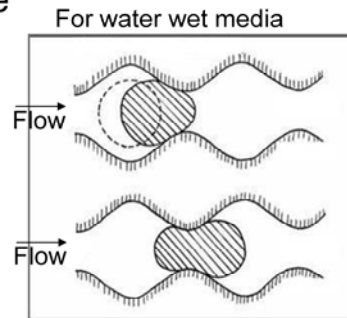
•LNAPL skimming or pumping can create an LNAPL gradient and induce LNAPL flow to a recovery well. Hydraulic recovery methods change the hydraulic gradient of the groundwater which can indirectly increase the LNAPL gradient.

•Low viscosity fluids flow more readily than higher viscosity fluids. Heating the LNAPL can reduce LNAPL viscosity and enhance removal.

•LNAPL flow and recovery can be enhanced by lowering the interfacial tension and wetting contact angles between soil pore water and LNAPL. The LNAPL interfacial tension and wetting contact angles can be reduced by surfactants and co-solvents.

LNAPL Saturation – Pore Entry Pressure

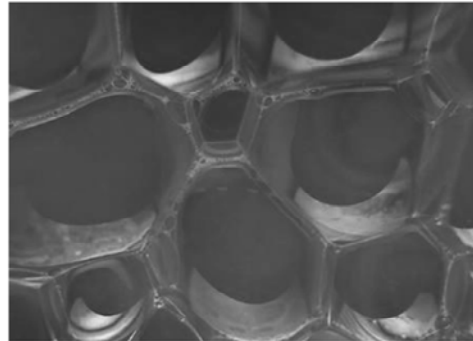
- ▶ LNAPL must displace water to enter a soil pore
- ▶ Heating technologies reduce the viscosity of the LNAPL, therefore you need less pressure to move the LNAPL through the water-wet pores
- ▶ Hydraulic pumping can also move LNAPL, but some will remain trapped and won't be removed using hydraulic methods



No associated notes.

LNAPL Saturation – Capillary Pressure

- ▶ Capillary pressure is highest at LNAPL-air interface and zero at Water-LNAPL interface
- ▶ The higher the capillary pressure, the higher the LNAPL saturation
- ▶ Surfactants help break the interfacial tension that is responsible for capillary rise



- In porous media, the smallest pores will adsorb water first and hold it the tightest.
- It takes significant pressure to get the water out of the smallest pores. This is why coarse sands and gravels have a relatively small capillary fringe, while silts and clay have a large capillary fringe (and hence, stay moist). Because of the smaller pore sizes, silts and clays hold LNAPL and water more tightly and exhibit a higher capillary pressure than sands.
- Surfactants and cosolvents reduce interfacial tension and allow residual LNAPL to be removed from small pores and flow to a recovery well.

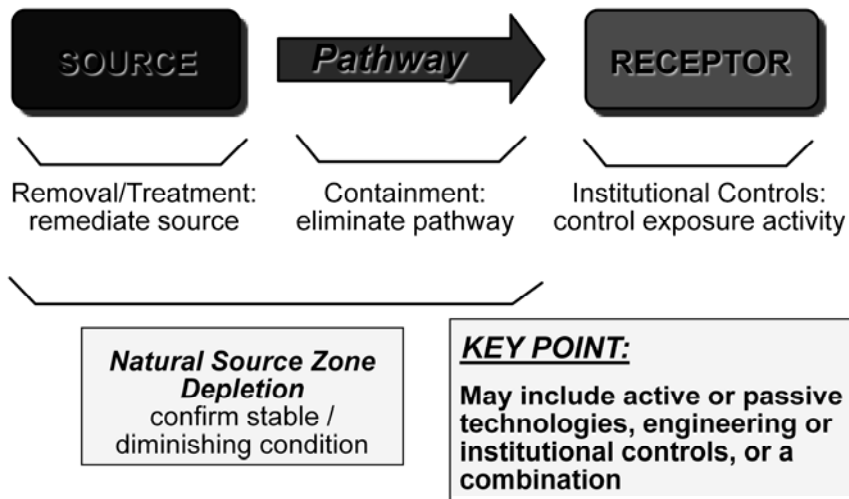
LNAPL Saturation – Viscosity

- ▶ LNAPL viscosity is important when evaluating mobility
- ▶ Different petroleum products have different viscosities
- ▶ Also mixtures of different products
- ▶ Weathering can change LNAPL viscosity
- ▶ Heating the LNAPL body reduces its viscosity and enhances LNAPL recovery



No associated notes.

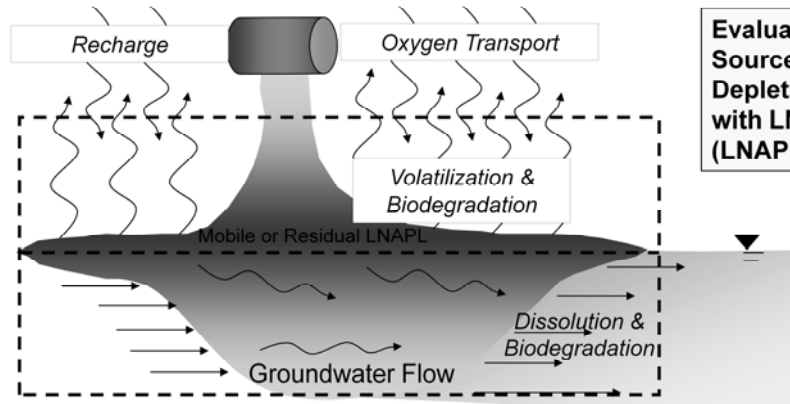
LNAPL Remedial Options



- LNAPL remedial options can focus on the LNAPL source by removal, focus on the pathway by containment, or focus on the receptor by controlling exposure.
- As this slide shows, natural source zone depletion is already occurring at the LNAPL source and along the pathway. NSZD may prevent the contaminants from reaching a receptor, however, it must be evaluated carefully.
- The ITRC Technology Overview document: "Evaluating Natural Source Zone Depletion at Sites with LNAPL" dated April 2009 provides detailed guidance on how to evaluate NSZD.

Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD)

- ▶ Loss of mass from the LNAPL body due to natural processes in the subsurface
- ▶ The two primary natural LNAPL mass loss processes in the subsurface are volatilization/dissolution and biodegradation
- ▶ This occurs whether applying a technology or not



Evaluating Natural Source Zone Depletion at Sites with LNAPL (LNAPL-1, 2009)

- There are natural processes that begin when the LNAPL is released into the environment. These processes occur regardless of any remediation technology being applied.
- The ITRC LNAPL team developed a Technology Overview document that details NSZD and presents methods to quantify these LNAPL mass loss processes.

LNAPL Technical Regulatory Guidance Document



ITRC LNAPL Team Tech/Reg Guidance facilitates the selection of appropriate LNAPL remedial technologies:

- LNAPL site conditions
- LNAPL properties
- LNAPL remedial objective
- LNAPL remediation goals (tech specific)
- LNAPL performance metrics (tech specific)

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KEY POINT:

Remediation technology selection criteria are presented in the ITRC LNAPL Tech/Reg Guidance.

1. Excavation
2. Physical Containment
3. In-situ Soil Mixing
4. Natural Source Zone Depletion (NSZD)
5. Air Sparging/Soil Vapor Extraction (AS/SVE)
6. LNAPL Skimming
7. Bioslurping/Enhanced Fluid Recovery
8. Dual Pump Liquid Extraction (DPLE)
9. Multiphase Extraction (Dual Pump)
10. Multiphase Extraction (Single Pump)
11. Water Flooding
12. In-situ Chemical Oxidation
13. Surfactant-Enhanced Subsurface Remediation (SESR)
14. Cosolvent Flushing
15. Steam/Hot-Air Injection
16. Radio Frequency Heating
17. Three and Six-Phase Electrical Resistance Heating

•The ITRC Tech/Reg Guidance document facilitates the selection of appropriate remedial technologies based on site conditions and remediation goals.

LNAPLs Training Part 2 Summary



- ▶ LNAPL behavior in the subsurface is more complex than previously thought
- ▶ Develop an LNAPL CSM
- ▶ LNAPL characterization should be commensurate with the LNAPL site complexity and risks
- ▶ LNAPL recovery addresses mobility – potential recovery is limited – LNAPL concerns are saturation or composition driven
- ▶ Match LNAPL concerns with remediation objectives

No associated notes.

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