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Enhanced Attenuation

Source Treatments

Monitored Natural Attenuation

Technical & Regulatory Guidance for Enhanced Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics (EACO-1, 2008)
A Site Management Tool

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Many sites with chlorinated organic contamination in groundwater have gone through extensive remedial evaluations and actions. After years of operating high energy processes, their effectiveness has begun to diminish without remedial objectives being met. Other effective remedial alternatives can be applied; however, there are difficulties transitioning these sites from these high energy systems to other low energy remedial alternatives and eventually to Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA).

This training on the ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance for Enhanced Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics (EACO-1, 2008) describes the transition (the bridge) between aggressive remedial actions and MNA and vice versa. Enhanced attenuation (EA) is the application of technologies that minimize energy input and are sustainable in order to reduce contaminant loading and/or increase the attenuation capacity of a contaminated plume to progress sites towards established remedial objectives. Contaminant loading and attenuation capacity are fundamental to sound decisions for remediation of groundwater contamination. This training explains how a decision framework which, when followed, allows for a smooth transition between more aggressive remedial technologies to sustainable remedial alternatives and eventually to Monitored Natural Attenuation. This training will demonstrate how this decision framework allows regulators and practitioners to integrate Enhanced Attenuation into the remedial decision process.

As our experience and knowledge grows around the implementation of MNA, the EA process will be considered an important management tool for optimizing site remedies and moving sites to final completion. This approach is consistent with the current regulatory environment and can be accommodated within a broad range of regulatory programs such as CERCLA and State dry cleaner regulations. This new framework and decision process will accelerate the environmental clean-up progress on a national scale and reduce overall costs, while still providing protection to human health and the environment.

For reference during the training class, participants should download and print a copy of the decision flowchart, Figure 2-1 on page 10 of the "ITRC Technical and Regulatory Guidance for Enhanced Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics" (EACO-1, 2008) and available as a 1-page PDF at <http://www.cluin.org/conf/itrc/eaco/ITRC-EACO-DecisionFlowchart.pdf>

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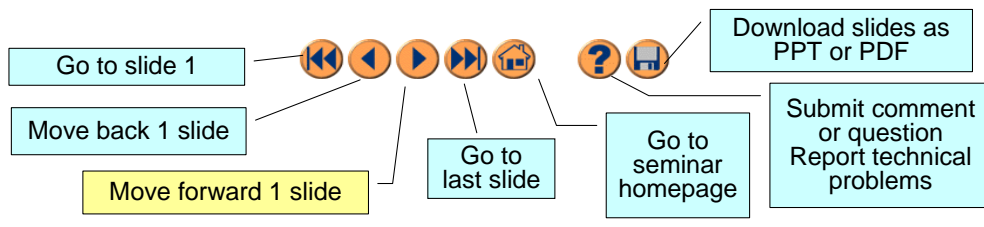
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Enhanced Attenuation: Course Map



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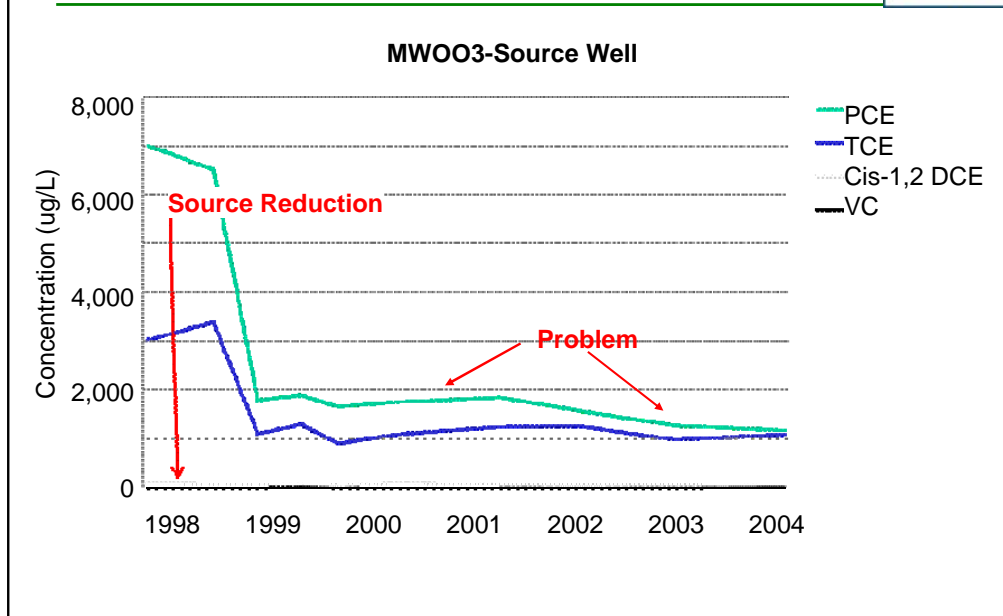
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Source Reduction



Most people would agree that Source treatments/removal (mass reduction) is key to total site rehabilitation. This is a traditional **example** of a source removal at a drycleaning site in Florida. Other source reduction technologies for chlorinated solvents include soil vapor extraction, in-situ bioremediation, dual phase extraction, co-solvent flushing, etc.

Is This Your Site?



However, most of the time it doesn't get us all the way to clean. This slide exemplifies the typical trend that we see at sites with chlorinated organic ground water contamination.

During the course of the rest of this presentation we will be providing information on how the EACO team evaluated this problem, the development of the EA concept, the Decision Flowchart, and the "technology toolbox".

Why Enhanced Attenuation (EA)?

- ▶ Chlorinated organic contamination
 - Globally ubiquitous
- ▶ Little guidance available on when to transition from active remedies
- ▶ Development of applicable scientific protocol and decision tools
 - Encourages innovative approaches to site closure
 - Offers a more acceptable remediation in cost, time, and risk



Some of the reasons we developed this guidance are:

Challenges for Implementation of Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA)



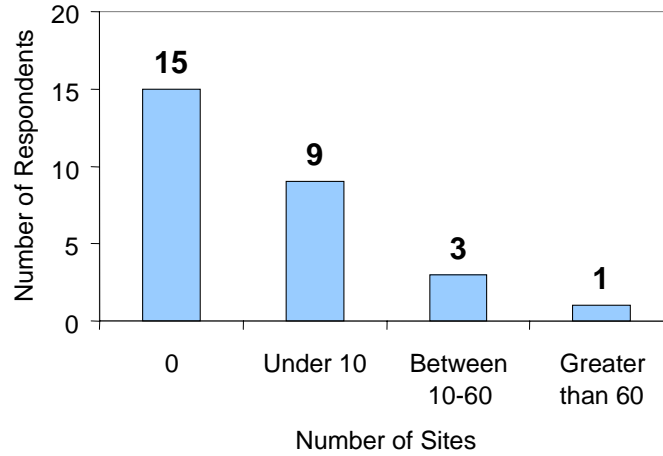
- ▶ Limited efforts to understand the balance between source loading and attenuation capacity, therefore longer remediation timeframes
- ▶ Limited understanding of site-specific natural attenuation processes
- ▶ Little guidance for when to transition
- ▶ Natural attenuation rates can be too slow

Some of the other issues noted with specific challenges associated with the implementation of MNA

General Experience with MNA (Chlorinated Organics) - Site Completion (Regulator Survey)

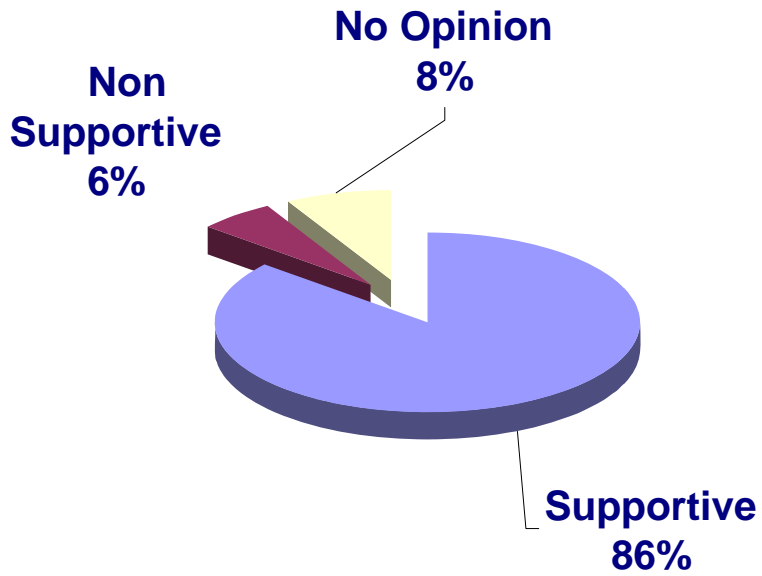


- ▶ 54% had no sites using MNA with chlorinated organics



One conclusion we were able to draw from the survey was that there was a general lack of experience by regulators with using MNA at these sites to bring them to completion. This conclusion is illustrated in this graph by indicating the number of regulators (noted along the vertical axis) vs. the general number of sites (noted along the horizontal axis) that had been brought to completion using MNA.

Develop Protocols to Encourage a Phased MNA/EA Decision Process



Another important piece of information gleaned from this survey was the acceptance of protocols that encourage a phased MNA/EA decision process. This graph is a representation of the support level for the development of these decision process protocols.

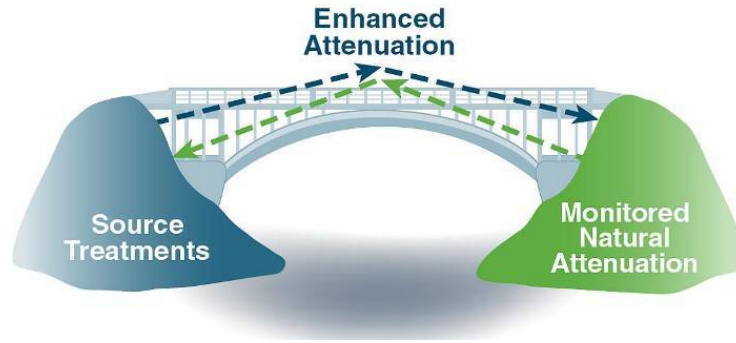
EA Is Consistent With MNA and Adds Additional Components



- ▶ Encourages comprehensive site characterization for
 - Accurate conceptual site model
 - Innovative remedial designs
- ▶ Relies on sustainability
- ▶ Encourages the use of mass flux evaluation to focus remediation strategy
- ▶ Allows the use of human intervention to boost natural attenuation processes
- ▶ Favorably manipulates the balance between mass loading and attenuation capacity in order to stabilize/shrink the plume.

The key phrase being human intervention as an action to boost the natural occurring processes.

EA Concept



- ▶ Mass balance evaluation
- ▶ Decision flowchart
- ▶ Technology toolbox

So these problem statements brought us to Enhanced Attenuation. Enhanced Attenuation is a plume remediation strategy or a protocol.

(Site Management Tool)

Key Concepts about EA

1. EA provides an organized, scientific, and structured approach to implement treatment technologies at appropriate sites and at appropriate times
2. Facilitates transition of contaminated sites through the complete remediation process
3. Develops the best solutions for the environment
4. Decision Process
 - Compliments MNA
 - Expands remediation opportunities

Note with regard to mass balance:

The mass balance efforts supported the general MNA conceptual developments of the 1990s and the idea that destruction processes are often dominant factors at sites with robust natural attenuation

– Any destruction process, not just reductive dechlorination can contribute

Key Concepts about EA (continued)



5. Encourages

- Energy efficiency
- Sustainability

6. Various EA technologies can be designed to reduce the source flux and/or increase the attenuation capacity/rate in the plume to assure the plume will stabilize and shrink

7. Technologies as described in the tech-reg guidance are not new -- what is new is **a holistic design approach using a structured decision protocol.**

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Definitions and General Application



► Sustainable

When the physical, chemical, and biological mechanisms or processes occurring within the contaminant source/plume continue over the lifespan of the remediation in a manner that the mass balance of the plume remediation favors source/plume reduction.

(Attenuation of contaminants continue over the course of the remediation until remedial objectives are attained).

The word “sustainable” is used a lot in the political and environmental fields these days and the meaning varies depending on the context of its use.

As an example of sustainability:

In the case of reductive dechlorination, sustainability might be limited by the amount of electron donor which may be used up before remedial goals have been reached.

Definitions (continued)



- ▶ **Mass loading**
The mass of material entering an area per unit time from the source zone and also from residual product that has been carried into the plume.

- ▶ **Attenuation capacity**
The capacity of a groundwater system to lower contaminant concentrations along aquifer flow paths.

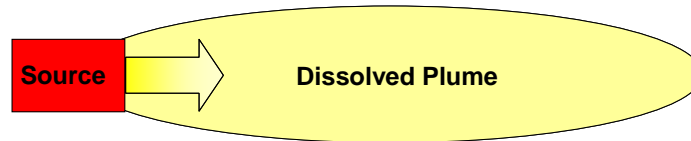
- ▶ **Mass balance**
The quantitative estimate of the mass loading to the dissolved plume from various sources compared to the mass attenuation capacity for the dissolved plume.

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Mass Balance Between Contaminant Loading & System Capacity



Mass Loading

INTO Dissolved Plume (Mass Loading)

- source flux
- infiltration
- desorption

<-Mass Balance->

Attenuation Capacity

OUT of Dissolved Plume (Mass Attenuation Capacity)

Inside Plume:

- biodegradation
- abiotic degradation
- adsorption

At Plume Boundary:

- advection
- dispersion
- volatilization
- plant uptake

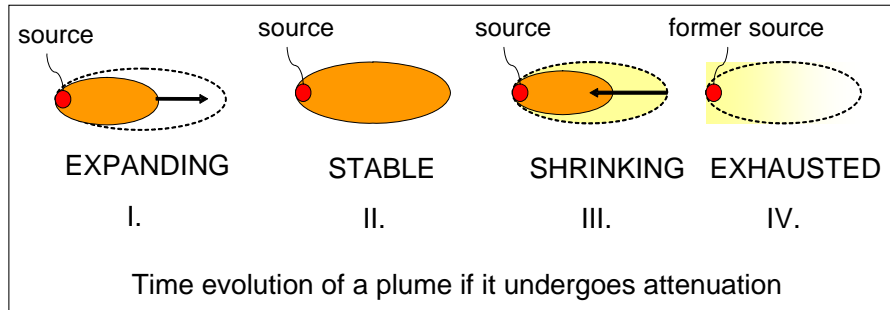
On this slide we will discuss the definitions of: **Mass balance** which includes **Mass Loading** & **Mass Attenuation Capacity**

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Plume Dynamics

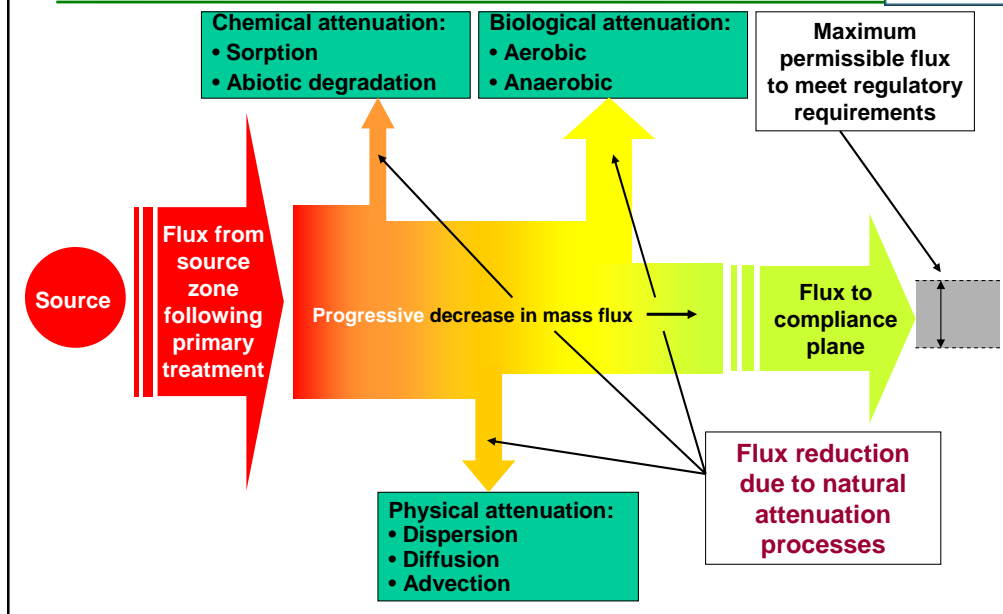


► Requirements for MNA

- Plume poses minimal risk
- Plume is stable or collapsing
- Monitoring to assure environmental protection
- Triggers to implement contingency plans as needed

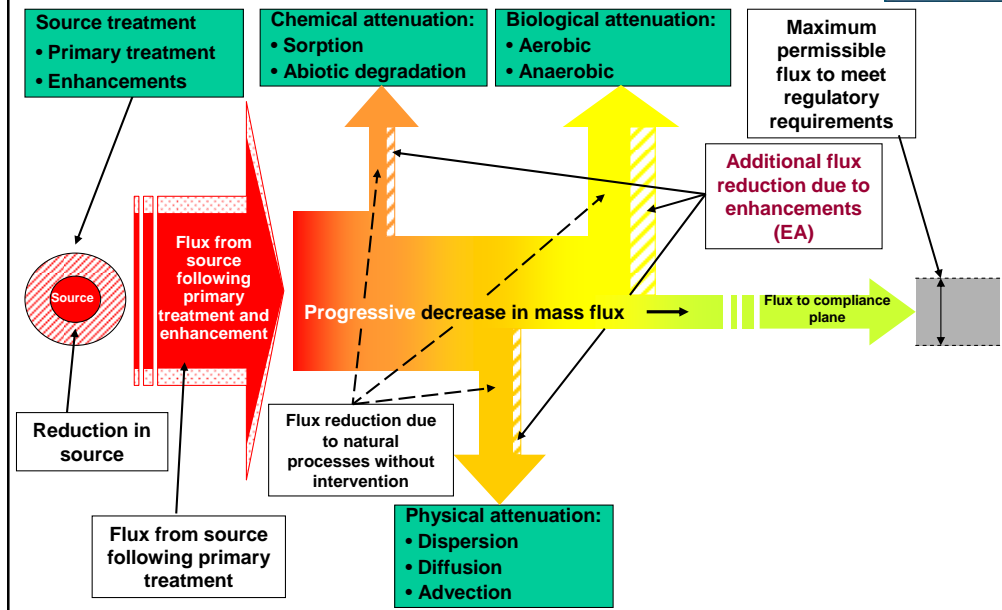
This slide simply provides an overview of the plume evolution, and the requirements for the use of MNA when the plume is stable and then shrinking.

Natural Attenuation



This slide and the next one are good slides to further discuss Mass Flux. This diagram represents the Natural Attenuation process with a constant source. While this information is not new to you, it is important to review the concept, and then show you how “enhancements” can help to reduce the flux and concentrations along this flow line.

Enhancements to Attenuation Process

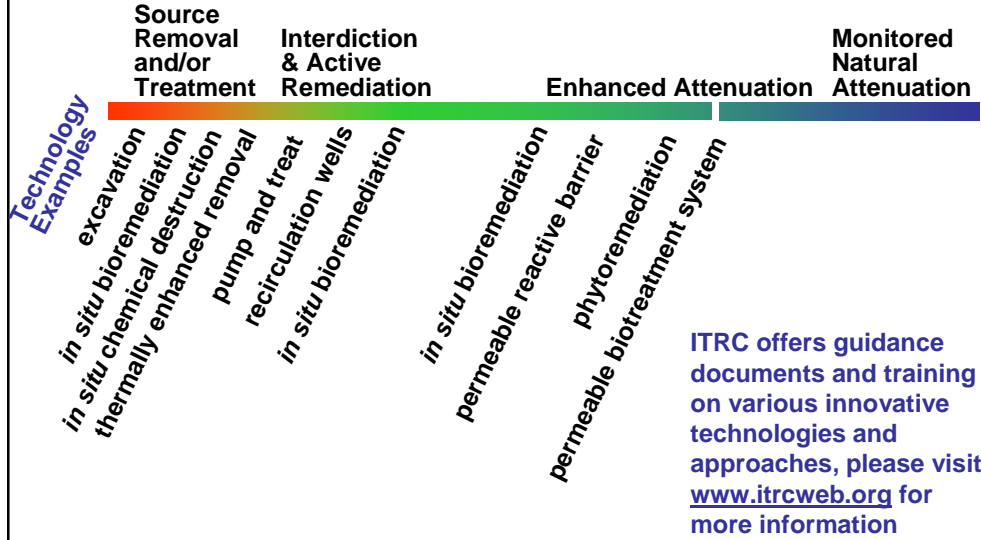


This figure illustrates how enhancements have an additive or supplemental effect on the natural attenuation processes operating on a plume to reduce the mass flux beyond that generated without intervention. The objective is for the cumulative impact of these enhancements to reduce the mass flux to a level that is less than the attenuation capacity within the aquifer.

Continuum of Remediation Technologies



Technology Class



The continuum of Remediation Technologies on this graphic includes “Enhanced Attenuation” Technologies before MNA.

Regulatory Considerations



- ▶ Permits
- ▶ Consideration of risk, time, and cost in the selection of EA remedy
 - Balancing Site Characterization with Cleanup
- ▶ Changes in geochemical conditions
- ▶ Contingency planning
- ▶ Mass flux measurements do not replace concentration-based measures
- ▶ Institutional controls

No associated notes

EA Benefits



- ▶ Facilitates transition of contaminated sites through the remediation process
- ▶ Provides scientific documentation for remedy change
- ▶ Complements MNA and expands remediation opportunities
 - Tailored intervention approach

This slide will provide the format to discuss benefits to regulators, industry, federal, stakeholder, consultants

EA Benefits (continued)



- ▶ Integrates source zone treatment and MNA
- ▶ Complies with existing environmental regulations
- ▶ Encourages a systematic approach to total site remediation
- ▶ Incorporates remedial efficiency by developing sustainable optimal solutions for each site

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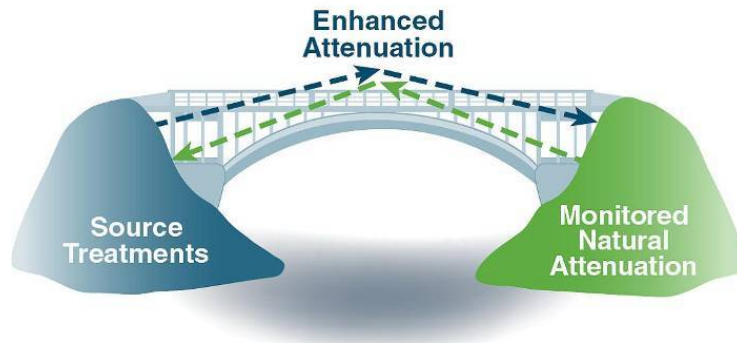
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We have reviewed several major areas

Questions & Answers



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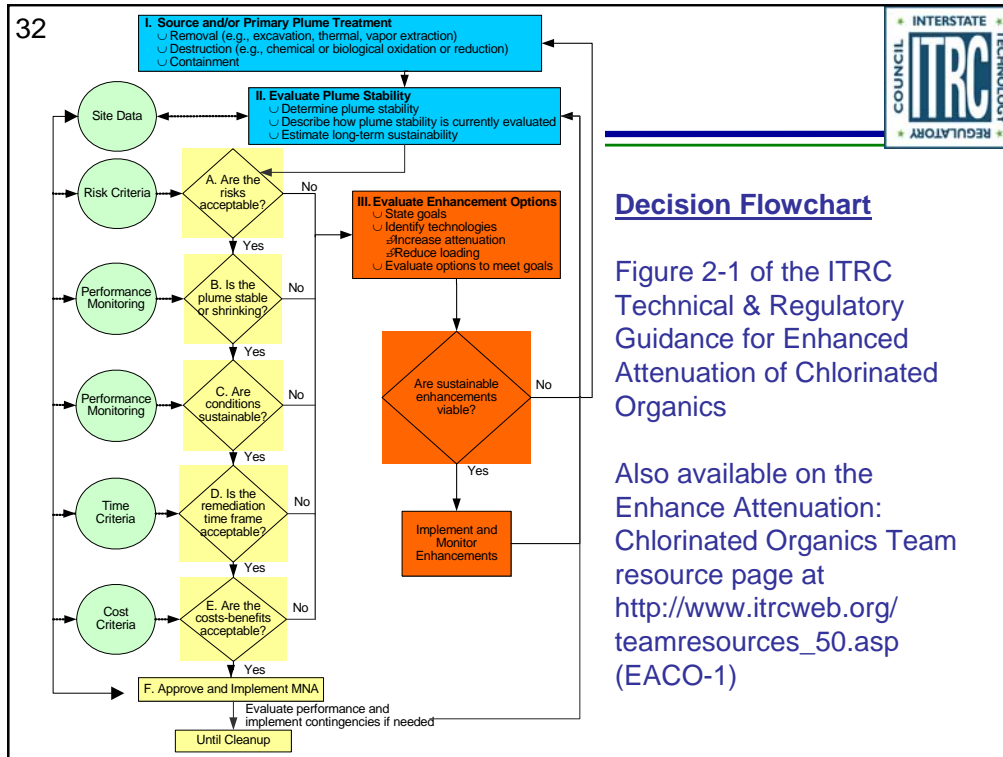
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Goal of Flowchart

- ▶ Roadmap for decision making
- ▶ Framework for transitioning
 - From active remediation or MNA
 - From MNA to EA technology or back to active remediation
- ▶ Decision process for sustainable remedial alternatives
- ▶ Defensible protocol
 - Documentation for regulators
 - Flexibility to incorporate innovative solutions

Goals:

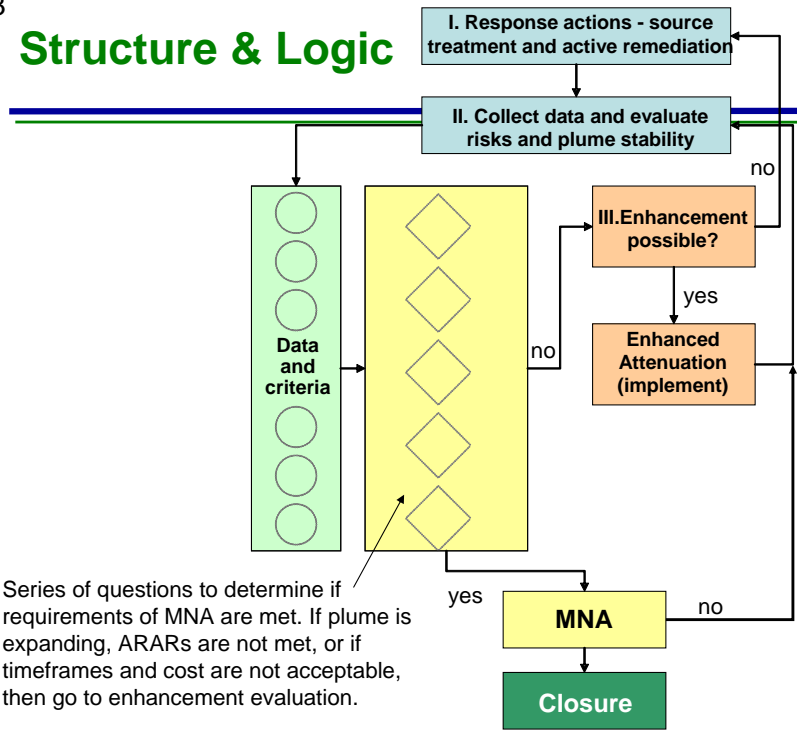
- decision-making framework for transition from active remediation to a sustainable solution.
- determine when to stop operation of the active remedy and transition to other appropriate EA/MNA remedies



The flowchart is available in Appendix A of the guidance. It's also available online at the Enhance Attenuation: Chlorinated Organics Team resource page at http://www.itrcweb.org/teamresources_50.asp

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Structure & Logic



Series of questions to determine if requirements of MNA are met. If plume is expanding, ARARs are not met, or if timeframes and cost are not acceptable, then go to enhancement evaluation.

Simplified version of the flowchart

Estimate Long-term Sustainability



INTO Dissolved Plume (Mass Loading)

- source flux
- infiltration
- desorption

- ▶ Traditionally
- ▶ Enhanced attenuation
- ▶ Mass balance evaluation

OUT of Dissolved Plume (Mass Attenuation Capacity)

Inside Plume:

- biodegradation
- abiotic degradation
- adsorption

At Plume Boundary:

- advection
- dispersion
- volatilization
- plant uptake

- balance is needed for the long-term stability

II A. Are the Risks Acceptable?

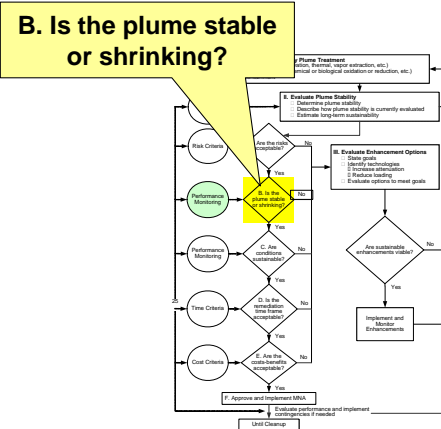
- ▶ Does the current risk to a receptor require some additional remediation before MNA can be implemented?
- ▶ Unacceptable risks precludes consideration of an EA / MNA / Closure remedy



- as part of this evaluation, go through each diamond and answer the questions.
- is there anything that would preclude the use of EA or MNA?

II B. Is the Plume Stable or Shrinking?

- ▶ Decision point is a yes/no response based on the evaluation of long-term plume stability
- ▶ Must obtain regulatory acceptance

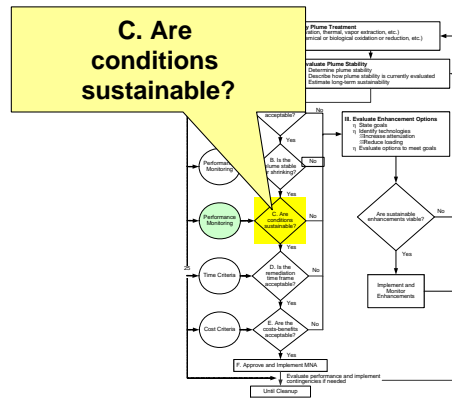


- is the plume is stable or shrinking?

II C. Are Conditions Sustainable?

► Demonstrate sustainability of solutions

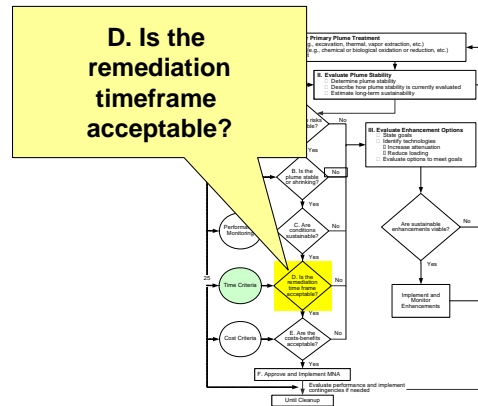
- EA – technologies are sustainable and low energy
- MNA – EA technologies not allowed



- is the system sustainable?
- will the current conditions that result in plume stability exist in the future?

II D. Is the Remediation Timeframe Acceptable?

- ▶ Consider input from
 - Responsible party(s)
 - Resource agencies
 - Local governments
 - Impacted community and public
 - Environmental groups and advocates



- is the timeframe for remediation acceptable to the stakeholders?

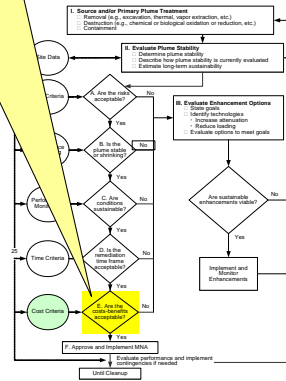
II E. Are the Cost / Benefits Acceptable?



E. Are the cost/benefits acceptable?

► Interaction among the following

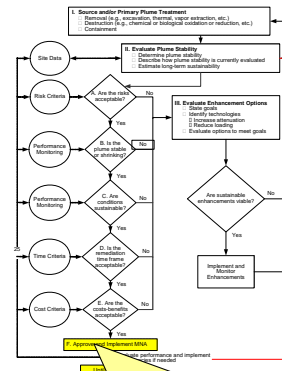
- Remediation timeframe
- Reliability
- Achievement of regulatory standards
- Performance goals
- Cost effectiveness



- costs and benefits are weighed.

II F. Approve and Implement MNA

- ▶ If all FIVE decision steps resulted in YES,
 - MNA is the appropriate remedy
 - Contingency plans needed
- ▶ If any NO,
 - Go back into flowchart
 - EA or active remediation



F. Approve and Implement MNA until site is cleaned up

- if all five questions were answered “yes”, then MNA is appropriate.
- the framework allows for movement back up the flowchart if conditions change or assumptions made in the process are found to be incorrect.

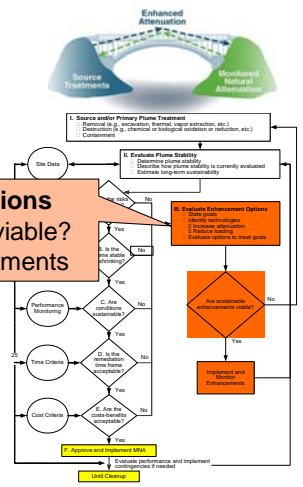
III. Enhanced Attenuation



- Provides a “bridge” between active remediation and MNA/Closure

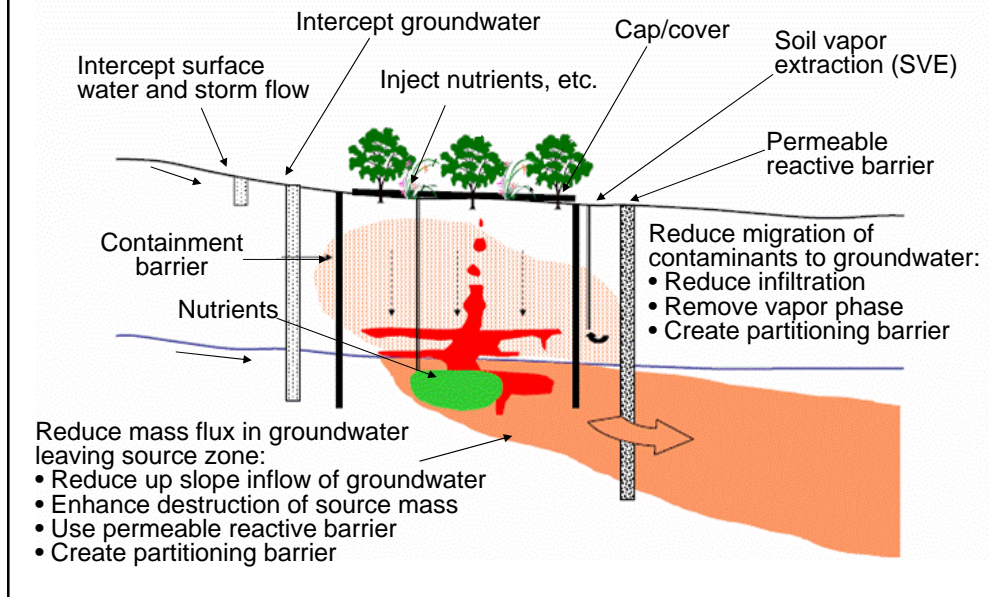
III. Evaluate Enhancement Options
 Are sustainable enhancements viable?
 Implement and monitor enhancements

- Sustainability
 - Decrease contaminant loading and/or
 - Increase attenuation capacity of aquifer



A “no” response was received in the previous box resulting in a recommendation to consider EA.

Enhancement – Source Zone

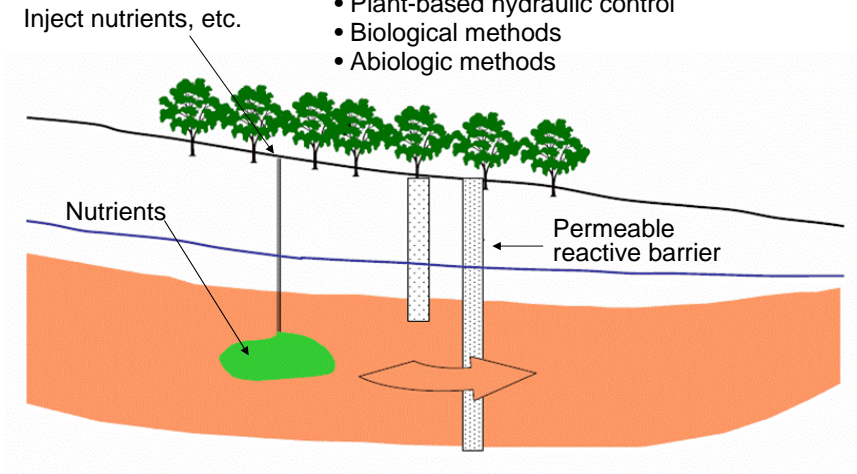


Enhancements can be used at different areas of the plume. Determining the optimal application of enhancements is an important element and is as important to the success of EA as identifying the enhancements themselves.

Enhancement – Primary Plume

Reduce mass flux of contaminants in plume:

- Phytoextraction
- Plant-based hydraulic control
- Biological methods
- Abiologic methods

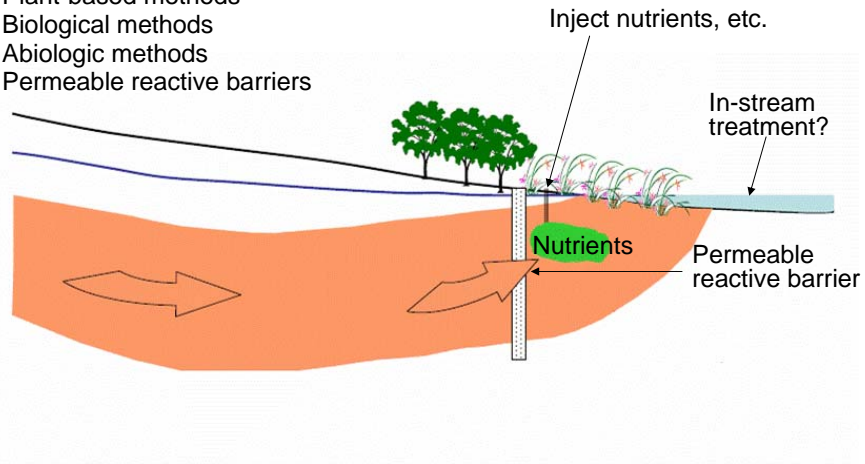


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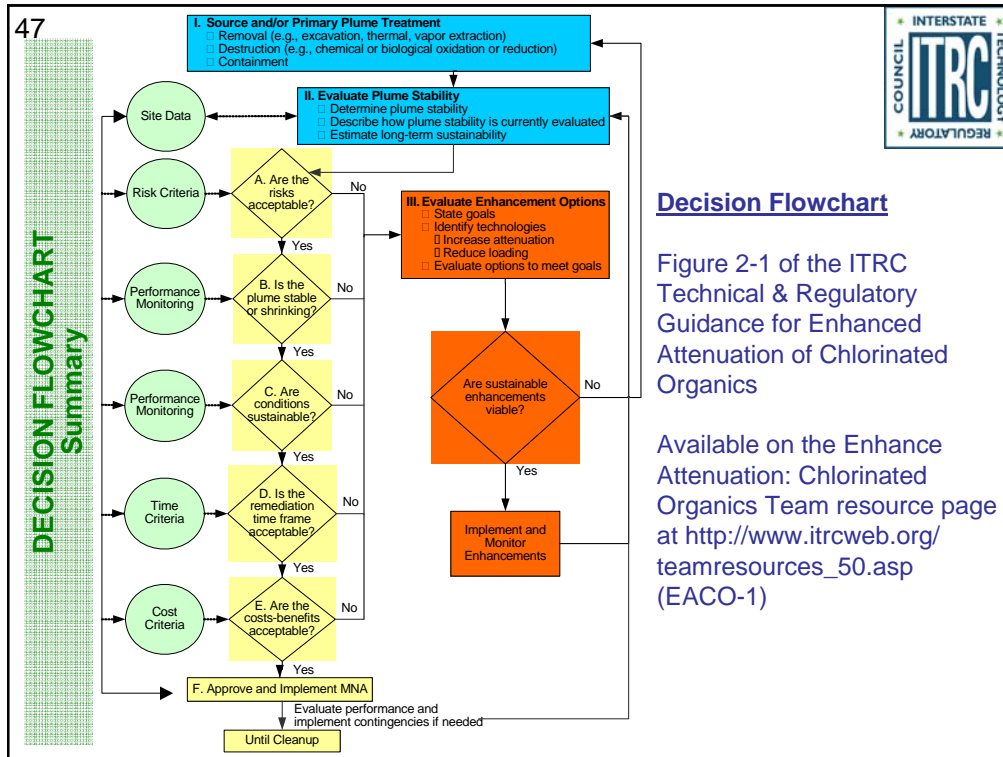
Enhancement – Near Discharge

Reduce mass flux of contaminants at groundwater / surface water interface:

- Plant-based methods
- Biological methods
- Abiologic methods
- Permeable reactive barriers



No associated notes.



- From the orange shapes that consider EA, if the answer were “no”, then you could move back up to top of the chart to consider active source or plume remediation (in blue rectangle I).
- On the other hand, a “yes” response indicates that enhancements should be implement and monitor.
- At the completion of EA, plume stability can again be examined and the process is repeated (in blue rectangle II).
- feedback loops are part of the process.

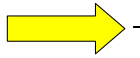
Enhanced Attenuation: Course Map



- ▶ Background information
- ▶ Key concepts
- ▶ Definitions
- ▶ Benefits
- ▶ Decision tree



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- ▶ General application
- ▶ Case study



This is again, on slide 51, the overview of the presentation, and as we move thru the presentation we discuss 7 basic information points.

In this section we will discuss the last 2 points, general application of the flowchart and an applied case study.

Why Enhanced Attenuation?



- ▶ **Integrates** source zone treatment and MNA
- ▶ Complies with existing environmental regulations
- ▶ Facilitates transition of contaminated sites through the remediation process
- ▶ Encourages a systematic approach to total site remediation
- ▶ Incorporates **remedial efficiency** by developing optimal solutions for each site

So at this point you may begin asking yourself why should I use the EA flowchart and what are the advantages.

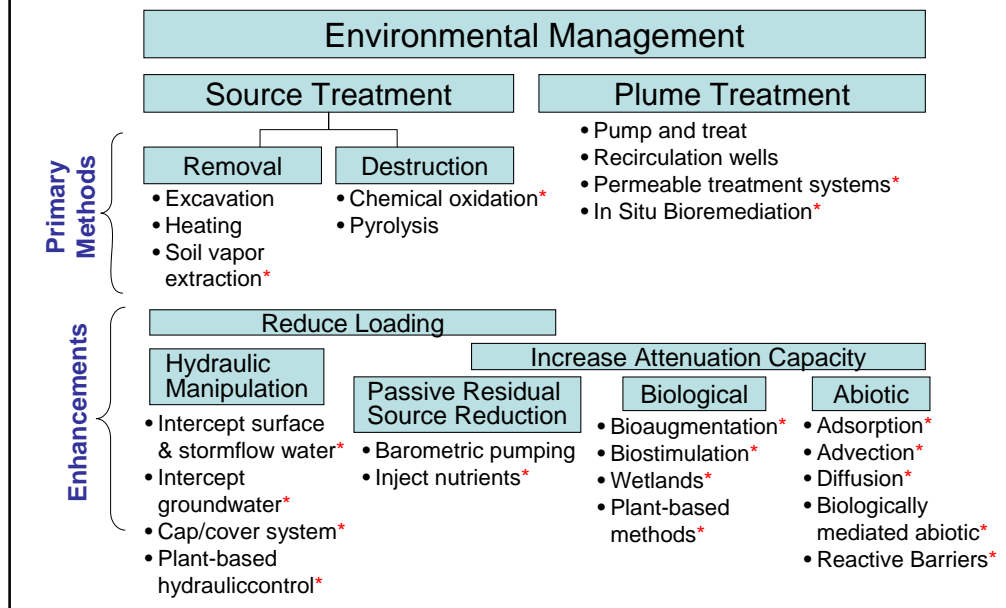
We feel that the appropriate use of the EA flowchart:

- **Complements** both source zone treatment and MNA by integrating them
- helps to **expand the regulatory paradigm while complying with existing environmental regulations**
- Provides a defined **methodology for transitioning** of sites through regulatory process
- Provides a flowchart for the systematic evaluation of enhancement technologies and **combinations** of technologies (such as integrated phased approach) and allows us to ask “what if” questions.
- Enhances **remedial efficiency** by developing optimal solutions **for each site** by tailoring to site-specific conditions and to site-specific remedial objectives.

Thus we feel the EA flowchart provides a flexible site management tool to respond to changes in performance, costs or risk reduction goals, and that the flowchart can be used both proactively and reactively.

Potential Sustainable Enhancements

* indicates ITRC has guidance on these topics; go to www.itrcweb.org



Once again we need to be clear that the EA flowchart is site management **tool** and not a remedial technology. And indeed the flowchart can incorporate all existing technologies and even new remedial technologies that will be developed in the future.

So the EA flowchart allows for the incorporation of a wide variety of diverse, primary and secondary remedial options, that fit a site's regulatory, performance and cost goals.

And it allows us to address site management challenges, such as hot spots, variable exposure paths, and multiple future use scenarios .

You will note on the slide that the ITRC offers more detailed guidance on use of many of these enhancements, as designated by the red asterisks.

Implementation and Monitoring of Enhancements



Confirm and ensure

- ▶ Sustainability of the EA remedies
- ▶ Mass loading reductions
- ▶ Increased attenuation capacity of the aquifer
- ▶ Protection of human health and the environment through reduced risk
- ▶ Appropriateness of current remedial response
- ▶ Regulatory milestones have been achieved


But the EA flowchart does require that each option, or combination of options, be evaluated within the context of the on-going and planned remedial activities, and then, if acceptable, implemented and monitored in a manner consistent with the sites remedial goals, and consistent with the on-going site remedial evaluation in the EA flowchart.

So we ask the following questions as we implement and (to the extent possible) as we evaluate enhancements:

- Are the enhancements sustainable?
- Do we achieve mass loading reductions?
- Is the attenuation capacity increased?
- Are the enhancements protective of human health and the environment?
- Are the enhancements appropriate in the context of the current remedial response?
- Will regulatory milestones be achieved?

Example Implementation of the Flowchart



- ▶ Step 1: Baseline characterization
- ▶ Step 2: Source treatment
- ▶ Step 3: Use EA Decision Flowchart
- ▶ Step 4: Implement enhancements as necessary
- ▶ Step 5: Transition to MNA
- ▶ Step 6: Site closure 

This slide has an overview of the steps in the implementation of the EA flowchart.

Step 1: Baseline characterization including a mass balance assessment to characterize plume stability and to provide a baseline for evaluating remedial performance

Step 2: Aggressive source treatment using active remediation technologies and MNA for the down-gradient portion of the dissolved plume, if appropriate

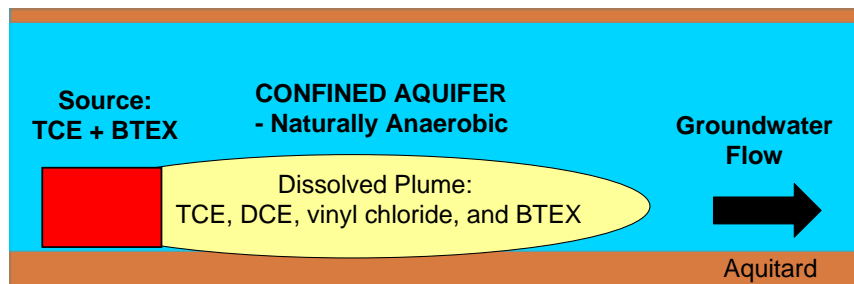
Step 3: Utilization of the EA Decision Flowchart to implement MNA for the down-gradient plume after the active treatment phase resulted in substantial reduction of contaminant loading from the source zone (skip to step 5) or evaluate enhancements as appropriate

Step 4: An enhancement is implemented to increase the rate of mass attenuation of the dissolved plume to accelerate the achievement of compliance with site clean-up criteria

Step 5: After the enhancement results in a sustained increase in mass attenuation rates for the dissolved plume, MNA is continued as the remedy for the dissolved plume

Step 6: Site closure is achieved

Scenario Description



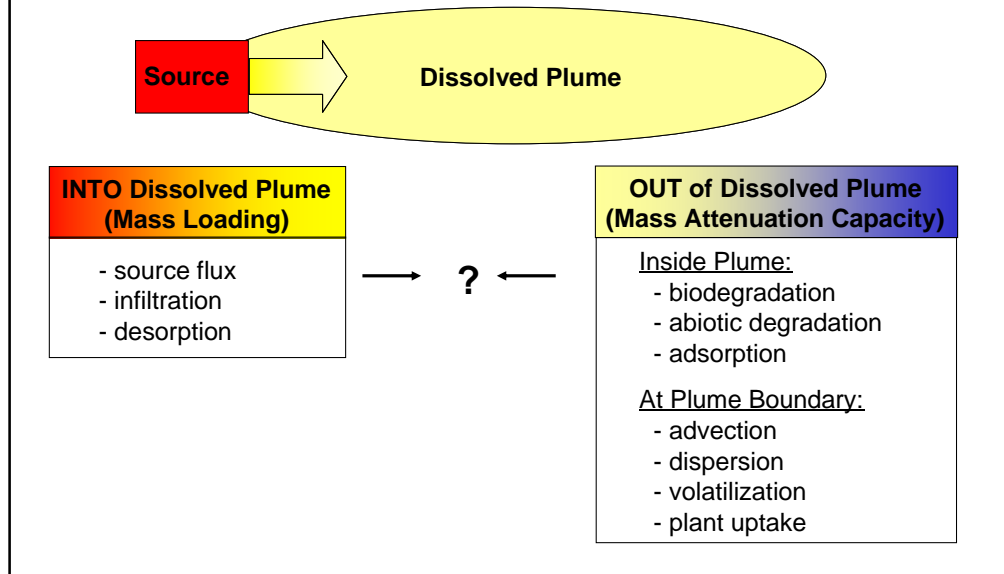
- ▶ Recent spill of TCE and BTEX
- ▶ Natural TCE biodegradation
- ▶ Electron Donors: BTEX and native organic matter

Lets consider a hypothetical site:

Conditions

- Confined aquifer with interbedded lenses of finer materials;
- A high-concentration source of TCE and BTEX in the saturated zone with negligible contributions from the vadose zone
- A dissolved plume with TCE, DCE, vinyl chloride, and BTEX
- Naturally anaerobic groundwater conditions
- Natural attenuation conditions due to the presence of both anthropogenic electron donors (i.e. BTEX), and native organic matter that also provided a source of electron donors for the biodegradation of the chlorinated organics (Wiedemeier et al, 1999)
- The plume is relatively young and insufficient time data were available to directly evaluate plume stability
- There were no potential receptors on the site, although there is public concern about the high concentrations of chlorinated organics leaving the site

Step 1 – Baseline Assessment



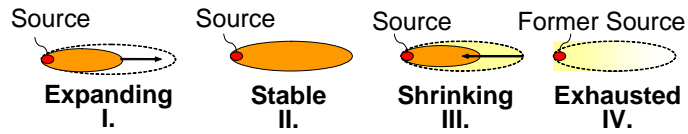
Step 1 baseline assessment

We need to evaluate loading and attenuation capacity, so let's look at our two boxes.

On the loading side we assess the source flux and evaluate the impact of infiltration and desorption if appropriate.

To determine the attenuation capacity we will assess biological and abiotic transformations, as well as adsorption. We also will evaluate the impact of advection, dispersion, volatilization and uptake, if appropriate.

Mass Loading vs. Attenuation Capacity



Mass Loading	Mass Attenuation Capacity	Plume Dynamics
		Expanding
		Stable
		Shrinking

Lets stop for moment and consider the potential dynamics between loading and attenuation we saw earlier.

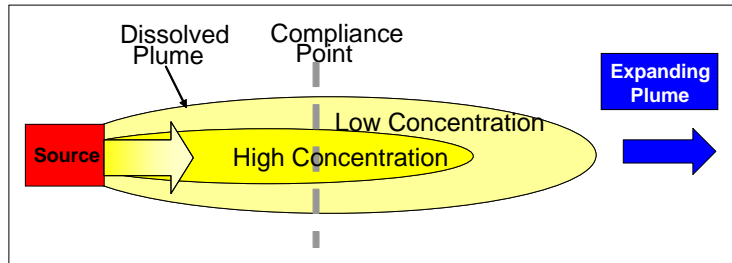
In the **first** example, loading exceeds the attenuation capacity, resulting in an expanding plume.

In the **second** example, mass loading and attenuation capacity are approximately equal resulting in a stable plume.

In the **third** example, attenuation capacity significantly exceeds the loading processes, resulting in a shrinking plume.

The final example is meant to represent a site where the source zone has been removed to the extent that any residual contamination loading to the dissolved phase is far exceeded by the resident attenuation processes.

Baseline Plume Conditions



Mass Loading (kg/year)	
Source:	10,000
Desorption:	+ 0
Total:	10,000

>

Mass Attenuation Capacity (kg/year)	
Biodegradation:	5,000
Adsorption:	+ 500
Total:	5,500

OK back to our hypothetical site. Lets say as we conduct our Baseline Assessment we get the following results.

Mobilization from the source results in 10,000 Kg of contamination a year entering the dissolved phase.

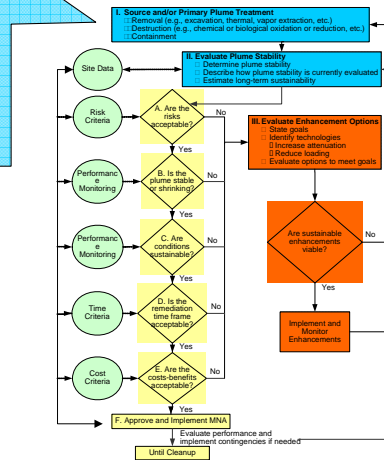
Attenuation mechanisms, primarily biodegradation and adsorption, remove 5,500 Kg/year from the dissolved phase.

So in this hypothetical example, loading exceeds attenuation capacity and we have an expanding plume.

Step 2 – Source Treatment

I. Source and or Primary Plume Treatment

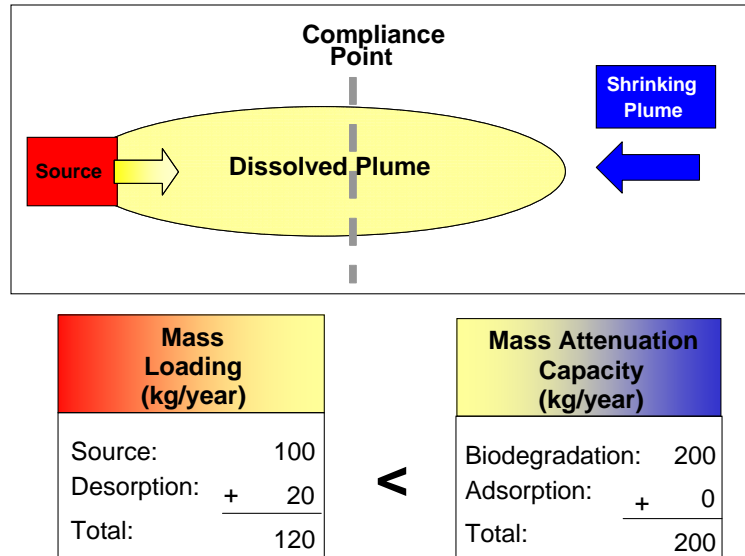
- Removal (e.g., excavation, thermal, vapor extraction)
- Destruction (e.g., chemical or biological oxidation or reduction)
- Containment



Remember our Step 1, baseline assessment yields the need for a Level 1 response: An untreated or expanding plume indicates that Source and/or Primary Plume Treatment is required.

So as per slide 55, at Step 2, as shown on this slide, Source treatment is conducted at our site.

Step 3 – Post Source Treatment – Use the EA flow chart- MNA?



Post Source Treatment - Let us assume after Source and/or Primary Plume Treatment, attenuation capacity now exceeds loading and this results in a shrinking plume. Can we transition into MNA?

Maybe.

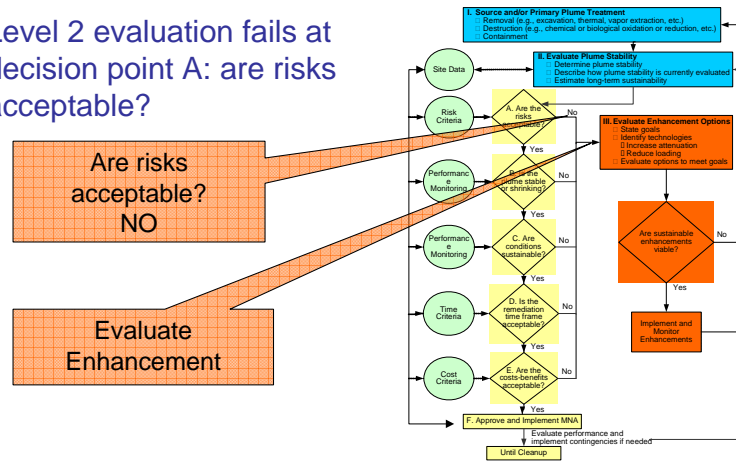
In Step #3 we use the EA flowchart and proceed to a level 2 evaluation of plume stability and sustainability.

Assume, in this example, that the compliance point represents a potential receptor or a property boundary.

Attenuation capacity exceeds loading and we achieve a shrinking plume.

Level 2 Evaluation of Plume Stability and Sustainability

- Level 2 evaluation fails at decision point A: are risks acceptable?



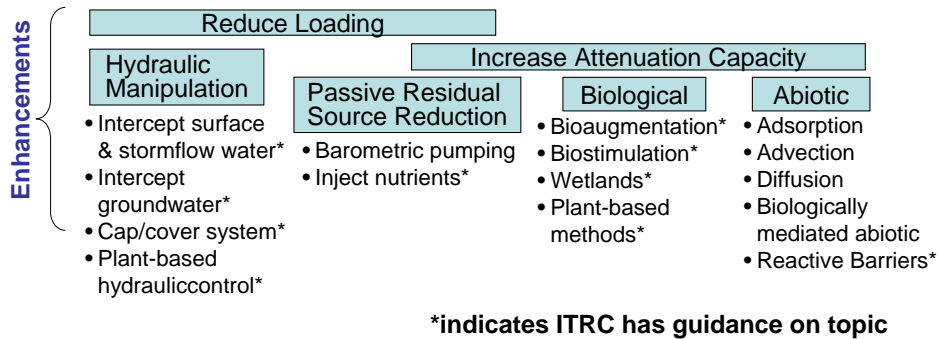
As we continue in Step 3 using the flowchart at the Level 2 evaluation of Plume stability and sustainability, and using the available site information (green circles).

In this case although we might pass through our level 2 evaluation at decision points B, C, D, and E, we fail at decision point A (Are the Risks Acceptable).

Risks from elevated concentrations at a receptor or to a down-path property owner are unacceptable. Following the flow chart, we are kicked to the right, and we would then consider enhancements and evaluate their potential to meet site specific management and performance goals.

Level III evaluation Enhancements for a Stable or Shrinking Plume that is Out of Compliance

- ▶ Increase attenuation capacity
- or
- ▶ Reduce loading of the contaminant (flux)



We can now conduct a level III evaluation of enhancements and/or combinations of enhancements needed to meet our performance goals

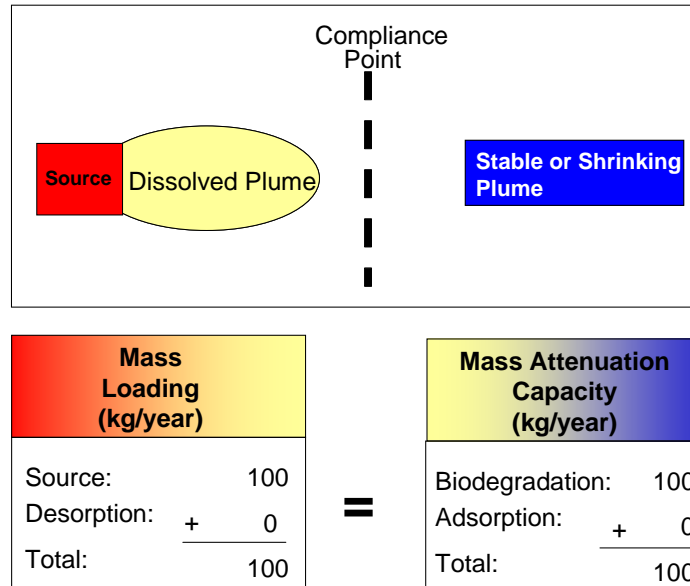
But remember we must confirm and ensure that these options meet the following criteria:

- The sustainability of the EA remedies
- Remedy must result in mass loading reductions and/or increased attenuation capacity of the aquifer
- Remedy must be protective of human health and the environment through reduced risk
- The remedy is appropriate and compatible with on-going and past remedial activities
- Regulatory milestones and site specific conditions are addressed

- **ITRC has guidance on topics listed on the slide**

In Step 4, we select and implement (and continuously assess) our selected enhancement.

Step 4 – Post Enhancement, Plume Reaches New Stable or Shrinking Conditions after Enhancement



Post Implementation of Enhancements (Step 4)

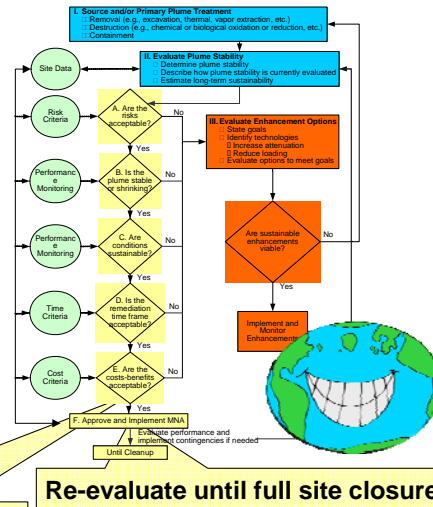
Let us assume after implementation of enhancements attenuation capacity is equivalent to loading and this results in a stable plume with acceptable concentrations at the compliance point. Can we transition into MNA?

Maybe.

Proceed to another level 2 evaluation of plume stability and sustainability.

Steps 5&6: MNA Selection and Site Closure

- ▶ Level 2 evaluation of plume stability and sustainability
- ▶ Pass DP's A through E
- ▶ Continue to MNA
- ▶ Continue with MNA to site closure (if appropriate)



F. Approve and Implement MNA

Re-evaluate until full site closure

Following along the flowchart

In Step 3 we used the flowchart to evaluate site and select enhancements -> In Step 4 we implemented and monitored enhancements -> we then conducted another Level 2 evaluation of Plume stability and sustainability

In this case (based on the information in the previous slide), we pass through our level 2 evaluation at decision points A, B, C, D, and E. Risks are acceptable. The plume is stable or shrinking. The attenuation capacity appears to be sustainable (based on performance data). Time frame is acceptable. Cost benefits are acceptable. We can now proceed to Step 5 and select MNA (if needed) and continuously evaluate performance until remedial goals are met, and we can proceed to Step 6 and closure is achieved.

Remember, through the use of the EA flowchart with its continuous reevaluate of performance, we retain the option to change remedial processes if conditions, information or site management goals change in the future before closure.

Enhanced Attenuation: Course Map

- ▶ Background information
- ▶ Key concepts
- ▶ Definitions
- ▶ Benefits
- ▶ Decision tree
- ▶ General application
- ▶ **Case study**



Here again, the overview of the presentation.

And at this point we would like to provide an example site

Case Study: Florida Drycleaner

- ▶ Operated over 8 years
 - 1980's through mid-1990's
- ▶ Located in strip mall
- ▶ No current receptors
 - Although well field within one mile
- ▶ Assessment completed in 1998
 - DNAPL present to 20 feet (atop clay)
 - Plume over 100 feet
 - Emanating from under building



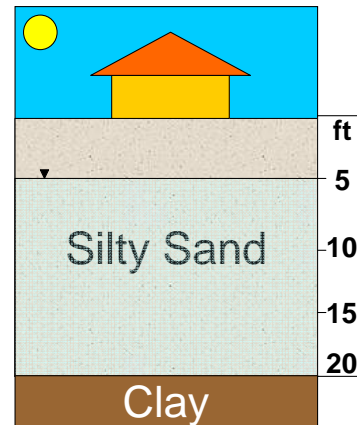
Lets consider the use of the flowchart at an actual site.

Florida Drycleaner.....(READ)

All though this site was not managed with the EA flowchart, we can use it as an example. This example use also demonstrates the value of flowchart to existing sites. The flowchart is a valuable site management tool regardless of the lifecycle position or status of a site.

Hydrogeology

- ▶ Unsaturated zone: **5 feet**
- ▶ Silty sand to **20 feet bls** (below land surface)
 - Silt content increases with depth
- ▶ Clay layer **below 20 feet bls**
- ▶ No impacts below clay layer
- ▶ K was **10 ft/day**
- ▶ Gradient was **0.003 ft/ft**



As we look at the hydrogeology of the site we find

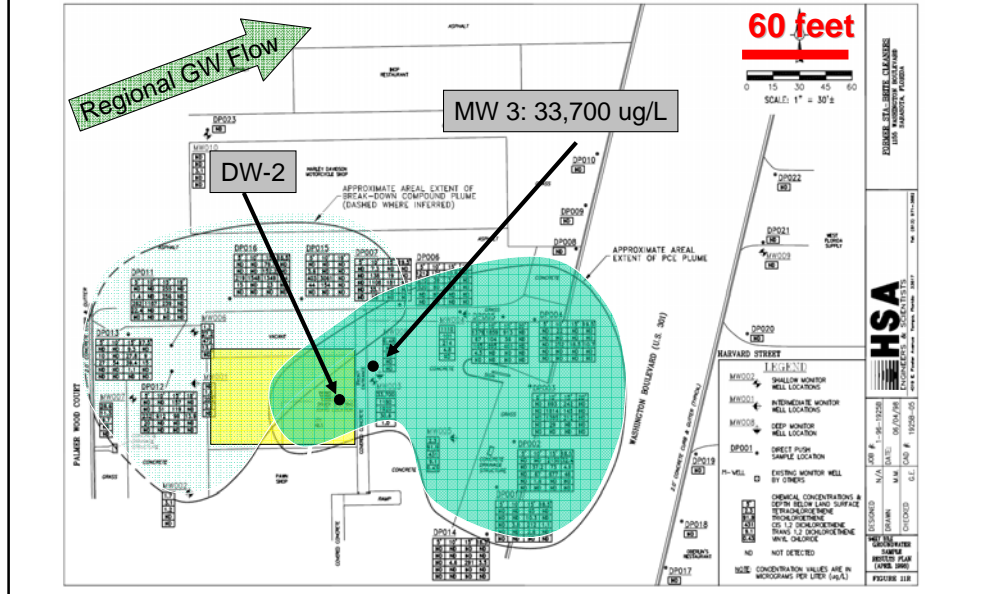
A surficial aquifer approximately 15 ft thick and 5 ft below land surface.

The aquifer matrix of silty sand fining down, with an underlying clay layer.

K was 10 ft/day and the gradient was relatively flat at 0.003.

No contamination was detected below the clay.

Step 1: Baseline Characterization PCE Assessment Results



Step 1: Baseline Assessment

Dry cleaner is defined by the yellow box

Light blue is a lower concentration plume and darker blue is a higher concentration area.

The regional flow is toward the north east

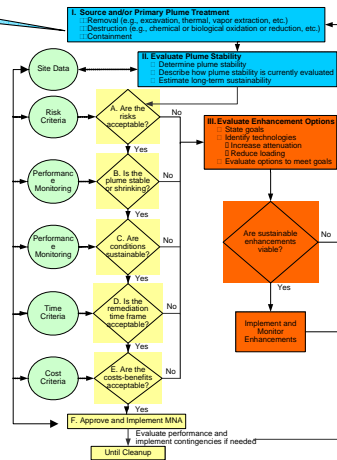
We see here the typical dual plume often found with drycleaners with multiple release points.

You can note that the plume was expanding and moving off site.

Step 2: Source Treatment Active Remedial Solution

I. Source and or Primary Plume Treatment

- ▶ Dual Phase Extraction (DPE) “**box design**” was used to dewater within the facility
- ▶ Air is more efficient carrier than water
 - Many more pore volumes can be extracted
- ▶ DPE removed over **250 lbs of PCE**



Step 2

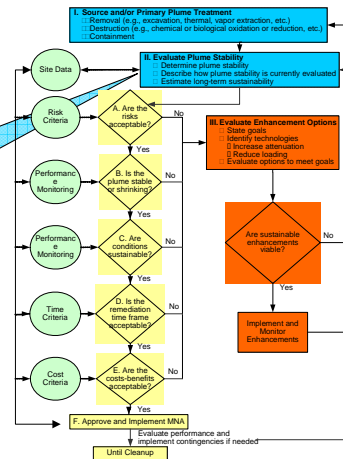
An untreated or expanding plume indicates that Source and/or Primary Plume Treatment (a Level 1 response) is required.

A Dual Phase Extraction (DPE) “box design” was used to dewater, mobilize and extract contamination at the site

Step 3a: Use EA Decision Flowchart Evaluate Plume Post Treatment

- ▶ Asymptotic conditions reached
- ▶ Performance Evaluated

II. Evaluate Plume Stability Determine plume stability and estimate long-term sustainability

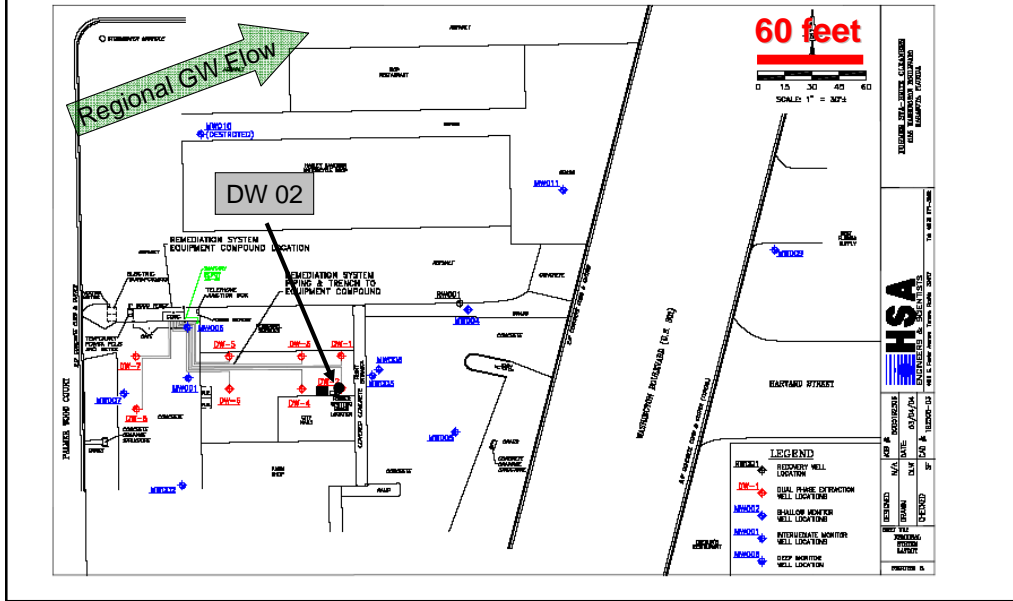


After source treatment a level 2 evaluation of plume stability and sustainability is conducted.

So at this point we need to assess decision points A, B, C, D, and E.

So let's consider some performance monitoring data.

DW 2, Source Area Well

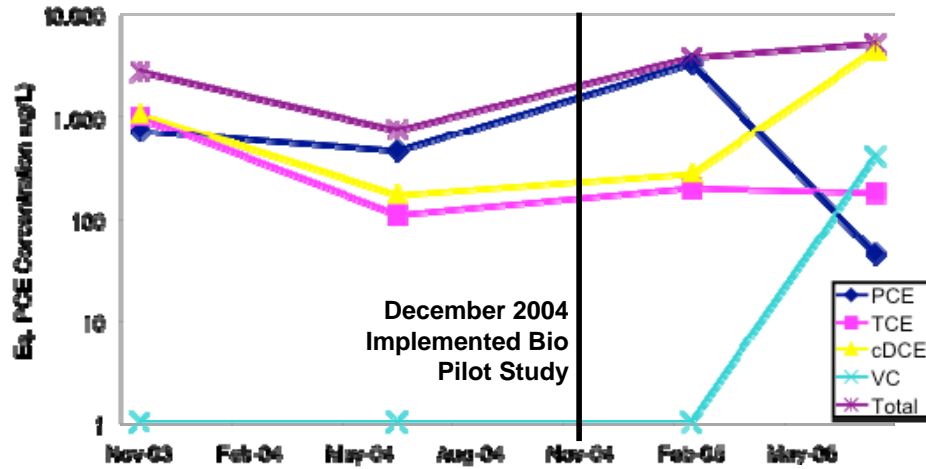


Note the location of Source Area Monitoring Well DW-02
Soil (core) concentrations from this area were high

Source Area Well DW02



Equivalent PCE Concentration Trend



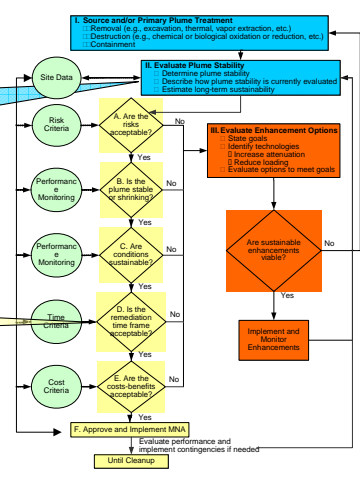
Evaluating concentrations in DW02 post source treatment we see that The loading to the mobile phase appears to be relatively stable but at unacceptable levels

Step 3a: Use EA Decision Flowchart Evaluate Plume Post Treatment



II. Evaluate Plume Stability
Determine plume stability and estimate long-term sustainability

Decision Point D. Are remedial timeframes acceptable? No



So, still in Step3, we are conducting our Level 2 evaluation: Plume stability and sustainability

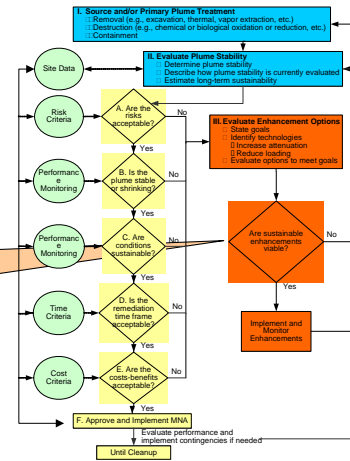
In this case although we might pass through our level 2 evaluation at decision points A (risk), B (stability), C (sustainable), and E (cost/benefits), we fail at decision point D (time to closure). Remedial timeframes are unacceptable.

Following the flow chart to the right, we consider enhancements and their potential to meet site management and performance goals.

Step 3b: Use EA Decision Flowchart - Evaluate Enhancement Options

- Evaluate potential options based on previous activities, site conditions and performance goals

III. Evaluate Enhancement Options
Are sustainable enhancements viable?
Implement and Monitor Enhancements



So continuing in Step 3. We evaluate enhancement and combinations of enhancements needed to meet our performance goals

But remember we must confirm and ensure these options meet the following criteria:

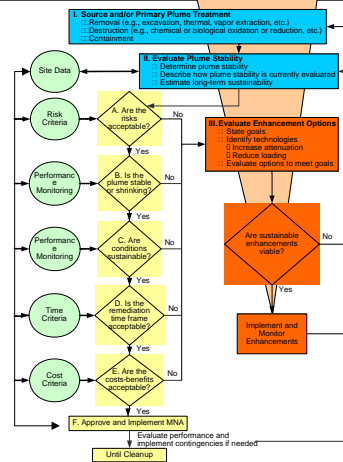
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- The remedy is appropriate and compatible with on-going and past remedial activities (DPE)
- Regulatory milestones and site specific conditions are addressed

Step 4a: Implement Enhancements

- ▶ Remedial action assessment was done to consider all options
- ▶ Bioremediation pilot study conducted after asymptotic conditions reached
- ▶ Pilot: **Lactate, nutrients, micronutrients, and Dehalococcoides ethenogenes** added to pre-conditioned aquifer
 - Biostimulation and bioaugmentation

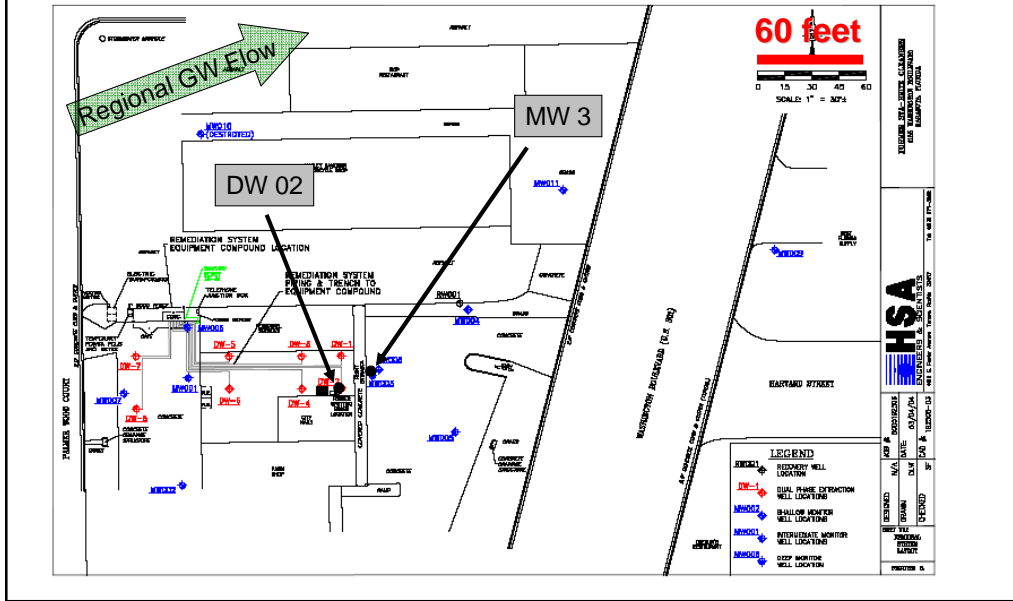
IV. Implement Enhancements

Are sustainable enhancements viable?
Implement and Monitor Enhancements



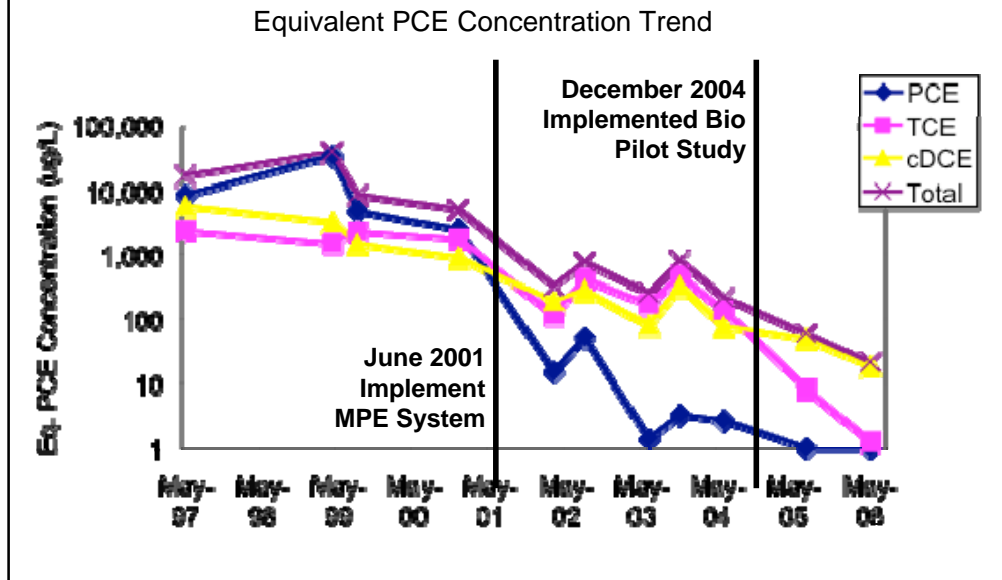
After evaluation an enhancement is selected. At this site a biostimulation-bioaugmentation enhancement was chosen, implemented and monitored.

DW 2, Source Area Well



Before consider some performance data, Note location of DW-2 we discussed before and a down gradient well MW-3

Immediately Down-gradient MW 3



Attenuation capacity appears to be significantly enhanced.

Note: new loading-attenuation equilibrium post DPE and increase in attenuation capacity post bio.

Note: Log scale, maroon/magenta Xs

Newest MW 3 Data



Date Sampled	Depth (ft bls)	PCE (µg/L)	TCE (µg/L)	cDCE (µg/L)	tDCE (µg/L)	VC (µg/L)
5/2/1997	4.5-11.5	8,500	1,870	3,370	130	BDL
4/23/1999	4.5-11.5	33,700	1,180	1,920	30.6	1.0
8/12/1999	4.5-11.5	4,790	1,830	852	21.9	3.2
12/20/2000	4.5-11.5	2,500	1,400	520	17	BDL
3/8/2002	4.5-11.5	15	93	110	2.7	BDL
8/29/2002	4.5-11.5	52.2	335	164	4.2	BDL
6/24/2003	4.5-11.5	1.4	136	47.3	1.5	BDL
11/26/2003	4.5-11.5	3.3	370	191	2.6	BDL
6/28/2004	4.5-11.5	2.7	109	45	<1	<1
7/27/2005	4.5-11.5	<1	6.6	29.1	<1	<1
5/4/2006	4.5-11.5	<1	<1	11	<1	<1

Concentration data table supports mass removal.

DPE 6/2001

Bio 12/2004

Note RED lines

Simple Flux Estimates – Dimension



width	60 ft	18.288 m
depth	15 ft	4.572 m
velocity	0.15 ft/day	0.04572 m/day

Flux planes defined by DW2 and MW3 at their center

So lets do some very simple flux estimates.

Define the site conditions

Define the flux planes

Simple Flux Estimates – Calculations



► Flow

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{width} \\ \text{(m)} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{r} \text{depth} \\ \text{(m)} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{r} \text{velocity} \\ \text{(m/day)} \end{array} \times \text{porosity} \times \begin{array}{r} 1000 \\ \text{(L/m}^3\text{)} \end{array} = \begin{array}{r} \text{flow} \\ \text{(L/day)} \end{array}$$

$$18.288 \times 4.572 \times 0.04572 \times 0.20 \times 1000 = 764.5 \text{ L/day}$$

$$= 279,000 \text{ L/year}$$

► Mass flux

$$\frac{\begin{array}{r} \text{cross-sectional flow} \\ \text{(L/year)} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{r} \text{total conc. chloroethenes} \\ \text{(mg/L)} \end{array}}{1,000,000 \text{ (mg/kg)}} = \begin{array}{r} \text{Flux} \\ \text{(kg/year)} \end{array}$$

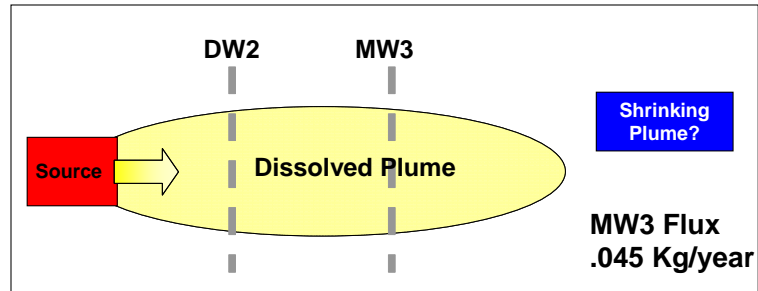
- DW2: $(279,000 \times 5) / 10^6 = 1.400 \text{ Kg/year}$
- MW3 pre Bio: $(279,000 \times 0.16) / 10^6 = 0.045 \text{ Kg/year}$
- MW3 post Bio: $(279,000 \times 0.035) / 10^6 = 0.010 \text{ Kg/year}$

DW2 plane

Vs

MW3 plane (pre and post bio)

Step 3 – Pre Bio-Treatment



Mass Loading (DW2 kg/year)	
Source:	~1.400
Desorption: +	?
Total:	1.400

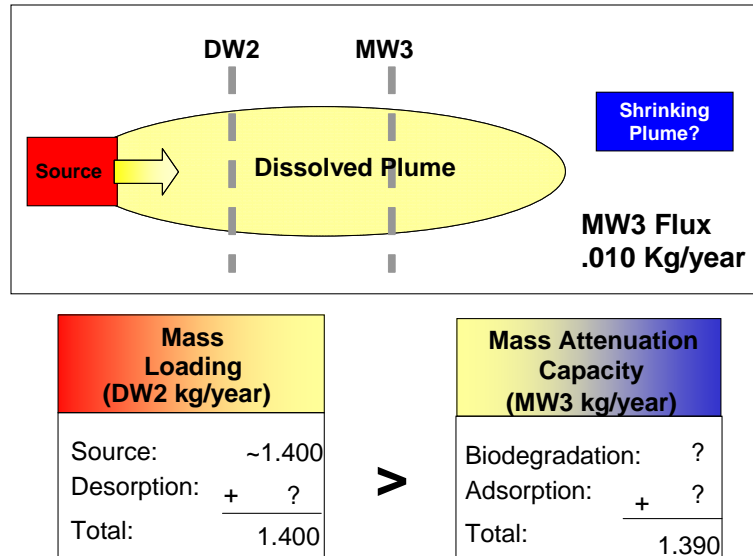
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Mass Attenuation Capacity (MW3 kg/year)	
Biodegradation:	?
Adsorption: +	?
Total:	1.355

Lets apply our flux calculations to our site conceptual model.

Loading from our DW2 plane (1.400) and attenuation from the difference of the DW2 and MW3 planes (1.400-.045 or 1.355).(pre bio in this example)

Step 3 – Post Bio-Treatment



Post bio we see an increase in attenuation capacity from 1.355 to 1.390 kg/year

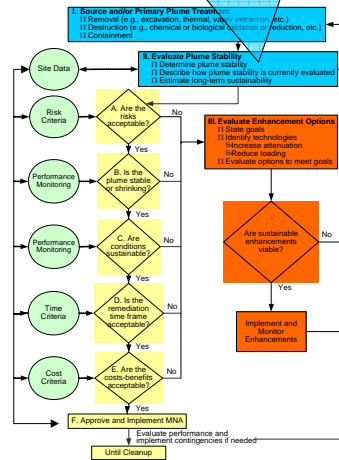
Remember this is the simplest form of flux measurement: 2 planes defined by one point each, and applying the concentration across the entire plane.

The value of additional site characterization is shown strongly here. More planes should yield lower mass flux, additional planes allow us to assess additional attenuation.

Step 4b: Use EA Decision Flowchart Evaluate Enhancement Performance

- ▶ **Increase in assimilative capacity** of aquifer (equivalent mass decreased down-gradient)
- ▶ Equivalent flux over time from the source did not decrease – DNAPL
- ▶ Additional lactate added (elements of EA)
- ▶ Need to confirm added DHE is present and required levels of carbon/ORP can be maintained over time
- ▶ Currently, contemplating shift to **emulsified oil** as long-term, sustainable [EA] bioremediation solution

II. Evaluate Plume Stability



We again use a level 2 evaluation of plume stability and sustainability after the enhancements

In this case, we are currently conducting our level 2 evaluation at decision points A, B, C, D, and E for risks, stability, sustainability, and performance. We may select MNA and continuously evaluate performance until remedial goals are met and closure is achieved.

However if MW3 plane is the compliance point then A (risk) and B (stability) are both questionable.

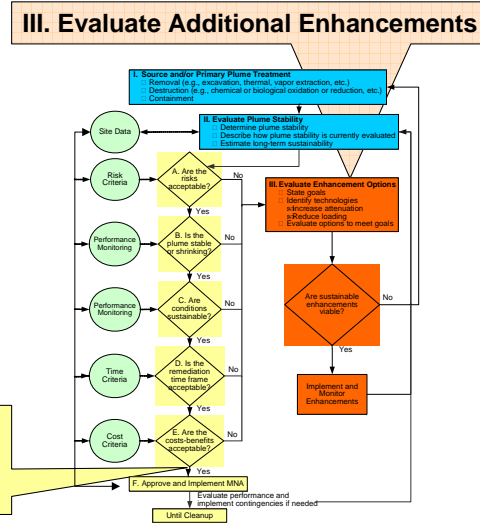
And we would be considering additional enhancements or additional performance data.

When additional enhancement is selected we reevaluate, and through the use of the EA flowchart with its continuous reevaluate of performance, we retain the option to change remedial processes if conditions, information or site management goals change in the future before closure.

Step 5: The Future, Transition to MNA

- ▶ Ultimately, a shift to **MNA** is anticipated, once DNAPL is dissolved
- ▶ Additional enhancements may be considered
- ▶ Institutional controls would be option at typical site **[EA]**

V. Transition to MNA
Do conditions and performance goals warrant transition to MNA?



The future.

If the performance and/or conditions are not acceptable then we go again to a level 3 evaluation of additional enhancements. If the performance and/or conditions are acceptable then we may transition to MNA.

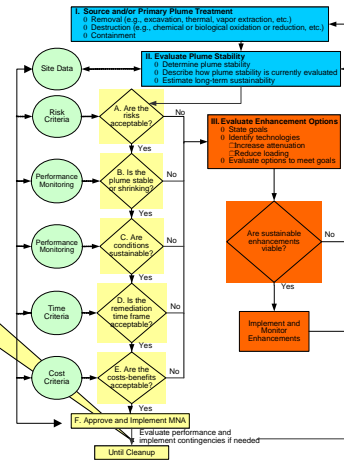
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Step 6: Site Closure

► Back to

- Step 3 then
- Step 4 then
- Step 5 (if applicable) then
- Step 6

VI. Site Closure



Regardless of the choice we will use the EA flowchart to continuously reevaluate of performance until closure.

In Review



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- ▶ Today's training roadmap
 - Background Information
 - EA Concepts
 - Definitions and Application
 - Benefits
 - Decision Flowchart
 - General Application
 - Case Study
- ▶ **Enhanced Attenuation (EA)** is a plume remediation strategy to achieve groundwater restoration goals by providing a "bridge" between source zone treatment and MNA and/or between MNA and slightly more aggressive methods.
- ▶ EA provides an organized, scientific, and structured approach to implement treatment technologies at appropriate sites and at appropriate times.
- ▶ Various EA technologies can be designed to reduce the source flux and/or increase the attenuation capacity/rate in the plume to assure the plume will stabilize and shrink.

No associated notes.

Key Concepts of EA to Remember

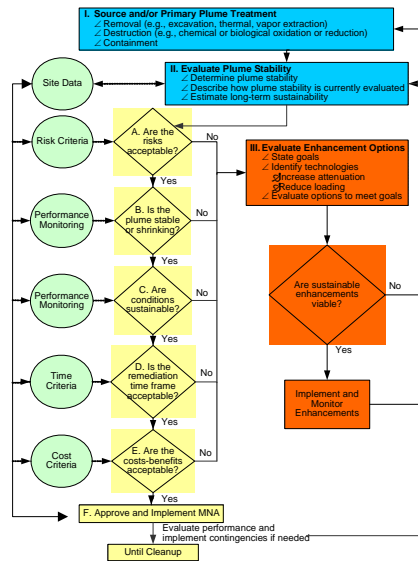
- ▶ Facilitates transition of contaminated sites through the complete remediation process
- ▶ Complements MNA and expands remediation opportunities
- ▶ Encourages energy efficiency and develops the best solutions for the environment



During real life site management discussions, EA helps determine amount of source treatment

Enhanced Attenuation

- ▶ Enhanced Attenuation is not what you do, it's how and when you decide what to do
- ▶ The Decision Flowchart and Enhanced Attenuation integrates well within existing regulatory framework



No associated notes.

Thank You for Participating



- ▶ 2nd question and answer break
- ▶ Links to additional resources
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