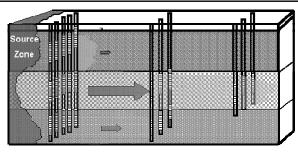
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# Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge



An ITRC Technology Overview Document

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Most decisions at groundwater contamination sites are driven by measurements of contaminant concentration – snapshots of contaminant concentrations that may appear to be relatively stable or show notable changes over time. Decisions can be improved by considering mass flux and mass discharge. Mass flux and mass discharge quantify the source or plume strength at a given time and location resulting in better-informed management decisions regarding site prioritization or remedial design as well as lead to significant improvements in remediation efficiency and faster cleanup times. The use of mass flux and mass discharge is increasing and will accelerate as field methods improve and practitioners and regulators become familiar with its application, advantages, and limitations. The decision to collect and evaluate mass flux data is site-specific. It should consider the reliability of other available data, the uncertainty associated with mass flux measurements, the specific applications of the mass flux data, and the cost-benefit of collecting mass measurements.

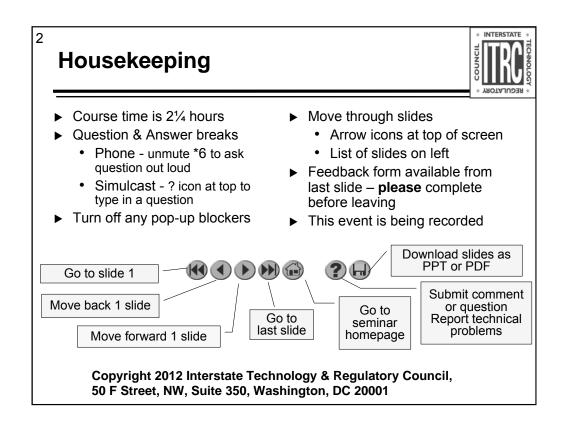
The ITRC technology overview, Use and Measurement of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge (MASSFLUX-1, 2010), and associated Internet-based training provide a description of the underlying concepts, potential applications, description of methods for measuring and calculating, and case studies of the uses of mass flux and mass discharge. This Technology Overview, and associated Internet-based training are intended to foster the appropriate understanding and application of mass flux and mass discharge estimates, and provide examples of use and analysis. The document and training assumes the participant has a general understanding of hydrogeology, the movement of chemicals in porous media, remediation technologies, and the overall remedial process.

Practitioners, regulators, and others working on groundwater sites should attend this training course to learn more about various methods and potential use of mass flux and mass discharge information.

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- ▶ Use of Risk Assessment in Management of Contaminated Sites

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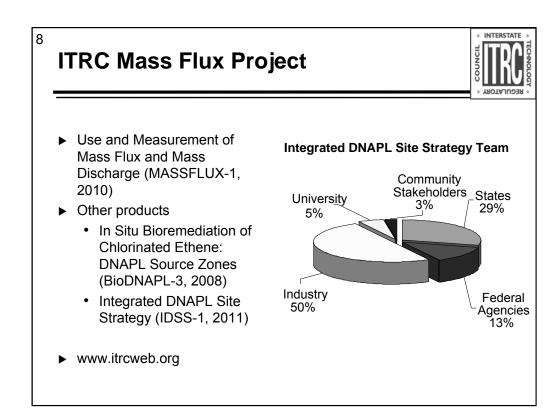
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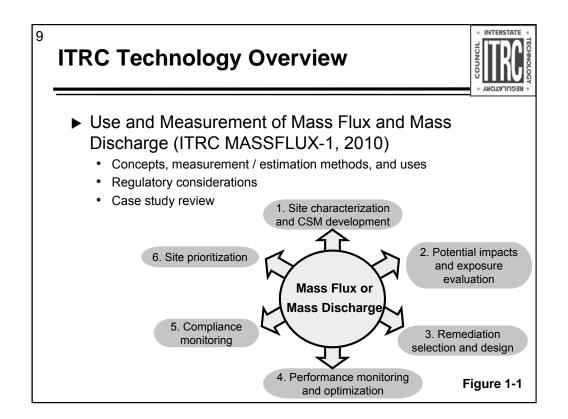
What You Will Learn...



- ▶ What is mass flux and mass discharge
- ▶ Why these are useful metrics
- ► How mass flux and discharge can complement concentrationbased measures
- ▶ What methods are available to measure mass flux and discharge
- ▶ How to calculate mass flux and discharge
- ► How existing site data may be used to estimate mass flux and discharge
- ► How to manage uncertainty
- Regulatory considerations with mass flux and discharge estimates







## **Regulatory Considerations Associated with Mass Flux and Mass Discharge**

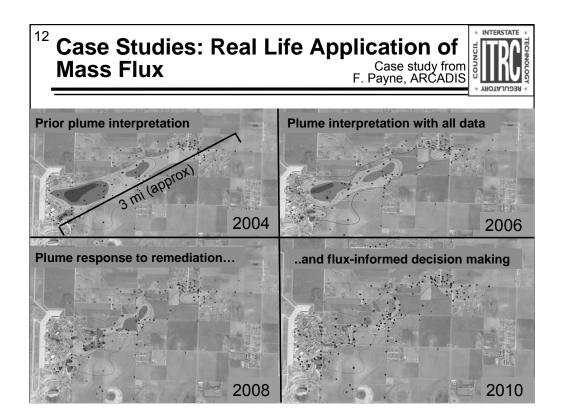


- Precedent for use in a regulatory context
  - · Federal Superfund
    - Signed Record of Decision (ROD) identifying a mass discharge interim goal was accepted in October 2009
  - Surface water regulations
    - Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)
    - National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

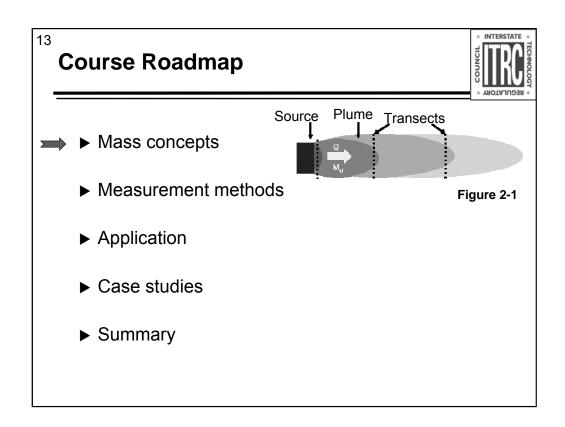
- ► Issues with regulatory acceptance
  - Complexity and uncertainty of mass flux measurements
  - How to relate mass flux to risk and exposure
  - Unclear how mass flux relates to standard regulatory metrics
    - e.g., Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)

I NPDES permits you are required to report concentration and mass measurements

**Questions to Consider** ▶ Why should I estimate mass Mass Discharge  $(M_d)$  = Sum of all flux/discharge at my site? **Measures of Mass Flux x Area** ► How do I calculate mass  $M_{dB}$ flux/discharge? Source ▶ What are the cost/benefits of using mass flux/ Flux  $J_{\rm B_{i,i}}$ discharge? Flux JA ▶ Can mass flux help measure compliance? Transect A ▶ Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy Tech-Reg Guidance (2011) further **Transect B** describes uses of mass  $J_{A_{ii}}$ = Individual mass flux measurement at flux/discharge estimates Transect A M<sub>dA</sub>= Mass discharge at transect A (sum of all of the mass discharge estimates for each specific area  $[J_{a_{ij}} \times A]$ )



Near the end of today's presentation we have several case studies that show how mass flux has been applied at several sites across the country to help remediate sites more efficiently. Pay attention to the presentation between now and then so you can see how to apply mass flux concepts that helped this site at Reese Air Force Base significantly address its groundwater contamination as shown by the shrinking plumes depicted here.



This section discusses the fundamental concepts of mass flux and discharge: the definitions, how these metrics compare to concentration data, how flux and discharge can be estimated, how flux and discharge change over time as sources and plumes evolve, and how flux and discharge can be valuable for site management.

INTERSTATE Mass Flux and Mass Discharge: Why Care? Better Understanding Supply Yields Smarter Solutions! Source Well Plume To augment concentrations, not replace them Allows targeted remediation Source strategies` River Plume Most flux is in a small fraction of the volume Provides meaningful performance · Links partial treatment to risk reduction Downgradient Risk Due to Mass Discharge ▶ Basis for existing groundwater models NOT Concentration Already used but often ignored ▶ Recent advances in techniques

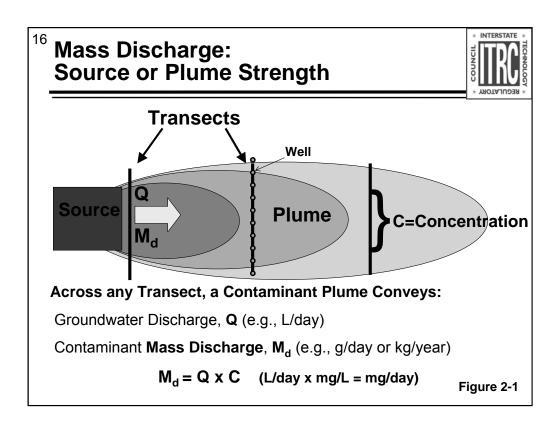
15 **Definitions** Mass Discharge  $(M_d)$  = Sum of all Mass discharge **Measures of Mass Flux x Area** • The total mass of any solute  $M_{dB}$ conveyed by a plume at a Source given location • M<sub>d</sub> is a scalar quantity, Flux JB, Flux  $J_{A_{i,j}}$ expressed as mass/time ▶ Mass flux Transect A • The rate of solute mass **Transect B** moving across a specific defined area, usually a portion J<sub>Aii</sub>= Individual mass flux measurement at Transect A of the plume cross-section Mass flux is a vector quantity,  $M_{dA}$ = Mass discharge at transect A (sum of expressed as mass/time/area all of the mass discharge estimates for each specific area  $[J_{a_{ij}} \times A]$ 

Fundamental principles of contaminant hydrogeology. Terms are often confused – in particular, "mass flux" is often used for both concepts. Measures the total mass of contaminant, or other solute, in motion. Measuring mass flux identifies the variations in the mass and flow velocity across a plume.

Excellent fundamental descriptions are given in:

R. B. Bird, W. E. Stewart, and E. N. Lightfoot. Transport Phenomena. Revised 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2007. John Wiley & Sons. Inc.

C.W. Fetter. Contaminant Hydrogeology. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1999. Waveland Press, Inc.



#### Transitioning into mass discharge—

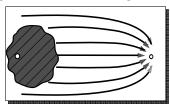
Mass discharge is equivalent to source or plume strength. Looking down on a plume, a transect immediately down gradient of the source measures the mass loading to the plume, which changes with time, and transects further downgradient measure the mass in motion. The difference in mass discharge with distance is the natural attenuation rate, in a plume that is stable.

## **Mass Discharge and Concentration**

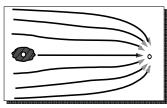


- ▶ Concentration-based approach may not account for important site characteristics
  - Large vs. small releases
  - Pumping rate at the receptor well

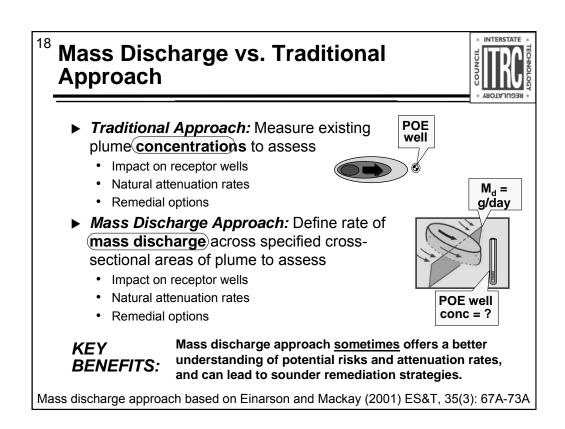
Case A: Large Release High Max. Conc. and High Md

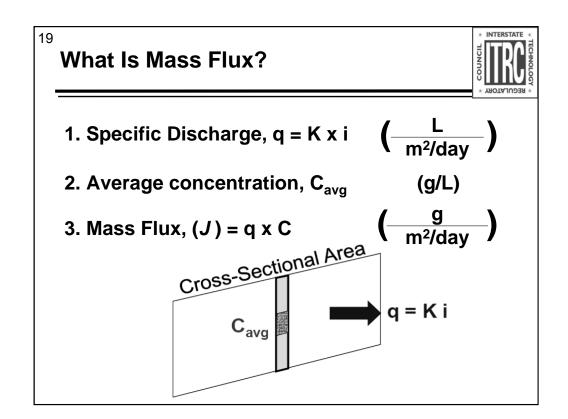


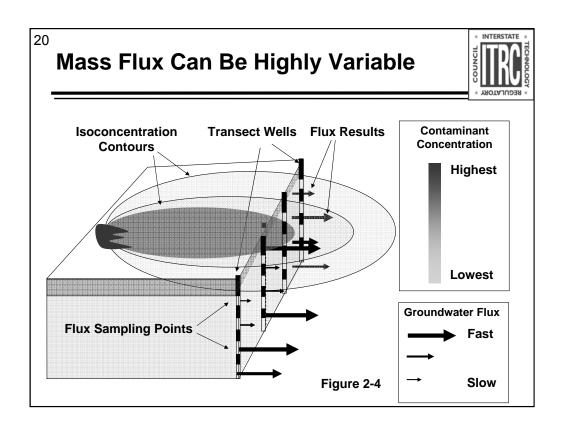
Case B: Small Release High Max. Conc. and Low Md



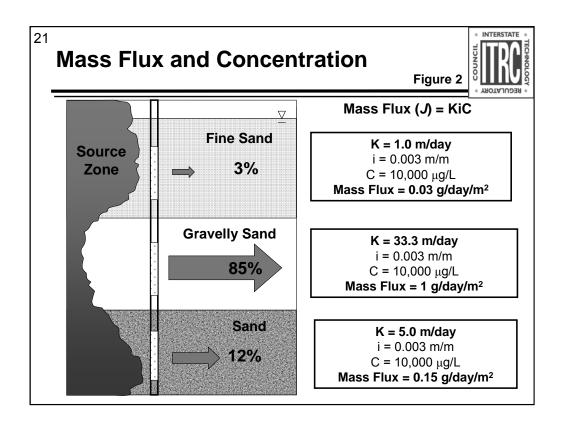
KEY POINT: Evaluation of mass discharge ( $\rm M_{\rm d}$ ) can increase understanding of site and be an important component of the site conceptual model





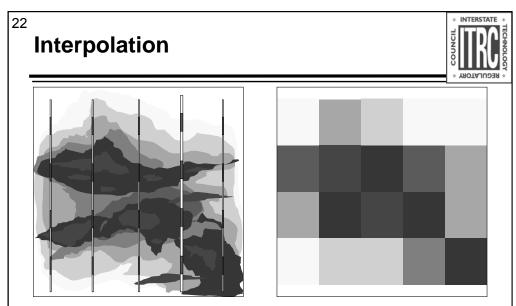


Both concentrations and groundwater velocity can vary dramatically over short distances. Both can also vary over time, seasonally and over longer time frames. The spatial variation in 3 dimensions is generally far more complex than typical representations of contaminant plumes suggest, and it can be important to understand these variations.

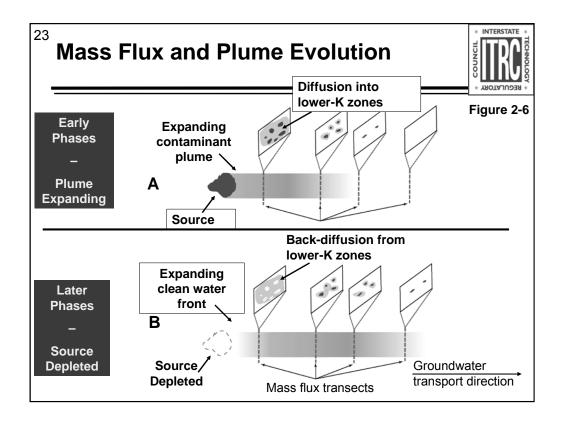


Illustrative example of an aquifer with identical concentrations and gradients in three sandy layers. But mass flux varies about 30-fold between layers, because the hydraulic conductivity varies, so that 85% of the flux is through only one layer. Even in unconsolidated aquifers, 80-90% of the mass flux may be through only 10-20% of the total plume volume.

Note that the groundwater and mass discharge are based on the Darcy velocity (Q=Ki) and not the seepage velocity (Vs=Ki/p), where p = porosity. The seepage velocity, which is the average fluid velocity within the pores, is faster than the Darcy velocity, which refers to the rate of movement of water through the entire area of a plane across the flow direction.



- ▶ Scale matters what needs to be measured
- ► How to interpolate between highly variable data
- ▶ Most transects sample < 1% of the groundwater



In the early phases, most of the mass is in the transmissive zones.

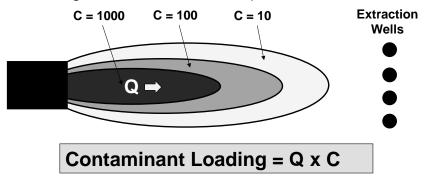
Later, mass diffuses into the lower-permeability zones.

Finally, plumes are sustained by back-diffusion, with relatively little flux in higher-K zones. Mass flux distribution indicates where to treat most mass and whether back-diffusion is a likely problem.

# Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Are Not New Concepts



- ▶ Basis for source depletion and natural attenuation models
- ► Ex situ treatments based on loading rates (e.g., Lb/hr)
- ▶ EPA, 2002: review of 20 pump and treat (P&T) sites
  - 35% of treatment systems to be replaced because mass loading estimates were inadequate



EPA, 2002 reference: EPA 542-R-02-008a-u, November 2002, Pilot Project to Optimize Superfund-financed Pump and Treat Systems: Summary Report and Lessons Learned. More information available at

http://www.epa.gov/tio/download/remed/rse/phase\_ii\_report.pdf

### **Uncertainty and its Management**

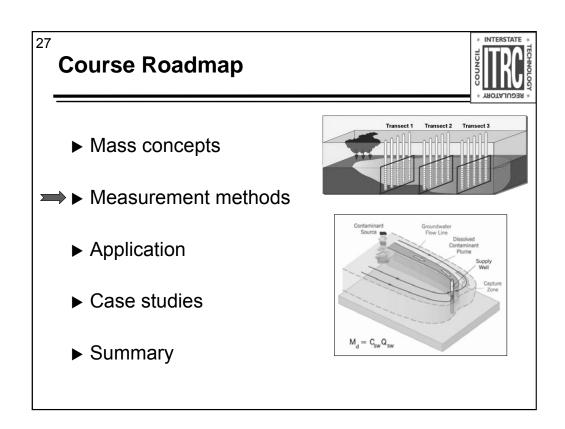


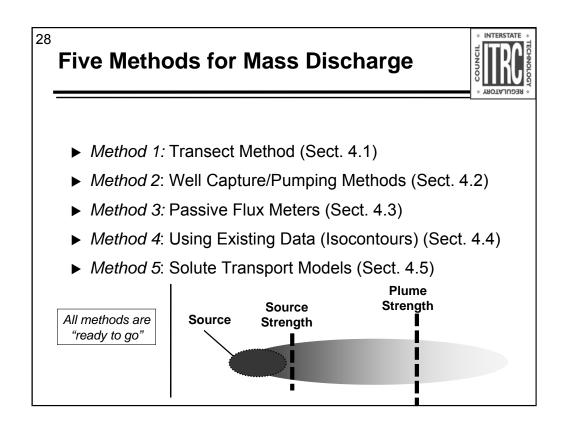
- ▶ Uncertainty inevitable, but manageable
  - Similar uncertainty with concentration data
  - To successfully establish compliance goals consensus between stakeholders required
- ▶ Spatial heterogeneity and sample volumes
  - May need >> 1% (Li and Abriola, 2006)
- ▶ Source / Plume Boundary?
  - · Hard to find and hard to define
- ► Solutions
  - Work Smart Consider source architecture, plume evolution, hydrogeology, etc
  - Consider iterative investigation
  - Vertical variability is usually >> Lateral

## **Advantages and Limitations**



- ► Potential advantages
  - Improved conceptual site model (CSM)
  - More representative attenuation rates, exposure assessment
  - Improved remediation efficiency
  - Reduced remediation timeframe
- **▶** Limitations
  - Uncertainty
  - Cost





**Calculating Mass Discharge: Transect Method** Simple Example Nichols and Roth, 2004 Step-by-step approach assuming uniform groundwater velocity 1. Characterize plume (C) 2. Characterize flow (q) 3. Draw transect: with simple Groundwater approach, just build cross-Flow Direction, velocity q sectional polygons ("window panes") for each well across flow **CROSS-SECTION** 4. Determine area (W • b = A) W,  $W_3$  $W_2$ 5. Multiply and sum together: < 0.5 ug/L 45 ug/L 74 ug/L < 0.5  $M_d = \Sigma (C_n \cdot A_n \cdot q)$ ug/L Polygon Polygon  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{d}}$  = Mass discharge  $\mathbf{C}_{\mathrm{n}}$  = concentration in polygon n b

Width Width

No associated notes.

 $A_n =$ Area of segment n

## <sup>30</sup> Calculating Mass Discharge: Groundwater Darcy Velocity Term (q)



$$M_d = \sum (C_n \cdot A_n \cdot q_n)$$

Calculation of Darcy Velocity

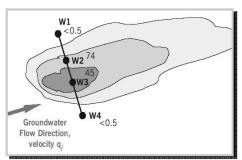
$$q = K \cdot i$$

q = Groundwater Darcy velocity

i = Hydraulic gradient

K = Hydraulic conductivity\*

- Hydraulic conductivity can be determined by pumping test, slug test, or estimated based on soil type
- Don't use porosity hydraulic calculations for groundwater (such as Theis equation) don't rely on porosity

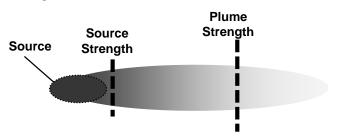


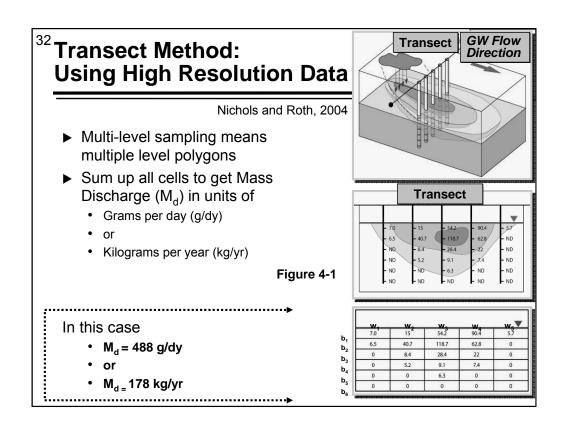
Variability in groundwater velocity most applications of the transect method to date have assumed a uniform groundwater. Darcy velocity for the entire transect. However, different values for q may be used for different polygons if sufficient data are available.

**Building Transects: General Rules** 



- ▶ Can be permanent or temporary installations
- ▶ No special well or sampling points needed
- ► Can be based on longer single screen wells or multilevel observations
- ► Transect must be perpendicular or close to perpendicular to groundwater flow





## **How Many Points? Depends on Use**

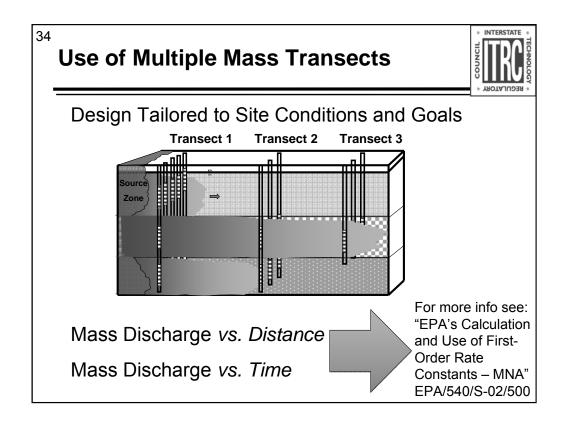


Information from Table 1.1

Remedial Applications	Mass Flux Data Use	Relative Data Density Needed
Active remediation or MNA	Estimate source strength	Low
	Estimate plume stability	High*
	Estimate mass balance-natural attenuation capacity	Medium to High*
Evaluate risk to receptor(s)	Estimate risks and exposures at various points of potential exposure	Low to Medium
Select appropriate technology	Determine remedial action objectives	- Low to High
	Determine appropriate remedial technology(ies)	
Develop/optimize remedial design	Evaluate heterogeneities in source architecture	High
	Estimate source strength reductions necessary to transition technology (e.g., in situ biorem. or MNA)	Low
	Estimate distribution of contaminants	High
Evaluate remedial performance	Compare actual mass removal to design. Compare electron acceptors to electron donors	Low to High**
Evaluate compliance / LTM	Determine mass discharge or flux limits to achieve remedial goals	Low to Medium

<sup>\*</sup>If using multiple plume transects

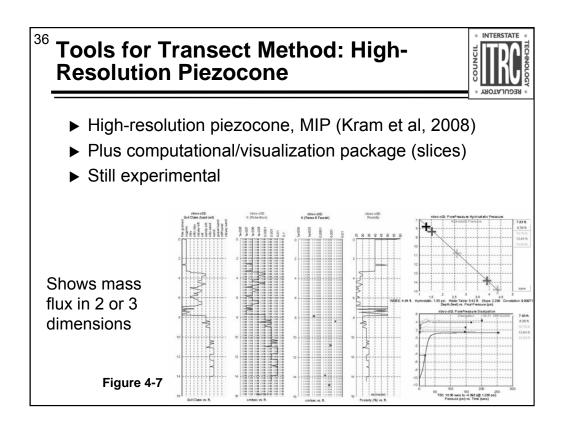
<sup>\*\*</sup>Depending on system design and treatment volume(s)

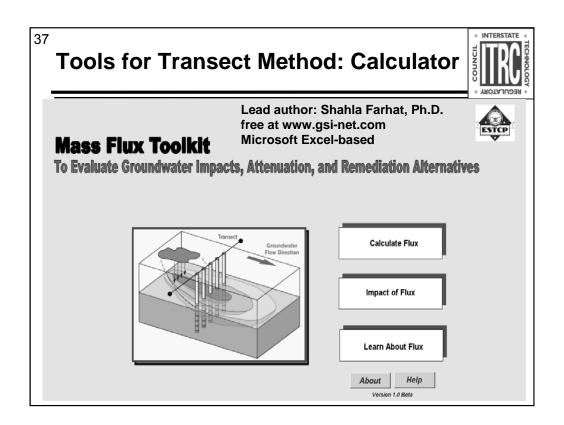


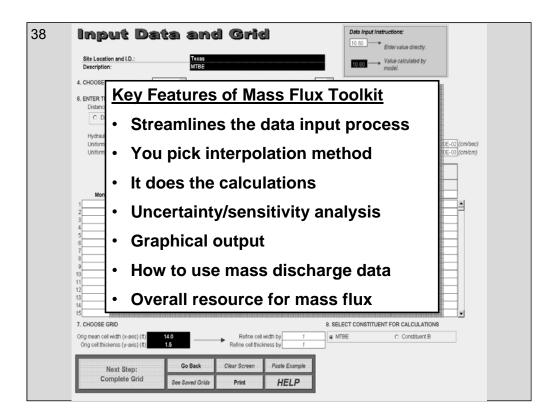
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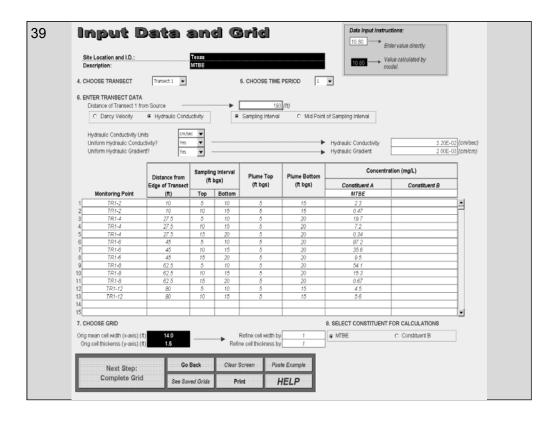


- ▶ Pre-characterization
  - One option is to use Membrane Interface Probes (MIPs) or some other screening tools to determine where mass discharge is located
  - Then design a mass discharge monitoring system with more focused sampling on high mass flux areas
- ► Site characterization is different than long-term monitoring







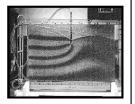


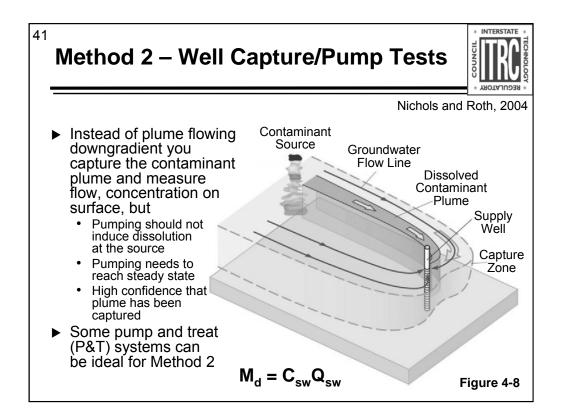
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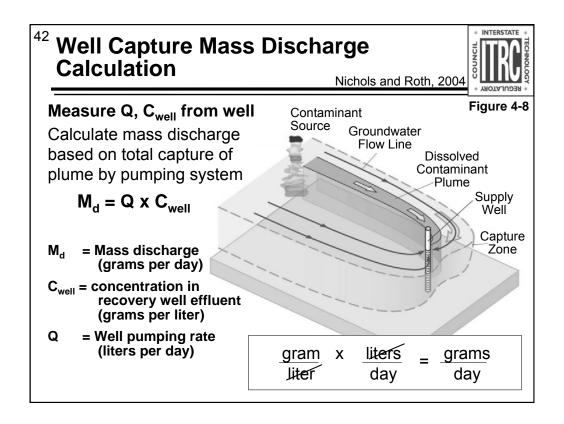
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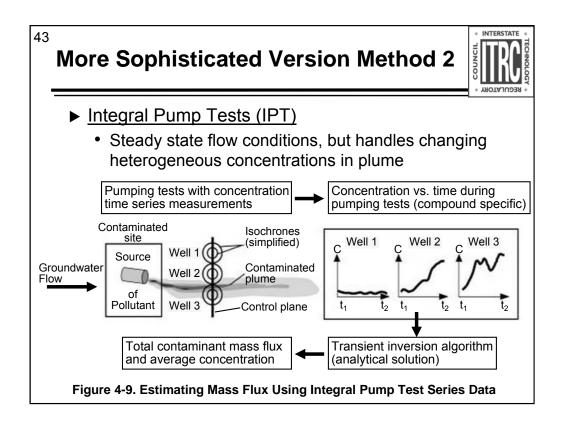


- ► Advantages
  - Commonly used many applications
  - Direct measurement
  - Extension of accepted technology
- **▶** Limitations
  - High resolution data can be costly
  - · Calculations can be time consuming





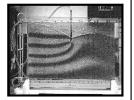


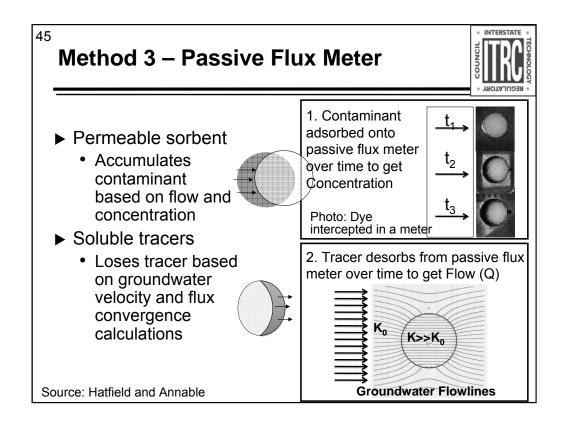


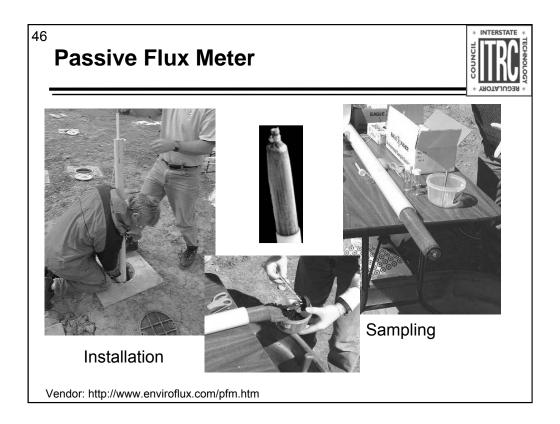
44 Well Capture Methods
Advantages and Limitations



- ▶ Advantages
  - Fewer wells
  - · Better integration of flow and concentration data
  - Can use existing pumping system
- **▶** Limitations
  - · No mass flux data
  - Large volumes of water that need disposal/treatment
  - Possible to change plume characteristics
  - · Difficult to assure full plume capture







Passive Flux Meter
Advantages and Limitations



#### ▶ Advantages

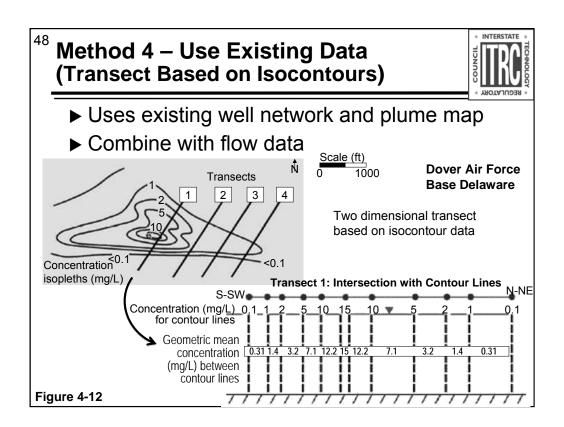
- "One stop shop" for both flow and concentration
- · Easy to install in the field
- No waste generated
- · Vendor available to implement this method

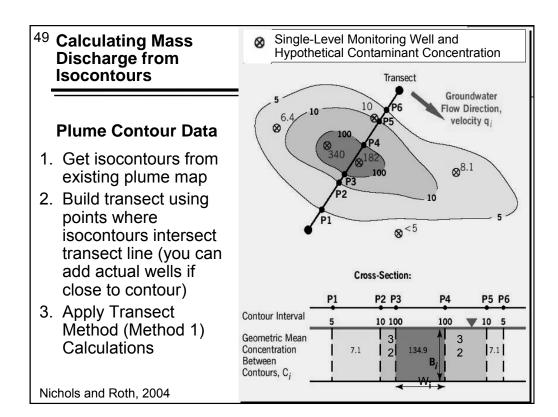
#### ▶ Limitations

 Some method-specific issues (lower measurement in pushed wells, slight biodegradation of tracer at one site, competitive sorption under some conditions)



 Relies on well convergence calculations





## **Isocontour Method Advantages and Limitations**



#### ▶ Advantages

- Does not need special field study. Can use existing, historical data from existing monitoring system
- · Limited additional expense

#### ▶ Limitations

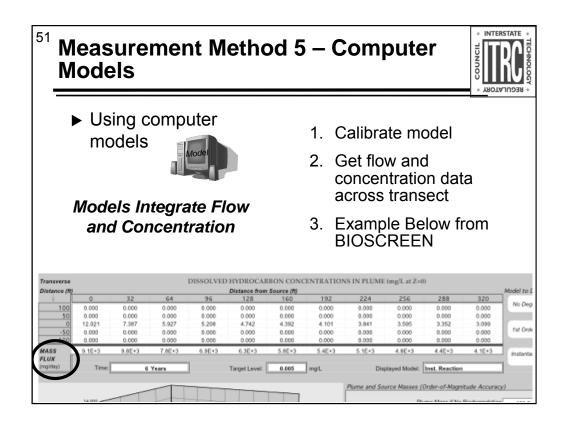
- Wide range of opinion about usefulness of this method
- Can be inaccurate if plume map is built with only a few wells. For example consider:
  - Gas station site with 5 wells throughout entire plume: not likely to provide high quality mass flux/mass discharge data

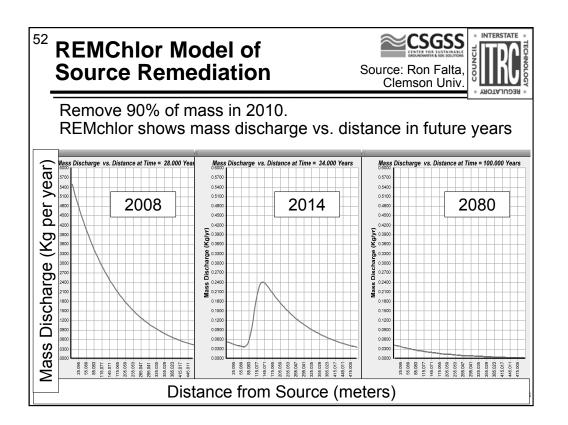


versus

 Well characterized site with 40 wells in source zone: likely to provide higher quality data







# Measurement Method 5 Models with Mass Discharge

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<u>Model</u>	Model application and type
BIOSCREEN	Fuel Hydrocarbon MNA, Analytical
BIOCHLOR	Chlorinated Solvent MNA, Analytical
BIOBALANCE	Chlorinated Solvent MNA, Analytical
MODFLOW/MT3DMS	General. Numerical
MODFLOW/RT3DMS	General, Sequential Degradation, Numerical
MODFLOW/MT3D	General. Numerical
MODFLOW/RT3D - rtFlux	General. Numerical
REMChlor New!	Hydrocarbon, Chlorinated Solvent
	From Table 4-3

## **Computer Model Method Advantages and Limitations**



#### ▶ Advantages

- Does not need special field study. Can use existing, historical data from existing monitoring system
- Models are designed to combine flow, concentration data

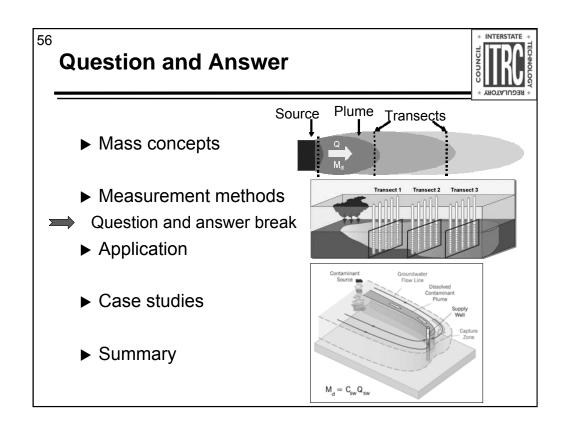
#### **▶** Limitations

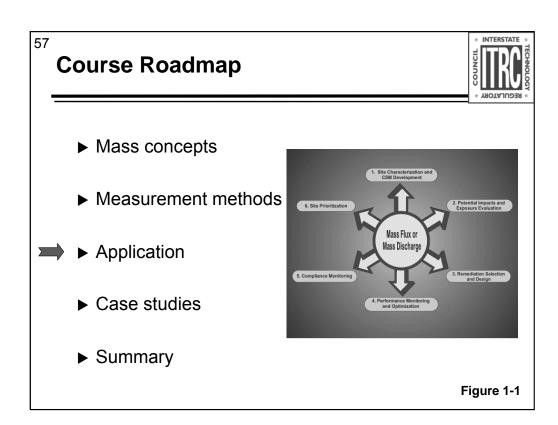
- · Helpful to have experience/training in using models
- Need good data both flow and concentration data
- Amount of data depends on what information is being used for
  - For example need absolute or relative number?
  - Table 1.1 in Guide (shown under Transect Section) provides more detail

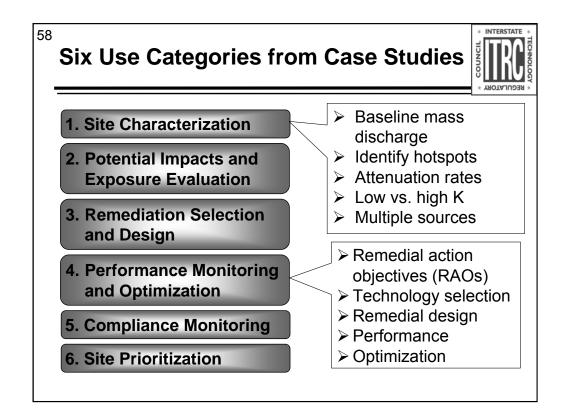
### **Five Methods for Mass Discharge**



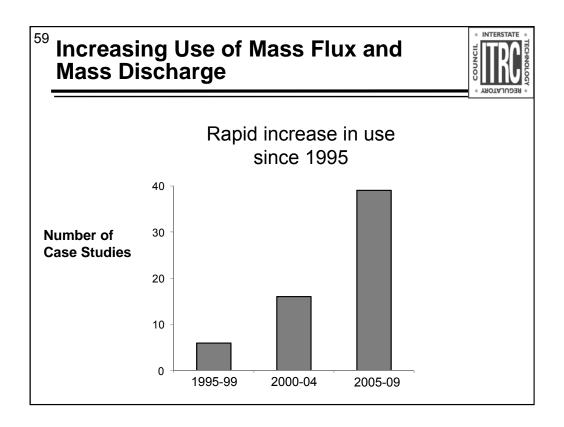
- ► Method 1: Transect Method (Sect. 4.1)
  - Commonly used. Based on familiar technology
- ▶ *Method 2:* Well Capture/Pumping Methods (Sect. 4.2)
  - Many pump and treat systems doing this now.
- ▶ Method 3: Passive Flux Meters (Sect. 4.3)
  - New technology, easy to install, one device for flow and concentration
- ▶ *Method 4:* Using Existing Data (Isocontours) (Sect. 4.4)
  - Uses existing data. Cost effective, but requires good monitoring network.
- ► Method 5: Solute Transport Models (Sect. 4.5)
  - Combines flow and concentration data. Helpful to have experience

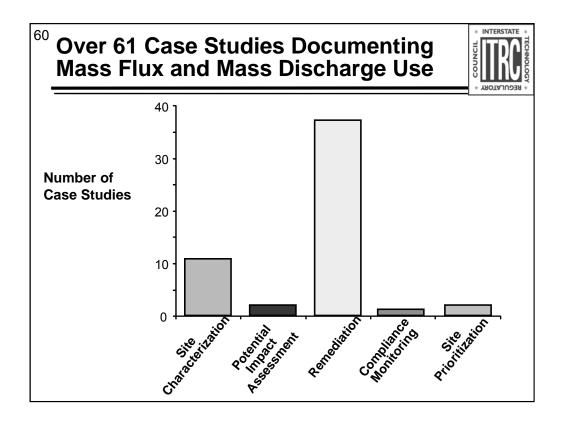






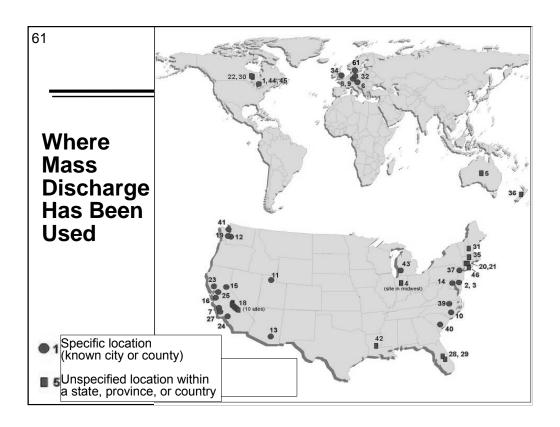
- •Based on review of case studies we identified five categories of mass flux and mass discharge "uses":
- •Some categories, like "site characterization" and "remediation" are fairly broad and encompass several sub-categories
- •And it should be noted that some sub-categories of "site characterization" may occur after a remedy has been selected, but there is reason to suspect things are working as planned due to incomplete site characterization, so the site characterization uses don't necessarily happen in the beginning.
  - 1.Site Characterization
  - 2.Potential Impact Assessment
  - 3.Remediation
  - 4. Compliance Monitoring
  - 5. Site Prioritization





The use of Mass Flux and Mass Discharge is increasing, as the chart shows Includes all "use" categories:

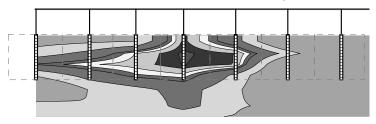
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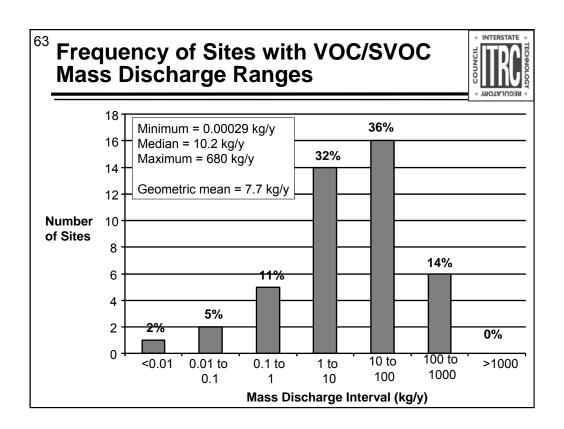


#### **Reasons for Increased Use**



- ► New studies → heterogeneous mass flux from source zones (e.g. Guilbeault et al., 2005)
- ▶ Improved monitoring techniques
- ▶ Recent focus on improving remediation efficiency
- ► New databases comparing technology performance based on source strength reduction



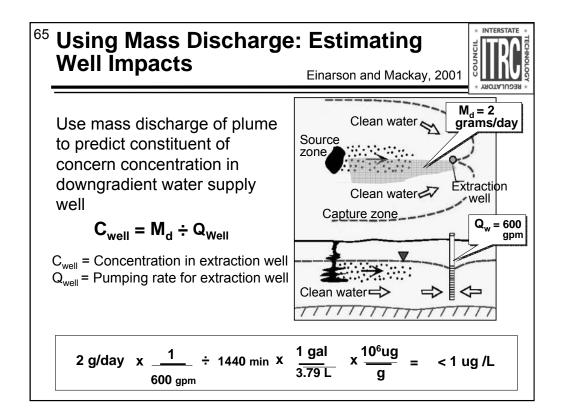


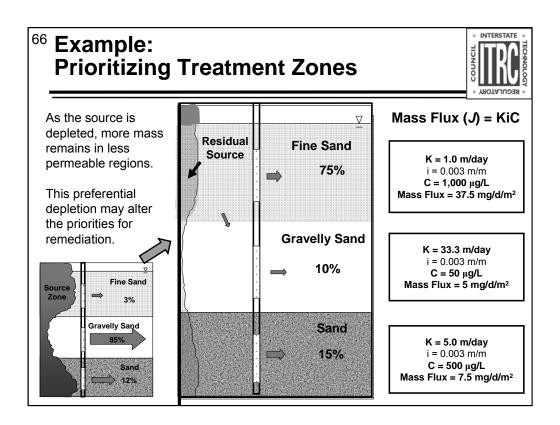
### Mass Discharge Calculations for Various Sites



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Site	Contaminant	Mass Discharge (g/d)	Reference	
Sampson County, NC	MTBE	0.6 - 2	(Borden et al, 1997)	
Vandenberg AFB, CA	MTBE	4 - 7	Unpublished	
Unnamed Site	MTBE	4	Unpublished	
Elizabeth City, NC	MTBE	7.6	Wilson, 2000	
St. Joseph, MI	TCE	167	(Semprini et al, 1995)	
Dover AFB, DE	CVOCs	630	(RTDF 1998)	

Table adapted from Einarson and Mackay (2001) ES&T, 35(3): 67A-73A





Illustrative example of an aquifer with a depleted source, and back diffusion can largely sustain a plume in the transmissive zones. Total discharge is much lower than originally (45 mg/day/m $^2$ , as compared to 1,180 mg/day/m $^2$  – see slide 23). But now the concentrations remain higher in the less depleted zones and

**Mass Flux/Discharge Applications** ▶ Shows 1. Site Characterization Effect of natural 2. Potential Impacts and attenuation **Exposure Evaluation** ▶ Quantifies · Potential impacts to 3. Remediation Selection wells and streams and Design ▶ Guides 4. Performance Monitoring • Where remediation and Optimization is needed 5. Compliance Monitoring ON-SITE OFF-SITE 6. Site Prioritization

## **Regulatory Precedence**



- ► Federal Superfund...signed Record of Decision (ROD) identifying a mass discharge interim goal [Well 12A site, WA, Oct 2009]
- ➤ Surface water regulation (e.g., Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL), National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)) is based on mass discharge
- ► Groundwater extraction gives estimate of mass discharge over capture zone
- ▶ Natural attenuation relies on mass discharge reduction

I NPDES permits you are required to report concentration and mass measurements

### **Regulatory Acceptance – Needs**



- ► More familiarity with mass flux and mass discharge concepts, methods, and uncertainties
- ▶ Better understanding of how mass flux and mass discharge relates to
  - Risk
  - Compliance
  - Typical regulatory metrics (e.g., concentration-based standards)



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Course Roadmap



- ▶ Mass concepts
- ▶ Measurement methods
- ▶ Application
- ➤ Case studies
  - ▶ Summary



So far we've heard very useful information about how mass flux and mass discharge can be used to support site characterization and remediation, and amount some of the interesting methods for estimating mass flux and mass discharge.

Even though the use of these mass data isn't new, the frequency of use of mass data has grown rapidly in the past few years. To gain some insights on how these data are being used across the industry, we conducted a detailed review of about 65 case studies where mass flux or discharge were estimated.

The results of this detailed review are included in tables in an appendix at the back of the Overview document, including a summary of site-specific mass discharge estimates with different methods, value added to the site through the use of mass, numbers and spaces between wells when used with the transect method, etc.

What we're going to do now is review several case studies that demonstrate how estimating mass flux and discharge can add value at some of your own sites.

### **Frequency of Method Applications**



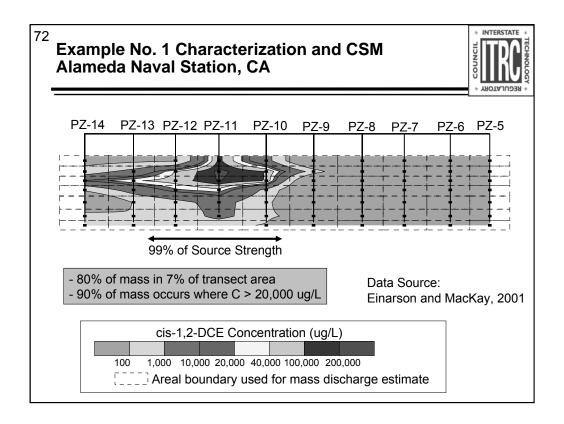
Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Measurement/Estimation Method	No. Sites Where Applied
Transects with groundwater sample collection	41
Integral Pump Test(s)	7
Transects with passive flux meters	5
Isoconcentration contours	2
Mass Balance	2
Solute Transport Model	1

This table lists the frequency that various methods were used to estimate mass flux and discharge in the published case studies.

We can see from this table that the most common method for estimating mass discharge is the use of transects with the collection of groundwater samples. This method is probably the most common because it's relatively simple to apply in the field.

From the published case studies, we have seen more recent use of integral pump tests to estimate mass discharge at transects, as well as passive flux meters.

Many of these reported case studies were specifically intended to compare methods for mass flux estimation or performance of an in-situ treatment technology.



The data for this site were published in a class mass flux paper written in 2001 by Einarson and MacKay and published in Environmental Science & Technology.

This contour map shows the distribution of concentrations of cis-1,2-DCE in a transect that is approximately 30 meters in length.

These data show the same trend that we have seen in other sites where high resolution monitoring has been conducted.

And more than 80% of the mass is situated in less than 7% of the transect.

Over 99% of the mass is situated in less than 30% of the transect cross-sectional area.

Identifying the core of the plume mass such as was done at this site can help to focus remediation and monitoring efforts which may result in substantial cost and time savings.

## Example No. 2 – Mass Discharge (Md) as an Interim Remedial Goal Compliance



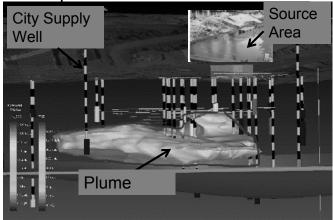
## Mass flux and mass discharge

Focused Feasibility Study evaluation: Reduce source strength (Md) by 90%, MNA sufficient to achieve compliance

ROD amendment: Multi-component remedy- reduce source discharge Md by 90% & transition

#### ► Well 12A Superfund Site, WA

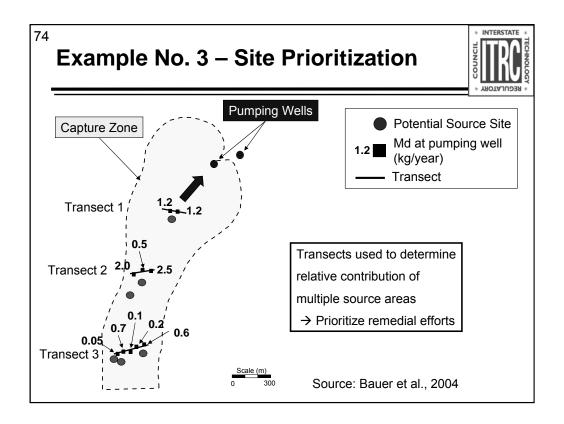
 Performance metric → remedy Operational and Functional



Next we'll talk about the Well 12A Superfund Site in Washington where mass discharge was negotiated as an interim remedial goal.

As part of the Focused Feasibility Study, groundwater modeling determined that a reduction in source strength of 90%, which represents an order of magnitude decrease, would be sufficient for compliance to be achieved through MNA.

So here's an example of a site where mass flux and mass discharge are being used not only as a performance metric to evaluate treatment efficiency, but also as a decision guide for when to transition from active treatment to MNA.



Our third example is a regional basin with a commingled PCE plume that was created as a result of multiple source sites throughout the basin.

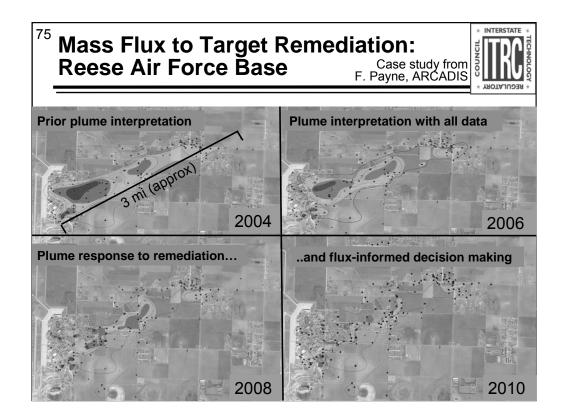
The red symbols indicate locations of potential sources contributing to the commingled PCE plume in the basin.

The yellow zone represents the capture zone for the regional supply wells shown here in blue.

The purpose of mass discharge monitoring was to evaluate which sites required further investigation and remediation, and which sites required no further action.

In the basin, multiple transects of pumping were installed downgradient of specific sites. The southern transect had a negligible mass discharge, so it was decided that these potential source sites in the south were not a priority for further investigation.

This example where sources at multiple sites are prioritized, is analogous to what we see at larger sites where multiple source zones exist. At these large sites, we can use a similar approach to prioritize which source zones need immediate treatment, and which can either be designated as a lower priority or requiring no further action.



The fourth example, Reese AFB, is really interesting. This example was provided by Fred Payne at Arcadis.

Here's a site that back in 2004 had a 3-mile long TCE plume. Response to remediation had stagnated.

When Arcadis became involved, they recognized that more characterization of the source zone was needed to define how the mass was distributed.

This enhanced characterization of mass flux in the source zone resulted in the decision to focus active bioremediation where mass was highest in the source zone.

The enhanced mass flux characterization was also used to optimize the use of groundwater extraction wells to accelerate mass removal from the source zone.

This is an example of what Fred appropriately calls "Flux-informed decision-making", where the mass flux distribution was used to improve the efficiency of the remediation effort.

Through this effort the mass in the plume has been reduced by a factor of ten and is still decreasing today.

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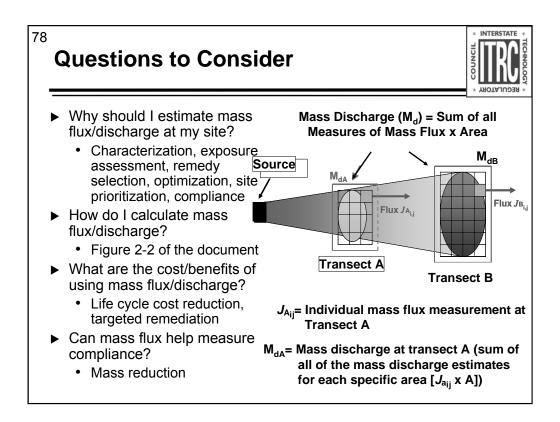
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## **Mass Flux and Mass Discharge Summary**



- ► Estimating mass may
  - Improve conceptual site models
  - Enhance remedial efficiency
  - Refinement of exposure assessment
- ▶ More effective site management
- ► Can use historical data and existing monitoring networks in some cases
- ► Can enhance compliance measurements



### **Additional ITRC Projects**



- ► Integrated DNAPL Site Strategy Technical and Regulatory Guidance (IDSS-1, 2011)
  - Further describe uses of mass flux and mass discharge estimates
  - Cleanup strategy
  - Goals and objectives
  - Treatment trains
  - Monitoring
- ► New ITRC Project started in 2012: DNAPL Site Characterization

Thank You for Participating

Description and answer break

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