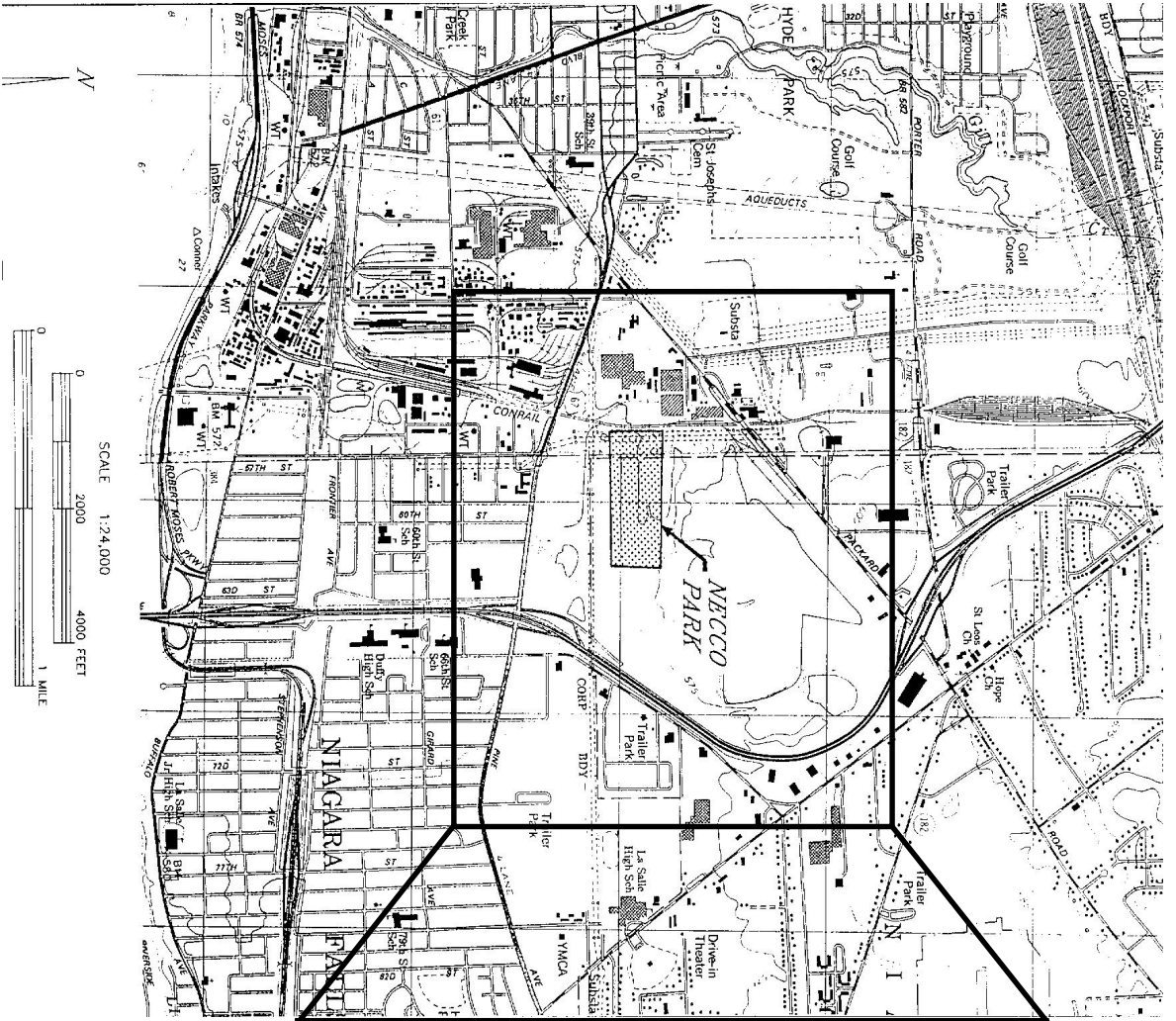


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# Pump & Treat Experience at the NECCO Park Landfill Niagara Falls, New York

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**NECCO Park**

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Sanitary  
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**CECOS  
Phase 2**

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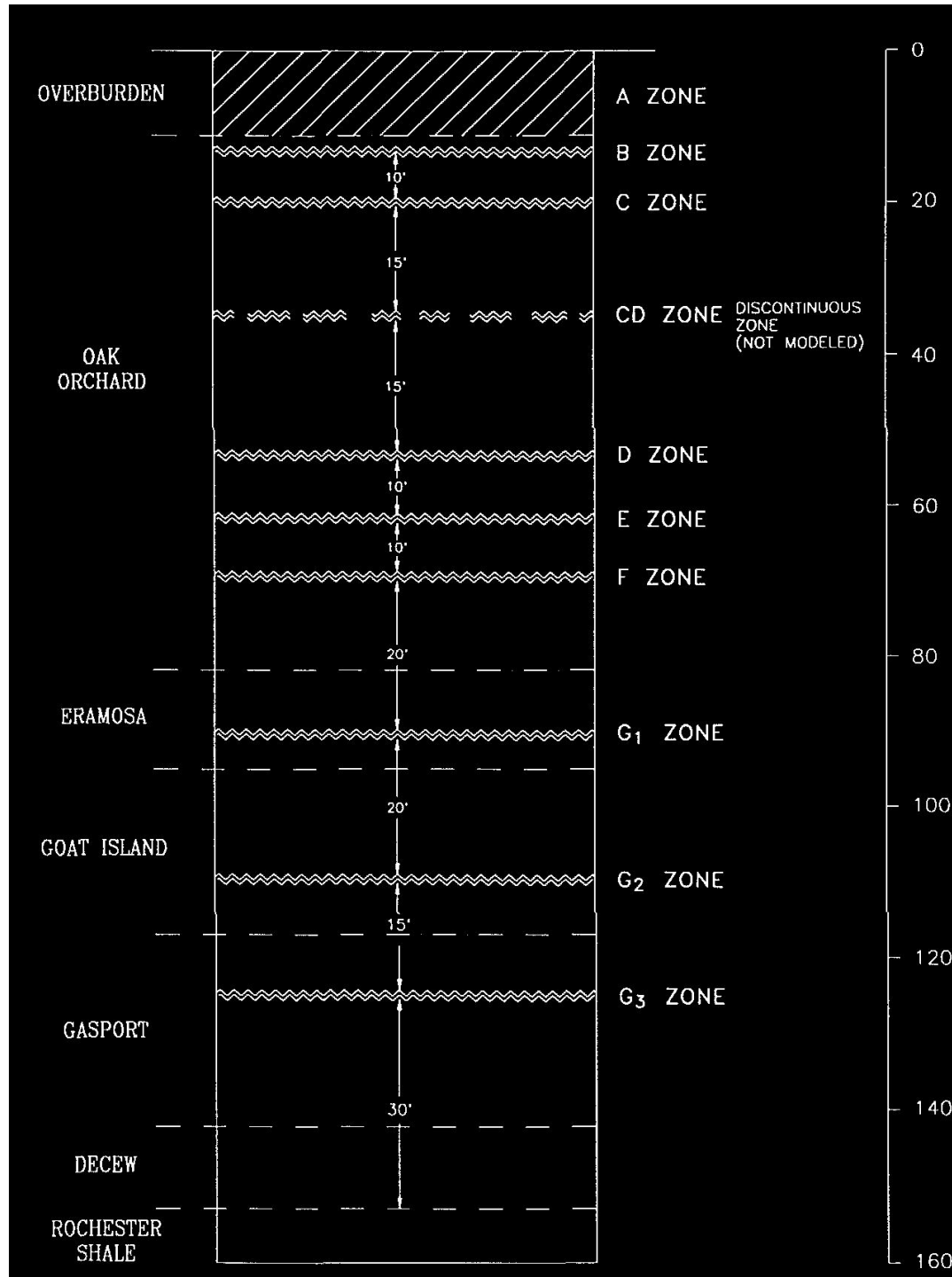
# Bedrock Geology

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## Fractured dolomite bedrock (Lockport Formation)

- ❑ horizontal bedding plan fracture zones (high K)
- ❑ vertical fracturing (moderate to very low K)
- ❑ vertical and horizontal K decrease with depth
- ❑ eight zones identified:
  - upper bedrock (B and C zones)
  - middle bedrock (D,E, and F zones)
  - lower bedrock (G1,G2, and G3 zones)

# Bedrock Stratigraphy



# Groundwater Flow

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## **Bedrock**

- ❑ Flow regime dominated by high conductivity of horizontal fracture zones
- ❑ Regional flow: effects of bedrock sewers and NYPA conduits
- ❑ Flow direction:
  - south for shallow zones (B/C)
  - west for D,E,F, and G zones

# Regional Groundwater Flow

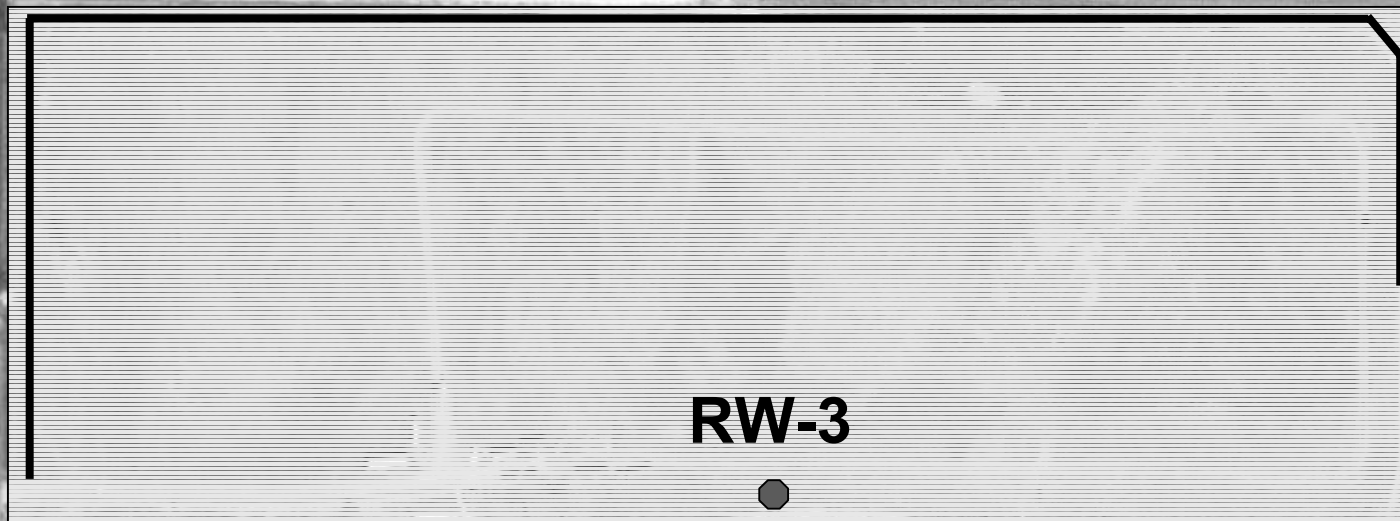


# Aquifer Response to Pumping

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- ❑ Individual fracture zones act as semi-confined aquifers
- ❑ Efficient transmission of changing hydraulic pressures throughout fracture when stressed
- ❑ Although conductivity of fracture varies laterally, application of porous flow equations appropriate on large scale

# Response Action Chronology

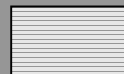


**RW-3**

**RW-1 (D-12)**

**RW-2 (52)**

## LEGEND



1978/79 - CLAY CAP



1982 - UPPER BEDROCK PUMPING



1988/89 - BEDROCK GROUT CURTAIN



1993 - LOWER BEDROCK PUMPING





# Pumping System Effectiveness

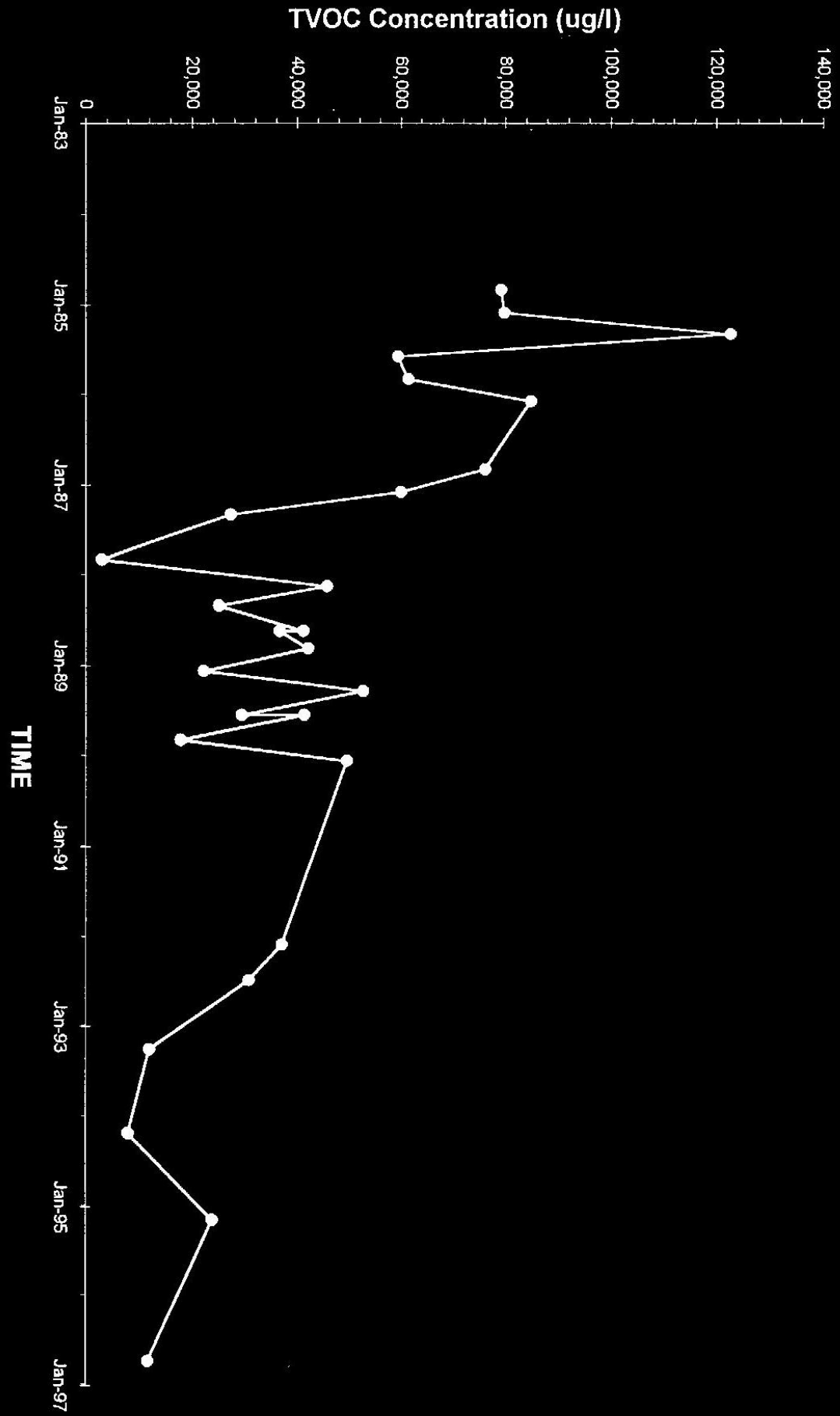
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- ❑ Increased drawdown, increase in hydraulic capture zones following installation of grout curtain (SFR)
- ❑ Concentration changes at RW-1
- ❑ Decrease in aqueous concentrations at several upper bedrock wells directly downgradient of source area
- ❑ All changes consistent with site conceptual model for flow and transport



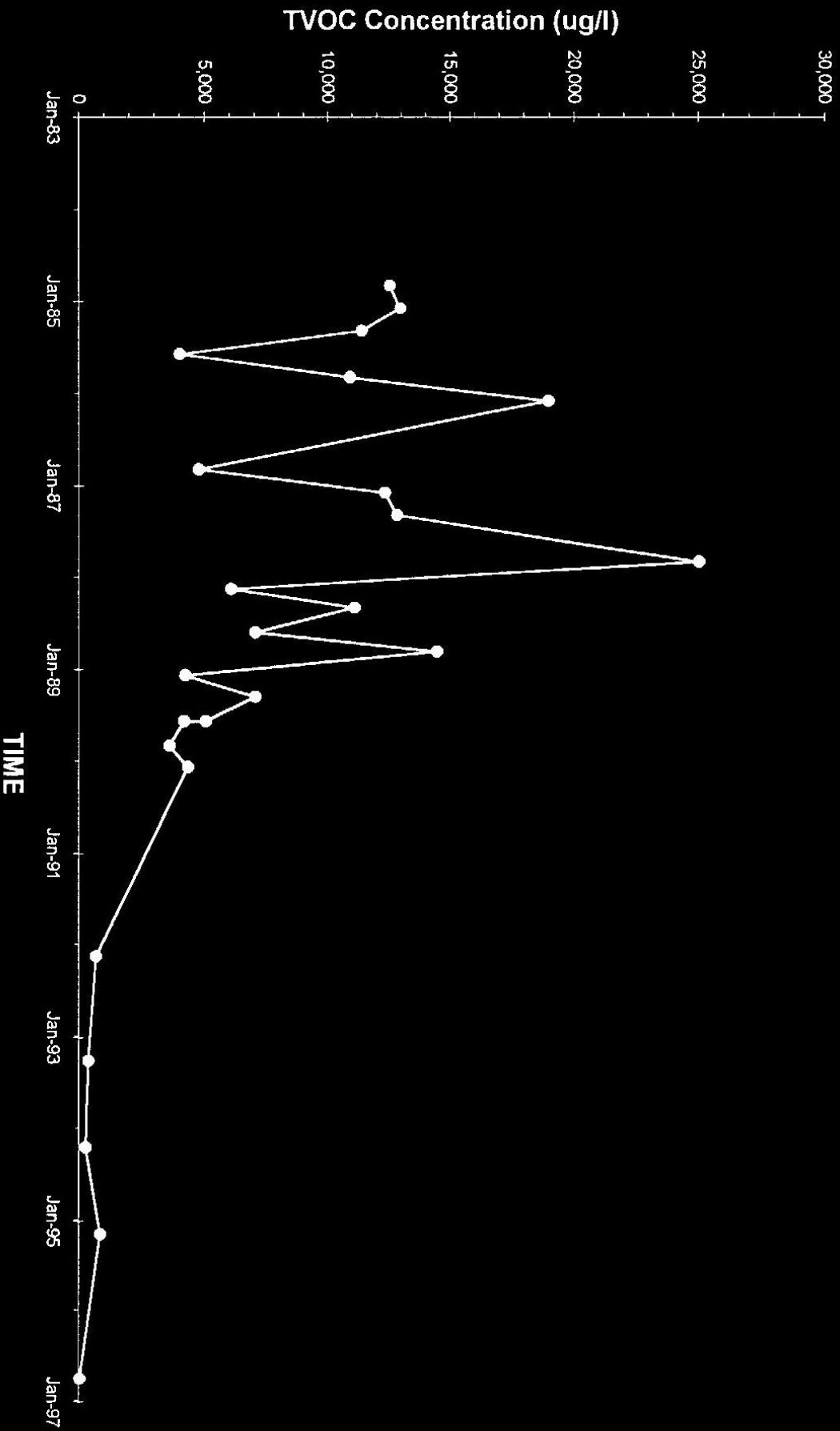
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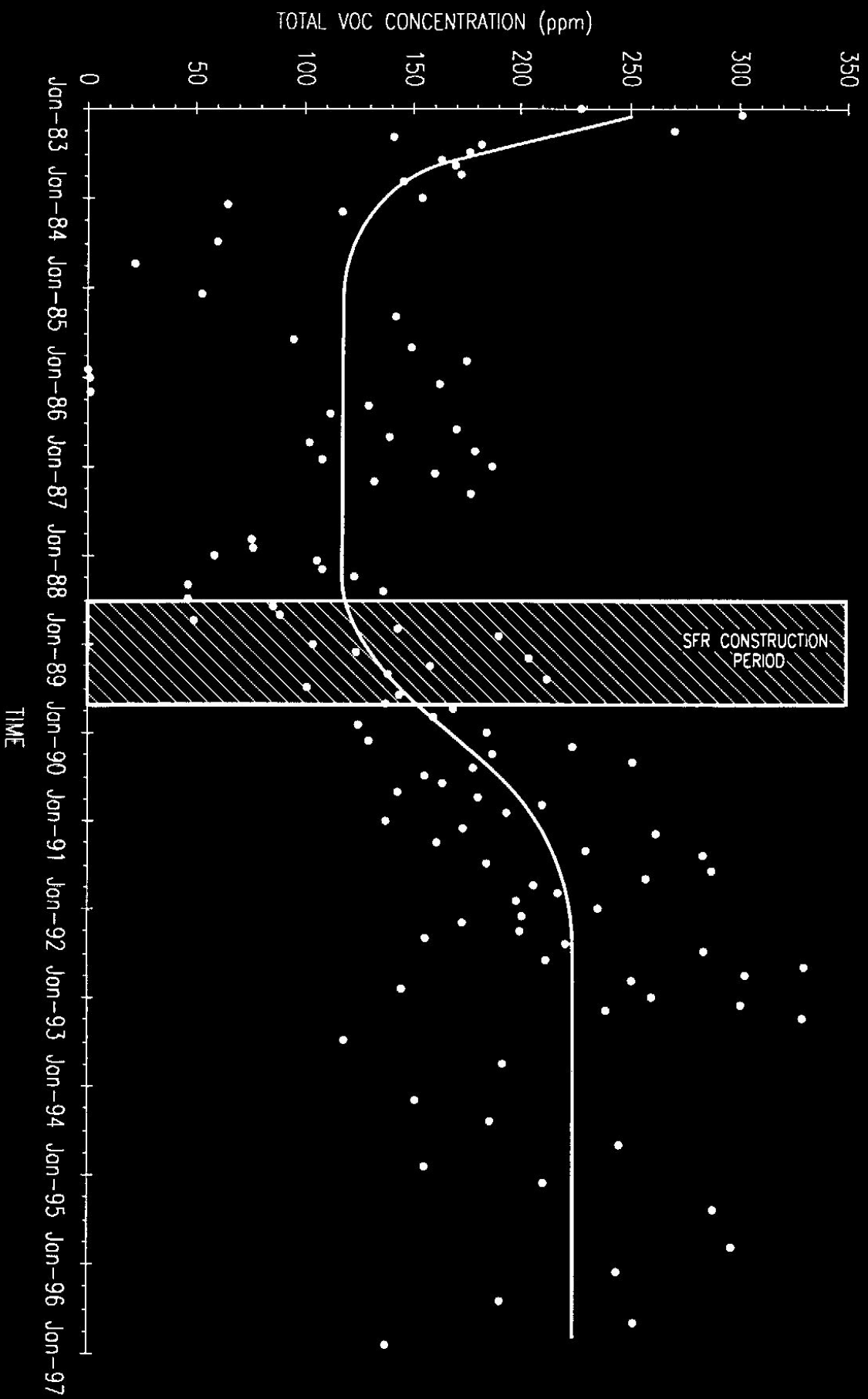


CONCENTRATION TRENDS AT WELLS DOWNGRADIENT OF THE SOURCE AREA

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# Total VOC concentrations at RW-1



# Technologies Implemented

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- ❑ Groundwater Pump & Treat
  - effective for source area control
- ❑ Physical Barrier - bedrock grout curtain
  - effective at enhancing capture area for pumping system
- ❑ Landfill Cap
  - eliminate direct contact
  - reduce infiltration
- ❑ DNAPL Recovery
  - removal from wells were observed

# Other Technologies Evaluated

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- ❑ Accelerated Anaerobic Bioremediation - reduce source more efficiently
  - reductive dechlorination identified through field testing
  - many unknowns for effective distribution of substrate
  - lack of confidence in long-term savings
  
- ❑ Circumscribing physical barriers - presumed benefit to control mobile NAPL
  - high capital cost
  - no field evidence for unmonitored mobile NAPL mass
  - formation grouting could cause more harm than good

# Summary

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- ❑ Detailed characterization of fracture zones is critical
  - Necco wells monitor discrete individual fracture zones, no long open rock hole wells
- ❑ Fractured flow in the Lockport is predictable enough that pump & treat is effective/efficient method for source containment.
  - Hydraulic & chemistry changes all consistent with site conceptual model
  - Consistent with other Niagara Frontier remedies
- ❑ Current focus on meeting RD/RA Order requirements for source area containment.
  - TI waiver granted for source area