

# Philadelphia Refinery Legacy Remediation

## Act 2 Program Public Meeting

November 7, 2019



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**Philadelphia Refinery**  
LEGACY REMEDIATION  
[phillyrefinerycleanup.info](http://phillyrefinerycleanup.info)

# Agenda

## Presentations (6:00 – 7:30 pm)

### Welcome

Katrina McCullough, GHD

### Introductions and Overview

Scott Cullinan, Evergreen

### Regulatory Overview

Colleen Costello, GHD

### Summary of Completed Remedial Investigations

Tiffani Doerr, Evergreen

Andrew Klingbeil, Stantec

### Remedial Systems

Jim Oppenheim, Evergreen

## Q&A (7:30 - 8:00 pm)

Facilitated by Katrina McCullough, GHD

## Our Commitment as Participants

- Keep meeting purpose in mind
- Recognize diversity of perspectives
- Maintain respectful space
- Recognize future opportunities for dialogue

# Introduction and Overview



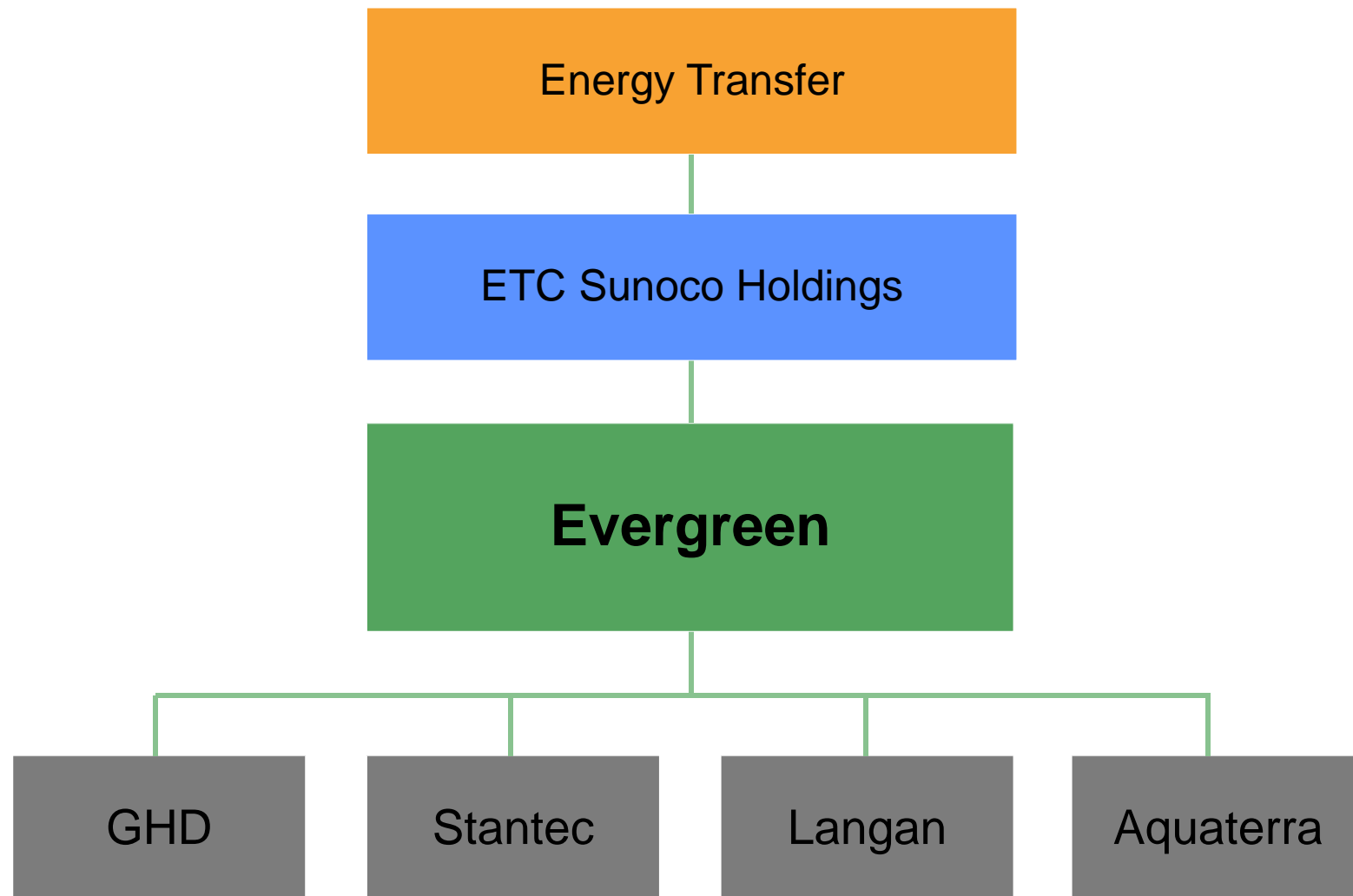
# Meeting Purpose

- Present a summary of remedial activities performed at the Philadelphia Refinery
- Facilitate the public's review of the Act 2 Remedial Investigation Reports

# Meeting Focus

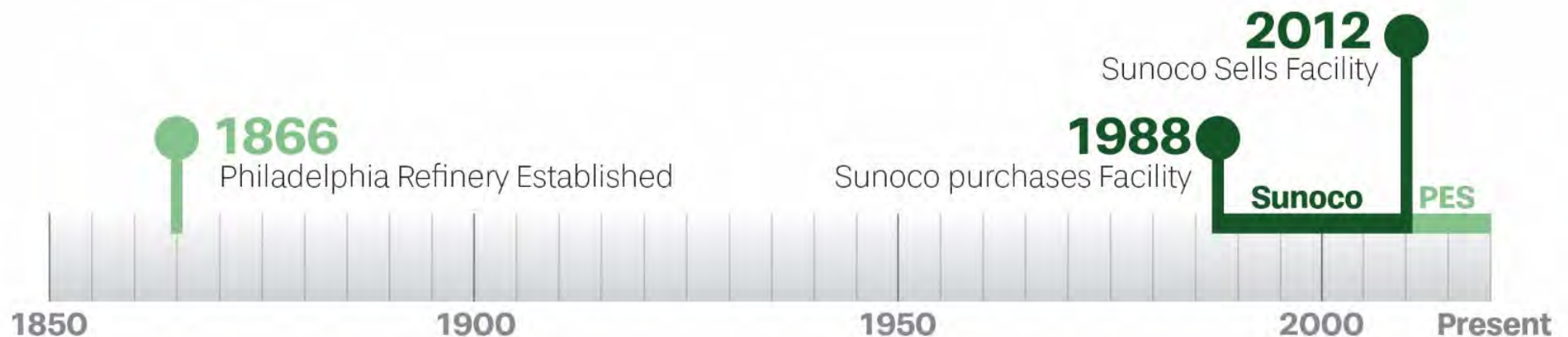
- Many unresolved issues currently swirling around the Philadelphia Refinery
- Tonight's meeting is focused on subsurface contamination related to Sunoco's operation of the facility
- Evergreen not involved in:
  - PES ownership/operation/future
  - June explosion/fire
  - Mayor's environmental task force
  - On-going bankruptcy proceedings
  - Speculation on property re-use

# Corporate Structure/Remediation Team



# Evergreen's Responsibilities

**Shepherd the facility through the Act 2 process to address environmental impacts from Sunoco prior to the sale in 2012**



# Facility Remediation Stakeholders





# Act 2 Reports



- 21 Act 2 Reports submitted to date to characterize environmental impacts (pre 2013)
- All Act 2 Reports available:
  - On the project website [www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info](http://www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info)
  - At the Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr. Library (1935 Shunk St.)
  - At Eastwick Library (2851 Island Avenue)
- Informal file review at PADEP <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/PublicRecords/Pages/Informal-File-Review.aspx>

## Additional Opportunities for the Public to Comment

- Act 2 Reports are available on the project website
- Comments can be submitted:
  - ✓ Today in writing on comment forms
  - ✓ Through the online submission form on the website at [www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info](http://www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info)
  - ✓ Via email at [phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com](mailto:phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com).
- Comment period begins today and will last for 120 days ending when the second meeting is held on or around March 9, 2020.
- Most recent report for each AOI supersedes all previous reports for that AOI for Act 2 Reports on website.

# Regulatory Overview



# Key Concepts in Regulatory Section

- What is Act 2?
- Where is the Facility in the Act 2 Process?
- What is an Act 2 Standard?
- When are there Opportunities for Public Comment?

# Regulations Applicable to Facility

## Act 2 Program

- Allows the voluntary cleanup and reuse of properties
- PADEP is regulating agency

## RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act)

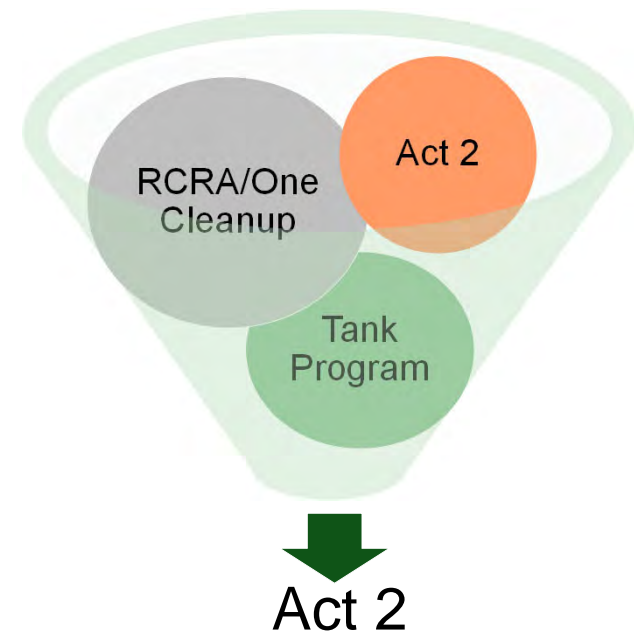
- Regulates facilities that handled waste
- EPA is the regulating agency

## One Cleanup Program

- Allows Act 2 to satisfy RCRA requirements
- PADEP and EPA, with PADEP as lead regulating agency

## Storage Tank Corrective Action Program

- Applies to releases from regulated tanks, uses Act 2 standards & reporting
- PADEP is regulating authority



# Act 2 Standards

- Act 2 Standards are the concentrations of chemical compounds in soil or groundwater that are used to develop cleanup approach
- Three types of Act 2 Standards
  - **Background** - based on background conditions
  - **Statewide** – PADEP established values
  - **Site Specific**
    - Calculated values based on risk assessment
    - Pathway Elimination (demonstrated lack of pathway)
- Can be Residential or Non-Residential
- Act 2 Soil Standards
  - Non-Residential is applied at 2 depths (0-2 ft. and 2-15 ft.)
  - Evaluate Direct Contact and Soil to GW Pathways



# Act 2 Process & Public Involvement



# Facility's Public Involvement Process

## Facility Specific Public Involvement

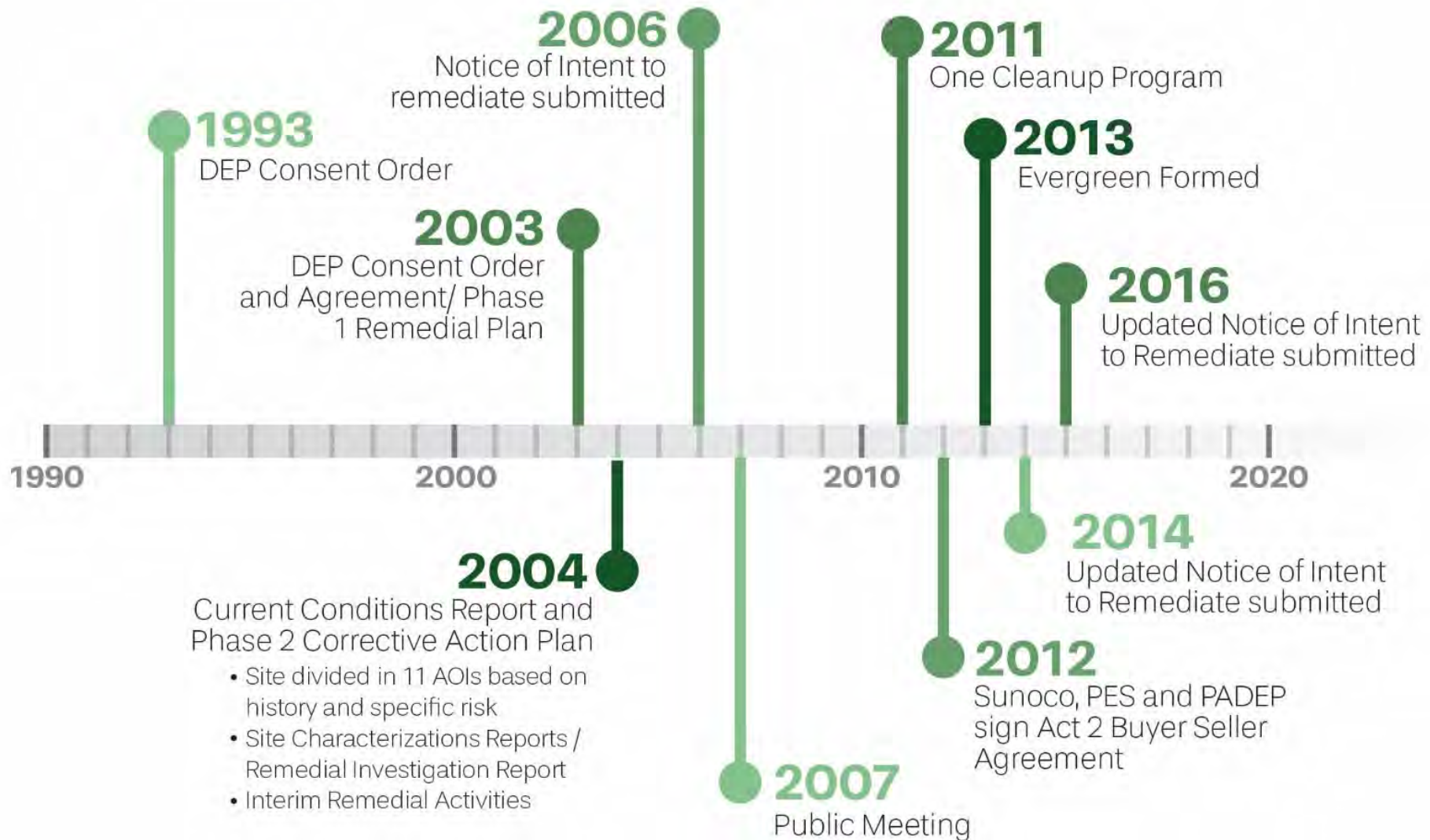
- All Act 2 reports provided public notice (correspondence to City and newspaper publication) and 30 day comment period
- City of Philadelphia requested Public Involvement Plan in 2006
  - Public Meeting in 2007
  - Notice to City of Philadelphia for every Act 2 Report submitted, with 30 day comment period
  - Reports were available at PADEP for review

## Additional Facility-Specific Public Involvement

- Evergreen began preparing a new Public Involvement Plan in August 2018 at the request of the City which includes public information sessions and the opportunity to comment on previously submitted Act 2 reports.
- Comments on the reports will be compiled along with Evergreen's responses and will be submitted to PADEP, USEPA, and City of Philadelphia and a copy of the comment/response document will be posted on the project website



# Regulatory History



# Key Take-Aways

- What is Act 2?
  - *A program to regulate Cleanup under PADEP.*
- Where is the Facility in the Act 2 Process?
  - *Remedial Investigation and Risk Assessment Phase.*
- What Act 2 Standards are used at the Facility ?
  - *Non-Residential Statewide Health Standard & Site Specific Standard.*
- When are there Opportunities for Public Comment?
  - *Begins today and ending on or around March 9, 2020, as well as each time a new Report is submitted.*

# Remedial Investigation Process



# Key Concepts in Remedial Investigation Section

- What is a Remedial Investigation (RI)?
- What are the Results of the Remedial Investigations?
- Are the Remedial Investigations Completed?

# What To Expect In RI Reports

- Summary/Introduction
- Site Description/Environmental Setting
- Site Characterization
  - Source and Identification of Constituents of Concern
  - Nature and Extent of Contamination
  - Pathway Identification
- Fate and Transport/Conceptual Site Model
- Conclusions and Recommendations

# Act 2 Reports Completed to Date

- AOI-1 RIR (Aug 2016)
- AOI-2 RIR (Jul 2017)
- AOI-3 RIR (Mar 2017)
- AOI-4 RIR (Mar 2017, Oct 2013)
- AOI-5 RIR (Jan 2017, Dec 2011)
- AOI-6 RIR (Dec 2017, Sept 2013)
- AOI-7 RIR (Jun 2017, Feb 2012, Sept 2013)
- AOI-8 RIR (Dec 2017, Jan 2012)
- AOI-9 RIR (Feb 2017, Dec 2015)
- AOI-10 RIR (Jun 2011)
- AOI-10 Ecological Risk Assessment for Sediment in Lands Creek (Jun 2016)
- AOI-11 RIR (Sep 2011) and Final Report (Jun 2013)
- Site Wide Lead Human Health Risk Assessment (Feb 2015)

*Reports in grey are not approved*





# The Comprehensive Dataset

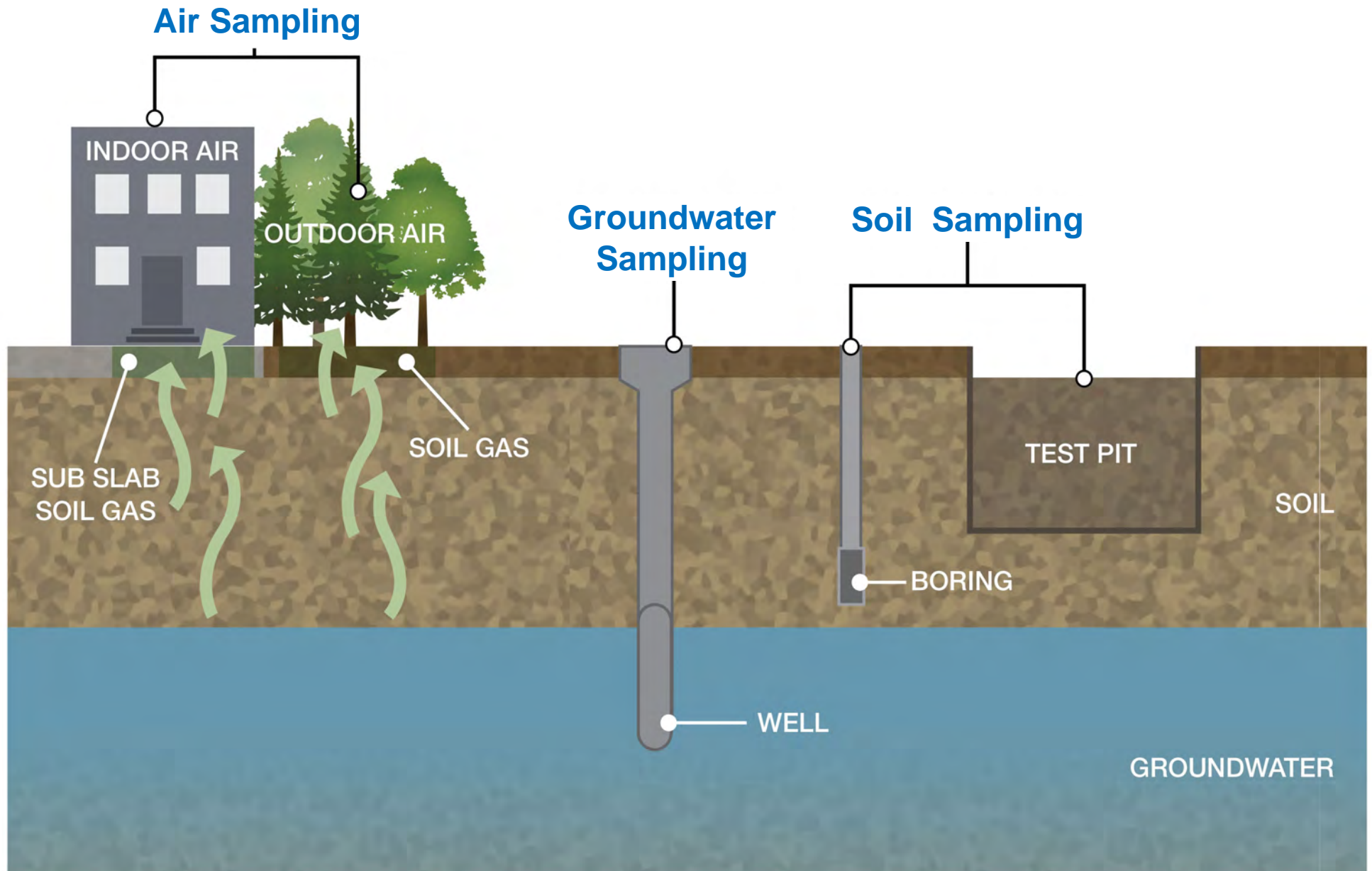


(The Library Company of Philadelphia)

[www.librarycompany.org](http://www.librarycompany.org)

- Historic documents (mid-1900s through Act 2)
  - Historic imagery
  - Published reports
  - Geologic maps
  - PA well database
  - Well and boring logs
  - Digital Data
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- Evergreen's Act 2 RI Goals:
    - Analyze existing data
    - Collect new data
    - Develop a conceptual model

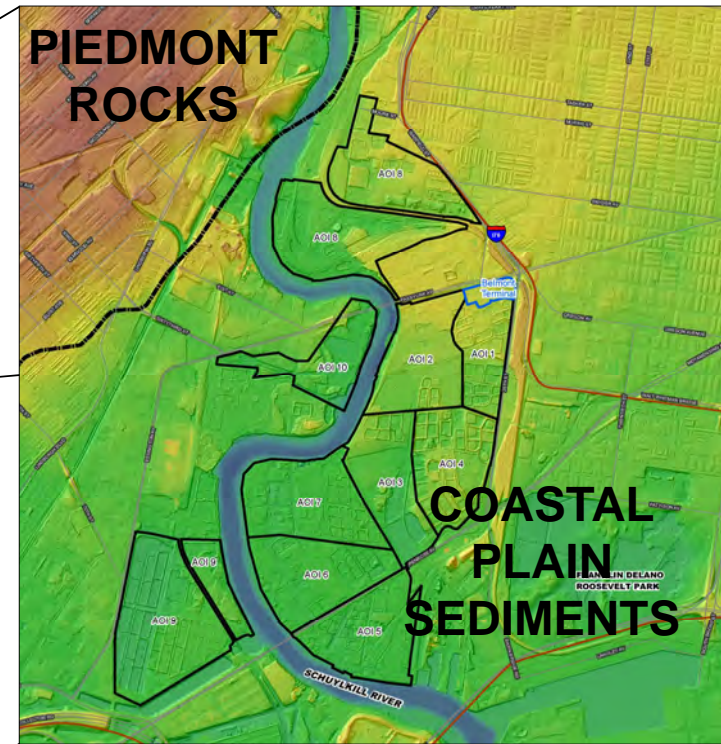
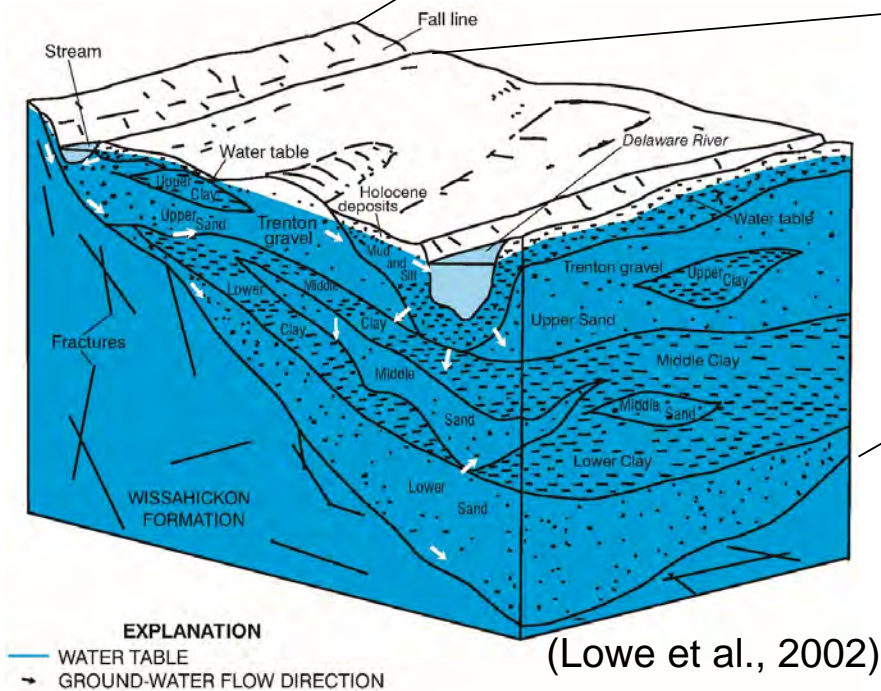
# Media and Methods of Investigation





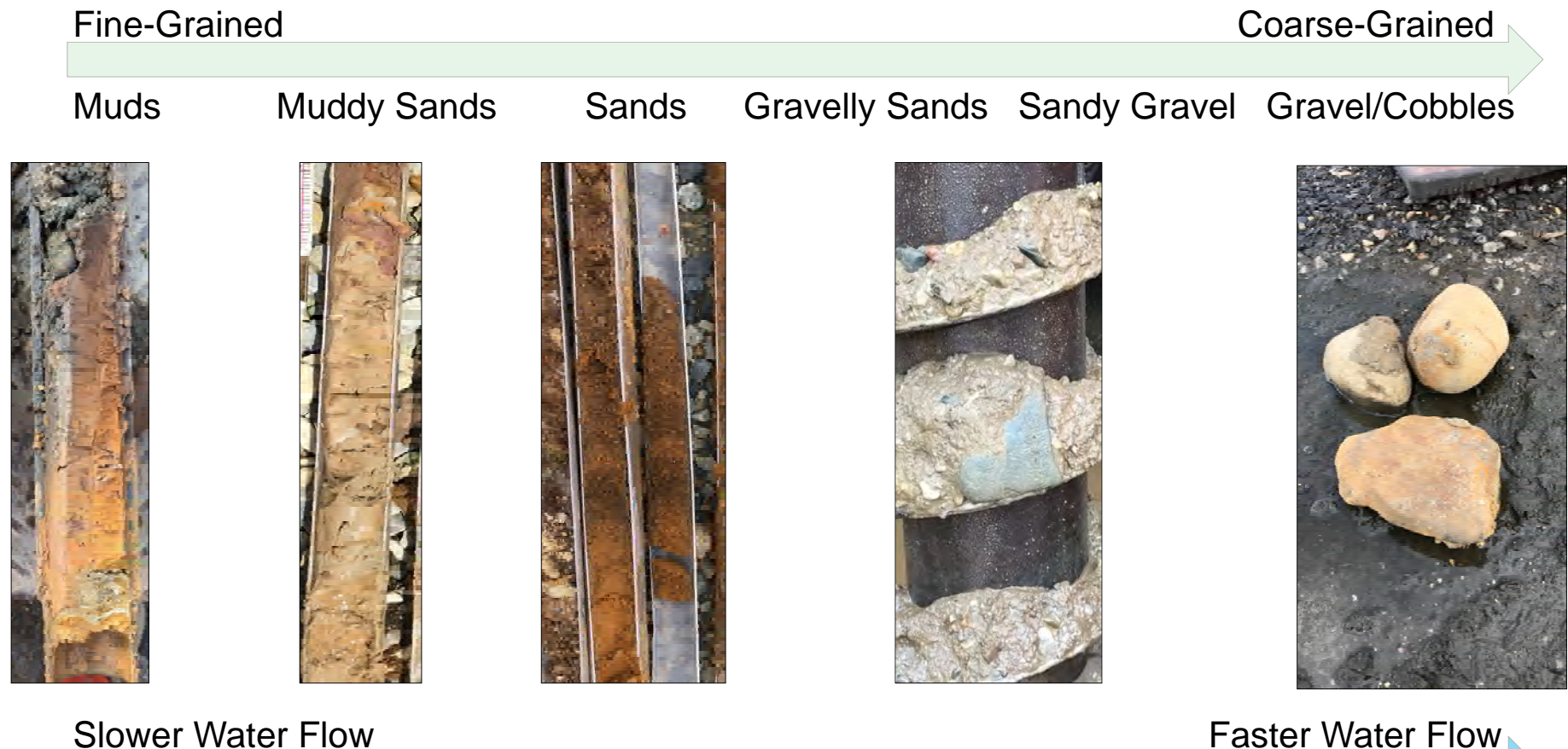
# South Philadelphia Setting

- An environment in transition
- From mountains to plains



- A “wedge” of sediments eroded from mountains
- Deposited by water
- Over millions of years
- Complex layering

# Deposits and Their Permeability



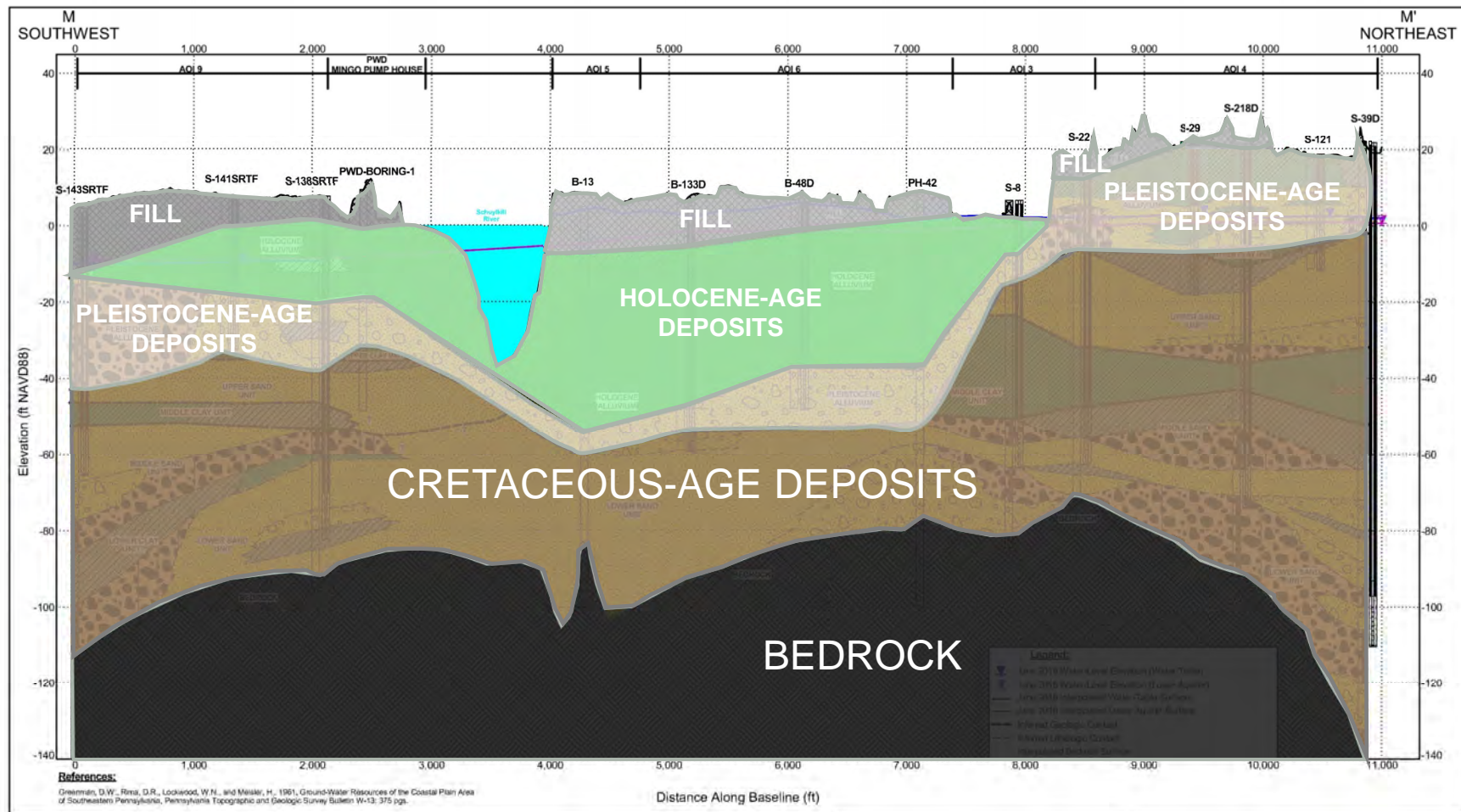
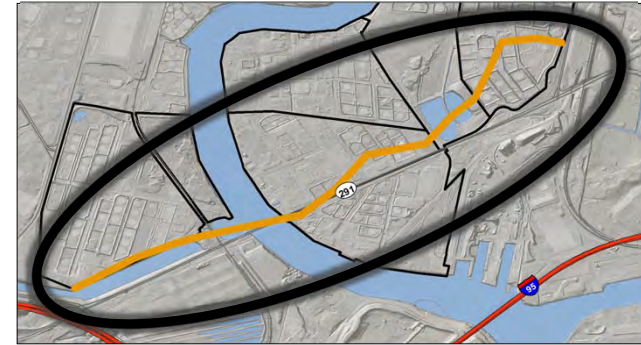
- Flow rates of a few inches to several tens of feet per day
- Permeability is not the only variable controlling groundwater flow
- Understanding the geology is key to characterizing the facility



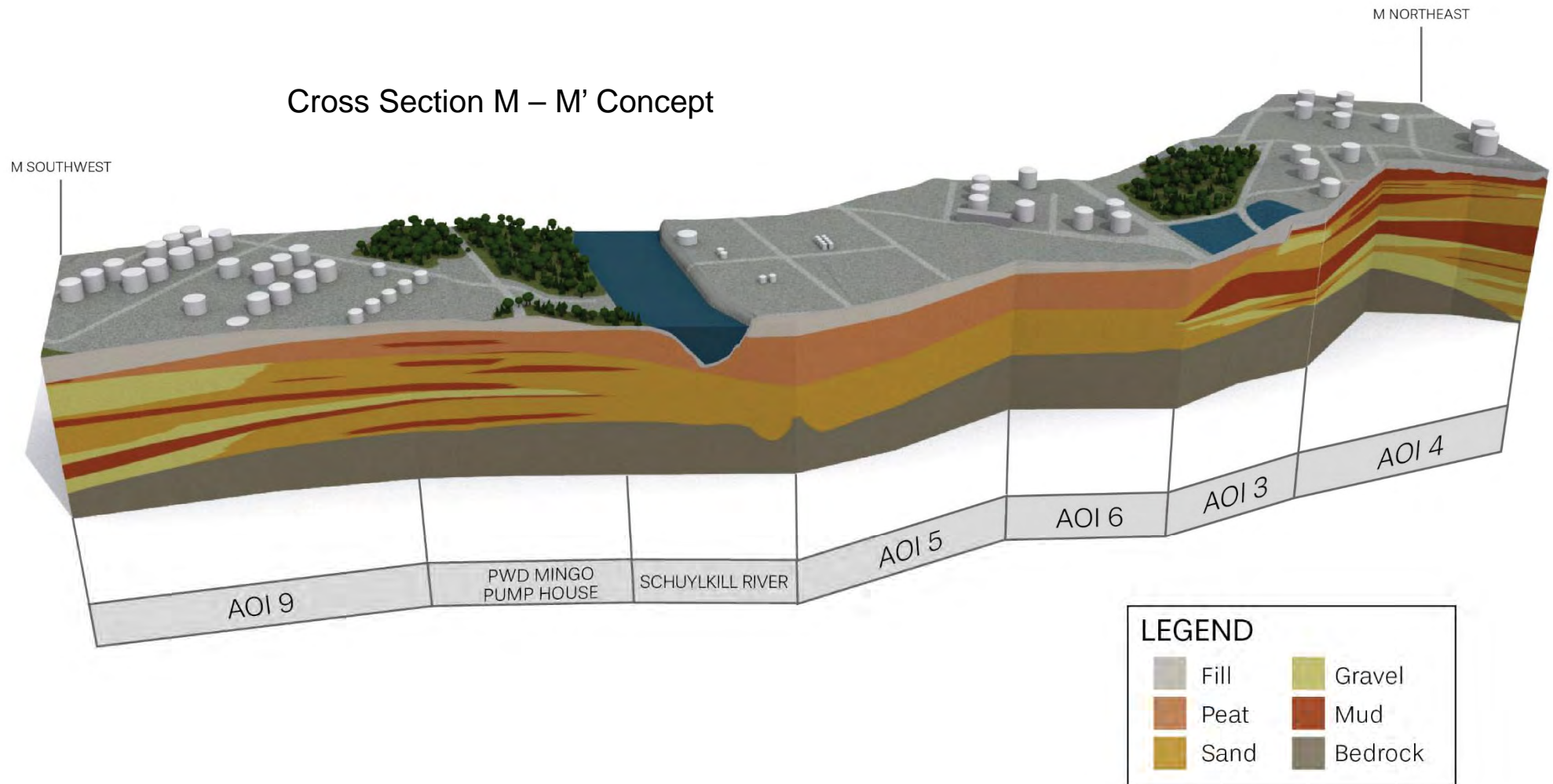
# Environmental Setting | Geology

## Example RIR Cross Section M – M'

- A cross section is a slice through the earth
- Correlation between borings fills the gaps
- Regional context is important
- Must understand depositional relationships

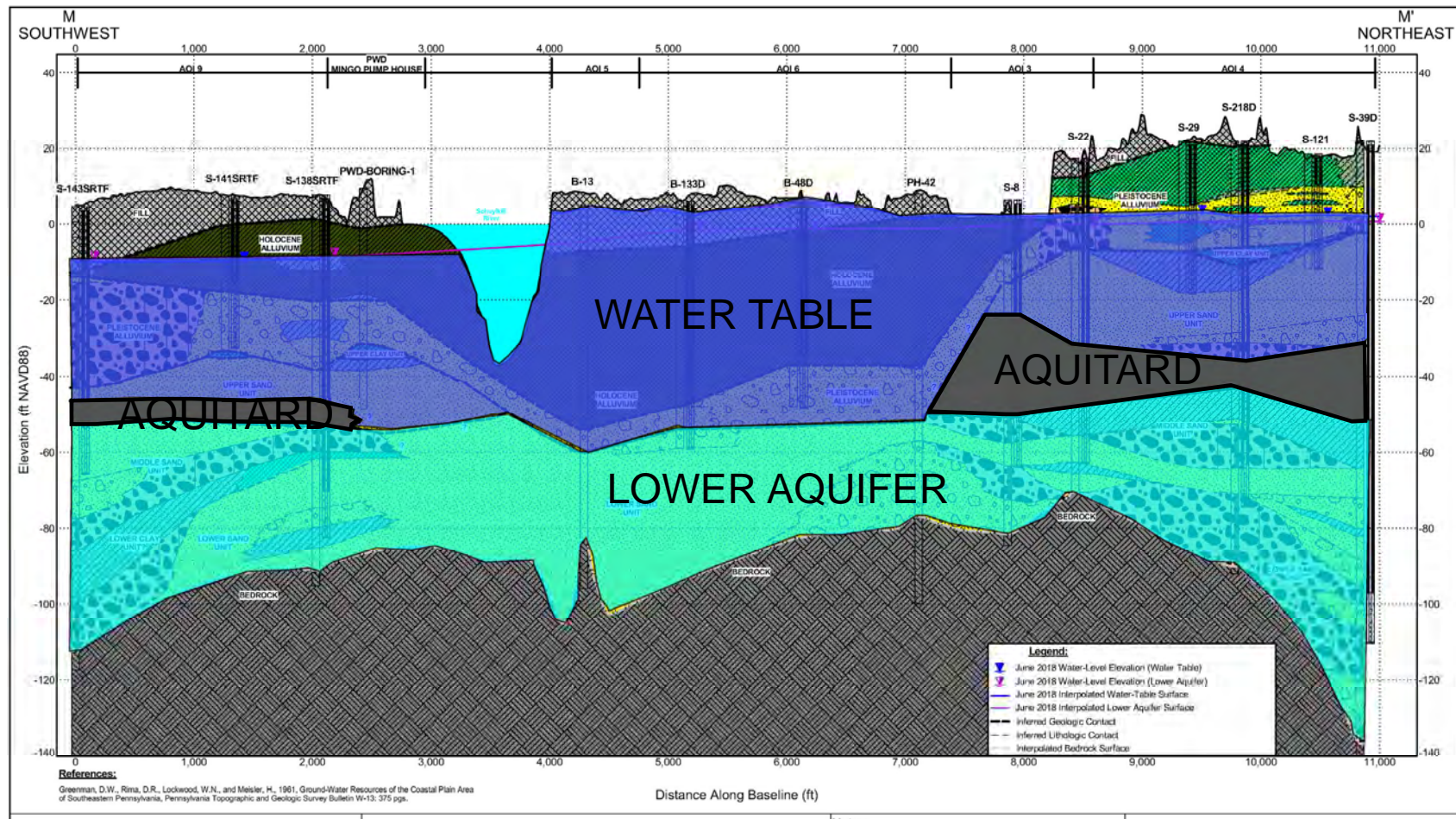


# Environmental Setting | Geology





# Environmental Setting | Groundwater



The facility geology supports two mappable water-bearing units (called aquifers):

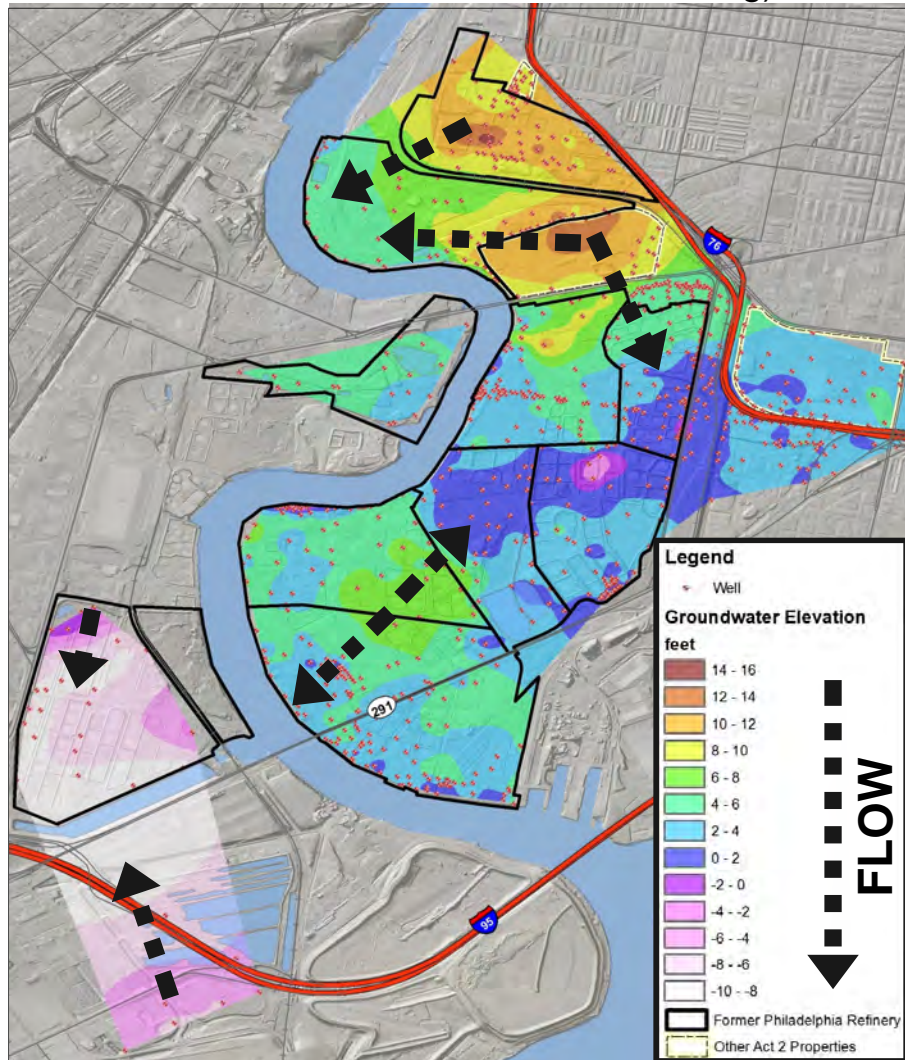
- Water-Table Aquifer (shallow; younger sandy deposits)
- Lower Aquifer (deeper; older sandy deposits beneath a mappable aquitard)
- In places they are hydraulically connected



# Environmental Setting | Groundwater Flow

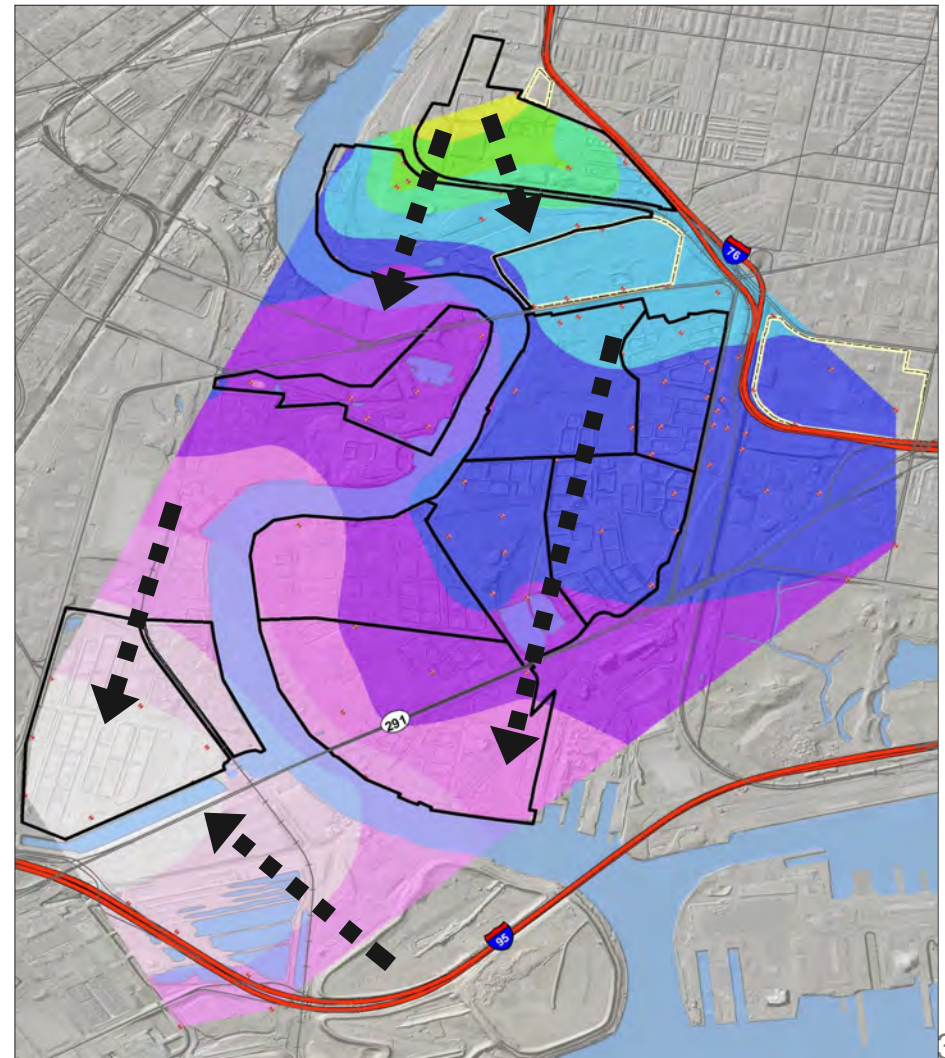
## Water-Table Aquifer

- Mimics land surface shape, local flow patterns
- Recharged by rainfall, drains to surface water
- Influenced by human-made features (remediation wells, sewers, river bulkheads, dewatering)



## Lower Aquifer

- More uniform shape, regional flow pattern
- Recharged by water table, interacts with river
- Influenced by human-made features (water supply wells, sewers, river bulkheads, dewatering)

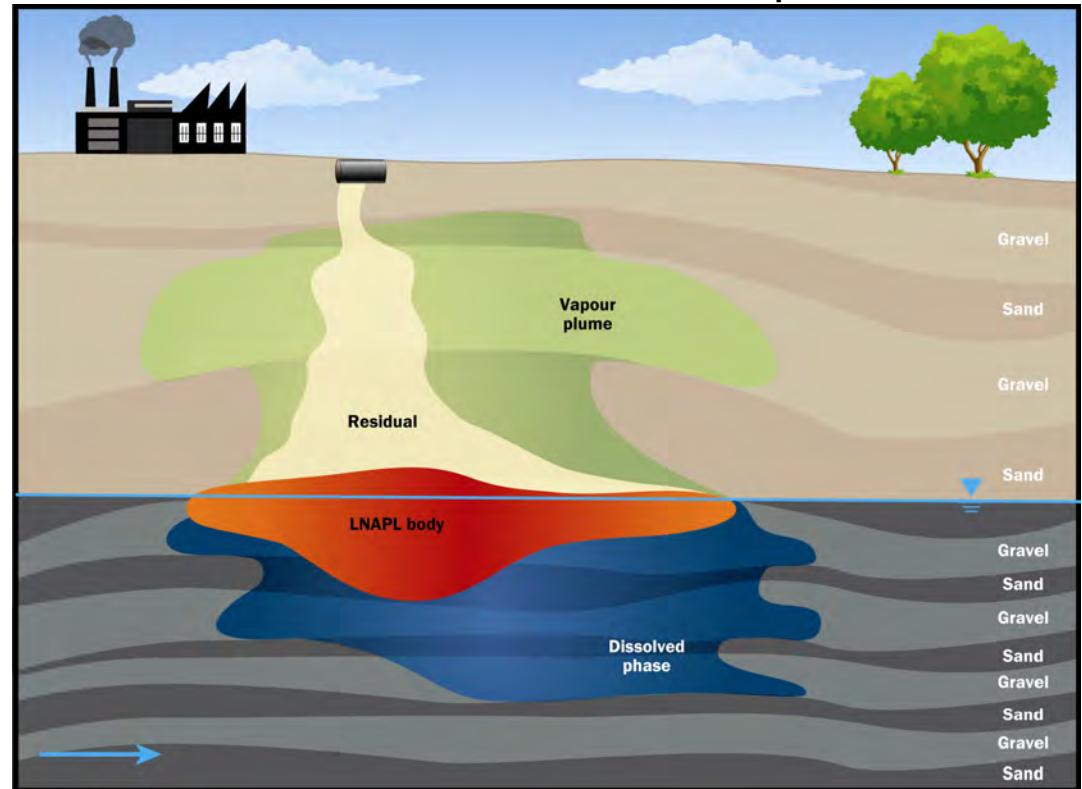


# What is LNAPL?

LNAPL (Light, Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid) is:

- Crude oil and its refined products
- Lighter than water (floats)
- A mixture of petroleum compounds
- A source for soil and groundwater contamination
- A substance that naturally degrades underground

LNAPL Release Concept



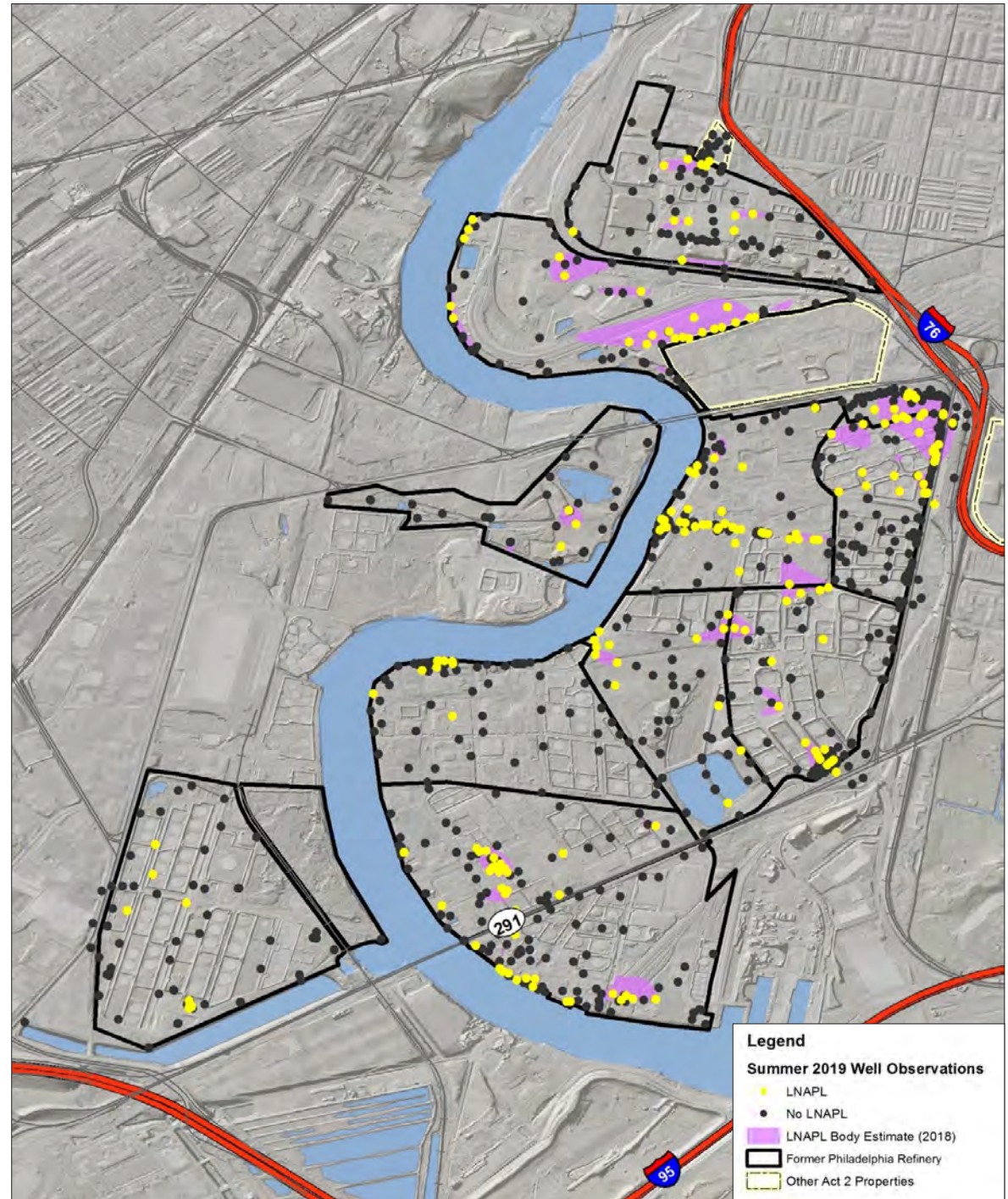
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# Investigation Results | LNAPL

## LNAPL Bodies – Where/What/When

- Lines-of-evidence approach
- Observations from wells
- ~300 LNAPL samples collected since 1996
- LNAPL bodies have been characterized
- Most LNAPL bodies are stable
- Purple shading estimates LNAPL core areas





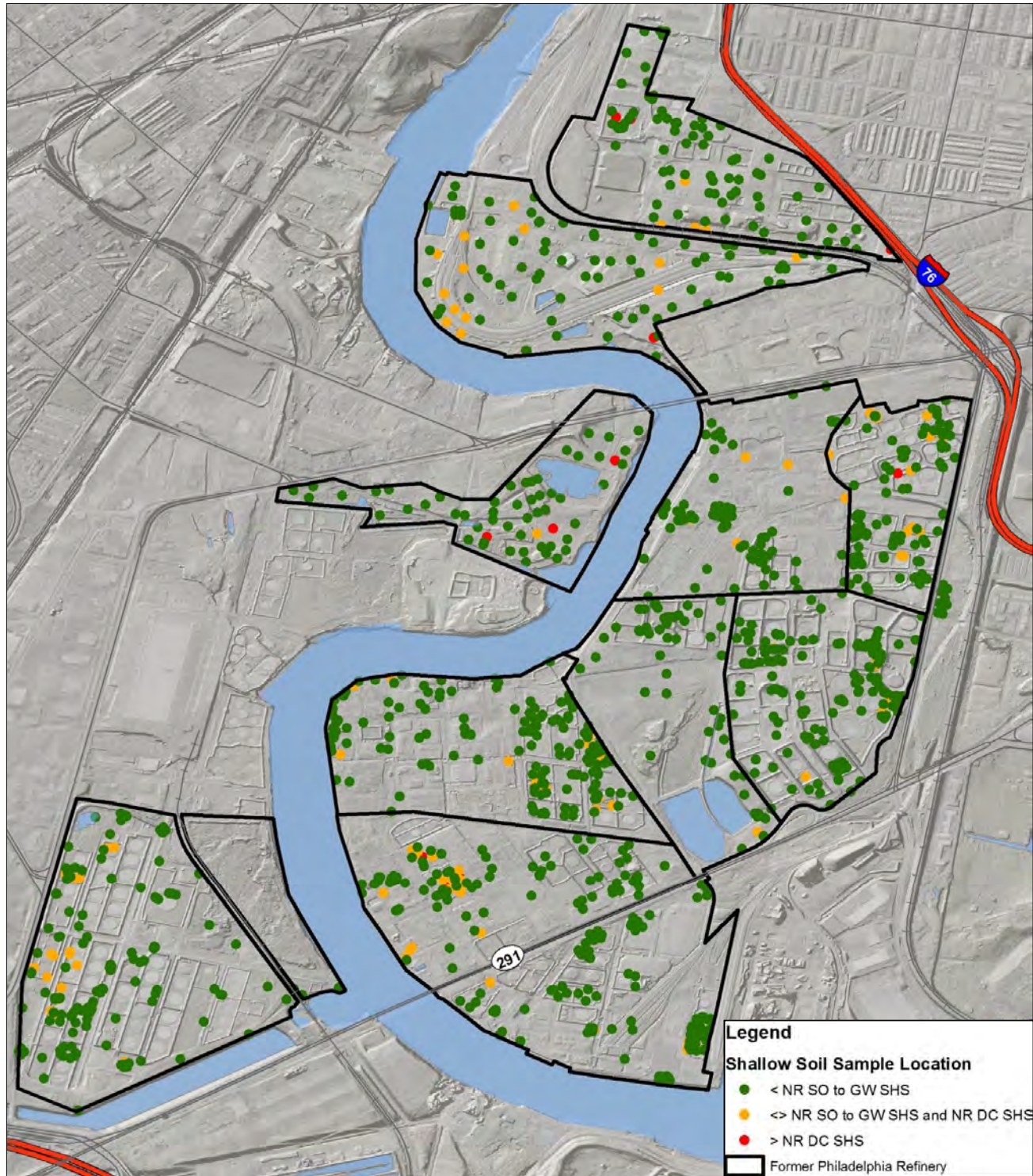
# Contaminants of Concern

Volatile Organic Compounds	Semi Volatile Organic Compounds	Metals
Benzene	Anthracene	Lead
Cumene	Benzo(a)anthracene	
1,2-dibromoethane	Benzo(a)pyrene	
1,2-dichloroethane	Benzo(b)fluoranthene	
Ethylbenzene	Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	
Methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE)	Benzo(k)fluoranthene	
Toluene	Chrysene	
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	Dibenz(a,h)anthracene	
1,3,5-trimethylbenzene	Fluorene	
Toluene	Naphthalene	
Xylenes	Phenanthrene	
	Pyrene	

# Soil Investigation Results

## Surface (up to 2' deep)

- Includes 1,294 soil samples (dots)
- Represents all available data
- Green dots meet the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS
- Yellow dots exceed the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS but meet the NR Direct Contact SHS
- Red dots exceed the NR Direct Contact SHS
- Red dots are delineated
- No Residential SHS exceedances in the Point Breeze North Yard Ball Field

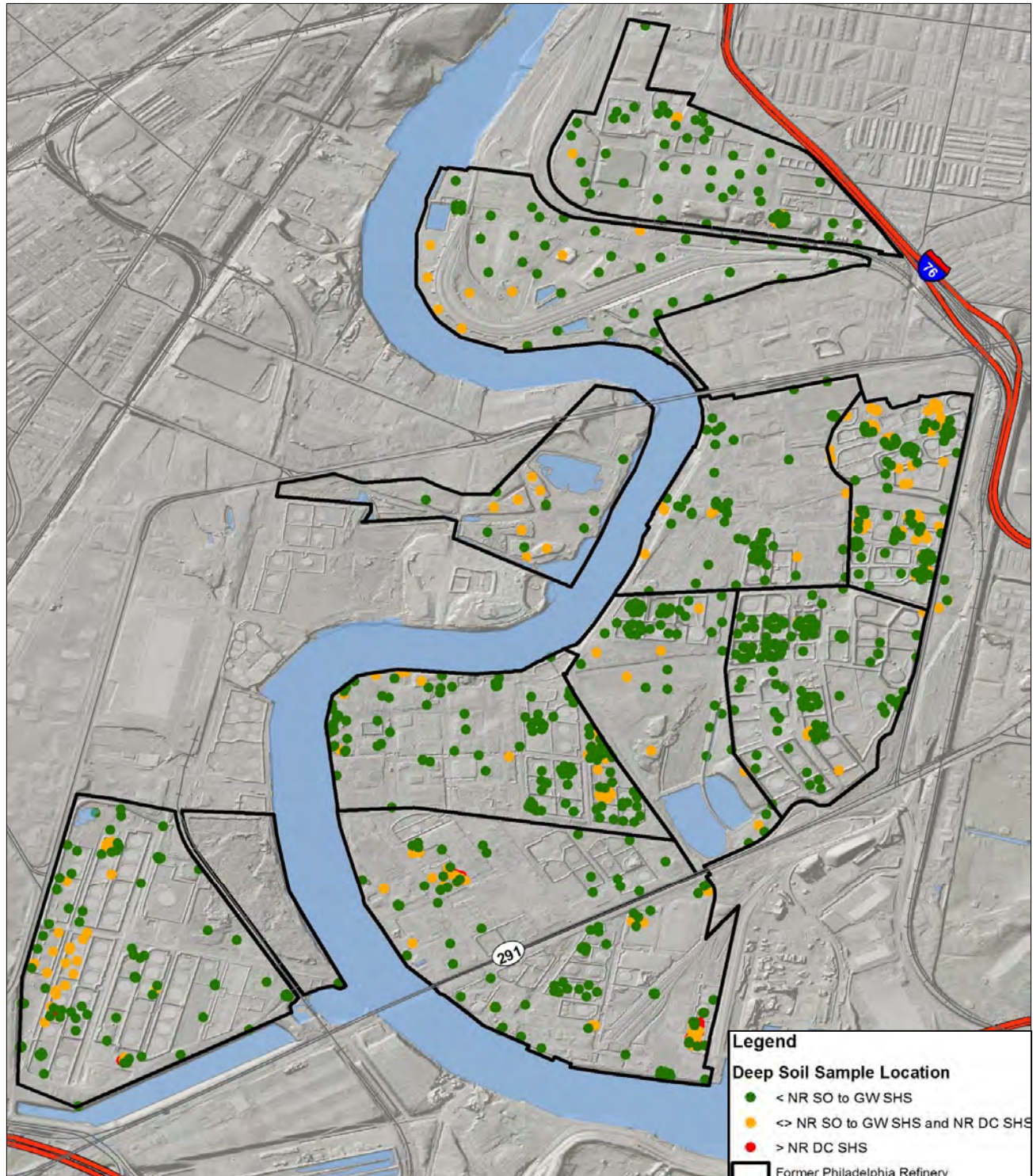




# Soil Investigation Results

## Subsurface (2'-15' deep)

- Includes 1,008 soil samples (dots)
- Represents all available data
- Green dots meet the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS
- Yellow dots exceed the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS but meet the NR Direct Contact SHS
- Red dots exceed the NR Direct Contact SHS
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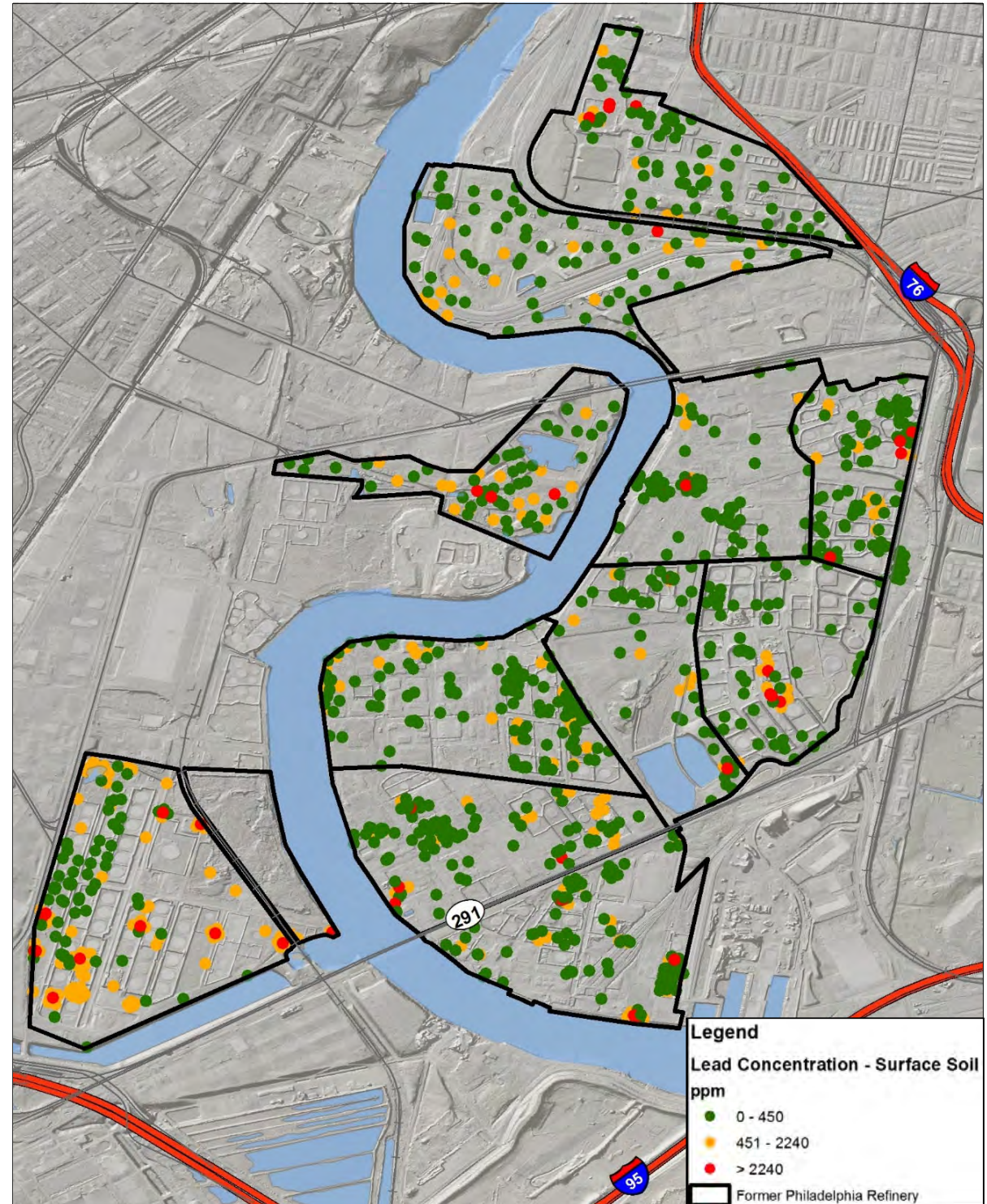




# Soil Investigation Results | Lead

## Surface (up to 2' deep)

- Includes 1,173 soil samples (dots)
- Represents all available data
- Green dots meet the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS
- Yellow dots exceed the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS but meet the Site-Specific Standard
- Red dots exceed the Site-Specific Standard
- Red dots are delineated
- No Residential SHS exceedances in the Point Breeze North Yard Ball Field

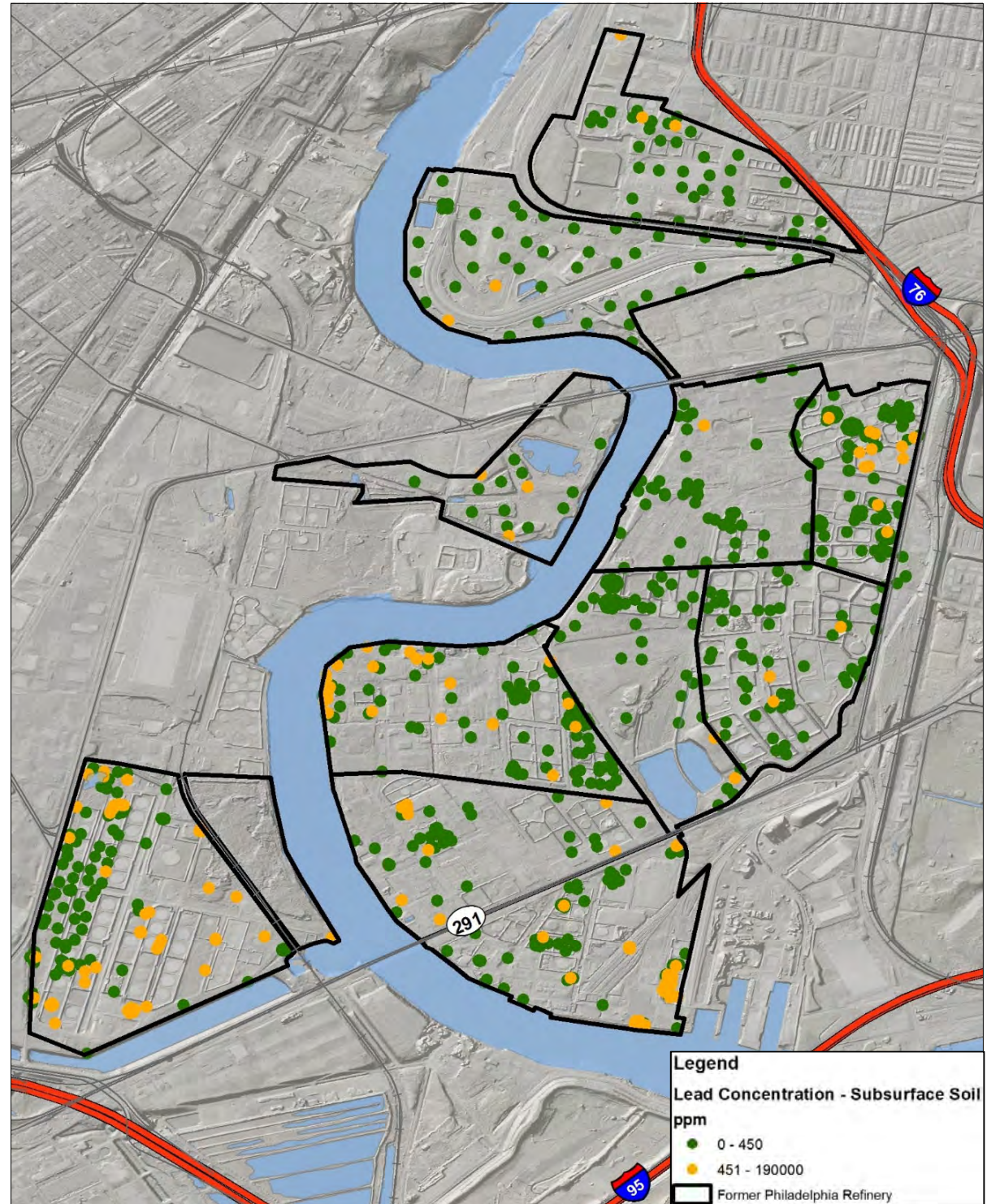




# Soil Investigation Results | Lead

Subsurface (2'-15' deep)

- Includes 802 soil samples (dots)
- Represents all available data
- Green dots meet the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS
- Yellow dots exceed the NR Soil to Groundwater SHS but meet the NR Direct Contact SHS
- No exceedances of the NR Direct Contact SHS

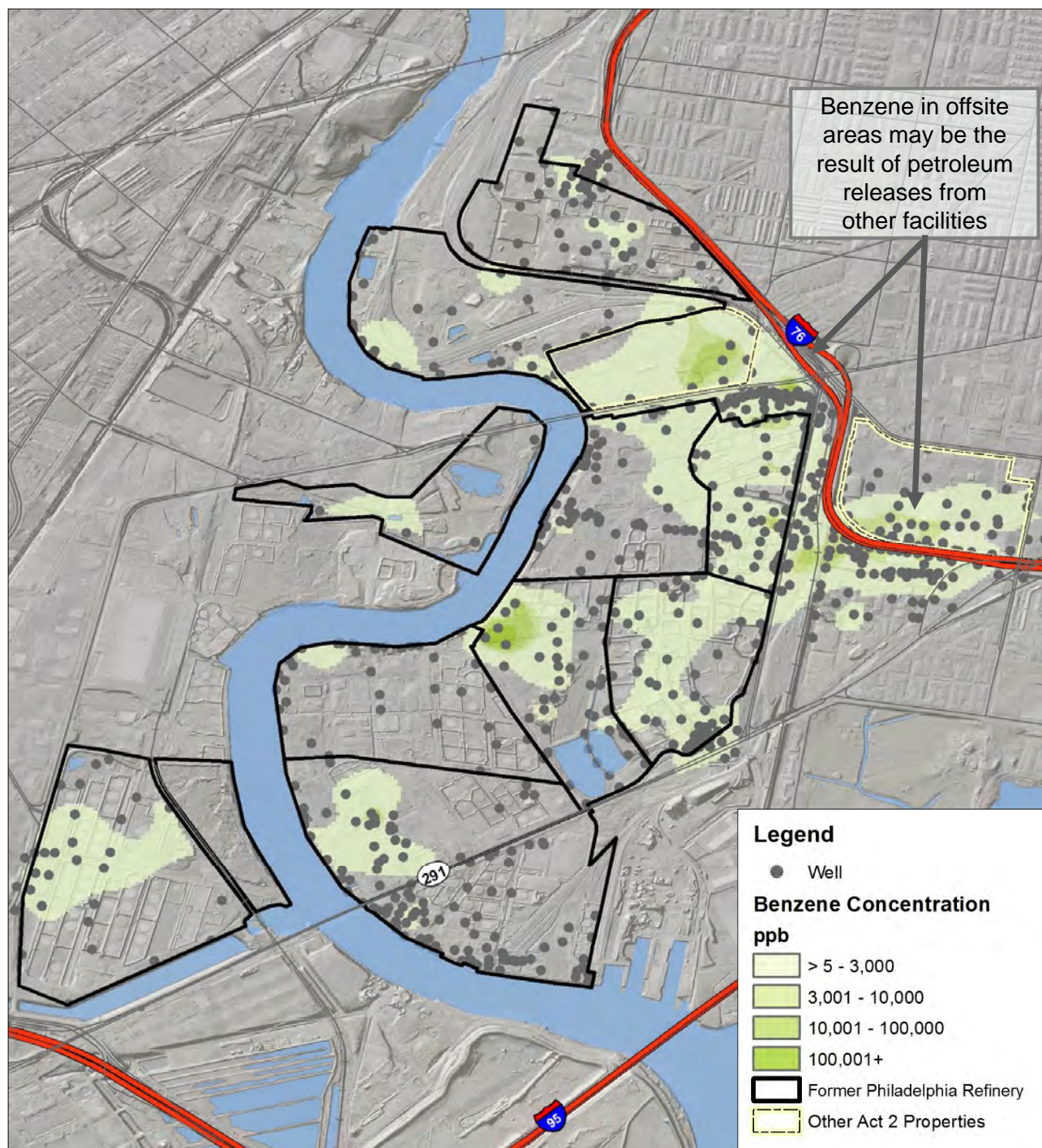




# Groundwater Investigation Results | Benzene

## Water-Table Aquifer

- Benzene considered a primary driver
- Includes 788 well samples (dots)
- Includes data from other offsite Act 2 facilities
- Represents data of current conditions (2014-2019)
- Green shading indicates concentrations above the SHS
- Darker green indicates higher concentrations
- Demonstrates delineation in most areas

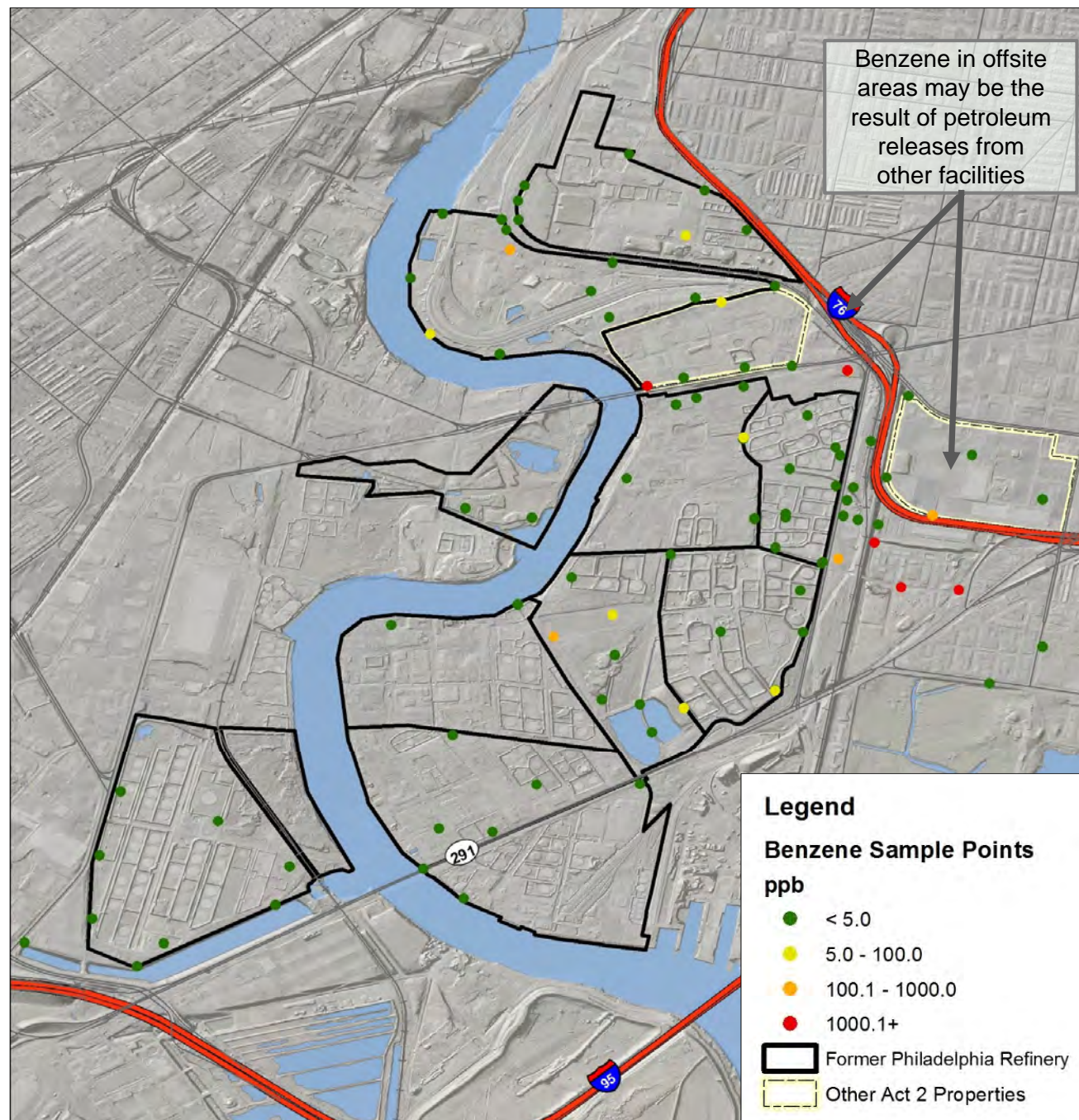




# Groundwater Investigation Results | Benzene

## Lower Aquifer

- Includes 97 well samples (dots)
- Includes data from other offsite Act 2 facilities
- Represents data for current conditions (2014 – 2019)
- Green dots indicate concentrations below the SHS
- Yellow, orange, and red dots indicate concentrations above the SHS
- Demonstrates delineation in most areas

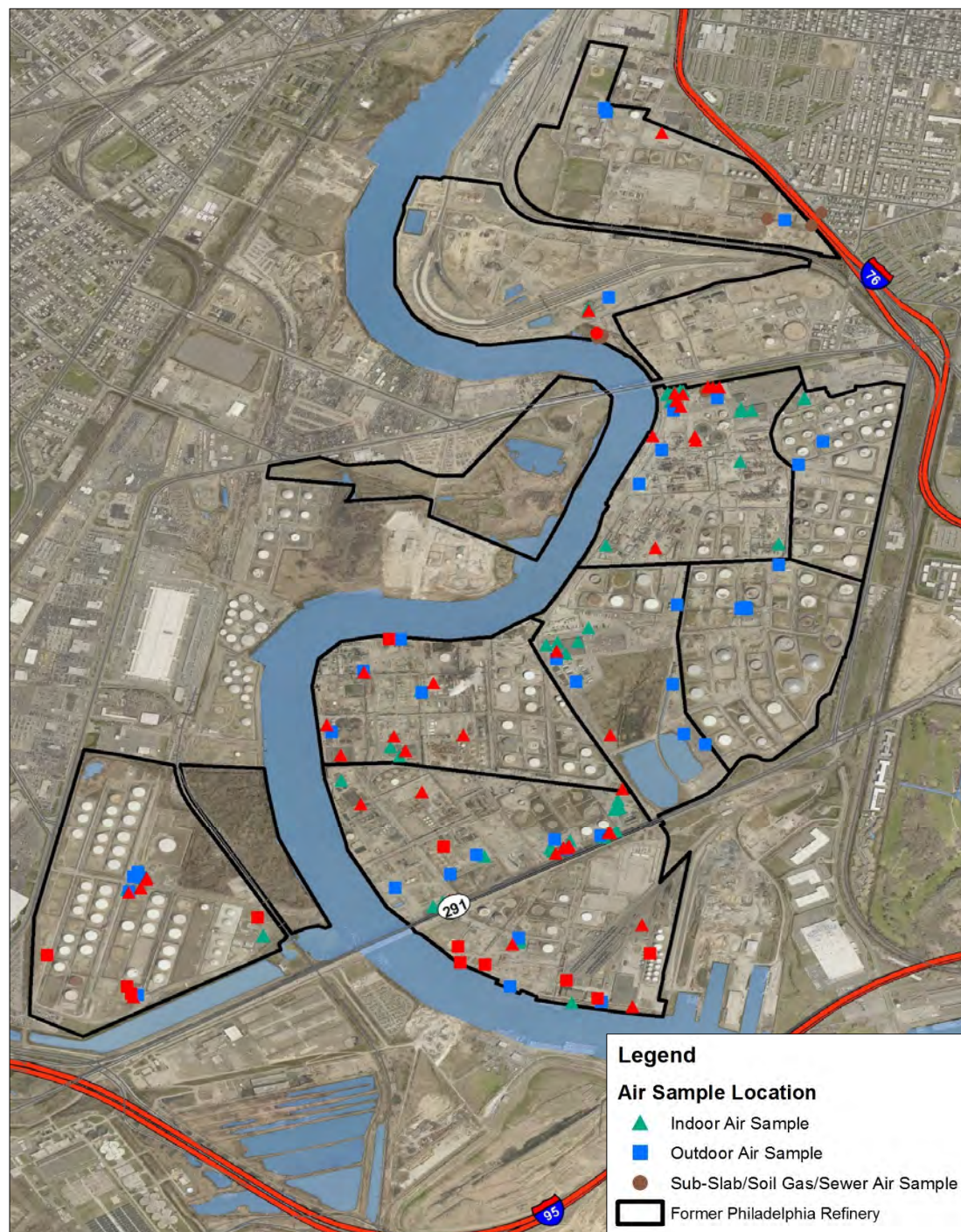




# Air Investigation Results

## Total of 234 Air Samples Collected

- Evaluate air quality related to subsurface conditions
- Indoor Air Samples (173 collected)
  - Air samples collected in occupied buildings
- Outdoor Air Samples (52 collected)
  - Air samples collected in outdoor areas
  - Includes background samples
- Sub-slab/Soil Gas/Sewer Air Samples (9 collected)
  - Vapor samples collected from beneath the surface to aid in interpretation of indoor and/or outdoor air results
- Red symbols denote exceedances of indoor/outdoor air screening criteria (EPA RSLs TR=1E-5 HQ=0.1) or soil vapor criteria (SVNS-NR SHS)
- Comparison of data to conservative screening values determines if further evaluation is warranted

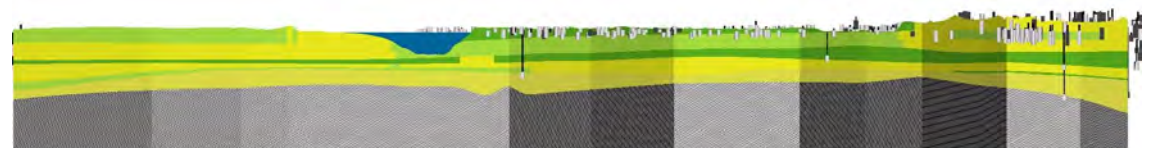
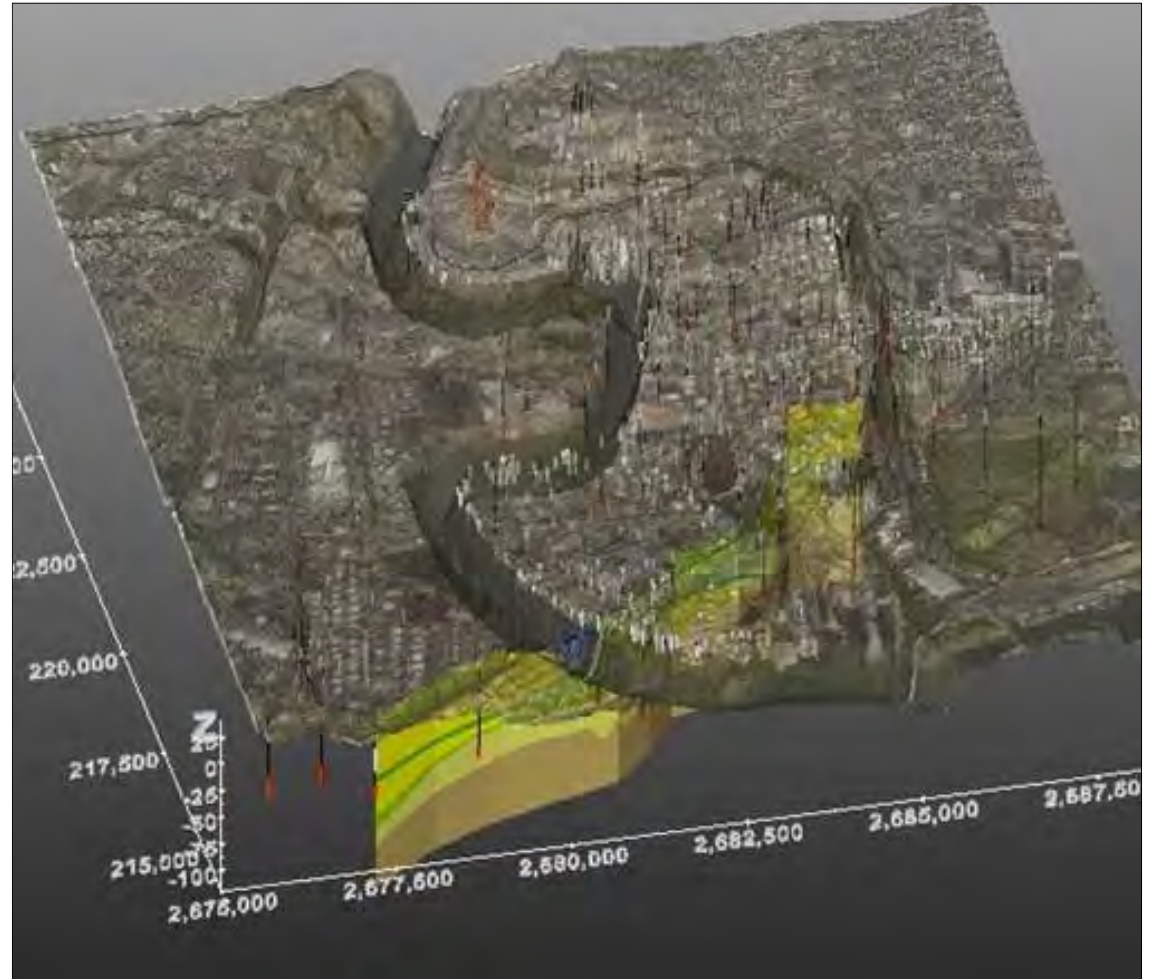




# Conceptual Site Model (CSM)

An Organized Set of Ideas (4D)  
Summarizing:

- Site history and geology
  - Groundwater occurrence and flow patterns
  - Pathway evaluation
  - Contaminant distribution
  - Contaminant trends
- A CSM is the foundation for a groundwater flow model (completed draft RIR)
- A CSM supports fate and transport analysis to predict future contamination extent (in progress)
- Transport model results will be used in risk assessment and cleanup plan (in progress)



# Key Take-Away

- What is a Remedial Investigation (RI)?
  - *Collection of available information on the facility*
  - *Characterization of the geologic and hydrogeologic framework*
  - *Characterization of the nature and extent of contamination and how it may change over time*
  - *Identification of exposure pathways*
- What are the Results of the Remedial Investigation?
  - *Geologic and hydrogeologic conditions have been characterized*
  - *Soil impacts have been delineated in each AOI*
  - *Groundwater has been delineated in most areas – additional characterization and routine sampling continue*
- Are the Remedial Investigations Complete?
  - *Public Comments on all past Act 2 Reports will be submitted as an RIR document*
  - *AOI's 4 & 9 require RIR Addendums which will include offsite groundwater information from recently installed wells*
  - *AOI-11 will have an updated RIR to include data collected since the Final Report*
  - *Fate and Transport numerical model RIR forthcoming*

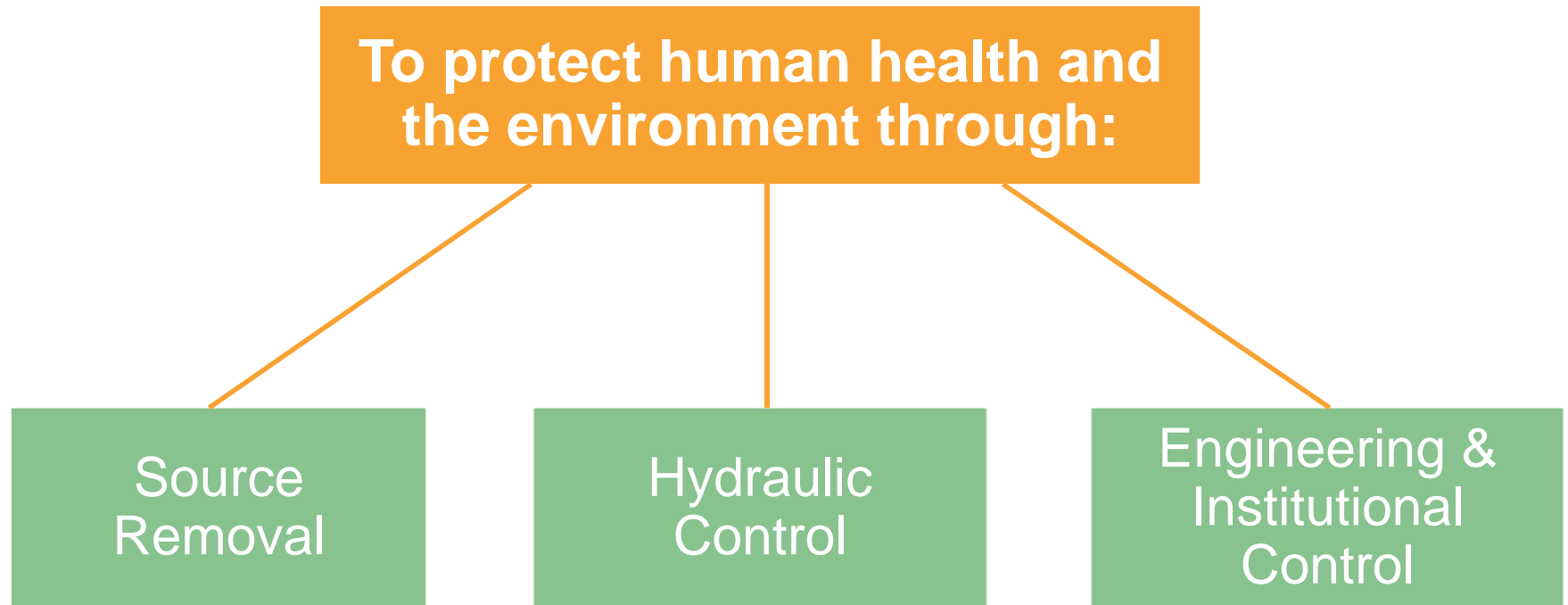
# Remediation Systems



# Key Concepts in Remediation Section

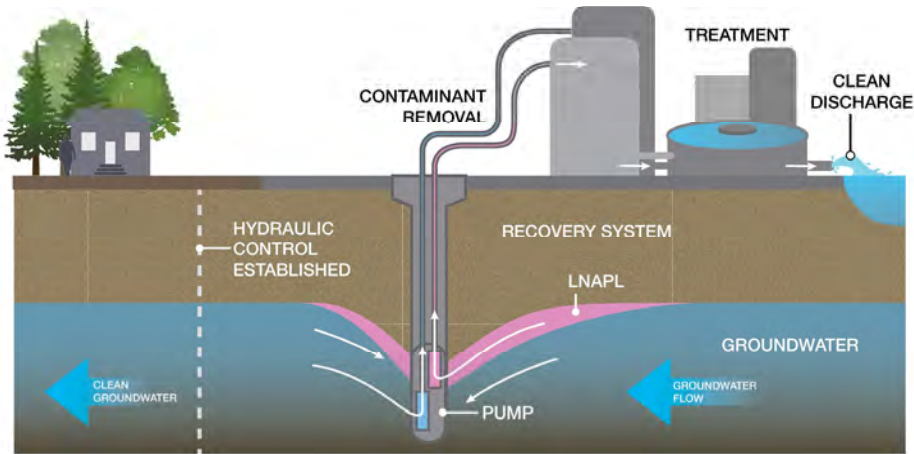
- Purpose of Remediation
- Types Remediation Systems
- How Much has been Remediated
- Systems at the Site
- Future Plans

# Purpose of Remedial Systems

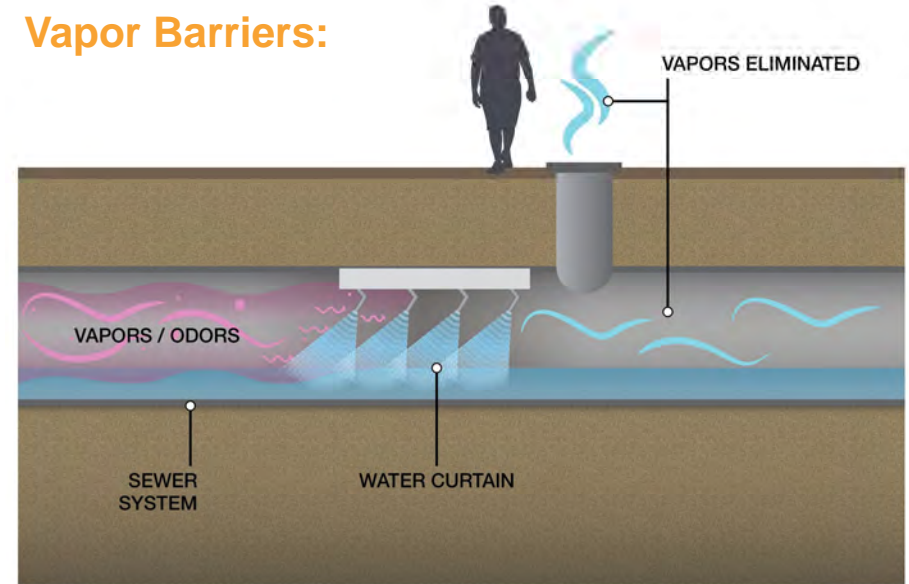


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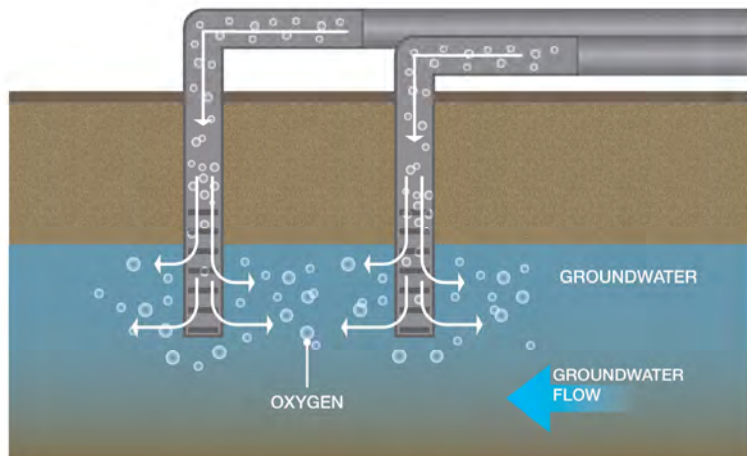
## Recovery Systems



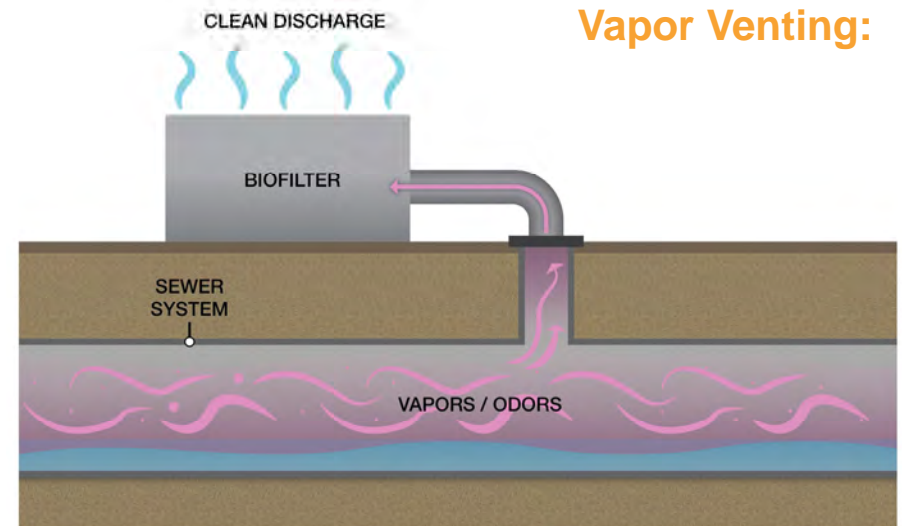
## Vapor Barriers:



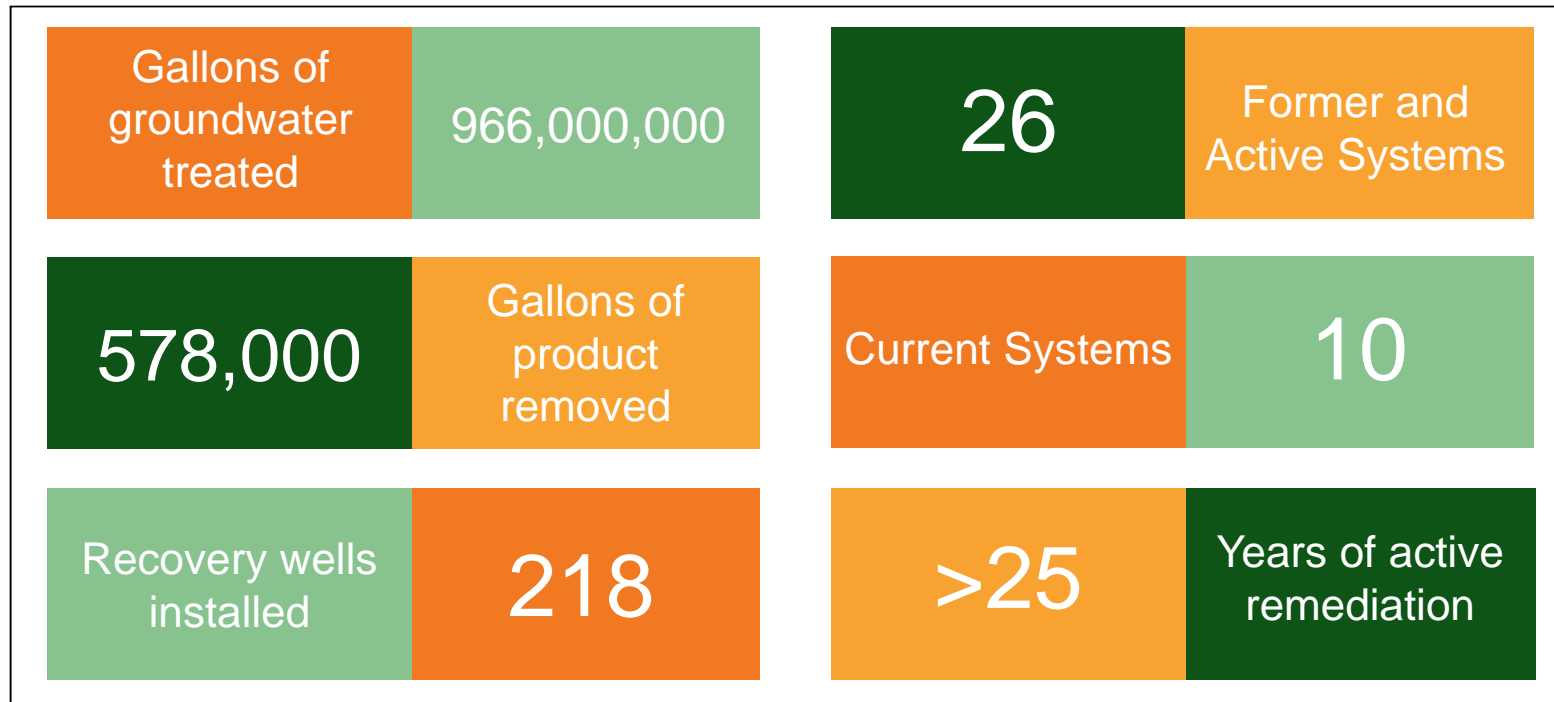
## Injections (Biodegradation):



## Vapor Venting:

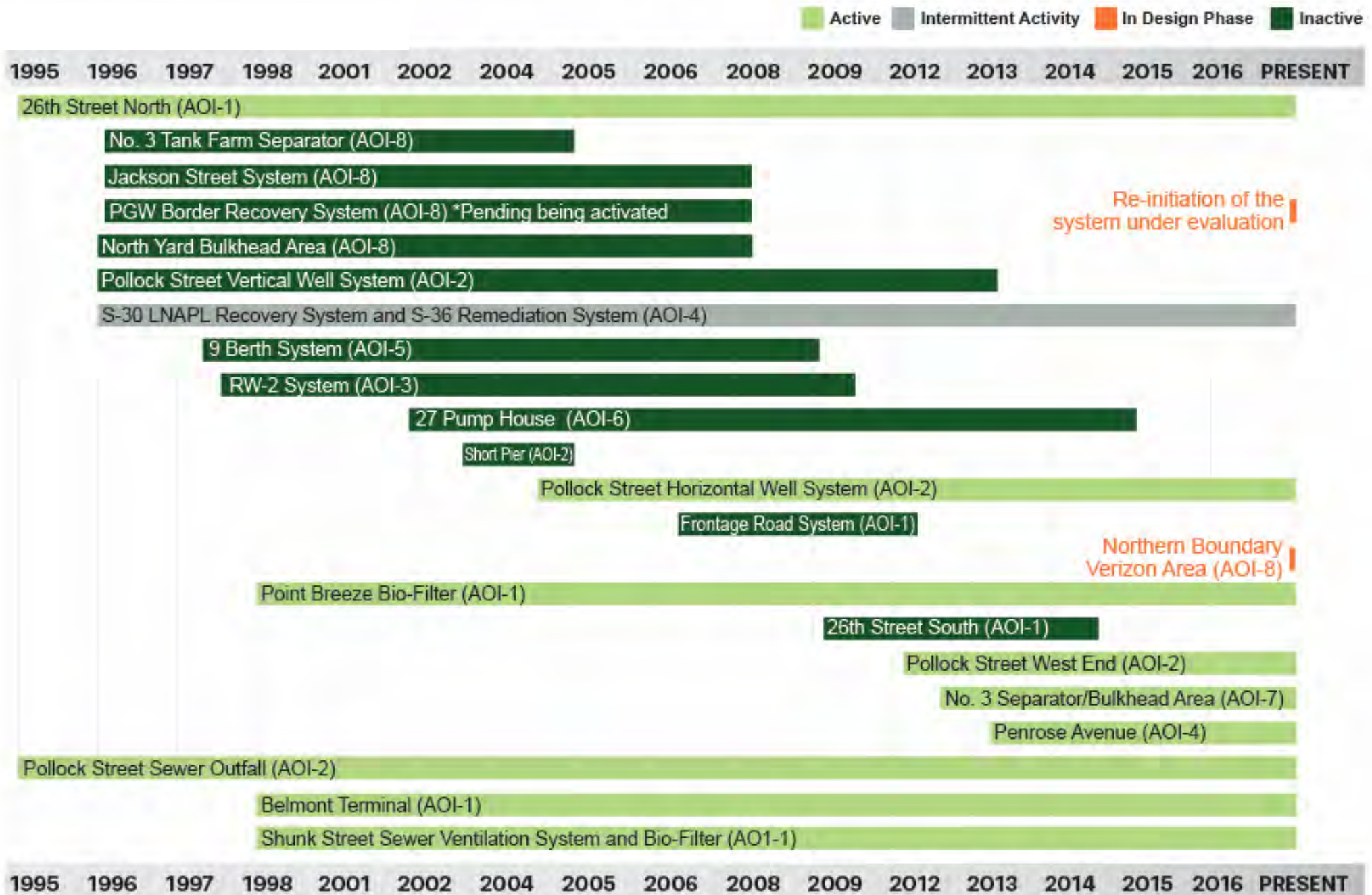


# Quick Facts about Remediation





# Remediation Timeline

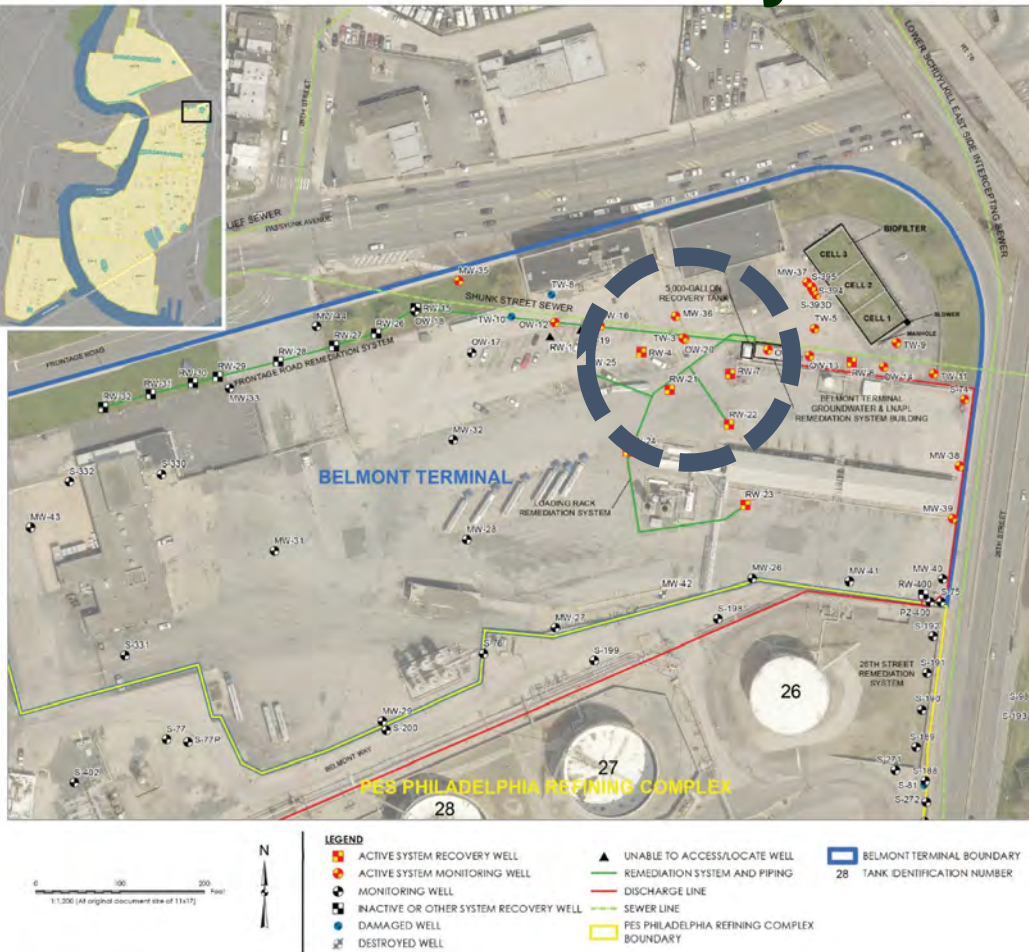


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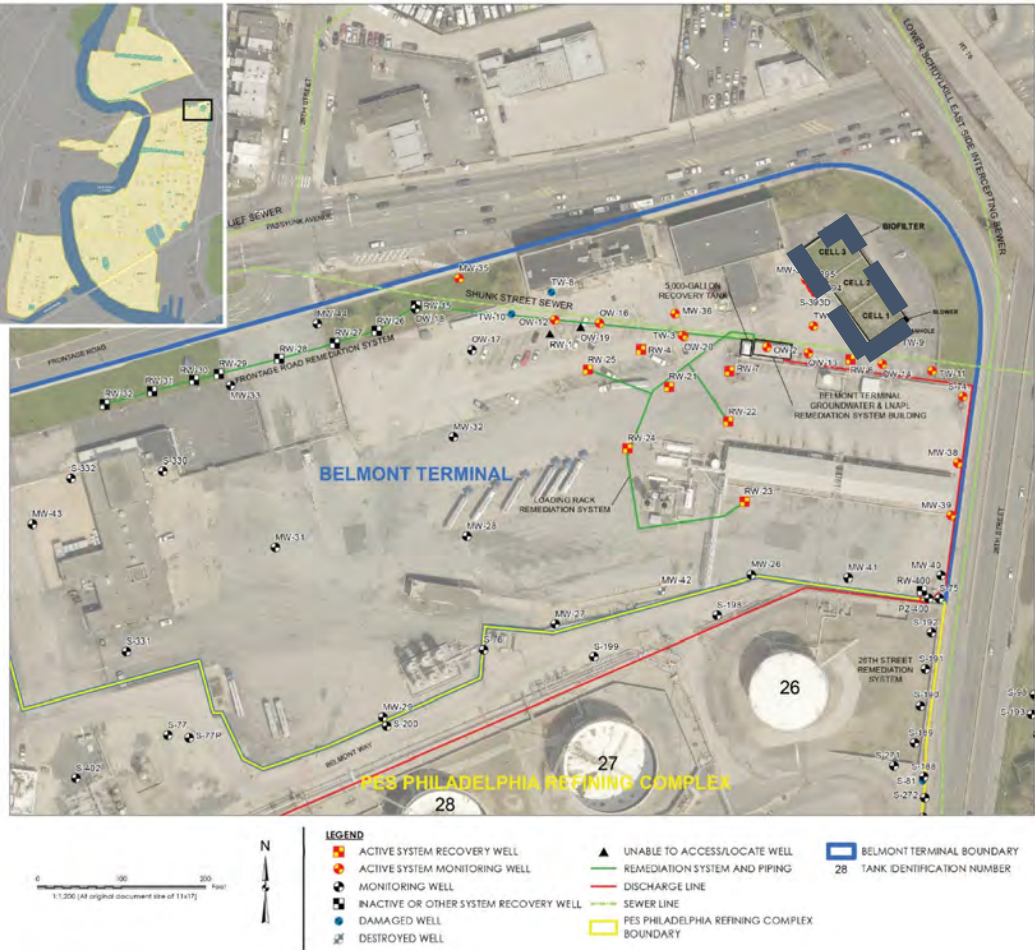


# Belmont Terminal System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Containment Source Removal
Location:	AOI-1
Active Operation:	1995 - Present
Recovery Wells:	10
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;100 million gallons groundwater</li> <li>&gt;250,000 gallons LNAPL</li> </ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well pumps controlled by density floats</li> <li>Pumps turned on/off as needed</li> </ul>

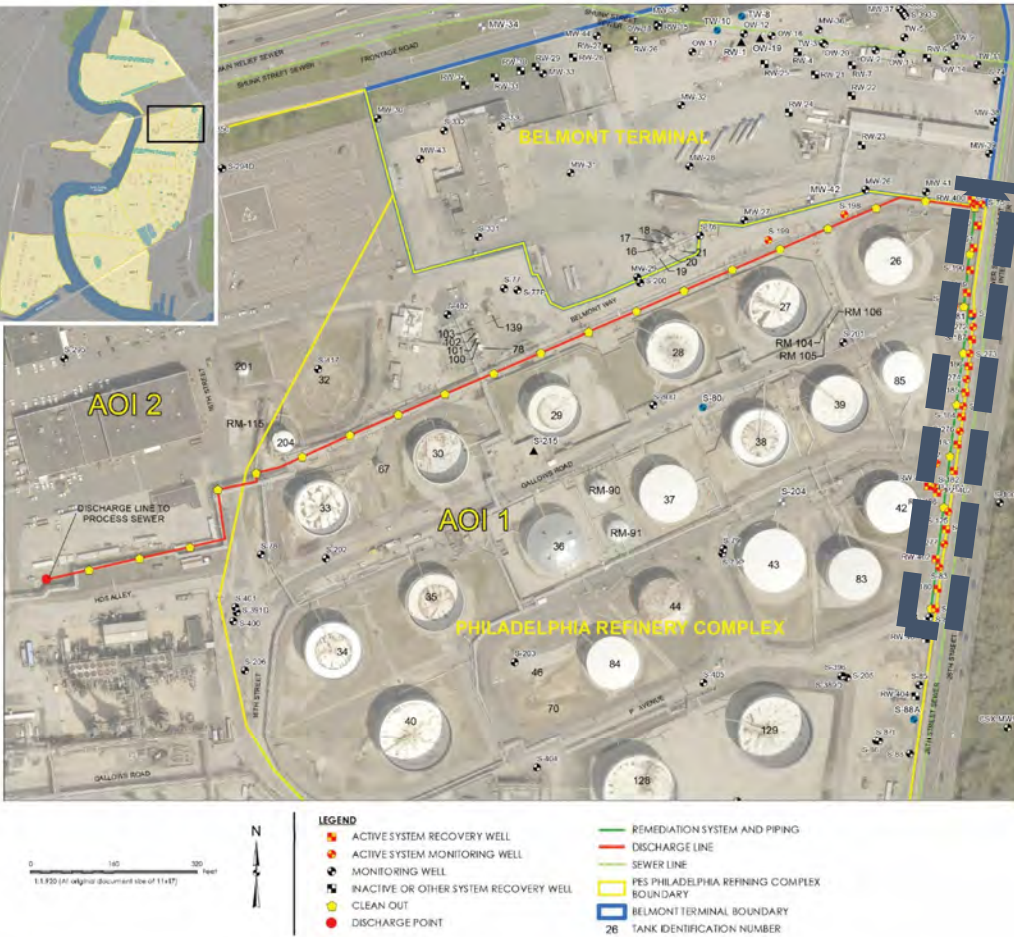
# Belmont Biofilter System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Vapor Control
Location:	AOI-1
Active Operation:	2002 - Present
Recovery Wells:	No wells; blowers extract vapors from the sewers
Remediation Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vapor extraction</li></ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treatment via fixed bed biofilter</li></ul>

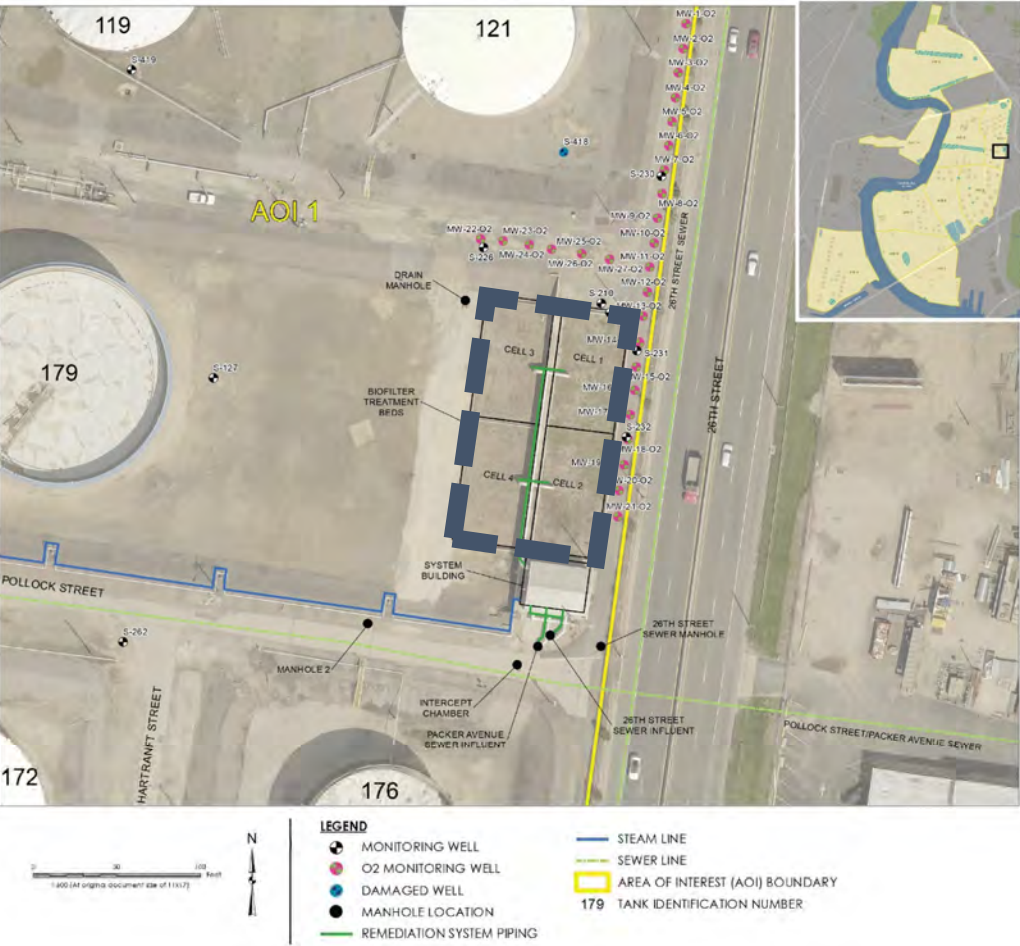


# 26<sup>th</sup> Street North System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Containment Source Removal
Location:	AOI-1
Active Operation:	1995 - Present
Recovery Wells:	16
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;111 million gallons groundwater</li> <li>• &gt;9,000 gallons LNAPL</li> </ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total fluids system</li> <li>• Recovery wells rehabilitated in 2015</li> </ul>

# Point Breeze Bio-Filter System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Vapor Control
Location:	AOI-1
Active Operation:	1998 - Present
Recovery Wells:	No wells; blowers extract vapors from the sewers
Remediation Type:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vapor extraction</li></ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treatment via fixed bed biofilter</li><li>Rehabilitated in 2015/2016</li></ul>

# Pollock Street Horizontal Well System Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Containment Source Removal
Location:	AOI-2
Active Operation:	July 2004 - Present
Recovery Wells:	3 horizontal wells
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt;120 million gallons of groundwater and LNAPL</li> </ul>

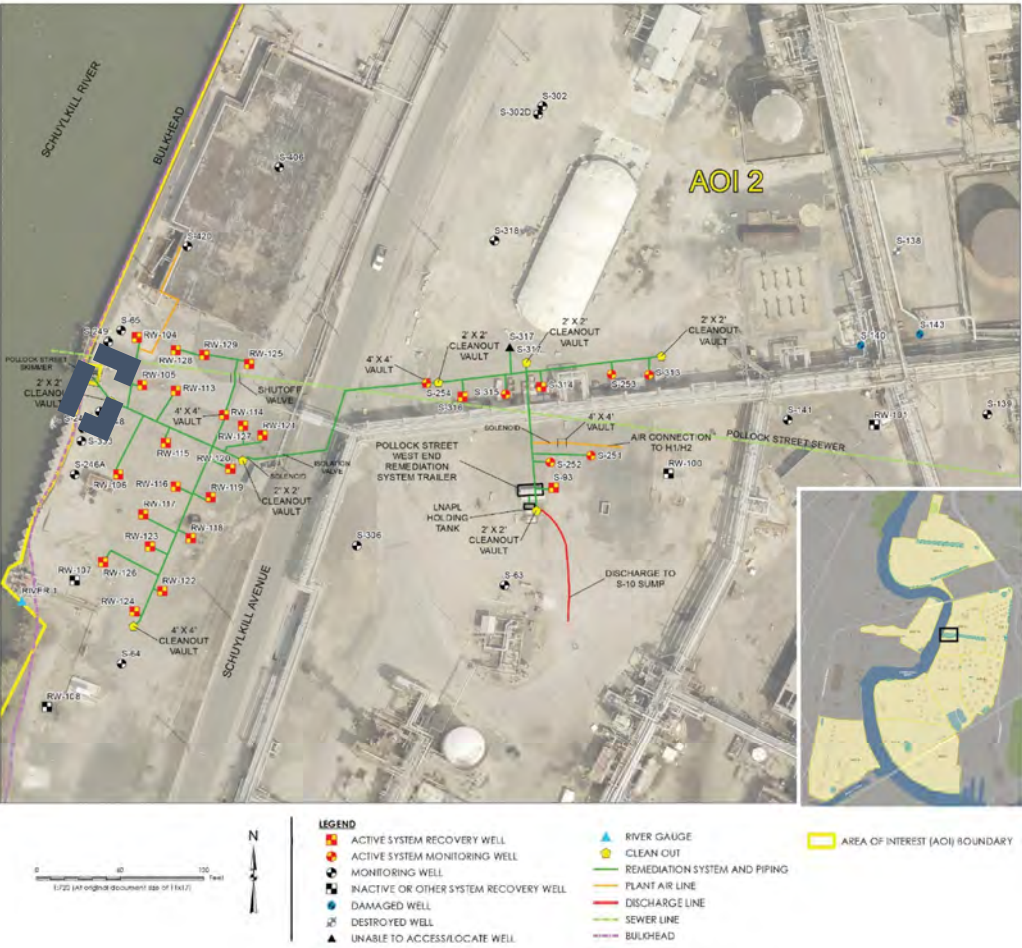


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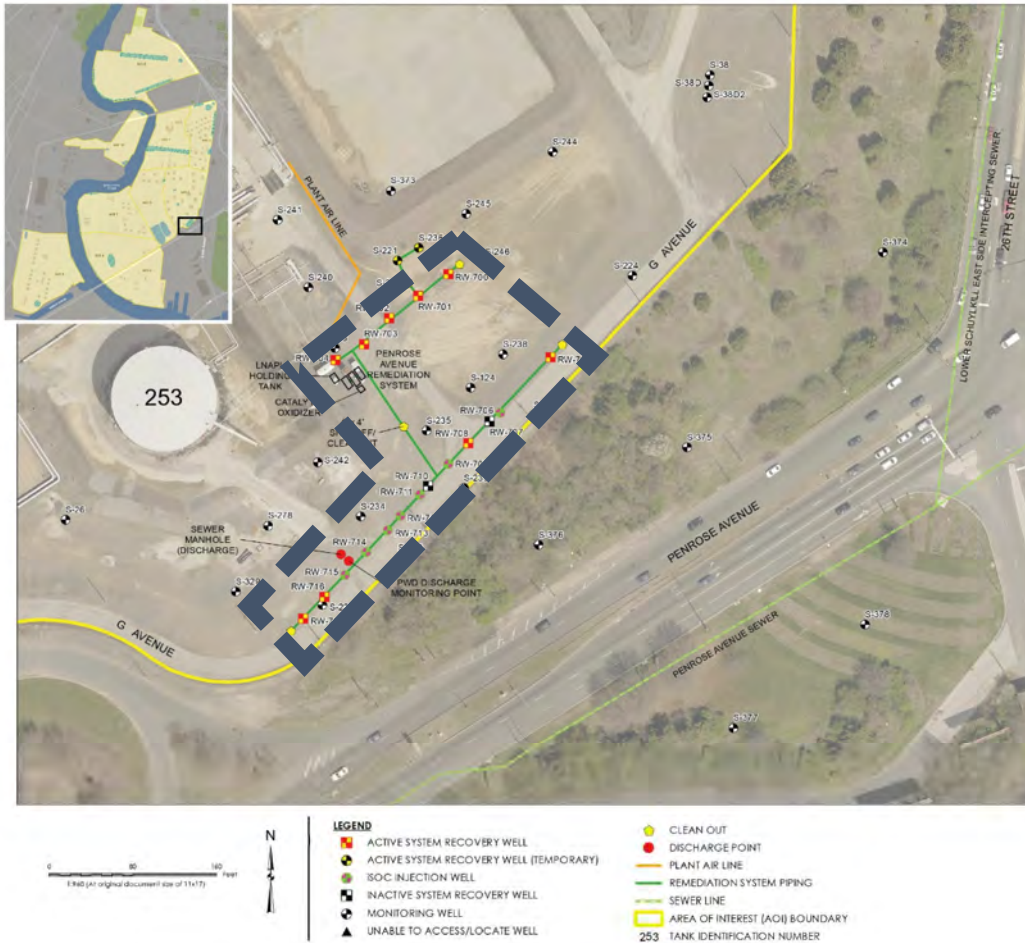
Purpose:	Containment Source Removal
Location:	AOI-2
Active Operation:	Feb. 2012 - 2017
Recovery Wells:	10
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &gt;30 million gallons groundwater</li> <li>• &gt;60,500 gallons LNAPL</li> </ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon filters control vapor emissions from holding tank</li> </ul>

# Pollock Street Sewer System – Remediation Summary



<b>Purpose:</b>	<b>Monitoring and Prevention of LNAPL to Schuylkill River</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>AOI-2</b>
<b>Active Operation:</b>	<b>1995 - Present</b>
<b>Remediation Type:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skimmer system located in outfall</li> </ul>
<b>Other Elements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cofferdam with tie gates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River boom</li> <li>• Sorbent material</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

# Penrose Avenue System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Containment Source Removal Vapor Control
Location:	AOI-4
Active Operation:	March 2013 - Present
Recovery Wells:	20
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22 million gallons groundwater</li> <li>6,000 gallons LNAPL</li> </ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxygen injection</li> <li>Catalytic oxidizer controls vapor emissions from holding tank</li> </ul>



# No. 3 Separator System – Remediation Summary



Purpose:	Containment Source Removal
Location:	AOI-7
Active Operation:	2012 - Present
Recovery Wells:	10
Recovery Volume:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>25 million gallons groundwater</li><li>&gt;113,800 gallons LNAPL</li></ul>
Other Elements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carbon filters control vapor emissions from holding tank</li><li>Prevention of LNAPL in the Schuylkill River</li></ul>



# Key Take-Away

- What is a Remedial System?
  - *A system that protects human health and the environment through source removal, hydraulic control or engineering or instrumental controls*
- What Systems are at the Site?
  - *Recovery systems, biodegradation, vapor barriers, and vent systems*
- How Much has been Remediated?
  - *Over 1 Billion gallons of water and oil has been removed and treated*
- What are the Future Plans?
  - *Evergreen will continue to remediate as necessary, adapting to the specific conditions of the site.*

# Next Steps

- Act 2 Reports are available on the project website, at the Thomas F. Donatucci, Sr. Library (1935 Shunk St.) and at Eastwick Library (2851 Island Avenue) and at PADEP (<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/PublicRecords/Pages/Informal-File-Review.aspx>)
- Comments can be submitted today in writing on comment forms, through the online submission form on the website at [www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info](http://www.phillyrefinerycleanup.info), via email to [phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com](mailto:phillyrefinerycleanup@ghd.com), or through Q&A tonight.
- Comment period begins today and will last for 120 days ending when the second meeting is held on or around March 9, 2020.

