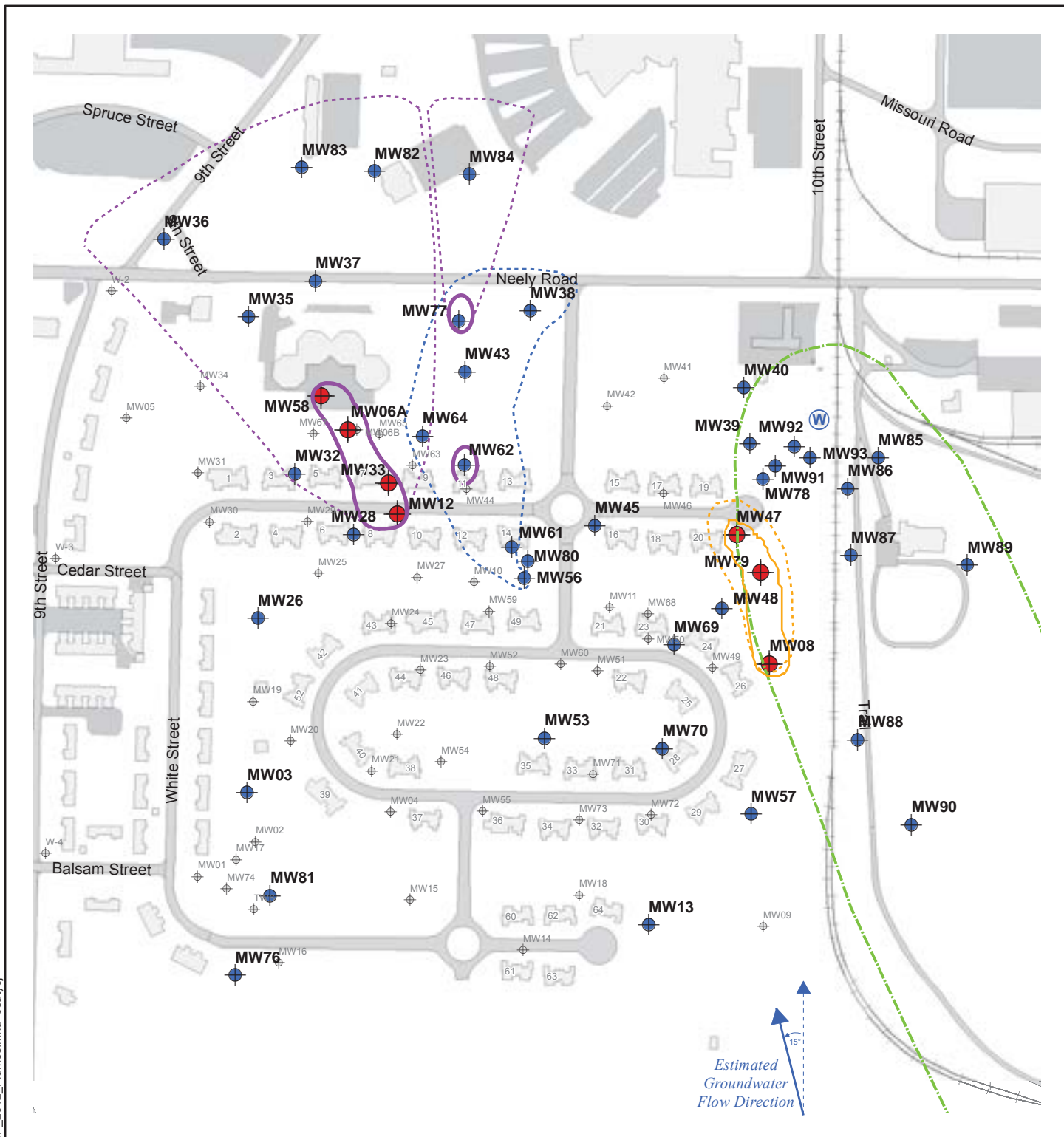
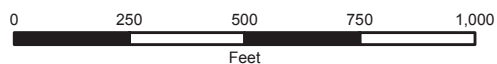


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- Post Water Supply Well Capture Zone\*
- DRO above project cleanup level (plume area)
- TCP above project cleanup level (plume area)
- DRO below project cleanup level (leading plume edge)
- TCE below project cleanup level (leading plume edge)
- TCP below project cleanup level (leading plume edge)
- Monitoring Well Sampled in 2012 - Exceedance
- Monitoring Well Sampled in 2012 - No Exceedance
- Onsite Well
- Post Water Supply Well
- Building
- Railroad
- Road or Trail

All Locations Are Approximate



WGS 1984 UTM Zone 6N



## 2012 FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE IN-PLUME BOUNDARIES

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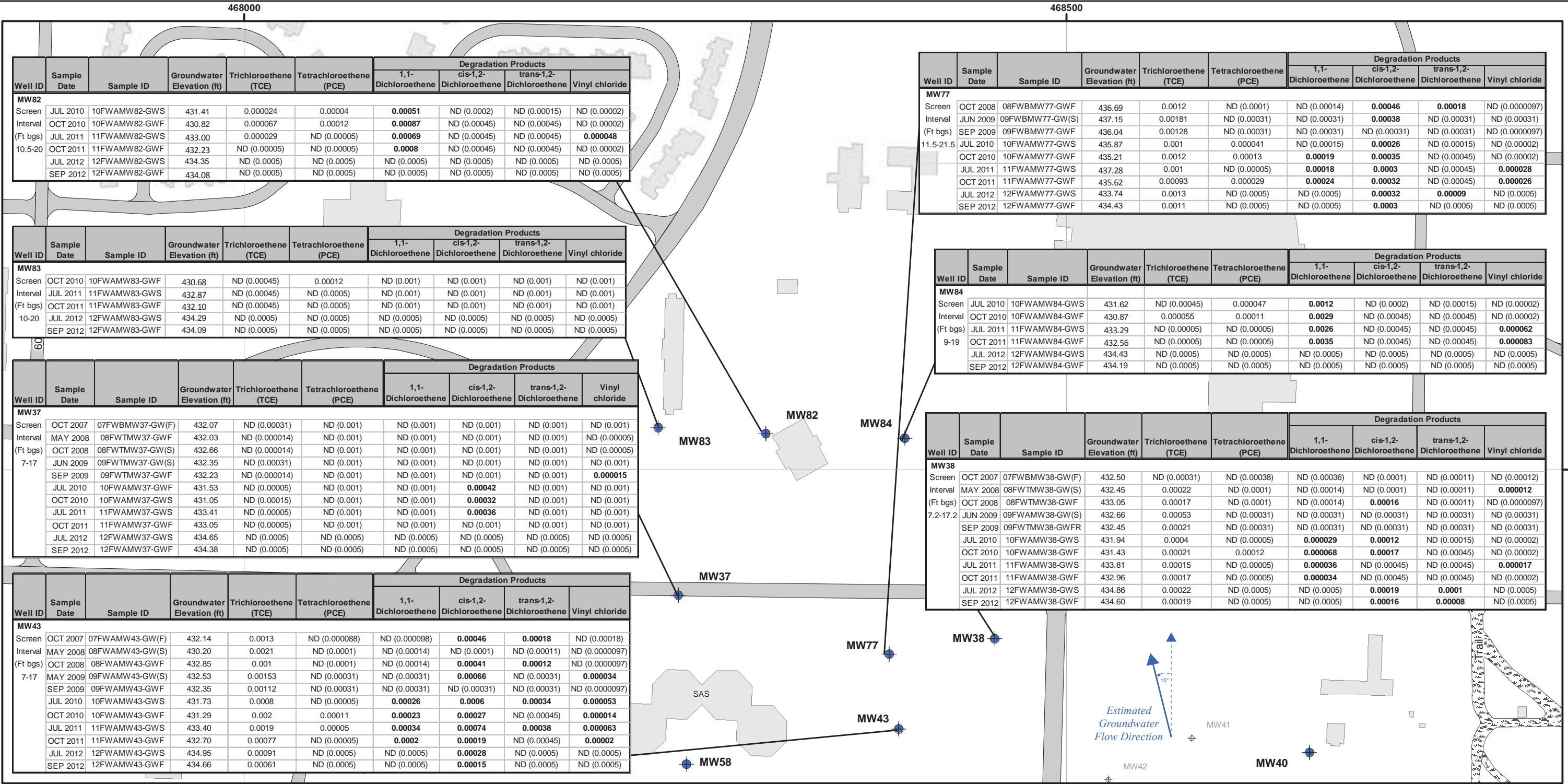
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TCP: 1,2,3-Trichloropropane

\*Modeled by CH2M HILL (UACE 2010 Appendix B), for a pumping rate of 1,700 gpm.

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Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW82									
Screen Interval (Ft bgs)	JUL 2010	10FWAMW82-GWS	431.41	0.000024	0.00004	0.00051	ND (0.0002)	ND (0.00015)	ND (0.00002)
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW82-GWF	430.82	0.000067	0.00012	0.00087	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00002)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW82-GWS	433.00	0.000029	ND (0.00005)	0.00069	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	0.000048
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW82-GWF	432.23	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	0.0008	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00002)
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW82-GWS	434.35	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)
	SEP 2012	12FWAMW82-GWF	434.08	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW83									
Screen Interval (Ft bgs)	OCT 2010	10FWAMW83-GWF	430.68	ND (0.00045)	0.00012	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW83-GWS	432.87	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW83-GWF	432.10	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW83-GWS	434.29	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)
10-20	SEP 2012	12FWAMW83-GWF	434.09	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW37									
Screen	OCT 2007	07FWBMW37-GW(F)	432.07	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
Interval	MAY 2008	08FWTMW37-GWF	432.03	ND (0.00014)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.00005)
7-17 (Ft bgs)	OCT 2008	08FWTMW37-GW(S)	432.66	ND (0.00014)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.00005)
	JUN 2009	09FWTMW37-GW(S)	432.35	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	SEP 2009	09FWTMW37-GWF	432.23	ND (0.00014)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	0.000015
	JUL 2010	10FWAMW37-GWF	431.53	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	0.00042	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW37-GWS	431.05	ND (0.00015)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	0.00032	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW37-GWS	433.41	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	0.00036	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW37-GWF	433.05	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)	ND (0.001)
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW37-GWS	434.65	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)
	SEP 2012	12FWAMW37-GWF	434.38	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW43									
Screen Interval (Ft bgs)	OCT 2007	07FWAMW43-GW(F)	432.14	0.0013	ND (0.000088)	ND (0.000098)	0.00046	0.00018	ND (0.00018)
	MAY 2008	08FWAMW43-GW(S)	430.20	0.0021	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00014)	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00011)	ND (0.000097)
	OCT 2008	08FWAMW43-GWF	432.85	0.001	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00014)	0.00041	0.00012	ND (0.000097)
	MAY 2009	09FWAMW43-GW(S)	432.53	0.00153	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	0.00066	ND (0.00031)	0.000034
	SEP 2009	09FWAMW43-GWF	432.35	0.00112	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.000097)
	JUL 2010	10FWAMW43-GWS	431.73	0.0008	ND (0.00005)	0.00026	0.0006	0.00034	0.000053
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW43-GWF	431.29	0.002	0.00011	0.00023	0.00027	ND (0.00045)	0.000014
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW43-GWS	433.40	0.0019	0.00005	0.00034	0.00074	0.00038	0.000063
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW43-GWF	432.70	0.00077	ND (0.00005)	0.0002	0.00019	ND (0.00045)	0.00002
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW43-GWS	434.95	0.00091	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	0.00028	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)
SEP 2012	12FWAMW43-GWF	434.66	0.00061	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	0.00015	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW77									
Screen Interval (Ft bgs)	OCT 2008	08FWBMW77-GWF	436.69	0.0012	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00014)	0.00046	0.00018	ND (0.000097)
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	JUL 2010	10FWAMW77-GWS	435.87	0.001	0.000041	ND (0.00015)	0.00026	ND (0.00015)	ND (0.00002)
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW77-GWF	435.21	0.0012	0.00013	0.00019	0.00035	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00002)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW77-GWS	437.28	0.001	ND (0.00005)	0.00018	0.0003	ND (0.00045)	0.000028
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW77-GWF	435.62	0.00093	0.000029	0.00024	0.00032	ND (0.00045)	0.000026
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW77-GWS	433.74	0.0013	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	0.00032	0.00009	ND (0.0005)
	SEP 2012	12FWAMW77-GWF	434.43	0.0011	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	0.0003	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW84									
Screen Interval (Ft bgs) 9-19	JUL 2010	10FWAMW84-GWS	431.62	ND (0.00045)	0.000047	0.0012	ND (0.0002)	ND (0.00015)	ND (0.00002)
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW84-GWF	430.87	0.000055	0.00011	0.0029	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00002)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW84-GWS	433.29	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	0.0026	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	0.000062
	OCT 2011	11FWAMW84-GWF	432.56	ND (0.00005)	ND (0.00005)	0.0035	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	0.000083
	JUL 2012	12FWAMW84-GWS	434.43	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)
	SEP 2012	12FWAMW84-GWF	434.19	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)

Well ID	Sample Date	Sample ID	Groundwater Elevation (ft)	Trichloroethene (TCE)	Tetrachloroethene (PCE)	Degradation Products			
						1,1-Dichloroethene	cis-1,2-Dichloroethene	trans-1,2-Dichloroethene	Vinyl chloride
MW38									
Screen	OCT 2007	07FWBMW38-GW(F)	432.50	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00038)	ND (0.00036)	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00011)	ND (0.00012)
Interval (Ft bgs)	MAY 2008	08FWTMW38-GW(S)	432.45	0.00022	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00014)	ND (0.0001)	ND (0.00011)	0.000012
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	SEP 2009	09FWTMW38-GWFR	432.45	0.00021	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)	ND (0.00031)
	JUL 2010	10FWAMW38-GWS	431.94	0.0004	ND (0.00005)	0.000029	0.00012	ND (0.00015)	ND (0.00002)
	OCT 2010	10FWAMW38-GWF	431.43	0.00021	0.00012	0.000068	0.00017	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00002)
	JUL 2011	11FWAMW38-GWS	433.81	0.00015	ND (0.00005)	0.000036	ND (0.00045)	ND (0.00045)	0.000017
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	SEP 2012	12FWAMW38-GWF	434.60	0.00019	ND (0.0005)	ND (0.0005)	0.00016	0.00008	ND (0.0005)



- Onsite Well
- 2012 Sample -No Exceedance
- Post Water Supply Well

Notes:

Units: mg/L  
ND: not detected  
Ft bgs: feet below ground surface  
Trichloroethene (TCE) project cleanup level = 0.005 mg/L  
cis-1,2-Dichloroethene ADEC action level = 0.07 mg/L  
1,1-Dichloroethene ADEC action level = 0.007 mg/L  
trans-1,2-Dichloroethene ADEC action level = 0.1 mg/L  
Vinyl chloride ADEC action level = 0.002 mg/L  
Tetrachloroethene (PCE) ADEC action level = 0.005 mg/L

The F or S at the end of the sample ID indicates the spring or fall sampling event.  
(F) or (S) is appended to the sample ID where the original sample ID did not include an F or an S.  
Results are presented without qualifiers.  
**BOLD** indicates detections of degradation products.

All Locations Are Approximate

0 150 300 450 600

Feet

WGS 1984 UTM Zone 6N

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FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE (NORTH)  
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FOR IN-PLUME AND SURROUNDING WELLS  
FORT WAINWRIGHT, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

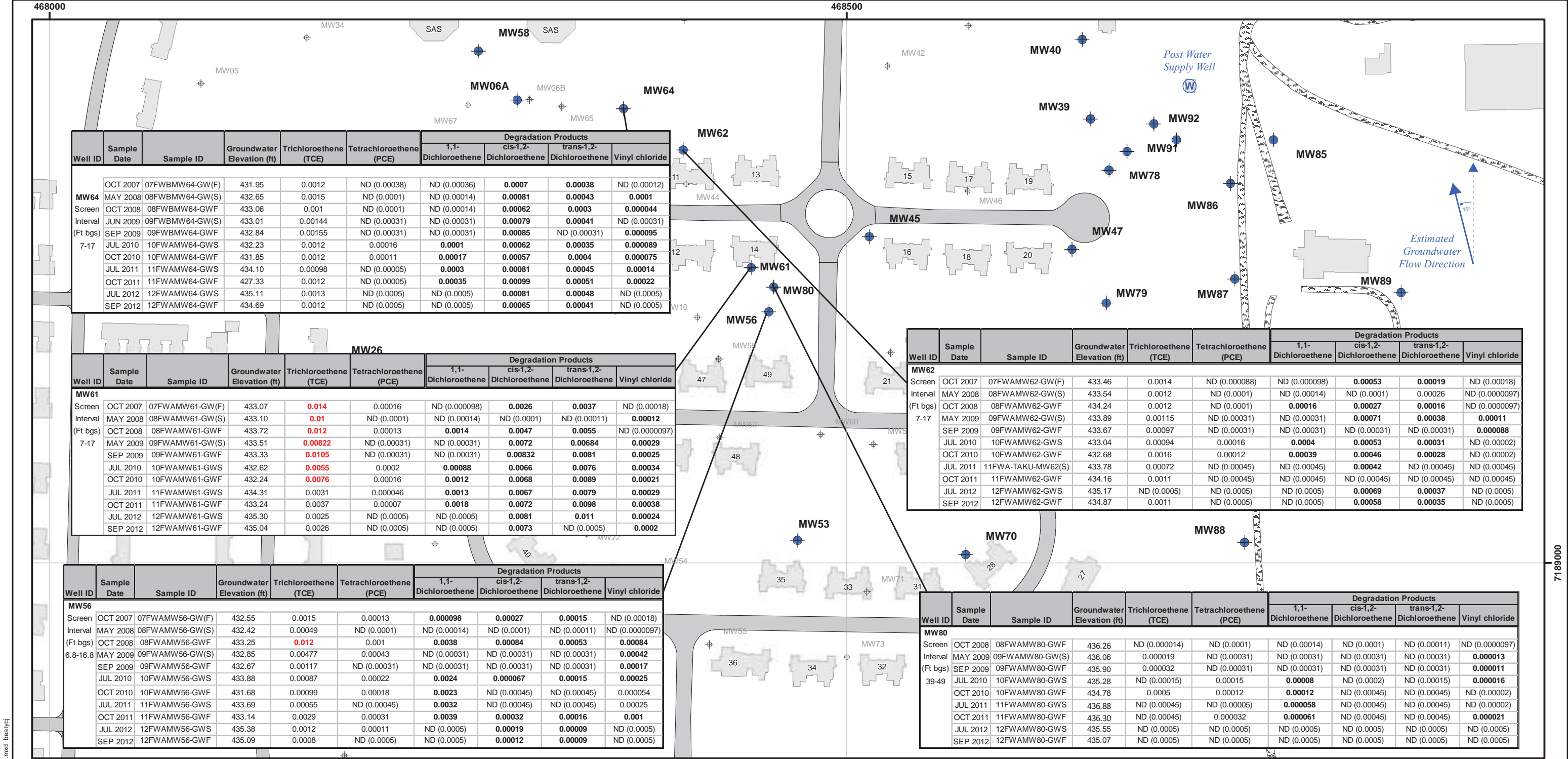
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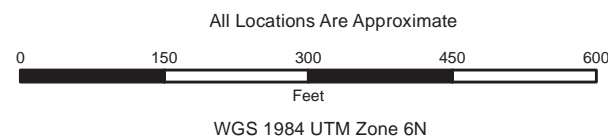


- Onsite Well
- 2012 Sample -No Exceedance
- Post Water Supply Well

#### Note:

Units: mg/L  
ND: not detected  
Ft bgs: feet below ground surface  
Trichloroethene (TCE) project cleanup level = 0.005 mg/L  
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Tetrachloroethene (PCE) ADEC action level = 0.005 mg/L

The F or S at the end of the sample ID indicates the spring or fall sampling event.  
(F) or (S) is appended to the sample ID where the original sample ID did not include an F or an S.  
Results are presented without qualifiers.  
**RED** exceeded the project cleanup level.  
**BOLD** indicates detections of degradation products.



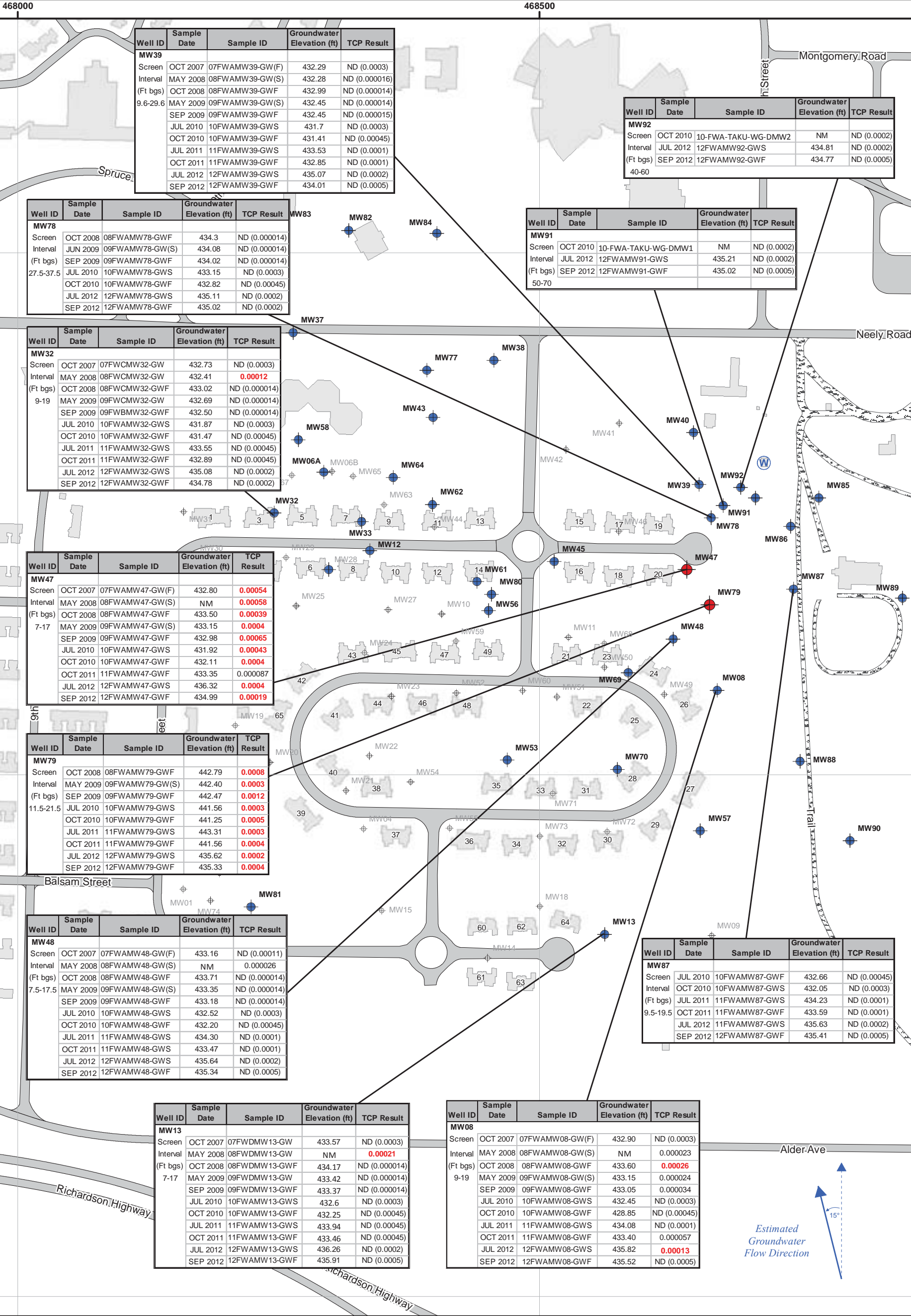
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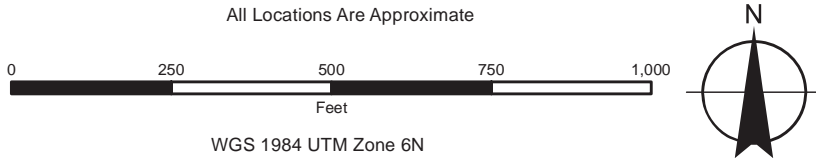
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- 2012 Sample - Exceedance
- Onsite Well
- 2012 Sample - No Exceedance
- Post Water Supply Well

Notes:  
Project cleanup level: 0.00012  
Units: mg/L  
Method: SW8260, SW8260SIM  
The F or S at the end of the sample ID indicates Spring or fall sampling.  
**RED** exceeded the project cleanup level.  
TCP: 1,2,3-Trichloropropane  
Results are presented without qualifiers.  
ND = not detected



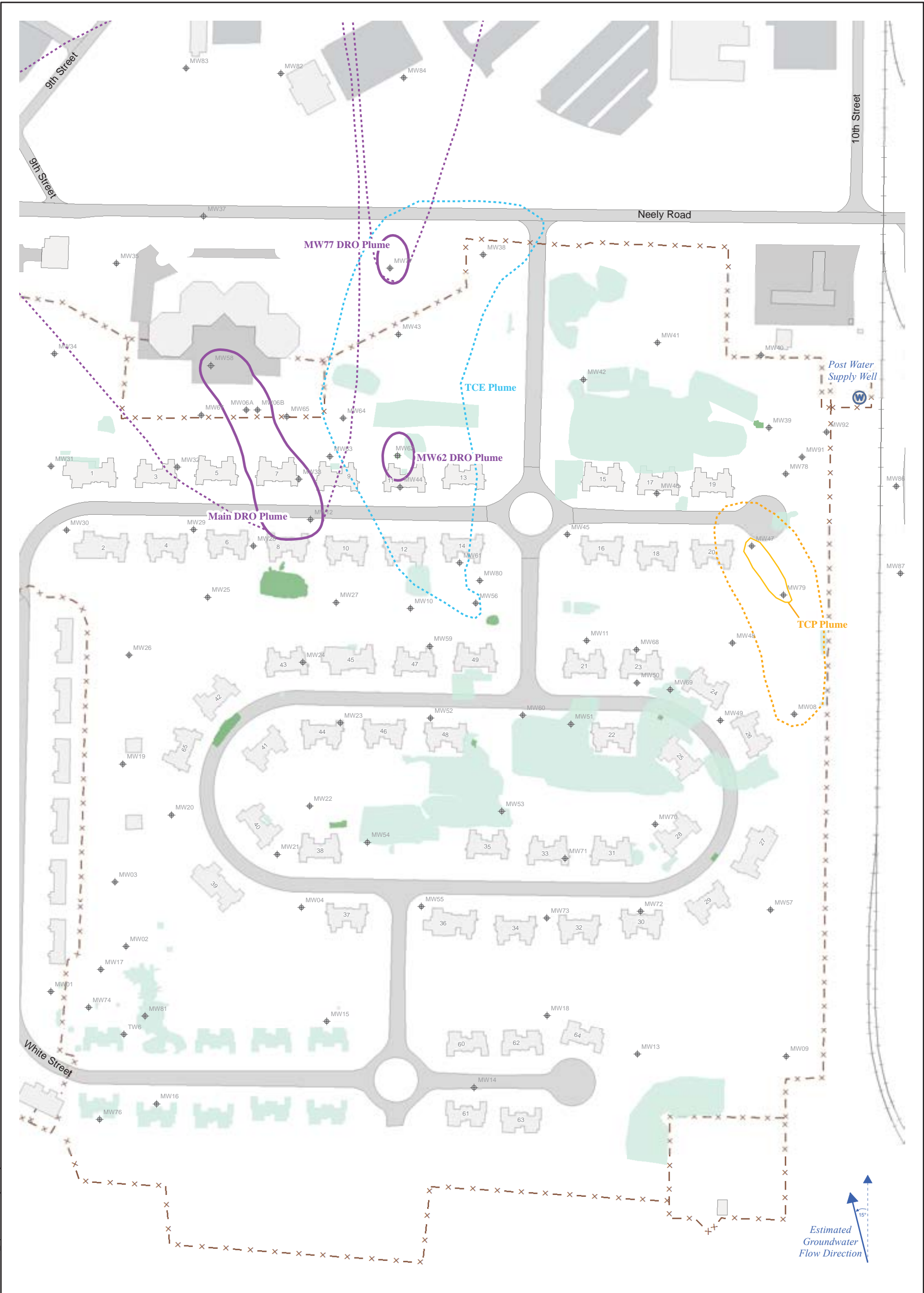
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RESULTS FOR IN-PLUME AND SURROUNDING WELLS  
FORT WAINWRIGHT, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

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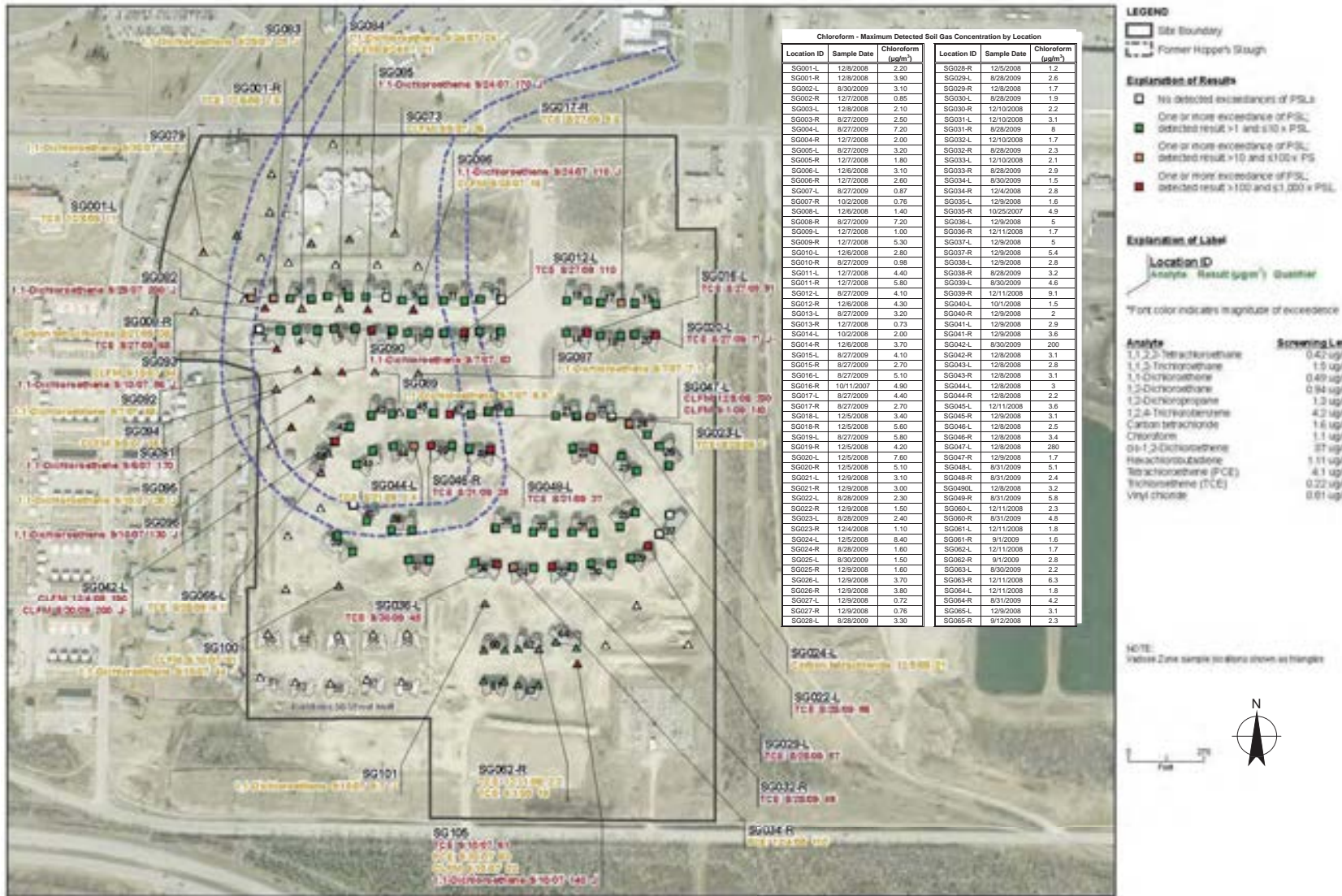
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<p><b>SOURCE REMOVAL AREAS</b> 2007 - 2011</p> <p>FORT WAINWRIGHT, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA</p>			
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\* TCP: 1,2,3-Trichloropropane





# FORMER COMMUNICATION SITE DISTRIBUTION OF CHLORINATED VOCs IN SOIL GAS

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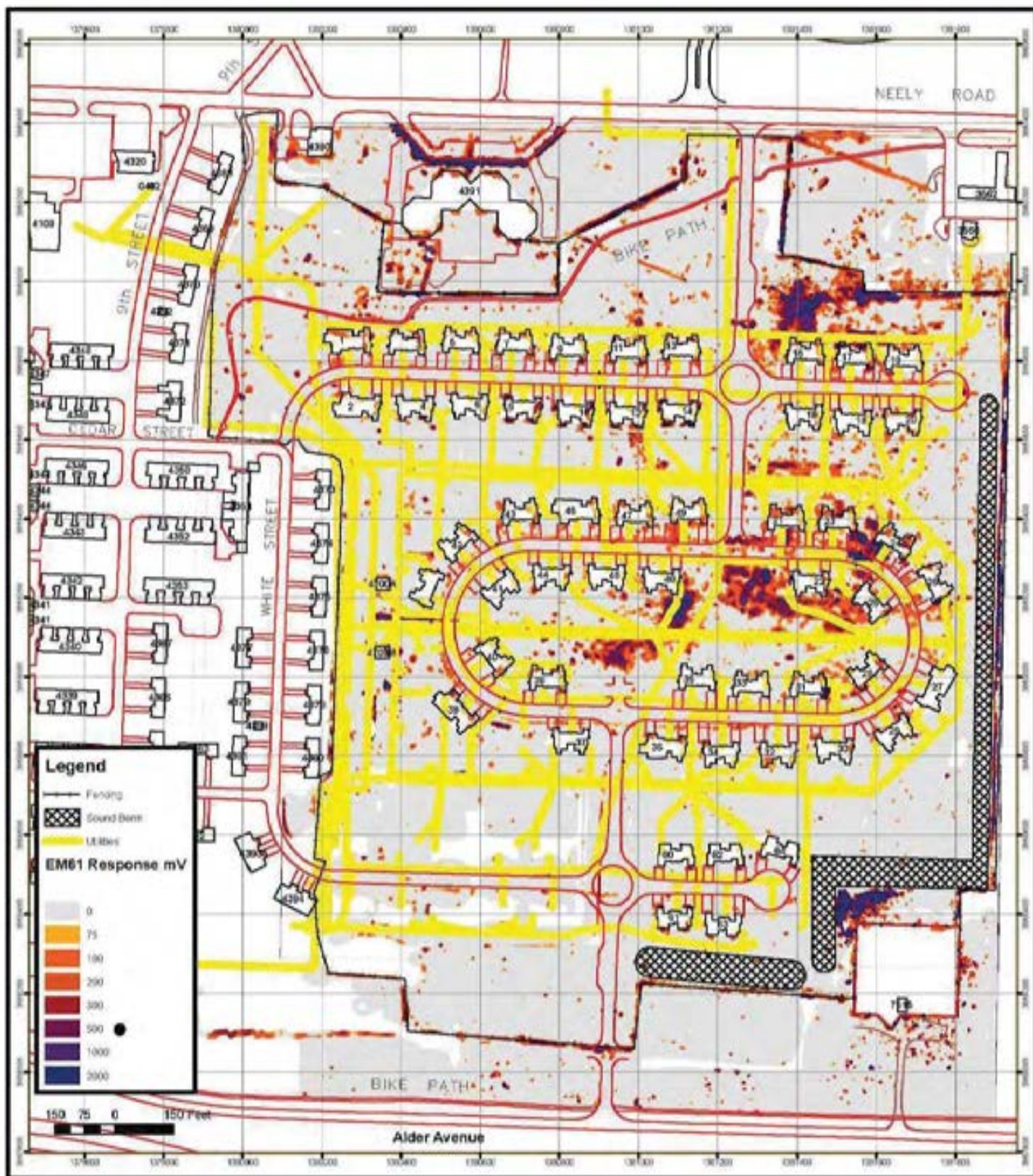
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# FORMER COMMUNICATION SITE GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY RESULTS 2007

FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

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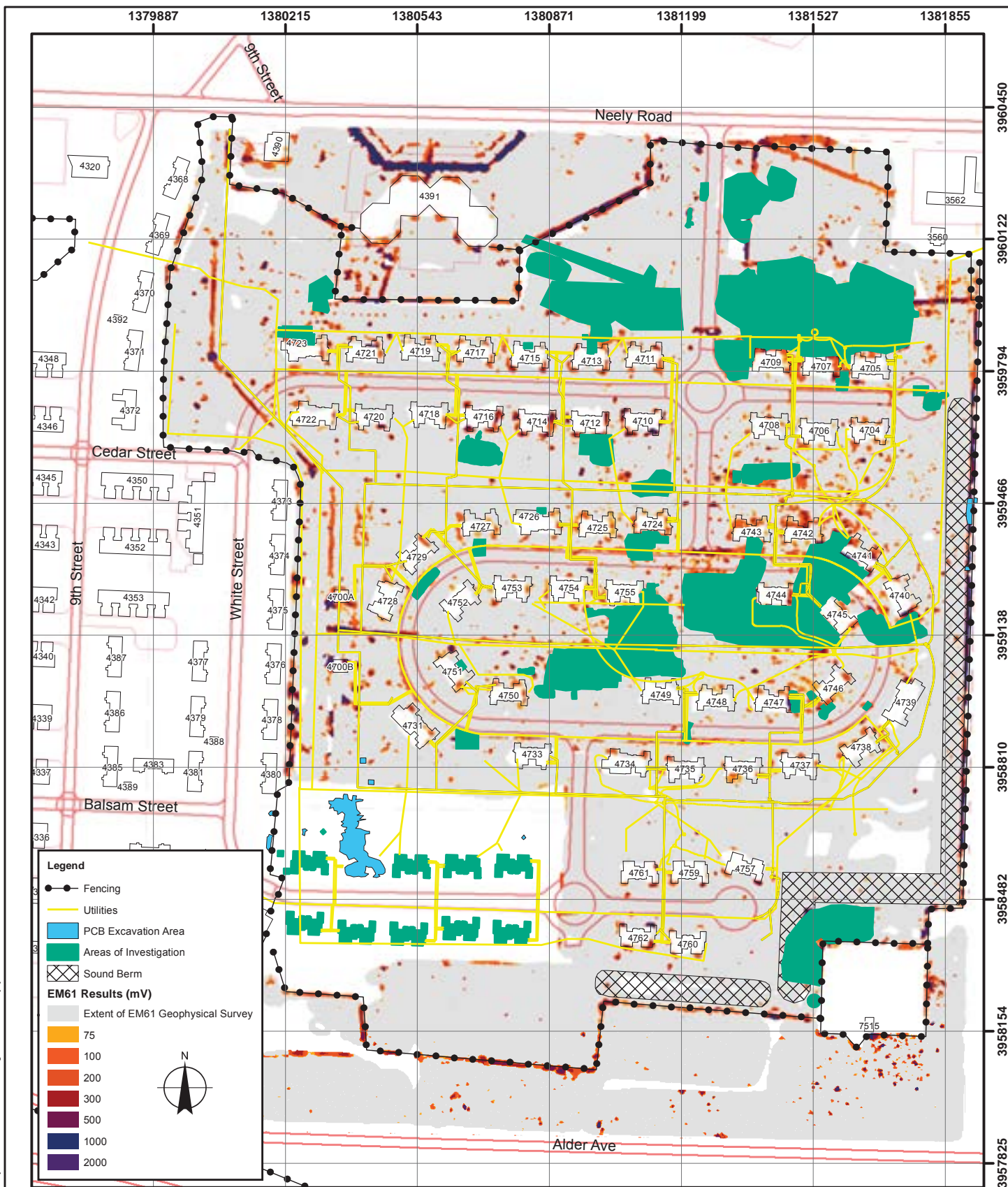
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All Locations Are Approximate

0 250 500 750 1,000

Feet

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**FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE  
GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY RESULTS AND AREAS OF INVESTIGATION  
2007-2011**

FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

**JACOBS**

DATE:  
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PROJECT MANAGER:  
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# FORMER COMMUNICATION SITE BUILDINGS WITH POSSIBLE DEBRIS BENEATH FOUNDATION

FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

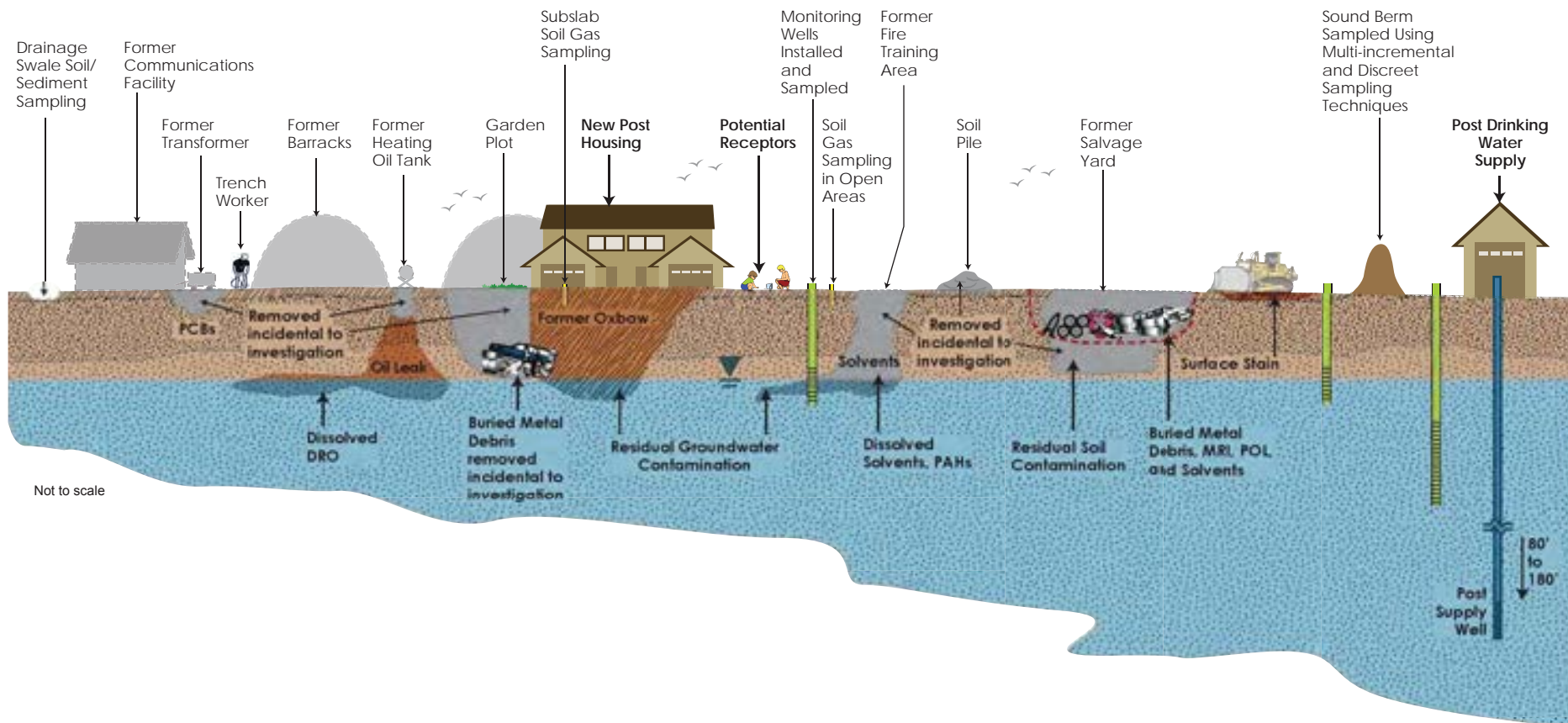
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-  Historical Activity (grayed out)
-  Groundwater
-  Soil
-  Fill
-  Sandy Silt/Silty Sand
-  Sand

SOURCE: CH2M HILL, 2010 (DECEMBER)

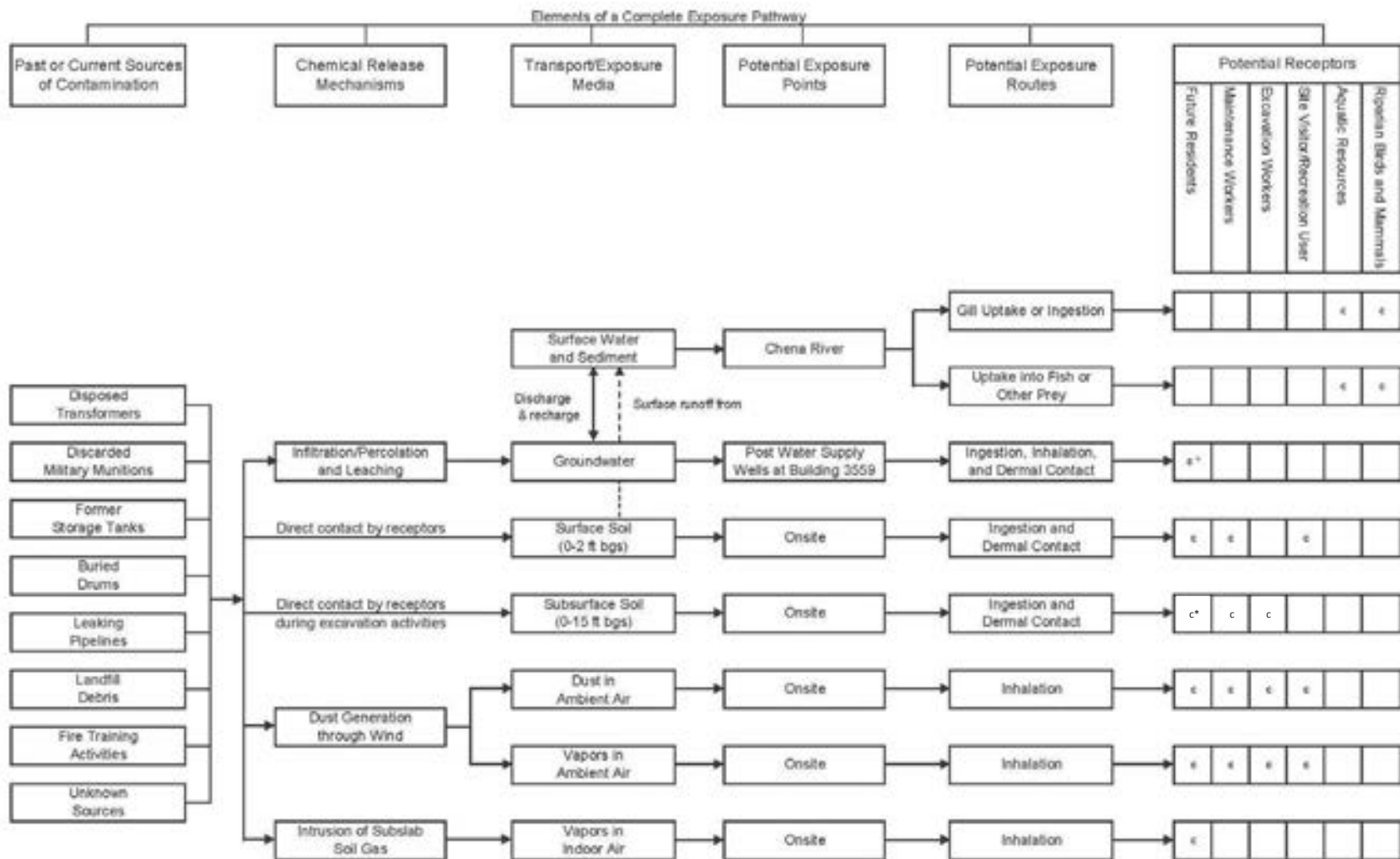
FORMER COMMUNICATION SITE  
 CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL FOR POTENTIAL HUMAN  
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 FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

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**FORMER COMMUNICATION SITE  
CONCEPTUAL SITE MODEL FOR POTENTIAL  
HUMAN AND ECOLOGICAL EXPOSURES**

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Image Source: Fort Wainwright DPW - ENV, 2012



- × - Fence
- OU6 Institutional Control Boundary
- Buildings 50-59 Not Built
- Building
- Paved Road
- Unpaved Road

All Locations Are Approximate

0 100 200 300 400

Feet

Alaska State Plane Zone 3  
Transverse Mercator



### OPERABLE UNIT 6 SOIL AND GROUNDWATER INSTITUTIONAL CONTROL BOUNDARY

FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements**



**Table B-1**  
**Chemical-Specific Applicable and Relevant and Appropriate Requirements**  
**Former Communications Site, Fort Wainwright, Alaska**

Standard, Requirement, Criterion, or Limitation		ARAR Status	Description
Alaska Oil and Other Hazardous Substances Pollution Control	18 AAC 75.345	Applicable	Table C establishes groundwater cleanup levels for the site (i.e., DRO, RRO, and 1,2,3-TCP).
National Primary Drinking Water MCLs	40 CFR 141	Relevant and Appropriate	Establishes primary drinking water standards (MCLs) pursuant to section 1412 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Safe Drinking Water Act (Pub. L. 93-523) and establishes the MCL for TCE.

**Notes:**

AAC = Alaska Administrative Code

ARAR = Applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement

CFR = Code of Federal Regulations

MCLs = maximum contaminant levels

TCE = trichloroethene

U.S.C = United States Code

1,2,3-TCP = 1,2,3-trichloropropane

**Table B-2**  
**Action-Specific Applicable and Relevant and Appropriate Requirements**  
**Former Communications Site, Fort Wainwright, Alaska**

Standard, Requirement, Criterion, or Limitation		ARAR Status	Description
Alaska Oil and Other Hazardous Substances Pollution Control	18 AAC 75.355(b)	Applicable	ADEC requirement that sampling and analysis be conducted or supervised by a qualified, objective person.
	18 AAC 75.360	Applicable	ADEC requirement that the site cleanup be conducted or supervised by a qualified person .
	18 AAC 75.375(c)	Applicable	ADEC requirements for selection and implementation of institutional controls.
Implementation of Institutional Controls	SPAR Guidance 2011	TBC	Describes steps to create, remove, and track institutional controls.

**Notes:**

AAC = Alaska Administrative Code

ADEC = Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

ARAR = Applicable or relevant and appropriate requirement

TBC = To be considered

1,2,3-TCP = 1,2,3-trichloropropane



**APPENDIX C**  
**Public Participation**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**THE UNITED STATES ARMY INVITES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE**  
**PROPOSED PLAN AND AFTER ACTION MEMORANDUM**  
**FOR THE FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE (TAKU GARDENS),**  
**FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA**

**PUBLIC MEETING ON JANUARY 15, 2013 AT THE FAIRBANKS PRINCESS HOTEL**

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright, as lead agency for environmental response actions on the installation, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, has developed a Proposed Plan and After Action Memorandum for the Former Communications Site (FCS). The U.S. Army is soliciting public review and comment on the recommendation to implement monitored natural attenuation and institutional controls for this site.

After January 2, 2013, copies of the Proposed Plan, After Action Memorandum, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, subsequent reports and supporting documentation contained in the Administrative Record will be available for public review at the Fort Wainwright Public Library, Bldg 3700 Santiago Avenue, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, 99703, the Noel Wien Public Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99701 and the U.S. Army Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Office, Building 3023, Engineer Place, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Individuals interested in reviewing the documents on post should allow additional waiting time in line to get the pass. Access to the Post requires non-residents/employees to get a pass at the Visitor's Center at the Main Gate on Gaffney Road. The U.S. Army encourages the public to participate in the decision-making process by offering comments on the Proposed Plan and After Action Memorandum.

The public comment period is January 14, 2013 through February 12, 2013. A public meeting will be held January 15, 2013 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Fairbanks Princess Hotel, 4477 Pikes Landing Rd., Fairbanks, Alaska. Questions, comments, and responses on the Proposed Plan and After Action Memorandum will be recorded by a court reporter during the public meeting. Written comments will be accepted throughout the public comment period. Comments may also be submitted via a toll-free number (1-877-243-6974) or by sending an email to FCS-



Comments@jacobs.com. Individuals wishing to receive a response to their comments should indicate so in their message.

The FCS is located between Alder and Neely Roads, on Fort Wainwright, Alaska, and covers an area of approximately 54 acres. The site is the current location of the unoccupied Taku Gardens housing development, which the U.S. Army intends to open for residential occupation with EPA and ADEC concurrence. Soil and groundwater at the FCS were contaminated as a result of historical use and disposal activities during the 1950s. Soil at the site was contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), petroleum, and volatile and semivolatile organic compounds. Groundwater was contaminated with petroleum and volatile organic compounds. Extensive site investigation and removal actions were conducted between 2005 and 2012. Potentially hazardous debris and contaminated soil above risk-based cleanup levels was removed to the greatest extent practicable. Diesel in subsurface soil is the only contaminant present above risk-based cleanup levels but does not pose an unacceptable risk to future residents provided they abide by the Institutional Controls.

The After Action Memorandum documents the removal of residual contaminated soil and debris encountered during earlier investigations and removal actions between 2005 and 2012. The Proposed Plan also documents all site investigation and removal actions of contaminated soil and buried munitions-related debris between 2005 and 2012, describes the remedial alternatives considered, and presents the Preferred Alternative. The Army, EPA, and ADEC evaluated the following remedial alternatives for addressing contaminated soil and groundwater at the site:

- Soil
- No Action
- Institutional Controls to Restrict Excavation
- Groundwater
- No Action
- Monitored Natural Attenuation and Institutional Controls to Prohibit Groundwater Use
- In Situ Chemical Oxidation and Institutional Controls to Prohibit Groundwater Use
- Permeable Reactive Barrier, Monitored Natural Attenuation, and Institutional Controls to Prohibit Groundwater Use.

Interested individuals should refer to the Remedial Investigation Report and other contents of the Administrative Record file for further information on all remedial alternatives considered. Electronic copies of these records will be available at the aforementioned locations after January 2, 2013.

The Preferred Alternative for the FCS is monitored natural attenuation and institutional controls for soil and groundwater. Groundwater monitoring will confirm that groundwater contaminant concentrations are naturally decreasing. Institutional controls limiting excavation of soil and prohibiting groundwater use at the FCS will continue to promote the ongoing protection of human health and the environment. Although this is the Preferred Alternative at the present time, the Army welcomes the public's comments on all of the remedial alternatives listed above. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the Army, in cooperation with the EPA and ADEC, will review all comments and select the best alternative based on the Evaluation Criteria and public input. The Final Remedy for the FCS will be chosen after the public comment period ends and after taking public comments into account.

The Army invites all residents of Fort Wainwright, the Fairbanks North Star Borough and other Stakeholders to attend a public meeting designed to provide attendees with a brief overview of the environmental cleanup and allow them the opportunity to ask questions and interact with representatives from the Army, the EPA and ADEC. Participants will have the opportunity to hear a briefing describing the work that has been accomplished at this site; look at static displays of the types of materials found during the remedial investigation; the types of sampling that were conducted on the site, and posters that chronicle the work completed at Taku Gardens. The doors will open at 6:00 PM. A short presentation will begin at 7:00 PM with questions and topics of discussion to follow immediately after the presentation.

For more information regarding this public meeting, the Proposed Plan, the After Action Memorandum, or the Administrative Record please contact Joe Malen at 907-361-4512 or Cliff Seibel at 907-361-6220.



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5 PROPOSED PLAN FOR  
6 FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE (TAKU GARDENS)  
7 FORT WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA  
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9 BEFORE JOSEPH MALEN,  
10 Remedial Project Manager

11 Fairbanks, Alaska  
12 Princess Hotel, Jade Room  
13 4477 Pikes Landing Road  
14 Fairbanks, Alaska 99709  
15 January 15, 2013  
16 7:00 p.m.  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JOSEPH MALEN: Good evening, everyone. Like I said, my  
3 name is Joe Malen and I'm the remedial project manager for the  
4 Operable Unit 6 Taku Gardens site out on Fort Wainwright. I'd  
5 like to thank you all for coming and I would like to recognize  
6 a few of our distinguished visitors or attendees at the moment,  
7 and I would like to leave opening remarks to Col. Johnson, who  
8 is the Garrison commander, to give opening stuff. If you want  
9 to do it from there or here, it's up to you, sir.

10 COL. JOHNSON: No, I can come up there. Okay. How are  
11 you doing? I'm Col. Johnson. So I'm the commander of Fort  
12 Wainwright. So how many folks here aren't part of either  
13 federal regulators, state regulators, or somebody that has  
14 something to do with Fort Wainwright? How many are just  
15 interested citizens? Okay. The reason I'm asking is so I'd  
16 rather spend my time focusing on you guys and have our guys  
17 focus on you because everyone else has been involved with this  
18 for a long time because of what's going on.

19 So what we're doing today and I -- this evening, and  
20 Joe will get into it -- is there anyone else presenting besides  
21 you?

22 JOSEPH MALEN: No, sir.

23 COL. JOHNSON: Okay. So Joe will run through a whole  
24 bunch of stuff for you, but what this is, is part of the  
25 process that we have to do. There's a thing called CERCLA, and



1 it's a big acronym, but basically the CERCLA process is a  
2 process that is basically focused on law, but, you know, we are  
3 required to go through a process that talks about our  
4 remediation and there's a whole bunch of steps and things we  
5 have to do. But to make it simple, what we're doing tonight as  
6 part of that is the public comment process.

7         So the whole intent tonight is to kind of present, hey,  
8 here's what happened, here's what we found, here's what we did.  
9 These were some of the things that were required, this is the  
10 way ahead and what the future has for us. But as you go  
11 through all of this, we are required by law to give the public  
12 an opportunity to (1) get smart about what's going on and (2)  
13 have some comments and ask some questions.

14         So we've got -- there's federal regulators here. Jack  
15 is from EPA, there are folks from ADEC, Alaska state  
16 regulators; there's a whole bunch of environmental folks from  
17 the Garrison. So after Joe has gone through and given you all  
18 this information, if you haven't already, feel free to go  
19 around and look at these different boards, look at some of the  
20 stuff here and ask any questions that you have, because there's  
21 a lot of really smart people in the room that have been working  
22 on this since around 2005. And I just happened to be the  
23 commander at Fort Wainwright back in 2005 when this all  
24 started. In fact, it was like week into my command. I took  
25 command and like four days later we figured out what was going

1 on; that we had an issue at Taku Gardens.

2 So I've got a lot of personal knowledge of what  
3 happened for three years, and then I was gone and I just came  
4 back about a year and a half ago and, you know, all this stuff  
5 was supposed to be taken care of by the time I got back, but  
6 here we are.

7 So, really, this is the one thing I want to say and  
8 then I'll get out of here, is to me this is a good-news story,  
9 Taku Gardens. And I don't know if Joe is going to get into  
10 that as far as the process of what we've done, but as far as  
11 the Army goes, and this is my own personal opinion, what I  
12 think is good about this whole process is that, you know, we  
13 were trying to build Army family housing on the installation  
14 and during that time we saw that we had environmental issues.  
15 So one of the things that could have happened is we could have  
16 just shut the project down, stop construction, and probably  
17 lost the project. What we did instead is we worked with  
18 federal regulators and state regulators and we found a way to  
19 figure out -- do site exploration and really find out, what do  
20 we have? While we're doing that, continue with the  
21 construction as we could.

22 So once we kind of searched and looked to see what was  
23 going on, in those areas where we didn't have problems, we kept  
24 the project going, and we also were allowed to do some  
25 remediation at the same time. So we'd find something -- find a

1 mess, clean it up, keep building and keep going so that the  
2 process didn't just stop. It kept going and that allowed us to  
3 get where we're at today, which is an important part of that  
4 whole CERCLA process, and I'll let Joe talk more about that.

5 But this, to me, is a good news story that we're  
6 actually here today with the houses done, remediation done, and  
7 we're ready to transfer assets from -- the Corps of Engineers  
8 has already passed them back to us at Fort Wainwright; we're  
9 ready to pass them to our privatized housing partner, and we're  
10 ready to put families in those houses, in a safe environment  
11 and take advantage of great houses that we really need.

12 So thank you very much, and we'll hang out afterwards;  
13 if you've got questions, you can ask us.

14 JOSEPH MALEN: The other thing -- one of the things  
15 that the colonel brought up was that this is -- the public  
16 meeting is a requirement of public law. One of the other  
17 things that's a requirement is that we're supposed to take a  
18 verbatim transcript of the stuff that happens here. That's why  
19 we have our court reporter that's over to my right, your left,  
20 in the corner, and she's going to be taking the transcript of  
21 all that's said during this meeting.

22 The other thing is, if you would like to make an  
23 official public comment and you don't want to write it, you  
24 don't want to send an e-mail, you can come up and she will  
25 record you as a verbatim transcript. If you have a comment, if



1 you have a question, if you have a request, that's the nice  
2 lady that you would go to and make that known.

3 As we are going along and as I will be answering  
4 questions, I would like to ask your indulgence that I could  
5 carry a little pocket recorder so that questions, answers, and  
6 responses can be recorded as well, and then I just turn them  
7 over to her and it becomes a part of the record. If you don't  
8 want to be recorded, we don't have to take your name, we don't  
9 have to take anything like that; it can be an anonymous  
10 comment, it can be an anonymous question, but please let me  
11 know so that, you know, we turn -- I don't take the recorder  
12 with me and, you know, stick it up under your nose. So if you  
13 have a question, you have a concern and you don't want to go on  
14 official record or be recorded, please just let us know and we  
15 can accommodate that need.

16 We will make the com -- we will record the comment as  
17 "someone asked," you know, and that will go in the record, but  
18 you don't have to be officially there.

19 So I'd also like to recognize the other RPMs that are  
20 part of this project. The colonel already spoke of Jacques  
21 Gusmano. Mr. Gusmano is from Region 10 EPA. He has been with  
22 the project since 2005 and is here currently with us. Ms. Deb  
23 Caillouet, which -- who is from the State of Alaska, is right  
24 there in the back of the room, making sure that she makes faces  
25 at me to make me laugh during the presentation. She's been

1 with the program since 2008.

2 We had to switch RPMs for the state, in the middle, but  
3 Deb has caught herself up for everything that has happened in  
4 '05 all the way up to present day. So she is as knowledgeable  
5 as any of us to ask questions. We have regulators from the EPA  
6 and the State of Alaska as a requirement; it's part of our  
7 Federal Facility Agreement and it is part of the law of CERCLA.  
8 And CERCLA stands for the Comprehensive Environmental Response  
9 Compensation Liability Act. That's the great big thing, why we  
10 say CERCLA instead of the actual name of the act.

11 So if you have any questions, if you have any concerns,  
12 I'd like to ask if you could wait until after the presentation,  
13 but if something just jumps up and you've just got to ask a  
14 question, I'll entertain questions during the presentation.  
15 Just remember that the more questions you ask, the longer I  
16 blather on. So if you want to get me to sit down and shut up,  
17 you know, just wait till the end. But I will entertain, if you  
18 have something that you would really like to have.

19 Okay. The reason that we are here, we are talking  
20 about the former communication site, otherwise known as Taku  
21 Gardens, and we want to give you a brief history of everything  
22 that has happened, what was done there in the past, what we  
23 found out, what we encountered during our construction, during  
24 our investigations, tell you where we are today, and where we  
25 think we're going.

1           We also, again like we talked in the beginning, we want  
2   to give you, the public, the opportunity to have your comments  
3   known, ask your questions, and get the answers out to the  
4   public that we can. We have also -- in our public notices, we  
5   have put up a web site. Every piece of paperwork that we have  
6   attached to this is in what is called the Administrative  
7   Record, which is basically a record of every document,  
8   everything that we did that led to a decision for where we are  
9   today. And that is available online. It's part of the  
10  newspaper ad that we did. If you'd like to have it afterward,  
11  please let me know and we can get it to you so that you can  
12  download it.

13           Okay. Any questions about what we're here for, what we  
14  want to do before I jump into this? Okay. Here we go. Roller  
15  coaster ride.

16           This is Taku Gardens back in the forties and fifties.  
17  You can see that there's a lot going on in here. And what we  
18  did is we superimposed where the houses are today over what was  
19  there back in the forties and fifties. Up in the -- well, I  
20  have a pointer; I can do this. Up here in this upper area --  
21  upper center area, this is what we call brigade and wing  
22  section. That's where the troops were living, it's where their  
23  company stuff was, their storage, their equipment was all  
24  stored in that area. We also had -- if I can get this thing to  
25  move, you know, another offshoot over here. No one is quite



1     sure what that was, but, you know, they're there.

2             What we have in this area right here is what's called  
3     Hoppe's Slough. It was a slough that came off the Chena River  
4     at one time. It was basically filled over time as the troops  
5     were putting more and more things in the area. The antenna  
6     farm area is this area in here and we had what was called the  
7     Air Force Secret Security Service that was stationed in there.  
8     One of the unique things about all of the aerial photos that we  
9     have is this area right here in the bottom, and it's always  
10    obscured and we could never figure out how they always took a  
11    picture with a cloud over top of it. And it's kind of like,  
12    duh, they obscured it on purpose so that you couldn't see what  
13    was going on because it was a secret.

14            We also have a few other things that we care about  
15    today. There's an asphalt batch plant and a concrete batch  
16    plant up in that corner. We have a bunch of drums and what  
17    have you that are stored over here on the far right-hand side  
18    of the picture. And then, you know, down here is what we call  
19    a "cannibalization yard." It was a bunch of equipment, like a  
20    junkyard for the Army, and they would, you know, take pieces  
21    and parts from different equipment and would use it and return  
22    equipment to serviceable condition.

23            So there's a whole lot that we have going on around  
24    here. So, you know, we go back in history as best we can. You  
25    know, the problem is there's no absolute document as to what

1 was happening out there in a specific spot. I mean, back then,  
2 they did what they were supposed to do and no one was expecting  
3 that we were going to be here today doing what we're doing. So  
4 we have to go and make our best guess as far as what we need to  
5 look for and where we need to look for it.

6 The area that started the whole thing is down here in  
7 the southwest corner. It is the old Building 52 site which is  
8 down here. That's where we found PCBs during the initial  
9 excavation of the foundation. We had several contractors  
10 working, a lot of heavy equipment going on, and one of the --  
11 the operator of the piece of equipment smelled something funny,  
12 stopped his equipment, went through his chain and we ended up,  
13 after sampling, found that there was PCB contamination.

14 It's not that big an area as far as where the main PCBs  
15 were located, but what we did have, as the guy was pushing up  
16 dirt, making his foundation hole, the soil pile that was  
17 generated from that is where the PCB oils had gotten pushed up  
18 into. The environmental office folks at the time said, hey, we  
19 have this issue out here; we need to make it go away. And  
20 as -- and what normally the rule is, as you're loading stuff  
21 from the ground into a box to make it go away, you're supposed  
22 to use water -- you know, a water misting spray to keep the  
23 dust down. The contractor said, well, you know, if a couple  
24 gallons is good, a thousand gallons is better. And what he  
25 ended up doing was spraying a whole bunch of water over top of

1     that and made a mess, and we'll talk more about that later.

2             What we end up doing is we have a whole bunch of metal  
3     that was found during the investigation and it was scrap metal  
4     mostly, crushed up drums, pieces of equipment, beds, lockers.  
5     Yes, we actually found a locomotive engine and, yes, we did  
6     find a forklift that was buried on site. They were there. It  
7     was a place where they were burying junk; we found it. There  
8     were tank treads, there was Marsden Matting, which is a hasty  
9     airfield material. All sorts of stuff that was out there.

10            Unfortunately, a couple of the drums had some petroleum  
11     in it; it was not a big deal. We had to go and segregate that  
12     stuff. There was a little bit of petroleum-contaminated soil.  
13     That was segregated off in separate piles and then everything  
14     that was not known to be contaminated was pushed off into other  
15     piles within the compound.

16            So after we go through all of this stuff of what's  
17     happening, and we decided that we needed to go and do further  
18     investigation, we went and ran EM61, Electromagnetic 61, is the  
19     name of the equipment that goes and generates this map that  
20     we're seeing right here. And everywhere that you see dark  
21     spots, that says that there's a lot of metal that's buried in  
22     that place and we care about that because metal equates  
23     possibly to drums and drums we cared about because if there was  
24     something in it, we wanted to make it go away.

25            So what we ended up doing as the RPMs, we sat down and



1     said, okay, this is a big site. The contractor who was  
2     building the housing has already removed a whole bunch of stuff  
3     that was underneath and in and around the houses to get them  
4     out of his way so that he could build his utilities and put the  
5     houses up.

6             This is the stuff that was left afterward that we  
7     needed to go back and find. This was done in 2007 and what I'm  
8     going to lead you over to is my left, your right, we have yet  
9     the large posters over there that kind of give you an idea -- a  
10    better idea of the type of stuff that was looked at. When you  
11    look at the original housing, there were 88 borings that the  
12    Corps of Engineers did before we even started shovel 1. And  
13    all they found was junk and they found a little bit of  
14    petroleum. And Alaska, and especially up at Fort Wainwright,  
15    that's something that we find every day and we weren't really  
16    concerned. There was no contamination found other than the  
17    petroleum, with the exception of one PCB hit and when we went  
18    back to look to see if there was anything there, we couldn't  
19    replicate it, so we said we must have got it with the sample.

20            And we have over here on the far side, you know, you  
21    can actually see where the samples happened, where we stepped  
22    out, if you're interested.

23            And so with all the information that we had from our  
24    initial start in 2004 and we come out here to 2006 and we're at  
25    the point where we're saying, hey, we keep hitting this metal,

1   there's a possibility for stuff in the drums, but we said we  
2   need to go and look at the places that had the most heavily --  
3   you know, heavily concentrations -- heavy concentrations of  
4   metal, which are the areas that we see here and down in here,  
5   and look at see what's there.

6           Well, your normal CERCLA process is you go in and you  
7   do some borings and you say, okay, this is what we think is in  
8   the soil, groundwater based on the information we have. Well,  
9   it's a pretty big site and that's a lot -- you know, those are  
10   very big areas here that we're looking at when you look at how  
11   much metal is there. So what we said was, you know, you're not  
12   going to be able to do this with soil borings; let's get the  
13   excavators in. And so what we did is investigation by  
14   excavator, which, in our process, is probably the best way to  
15   do it because you're getting a whole lot of dirt, you're  
16   getting a great big picture instead of this very little, tiny  
17   thing that you normally deal with.

18           So, again, these areas here that you see, the heavier  
19   concentrations, that's where we focused our initial  
20   investigations on. It expanded from there, and I'll go into  
21   that a little bit later. Fine.

22           The EM61 map that you just saw, that's how we generate  
23   that thing. There's actually a guy that walked the entire  
24   compound, all 54 acres, just like that on a line. Some of it  
25   was towed when we had big open areas. And that's how the map

1 was generated. The guys are looking like they're having all  
2 sorts of fun, don't they?

3 Okay. What was accomplished? You know, you start  
4 looking at stuff, you try and put words, you know, to all this  
5 stuff and you start thinking, oh, my gosh, we've really done a  
6 whole bunch of work. And, you know, when you start talking  
7 about 345,000 square feet, you're starting to talk eight acres  
8 of area that we actually went and put backhoe into it, dug it  
9 up, and made sure that there was nothing in the soil or, if  
10 there was something in the soil, it went away.

11 So we know that after we dug, we took samples at the  
12 bottoms of the holes and the side walls of the holes. If we  
13 found anything in the holes that was a contamination, we dug it  
14 out, put it in a box, made it go away. If it was clean, we'd  
15 cite it as clean and moved on to the next area. The munitions-  
16 related debris, that's the stuff that's on my right, your left;  
17 it's laying on the floor and I invite you to go and look at  
18 that after the presentation. We also have UXO technicians that  
19 are available, that can explain to you what it is that you're  
20 looking at, if you're interested.

21 Two rocket motors were found. We have a rocket motor  
22 sitting there, you know, of what we had found. In the tail  
23 end, in the rocket part of the motor, there was some residual  
24 propellant and it's called residual propellant because it was  
25 all water-logged and basically degraded. But because the



1 propellant was there and it was still inside the cup for the  
2 rocket motor, those two things get classified as discarded  
3 military munitions, meaning that there was an energetic source  
4 within the device itself, which were taken to the range, blown  
5 up and made go away.

6           Of the other items that you will see over here on  
7 display, whenever they were found, they were treated as live  
8 munitions until we could prove that there was nothing in them.  
9 And the way that you find that there's nothing in them, either  
10 they're opened and you can see inside or we take them out to  
11 the range and we put what's called a small donor charge and we  
12 try and initiate an explosion. If all you do is make a hole in  
13 the thing or dent it up and mangle it up a little bit, it's not  
14 full of energetic material and is considered munitions debris,  
15 and that's what we have over here. And that was the majority  
16 of the stuff we found with the exception of the two rocket  
17 motors.

18           You know, lots of -- you know, 389 tons. We have  
19 pictures of it over there on the wall that you can see and I'll  
20 flip it up here in a second. But that's a lot of metal, you  
21 know, and what we have in the picture over there is basically  
22 from one investigation, not all of them.

23           Nonservicable material that was hauled off: basically,  
24 when you have sandy silt, you can't build on it, it's not good  
25 for your gardens or anything like that. So 11,000 cubic yards

1 went over to our landfill to be used as landfill cover, which  
2 is about the best thing for it. 1,061 drums dug up; 608 empty,  
3 meaning there was absolutely nothing in it; 445 had detectible  
4 residue, meaning you could tell what was in it based on the  
5 residue there, mostly oil. Eight had measurable liquid that  
6 could be sampled. It came out mostly petroleum hydrocarbon and  
7 one of them had something else added into it that was kind of  
8 strange, but it was still mostly just fuel; nothing else was  
9 hazardous.

10           Okay. The PCB-contaminated soil: 3,300 cubic yards is  
11 a lot of soil and, again, the reason that that had to be dug up  
12 that way is after I told you about the water being splashed on  
13 the top of the pile, it made the soil run away from the pile  
14 and out into the area around it. So we had to clean all of  
15 that stuff up, which is why this number gets to be so huge.  
16 The 3,300 cubic yards of petroleum-contaminated soil, again,  
17 petroleum is something that we encounter all the time. We get  
18 it out of the way, we dig it up, we take it to OIT downtown,  
19 down in North Pole, and have them burn it, and then they bring  
20 that soil back and we put it in the landfill. The asbestos and  
21 solid waste, you know, again, it's just stuff that we normally  
22 encounter. It's not a big deal. Well, it's a big deal as far  
23 as we've got to make it go out of there, but it's now all gone,  
24 no longer an issue. We have none of that stuff left that we  
25 know of.

1           This is a picture -- this is building -- what are we  
2 doing? Oh, okay. That's right in the middle of 15, 17, and  
3 19, which is in the northern side of the northeast corner of  
4 the compound. This is what we were dealing with and what  
5 you're looking -- right here at the bottom, those are the --  
6 what the drums look like. Some of them actually look like they  
7 were intact; others were all crushed up and mangled like we  
8 have here and over in here. We dug the stuff out, had to  
9 unearth utilities, we came as close to the buildings as we  
10 could without compromising the foundations, and if we found,  
11 you know, drums or containers like this out there, when we were  
12 all done cleaning the solids out, we went and did lab samples  
13 to make sure that there was nothing from that drum and history  
14 left in the soil. If it was, it was dug up and made go away.

15           This is the same excavation that you just saw. They  
16 basically -- you know, what you were seeing was right along  
17 here and we had to go and do this backfill because, as you can  
18 see, we have utility poles that we had to go and replace. So  
19 this excavation actually went all the way against the house  
20 and, as you can see, this excavation down here, that's actually  
21 18 feet deep. We were right over top of groundwater and  
22 when -- we have that picture over there on the -- your right-  
23 hand side there, you'll actually see orange pin flags and  
24 that's where we took our samples to prove that we were actually  
25 clean. So that is a huge hole and everybody gets excited when

1 I say this, but that hole is clean. We have sampled that hole.  
2 We have looked at that -- we've pulled everything out, we went  
3 down to groundwater, there's nothing in the groundwater over  
4 there and there's nothing in the soil. It's clean. You know,  
5 and that was the object of the drill; that when we got to those  
6 sort of things, we could actually go back and tell everybody  
7 who shows up, "That's clean."

8 I was telling you about the junk that was pulled out.  
9 That's part of that 296 tons that we pulled out. We  
10 actually -- this is just from building 15, 17, and 19, that  
11 area that you just saw exhumed. That's the stuff that we  
12 pulled out. That's an actual house behind it, so it'll give  
13 you an idea of the scale of just how big that pile of stuff  
14 was. And it's basically just a whole bunch -- a potpourri of  
15 Marsden Matting and commo wire and tank treads and drums and  
16 just metal, junk.

17 This here -- we actually only had one building that we  
18 observed drums underneath the building. This is building 49L,  
19 the left side of building 49. And as you can see here in this  
20 center part, those are the sidewalls of drums and they look  
21 like they're intact. So we said, you know, there are drums  
22 under the buildings, we are not leaving drums under the  
23 buildings, so we actually went and dug -- this thing right here  
24 that you see on the top, that's the underside of the garage.  
25 That's the garage floor that you see there. And the garage



1 floor is held up. We had our eng -- or Jacobs Engineering  
2 consultants go through there and they engineered a way to keep  
3 everything in place while they dug underneath.

4 That'll kind of give you a better scale of what's going  
5 on, you know, and these little things that you see that are  
6 drums, every one of them came out. Nothing was left in place.  
7 And when they got them all dug out, they were all empty. So, a  
8 good news story that they're all gone. Nothing in them is even  
9 a better good news story. And then when we were all said and  
10 done, because there's no way to compact soil underneath that  
11 thing to keep the house from moving, they used an expanding  
12 concrete that they pumped underneath the thing and it -- so we  
13 had this great big hunk of concrete underneath that one  
14 particular house. So it's not going anywhere.

15 Again, this is the area of investigation. If you see a  
16 color on here, this is where we dug. The blue that we see  
17 right down in here, this is the PCB area. Right where the dot  
18 is now is the main area where we had to go down to groundwater  
19 to dig it all out. The rest of it was just because of where  
20 the water smeared and we had to go and go after it. Now, after  
21 the water smeared, we had some -- there's construction still  
22 going on. We had some little spots here, you know, little  
23 drabs, dibs over here, and then one little place right here on  
24 the side of the sound berm had PCBs in it and that was dug up  
25 and made go away.

1           So anything that we found that had PCBs in it, it's  
2   gone if it was over 1; 1 part per million is the requirement by  
3   state and EPA for residential housing. There is not one 1 part  
4   per million anywhere on that site that -- you know, that we  
5   know of. And we've looked pretty much everywhere you can  
6   imagine to go look. And, again, everything that's got color to  
7   it, that's where we dug. When you go compare that to the map  
8   over there on the far side, that's pretty much everywhere where  
9   we had heavy concentrations and then some. So eight acres --  
10   you know, if you guys have an appreciation for size of an acre,  
11   here's eight of them that we went and dug up and at times down  
12   to 18 feet. We stopped when we didn't find anything anymore,  
13   and we checked, but we didn't stop until we were all done.

14           What you see down in here, this -- these were the 10  
15   houses where the construction was stopped because we had the  
16   PCB in the one area and we were concerned about the rest. So  
17   after we were all done, all this stuff up here, we said, you  
18   know, we might as well go and dig out these foundations out  
19   here and check underneath the foundations just to make sure  
20   there was nothing under there. Good news is there was nothing  
21   under there. That whole area that was considered the PCB  
22   exclusion zone is clean based on our lab analyses. We even  
23   came over to the side of the sound berm over here. Again, it  
24   was just a place that we saw a lot of metal and we made the  
25   metal go away, and nothing extraordinary was found over here.

1 And we can talk about additional stuff after the thing -- after  
2 the briefing.

3 This little area here is just south of building 8.  
4 As they were digging one of the drainage swails, we found all  
5 sorts of diesel fuel in the soil and we tried digging out of  
6 it. We were not able to completely dig out of it, so we do  
7 have the diesel -- it's weathered diesel left in the soil, but  
8 it's five feet below the surface of where people are walking.  
9 So there's no way for people to come in contact with the stuff  
10 that was left behind.

11 Throughout this entire investigation, we have trace  
12 amounts of chemicals that exceed State of Alaska migration to  
13 groundwater levels. And what that basically says, if you  
14 exceed this level and yet you're still below an action level,  
15 that if you ever go to dig that out, you have to make sure that  
16 you don't put that dirt anywhere within 100 yards of a surface  
17 water body, a drinking water well, or a wetland. You know, so  
18 that's why we have to care about that and, again, that's  
19 considered contamination left in place

20 What do we know? We know that we moved all sorts of  
21 stuff out. We removed the drums, debris. All the  
22 contamination that we found, except for some diesel fuel, was  
23 put in a box or was treated or moved away from the site. It is  
24 not there today. Groundwater monitoring wells: there are 93  
25 groundwater monitoring wells because, as we were going through

1 our investigation, we said, well, you know, we don't know  
2 what's here; we don't know what's there. So we would put a  
3 well in, sample the soil as we went down, and sample the  
4 groundwater to make sure that we had a full characterization of  
5 the site and we knew what was left in place.

6 The soil samples, like I said before, we took them --  
7 if we found drums, if we found indications, smelly soil,  
8 stained soil, anything didn't look right, we took a sample just  
9 to make sure there was nothing left behind. The -- we have  
10 some shallow groundwater contamination, which I'll talk about  
11 here in a little bit, but again no one is drinking the water,  
12 it is low-level stuff that we're talking about that I'll go  
13 into in a little bit more detail later.

14 The DRO is the diesel-range organic, and that's  
15 basically weathered diesel fuel, is what we're dealing with  
16 there. The whole -- what we're planning to do out there with  
17 putting residents back in is we've installed -- we have  
18 established institutional controls. Institutional controls are  
19 a means by which we are stopping people from becoming exposed  
20 to contamination. The rule that basically the institutional  
21 control says: you don't disturb the soil greater than six  
22 inches without getting a dig permit and without having a work  
23 plan to make sure that you're not digging in any place that we  
24 had something left behind. You're not going to be able to put  
25 a potable water well on site to use either for drinking or for

1    irrigation. And then the other: we have to go and tell all the  
2    residents all the stuff that we have done out there so that  
3    they have an informed choice as to whether they want to live  
4    there or not.

5            Living in this compound is optional. If people decide  
6    they do not want to live on here based on the information that  
7    they receive, they do not get dropped to the bottom of the  
8    housing list that normally happens when you refuse a house  
9    somewhere else. You get -- you stay right where you are on the  
10   list and you get the next available house. So these houses  
11   were designed for three-, four-, and five-bedroom families. If  
12   you want one, they will be made available. If not, you get the  
13   next thing available that they have down within the  
14   installation.

15           The CERCLA actions, again, we had to -- we started this  
16   thing with an action memorandum that basically said we found  
17   contamination, we did a removal, now we need to do some further  
18   investigation. We established the ICs that said nobody lives  
19   here until we've gone through and evaluated everything that's  
20   out there; that we're also going to do monitoring the soil gas,  
21   groundwater, and -- yeah. And then the other thing that comes  
22   at the bottom, two preliminary source investigations. Before  
23   we started the remedial investigation, we basically had a  
24   contractor going out and taking samples all across the area.  
25   And in 2005, 2006, we went back through the history with a



1 fine-toothed comb; we talked -- we went through all of the  
2 comments and stuff that was established by the contractors.  
3 Shannon & Wilson was the consultant, who is sitting right here.  
4 This is the young lady that got to be there throughout the  
5 entire construction as the houses were being built. She  
6 documented everything. If someone said, "I had a headache from  
7 standing here," we marked that down and we put that in our  
8 investigation. "It smelled funny over here." We put that down  
9 and we went and did an investigation based on that. So all the  
10 comments that we had, all the information we had was brought  
11 together in the PSE I and PSE II for our beginning evaluation  
12 for how to proceed with the investigation. The remedial  
13 investigation starts in 2007. I told you earlier, in 2005 we  
14 went and we dug the PCB soil that was on the surface. In 2007,  
15 we dug the rest of it. We went down to groundwater and we took  
16 it all out. So the first batch was 146 yards that was laying  
17 on the ground. The rest of the 3300-plus came out from '07 and  
18 '08.

19 The other part of the investigation -- the remedial  
20 investigation was a very dynamic thing, and over here to my  
21 left, your right, over in the front, you'll see a chart, and  
22 basically what that does, it takes -- you know, how did we  
23 develop the steps? How did we know to go from point A to point  
24 B? Where do we go look next? And that chart there kind of  
25 describes the whole thing and we can answer questions, if you

1 have any, as you're looking at it.

2 After we finished doing our remedial investigation and  
3 we took everything out, the contractor who was doing the human  
4 health risk assessment made an assumption that was rather  
5 unusual, but because of the notoriety the site had and the fact  
6 that we were going to have people living here, they took every  
7 site where we had found something and assumed that we found  
8 everything in that one place. So of all the places that we  
9 found something, they were all considered that we had  
10 everything there, even though it wasn't, and they calculated  
11 the risk based on that. And even after they did that extreme  
12 kind of calculation, there is still no unacceptable risk to  
13 people living in these areas. And, again, based on the fact  
14 that you're not going to drink the groundwater and you're not  
15 going to dig a hole that's five feet deep in the back yard.

16 So the human health risk assessment says there is no  
17 unacceptable risk to human health or the environment, and then  
18 with -- based on that information, we proceed to say we're  
19 ready to go and start our final check to putting people in  
20 these houses.

21 Feasibility study basically says what do you need to do  
22 out there? And so we thought about it, we thought about it,  
23 and we said, you know, we do need to monitor the groundwater  
24 because there is some contamination left on site and we need to  
25 make sure we know what's happening with it at all times, and we

1 need to make sure the institutional controls remain in place  
2 and are enforced and we need to meet on a regular basis, the  
3 RPMs, to go through all the information and figure out what, if  
4 anything, if there's a next step.

5 We are currently at the Proposed Plan Phase. The  
6 Proposed Plan -- I have copies over here on the table if anyone  
7 needs. Basically, what it says, it tells everything that we  
8 did. From 2005 to current, it says this is what we did. This  
9 is all the stuff that came out, this is where it went, this is  
10 what's left, and we say that we're ready to put people in here.

11 Again, we have -- there's three major institutional  
12 controls. We're going to monitor -- we have sampling ports in  
13 every single garage with the exception of 49L and basically  
14 what we do is we sampled the soil gas underneath the house.  
15 We're sampling to see if there are any vapors or fumes coming  
16 up, and we have found nothing that is out of the ordinary,  
17 nothing that would pose an unreasonable risk underneath the  
18 houses.

19 We have prepared the Proposed Plan for Public Comment.  
20 When public comment period is over on the 12th, basically,  
21 everybody who made comment, all those comments get put in  
22 what's called a Responsiveness Summary; that summary gets put  
23 into the Record of Decision. And basically what it says, if  
24 there is something that is brought up by the public that needs  
25 to be addressed, it's addressed before we can go any further

1 with the RoD. Once we get everything addressed, we can move  
2 the Record of Decision forward and get it signed and we can --  
3 we will complete the investigation process under CERCLA.

4 So, again, the Record of Decision goes up. The Army,  
5 EPA, and State of Alaska have to sign the document, depending  
6 on how much the final costs are for, the Record of Decision  
7 decides at what level these things get signed within each  
8 agency.

9 I told you about the soil gas sampling that we're  
10 talking about. There's a plan inside the Proposed Plan that  
11 says for five years -- up to five years, we are going to look  
12 at the sub-slab soil gas underneath the houses and we're going  
13 to monitor that to make sure that there is not something that  
14 we missed. There was a concern that there were some drums left  
15 underneath. We said the only way that we can check to see if  
16 there's something happening after we dug and didn't find  
17 anything was to go and sample the soil gas. And so that's  
18 basically a picture of what it looks like. The probe gets  
19 drilled into the concrete. You can see it happening here. We  
20 have another picture over off on the side, and we go and --  
21 there's a whole elaborate operation as to how they go and  
22 sample that. We can talk about that later if you have  
23 questions.

24 Okay. I'm done, or at least half-baked. So is there  
25 anything that I can answer right now?

1           JULIE KEENER: It is true that debris remains under the  
2 structures except for four -- debris remains under some  
3 structures except for building 49?

4           JOSEPH MALEN: Correct. There are 12 buildings that we  
5 saw debris that was still on the side wall when we did our  
6 investigation, but it basically looks like, you know, bedposts  
7 or tank tracks or something like that that it's junk metal.  
8 And, again, junk metal has no risk. It doesn't do anything to  
9 anybody's health. It's just there. The fact that the  
10 contractor promised that after his compaction and his  
11 construction technique that the house would not move, you know,  
12 that's when the Army said, okay, you can leave stuff underneath  
13 the house provided it does not provide an opportunity for the  
14 house to shift later on.

15           Sir?

16           COL. JOHNSON: Joe, when you talked about making stuff  
17 go away, could you be a little more specific? Primarily, with  
18 the soil that contained PCBs, you know, once that was contained  
19 and identified, could you just talk about the process of what  
20 you did with it?

21           JOSEPH MALEN: Sure. You know, the colonel is asking  
22 me to go into a little more detail on the PCB removal  
23 operation. What happens is the excavators will come out to the  
24 site and they're -- hopefully with a light misting of water,  
25 the excavators will go into the dirt, they move the dirt from



1 the pile into a 20-yard roll-on/roll-off metal container, a  
2 giant box, and there's a liner inside the box so that you can  
3 reuse the box afterward. And you basically fill the box up,  
4 you put a seal on it after you've sampled it and then the boxes  
5 get shipped down through the haz-waste process and goes to a  
6 toxic substance disposal facility, the closest of which is in  
7 Oregon. Columbia, Oregon.

8 And so everything that we dug up went to Columbia,  
9 Oregon, if you ever want to visit it. And that happened with  
10 everything that we found that had a hazardous nature. If it  
11 had to go and be disposed of Outside, it went in to a 20-yard  
12 roll-on/roll-off box that had a little burrito -- what we call  
13 a burrito inside; they fill the box up to the weight limit of  
14 the box itself, they get sampled, they get sealed and we put  
15 them out under a manifest to the hazardous waste facility. And  
16 then we get a piece of paper back that says it made it to the  
17 facility so that there's no chance that the stuff got lost in  
18 place -- you know, in transit and went somewhere else.

19 So we know where that stuff went to, we know that --  
20 everything that we moved out of there, we know where it went to  
21 and we can -- we have the documentation to go and back up the  
22 stuff that went Outside.

23 So, again, it's a fairly simple process. The excavator  
24 comes in -- and the other thing with the excavators, the  
25 contractors who do that, they put down tarps all over the place

1     so that as the bucket comes down and reaches up and you have  
2     the dirt going from here to there, anything that would normally  
3     drip, drips on top of the plastic and then when they're all  
4     said and done, they go and wrap the plastic up and throw it in  
5     the last box, and then they sample underneath the plastic to  
6     make sure that nothing got through the plastic.

7             So it's a very involved process as far as the  
8     contractor goes; fairly simple for me to say it. But it's a  
9     very long process. It's a very serious process. And all the  
10    time that the contractors are working this stuff, they're in  
11    Tyvek suits with respirators, they have gloves, and the reason  
12    that they do that -- you know, because of their career choice,  
13    they come in contact with contamination on a regular basis.  
14    All that is, is to make sure that there is no cumulative effect  
15    of them always going out and being in contact with  
16    contamination and them getting hurt.

17            This whole thing was done so that everybody was safe.  
18    The contractors were safe, who were doing it; the people are  
19    safe who are going to live there. So that's how that process  
20    went.

21            COL. JOHNSON: Thank you.

22            JOSEPH MALEN: Anything else? Sir?

23            GENE KUHN: I'm wondering if the dirt that's been  
24    dumped out by the landfill, is that part of your project?

25            JOSEPH MALEN: Right now? The stuff that's being

1     dumped today or.....

2             GENE KUHN:   Well, this summer -- last summer?

3             JOSEPH MALEN:  No.  That soil that got dumped off to  
4     the side came from other construction projects on post.  We  
5     had -- I forget how many millions of dollars of construction.  
6     And so basically everything that was dug out of the hole to  
7     make room for foundations and what have you, had to go  
8     somewhere and we decided to go and build a clean soil cell that  
9     is just south of the landfill.

10            GENE KUHN:  Okay.  Well, that's -- I was wondering if I  
11     should be wearing my hazmat suit out there.

12            JOSEPH MALEN:  No.

13            GENE KUHN:  Since that's a wood-cutting area.

14            JOSEPH MALEN:  That's correct.

15            GENE KUHN:  And I thank Colonel Johnson for giving us  
16     that opportunity to cut wood.  Thank you.

17            COL. JOHNSON:  I'm not through with you.  Yes, that's a  
18     good point, though, because it -- Joe mentioned a little bit of  
19     that during the brief, but deciding where anything that came  
20     off of that site, a lot of time and energy goes into where does  
21     it go, what's the proper disposition of it.  So if it had any  
22     contamination, then it went -- as you said, it went down south.

23            JOSEPH MALEN:  Went into a box and went somewhere else.

24            COL. JOHNSON:  If it had fuel in it, then it went and  
25     got burned and then it got dumped in a dump.  So it got treated

1 before it got put in our landfill. And correct me if I'm  
2 wrong, but none of that dirt went off the installation to a  
3 landfill here in Alaska.

4 JOSEPH MALEN: That's correct.

5 COL. JOHNSON: Our -- it either went our landfill on  
6 post or it got sent down to the Lower 48 to be treated and.....

7 JOSEPH MALEN: That is correct.

8 COL. JOHNSON: .....do whatever they do with it in  
9 Oregon.

10 JOSEPH MALEN: Yep. Ma'am?

11 JULIE KEENER: Excuse me. And that soil was less than  
12 10 parts per million PCB that went in -- or is to be used as  
13 cover on Fort Wainwright landfills.

14 JOSEPH MALEN: That is correct. We did.....

15 JULIE KEENER: It's between 1 and 10.

16 JOSEPH MALEN: Correct. The landfill -- the Fort  
17 Wainwright landfill allows less than 10 parts per million; it's  
18 considered clean soil or how -- how does it go? It is not  
19 contaminated soil if it's less than 10. And that's how -- and  
20 then we asked permission from the State of Alaska because we  
21 have a permit for our landfill. We said, it's less than 10 --  
22 it's actually way less than 10 that we put it in, and we were  
23 able to get permission to move a significant portion of the  
24 soil there, thus saving the taxpayers a significant chunk of  
25 money.

1           Mr. Adams, who is sitting here at the computer, is our  
2 land -- well, still is for the moment, our landfill manager and  
3 I think he has something to add to that?

4           BRIAN ADAMS: No, I was just going to say the permit  
5 for the landfill at Fort Wainwright is such that we are not  
6 allowed to take contaminated soils into the landfill. So  
7 there's a limit. If you -- that's why we had to go to the  
8 state and ask the state if we could actually put that stuff  
9 into the landfill. It's the same with the diesel fuel  
10 contaminated soils. It gets burned. It automatically just  
11 comes back to the landfill and it's used as cover material.

12          JULIE KEENER: With limited exposure.

13          BRIAN ADAMS: Correct.

14          JULIE KEENER: I mean, it's obviously not a residential  
15 scenario.

16          BRIAN ADAMS: Correct.

17          JOSEPH MALEN: See, the other nice thing about the  
18 stuff that was moved to the landfill, as soon as we moved the  
19 soil that was not contaminated but could not be left on Taku,  
20 as soon as we moved it in there, we went and took cover soil  
21 and we covered that stuff back up. So there was no chance for  
22 dust to be blowing off of the landfill and outside it.

23                So, again, as many precautions as we could take, the  
24 installation took to make sure that everyone is safe and we  
25 have a good operation throughout the installation.



1 Yes, ma'am?

2 JULIE KEENER: The debris that we initially removed  
3 during construction, was that stockpiled somewhere and later  
4 inventoried and gone through, or.....

5 JOSEPH MALEN: In 2005, the contractor that was  
6 building the buildings, as they were digging up the waste  
7 material.....

8 JULIE KEENER: Excavation.

9 JOSEPH MALEN: .....the solid waste, the crushed drums,  
10 the tank treads, and all the other metal that they found, and  
11 some wood and some other items that were found, they would  
12 stockpile them in great big piles and then after they had a  
13 certain sized pile, then they would load everything into a  
14 truck and they would haul it out to the landfill.

15 Well, in 2006 as we were going through the stuff, one  
16 of the contractors that we had -- one of the environmental  
17 contractors said, you know, we really need to go through this  
18 metal and look for this kind of stuff, the discarded -- the  
19 munitions debris. And so what we ended up having -- what we  
20 ended up doing is we stopped the first contractor from hauling  
21 stuff just directly to the landfill and had UXO technicians  
22 actually go through each and every scrap pile and they pulled  
23 out anything that was considered munitions debris.

24 A couple of the items that we had, the contract folks  
25 were basically saying, hey, they never made a training device

1 for this type of bomb or this piece of munitions, and so  
2 everybody was treating it as this is a live real-deal thing.  
3 As we took them to the range and we blew them up, we found out  
4 that that was not true; they actually did make training devices  
5 for darn near every piece of munitions that the Army used  
6 during World War I, II, and the Korean War.

7 So what you see over here is what we basically found.  
8 Some of the stuff was more intact when they dug it up; others  
9 are -- you know, they're obviously dismantled now to prove that  
10 there's nothing in it. So we did have a scare at first and  
11 then when we had, you know, the second contractor come through  
12 with their UXO techs and they took it over to the range, we  
13 found out that they were actually just training devices.

14 So with the exception of the two rocket motors that had  
15 the residual -- or the residue, the propellant residue,  
16 everything else was inert, had no energetic piece to it. There  
17 were no fuses, there were no hunks of explosive; just that  
18 propellant residue is the only thing that we had to be  
19 concerned about. And that was taken care of, too, at the  
20 range.

21 Anything else?

22 JULIE KEENER: Can you give us a quick rundown of the  
23 groundwater remediations?

24 JOSEPH MALEN: Okay. Within the Proposed Plan, we talk  
25 about that there are certain areas of groundwater

1     contamination. The main -- the players that we have that are  
2     still -- that we are tracking is 1,2,3-trichloropropane which  
3     is a solvent; trichloroethane, which is another solvent; and  
4     diesel fuel. So those are the three main things that we really  
5     have to track.

6             When we first started doing the investigation in 2006,  
7     we detected elevated levels. Some of them were above the  
8     clean-up levels for EPA and so we kind of focused in those  
9     areas and we tried to make sure what was going on. We have  
10    sampled these wells in the areas of concern twice a year since  
11    2006. And as we go through the years and as we're watching the  
12    samples, the levels of the contaminants are going down on a --  
13    very significantly through what's called natural attenuation.  
14    You know, we're not doing any pumping, treating, or anything  
15    like that. The lab results are indicating the stuff is  
16    breaking down biologically or just through the dilution process  
17    of the groundwater moving through the aquifer.

18            We've made special effort to ensure that that water is  
19    not moving towards the drinking water wells, the production  
20    wells on Fort Wainwright. We have intercept wells or sentry  
21    wells between Taku and the drinking water source and those  
22    wells are still coming up as absolutely clean. There's nothing  
23    in them. So -- and we're going to continue monitoring, we're  
24    going to continue watching, you know, because we care about,  
25    you know, the drinking water on post.

1 JULIE KEENER: And can you point out the location of  
2 source for the supply wells.

3 JOSEPH MALEN: Well, from here, let's see.....

4 JULIE KEENER: Or a distance and a direction.

5 JOSEPH MALEN: Well, it's in the northeast corner --  
6 it's outside the northeast corner of the compound. It's  
7 basically behind the PX gas station.

8 JULIE KEENER: Oh, so they're right there.

9 JOSEPH MALEN: Huh?

10 JULIE KEENER: If I may? They're there.

11 JOSEPH MALEN: Right there.

12 JULIE KEENER: Right there, yes.

13 JOSEPH MALEN: Is where the drinking water protection  
14 wells are. Right there.

15 JULIE KEENER: And groundwater flows?

16 JOSEPH MALEN: And groundwater flows to the northwest,  
17 which is basically from here to here. North to northwest. And  
18 the reason that -- the way that they find that out is they  
19 measure the water levels across all the wells, and the water --  
20 you know, the high point is where the water starts, the low  
21 point is where the water is going, and so what they do is they  
22 take measurements to one-tenth or one-hundredth?

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hundredth.

24 JOSEPH MALEN: One-hundredth of an inch to.....

25 JULIE KEENER: A foot.

1           JOSEPH MALEN: Or of a foot, rather. I'm sorry.  
2    You're right. One-hundredth of a foot to see which way the  
3    water is moving, and it was clearly moving north/northwest.  
4    More northwest than north. So -- and it's -- we're seeing that  
5    evidence based on where we have the known contamination that  
6    the -- the diesel fuel that we see here, it's actually moving  
7    to the northwest. The solvents that we saw here, they were  
8    moving to the northwest. The TCP that we saw that was right  
9    down in here is also moving to the northwest. And we see that  
10   based on, again, the water levels and which way the direction  
11   the water is going. Okay? Anything else?

12           AUDIENCE MEMBER: Looks like you did a good job. No  
13   one has got any questions.

14           JOSEPH MALEN: Well, thank you very much for coming, on  
15   behalf of the Garrison. The Garrison commander, Garrison  
16   Command Sergeant Major. Thank you very much for coming out.  
17   Again, if you would like to make public comment, if you have a  
18   question, you can come over here to the court reporter and she  
19   can go and take your questions, comments, whatever it is that  
20   you have. I'm going to be here. We also have, you know,  
21   Mr. Adams right here, we have Mr. Gusmano to the far back over  
22   there, Ms. Caillouet over here.

23           So if you want to get the answer from the agency and  
24   not from the Army, those are the two people that you go see.  
25   And if there's anything that I can answer, please come and see



1 me. Thank you very much for being here.

2 (Off record)

3 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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3 STATE OF ALASKA )

4 I, Elizabeth D'Amour, Notary Public in and for the  
5 State of Alaska, residing at Fairbanks, Alaska and court  
6 reporter for Liz D'Amour & Associates, do hereby certify:

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8 FORMER COMMUNICATIONS SITE (TAKU GARDENS) PUBLIC MEETING, held  
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22 affixed my seal this 4th day of February, 2013.

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February 6, 2013

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Dear Mr. Malen,

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has reviewed the *Proposed Plan for Former Communications Site (Taku Gardens) Fort Wainwright, Alaska* (dated December 2012) that was issued for public comment from January 14, 2013 to February 12, 2013. We are in the process of completing a Health Consultation evaluating the potential for vapor intrusion at the proposed housing complex. We have submitted a data validation version to the Army for review. The data validation version includes a number of recommendations to protect public health of residents who will occupy the property in the summer or fall of 2013. We wish to outline these recommendations during the public comment period, so that they may be considered during finalization of the proposed plan.

ATSDR has reviewed the environmental information gathered about the site and concluded that, while the probability of a health hazard occurring from vapor intrusion is low, the lines of evidence presented do not completely eliminate the vapor intrusion pathway. Subsurface containers that could contain volatile chemicals may remain undetected beneath homes on-site. Based on the conclusions in the data validation version of the Health Consultation, our recommendations to protect the future health of families residing at Taku Gardens concentrate on two areas:

- (1) implementing measures to prevent possible exposures to hazardous air pollutants in homes that may be constructed over containers of hazardous materials in the subsurface, and,
- (2) continued and additional precautionary sampling and monitoring of the properties.

Specifically, ATSDR recommends:

- (1) that the Army consider implementing measures to prevent possible exposures to hazardous air pollutants in homes, such as installing sub-slab depressurization systems in the buildings identified as having observed and possible debris beneath them prior to occupancy as a precautionary measure. NOTE: The Proposed Post-construction Subslab Soil Gas Monitoring Program only considers installation of the system after vapor intrusion has been detected by quarterly or annual monitoring. However, the release of volatile or semi-volatile chemicals from a container could occur rapidly and migrate into homes at hazardous levels that are below olfactory detection. Subslab depressurization systems could prevent such exposures that may cause a health hazard and would likely go undetected during quarterly or annual monitoring.



- (2) that the following additional sampling and monitoring is conducted, including:
- a. monitoring at appropriate intervals following any changes to the site that may affect vapor flow, such as earthquake, building renovation, construction, or landscaping. This applies to future changes as long as contamination may remain onsite above screening or background levels.
  - b. monitoring semi-volatile organic compounds and 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane in all monitoring plans.
  - c. performing continued sub-slab gas and indoor air monitoring of units where screening levels were exceeded (i.e. a clean round of sampling shouldn't be used to eliminate the building from future study). NOTE: This would result in sampling more units than the 12 houses selected for monitoring in the Proposed Post-construction Subslab Soil Gas Monitoring Program.
  - d. sampling sub-slab gas in at least three locations, as advised in ADEC guidance, for a representative number of residences to characterize the spatial variability of contaminant vapors in the sub-slab space.
  - e. sampling during spring for all residences to capture conditions during the spring thaw and snow melt (the dates for future sampling plans are not specified in the proposed plan).
  - f. performing at least one of the comprehensive sub-slab soil gas sampling events after construction is complete (the dates for construction completion and future sampling plans are not specified in the proposed plan).
  - g. sampling of soil-gas collocated within a representative number of utility lines and sampling within utility line access ports (manholes) to provide evidence for or against this as an active vapor migration pathway.

We hope that you will find this information useful. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan and look forward to releasing our Health Consultation in the near future. If you have any questions please contact Dr. Tonia Burk, Environmental Health Scientist, at 770-488-0764 or email at [TBurk@cdc.gov](mailto:TBurk@cdc.gov).

Sincerely,



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REPLY TO  
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SUBJECT: Response to ATSDR Review of Taku Gardens Proposed Plan

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Dear Dr Forrester:

The U.S. Army has received your letter dated February 6, 2013 outlining ATSDR's review comments for the *Proposed Plan for Former Communications Site (Taku Gardens) Fort Wainwright, Alaska*, dated December 2012, hereinafter referred to the Proposed Plan. The comments were received within the public review period of 14 January through 12 February 2013. This letter provides official response to your comments.

The U.S. Army Garrison Fort Wainwright Alaska appreciates the time and effort ATSDR expended on this review. The ATSDR review is very clear and concise. The review comments address the entire plan with particular emphasis on two main topics: 1) implementing measures to prevent possible exposures to hazardous air pollutants in homes that may be constructed over containers of hazardous materials in the subsurface and 2) continued and additional precautionary sampling and monitoring of sub-slab soil gas.

We agree with ATSDR's statement that "the probability of a health hazard occurring from vapor intrusion is low," but take exception as to how the statement that "Subsurface containers that could contain volatile chemicals may remain undetected beneath homes on-site" is used in the context of your letter. The weight of evidence gathered during the Remedial Investigation (RI) and subsequent construction support activities suggest that if intact drums exist, they most likely contain relatively small quantities of petroleum hydrocarbons or tar. This is based on the fact that of the 1,061 mostly crushed and empty drums found during the RI and subsequent construction support activities, only eight (less than 0.5 percent) had enough liquid to allow for sampling and analysis. Liquids in the 8 drums were characterized primarily as fuel and water mixtures, with few volatile organic compounds (VOCs). None of the drums contained chlorinated VOCs, which tend to be more of a concern in terms of volatility, migration, and toxicity. The remainder of the drums with contents contained tar, asphalt, and other non-hazardous solid and semi-solid materials. The types of material found in the subsurface at this site suggest that it is unlikely any debris that might be present under any structure contains intact drums with volatile liquids. As evidenced by the predominantly empty and crushed drums, and limited volume of contaminated soil recovered from areas where the few partially filled drums were encountered, the presence of buried metal and drums does not directly correlate with chemical contamination.

The Army has conducted extensive investigations and concurrent cleanup activities between 2004 (during preliminary investigations by the Alaska District Corps of Engineers for the pre-construction assessment) and 2011. The Army, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) expended considerable time and resources to ensure that every reasonable method and approach was used to delineate the nature and extent of contamination at this site. The approach taken during the investigations and removal actions has been extremely conservative; all material suspected of presenting even a possible unacceptable risk has been removed to the greatest extent practicable.

Small, isolated areas of non-petroleum contamination were excavated to the point that there was no physical evidence of contamination and then, the floors and sidewalls of the excavated areas were sampled and analyzed. If additional contamination was detected by the laboratory analyses, the excavation continued until the contaminants of potential concern were not detected or concentrations were below conservative project screening levels. The only area where subsurface contamination is present at concentrations above health-based screening levels is in the north-central portion of the site. DRO in this area was removed to the greatest extent practicable without damaging structures or utilities but, due to its highly weathered nature, remaining DRO is not expected to pose a risk to indoor air quality, future site workers or visitors.

Following completion of the RI, only five structures are suspected to have debris beneath the building foundation. To investigate the unlikely possibility that debris remaining under structures might present an unacceptable risk, the Army tasked the Corps of Engineers to execute a highly complex engineered excavation project to remove debris from beneath Building 49L. Debris was encountered between 7 and 11 feet below ground surface and extended 15 feet beneath the garage foundation. Materials removed from the excavation included 42 crushed and empty drums; 3 drums containing water with a sheen, and 3 yd<sup>3</sup> of grease-affected soil. The excavation continued vertically and horizontally until the natural soil horizon or uncontaminated soil was reached. Results of this investigation provide additional support that metal debris at this site is not necessarily correlated with contamination.

The risk assessment was based on the location and amount of residual contamination remaining after the RI investigation. Risk calculations considered the toxicity of each contaminant, the current and potential future uses of the site, and the pathways by which people could be exposed to contaminants. The risk assessment used a highly conservative approach which calculated risk using the highest sample results of each contaminant from across the site and assumed that future residents would be regularly exposed to all of these contaminants over a 30-year period. The results indicate that, under the reasonably anticipated future use scenario, the cumulative multimedia hazard index for non-carcinogenic chemicals due to exposure to soil, vapor intrusion and use of the post water supply is 0.5, which is below EPA and ADEC threshold value of 1. Results of the cumulative excess lifetime cancer risk are within the EPA's acceptable risk of 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 100,000 and below the ADEC risk threshold of 1 in 100,000. This shows there is no unacceptable risk to residents who use the Post drinking water supply wells and do not come into contact with subsurface soil. It is important to note that potential risks due to vapor intrusion were negligible, and the primary contributors to calculated risk estimates were removed during post-RI construction support activities. Consequently, the risk estimates provided in the Proposed Plan (as taken from the risk assessment) actually overestimate risk.



The Risk Assessments and related data are available within the *December 2010 Final Remedial Investigation, FWA 102, Former Communications Site, Fort Wainwright, Alaska* report and the *Final Feasibility Study Former Communications Site, Fort Wainwright, Alaska, July 2011 Revision*. The Army also has all of the follow-on documentation and datasets available online if ATSDR would like to see them again.

The Army has carefully considered ATSDR's two major recommendations for the site: (1) measures to prevent possible exposures to hazardous air pollutants in homes that may be constructed over containers of hazardous materials in the subsurface; and (2) continued and additional precautionary sampling and monitoring. Specific responses are as follows:

Installation of sub-slab depressurization (1) was carefully considered during the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) phase of the work, but based on the results of the RI/FS, the Army, EPA, and ADEC concluded that there is no unacceptable risk from sub-slab soil-gas and no additional remedies were necessary. Based on the results of all the investigations, there is no reason to install sub-slab depressurization units under each building duplex.

To address ATSDR's comment (2) a: the Army is statutorily required to periodically review the effectiveness of all implemented remedies. If site conditions change substantially, due to construction activities or natural disasters like earthquakes (as mentioned in the review) the Army will take appropriate action to ensure the safety of occupants in all of the housing areas on Post. Please note that construction and landscaping at this development is nearly complete. The only remaining task is installation of cable TV lines in the housing area. The installation contractor will use a special trenching tool to install these lines 3 to 4 inches below the existing surface, and the cable lines will be covered with the original surface material (i.e. gravel, concrete, or asphalt). This utility installation will not significantly alter site conditions.

In comment (2b), the ATSDR recommended that semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane (DBCP) be added to the target analyte list. The method selected for indoor air and soil gas analysis at this site (EPA TO-15) includes analysis for DBCP. Although DBCP was detected at a low concentration in one sample collected during the October 2008 RI vapor intrusion evaluation, additional samples collected on March 9 and 10, 2009 were submitted to two different laboratories for analysis and DBCP was not detected in any of the samples. Given that this chemical was used for commercial agricultural and manufacturing purposes, it is highly unlikely that it was ever used at the Former Communications Site. Additionally, no SVOCs are present at this site above human health-based cleanup levels. The current list of analytes, and the analytical method selected for continued monitoring, was developed in consultation with the EPA and ADEC and the Army believes it is sufficient and capable of producing the necessary data to protect human health.

Comments (2)c through (2)f recommends a more aggressive sub-slab soil-gas sampling schedule than the schedule presented in the Proposed Plan. Please be assured that the current protocols and locations of the sampling ports were established in cooperation with the EPA and ADEC. The current plan will establish a post-construction baseline for the chemicals of potential concern at every unit (comment 2f), account for spatial variability (2d), account for seasonal variations (2e) and focus on the areas in close proximity to the ground water plumes, and where previous sampling results were greater than the project screening levels, but less than applicable clean-up levels. There are four sampling events scheduled in the first year, and the initial sampling event as stated in the Proposed Plan will include sample collection at (item 2 c) each of 109 residential units. Note that the void under Building 49L caused by the



investigation was completely filled with expanding concrete so sub-slab sampling at this residential unit is not possible.

The Army appreciates the fact that utility lines may sometimes provide preferential flow-paths for vapor migration (ATSDR comment [2f]), however, the Garrison believes that the current strategy to sample sub-slab vapor provides the most conservative means to assess vapor intrusion into residential units. Additional sampling of utility lines will not provide the Army with information that can be directly applied to vapor intrusion within any single residential unit. As described in detail in the RI and post-RI reports, all contaminated soil has been removed to the greatest extent practicable. Concentrations of residual volatile contaminants remaining in the subsurface between 5 and 15 feet below ground surface do not exceed human health-based cleanup levels; instead, these chemicals of concern are identified as such only because they are present at concentrations that potentially threaten groundwater quality. DRO is the only COC that remains above human health-based cleanup levels.

Again, the Army sincerely appreciates ATSDR's thoughtful and helpful review of the Proposed Plan, and the recommendations provided. Should you wish further information or clarification of Fort Wainwright's comments, please contact my POC for this effort, Mr. Joe Malen, at 907-361-4512 or email him @ [joseph.s.malen@mail.mil](mailto:joseph.s.malen@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clifford A. Seibel', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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