

Surfactant Enhanced Recovery of Separate-Phase Petroleum Hydrocarbons

Sunnyside Yard, Queens, New York

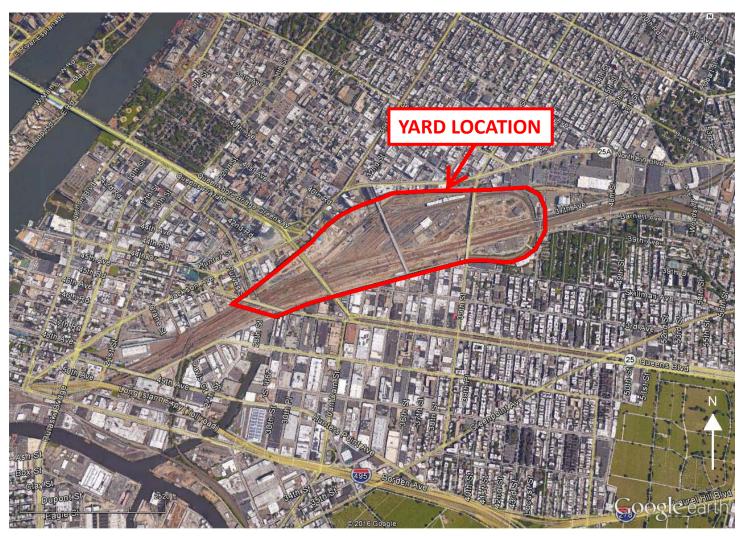
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Site History

- Located in Sunnyside Yard,
 Queens, New York
- Over 100 years of service
- State Superfund Site
- Six Operable Units (OUs)
- 130 acre Site
- OU-3 LNAPL and PCB Plume







OU-3 Record of Decision

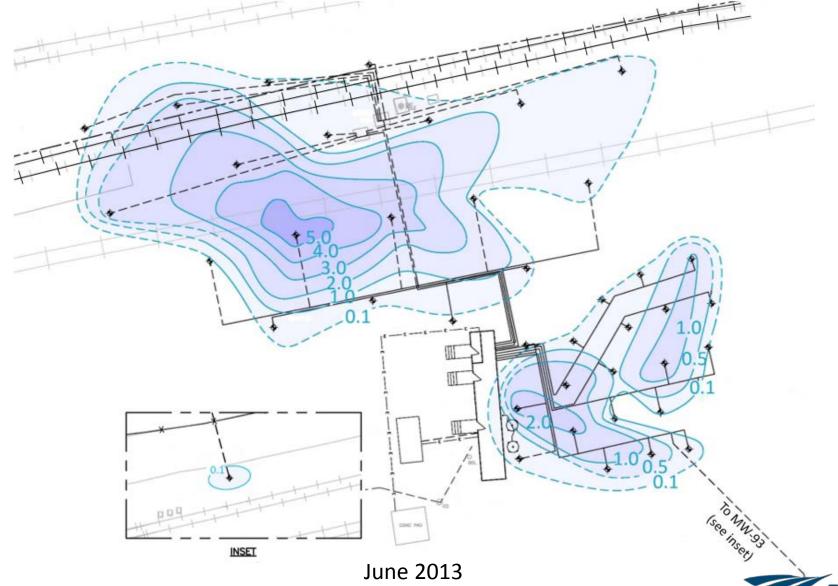
Cleanup Standards

- PCBs < 25ppm
- Lead < 3,900 ppm
- cPAHs < 25 ppm (total of 7 compounds)
- SVOCs < 500 ppm
- LNAPL thickness < 0.1 foot





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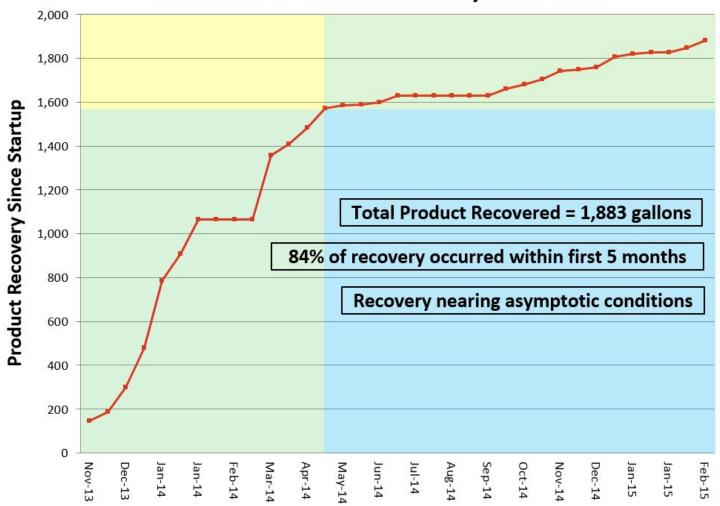






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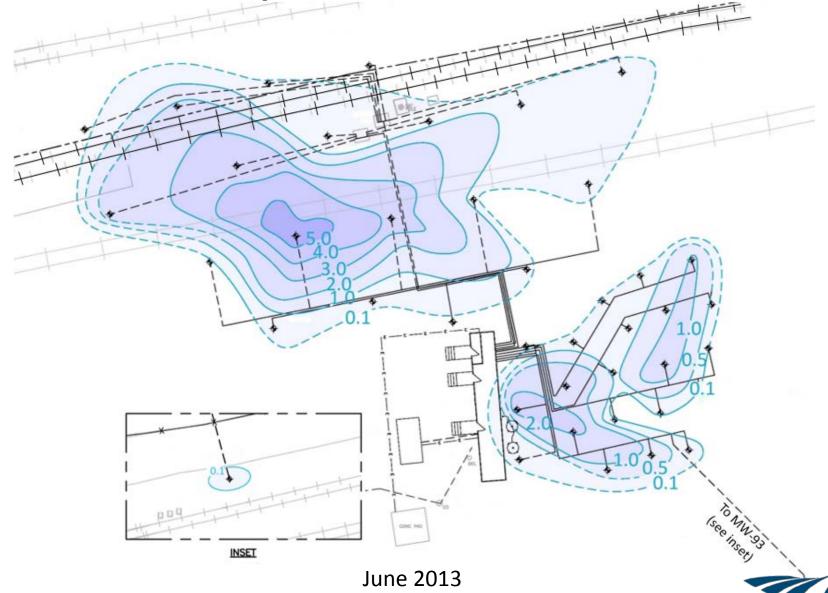
Cumulative Product Recovery Over Time







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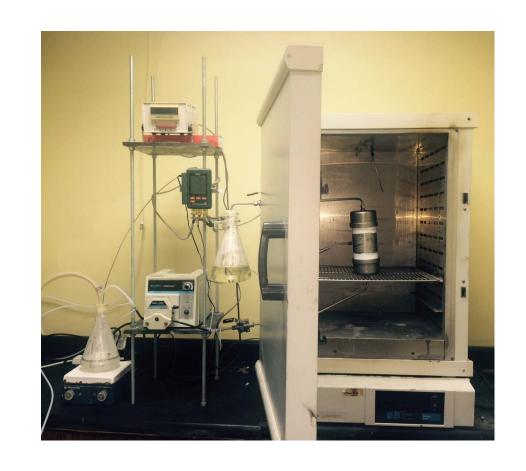






Evaluate Technologies to Accelerate Remediation

- Source zone excavation
- Activated persulfate injections
- Catalyzed hydrogen peroxide injections
- Surfactant injections
- Thermal enhancement

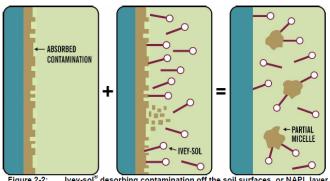


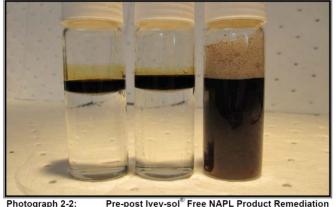




Ivey-sol® Surfactant Technology

- Composition
 - Several patented non-ionic surfactant formulations
- Applications
 - Desorb and liberate free-phase LNAPL and/or sorbed petroleum hydrocarbons
- Mechanism
 - Makes the contaminants more miscible in the aqueous phase, increasing the "physical availability"
- Additional Uses
 - Enhances bioremediation











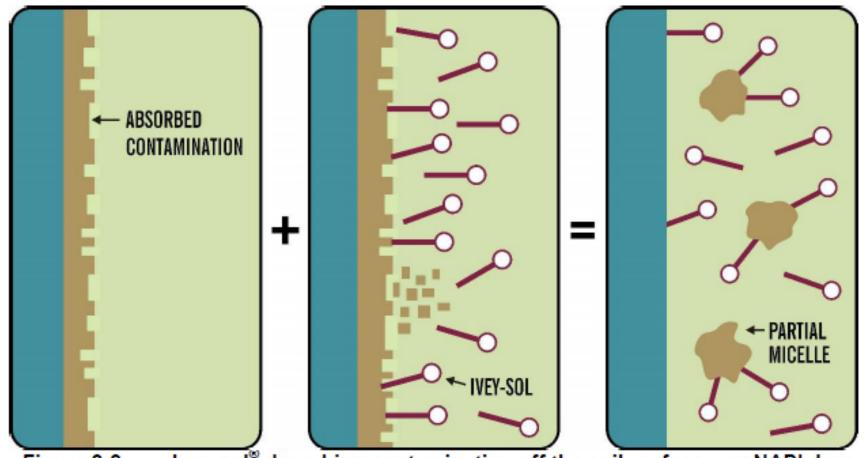
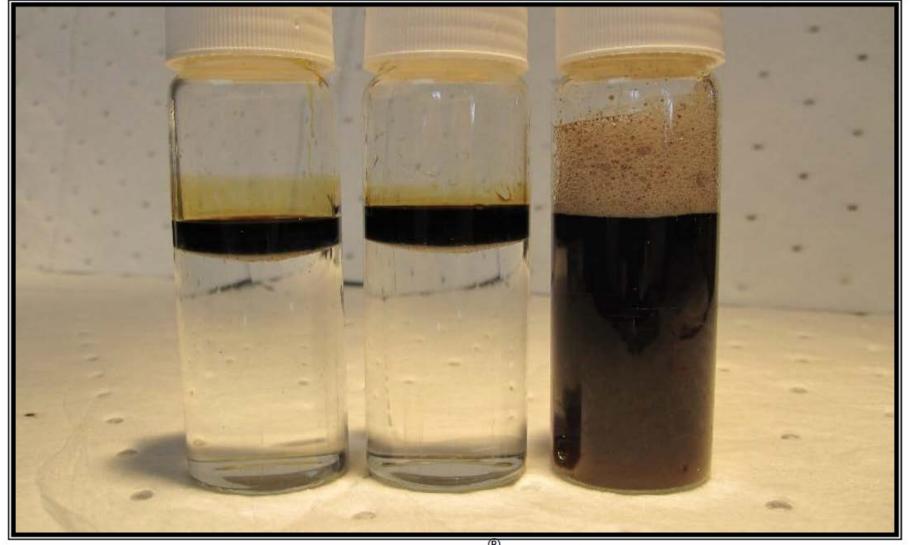


Figure 2-2: Ivey-sol[®] desorbing contamination off the soil surfaces, or NAPL layer making it more 'Available' for in-situ or ex-situ remediation.







Photograph 2-2: Pre-post Ivey-sol® Free NAPL Product Remediation





Injection Areas



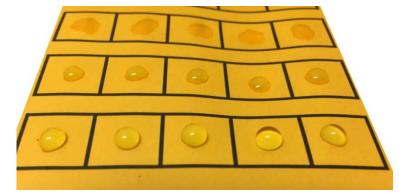




Pilot Study Methods

- 1. Injection (gravity fed/geoprobe)
 - Experimented with surfactant to water ratios
 - Experimented with volumes of total mixture
- 2. Extraction (DPVE system)
 - Removed at least 3x the injection volume
 - Continued extraction until no surfactant was present
- 3. Extract from injection point or nearby extraction well







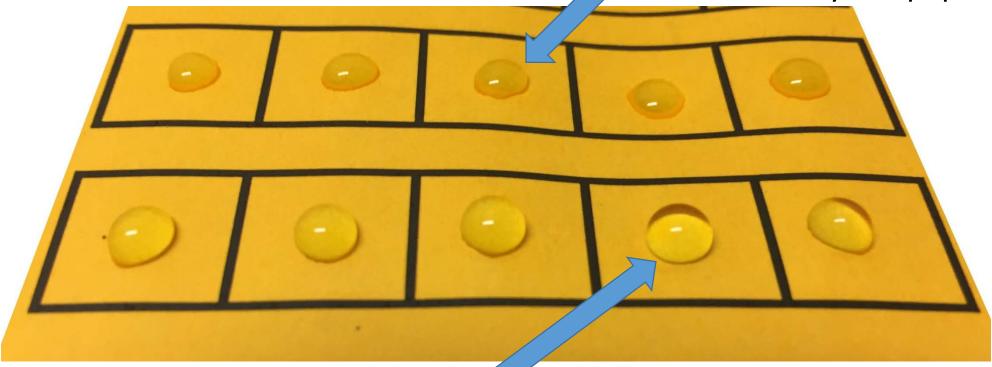


Water mixed with Surfactant

Irregular edges

Loses its beading

Absorbed by the paper



Water free of Surfactant

Forms near-perfect circles

Retains its beading

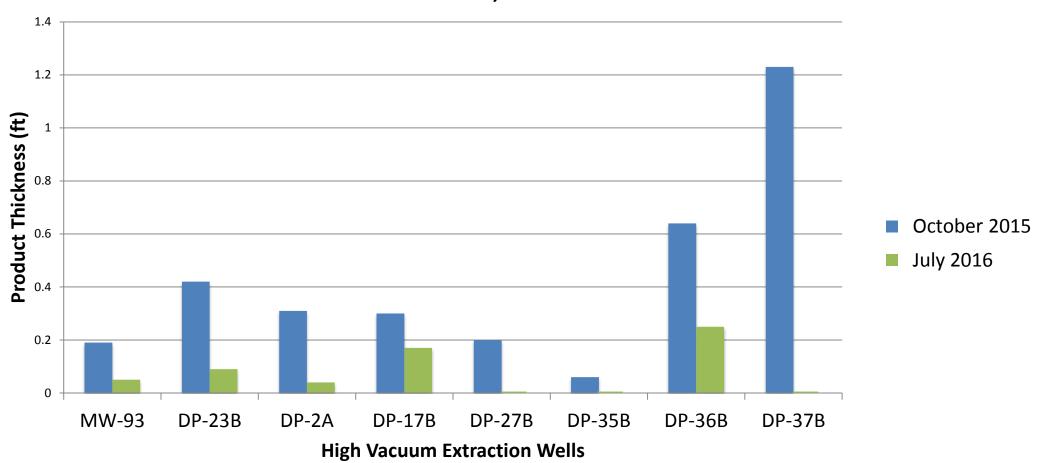
Does not absorb into the paper





Pilot Study Results

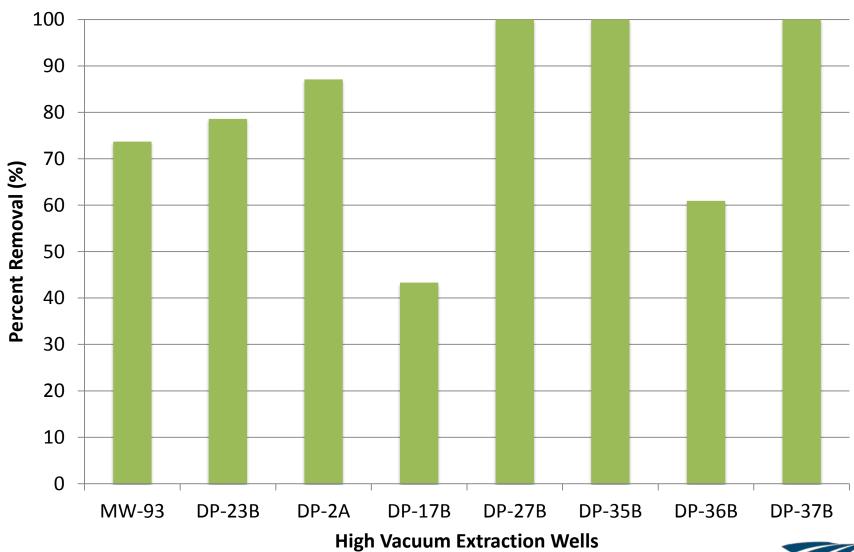
Product Thickness, Before and After







SPH Percent Removal







Conclusions

- SHP recovery was enhanced by the increase of SPH solubility
- Free product was not observed in the extracted groundwater
- Reduction of SPH thickness was usually observed within 24 hours of surfactant injection and persisted for several weeks or longer
- Low concentration ratios of surfactant (1:20) are effective and higher concentrations do not increase effectiveness
- Low injection volumes or injection rates were generally needed in OU-3 due to the low permeability soil conditions and high groundwater table





Recommendations

- Future applications of surfactant should be aimed at treating areas exterior of the proposed excavation but impacted by measurable impacts of SPH > 0.1 foot
- A Geoprobe should be used to facilitate injections of a surfactant solution using a 5% Ivey-sol to potable water ratio (i.e., 10:200 v/v or similar) under pressure
- Extraction should commence approximately 48 hours after injection and expect to conclude after removing 30 to 70 times the injection volume.





