Norwalk Tank Farm Update

Defense Energy Support Center-Los Angeles Presented to the Norwalk Tank Farm Restoration Advisory Board

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Presentation Overview

Topics to be Covered

- Central Plume Remediation
- Biodegradation Estimation Process

Central Plume Remediation

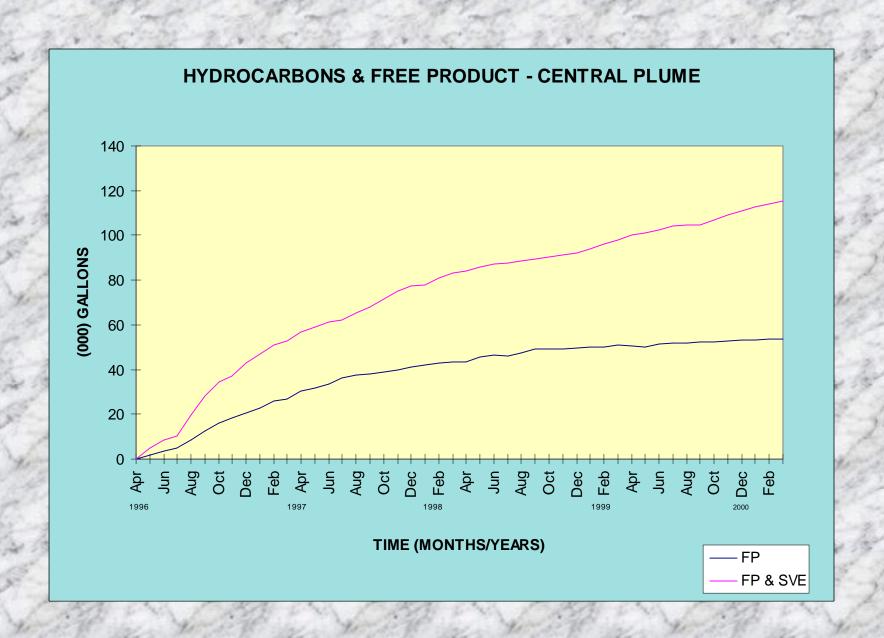
- System performance since April 1996
 - Approx. 115,571 gallons recovered and destroyed
 - 53,848 free product recovered
 - 60,891 soil vapor extraction
 - Approx. 89,500 gallons biodegraded
 - 23M gallons of water treated
 - 739 gallons of dissolved phase recovered

Central Plume Remediation System



Biosparge Well Installation





Biodegradation Estimation Process

Through a series of respirometry tests in the central, east-central, and north-central areas of the Tank Farm, we know that the indigenous bacterial population within the soil can be stimulated to consume hydrocarbons

Biodegradation Estimation Process, continued

- The basis for determining the amount of biodegradation is the measurement of oxygen reduction/depletion and the carbon dioxide increase/enrichment caused by the bacteria
- Naturally-occurring bacteria (microorganisms) present in the soil use oxygen to convert hydrocarbons (food) to carbon dioxide and water

Biodegradation Estimation Process, concluded

- Collect samples from the vapor stream prior to entry into the thermal oxidizer
- Determine the oxygen deficit in the subsurface by comparing to ambient air
- For every 1.5 molecules of oxygen consumed, 1 molecule of carbon dioxide is produced
- Not an EXACT scientific calculation