

# Overview of SFPP, L.P. Remediation Programs

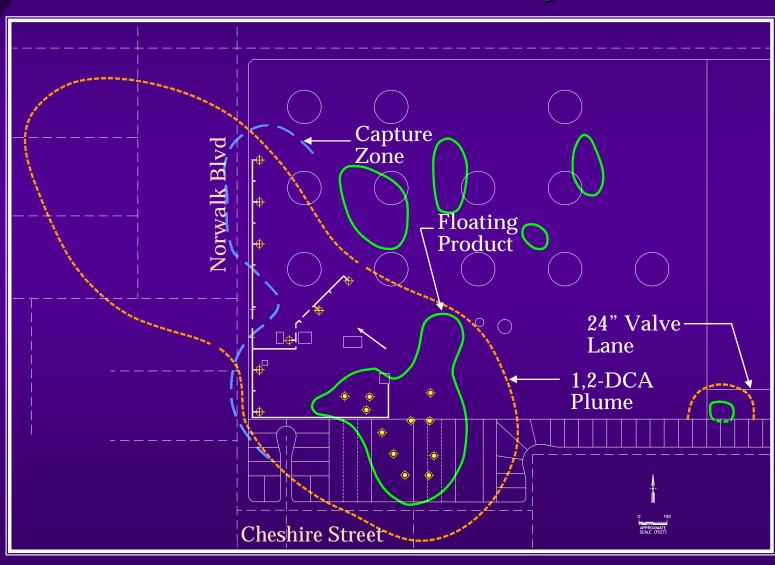
Norwalk Tank Farm Site

Presented to Norwalk Restoration Advisory Board April 25, 1996

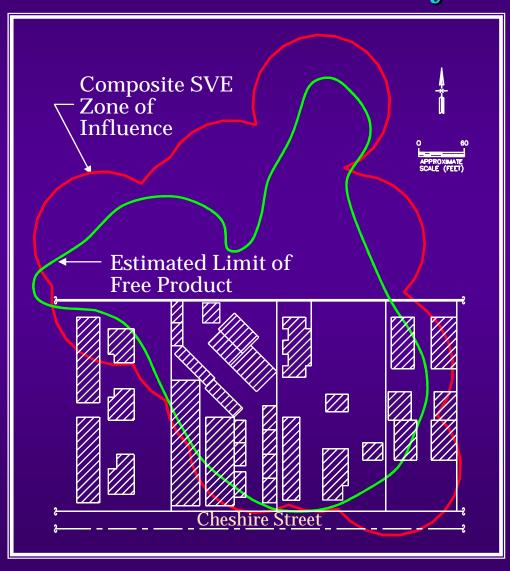
### Topics to be discussed

- ◆ Planned Topics
- ◆ Re-cap of south-central plume cleanup
- ♦ West side barrier plan/cleanup
- ◆ 24" valve leak cleanup
- ◆ <u>Special Topics</u>
- MTBE
- ◆ SFPP leak detection program

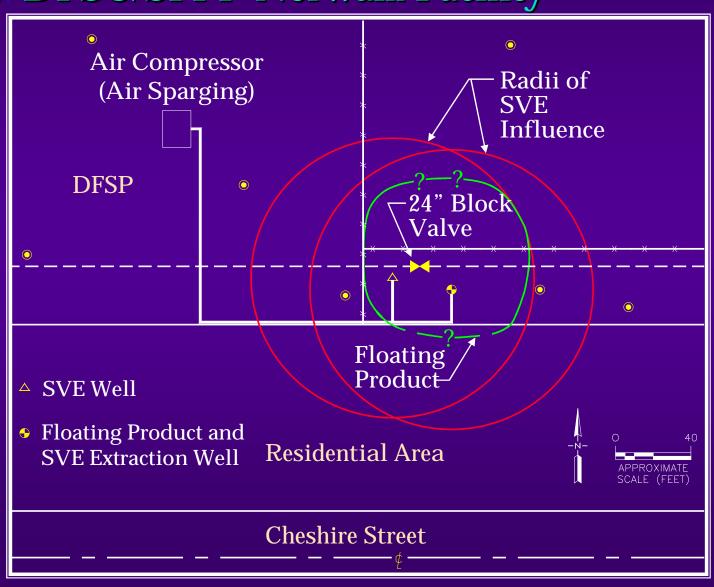








### 24-Inch Block Valve Cleanup Area DFSC/SFPP Norwalk Facility

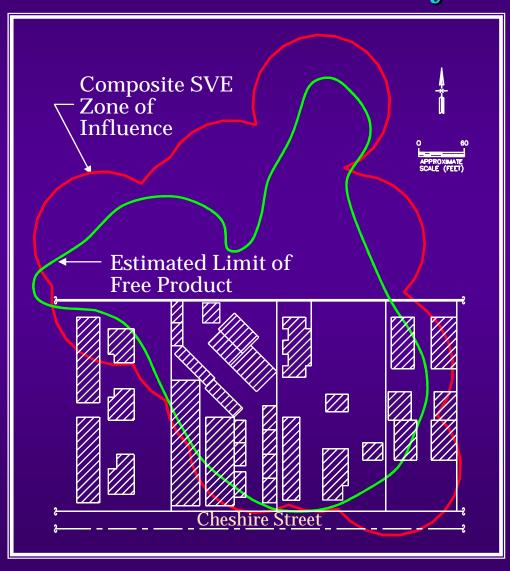




### South Central Plume-Recap

- **◆** Total of 25 vapor extraction wells
- ◆ Still dont have access to 5 offsite vapor wells
- ◆ Total of 9 liquid pumping wells
- Still dont have access to 3 offsite liquid pumping wells





## South Central Plume-Cleanup to Date

- Vapor extraction has removed 62,500 gal of fuel
- Liquids pumping system has removed 115,00 gal. groundwater
- ◆ Liquids pumping system has removed 2,700 gal. raw fuel (product)
- ◆ Total fuel removed to date is approx..... 65,200 gal.

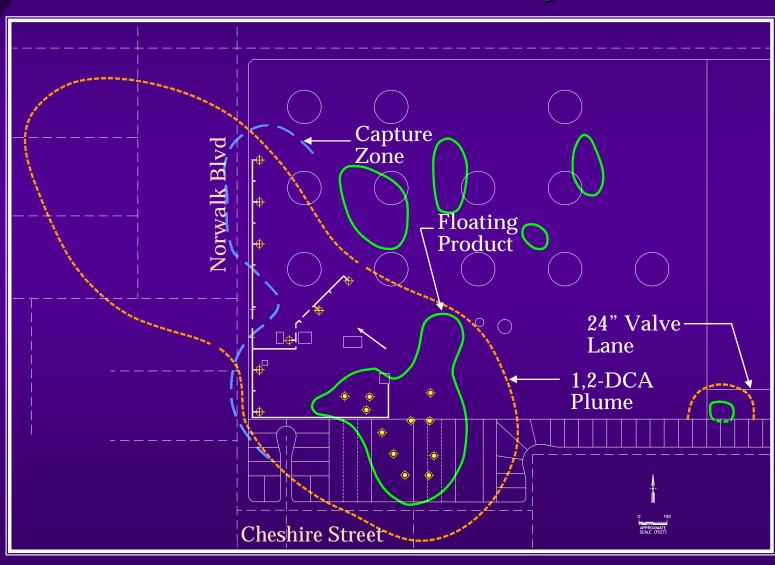


- Get offsite wells installed
- Compare design performance vs. actual
- Replace "Low Flow" wells with new ones(5)
- Regular updates to RAB & Regulators



- Purpose-Stop flow of contamination offsite
- ◆ How- Create a hydogeologic barrier by pumping from 11 wells (8-SFPP, 3 DFSC)
- ◆ A computer model used to predict "radius of capture" for system
- Extracted groundwater/product passed through existing treatment system







- ◆ Work outlined in Geomatrix report dated March, 1995
- ◆ Final approval from DTSC in April, 1996
- Plan modified to be more effective-Geoprobe investigation
- Will allow for more effective placement of wells



- ◆ How will we ensure system is an effective barrier?
- Regular measuring of adjacent monitor wells
- ◆ Monitor water levels-should decrease along Norwalk Boulevard
- ◆ Chemical concentration should drop in wells west of Norwalk Boulevard



# West Side Barrier Plan & Cleanup (cont'd)

- What this plan will not do:
- Barrier system will not "pull back" all offsite DCA plume
- No vapor extraction in original plan, may want to add spare vapor piping during construction process
- ◆ If needed will allow for future vapor extraction

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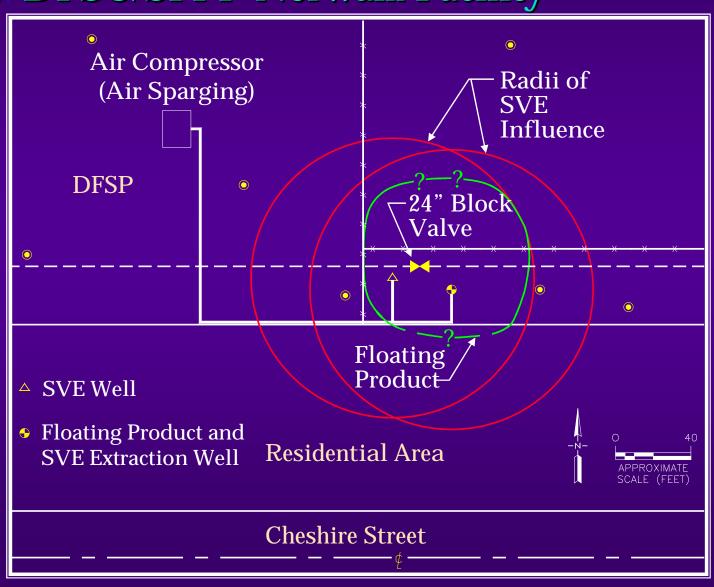
- ◆ Does this mean the offsite DCA will not be addressed?
- ♦NO.
- Upon implementing this plan, most of on-site contamination will be undergoing cleanup
- ◆ Next step is addressing the offsite DCA. We are in the process of this now. More on this later in the meeting.



### 24" Valve Leak Cleanup

- Work outlined in Geomatrix report dated March, 1995
- ◆ Final approval from DTSC in April, 1996
- Original plan called for product skimming and vapor extraction only
- Plan modified to add for dissolved contamination cleanup in groundwater

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- Field work to start after west side barrier installed
- ◆ Will likely begin in June/July 1996
- ◆ Extracted vapors & liquids will also be passed back to existing treatment system



- Upon completion, most of onsite contamination will be undergoing cleanup
- Approximately 30 gpm to 60 gpm groundwater extraction rates expected
- ◆ Approximately 2,000 to 2,500 scfm vapor being removed
- Regular monitoring of wells will allow us to asses effectiveness
- Monitoring information is, and will continue to be shared with regulators & RAB



- ◆ Think back to the RAB 1 year ago......
- ◆ There was no significant cleanup underway
- Noise issue not addressed
- ◆ Now there is cleanup occurring in the south central plume area
- ◆ A barrier system will be starting in 3-weeks and the 24" valve leak will be started shortly thereafter

# Review of RAB Progress(cont'd)

- ◆ The last impediment to future work has been removed with DTSC's approval of the H& SP. this will allow future work to proceed more quickly
- ◆ West side barrier system will be started in 3-weeks
- ◆ 24" valve leak cleanup will be started shortly thereafter
- ◆ Noise control measures are being installed on SFPP equipment with input from RAB & residents

# Review of RAB Progress(cont'd)

- Regular meetings with City & Congressional staff
- RAB continues to be effective tool to push cleanup, your input acted upon
- Community & City involvement will ensure that non-regulatory issues are addressed in the process
- ◆ I look forward to another year of significant progress where we tackle the toughest issue-The offsite DCA plume.



- ◆ In the paper a lot lately -RAB requested info.
- ◆ What is Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE) ?
- ◆ A chemical cooked up in the 1960's by Eugene Garcia's chemistry students?
- ◆ No. Its a fuel additive used to reduce smog
- ◆ Referred to as an "Oxygenate" it promotes cleaner combustion

### Chemical Properties of MTBE

- $\bullet$  Formula-  $C_5H_{12}O$
- ◆ Colorless Alkyl Ether, Ether family of chemicals
- Density similar to gasoline
- More soluble in water than most fuel components
- ◆ 43,000 mg/l @ 20°C Vs. 1,750 mg/l for Benzene

#### Fate in the Environment

- 24x more soluble than benzene-can spread in groundwater faster
- ◆ Ethers are stable, doesn't degrade as easily as benzene
- Newer chemical-health effects not as well understood as benzene
- Has been detected in some municipal supply wells in Orange County & Santa Monica



#### Occurrence at Norwalk Site

- ◆ Found in two places:
- ◆ 24" valve leak area
- Parts of south central plume
- Concentration ranges from 4.2 ppb to 17 ppm
- ◆ No MCL set yet, DTSC advisory level is 35 ppb



- Current & planned cleanup systems will be able to handle it
- Continue to monitor it regularly, act quickly if it spreads
- Expand extraction system to contain it if required.
- ◆ Call Park Water Company, see if they test their wells for MTBE



### Special Topic-Leak Detection

- ◆ No sense cleaning up plumes if continue to contaminate
- Occurrence of MTBE a concern-only added in last
  5-9 years
- ◆ We now see it in groundwater-2 areas
- Need to set up system to prevent & detect future leaks



- Prevention is first step-Stop it entering soil
- Use vaults & secondary containment methods
- One large vault completed to date
- ◆ Extremely expensive
- Not feasible everywhere
- Install in a phased planned manner



- Where not feasible to vault, use leak detection systems
- Detect leaks that may have gone unnoticed before
- SFPP currently considering one design
- Used on buried valves & fittings
- ◆ See demonstration device & handout



### Questions ?????