# **LONG-TERM GROUNDWATER MONITORING OPTIMIZATION**

# **CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE**

# **PERMEABLE REACTIVE BARRIER AND SOIL REMEDY AREAS**

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# **LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**



### <span id="page-3-0"></span>**GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK OPTIMIZATION PRB AND SOIL REMEDY AREAS**

### **CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE**

The following memorandum contains a review of the long-term groundwater monitoring network for the Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) and Soil Remedy Areas at the Clare Water Supply Superfund Site in Clare, Michigan. The review was a joint effort performed by Groundwater Services, Inc. (GSI) of Houston, Texas and Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, Inc. (Parsons) of Denver, Colorado. The current monitoring network in each area was evaluated using a formal qualitative approach (performed by Parsons) and statistical tools found in the Monitoring and Remediation Optimization System software (MAROS) (performed by GSI). Following performance of the qualitative and quantitative evaluations, Parsons and GSI collaborated to derive final recommendations for the groundwater monitoring networks using the results of the qualitative and quantitative evaluations.

Recommendations are made for groundwater sampling frequency and location based on available data pertaining to current hydrogeologic and contaminant conditions. The report evaluates the PRB Area and Soil Remedy Area monitoring networks using analytical data obtained from Progressive Engineering & Construction, Inc. (Progressive). PRB Area data extended from March 1994 to May 2006, although most wells only had data extending from May 2005 to May 2006. Soil Remedy Area data extended from June 1988 to May 2006, although most wells only had data for the period from March 1999 to May 2006. Additional data for the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas collected in November 2006 were received after the monitoring network optimization (MNO) evaluation had been completed. These data were qualitatively reviewed to assess any impacts on MNO recommendations, but were not formally incorporated into the complete evaluation described in this report. The November 2006 sampling results are provided in Attachment E.

### **1.0 Project Objectives**

The goal of the monitoring network optimization (MNO) evaluation for the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas is to design monitoring programs that are cost and time efficient as well as protective of potential receptors. The monitoring program should provide sufficient data to support site management decisions. The evaluation focuses on the following objectives:

- Evaluate well locations and screened intervals within the context of the hydrogeologic regime to determine if they meet site characterization and decision support objectives. Identify possible data gaps.
- Evaluate overall plume stability qualitatively and through trend and moment analysis.
- Evaluate individual well concentration trends over time for target constituents of concern (COCs) both qualitatively and statistically.
- Develop sampling location and frequency recommendations based on both qualitative and quantitative statistical analysis results.

## <span id="page-4-0"></span>**2.0 Site Background Information**

Site background information was primarily obtained from 1) the *2005 Annual Monitoring Report* for the Clare Water Supply Superfund Site (Progressive, 2006), 2) personal communications with Progressive personnel, and 3) the draft five-year review report prepared in 2006 (USEPA, 2006). The five-year review report states that the site soils create two different hydrologic regimes within the investigation area. The first hydraulic regime consists of a perched water zone created by the low-permeability clay/till unit(s) in the western half of the site (where the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas are located). The second is created by aquifer sand underlying till. The aquifer is 20 to 40 feet thick in a sand unit beginning at 30 to 40 feet below the ground surface. In the western, industrialized portion of the site, 30 to 40 feet of clay and glacial till overlie the aquifer. The inferred goals of the groundwater monitoring program at these two areas are to:

- Determine the combined impact of engineered remedial measures and natural attenuation on concentrations of priority chlorinated constituents dissolved in groundwater; and
- Ensure that groundwater contamination is not posing unacceptable risks to potential receptors.

### *2.1 PRB Area*

The PRB groundwater remedy consists of two PRBs in sequence that were installed to a depth of 17 feet below ground surface (bgs) along the property boundary of the former Mitchell source area in December 2004 (see Figure 1). The PRBs are designed to treat shallow groundwater contaminated with chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) as it migrates through the treatment walls. They are reportedly filled with iron-encrusted foundry sand.

The uppermost 8 to 23 feet of the soil column in the vicinity of the PRBs consists of sand backfill material (filling a former contaminated soil excavation) having a hydraulic conductivity of approximately 1 x  $10^{-4}$  centimeters per second (cm/sec). The water table is present within 5 feet of the ground surface. The sand is underlain and encased laterally by low-permeability native material having a hydraulic conductivity of approximately 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> to 5 x 10<sup>-7</sup> cm/sec (see cross sections from Progressive in Attachment A). The shallow groundwater flow direction is inferred to be south to southeast, across the PRBs, based on hydraulic potential data. The groundwater flow direction in the deep zone appears to range from north to east in the vicinity of the PRB Area, based on potentiometric surface maps contained in the 2005 Annual Monitoring Report (Progressive, 2006). A representative groundwater seepage velocity for the site provided by Progressive is 0.27 foot per day (ft/day) based on data contained in a Secor (November 2004) design report. According to Progressive, this seepage velocity is more representative of the sand backfill than of the surrounding native materials, which have a relatively low permeability.

According to Progressive, the recent and historical hydraulic data suggest a perched water table in the vicinity of the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas. The remedial investigation (RI) and feasibility study (FS) concluded that lateral flow in the perched water-bearing zone is possible in some areas, but is likely limited due to seasonal water table changes, and vertical flow is possible through assumed (but not verified) desiccation cracks in the glacial till.

<span id="page-5-0"></span>A drainage channel (the U.S. 10 Drainage Ditch) is located immediately south (downgradient) of the PRB Area. The drainage ditch empties into a small wetlands area which directly recharges the aquifer in the vicinity of water supply wells MW2 and MW5 (USEPA, 2006). According to Lithologic Cross Section A-A', transmitted by Progressive and contained in Attachment A, this ditch is approximately 7 to 8 feet deep with a bottom elevation of approximately 835 to 836 feet above mean sea level (ft amsl). However, a review comment for the draft report submitted by Progressive indicates that the ditch is only 2 to 3 feet deep with a bottom elevation of approximately 840 ft amsl. Assuming that Progressive is referring to the same ditch, this discrepancy should be reviewed and the actual depth of the ditch should be confirmed. Given the shallow depth to groundwater in the perched zone, it is possible that some groundwater discharge to this ditch occurs if it is indeed 7 to 8 feet deep. Progressive reports that the channel is only seasonally wetted, with minimal flow, and even if PRB Area groundwater discharges to the swale, sampling data indicate that it poses no unacceptable risk to the downstream wetland area or to the water supply wells themselves. Therefore, Progressive reports that there are no significant receptor impacts related to PRB Area groundwater. The clean-up objective (CUO) for this area is the Michigan ground to surface water criterion for VC (15 micrograms per liter [µg/L]), as opposed to the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) maximum contaminant level (MCL) of 2 µg/L. However, if groundwater in the vicinity of the PRB is found to be in communication with the deeper aquifer used for municipal water supplies, the MCL would apply.

# *2.2 Soil Remedy Area*

Soil from the former Mitchell and ExCello properties was placed on the existing land surface beneath an engineered cap within the former ExCello property. A slurry wall was installed around the cap, and a dual-phase extraction (DPE) system was installed to treat vapor and groundwater removed from the contained area. The soil remedy was constructed in 1999, and the DPE system began operating in April 1999. The DPE system continues to operate on a cyclic basis, with treated water discharged to the local wastewater treatment plant.

The area on which the excavated soils were stockpiled was not excavated, but did contain soils with high concentrations of contaminants to depths up to about 15 to 28 feet bgs. No liner exists beneath the emplaced soils. The cap overlying the emplaced soils (from surface downward) consists of 1) vegetative cover, 2) a geonet underlain by a minimum 2-foot-thick soil cover, and 3) a low-density polyethylene 40-mil membrane liner. The native soils at the original land surface consist of silty sand underlain by low permeability clay and then low permeability till at varying depths. Geologic crosssections created by Secor in 2005 and transmitted by Progressive are contained in Attachment A. The DPE wells are 30 feet deep and extend to beneath the silty sand/clay interface. The water table in the shallow wells installed north of the soil remedy cell (DMW-1S, -2S, and -3S) in May and November 2005 ranged from approximately 8 to 13 feet bgs, a few feet below the bottom of the emplaced soils and near the top of the native clay and glacial till.

The slurry wall surrounds the entire cap and reportedly varies in depth from about 14 to 22 feet bgs (deeper to the north); it extends a minimum of two feet beneath the clay/till interface. The permeability of the slurry wall (per the design) was to be less than  $1x10^{-7}$ cm/sec. Per the RI report the average hydraulic conductivities are as follows: till  $10^{-7}$ cm/sec, clav  $10^{-7}$  cm/sec, silty sand  $10^{-3}$  cm/sec, and clayey sand  $10^{-5}$  cm/sec. The cap/slurry wall does not contain all of the area of soil impacts originally defined at Ex<span id="page-6-0"></span>Cello; the area north of the cap close to US10 could not be excavated due to utilities/sewers and right of way issues – some impacts remained in place near DMW-1S, 2S, and 3S. Also, one of the DPE wells (EW-13) is located outside the slurry wall to the south, potentially due to the presence of impacted soils that were left in place, although the reason is not known with certainty. According to Progressive, there are no potential receptors for the Soil Remedy Area groundwater.

The groundwater seepage velocity outside of the soil treatment cell, obtained from Progressive, is 2.9 x 10<sup>-5</sup> foot per day (0.01 foot per year). This velocity is based on the calculated seepage velocity for the vicinity of groundwater extraction well PRP-1 using a hydraulic conductivity of 2.67 x 10<sup>-7</sup> cm/sec reported in the RI report (Dames & Moore, 1990). Based on the author's professional judgment and experience, this velocity is likely biased low, and the actual average seepage velocity at the site is likely substantially higher.

### **3.0 Methods**

Evaluation of the groundwater monitoring networks in the vicinity of the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas consisted of both qualitative evaluation of site analytical data and hydrogeologic conditions and a quantitative, statistical evaluation of site analytical data. These two methods were combined to recommend a final groundwater monitoring strategy to support site monitoring objectives.

### *3.1 Qualitative Evaluation*

Multiple factors were considered in developing recommendations for continuation or cessation of groundwater monitoring at each well. In some cases, a recommendation was made to continue monitoring a particular well, but at a reduced frequency. A recommendation to discontinue groundwater quality monitoring at a particular well based on the information reviewed does not necessarily constitute a recommendation to physically abandon the well. A change in site conditions might warrant resumption of monitoring at some time in the future at wells that are not currently recommended for continued sampling. In general, continuation of water level measurements in all site wells to facilitate groundwater flow direction and hydraulic gradient evaluation is recommended. Typical factors considered in developing recommendations to retain a well in, or remove a well from, a long-term monitoring (LTM) program are summarized in the table below.



a/ Periodic water-level monitoring should be performed in dry wells to confirm that the upper boundary of the saturated zone remains below the well screen. If the well becomes re-wetted, then its inclusion in the monitoring program should be evaluated.

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<span id="page-7-0"></span>Once the decision has been made to retain a well in the network, data are reviewed to determine a sampling frequency supportive of site monitoring objectives. Typical factors considered in developing recommendations for monitoring frequency are summarized below.



# *3.2 MAROS Statistical Methods*

Statistical methods in the MAROS 2.2 software were used along with the qualitative evaluation of the network to evaluate concentration trends, concentration stability, and spatial uncertainty in the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas. MAROS is a collection of tools in one software package that is used in an explanatory, non-linear but linked fashion to statistically evaluate groundwater monitoring programs. The software includes individual well trend and plume stability analysis tools, spatial statistics, and empirical relationships to assist the user in improving a groundwater monitoring network system. Results generated from the software tool were used to develop lines of evidence, which, in combination with results of the qualitative analysis, were used to recommend an optimized monitoring network for the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas. A description of each tool used in the MAROS software is provided as Attachment B. For a detailed description of the structure of the software and further utilities, refer to the MAROS 2.2 Manual (AFCEE, 2003; http://www.gsi-net.com/software/maros/Maros.htm) and Aziz et al., 2003.

## *3.3 Data Input, Consolidation, and Site Assumptions*

Data for the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas were supplied by Progressive, supplemented with information from historic site reports. Chemical analytical data were organized by Progressive in a database, from which summary statistics were calculated. It should be noted that the dataset transmitted by Progressive was not complete in that not all historical analytical data collected for site wells were included. A complete set of historical analytical results was not available to Progressive when they assumed responsibility for site monitoring. Specifically, data for VC and tetrachloroethene (PCE)

<span id="page-8-0"></span>collected prior to May 2005 were not included for most wells. This evaluation assumed that the missing data were generally non-detect; however, this should be confirmed to the extent practical and feasible before final changes to the LTM program are made. Wells and sampling frequencies in the current groundwater monitoring program are shown in Table 1. Each of the wells listed in Table 1 was considered in the qualitative evaluation. Data for 18 wells at the PRB Area (all wells listed in Table 1 except SW-11) and 9 wells at the Soil Remedy Area (all wells listed in Table 1 except EW-series wells) were used in the quantitative (MAROS) analysis.

The monitoring wells in each area are grouped into shallow, intermediate, and deep categories based on their screen intervals in the underlying aquifer. Screened intervals for wells at the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas are illustrated on Figures 2 and 3, respectively. All but four of the wells at the PRB area are screened in the shallow zone near the water table, with the remaining wells assigned to the intermediate (1 well) and deep (3 wells) zones. In the Soil Remedy Area, the monitoring wells are primarily shallow (4 wells) or deep (4 wells), while the dual-phase extraction wells are classified as intermediate-depth. For both the PRB and Soil Remedy Areas shallow and intermediate groundwater zones were considered together as one two-dimensional slice for the quantitative evaluation (MAROS). The deep zone was considered separate from the shallow/intermediate zone. For the qualitative evaluation, the zones were viewed as largely independent.

A list of aquifer physical parameters assumed for the analysis is shown in Table 2. Two screening levels were identified for concentrations of VC in groundwater at the PRB Area. The draft 5-year review report for the Clare Superfund Site prepared by the USEPA (2006) states that The goal of the PRB installation "*was to degrade Vinyl Chloride within the groundwater to levels below the Michigan Part 201 Ground Water/Surface Water Interface (GSI) standards or below 15 µg/l before it discharged into the drainage ditch or otherwise migrates off the former Mitchell facility property and enters the water supply aquifer*." Therefore, a CUO for VC of 0.015 milligrams per liter (mg/L) was assumed, while the USEPA MCL for VC of 0.002 mg/L was used as a general screening level for water quality in the aquifer. The USEPA MCL for trichloroethene (TCE) of 0.005 mg/L was used as a general screening level for water quality in the Soil Remedy Area, where TCE is the primary COC. Groundwater seepage velocities obtained from Progressive and discussed in Section 2.0 were used. Groundwater flow directions were inferred from potentiometric surface elevation data contained in the 2005 annual monitoring report (Progressive, 2006).

## **4.0 PRB Area Results**

The qualitative and quantitative evaluation results are discussed in the following subsections.

- *4.1 Qualitative Review for the PRB Area* 
	- Details of the qualitative evaluation are shown on Figure 4 and Table 3. Wells recommended to be retained in the monitoring program were those that best defined the magnitude and extent of the plume and indicated the VOC removal effectiveness of the PRBs.
	- Most of the monitoring wells present at the PRB Area were sampled quarterly from May 2005 to May 2006 (total of five events). After May 2006, the sampling frequency for these wells was reduced to semiannual, with the next event

occurring in November 2006. These wells include 300A and MW-301 through MW-313. Wells 220, 300B, and 300C have been sampled semiannually and were not sampled quarterly from May 2006 to May 2006.

- A total of five wells were recommended for exclusion from the monitoring program because the qualitative evaluation determined that additional sampling would not provide useful information. A reduction in the sampling frequency was recommended for an additional two wells (MW-312 and MW-313). The rationale for the sampling frequency reductions is provided on a well-specific basis in Table 3.
- In general, a semiannual sampling frequency for most wells is recommended because 1) at least six monitoring events have been performed at each well as of November 2006, including five quarterly sampling events for the most recently installed wells (MW-301 through MW-313), providing a baseline to assess temporal trends and observe any seasonal variations in concentrations; 2) increasing concentration trends were not observed for most wells; 3) reducing sampling frequency would not endanger potential receptors based on available information; and 4) semiannual monitoring will still provide sufficient data to assess the effectiveness of the PRBs and determine temporal trends qualitatively and/or statistically.
- The available data indicate a high degree of vertical variation in contaminant concentrations over short distances at some locations, even within what is identified as sand backfill material on Cross-Sections A-A' and B-B' provided by Progressive (see Attachment A). For example, total combined concentrations of TCE+*cis*-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE)+VC at vertical profiling borehole VAS-301 (Figure 3) varied from 2  $\mu$ g/L at 8 to 10.5 feet bgs to 2,040  $\mu$ g/L at 10.5 to 13 feet bgs, a total vertical distance of only five feet. Similarly, VC concentrations at VAS-302 decreased by an order of magnitude from 870 µg/L from 7.5 to 10 feet bgs to 90 µg/L from 10 to 12.5 feet bgs. It appears that the vertical profiling data were used to select well screen intervals. However, the groundwater quality data obtained from the subsequently-installed wells at the same location sometimes vary significantly in magnitude from the vertical profiling data. For example, the VC concentration in MW-302 in May 2005 was 99 µg/L, compared to vertical profiling concentrations in the same depth interval of 1,010 to 1,700 µg/L in VAS-301 (January 2005). Therefore, the wells may not always be accurate indicators of maximum VOC concentrations present in the shallow aquifer. The only way to achieve better resolution would be to have multiple short, discrete screens at various depths at a given location.
- The target analyte list (TAL) for the PRB area includes VOCs (SW8260B) and selected field parameters (pH, conductivity, temperature, turbidity, dissolved oxygen [DO], oxidation-reduction potential [ORP], and ferrous iron). In addition, samples from six wells are analyzed for Michigan 10 metals. With the exception of Michigan 10 metals and ferrous iron, this TAL is reasonably optimized. However, the following recommendations are offered:
	- o Discuss optimizing the target VOC list to a short-list of key contaminants of concern (e.g., chlorinated ethenes) with the analytical laboratory. Potential advantages include lower laboratory analytical costs and lower data management/validation/reporting costs. However, all constituents targeted for

analysis should be entered into the site database for each sampling event. Data gaps in the current database create uncertainty in the evaluation of lower priority constituents.

- o Continued analysis for ferrous iron during every sampling event is not necessary. Groundwater from wells MW-301 through MW-313 was analyzed for ferrous iron three times in 2005. Ferrous iron concentrations provide an indication of whether iron-reducing conditions are present, which facilitates an evaluation of whether certain chlorinated VOCs can be readily degraded. However, once ferrous iron conditions are established, the sampling frequency can be reduced substantially to at least biennial (every other year) to allow periodic remedy evaluations.
- o Delete Michigan 10 metals analysis based on the August 2005 metals data. There was only one very slight exceedance of an MCL (arsenic of 0.011 mg/L at MW-311 compared to MCL of 0.01 mg/L).
- In general, hydraulic monitoring for all wells located within the area of interest and screened within the depth zones of interest is recommended to maximize the accuracy of potentiometric surface maps. This recommendation is based on the observation that measurement of water levels in monitoring wells is generally relatively fast and inexpensive relative to water quality monitoring, and provides very important site characterization information. However, if multiple wells screened at similar depths are clustered in a small area and have similar groundwater elevations, one or more could be considered for removal from the hydraulic monitoring program unless more detailed delineation of local groundwater flow patterns is desired. At least two years of quarterly hydraulic monitoring is recommended to determine seasonal impacts on the potentiometric surface in the vicinity of the PRB Area. After that, semiannual hydraulic monitoring during relatively wet and dry times (e.g., spring and fall, concurrent with the groundwater sampling events) should be sufficient unless the quarterly monitoring results indicate significant seasonal variability that needs to be monitored more frequently. Hydraulic monitoring of all wells at the PRB area is recommended.
- The following potential data gaps were noted during performance of the qualitative evaluation for the PRB Area. They should be reviewed with the objective of verifying whether or not the current level of plume definition is acceptable in terms of 1) risks posed to potential receptors and 2) estimating the time and cost to achieve CUOs in groundwater.
	- o The downgradient extent of the VOC plume is not well defined. VC concentrations in the most downgradient wells in May 2006 ranged up to 58 µg/L (well MW-308); in November 2006 the VC concentration in this well had decreased to 20 µg/L. VC concentrations that exceed the cleanup goal appear to be bypassing the PRBs in the shallow zone, as indicated by VC concentrations detected at MW-310 (21 to 27 µg/L in May and November 2006). There are no wells installed that could be used to define the downgradient extent of the contamination detected at MW-310 based on inferred groundwater flow directions for the shallow zone. A surface water drainage channel borders the site on the south side. Given the shallow depth to the water table at the site (within approximately 2 feet of the ground surface

at MW-308) and the assumed depth of the adjacent drainage channel (approximately 7-8 feet based on Lithologic Cross Section A-A' in Attachment A), it appears likely that some discharge of contaminated groundwater to the surface water drainage occurs. However, information obtained from Progressive indicates that surface water and other sampling has indicated that this potential exposure pathway is not of concern (Personal communication from Bridget Morello, 23 October 2006).

- o Appropriate sampling should continue to be performed to confirm that surface water is not an exposure/migration pathway of concern that will result in unacceptable levels of risk to human or ecological receptors. An aerial photograph of the site obtained from the USEPA indicates that an areally extensive, undeveloped, partially forested area is located on the downgradient (south) side of the drainage channel. Any contaminants that underflow the drainage channel would migrate beneath this area. The boundary of the Clare Water Supply Superfund Site is located approximately 400 feet south of the PRBs. The stakeholders should verify that the current level of plume definition is acceptable in terms of risks posed to potential receptors.
- o Intermediate-depth well 300B contained 200  $\mu$ g/L of VC in May 2006 and 140 µg/L in November 2006. This is the only intermediate-depth well at the site and is screened from approximately 3 to 13 feet below the bottom of the PRBs. Therefore, the detected contamination is likely not treated by the PRBs. The areal extent and magnitude of contamination in the intermediate depth zone is not defined. Similarly, groundwater quality in the deep zone is not well defined, given that there are only three wells screened in this zone at the site, one of which is cross-gradient of the plume (well 220) and one which is south of the drainage channel (MW-312). Therefore, the vertical extent of groundwater contamination is not well delineated. There are no deep wells installed at the PRB Area downgradient of 300C, which has had recent exceedances of the CUO for VC. In addition, well 300C may be screened in a more permeable sand aquifer underlying the till based on geologic information presented in Section 2.0. As stated above, the stakeholders should verify that the current level of plume definition is acceptable in terms of risks posed to potential receptors and that sufficient data are available to properly estimate the time and cost required to achieve CUOs and site closure.
- $\circ$  Although monitored natural attenuation (MNA) is not part of the remedy specified in the Record of Decision (ROD; USEPA, 1992), the degree to which natural attenuation processes are reducing dissolved contaminant concentrations at the PRB Area is of interest because VC concentrations exceeding CUOs are migrating downgradient from the PRBs, and the PRBs are not deep enough to treat all of the CUO exceedances (i.e., at well 300B). Therefore, it is desirable to determine the effectiveness of MNA at treating the residual contamination in order to assess the time and cost required to achieve CUOs and whether they can be achieved within a reasonable timeframe. Some important natural attenuation indicator parameters that can provide insight into the ability of the groundwater system to degrade the COCs are already measured (i.e., DO and ORP). It should be noted however, that the biogeochemical nature of the shallow groundwater environment

<span id="page-12-0"></span>immediately downgradient of the PRBs is impacted by the PRBs, and may not be representative of the groundwater environment farther downgradient. The *Technical Protocol for Evaluating Natural Attenuation of Chlorinated Solvents in Ground Water* (EPA/600/R-98/128, 1998) provides guidance on evaluating the site-specific effectiveness of MNA for chlorinated VOCs.

### *4.2 MAROS Statistical Review for the PRB Area*

- The MAROS COC Assessment ranked VC as the priority constituent for the PRB area. VC was, therefore, chosen as the target monitoring constituent for the MAROS evaluation. Qualitative consideration was given to cis-1,2-DCE and the less frequent detections of TCE and PCE.
- Individual well trend analyses for VC were determined in MAROS using analytical data collected between 1999 and 2006. Results are illustrated in Table 4 and Figure 5. The majority of wells have a relatively short monitoring record of quarterly samples between May 2005 and May 2006. Among the 12 wells recently installed in the shallow zone, roughly half show a stable concentration trend. One well, MW-306, shows a decreasing trend, while the others show variation in VC concentrations over the recent time frame. Older wells 300-A, 300-B and 300-C show increasing concentration trends.
- The total dissolved mass estimate (zeroth moment) for VC showed a "Decreasing" trend between 1999 and 2006 for the shallow groundwater zone. Recent estimates of total dissolved mass in the shallow zone range between 0.3 kilograms (Kg) in 2005 dropping to 0.2 Kg in 2006. First moments (center of mass) in the PRB area are very stable over the 2005 to 2006 time-frame, as mass stays centered on higher concentration wells near 300A. However, this timeframe is very short. Moments should be reevaluated after a longer data set has been collected (4 years of data). Moments for the deep zone could not be evaluated due to the small number of monitoring locations.
- Spatial analysis of the VC plume using Delaunay triangulation and slope factor calculations indicate that the interior of the plume is well characterized by the existing well network and no new wells are recommended inside the network. However, a qualitative evaluation of the plume shows that the downgradient area to the south is not delineated to the CUO. Redundancy analysis indicates that locations MW-301, MW-304 and MW-305 may be removed from the network without loss of information. The results of the spatial analysis were considered in a final qualitative review, and wells MW-304 and MW-305 were retained in the program at a reduced sample frequency.
- Results of the MAROS well sampling frequency tool (the Modified Cost Effective Sampling [MCES] method) indicate that sampling frequency for the majority of wells in the PRB area can maintained at semiannual. Results of the MCES are shown in Table 5. Most of the monitoring well network was sampled quarterly from May 2005 to May 2006; since then, the sampling frequency has been decreased to semiannual.

Based on current trends, the MCES results for the majority of wells indicate that Annual sampling would be adequate to monitor changes in the plume. Wells 300A and 300B were recommended for Quarterly sampling based on a recent increasing concentration trend; however, due to the length of the monitoring <span id="page-13-0"></span>record and the location of these wells, a semiannual monitoring frequency is recommended after the qualitative evaluation. A Quarterly result was also returned for well MW-305, based on an order of magnitude concentration increase between November 2005 and March 2006. The increase may be a transient phenomenon, but after the qualitative evaluation, the well is recommended for retention in the monitoring program at a semiannual frequency.

Final recommendations for sampling frequency were determined after a review of both qualitative and quantitative information.

### *4.3 Recommendations for the PRB Area*

Recommendations for the PRB Area are summarized in Table 6 and described below.

- Continued sampling of 15 monitoring wells at the PRB Area is recommended. Continuation of a semiannual monitoring frequency for most wells is deemed appropriate assuming that future monitoring results do not indicate increasing trends that should be monitored more closely. Continued sampling of two lowerpriority wells (MW-313 and MW-312) at an annual frequency is recommended. MW-313 is located cross-gradient of the VOC plume and MW-312 is screened in a relatively deep interval.
- Exclusion of four wells from the monitoring program at the PRB Area is recommended for the reasons identified in Tables 3 and 6. In general, these wells are not providing data of sufficient usefulness to justify continued sampling.
- The potential data gaps identified in Section 4.1 should be carefully considered, and additional sampling/characterization should be performed if appropriate to ensure that 1) the plume is adequately characterized to determine risks to potential receptors, 2) potential receptors are not being impacted by site-related contamination to an unacceptable degree, and 3) the appropriate data are collected to evaluate the effectiveness of MNA and properly estimate the time and cost required to achieve CUOs. Detailed site characterization information for the PRB area is not currently available in site documents provided to the authors. The lack of clarity in determining the depth of the drainage ditch near the PRB is indicative of challenges in information management associated with this area of concern. The majority of wells in the PRB area were drilled after the RODs were issued (1990, 1992, and 1997) and current information on the specific source of contamination and area hydrogeology are not included in these documents. The recommendation for the PRB area includes development of a Site Conceptual Model document to guide management decisions for this area of concern.
- Development of a comprehensive site-wide database should continue. Current and future analytical results should be available from laboratories in electronic data deliverable (EDD) format, which should simplify the validation and importation process. Results of historical analyses should be added to the database where possible, particularly when these data are used to support management decisions. The site-wide database should be made available to all stakeholders.

### <span id="page-14-0"></span>**5.0 Soil Remedy Area Results**

### *5.1 Qualitative Review for the Soil Remedy Area*

- Details of the qualitative evaluation for the Soil Remedy Area are summarized in Table 7 and depicted on Figure 7. All wells that are part of the current monitoring program for this site are recommended for retention. However, a reduction in the sampling frequency is recommended for at least seven of the nine monitoring wells listed in Table 7. In general, the frequency reductions were recommended because 1) existing monitoring wells have been sampled at least 16 times over a period of at least 7 years, and, with few exceptions, increasing trends are not evident (based on statistical trend analysis results through May 2006); 2) the reported low groundwater flow velocity and presence of a slurry wall surrounding the soil remedy cell should prevent rapid changes in dissolved contaminant concentrations and preclude the need for more frequent monitoring; 3) operation of the DPE system within/beneath the soil remedy cell is apparently removing VOC mass and reducing VOC concentrations in the vadose and saturated zones over time; and 4) available information indicates that there are no nearby receptors. Continued semi-annual monitoring of two wells DMW-3S and DMW-3D is recommended due the magnitude of recent COC detections. Continuation of this frequency is contingent on future analytical results.
- The TAL for the Soil Remedy Area includes VOCs (SW8260B) and selected field parameters (pH, conductivity, temperature, turbidity, DO, and ORP). This TAL is reasonably optimized. However, discussion with the analytical laboratory regarding optimization of the target VOC list to a short-list of key COCs (e.g., chlorinated ethenes) is recommended. Potential advantages include lower laboratory analytical costs and lower data management/validation/reporting costs.
- The hydraulic monitoring recommendations made for the PRB Area (Section 4.1) are also applicable to the Soil Remedy Area.
- The following potential data gaps were noted during performance of the MNO evaluation for the Soil Remedy Area. They should be reviewed with the objective of verifying whether or not the current level of plume definition is acceptable in terms of 1) risks posed to potential receptors and 2) estimating the time and cost to achieve CUOs in groundwater.
	- $\circ$  The downgradient extent of the VOC plume in the shallow zone is not well defined. The TCE concentration measured in well DMW-3S in May 2006 was 23 µg/L compared to a CUO of 5 µg/L, and there are no shallow wells installed farther downgradient. The DO and ORP values measured at this well in November 2005 (8.8 mg/L and 94 millivolts, respectively) indicate that the shallow saturated zone is aerobic and oxidizing in this area, and the TCE will not readily degrade. This observation is supported by the relative lack of reductive dechlorination daughter products at DMW-3S (i.e., DCE and VC). However, information obtained from Progressive indicates that there are no receptors in the vicinity of the Soil Remedy Area (Personal communication from Bridget Morello, 26 October 2006). The northern boundary of the Clare Water Supply Superfund Site appears to be located approximately 200 feet north of the Soil Remedy Area, and institutional controls that preclude exposure to groundwater may not be in place north of this boundary. The

stakeholders should verify that the current level of plume definition is acceptable in terms of characterizing risks posed to potential receptors.

- o The intermediate zone is the first water-bearing zone below the bottom of the slurry wall. There is only one well screened in this zone (215), and it is located approximately 165 feet north of the soil remedy cell. Therefore, the existing monitoring network would likely not detect contaminant migration from beneath the soil cell in the intermediate zone. Installation of three intermediate-zone wells along the northern (presumed downgradient) edge of the soil cell (at or near shallow wells DMW-1S, -2S, and -3S, Figure 7) should be considered. The intermediate-zone well control in this area appears to be sparse, and inferred groundwater flow directions in the intermediate zone are therefore somewhat speculative. Installation of new wells in this zone would help establish the groundwater flow direction in the intermediate zone (i.e., via triangulation between well 215 and the new wells). If the groundwater flow direction in the intermediate zone is actually more directly eastward as suggested by a more recent potentiometric surface map transmitted by Progressive (that was contoured without using anomalous data from well 300B), then consideration should be given to focusing installation of new intermediate wells on the east side of the soil remedy cell as indicated in the response to Progressive comment #16 (Attachment F). Two intermediate wells could be installed along the east side and a third on the north side to determine the vertical extent of identified contamination given the presence of a continuing source in that area.
- o Groundwater elevation data collected in 2005 indicate a northerly to northwesterly groundwater flow direction in the shallow zone at the Soil Remedy Area. Well DMW-1S is located approximately 70 feet east of the northwestern corner of the soil cell. Therefore, dissolved contaminants migrating from beneath the western portion of the soil cell may not be detected by the existing shallow well network. Installation of an additional shallow well along the southern edge of US Highway 10 approximately 70 feet west of DMW-1S should be considered (Figure 7). It appears that the contouring of shallow groundwater elevation data for the Soil Remedy Area on Figures 7 and 10 of the *2005 Annual Monitoring Report* may not be completely correct. For example, the elevation for DMW-2S measured in May 2005 (838.23) is incorrectly located between the 836 and 838 elevation contours.
- $\circ$  Groundwater elevation data collected in 2005 indicate groundwater flow in the deep zone toward the east to east-northeast. However, it appears that the well control in this area is sparse, and inferred flow directions in the deep zone are somewhat speculative. Given the potential for migration toward the eastnortheast, installation of one additional deep zone well northwest of DMW-3S (Figure 7) should be considered to detect any contaminant migration in the deep zone from beneath the northern portion of the soil cell. Installing a deep zone well near DMW-3S would have the added benefit of allowing assessment of vertical hydraulic gradients between the shallow, intermediate, and deep zones (assuming an intermediate well is also installed as discussed above), and also would help determine the groundwater flow direction with a higher degree of certainty (via triangulation with existing deep wells). Installation of one additional deep zone well could be made conditional on

<span id="page-16-0"></span>sampling results for new intermediate zone wells. If the intermediate zone wells do not contain COCs at concentrations of concern, indicating a lack of significant vertical migration of COCs, then installation of a new deep well would not be necessary or recommended.

- $\circ$  As described in Section 2.2, it appears that the estimated groundwater velocity for the native materials at the Soil Remedy Area may be based on a single hydraulic conductivity measurement made elsewhere on the Clare Superfund Site. Therefore, there appears to be a fairly high degree of uncertainty regarding the groundwater seepage velocity at the Soil Remedy Area. Refinement/confirmation of the magnitude of this variable via performance of slug and/or pumping tests in selected site wells should be considered given that it is an important variable in assessing contaminant fate and transport and determining optimal monitoring locations and frequencies.
- $\circ$  The contaminant conditions required to trigger a reexamination of the monitoring program (i.e. monitoring objectives) do not appear to be well defined. Currently there is a CUO exceedance at well DMW-3S. However, this TCE detection does not appear to be of concern given the reported lack of nearby receptors. Is there a threshold value above which additional plume characterization would be determined to be advisable? Some thought should be given to articulating what contaminant concentrations are considered to be significant.
- o There are 13 DPE wells at the Soil Remedy Area, all of which are assumed to be operating on at least an intermittent basis. However, these wells are not sampled (or at least sample results are not reported in the database) so it is not possible to determine if one or more of the wells can be shut down because it is no longer removing significant VOC mass. This situation is economical from a monitoring perspective, but may not be economical from the standpoint of energy usage, costs for treatment of extracted water, and system operation and maintenance. Consideration should be given to whether the economic benefits of occasional sampling of the DPE wells would outweigh the added cost.

## *5.2 MAROS Statistical Review for the Soil Remedy Area*

The Soil Remedy Area has a limited number of wells screened in both the shallow and deep intervals. Because fewer that six locations are monitored in each zone, the spatial statistical evaluation of the Soil Remedy area was limited in scope.

- The COC Assessment module in MAROS identified VC as the only priority constituent in the Soil Remedy area, based on its low MCL and historic concentrations at some locations; however the data set did not have a complete record for VC. TCE was chosen as the guiding constituent for the network evaluation based on its more extensive record.
- The majority of wells in the Soil Remedy Area have limited detections of TCE. Mann-Kendall concentration trend results are illustrated on Figure 9. Locations UMW-1S, DMW-2D, and UMW-1D had non-detect results for all sample events, while locations DMW-1D, and DMW-3D had single detections that were not confirmed in later sampling. The deep zone of the aquifer to the east of the Soil Remedy area is largely unaffected by COCs.

<span id="page-17-0"></span>Concentrations for shallow zone wells DMW 1 through 3 all showed strongly decreasing trends for TCE, while location 215 showed sporadic detections resulting in No Trend (NT), or high variability for TCE. Strongly decreasing trends at downgradient shallow zone locations indicate that the combined slurry wall and DPE remediation systems are functioning to reduce concentrations in this area.

- Preliminary sample frequency results from the MCES tool indicate that the frequency of well sampling could be reduced from semiannual to largely annual without loss of significant information. For the deep zone wells, preliminary results indicate that a biennial (every two year) sampling frequency would be adequate to characterize the change in concentration at these locations. In order to determine the final sampling frequency, the results of both the qualitative and statistical analyses were combined. Final recommendations are presented in Table 9 and are illustrated on Figure 10.
- The number of wells in the Soil Remedy Area in each groundwater zone  $( $6$ )$ were insufficient to perform moment analysis and formal spatial analysis for well redundancy and sufficiency. Well redundancy and sufficiency recommendations are based on the qualitative evaluation detailed above.

### *5.3 Recommendations for the Soil Remedy Area*

Recommendations for the Soil Remedy Area are summarized in Table 9 and described below.

- Nine monitoring wells currently included in the monitoring program should be retained for continued sampling as described in Tables 7 and 9; however, sampling frequencies for at least seven of the wells could be reduced to annual (five wells) or biennial (every other year) (two wells). The current semiannual frequency for the remaining two wells (DMW-3S and DMW-3D) should be retained due to potentially increasing concentrations. Concentration trends can be evaluated at these locations after another one to two additional semi-annual monitoring events are performed, and the sample frequency adjusted to annual if concentrations are stable to decreasing.
- Shallow well SW-5 can be excluded from the Soil Remedy Area monitoring program as described in Tables 7 and 9. However, if this well is considered useful for site-wide monitoring or for monitoring another nearby site, then it should be retained for those purposes.
- The potential data gaps identified in Section 5.1 should be carefully considered, and additional sampling/characterization should be performed as appropriate to ensure that 1) the plume is adequately characterized to determine risks to potential receptors, 2) potential receptors are not being impacted by site-related contamination to an unacceptable degree, and 2) the appropriate data are collected to properly estimate the time and cost required to achieve CUOs for groundwater. As with the PRB area, a Site Conceptual Model document including detailed descriptions of area hydrogeology may be valuable in organizing site information and providing management decision support.
- At a minimum, installation of one shallow well and three intermediate-depth wells is recommended to more fully characterize the quality of groundwater migrating

<span id="page-18-0"></span>downgradient from beneath the soil remedy cell and to better define groundwater flow directions in the intermediate zones. In addition, installation of one deep well should be considered if sampling results for new intermediate-depth wells indicate the presence of COCs at concentrations of concern in intermediate groundwater as described in Section 5.1.

• Development of a comprehensive site-wide database should continue. Current and future analytical results should be available from laboratories in electronic data deliverable (EDD) format, which should simplify the validation and importation process. Results of historical analyses should be added to the database where possible, particularly when these data are used to support management decisions. The site-wide database should be made available to all stakeholders.

## **6.0 Long-Term Monitoring Program Flexibility**

The long-term monitoring (LTM) program recommendations described above are based on available data regarding current (and expected future) site conditions. Changing site conditions, such as changes in hydraulic (pumping-related) stresses or remedial system operation, could affect contaminant fate and transport. Therefore, the LTM program should be reviewed if site conditions change significantly, and revised as necessary to adequately track changes in the magnitude and extent of COCs in groundwater over time.

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**Tables** 

#### **TABLE 1 Summary of Site-Wide Long Term Groundwater Monitoring Plan**

Clare Water Supply Superfund Site, Michigan



Notes:

Monthly hydraulic monitoring ended in May 2006; next hydraulic monitoring event was November 2006. BGS = feet below ground surface.

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#### **TABLE 2 AQUIFER INPUT PARAMETERS FOR MAROS**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### **Notes:**

- 1. Aquifer data from Progressive database (2006).
- 2. Priority COCs defined by prevalence, toxicty and mobility.
- 3. Saturated thickness represents the span of the shallow to intermediate aquifer.
- 5. ft = Coordinates in NAD 1983 State Plane Michigan Central feet.
- 6. Cleanup Objective from Michigan Part 201 Ground Water /Surface Water Interface standard for PRB area. MCL = USEPA Maximum Contaminant Level for drinking water.
- 7.  $*$  = For the purpose of the spatial analysis, a point north of the
	- barrier wall was chosen as the 'source' area.

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CUO; no apparent increasing or decreasing trends. higrating around PRBs given higher COC detections in ding useful data.

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### **TABLE 3 QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF PRB AREA GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATIONCLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**

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## **TABLE 3 QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF PRB AREA GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATIONCLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



 $NA = not applicable.$ 

\* = conditional recommendation; see comments.

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#### **TABLE 4WELL TREND SUMMARY RESULTS FOR PRB AREA: 1999-2006**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATIONCLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### *Notes*

1. Trends were evaluated for data collected between 1/1/1999 and 5/30/2006. Trends including new data from 11/2006 are shown in Attachment C.

2. Shallow and Intermediate zone is approximately between 7 and 40 ft bgs (847 and 817 ft AMSL). Deep zone is below 40 ft bgs (below 817 ft AMSL).

3. Number of Samples is the number of samples for the compound at this location.

- Number of Detects is the number of times the compound has been detected at this location.
- 4. Maximum Result is the maximum concentration for the COC indicated between 1999 and 2006.

5. CUO = Clean-up Objective, 0.015 mg/L. MCL = 0.002 mg/L for vinyl chloride. 'Above MCL' indicates that the result value is above the screening level'.

6. D = Decreasing; PD = Probably Decreasing; S = Stable; PI = Probably Increasing; I = Increasing; N/A = Insufficient Data to determine trend;

 $NT = No$  Trend;  $ND =$  well has all non-detect results for COC;  $ND^* = Non-detect$  except for one trace value.

7. Mann-Kendall trend results are illustrated on Figure 4.

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**TABLE 5**

#### **WELL REDUNDANCY ANALYSIS SUMMARY RESULTS FOR PRB AREA**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### *Notes:*

1. Slope Factor is the difference between the actual concentration and the concentration estimated from nearest neighbors normalized by the actual concentration. Slope factors close to 1 show the concentrations cannot be estimated from the nearest neighbors, and the well is important in the network.

- 2. Slope factors were calculated using data between January 2002 and May 2006.
- 3. Locations with slope factors below 0.3 were considered for elimination.
- 4. Preliminary Sample Frequency is the result from the MCES analysis, 1999-2006.

# **TABLE 6 FINAL RECOMMENDED GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK FOR PRB AREA**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### *Notes*

1. Shallow and Intermediate zone is approximately between 7 to 37 ft bgs (847 and 817 ft AMSL). Deep zone is below 40 ft bgs (below 817 ft AMSL).

2. Number of Samples is the number of samples during the recent time-frame for the compound at this location.

Number of Detects is the number of times the compound has been detected for data consolidated by quarter at this location.

3. Average Result is the average concentration for TCE between 1999 and 2006.<br>4. CUO = Clean-up Objective, 0.005 mg/L. 'Above CUO' indicates that the result value is above the objective standard.

5. D = Decreasing; PD = Probably Decreasing; S = Stable; PI = Probably Increasing; I = Increasing; N/A = Insufficient Data to determine trend;

 $NT = No$  Trend;  $ND = well$  has all non-detect results for COC;  $ND^* = Non-detect$  except for one trace value.

6. All recommendations are contingent upon stable plume status under current conditions.

Changes in groundwater flow velocity or head may require increasing or decreasing sample locations and frequency.

7. Sample locations are illustrated on Figure 7.

8. \* = Recommended for exclusion by either qualitative or quantitative analysis, but retained after final evaluation.

#### **TABLE 7 QUALITATIVE EVALUATION OF SOIL REMEDY AREA GROUNDWATER MONITORING NETWORK LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



\* = conditional recommendation; see comments.

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#### **TABLE 8WELL TREND SUMMARY RESULTS SOIL REMEDY AREA: 1999-2006**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATIONCLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### *Notes*

- 1. Trends were evaluated for data collected between 1/1/1999 and 5/30/2006.
- 2. Shallow and Intermediate zone is approximately between 0 and 17 ft bgs. Deep zone is below 50 ft bgs.
- 3. Number of Samples is the number of samples for the compound at this location. Number of Detects is the number of times the compound has been detected at this location.
- 4. Maximum Result is the maximum concentration for the COC indicated between 1999 and 2006.
- 5. CUO = Clean-up Objective, 0.015 mg/L. MCL = 0.005 mg/L for TCE. 'Above MCL' indicates that the result value is above the screening level'.
- 6. D = Decreasing; PD = Probably Decreasing; S = Stable; PI = Probably Increasing; I = Increasing; N/A = Insufficient Data to determine trend;
- $NT = No$  Trend;  $ND =$  well has all non-detect results for COC;  $ND^* = Non-detect$  except for one trace value.
- 7. Mann-Kendall trend results are illustrated on Figure 4.
- 8. LOE = Lines of Evidence. The LOE trend is a combination of the Mann-Kendall and Linear Regression trends.
- 9. Average Result is the average concentration at the monitoring location for all samples between 1999 and 2006.
- 10. The Sampling Frequency is a preliminary result from the software algorithm. A final frequency should be determined after a qualitative evaluation of all site data.
- 11\* Location DMW-1D had only one detection of TCE and DCE in June 2000. The detection was not repeated in subsequent sample events.

#### **TABLE 9FINAL RECOMMENDED MONITORING NETWORK SOIL REMEDY AREA**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATIONCLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



*Notes*

1. Shallow and Intermediate zone is approximately between 7 to 37 ft bgs (847 and 817 ft AMSL). Deep zone is below 40 ft bgs (below 817 ft AMSL).

2. Number of Samples is the number of samples during the recent time-frame for the compound at this location.

Number of Detects is the number of times the compound has been detected for data consolidated by quarter at this location.

3. Average Result is the average concentration for TCE between 1999 and 2006.

4. CUO = Clean-up Objective is equal to MCL, 0.005 mg/L. 'Above CUO' indicates that the result value is above the objective standard.

5. D = Decreasing; PD = Probably Decreasing; S = Stable; PI = Probably Increasing; I = Increasing; N/A = Insufficient Data to determine trend;

NT = No Trend; ND = well has all non-detect results for COC; ND<sup>\*</sup> = Non-detect except for one trace value.

6. All recommendations are contingent upon stable plume status under current conditions. Changes in groundwater flow velocity or head may require increasing or decreasing sample locations and frequency.

7. Sample locations are illustrated on Figure 9.

8. \* = Consider reducing frequency to Annual if concentration trends stable to decreasing.

9. SW-5 may provide useful information for the Site-Wide groundwater monitoring network, which was not evaluated here.

**Figures** 



#### **FIGURE 2A APPROXIMATE WELL SCREEN INTERVALS FOR PRB AREA LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION EVALUATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



#### **FIGURE 2B PPROXIMATE WELL SCREEN INTERVALS FOR SOIL REMEDY AREA LONG-TERM MONITORING OPTIMIZATION EVALUATION CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE, MICHIGAN**



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**Attachment A** 

**Geologic Cross-Sections** 



CLARE WATER SUPPLY SUPERFUND SITE<br>CLARE, MICHIGAN







OCTOBER, 2004







SOIL REMEDY **GROUNDWATER LEVEL** CROSS-SECTION A-A'





MPERMEABLE LINER





- IMPERMEABLE LINER



**Attachment B** 

**MAROS 2.2 Methodology** 

# **ATTACHMENT B MAROS 2.2 METHODOLOGY**

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# **MAROS METHODOLOGY**

MAROS is a collection of tools in one software package that is used in an explanatory, non-linear but linked fashion. The tool includes models, statistics, heuristic rules, and empirical relationships to assist the user in optimizing a groundwater monitoring network system. The final optimized network maintains adequate delineation while providing information on plume dynamics over time. Results generated from the software tool can be used to develop lines of evidence, which, in combination with expert opinion, can be used to inform regulatory decisions for safe and economical long-term monitoring of groundwater plumes. For a detailed description of the structure of the software and further utilities, refer to the MAROS 2.2 Manual (AFCEE, 2003; http://www.gsinet.com/software/MAROS\_V2\_1Manual.pdf) and Aziz et al., 2003.

### **1.0 MAROS Conceptual Model**

In MAROS 2.2, two levels of analysis are used for optimizing long-term monitoring plans: 1) an overview statistical evaluation with interpretive trend analysis based on temporal trend analysis and plume stability information; and 2) a more detailed statistical optimization based on spatial and temporal redundancy reduction methods (see Figures A.1 and A.2 for further details). In general, the MAROS method applies to 2-D aquifers that have relatively simple site hydrogeology. However, for a multi-aquifer (3-D) system, the user has the option to apply the statistical analysis layer-by-layer.

The overview statistics or interpretive trend analysis assesses the general monitoring system category by considering individual well concentration trends, overall plume stability, hydrogeologic factors (e.g., seepage velocity, and current plume length), and the location of potential receptors (e.g., property boundaries or drinking water wells). The method relies on temporal trend analysis to assess plume stability, which is then used to determine the general monitoring system category. Since the monitoring system category is evaluated for both source and tail regions of the plume, the site wells are divided into two different zones: the source zone and the tail zone.

Source zone monitoring wells could include areas with non-aqueous phase liquids (NAPLs), contaminated vadose zone soils, and areas where aqueous-phase releases have been introduced into ground water. The source zone generally contains locations with historical high ground water concentrations of the COCs. The tail zone is usually the area downgradient of the contaminant source zone. Although this classification is a simplification of the plume conceptual model, this broadness makes the user aware on an individual well basis that the concentration trend results can have a different interpretation depending on the well location in and around the plume. The location and type of the individual wells allows further interpretation of the trend results, depending on what type of well is being analyzed (e.g., remediation well, leading plume edge well, or monitoring well). General recommendations for the monitoring network frequency and density are suggested based on heuristic rules applied to the source and tail trend results.

The detailed statistics level of analysis or sampling optimization consists of well redundancy and well sufficiency analyses using the Delaunay method, a sampling frequency analysis using the Modified Cost Effective Sampling (MCES) method and a data sufficiency analysis including statistical power analysis. The well redundancy analysis is designed to minimize monitoring locations and the Modified CES method is designed to minimize the frequency of sampling. The data sufficiency analysis uses simple statistical methods to assess the sampling record to determine if groundwater concentrations are statistically below target levels and if the current monitoring network and record is sufficient in terms of evaluating concentrations at downgradient locations.

# **2.0 Data Management**

In MAROS, ground water monitoring data can be imported from simple database-format Microsoft® Excel spreadsheets, Microsoft Access tables, previously created MAROS database archive files, or entered manually. Monitoring data interpretation in MAROS is based on historical analytical data from a consistent set of wells over a series of sampling events. The analytical data is composed of the well name, coordinate location, constituent, result, detection limit and associated data qualifiers. Statistical validity of the concentration trend analysis requires constraints on the minimum data input of at least four wells (ASTM 1998) in which COCs have been detected. Individual sampling locations need to include data from at least six most-recent sampling events. To ensure a meaningful comparison of COC concentrations over time and space, both data quality and data quantity need to be considered. Prior to statistical analysis, the user can consolidate irregularly sampled data or smooth data that might result from seasonal fluctuations or a change in site conditions. Because MAROS is a terminal analytical tool designed for long-term planning, impacts of seasonal variation in the water unit are treated on a broad scale, as they relate to multi-year trends.

Imported ground water monitoring data and the site-specific information entered in Site Details can be archived and exported as MAROS archive files. These archive files can be appended as new monitoring data becomes available, resulting in a dynamic longterm monitoring database that reflects the changing conditions at the site (i.e. biodegradation, compliance attainment, completion of remediation phase, etc.). For wells with a limited monitoring history, addition of information as it becomes available can change the frequency or identity of wells in the network.

# **3.0 Site Details**

Information needed for the MAROS analysis includes site-specific parameters such as seepage velocity and current plume length and width. Information on the location of potential receptors relative to the source and tail regions of the plume is entered at this point. Part of the trend analysis methodology applied in MAROS focuses on where the monitoring well is located, therefore the user needs to divide site wells into two different zones: the source zone or the tail zone. Although this classification is a simplification of the well function, this broadness makes the user aware on an individual well basis that the concentration trend results can have a different interpretation depending on the well location in and around the plume. It is up to the user to make further interpretation of the

trend results, depending on what type of well is being analyzed (e.g., remediation well, leading plume edge well, or monitoring well). The Site Details section of MAROS contains a preliminary map of well locations to confirm well coordinates.

# **4.0 Constituent Selection**

A database with multiple COCs can be entered into the MAROS software. MAROS allows the analysis of up to 5 COCs concurrently and users can pick COCs from a list of compounds existing in the monitoring data. MAROS runs separate optimizations for each compound. For sites with a single source, the suggested strategy is to choose one to three priority COCs for the optimization. If, for example, the site contains multiple chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the standard sample chemical analysis will evaluate all VOCs, so the sample locations and frequency should based on the concentration trends of the most prevalent, toxic or mobile compounds. If different chemical classes are present, such as metals and chlorinated VOCs, choose and evaluate the priority constituent in each chemical class.

MAROS includes a short module that provides recommendations on prioritizing COCs based on toxicity, prevalence, and mobility of the compound. The toxicity ranking is determined by examining a representative concentration for each compound for the entire site. The representative concentration is then compared to the screening level (PRG or MCL) for that compound and the COCs are ranked according to the representative concentrations percent exceedence of the screening level. The evaluation of prevalence is performed by determining a representative concentration for each well location and evaluating the total exceedences (values above screening levels) compared to the total number of wells. Compounds found over screening levels are ranked for mobility based on Kd (sorption partition coefficient). The MAROS COC assessment provides the relative ranking of each COC, but the user must choose which COCs are included in the analysis.

# **5.0 Data Consolidation**

Typically, raw data from long-term monitoring have been measured irregularly in time or contain many non-detects, trace level results, and duplicates. Therefore, before the data can be further analyzed, raw data are filtered, consolidated, transformed, and possibly smoothed to allow for a consistent dataset meeting the minimum data requirements for statistical analysis mentioned previously.

MAROS allows users to specify the period of interest in which data will be consolidated (i.e., monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, yearly, or a biennial basis). In computing the representative value when consolidating, one of four statistics can be used: median, geometric mean, mean, and maximum. Non-detects can be transformed to one half the reporting or method detection limit (DL), the DL, or a fraction of the DL. Trace level results can be represented by their actual values, one half of the DL, the DL, or a fraction of their actual values. Duplicates are reduced in MAROS by one of three ways: assigning the average, maximum, or first value. The reduced data for each COC

and each well can be viewed as a time series in a graphical form on a linear or semi-log plot generated by the software.

# **6.0 Overview Statistics: Plume Trend Analysis**

Within the MAROS software there are historical data analyses that support a conclusion about plume stability (e.g., increasing plume, etc.) through statistical trend analysis of historical monitoring data. Plume stability results are assessed from time-series concentration data with the application of three statistical tools: Mann-Kendall Trend analysis, linear regression trend analysis and moment analysis. The two trend methods are used to estimate the concentration trend for each well and each COC based on a statistical trend analysis of concentrations versus time at each well. These trend analyses are then consolidated to give the user a general plume stability estimate and general monitoring frequency and density recommendations (see Figures A.1 through A.3 for further step-by-step details). Both qualitative and quantitative plume information can be gained by these evaluations of monitoring network historical data trends both spatially and temporally. The MAROS Overview Statistics are the foundation the user needs to make informed optimization decisions at the site. The Overview Statistics are designed to allow site personnel to develop a better understanding of the plume behavior over time and understand how the individual well concentration trends are spatially distributed within the plume. This step allows the user to gain information that will support a more informed decision to be made in the next level or detailed statistics optimization analysis.

### 6.1 Mann-Kendall Analysis

The Mann-Kendall test is a statistical procedure that is well suited for analyzing trends in data over time. The Mann-Kendall test can be viewed as a non-parametric test for zero slope of the first-order regression of time-ordered concentration data versus time. One advantage of the Mann-Kendall test is that it does not require any assumptions as to the statistical distribution of the data (e.g. normal, lognormal, etc.) and can be used with data sets which include irregular sampling intervals and missing data. The Mann-Kendall test is designed for analyzing a single groundwater constituent, multiple constituents are analyzed separately. The Mann-Kendall S statistic measures the trend in the data: positive values indicate an increase in concentrations over time and negative values indicate a decrease in concentrations over time. The strength of the trend is proportional to the magnitude of the Mann-Kendall statistic (i.e., a large value indicates a strong trend). The confidence in the trend is determined by consulting the S statistic and the sample size, n, in a Kendall probability table such as the one reported in Hollander and Wolfe (1973).

The concentration trend is determined for each well and each COC based on results of the S statistic, the confidence in the trend, and the Coefficient of Variation (COV). The decision matrix for this evaluation is shown in Table 3. A Mann-Kendall statistic that is greater than 0 combined with a confidence of greater than 95% is categorized as an Increasing trend while a Mann-Kendall statistic of less than 0 with a confidence between 90% and 95% is defined as a probably Increasing trend, and so on.

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Depending on statistical indicators, the concentration trend is classified into six categories:

- Decreasing (D),
- Probably Decreasing (PD),
- Stable (S),
- No Trend (NT),
- Probably Increasing (PI)
- Increasing (I).

These trend estimates are then analyzed to identify the source and tail region overall stability category (see Figure 2 for further details).

#### 6.2 Linear Regression Analysis

Linear Regression is a parametric statistical procedure that is typically used for analyzing trends in data over time. Using this type of analysis, a higher degree of scatter simply corresponds to a wider confidence interval about the average log-slope. Assuming the sign (i.e., positive or negative) of the estimated log-slope is correct, a level of confidence that the slope is not zero can be easily determined. Thus, despite a poor goodness of fit, the overall trend in the data may still be ascertained, where low levels of confidence correspond to "Stable" or "No Trend" conditions (depending on the degree of scatter) and higher levels of confidence indicate the stronger likelihood of a trend. The linear regression analysis is based on the first-order linear regression of the logtransformed concentration data versus time. The slope obtained from this logtransformed regression, the confidence level for this log-slope, and the COV of the untransformed data are used to determine the concentration trend. The decision matrix for this evaluation is shown in Table 4.

To estimate the confidence in the log-slope, the standard error of the log-slope is calculated. The coefficient of variation, defined as the standard deviation divided by the average, is used as a secondary measure of scatter to distinguish between "Stable" or "No Trend" conditions for negative slopes. The Linear Regression Analysis is designed for analyzing a single groundwater constituent; multiple constituents are analyzed separately, (up to five COCs simultaneously). For this evaluation, a decision matrix developed by Groundwater Services, Inc. is also used to determine the "Concentration Trend" category (plume stability) for each well.

Depending on statistical indicators, the concentration trend is classified into six categories:

- Decreasing (D).
- Probably Decreasing (PD),
- Stable (S).
- No Trend (NT),
- Probably Increasing (PI)
- Increasing (I).

The resulting confidence in the trend, together with the log-slope and the COV of the untransformed data, are used in the linear regression analysis decision matrix to determine the concentration trend. For example, a positive log-slope with a confidence of less than 90% is categorized as having No Trend whereas a negative log-slope is considered Stable if the COV is less than 1 and categorized as No Trend if the COV is greater than 1.

### 6.3 Overall Plume Analysis

General recommendations for the monitoring network frequency and density are suggested based on heuristic rules applied to the source and tail trend results. Individual well trend results are consolidated and weighted by the MAROS according to user input, and the direction and strength of contaminant concentration trends in the source zone and tail zone for each COC are determined. Based on

- **i)** the consolidated trend analysis,
- **ii)** hydrogeologic factors (e.g., seepage velocity), and
- **iii)** location of potential receptors (e.g., wells, discharge points, or property boundaries),

the software suggests a general optimization plan for the current monitoring system in order to efficiently but effectively monitor groundwater in the future. A flow chart utilizing the trend analysis results and other site-specific parameters to form a general sampling frequency and well density recommendation is outlined in Figure 2. For example, a generic plan for a shrinking petroleum hydrocarbon plume (BTEX) in a slow hydrogeologic environment (silt) with no nearby receptors would entail minimal, low frequency sampling of just a few indicators. On the other hand, the generic plan for a chlorinated solvent plume in a fast hydrogeologic environment that is expanding but has very erratic concentrations over time would entail more extensive, higher frequency sampling. The generic plan is based on a heuristically derived algorithm for assessing future sampling duration, location and density that takes into consideration plume stability. For a detailed description of the heuristic rules used in the MAROS software, refer to the MAROS 2.2Manual (AFCEE, 2003).

### 6.4 Moment Analysis

An analysis of moments can help resolve plume trends, where the zeroth moment shows change in dissolved mass vs. time, the first moment shows the center of mass location vs. time, and the second moment shows the spread of the plume vs. time. Moment calculations can predict how the plume will change in the future if further statistical analysis is applied to the moments to identify a trend (in this case, Mann Kendall Trend Analysis is applied). The trend analysis of moments can be summarized as:

- Zeroth Moment: An estimate of the total mass of the constituent for each sample event
- First Moment: An estimate of the center of mass for each sample event
- Second Moment: An estimate of the spread of the plume around the center of mass

The role of moment analysis in MAROS is to provide a relative estimate of plume stability and condition within the context of results from other MAROS modules. The Moment analysis algorithms in MAROS are simple approximations of complex calculations and are meant to estimate changes in total mass, center of mass and spread of mass for complex well networks. The Moment Analysis module is sensitive to the number and arrangement of wells in each sampling event, so, changes in the number and identity of wells during monitoring events, and the parameters chosen for data consolidation can cause changes in the estimated moments.

Plume stability may vary by constituent, therefore the MAROS Moment analysis can be used to evaluate multiple COCs simultaneously which can be used to provide a quick way of comparing individual plume parameters to determine the size and movement of constituents relative to one another. Moment analysis in the MAROS software can also be used to assist the user in evaluating the impact on plume delineation in future sampling events by removing identified "redundant" wells from a long-term monitoring program (this analysis was not performed as part of this study, for more details on this application of moment analysis refer to the MAROS Users Manual (AFCEE, 2003)).

The **zeroth moment** is the sum of concentrations for all monitoring wells and is a mass estimate. The zeroth moment calculation can show high variability over time, largely due to the fluctuating concentrations at the most contaminated wells as well as varying monitoring well network. Plume analysis and delineation based exclusively on concentration can exhibit fluctuating temporal and spatial values. The mass estimate is also sensitive to the extent of the site monitoring well network over time. The zeroth moment trend over time is determined by using the Mann-Kendall Trend Methodology. The zeroth Moment trend test allows the user to understand how the plume mass has changed over time. Results for the trend include: Increasing, probably Increasing, no trend, stable, probably decreasing, decreasing or not applicable (N/A) (Insufficient Data). When considering the results of the zeroth moment trend, the following factors should be considered which could effect the calculation and interpretation of the plume mass over time: 1) Change in the spatial distribution of the wells sampled historically 2) Different wells sampled within the well network over time (addition and subtraction of well within the network). 3) Adequate versus inadequate delineation of the plume over time

The **first moment** estimates the center of mass, coordinates (Xc and Yc) for each sample event and COC. The changing center of mass locations indicate the movement of the center of mass over time. Whereas, the distance from the original source location to the center of mass locations indicate the movement of the center of mass over time relative to the original source. Calculation of the first moment normalizes the spread by the concentration indicating the center of mass. The first moment trend of the distance to the center of mass over time shows movement of the plume in relation to the original source location over time. Analysis of the movement of mass should be viewed as it relates to 1) the original source location of contamination 2) the direction of groundwater flow and/or 3) source removal or remediation. Spatial and temporal trends in the center of mass can indicate spreading or shrinking or transient movement based on season variation in rainfall or other hydraulic considerations. No appreciable movement or a neutral trend in the center of mass would indicate plume stability. However, changes in the first moment over time do not necessarily completely characterize the changes in the concentration distribution (and the mass) over time. Therefore, in order to fully characterize the plume the First Moment trend should be compared to the zeroth moment trend (mass change over time).

The **second moment** indicates the spread of the contaminant about the center of mass (Sxx and Syy), or the distance of contamination from the center of mass for a particular COC and sample event. The Second Moment represents the spread of the plume over time in both the x and y directions. The Second Moment trend indicates the spread of the plume about the center of mass. Analysis of the spread of the plume should be viewed as it relates to the direction of groundwater flow. An Increasing trend in the second moment indicates an expanding plume, whereas a declining trend in the second moment indicates a shrinking plume. No appreciable movement or a neutral trend in the center of mass would indicate plume stability. The second moment provides a measure of the spread of the concentration distribution about the plume's center of mass. However, changes in the second moment over time do not necessarily completely characterize the changes in the concentration distribution (and the mass) over time. Therefore, in order to fully characterize the plume the Second Moment trend should be compared to the zeroth moment trend (mass change over time).

# **7.0 Detailed Statistics: Optimization Analysis**

Although the overall plume analysis shows a general recommendation regarding sampling frequency reduction and a general sampling density, a more detailed analysis is also available with the MAROS 2.2 software in order to allow for further reductions on a well-by-well basis for frequency, well redundancy, well sufficiency and sampling sufficiency. The MAROS Detailed Statistics allows for a quantitative analysis for spatial and temporal optimization of the well network on a well-by-well basis. The results from the Overview Statistics should be considered along with the MAROS optimization recommendations gained from the Detailed Statistical Analysis described previously. The MAROS Detailed Statistics results should be reassessed in view of site knowledge and regulatory requirements as well as in consideration of the Overview Statistics (Figure 2).

The Detailed Statistics or Sampling Optimization MAROS modules can be used to determine the minimal number of sampling locations and the lowest frequency of sampling that can still meet the requirements of sampling spatially and temporally for an existing monitoring program. It also provides an analysis of the sufficiency of data for the monitoring program.

Sampling optimization in MAROS consists of four parts:

- Well redundancy analysis using the Delaunay method
- Well sufficiency analysis using the Delaunay method
- Sampling frequency determination using the Modified CES method
- Data sufficiency analysis using statistical power analysis.

The well redundancy analysis using the Delaunay method identifies and eliminates redundant locations from the monitoring network. The well sufficiency analysis can determine the areas where new sampling locations might be needed. The Modified CES method determines the optimal sampling frequency for a sampling location based on the direction, magnitude, and uncertainty in its concentration trend. The data sufficiency analysis examines the risk-based site cleanup status and power and expected sample size associated with the cleanup status evaluation.

#### 7.1 Well Redundancy Analysis – Delaunay Method

The well redundancy analysis using the Delaunay method is designed to select the minimum number of sampling locations based on the spatial analysis of the relative importance of each sampling location in the monitoring network. The approach allows elimination of sampling locations that have little impact on the historical characterization of a contaminant plume. An extended method or wells sufficiency analysis, based on the Delaunay method, can also be used for recommending new sampling locations. Details about the Delaunay method can be found in Appendix A.2 of the MAROS Manual (AFCEE, 2003).

Sampling Location determination uses the Delaunay triangulation method to determine the significance of the current sampling locations relative to the overall monitoring network. The Delaunay method calculates the network Area and Average concentration of the plume using data from multiple monitoring wells. A slope factor (SF) is calculated for each well to indicate the significance of this well in the system (i.e. how removing a well changes the average concentration.)

The Sampling Location optimization process is performed in a stepwise fashion. Step one involves assessing the significance of the well in the system, if a well has a small SF (little significance to the network), the well may be removed from the monitoring network. Step two involves evaluating the information loss of removing a well from the network. If one well has a small SF, it may or may not be eliminated depending on whether the information loss is significant. If the information loss is not significant, the well can be eliminated from the monitoring network and the process of optimization continues with fewer wells. However if the well information loss is significant then the optimization terminates. This sampling optimization process allows the user to assess "redundant" wells that will not incur significant information loss on a constituent-by-constituent basis for individual sampling events.

### 7.2 Well Sufficiency Analysis – Delaunay Method

The well sufficiency analysis, using the Delaunay method, is designed to recommend new sampling locations in areas *within* the existing monitoring network where there is a high level of uncertainty in contaminant concentration. Details about the well sufficiency analysis can be found in Appendix A.2 of the MAROS Manual (AFCEE, 2003).

In many cases, new sampling locations need to be added to the existing network to enhance the spatial plume characterization. If the MAROS algorithm calculates a high level of uncertainty in predicting the constituent concentration for a particular area, a new sampling location is recommended. The Slope Factor (SF) values obtained from the redundancy evaluation described above are used to calculate the concentration estimation error for each triangle area formed in the Delaunay triangulation. The estimated SF value for each area is then classified into four levels: Small, Moderate, Large, or Extremely large (S, M, L, E) because the larger the estimated SF value, the higher the estimation error at this area. Therefore, the triangular areas with the estimated SF value at the Extremely large or Large level can be candidate regions for new sampling locations.

The results from the Delaunay method and the method for determining new sampling locations are derived solely from the spatial configuration of the monitoring network and the spatial pattern of the contaminant plume. No parameters such as the hydrogeologic conditions are considered in the analysis. Therefore, professional judgment and regulatory considerations must be used to make final decisions.

### 7.3 Sampling Frequency Determination - Modified CES Method

The Modified CES method optimizes sampling frequency for each sampling location based on the magnitude, direction, and uncertainty of its concentration trend derived from its recent and historical monitoring records. The Modified Cost Effective Sampling (MCES) estimates a conservative lowest-frequency sampling schedule for a given groundwater monitoring location that still provides needed information for regulatory and remedial decision-making. The MCES method was developed on the basis of the Cost Effective Sampling (CES) method developed by Ridley et al (1995). Details about the MCES method can be found in Appendix A.9 of the MAROS Manual (AFCEE, 2003).

In order to estimate the least frequent sampling schedule for a monitoring location that still provides enough information for regulatory and remedial decision-making, MCES employs three steps to determine the sampling frequency. The first step involves analyzing frequency based on recent trends. A preliminary location sampling frequency (PLSF) is developed based on the rate of change of well concentrations calculated by linear regression along with the Mann-Kendall trend analysis of the most recent monitoring data (see Figure 3). The variability within the sequential sampling data is accounted for by the Mann-Kendall analysis. The rate of change vs. trend result matrix categorizes wells as requiring annual, semi-annual or quarterly sampling. The PLSF is then reevaluated and adjusted based on overall trends. If the long-term history of change is significantly greater than the recent trend, the frequency may be reduced by one level.

The final step in the analysis involves reducing frequency based on risk, site-specific conditions, regulatory requirements or other external issues. Since not all compounds in the target being assessed are equally harmful, frequency is reduced by one level if recent maximum concentration for a compound of high risk is less than 1/2 of the Maximum Concentration Limit (MCL). The result of applying this method is a suggested sampling frequency based on recent sampling data trends and overall sampling data trends and expert judgment.

The final sampling frequency determined from the MCES method can be Quarterly, Semiannual, Annual, or Biennial. Users can further reduce the sampling frequency to, for example, once every three years, if the trend estimated from Biennial data (i.e., data drawn once every two years from the original data) is the same as that estimated from the original data.

### 7.4 Data Sufficiency Analysis – Power Analysis

The MAROS Data Sufficiency module employs simple statistical methods to evaluate whether the collected data are adequate both in quantity and in quality for revealing changes in constituent concentrations. The first section of the module evaluates individual well concentrations to determine if they are statistically below a target screening level. The second section includes a simple calculation for estimating projected groundwater concentrations at a specified point downgradient of the plume. A statistical Power analysis is then applied to the projected concentrations to determine if the downgradient concentrations are statistically below the cleanup standard. If the number of projected concentrations is below the level to provide statistical significance, then the number of sample events required to statistically confirm concentrations below standards is estimated from the Power analysis.

Before testing the cleanup status for individual wells, the stability or trend of the contaminant plume should be evaluated. Only after the plume has reached stability or is reliably diminishing can we conduct a test to examine the cleanup status of wells. Applying the analysis to wells in an expanding plume may cause incorrect conclusions and is less meaningful.

Statistical power analysis is a technique for interpreting the results of statistical tests. The Power of a statistical test is a measure of the ability of the test to detect an effect given that the effect actually exists. The method provides additional information about a statistical test: 1) the power of the statistical test, i.e., the probability of finding a difference in the variable of interest when a difference truly exists; and 2) the expected sample size of a future sampling plan given the minimum detectable difference it is supposed to detect. For example, if the mean concentration is lower than the cleanup goal but a statistical test cannot prove this, the power and expected sample size can tell the reason and how many more samples are needed to result in a significant test. The additional samples can be obtained by a longer period of sampling or an increased sampling frequency. Details about the data sufficiency analysis can be found in Appendix A.6 of the MAROS Manual (AFCEE, 2003).

When applying the MAROS power analysis method, a hypothetical statistical compliance boundary (HSCB) is assigned to be a line perpendicular to the groundwater flow direction (see figure below). Monitoring well concentrations are projected onto the HSCB using the distance from each well to the compliance boundary along with a decay coefficient. The projected concentrations from each well and each sampling event are then used in the risk-based power analysis. Since there may be more than one sampling event selected by the user, the risk-based power analysis results are given on an eventby-event basis. This power analysis can then indicate if target are statistically achieved at the HSCB. For instance, at a site where the historical monitoring record is short with few wells, the HSCB would be distant; whereas, at a site with longer duration of sampling with many wells, the HSCB would be close. Ultimately, at a site the goal would be to have the HSCB coincide with or be within the actual compliance boundary (typically the site property line).



In order to perform a risk-based cleanup status evaluation for the whole site, a strategy was developed as follows.

- Estimate concentration versus distance decay coefficient from plume centerline wells.
- Extrapolate concentration versus distance for each well using this decay coefficient.
- Comparing the extrapolated concentrations with the compliance concentration using power analysis.

Results from this analysis can be *Attained* or *Not Attained*, providing a statistical interpretation of whether the cleanup goal has been met on the site-scale from the riskbased point of view. The results as a function of time can be used to evaluate if the monitoring system has enough power at each step in the sampling record to indicate certainty of compliance by the plume location and condition relative to the compliance boundary. For example, if results are *Not Attained* at early sampling events but are *Attained* in recent sampling events, it indicates that the recent sampling record provides a powerful enough result to indicate compliance of the plume relative to the location of the receptor or compliance boundary.

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#### **MAROS: Decision Support Tool**

MAROS is a collection of tools in one software package that is used in an explanatory, non-linear fashion. The tool includes models, geostatistics, heuristic rules, and empirical relationships to assist the user in optimizing a groundwater monitoring network system while maintaining adequate delineation of the plume as well as knowledge of the plume state over time. Different users utilize the tool in different ways and interpret the results from a different viewpoint.



**What it is:** Simple, qualitative and quantitative plume information can be gained through evaluation of monitoring network historical data trends both spatially and temporally. The MAROS Overview Statistics are the foundation the user needs to make informed optimization decisions at the site.

**What it does:** The Overview Statistics are designed to allow site personnel to develop a better understanding of the plume behavior over time and understand how the individual well concentration trends are spatially distributed within the plume. This step allows the user to gain information that will support a more informed decision to be made in the next level of optimization analysis.

**What are the tools:** Overview Statistics includes two analytical tools:

- **1) Trend Analysis:** includes Mann-Kendall and Linear Regression statistics for individual wells and results in general heuristically-derived monitoring categories with a suggested sampling density and monitoring frequency.
- **2) Moment Analysis:** includes dissolved mass estimation (0<sup>th</sup> Moment), center of mass (1<sup>st</sup> Moment), and plume spread (2<sup>nd</sup> Moment) over time. Trends of these moments show the user another piece of information about the plume stability over time.

**What is the product:** A first-cut blueprint for a future long-term monitoring program that is intended to be a foundation for more detailed statistical analysis.



**What it is:** The MAROS Detailed Statistics allows for a quantitative analysis for spatial and temporal optimization of the well network on a well-by-well basis.

**What it does:** The results from the Overview Statistics should be considered along side the MAROS optimization recommendations gained from the Detailed Statistical Analysis. The MAROS Detailed Statistics results should be reassessed in view of site knowledge and regulatory requirements as well as the Overview Statistics.

**What are the tools:** Detailed Statistics includes four analytical tools:

- **1) Sampling Frequency Optimization:** uses the Modified CES method to establish a recommended future sampling frequency.
- **2) Well Redundancy Analysis:** uses the Delaunay Method to evaluate if any wells within the monitoring network are redundant and can be eliminated without any significant loss of plume information.
- **3) Well Sufficiency Analysis:** uses the Delaunay Method to evaluate areas where new wells are recommended within the monitoring network due to high levels of concentration uncertainty.
- **4) Data Sufficiency Analysis:** uses Power Analysis to assess if the historical monitoring data record has sufficient power to accurately reflect the location of the plume relative to the nearest receptor or compliance point.

**What is the product:** List of wells to remove from the monitoring program, locations where monitoring wells may need to be added, recommended frequency of sampling for each well, analysis if the overall system is statistically powerful to monitor the plume.

**Figure 1**. MAROS Decision Support Tool Flow Chart





**Figure 2**: MAROS Overview Statistics Trend Analysis Methodology





Figure 3. Decision Matrix for Determining Provisional Frequency (*Figure A.3.1 of the MAROS Manual (AFCEE 2003*)

**Attachment C MAROS Reports**

#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING NETWORK OPTIMIZATION PRB AND SOIL REMEDY AREAS**

Clare Water Supply Superfund Site Clare, Michigan

#### **ATTACHMENT C:**

# **MAROS Reports**

*PRB Area:* 

 COC Assessment Report Mann-Kendall Reports Selected Wells (Including data from November 2006 monitoring event)

*Soil Remedy Area:* 

 COC Assessment Report Mann-Kendall Reports Selected Wells

# MAROS COC Assessment



Note: Top COCs by toxicity were determined by examining a representative concentration for each compound over the entire site. The compound representative concentrations are then compared with the chosen PRG for that compound, with the percentage excedence from the PRG determining the compound's toxicity. All compounds above exceed the PRG.

#### *Prevalence:*



Note: Top COCs by prevalence were determined by examining a representative concentration for each well location at the site. The total excedences (values above the chosen PRGs) are compared to the total number of wells to determine the prevalence of the compound.

#### *Mobility:*



Note: Top COCs by mobility were determined by examining each detected compound in the dataset and comparing their mobilities (Koc's for organics, assume foc = 0.001, and Kd's for metals).

#### **Contaminants of Concern (COC's)**

VINYL CHLORIDE

cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE

# MAROS Statistical Trend Analysis Summary

**Project:** Clare

**Location:** Clare **State:** Michigan

# **User Name:** MV

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/23/1994 **to** 11/10/2006



# MAROS Statistical Trend Analysis Summary



Note: Increasing (I); Probably Increasing (PI); Stable (S); Probably Decreasing (PD); Decreasing (D); No Trend (NT); Not Applicable (N/A); Not Applicable (N/A) - Due to insufficient Data (< 4 sampling events); No Detectable Concentration (NDC)

The Number of Samples and Number of Detects shown above are post-consolidation values.

# MAROS Mann-Kendall Statistics Summary

COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300A **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**





### **Data Table:**



Note: Increasing (I); Probably Increasing (PI); Stable (S); Probably Decreasing (PD); Decreasing (D); No Trend (NT); Not Applicable (N/A) - Due to insufficient Data (< 4 sampling events); ND = Non-detect
COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300B **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300C **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-303 **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-304 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-305 **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $11/15/2006$ 

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-306 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** Mw-307 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-308 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** Mw-309 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** Other **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **J Flag Values :** Fraction of Actual Value **Consolidation Type:** Maximum **Duplicate Consolidation:** First **Time Period: to**



#### **Data Table:**



# MAROS COC Assessment



Note: Top COCs by toxicity were determined by examining a representative concentration for each compound over the entire site. The compound representative concentrations are then compared with the chosen PRG for that compound, with the percentage excedence from the PRG determining the compound's toxicity. All compounds above exceed the PRG.

#### *Prevalence:*



Note: Top COCs by prevalence were determined by examining a representative concentration for each well location at the site. The total excedences (values above the chosen PRGs) are compared to the total number of wells to determine the prevalence of the compound.

#### *Mobility:*



Note: Top COCs by mobility were determined by examining each detected compound in the dataset and comparing their mobilities (Koc's for organics, assume foc =  $0.001$ , and Kd's for metals).

#### **Contaminants of Concern (COC's)**

VINYL CHLORIDE

TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE)

cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE

**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** UMW-1S **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-1S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**



COC: cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE **Well:** DMW-1S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-2S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-3S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-1D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** UMW-1D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-2D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-3D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** 215 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 6/1/1988 **to** 5/16/2006

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



### **Data Table:**





**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** SW-9 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 6/1/1988 **to** 5/16/2006

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#### **LONG-TERM MONITORING NETWORK OPTIMIZATION PRB AND SOIL REMEDY AREAS**

Clare Water Supply Superfund Site Clare, Michigan

#### **APPENDIX B:**

### **MAROS Reports**

*PRB Area:* 

 COC Assessment Report Mann-Kendall Reports Selected Wells

*Soil Remedy Area:* 

 COC Assessment Report Mann-Kendall Reports Selected Wells

# MAROS COC Assessment



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#### **Contaminants of Concern (COC's)**

VINYL CHLORIDE

cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE

COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-301 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-302 **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-303 **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

**J Flag Values :** Actual Value



#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-304 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-305 **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-306 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** Mw-307 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-308 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** Mw-309 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-310 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-311 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**


COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-312 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** MW-313 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300A **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



Note: Increasing (I); Probably Increasing (PI); Stable (S); Probably Decreasing (PD); Decreasing (D); No Trend (NT); Not Applicable (N/A) - Due to insufficient Data (< 4 sampling events); ND = Non-detect

0.72 **Coefficient of Variation:**

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99.8%

**Mann Kendall S Statistic:** 56

**Confidence in Trend:**

**Mann Kendall Concentration Trend:** 

**(See Note)**

COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300B **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/17/2006$ 

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#### **Data Table:**



COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 300C **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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COC: VINYL CHLORIDE **Well:** 220 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



# MAROS COC Assessment



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VINYL CHLORIDE

TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE)

cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE

**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** UMW-1S **Well Type:** T

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-1S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

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### **Data Table:**



COC: cis-1,2-DICHLOROETHYLENE **Well:** DMW-1S **Well Type:** S

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-2S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-3S **Well Type:** S

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 3/24/1999 **to** 5/16/2006

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-1D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** UMW-1D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-2D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** DMW-3D **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:**  $1/1/1999$  **to**  $5/18/2006$ 

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### **Data Table:**



**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** 215 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 6/1/1988 **to** 5/16/2006

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### **Data Table:**





**COC:** TRICHLOROETHYLENE (TCE) **Well:** SW-9 **Well Type:** T

**Consolidation Period:** No Time Consolidation **ND Values:** Specified Detection Limit **Consolidation Type:** Median **Duplicate Consolidation:** Average **Time Period:** 6/1/1988 **to** 5/16/2006

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**Attachment D** 

**Electronic Database** 

**(provided on CD in hardcopy report)**

**Attachment E** 

**Selected November 2006 Data** 



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Not analyzed.  $\sim$ 

NA Not applicable.

 $\mathsf J$ Estimated value; analyte was observed at a value less than the detection limit.

 $\prec$ Analyte was not detected; result is reported as less than the detection limit.

CUO - Clean up objective as specified in ROD.

BOLD indicates detected value is above the CUO.

Known Contaminant of Concern - as listed in ROD.

ug/L Micrograms per liter.

Note: Toluene results are a laboratory artifact (for most samples). Toluene was present in all samples, trip blanks and equipment blanks. Data validation has not yet been completed.

**Attachment F** 

**Review Comments and Responses** 



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<b>Item</b> No.	<b>Section</b>	Page/Line/ Para	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
$\tau$	Section 4.1	th pg 7, 5 bullet and pg 8, 1 bullet	Progressive agrees with elimination of monitoring for MI 10 metals and reducing the frequency of monitoring for ferrous iron.	Comment noted.
8	Section 4.1	rd pg 8, 3h and 4 bullets	As stated above, the reference to the drainage swale depth being 7-8 ft is erroneous; actual depth is 2-3 ft based upon survey data. In addition, the swale is typically dry, and has only been observed to contain flowing water immediately subsequent to precipitation events and during periods of snow melt. Regarding the extent of definition of downgradient VOCs, Progressive asserts that as long as the concentrations exhibited in the monitor wells located south of the PRB continue to decline, monitoring further downgradient is unnecessary. Also, there is no need to monitor the area south of the swale due to existing MW-312 and SW-23. As of November 2006 analytical data for all wells south of the PRB exhibited VC concentrations less than the GSI criteria, with one exception, MW-308 which had a VC concentration of 20 ug/L, just 5 parts per billion above the GSI criteria. For these reasons, Progressive continues to maintain that the PRB area shallow groundwater monitor well network, installed pursuant to the Final PRB Monitoring Work Plan (dated 5/2/05) as approved with comments by USEPA (letter dated 5/11/05), is sufficient to provide the data necessary to monitor the performance of the PRB remedy. As decreasing concentrations have been the norm at all downgradient monitor locations, and there are no possible receptors in the near vicinity, there is no basis to support expansion of the shallow monitor network at this time.	Depth of swale will be corrected if necessary as described in response to comment #1. The report did not contain definite recommendations for downgradient monitoring. The extent of definition of downgradient VOCs was presented as a potential data gap for stakeholder consideration. We agree that the November 2006 results are promising. However, some VC that exceeds the cleanup goal is bypassing the PRBs in the shallow zone, especially at MW-310 (21 to 27 $\mu$ g/L in May and November 2006). There are no wells installed that could be used to define the downgradient extent of this contamination based on inferred groundwater flow directions for the shallow zone. It is likely that concentrations of concern are not migrating to the Clare site boundary to the south given the low magnitude of the concentrations and the fact the VC can degrade under a variety of geochemical conditions. Typically, the downgradient extent of contaminant concentrations exceeding cleanup goals is defined upfront during the site characterization stage, so that informed remedial decisions can be made based on knowledge of the plume extent and plume dynamics (i.e., is plume expanding, stable, or decreasing?).

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<b>Item</b> No.	<b>Section</b>	Page/Line/ Para	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>
23	Section 5.3	nd pg 14, 2 and 3 bullet	Progressive does not agree that further characterization of the shallow aquifer is warranted based upon the hydraulic performance of the remedy (as demonstrated for November 2006 in the attached figure), the stable to decreasing concentrations exhibited by the shallow aquifer monitoring and the lack of risk to receptors. Progressive does not agree that further characterization of the intermediate aquifer is necessary based upon the non- detect concentrations in downgradient intermediate wells 104 and 215 indicating no significant impacts in the intermediate aquifer, the concentrations all below cleanup objectives exhibited by deep wells DMW-1D, DMW-2D, DMW-3D and UMW-1D, the lack of risk to receptors from possible impacts to the intermediate aquifer and the fact that additional water quality data from this area would not change the operation of the remedy. However, Progressive will agree to install one new intermediate monitor well for hydraulic monitoring purposes, and suggests locating that well adjacent to the southeast side of the soil remedy building to improve the hydraulic monitoring network in that area.	See above responses to comments pertaining to these issues.
24	General	Progressive does not agree that further characterization of the deep aquifer is necessary since there is no evidence that any significant impacts (above cleanup objectives) have migrated into the deep aquifer as exemplified by the historic concentrations exhibited at wells DMW-1D, DMW-2D, DMW-3D, UMW-1D, and the same can be said for the intermediate aquifer in this vicinity given the historic results for 104 and 215.		See above responses to comments pertaining to these issues.

Comments on the preliminary Long-Term Monitoring Optimization memoranda for the Stageright, PRB and Soil Remedy areas of the Clare Water Supply Superfund site were received from three parties at MDEQ: Barbara Vetort, Mark Henry and John Spielberg. The comments are addressed below, with comments grouped according to similar topic areas.









































#### Notes:

- 1. JS = Comment received from John Spielberg MDEQ
- 2. BV = Comment received from Barbara Vetorts MDEQ.
- 3. MH = Comment received from Mark Henry.
- 4. DNAPL References: Kavanaugh et al. (2003) The DNAPL Remediation Challenge: Is there a case for source depletion. USEPA EPA/600/R-03/143.
- 5. Bradley, P.M. and F.H. Chapelle, Effect of Contaminant Concentration on Aerobic Microbial Mineralization of DCE and VC in Stream-Bed Sediments. Environmental Science and Technology, 1998. **32**(5): p. 553-557.