

**Sustainable Remediation Forum (SURF)**  
**SURF 32: June 21, 2016**

**MEETING NOTES PENDING**

**Attachment 1**  
**SURF 32 Participant Contact Information**

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**Attachment 2**  
**President's Update**



# President's Update





# SURF 2016 Update

John Simon, President



# SURF Mission



Maximize the overall environmental, societal and economic benefits from the site cleanup process by:

- Advancing the science and application of sustainable remediation (SR)
- Developing best practices
- Exchanging professional knowledge
- Providing education and outreach

# SURF Overview



## About SURF

- Founded in 2006
- Incorporated as a non-profit in 2010
- Collaborate with International SURF organizations
- Life cycle sustainability perspective: environmental, social, and economic pillars

## Members

- Industry
- Government
- Regulators
- Vendors
- Academics
- Consultants
- NGOS

## Sponsors

- **GOLD:** Boeing, CH2M, Shell
- **SILVER:** AECOM, Amec Foster Wheeler, Cascade Drilling, CDM Smith, Haley & Aldrich, Terra Systems
- **BRONZE:** Envirocon, ExxonMobil, Tetra Tech

# Publication Topics



- Sustainable Remediation Topics
- Footprint Analysis and LCA
- Sustainable Remediation Metrics
- Integrating Sustainable Remediation into Property Development
- Water Conservation and Reuse
- Social Impacts
- Climate Change and Resiliency
- Benefits of Sustainable Remediation



# SURF Priority Initiatives

- Meetings/programs
- Partner w/another organization for conferences
- Quarterly “free” webinar pilot
- Communicate value of SR outside of SURF
- Proprietary database of SR products/services
- Strengthen case study initiative
- Climate change & resiliency technical initiative

# SURF Priority Initiatives



- Academic outreach
- Awards
- Coordination w/EPA
- Communications
- Groundwater conservation & reuse initiative
- Social dimensions initiative



**Challenge Yourself**  
**Join us**  
**Participate**

**Attachment 3**  
**Integrating the Social Element in Remedial Decision Making:**  
**State of the Practice and Way Forward**



# Integrating the Social Element in Remedial Decision Making







# **Integrating the Social Element in Remedial Decision-Making: State of the Practice and Way Forward**

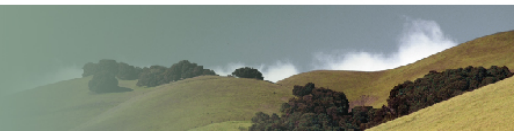
SURF Technical Initiative Team

*Presenter: Melissa Harclerode, SURF TI Lead*

*Tenth International Conference on Remediation of Chlorinated and Recalcitrant Compounds*

*May 25, 2015*

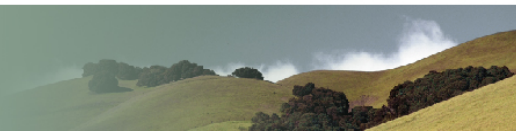
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# Presentation Overview



- SURF & Technical Initiative Team
- Collaborative Paper
  - Main Societal Impact Categories
  - Assessment Techniques
  - Future Research
- SURF Social Aspect TI's Next Steps
  - Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement



# SURF Technical Initiative Team

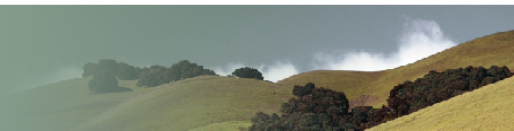


## Professional Organizations

- SURF (USA)
- SURF-Canada
- SURF-Italy
- SURF-Taiwan
- SURF-UK
- Common Forum
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

## Academics

- University of Venice, Italy
- University of Brighton, UK
- University of Nottingham, UK
- University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA
- University of Illinois at Chicago, USA
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# *Integrating the Social Dimension in Remediation Decision-Making (Remediation, Winter 2015)*



## **1. Status Quo**

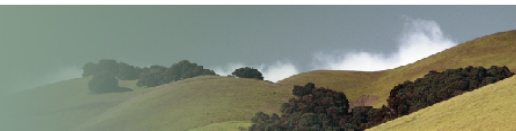
- ❖ social domain assessed among various countries and organizations

## **2. Methodologies & Case Studies**

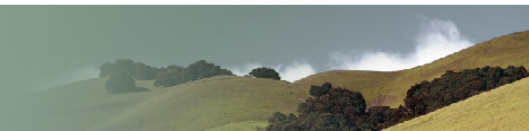
- ❖ quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate societal impacts

## **3. Findings**

- ❖ challenges, obstacles, and a path forward



# International Framework Review



# Main Societal Impact Categories



## 1. Stakeholder Engagement



## 2. Health and Safety

*\*on-site worker & community*





# Main Societal Impact Categories

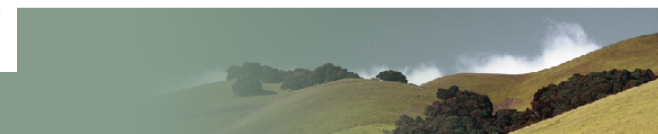


## 3. Benefits Community at Large

- Improve Quality of Life
  - property value
  - social and human capital
  - reuse of treated media/materials
  - redevelopment of the property

## 4. Alleviate Undesirable Community Impact

- Neighborhood/Locality Scale
  - noise
  - odor
  - congestion
  - business disruptions
  - compromising local heritage and cultural concerns



# Main Societal Impact Categories



## 5. Economic Vitality

- contracting local
- investing in new skilled training and education
- incorporating redevelopment



## 6. Social Justice

- vulnerable populations
- social equity
- reused brownfields for equitable use





# Main Societal Impact Categories



## 7. Regional and Global Societal Impacts



## 8. Value of Ecosystem Services and Natural Resources Capital



# Main Societal Impact Categories



## 9. Risk-Based Land Management and Remedial Solutions

- distribute resources to effectively address the site-specific human health, environmental justice, and community issues associated with contaminated sites



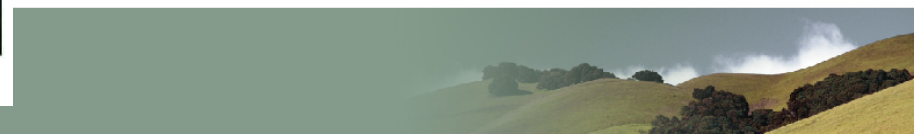
Before



After

## 10. Contribution to Local and Regional Sustainability Policies and Initiatives

- renewable energy
- climate change adaptation
- regional land use policies
- ecological restoration goals
- resource consumption





# Assessment Techniques

*\*Case Studies Provided as Supplemental Material to the Publication*



# Social Science Methodologies



- **Understand and Identify**

1. **social factors** that act as **drivers** and **barriers** to sustainable practices and risk management activities
2. **vulnerable stakeholders** that are affected by remediation
3. sustainability **objectives**  
**priority**



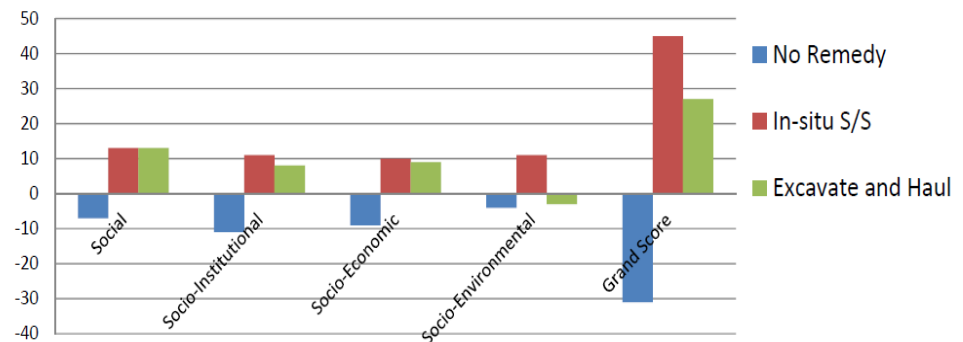
# Rating & Scoring System Evaluations



- A rating metric and an aggregation rule that combines individual ratings into a single overall score

Social Sustainability Matrix			
	No Remedy	In-situ S/S	Excavate and Haul
Social	-7	13	13
Socio-Institutional	-11	11	8
Socio-Economic	-9	10	9
Socio-Environmental	-4	11	-3
Grand Score	-31	45	27

Social Sustainability





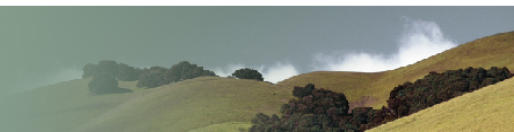
# Social Sustainability Evaluation Matrix (SSEM Tool)



Dimension	Key Measure
Socio-Economic	Disruption of businesses and local economy during construction/remediation
	Employment opportunities during construction/remediation
	Employment opportunities post-construction/remediation
	Degree of project investment toward Local Business Entities (LBEs)
	Degree of project investment toward Disadvantaged Business Entities (DBEs)
	Post-construction/remediation 3rd party business generation
	Relative degree of increased tax revenue from Site Reuse
	Relative degree of increased tax revenue from nearby properties
	Degree to which green/sustainable or other "new economy" businesses may be created
	Degree of stimulated informal activities/economy
	Degree of anticipated partnership and collaboration with outside investors/institutions

Score				
Positive Impact		No Impact or Not Applicable	Negative Impact	
Ideal	Improved		Diminished	Unacceptable
2	1	0	-1	-2

*Developed by Dr. Reddy, UIC*



# Surveys



- Flexible, inexpensive method to evaluate generalizable social impact indicators, perceived local economic benefits, and community well-being
- Transparent communication tools
- Community can fully participate in the review of survey results



# Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA)

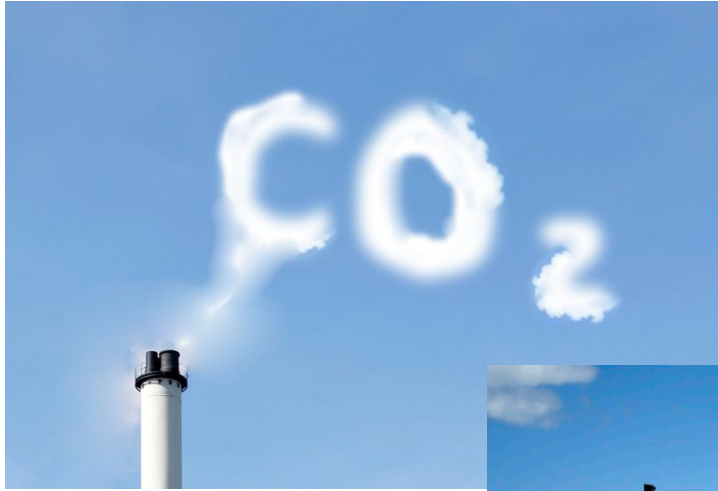


- Platform for stakeholders to place value (or weights) on TBL objectives and project alternatives.
  - Employment Equity versus Water Quality Type
- Web-based tools available
  - Minimize travel and meetings required
  - Incorporates bias into the evaluation
  - Analyzes statistical significance of indicators
  - Option to conduct a sensitivity analysis





# Societal Implications: Global Monetized Impacts



- Financial implications of chemical emissions and utilizing resources
- e.g., climate adaptation and resiliency funding

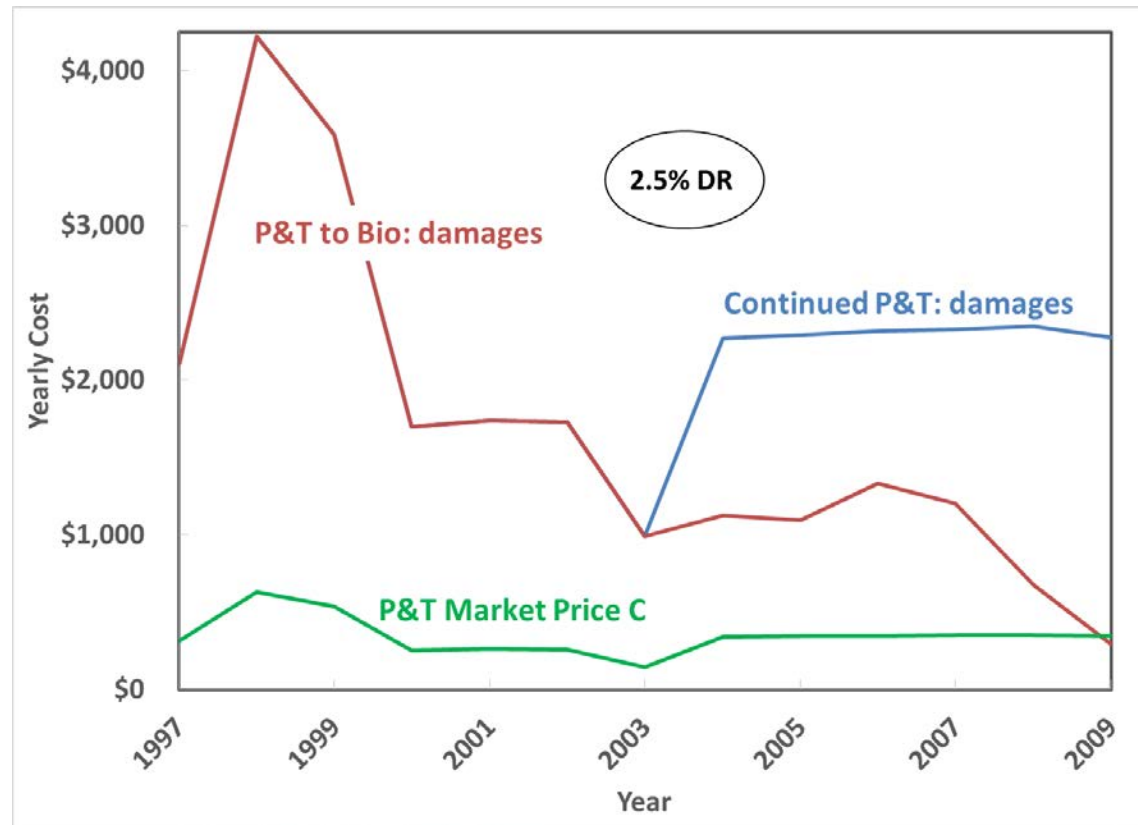


*USG EO 12866 - Technical Support Document  
- Technical Update of the Social Cost of  
Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis*

# Socio-Economic Cost Benefit Analysis



- Monetized benefits to society vs. monetized costs to society of undertaking particular courses of action





# Findings

Future Research, Next Steps, & Closing Thoughts



# Future Research Needs



1. *Value of Social Cost Metrics*
2. *Risk Perception of Reuse*
3. *Integrated and Objective-led Assessment Approach*
4. *Life-Cycle Assessment*



# Future Research Needs



## *5. Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement*



***4th International Conference on Sustainable Remediation (SustRem)***

***April 26 - 28, 2016***

***Le Centre Sheraton Montreal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada***

# SURF TI Next Steps



- Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement

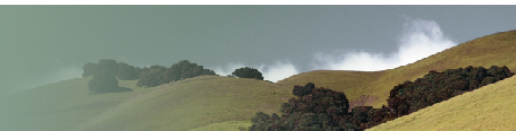
- SURF and SuRF Canada holding workshops
  - *The Role of Stakeholder Collaboration in Sustainable Remediation: Its Purpose, Benefit, and Process*
- SURF TI International Collaborative
  - *Engagement roadmap development*
  - *Social case study template*



# Closing Thoughts



- The principle of Occam's Razor (parsimony) (Hiroshi, 1997) should apply. It is better to be comprehensive in the coverage of social issues than to be sophisticated in the quantification of a few.
- Social impact assessment of remediation is more mature and further developed than widely believed.
  - Take advantage of available tools and experts!





# Thank You

*from the entire SURF Technical Initiative Team*

***Come Join the SURF Social Aspect TI!***

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**Attachment 4**  
**Beneficial Reuse of Treated Groundwater for Plant Operations**



# Beneficial Reuse of Treated Groundwater for Plant Operations



# Beneficial Reuse of Treated Groundwater for Plant Operations

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- Results



# Solvay Plant – West Deptford, NJ



# Background

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## ■ Geology/Hydrogeology

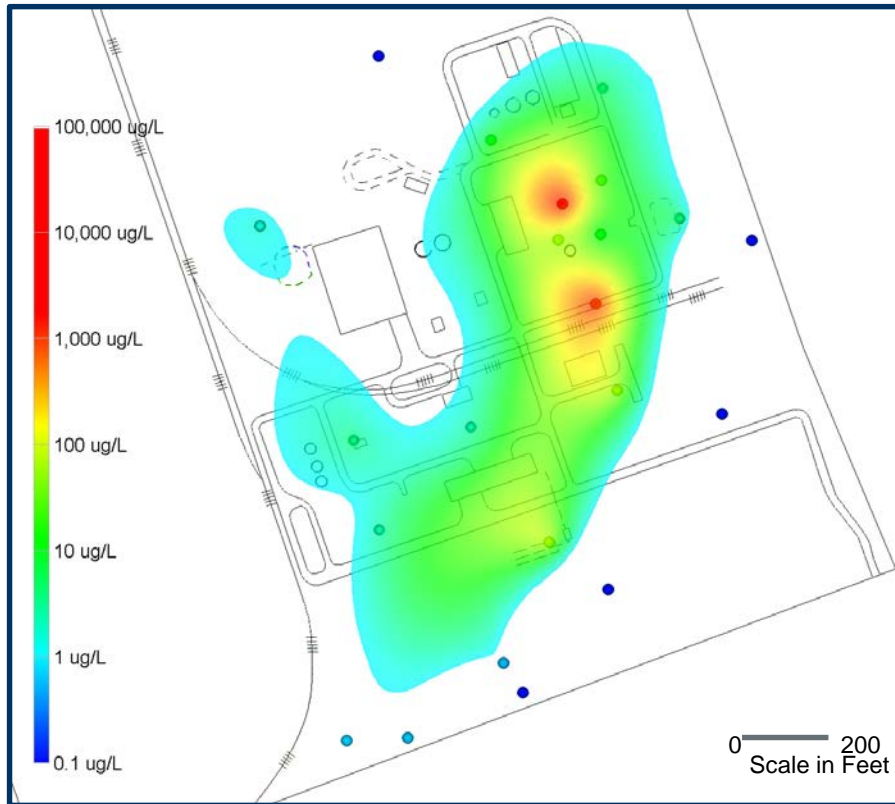
- Depth to water ranges from 15 to 20 ft bgs
- Groundwater flow is toward SSE – away from Delaware River
- Potomac-Raritan-Magothy aquifer system – critical-stressed aquifer
- Fine to coarse sands with some clay and gravel lenses until a confining clay layer encountered at 80 ft bgs
- Plant water supply wells screened below the confining clay layer

## ■ Groundwater plume extends off site with COCs exceeding NJ GWQS

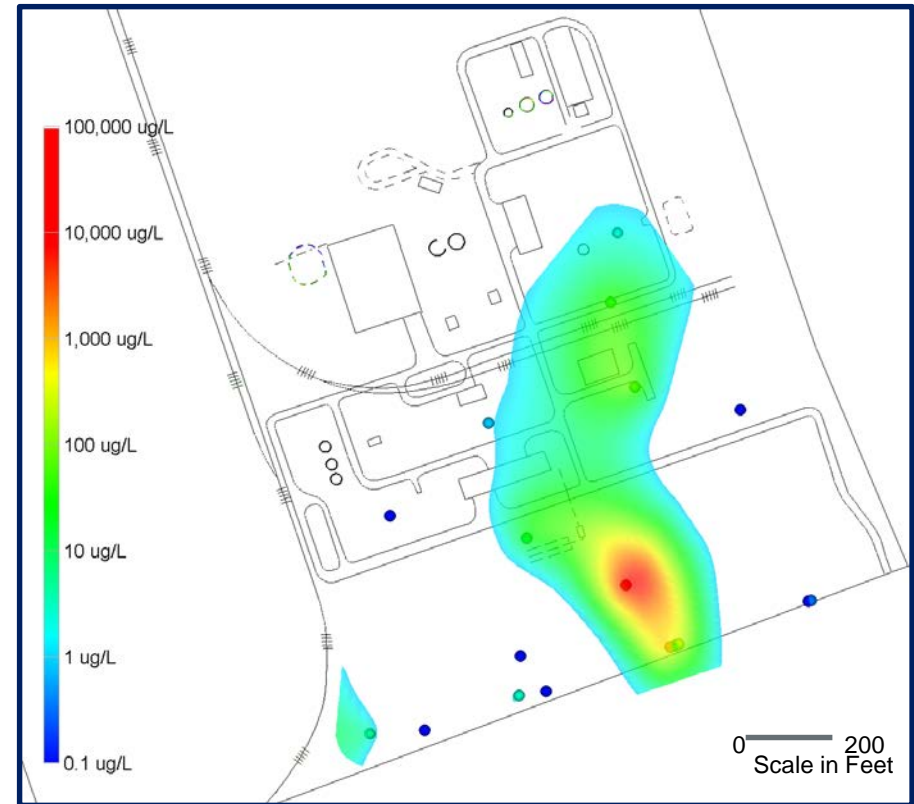
- 1,1,1-trichloroethane; 1,1-dichloroethene and carbon tetrachloride
- Site-specific compounds (SSC): 1-chloro-1,1-difluoroethane (142b); 1,1-dichloro-1 fluoroethane (141b); and 1,1,1-trifluoroethane (143a)
- Low pH (3-5) on site – naturally lower pH off site (5-6.5)



# Isoconcentration Maps



Shallow Groundwater



Deep Groundwater

# Challenges

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- Remedial Action Objective
  - Reduce off-site migration of COCs at concentrations exceeding NJ GWQSs
  - Reduce potential vapor intrusion risks on and off site
- NJDEP would not approve MNA
- In Situ Remediation Treatability Studies
  - Anaerobic bioremediation
  - Chemical reduction – ZVI
  - Oxidation – persulfate
  - Limited success for site-specific compounds
- Air Sparging/SVE Pilot Test
  - COCs and SSCs can be effectively removed
  - Layered geology and installing within an active plant makes it difficult to cost-effectively implement



# Challenges

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- Groundwater pump and treat selected
  - Technically viable alternative – although not preferred
  - 4 extraction wells in shallow, unconfined aquifer – 264 gpm
  - Initial design included 2 injection wells
  - NJ GWQS – stringent discharge limits
  - Need to treat for aluminium, iron and manganese in addition to COCs
  - Air stripper, chemical precipitation, two-stage ion exchange, neutralization
  - High capital and O&M cost – how can costs be reduced?
- Treated groundwater discharge alternatives
  - Potential cost reduction?
  - Other benefits?

# Solution – Discharge Alternatives Evaluation

Option	Pros	Cons
Discharge to Groundwater	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No interference with plant operations</li> <li>2. Returns water to stressed aquifer</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need DGW permit</li> <li>2. Additional treatment for metals</li> <li>3. High capital and O&amp;M cost</li> </ol>
Discharge to Surface Water	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing NJDPES permit in place</li> <li>2. Reuse of existing WWTP equipment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Required permit modification</li> <li>2. Potential impact to river</li> <li>3. Additional treatment for metals</li> <li>4. High capital and O&amp;M cost</li> </ol>
Discharge to POTW	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Existing discharge permit in place</li> <li>2. Reuse of existing WWTP equipment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Requires permit amendment</li> <li>2. Additional treatment for metals</li> <li>3. Infrastructure required</li> <li>4. High capital and O&amp;M cost</li> </ol>
Reuse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduces load on lower, critically-stressed aquifer</li> <li>2. Less stringent treatment requirements</li> <li>3. No additional treatment for plant use</li> <li>4. Reuse of existing WWTP equipment</li> <li>5. Lower capital and O&amp;M cost</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water allocation permit and DRBC Docket modifications needed</li> <li>2. Treatment Works Approval (TWA) needed</li> <li>3. Potential impact to plant operations</li> </ol>

# Solution – Groundwater Reuse

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## ■ Existing Plant Water Supply

- Two wells screened below the confining clay layer
- Water Allocation Permit in place
- Groundwater treated using ion exchange to remove iron

## ■ Groundwater Reuse

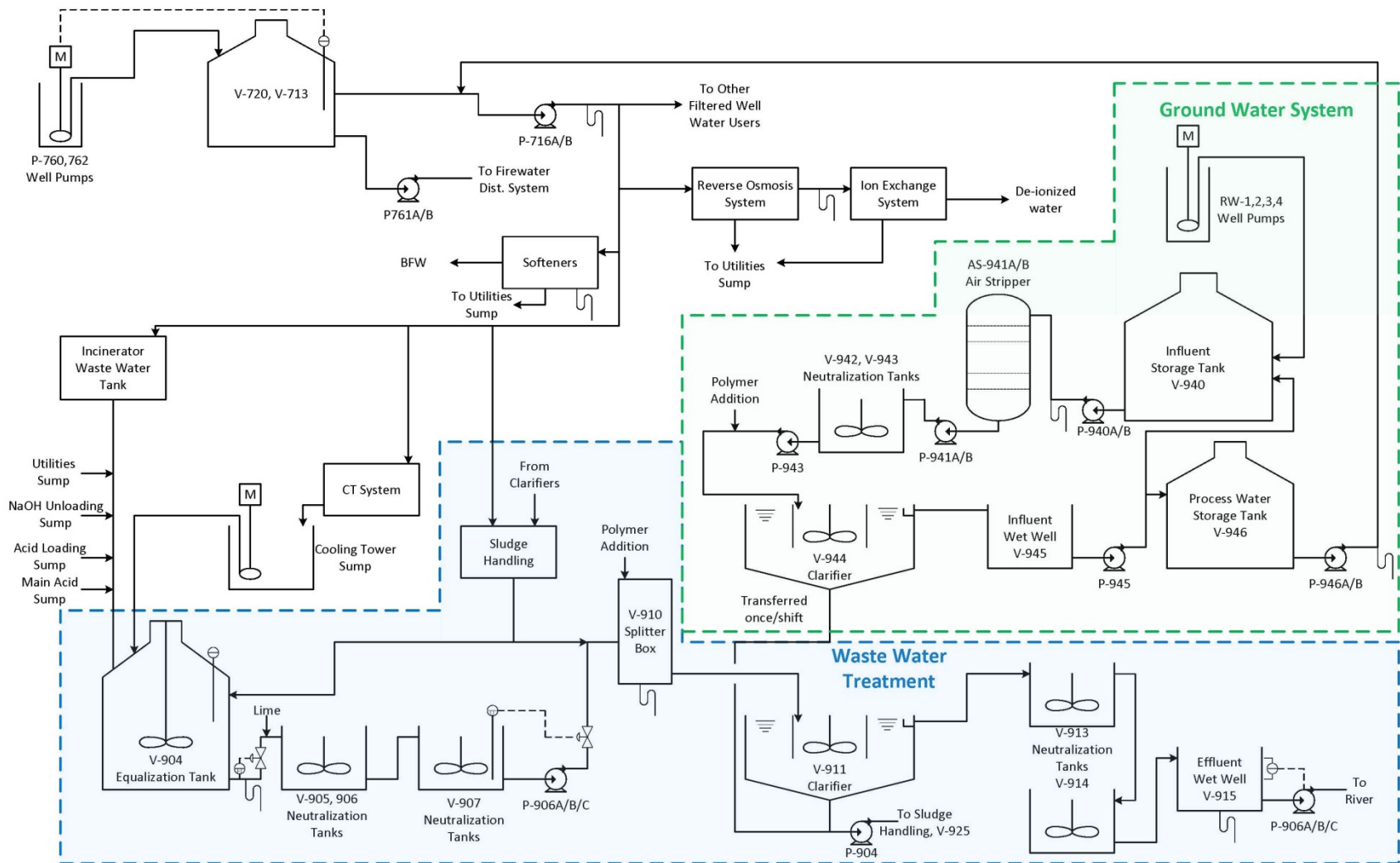
- Off set volume of groundwater pumped from existing water supply wells
- No impacts to plant operations due to shallow groundwater quality – water quality actually better in regards to iron
- Existing ion exchange system sufficient to meet plant needs
- Both NJDEP BWA and DRBC approved Water Allocation Permit modification
  - 572 gpm maximum rate
  - Provided flexibility to allow pumping from either aquifer as long as total allocated rate not exceeded
- Treatment Works Approval received from NJDEP

# Solution – Groundwater Treatment

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- **Four (4) recovery wells** – 264 GPM average, 422 GPM max predicted through modelling
- **Equalization tank** – existing tank being used
- **Two (2) low-profile, tray air strippers** rated for 250 GPM each
- **Two-stage neutralization** – existing tanks being used
- **Clarifier** – existing clarifier being used
- **Sludge tank** – existing tank being used – sludge being combined with existing WWTP sludge handling/dewatering equipment
- **Interim post-treatment storage tank** – existing tank being used
- **Existing ion exchange system** being used to treat combined groundwater before plant use
- **NJDEP approved air permit** without air emission control as long as VOC and SSC emissions remain below permitted rates

# Groundwater and Wastewater Flow Diagram



# Groundwater Treatment System



Recovery Well with Temporary  
Iron Precipitation Control



Recovery Well Flow Meters  
& Controls



Equalization Tank



# Groundwater Treatment System



Clarifier

Air Strippers

# Benefits

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- Lower cost treatment system (\$2.5M savings)
  - No additional treatment via ion exchange required for metals
  - Existing WWTP equipment reused
  - Less stringent treatment requirements
- 175 MGY less groundwater pumped from a critically-stressed aquifer
- Less electrical power consumption and thus greenhouse gas generation
- Water supply options available in the event of water-use restrictions
- Less risk of discharging groundwater above permitted limits
- Less risk of system downtime compared to a more complex system

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# Results Since 2011 Start-Up

- $\geq 90\%$  plume capture
  - Limited due to high COC concentrations that required limiting the pumping rate to maintain air emission rates below permitted levels
- Plant operations improved and costs decreased
  - Better groundwater quality resulted in **\$50,000/year less treatment and chemical cost** for existing ion exchange system – in addition to \$2.5M cost savings
  - Less ion exchange regeneration resulted in less discharge of regeneration backwash water to POTW
- Modifications to treatment system
  - Iron precipitation control – inhibitor added at recovery wells to reduce precipitation
  - Polishing step added to improve water quality for reuse
    - Proactive measure – NJDEP did not require this
    - Sand filtration and GAC added post clarifier

