Groundwater Update

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Progress Update on Western South Boundary Treatment System and North Street East Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)

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Agenda

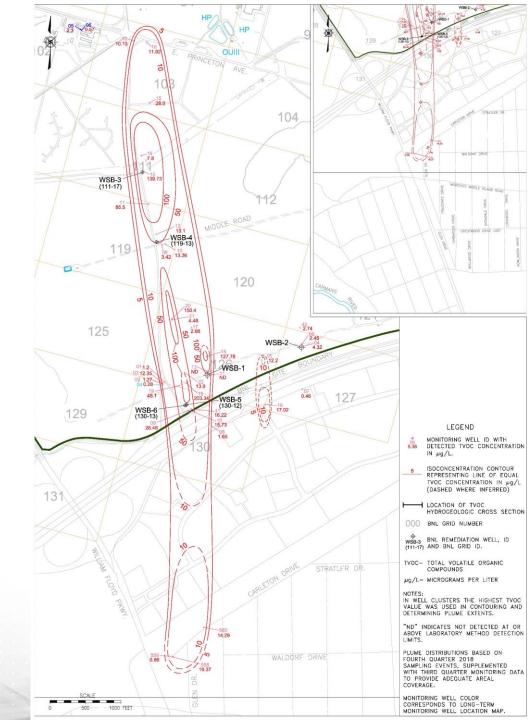
- Update on Western South Boundary Groundwater Treatment System Modification
- North Street East Ethylene Dibromide (EDB)
 - Plume monitoring update
 - Groundwater Modeling Results
 - Path Forward





OU III Western South Boundary

- Last Update for the CAC on this project was in January 2019.
 - Original system was WSB-1 and WSB-2.
 - Monitoring and additional characterization (21 VPs) detected VOCs slightly deeper and west of WSB-1.
 - Data showed the cleanup goals would not be met without additional actions
 - Monitoring confirms the higher concentrations (>50 ppb) confined to the on site portion of the plume.





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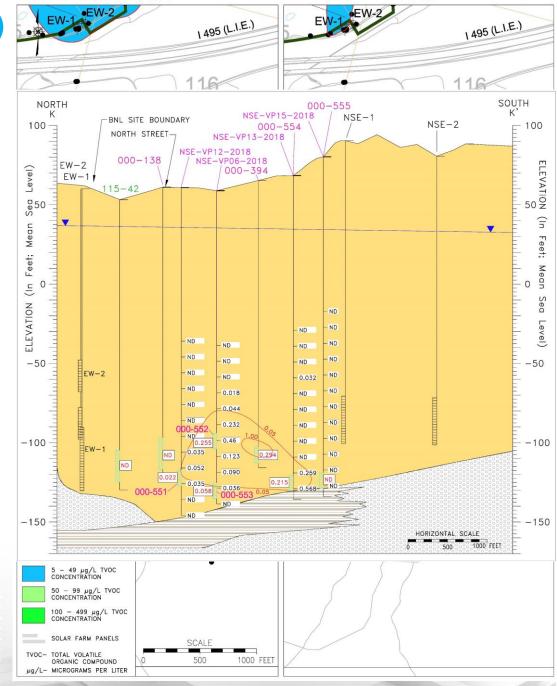
- Began system modification construction in June 2018
- Completed Modification to add four new extraction wells in February 2019.
- Necessary to meet the cleanup objectives in the OU III ROD.
 - Completed installation and development of the new extraction wells, mile of new pipeline and utilities
 - Began startup testing of the four new extraction wells and WSB-1 in March 2019.
 - Extraction well completion





North Street East (NSE) Ethylene Dibromide (EDB) Plume History

- VOC Treatment System was shut down in 2014 (capture goal met)
- Routine groundwater monitoring in August 2015 detected EDB in monitoring well 000-394 above the 0.05 ug/L groundwater standard (maximum concentration of 1.06 ug/L in 2017)
- EDB is a fumigant used on the BNL site in the 1970's
- 17 vertical profiles and five permanent monitoring wells were installed during 2017-2018 to characterize the EDB plume
- The plume is approximately 1500 feet long and 200 feet wide.
- EDB is deeper than the original VOC plume and further to the west.



2018

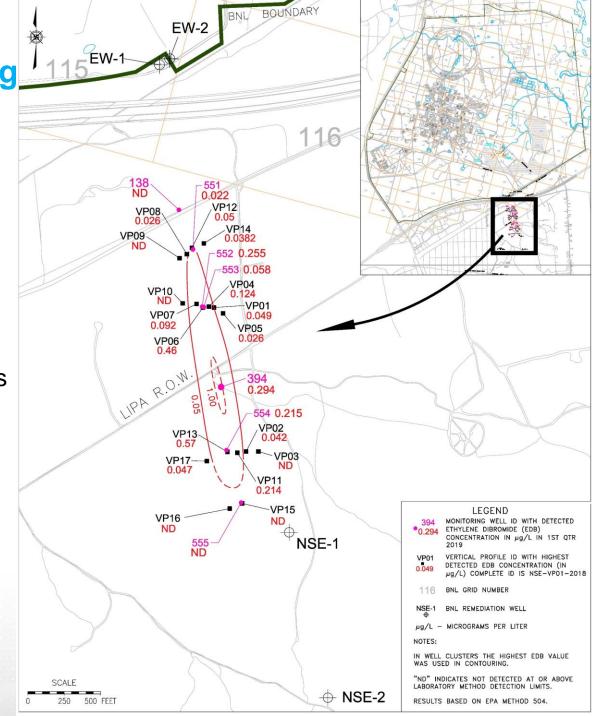
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NSE EDB Groundwater Modeling

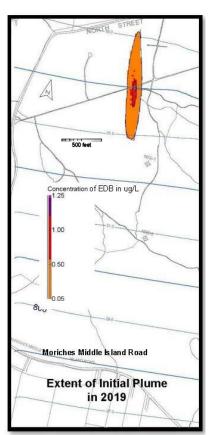
- Performed several groundwater modeling simulations utilizing characterization data
- Performed Particle Back Tracking from well 000-394.
 Showed source of EDB in Central portion of the site.
- Groundwater modeling indicates that the two existing extraction wells (NSE-1 and NSE-2) will not capture the entire plume.
- OU III ROD Cleanup Goals reach MCL's by 2030 and minimize plume growth.
- Performed simulation of natural attenuation of plume

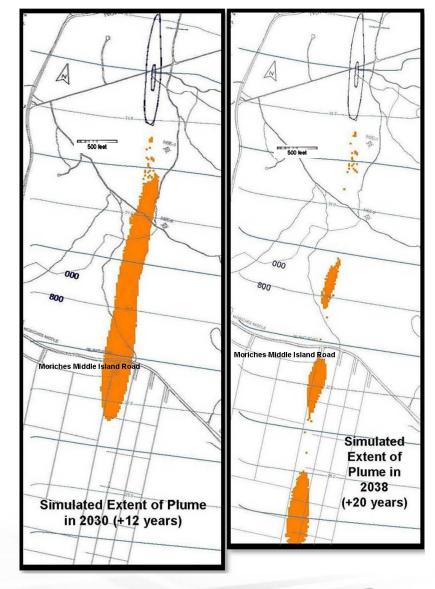




NSE EDB Plume – Natural Attenuation Modeling

- Natural attenuation simulation indicated that plume concentrations would not decrease to below the Groundwater Cleanup Goal (0.05 ug/L by 2030)
- Model shows concentrations above Cleanup Goal beyond 2048 and significant plume growth





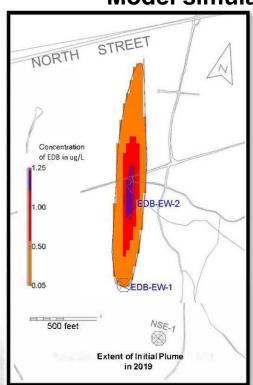


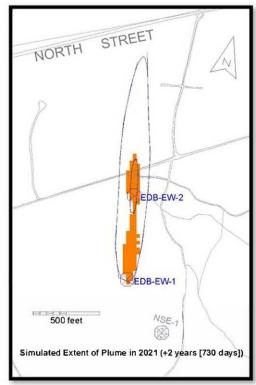


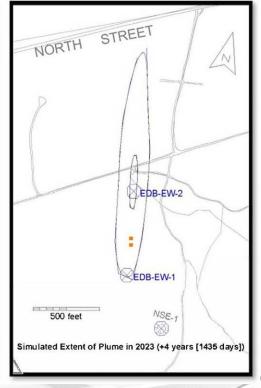
NSE EDB Plume - Pump and Treat Modeling

- Simulated plume with existing well NSE-1 turned on (Does not capture the entire plume)
- Simulated plume with one new extraction well (cleanup in 7 years by 2026 (7 years pumping and 3 years monitoring)
- Simulated plume with 2 new extraction wells (cleanup in 4 years by 2023 (4 years of pumping and 3 years monitoring)

Model simulation with two new extraction wells



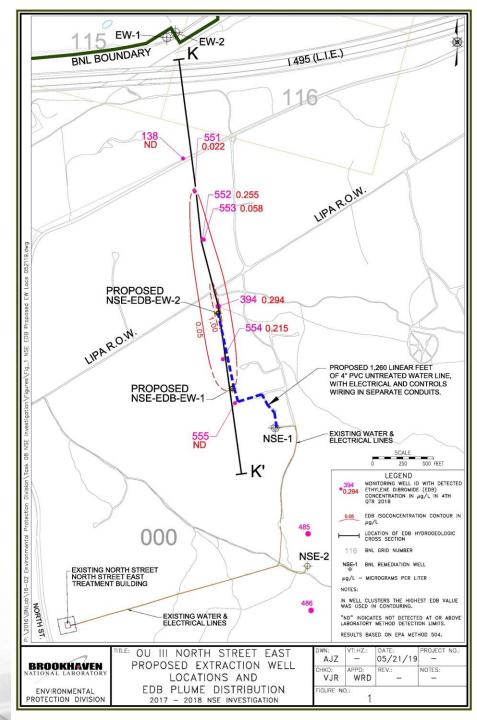






NSE EDB Summary

- Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) does not meet the ROD cleanup goals
- The selected alternative is a modification to the North Street East Treatment System (carbon system), utilizing two extraction wells
- Currently proceeding with system modification design
 - The design will provide details needed to construct modification
 - Met with property owners and received approval for construction





NSE EDB Path Forward

- Briefed regulators
- Brief CAC
- Brief Central Pine Barrens Commission on planned work
- Complete draft design work (June 2019)
- Submit design modification to regulators (July 2019)
- Install extraction wells (Summer 2019)
- Complete construction in 2020





