

# NanoFe™

## Supported Zero-Valent Nanoiron

### **Insitu Groundwater Treatment Using Nanoiron: A Case Study**

**PARS Environmental Inc.**

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# OVERVIEW OF PARS

- Established in 1984
- PARS focus is innovative technologies
- PARS provides engineering, environmental, and health & safety services
- New Jersey Technology Council selected PARS as “Environmental Technology Company of the Year” in May 2004

# Introduction

- Nanoiron will remediate recalcitrant contaminants in soils and groundwater
- Sub-micron ( $<10^{-6}\text{m}$ ) particles of  $\text{Fe}^0$  with a noble metal catalyst
- Based on proven redox processes
- Very flexible and destroys contaminants rapidly *in-situ* or *ex-situ*

# Treatable by Nanoiron Technology

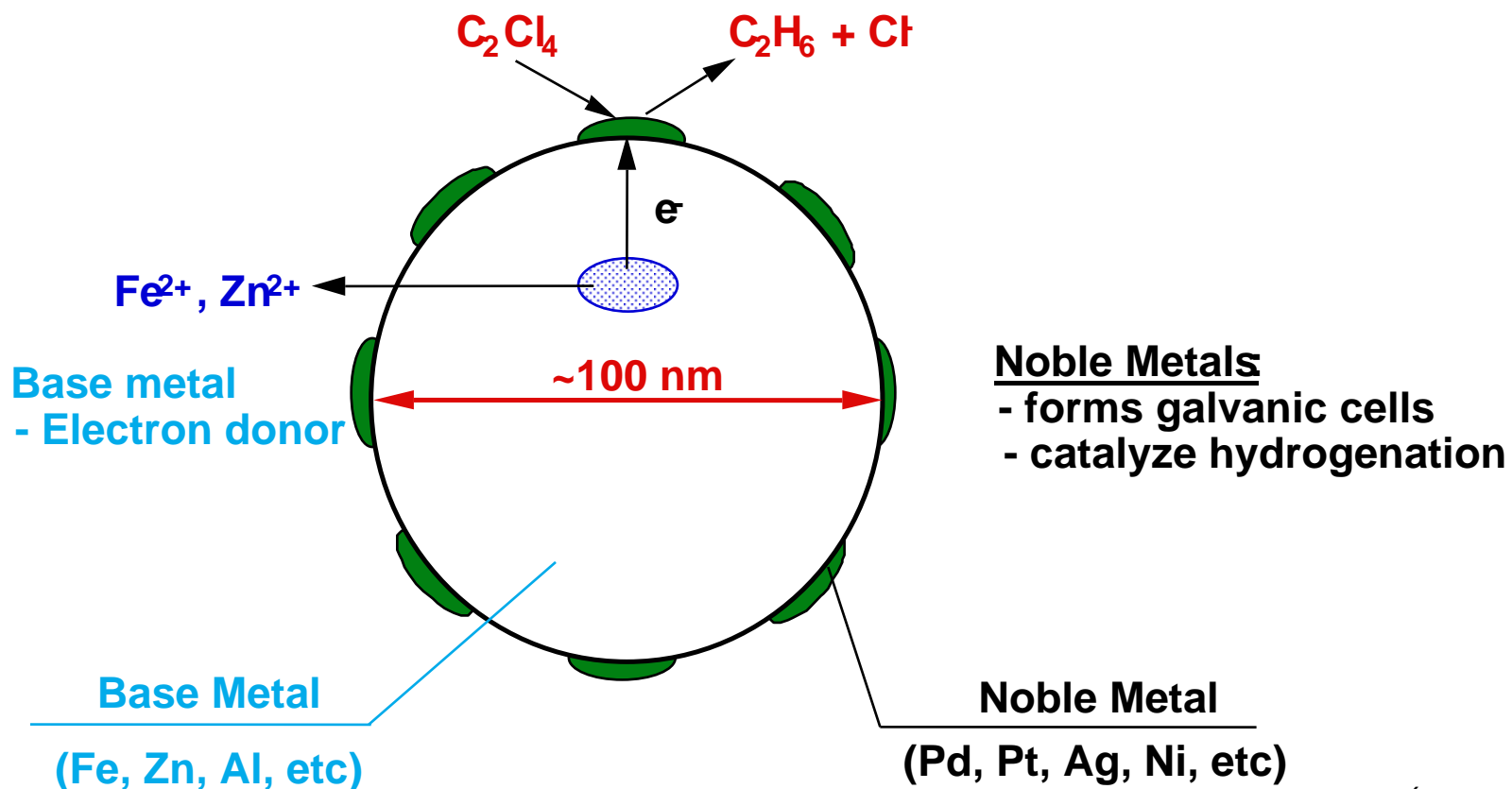
## ■ Contaminants:

- Halogenated aliphatics  
(PCE, TCE, 1,1,1-TCA,  
1,1,2,2-TeCA)
- Halogenated aromatics
- PCBs
- Halogenated herbicides  
& pesticides
- Nitroaromatics
- Metals (e.g. Cr<sup>+6</sup>, As)

## ■ Geologic Conditions:

- Sand
- Silt
- Fractured rock
- Landfills
- Fill materials
- Sediments

# Nanoiron Dehalogenation Schematic



# NanoFe™

- Major process variables:
  - Fe<sup>0</sup> surface area
    - BET Surface Area 30 m<sup>2</sup>/g
  - Presence of a noble metal catalyst
  - Nanoiron can be injected by gravity or under pressure

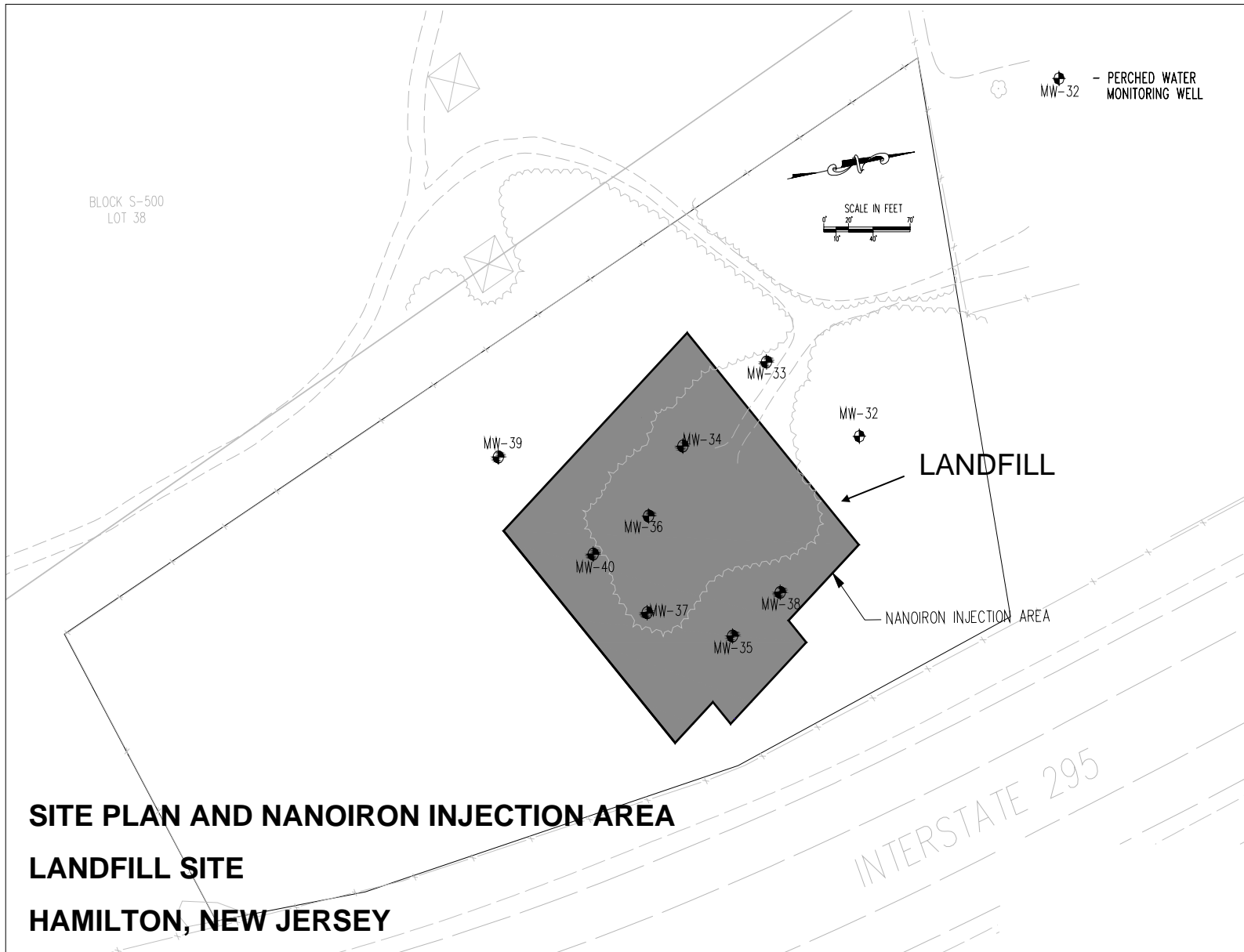
# A Case Study

- Landfill site located adjacent to a Switchyard
- Soil and groundwater contaminated with chlorinated solvents (1,1,1-TCA, TCE, PCE, 1,1-DCE, 1,1-DCA) and metals (Al, Pb, Ni)
- >\$1.0 million has been spent on natural attenuation
- Active remedy required
  - Excavate the Fill Area
  - Use Nanoiron technology to treat chlorinated solvent contaminants in ground water

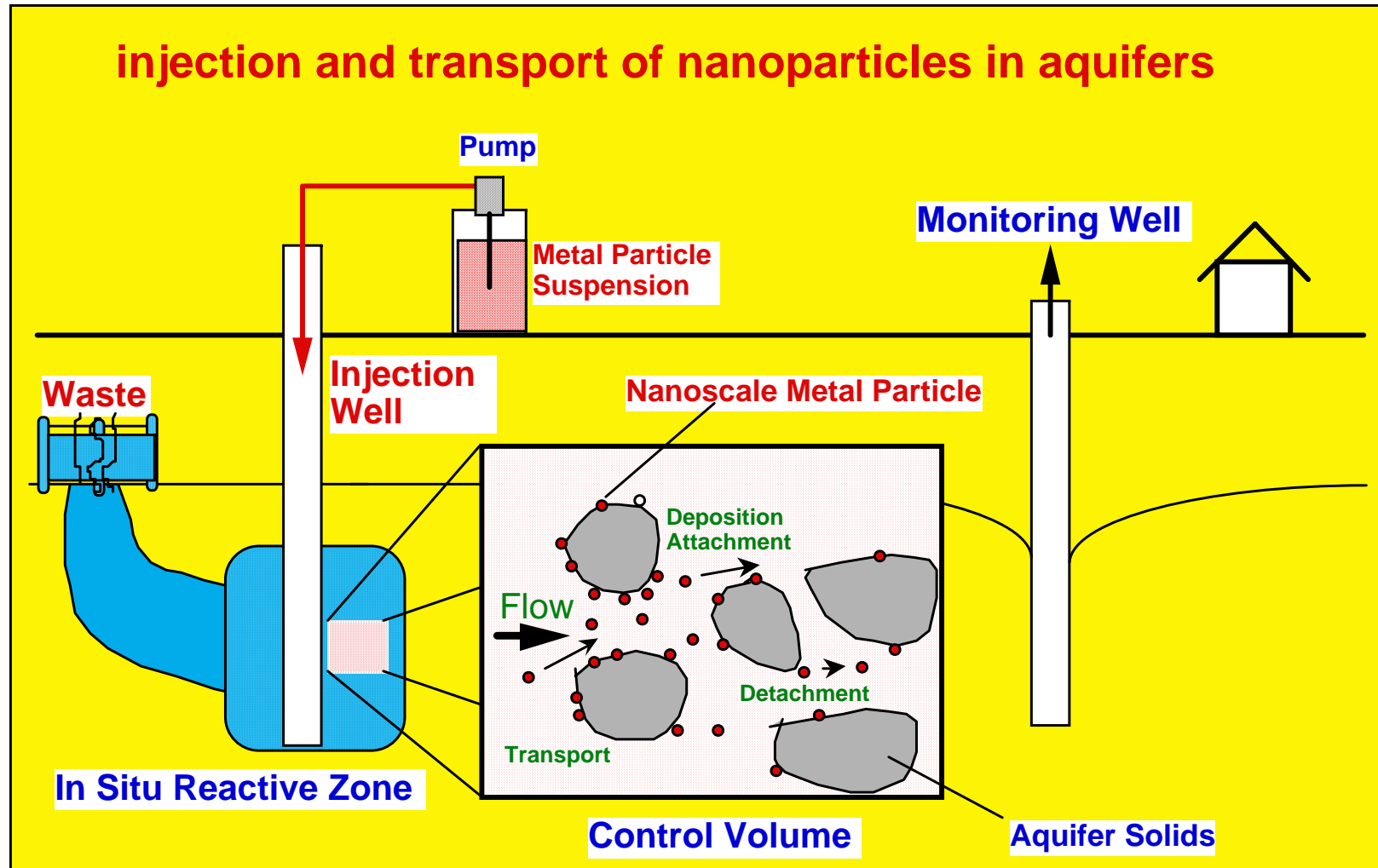


# Full-Scale Nanoiron Remediation

- The remedial goal - inject Nanoiron slurry into the most contaminated portion of the plume to significantly reduce the contaminant concentrations
- Nanoiron injection in two phases:
  - Phase 1 - 3,000 pounds of Nanoiron were injected over 20 days
  - Phase 2 – 1,500 pounds of Nanoiron were injected over 10 days
- Nanoiron was applied in an injection grid



# Schematic of Field Application Set-up





# The Field Application Set Up

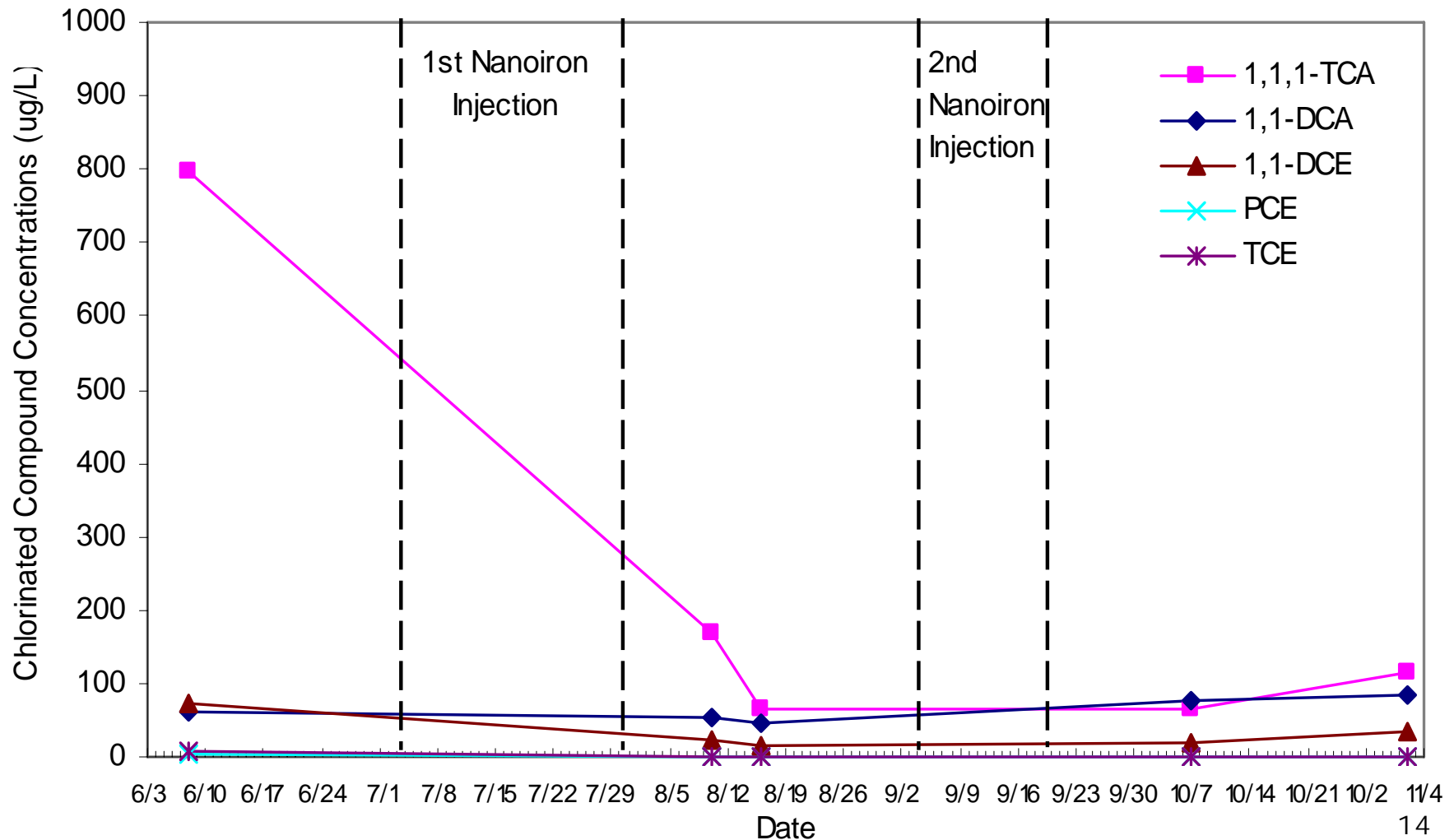


# NanoFe™ Application

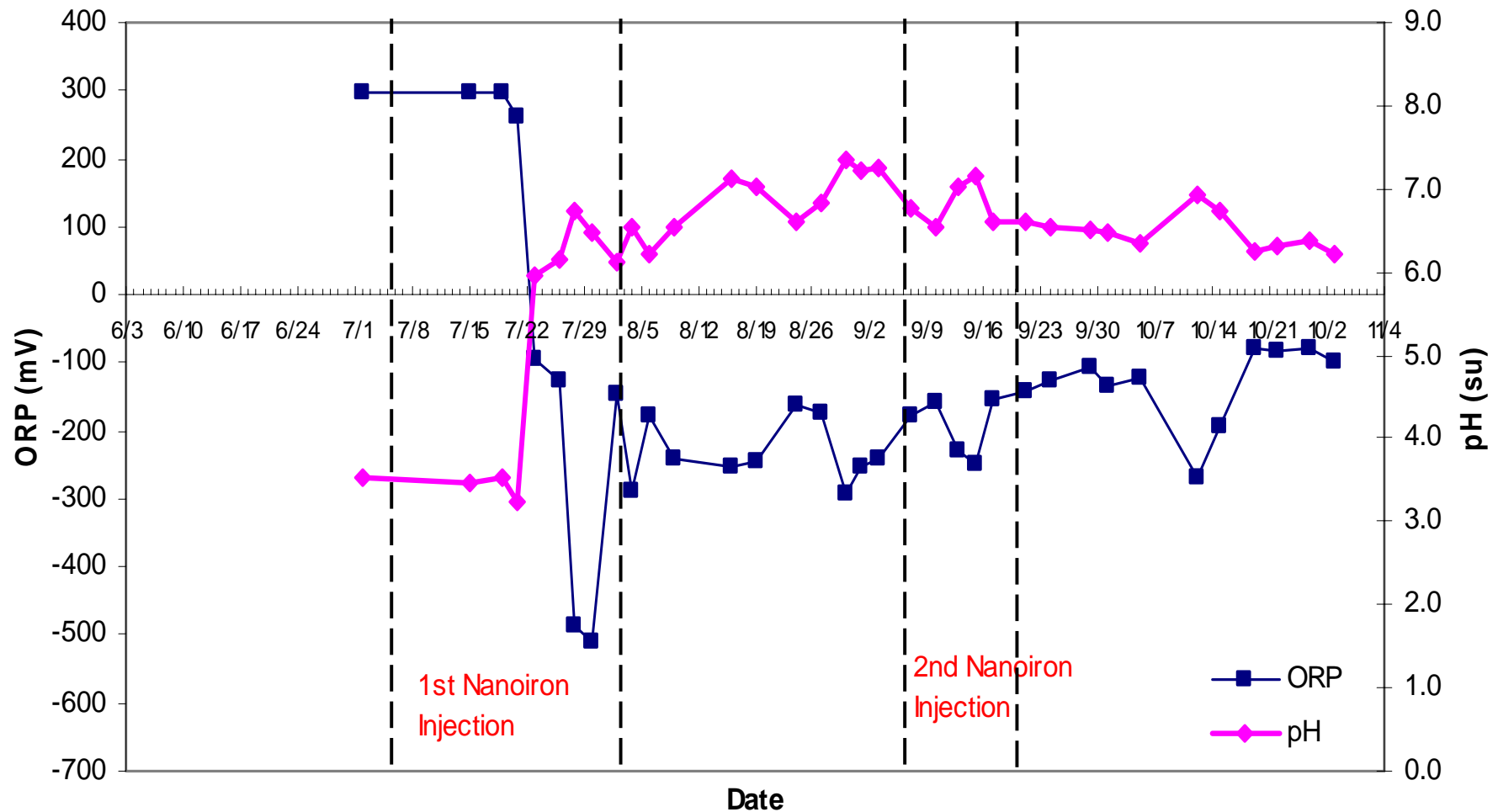
NanoFe™ = Fe<sup>0</sup> with Pd<sup>0</sup> (catalyst)



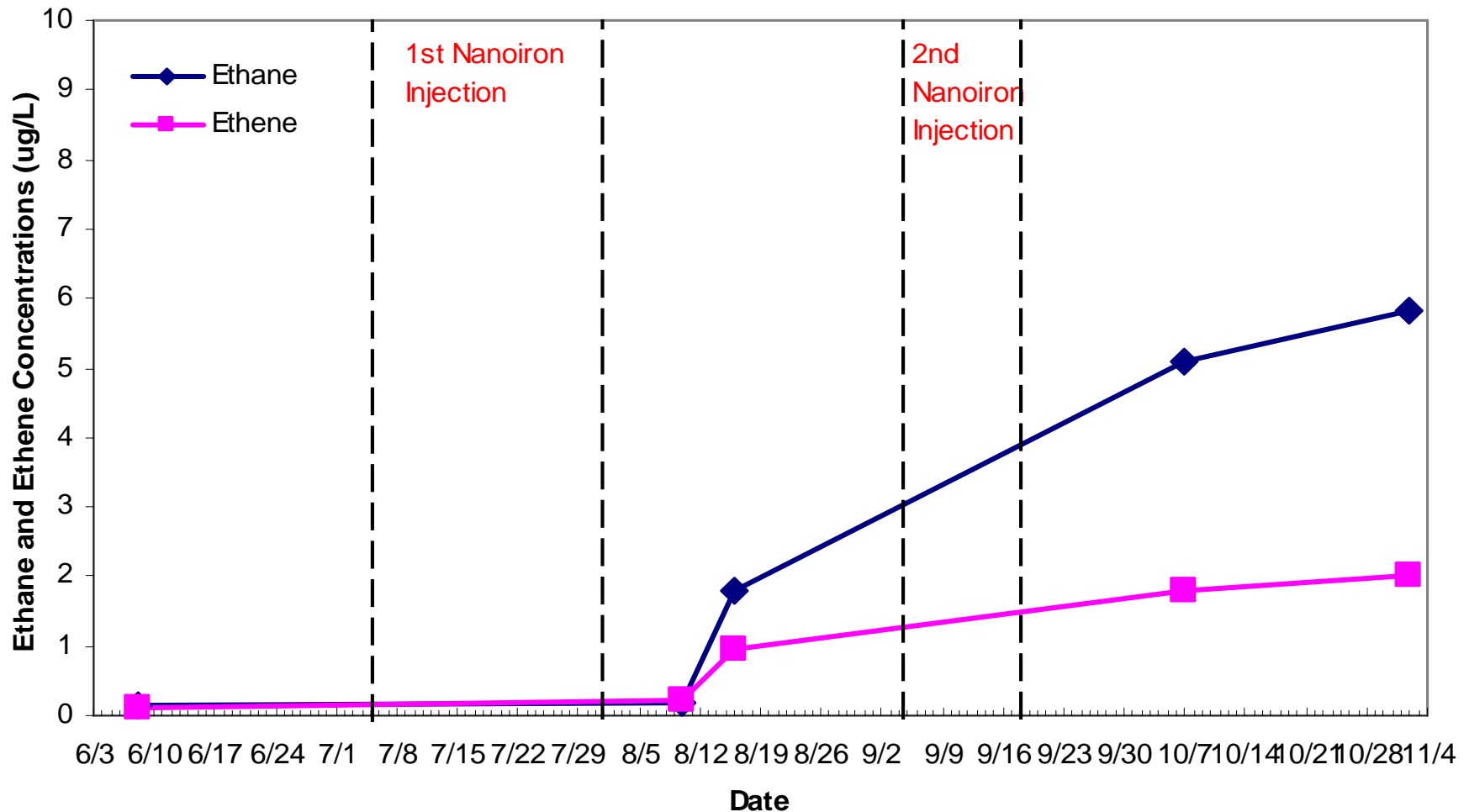
# Nanoiron Field Application (Landfill Site, New Jersey) – CVOCs Trends



# Nanoiron Field Application (Landfill Site, New Jersey) – ORP and pH Trends



# Nanoiron Field Application (Landfill Site, New Jersey) – Ethane and Ethene Trends

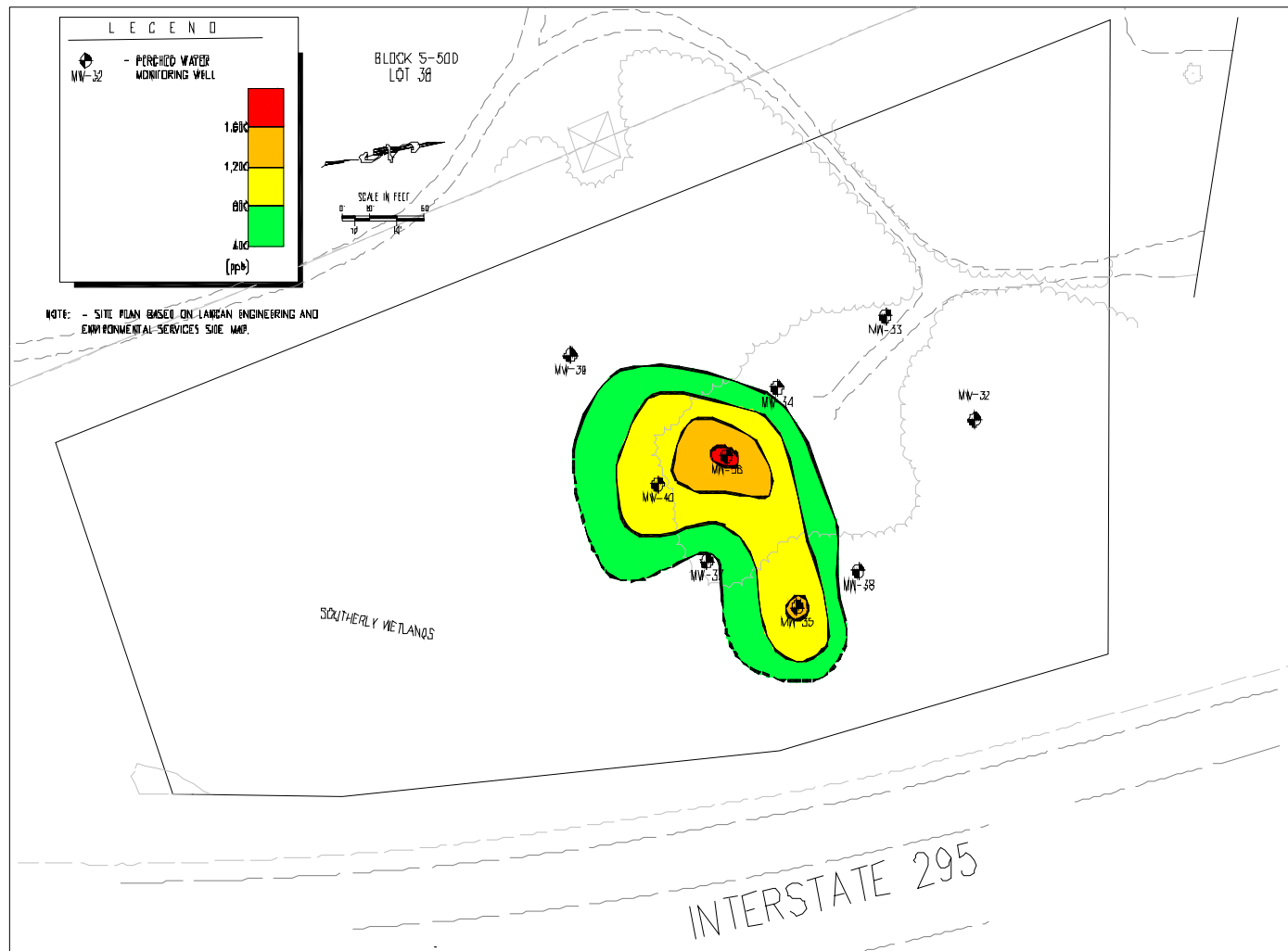




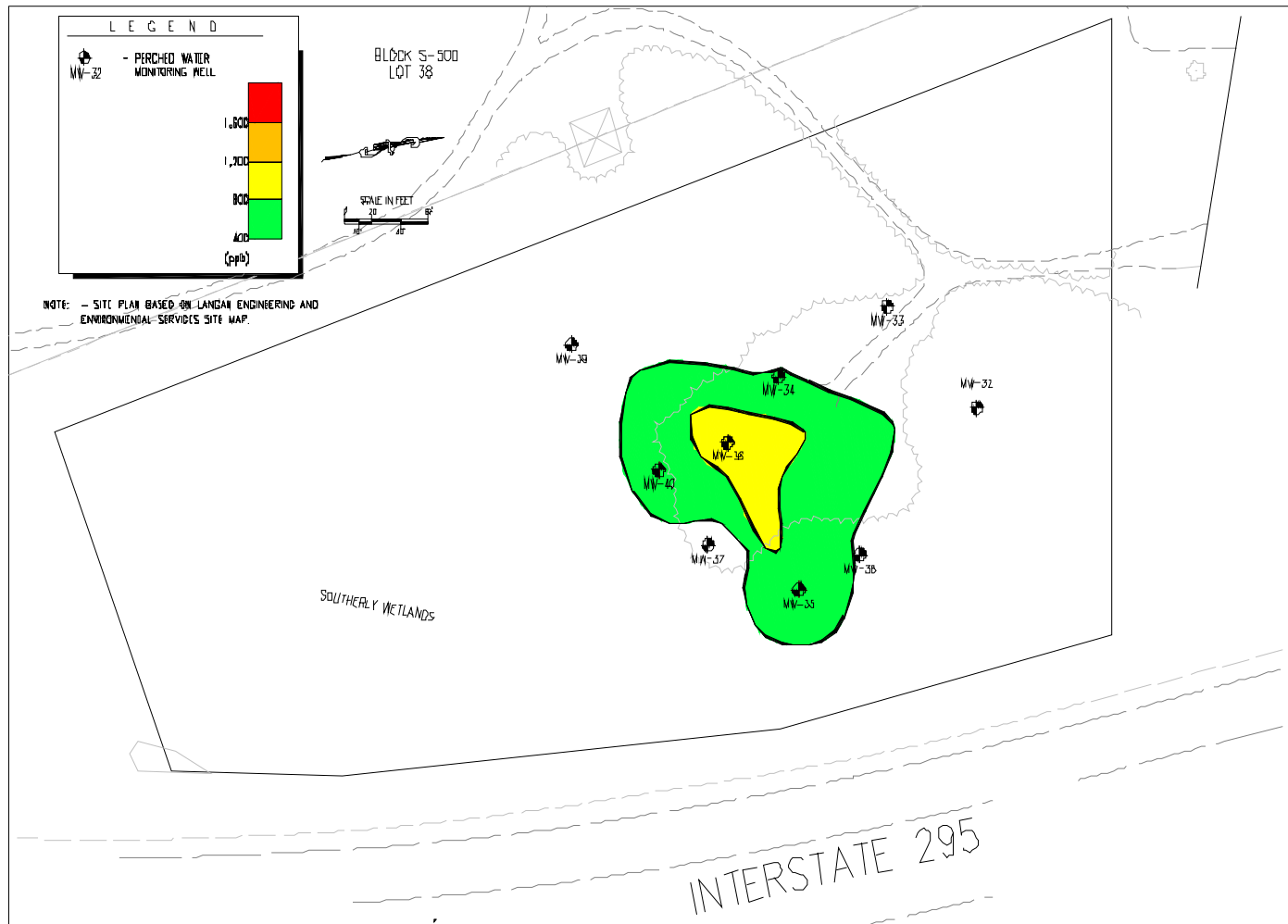
# Total VOCs Plume - Baseline



# Total VOCs Plume – After First Nanoiron Application



# Total VOCs Plume - After Second Nanoiron Application



# Total VOCs Plume - Third Post-Injection Monitoring

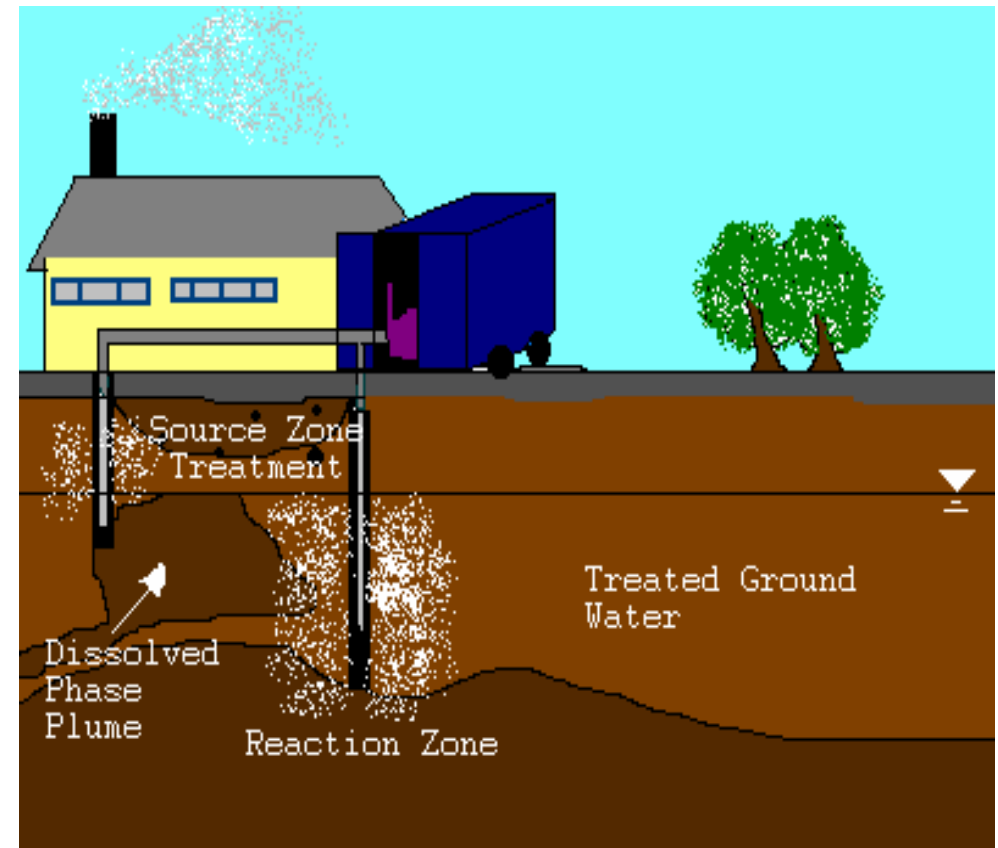


# Summary

- Dissolved chlorinated groundwater contaminants degraded significantly
- Positive remedial effects of the Nanoiron injection activities are still occurring throughout the Perched Water zone

# Summary - Nanoiron Technology

- Treats dissolved plume and source area(s)
- No depth limitations
- Highly reactive – rapid degradation & no toxic intermediates
- Portable – low capital + O&M costs
- Easily injected, Nanoiron flows with groundwater
- Low Nanoiron /contaminant ratios required



# Recent Project Experience

Site	Location	Principal Contaminants
Manufacturing Plant	Trenton, New Jersey	TCE, cis-DCE, Vinyl Chloride
Former Electronics Manufacturing Plant	Titusville, Pennsylvania	PCE, TCE, cis-DCE
Plating Facility / Superfund Site	Franklin Square, New York	PCE, TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, Cr (VI)
DOD Facility	Lakehurst - 1, New Jersey	TCE, cis-DCE, Vinyl Chloride
DOD Facility	Lakehurst- 2&3, New Jersey	TCE, cis-DCE, Vinyl Chloride
Former Electrical Distribution Facility	New Brunswick, New Jersey	TCE, 1,1,1-TCA, 1,1-DCA, 1,1-DCE
Manufacturing Plant	Newfield, New Jersey	TCE, cis-DCE, Cr (VI)
Landfill Site	Hamilton, New Jersey	1,1,1-TCA, 1,1-DCA, 1,1-DCE, Pb, Ni
Chromium Ore Landfill	Kearny, New Jersey	Cr (VI)
Former Chemical Manufacturing Plant	Salem, Ohio	TCE, cis-DCE, Vinyl Chloride
DOD Facility	Dover, New Jersey	CT, CF, TCE, PCE, 1,1-DCE
DOD Facility	Aberdeen, Maryland	1,1,2,2-TeCA, 1,1,1-TCA, TCE
Chromium Ore Landfill	Jersey City, New Jersey	Cr (VI)
DOD Facility	Jacksonville - 1&2, Florida	TCE, cis-DCE, Vinyl Chloride



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